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## Annual Inspection

East Hertfordshire District Council

Horses Meadow (Little Munden PC)

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# Risk Assessment Matrix

Probability>>	5	Very High	VL	L	M	H	VH
	4	High	VL	L	M	H	H
	3	Moderate	VL	L	L	M	M
	2	Low	VL	L	L	L	L
	1	Very Low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL
		Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	
		1	2	3	4	5	

Severity>>

Probability Score	Probability of Occurrence
1 – Very Low	No significant probability; lightning Strike
2 – Low	Minimal probability of occurrence. Requires significant factor or combination of factors to take place. Significant increase in intensity of use.
3 – Moderate	Moderate probability. An added factor is needed to cause an accident. Designed use is unlikely to be problematic, additional factor is required. Covers or guards loose, removed or vandalised. Absent guard rail or barrier at high levels
4 – High	High probability. Accident is probable without any added factor. Glass contaminant in loose fill surface. Exposed sharp edges on equipment.
5 – Very High	Very High probability. If the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. Severely worn chains/shackles. Severely damaged surfacing within impact area

Severity Score	Severity of injury
1 – Very Low	No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising
2 – Low	Minor injury – Laceration or bruising requiring first aid only
3 – Moderate	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. laceration requiring stitches, sprain, fracture of small bones of hand or foot.
4 – High	Serious injury including hospitalisation for observation e.g. concussion, fracture of long bones of leg/arm, back/neck injuries, fractured skull.
5 – Very High	Severe injury involving the potential for permanent disability e.g. amputation, loss of sight, spinal injury, fatality.

NB: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.

BS EN 1176:2008 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)  
 BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)  
 BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)  
 BS 10075 (Specification for Parkour Equipment)

## Site Information

Inspection Ref: 605888

Site Ref: 3649

Customer Order No: None

Annual Inspection - 17 June 2018 at 06:10 Inspector: Lyn Williams RPII Annual Inspector

Risk Assessment: **8 - Low Risk**



**Location:** The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any properties in the local community.

**Disabled Access:** Some accessible features; an area that presents difficulties to the majority of people with disabilities but in favourable circumstances and certainly in partnership can be accessed.



2 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A  
**Ref/Part Number:**  
**Total Findings:** 1



Finding 1

It is recommended that information signs with emergency contact details are installed at each entrance/exit point to the playground - Provide in accordance with the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176



6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes  
**Ref/Part Number:**  
**Total Findings:** 1



Finding 1

Parts of the steel on this item have corroded excessively and the metal has perforated in places - Ensure all affected areas are treated and repaired





6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes  
**Ref/Part Number:**  
**Total Findings:** 1



Finding 1

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately



8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 4 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes  
**Ref/Part Number:**  
**Total Findings:** 3



Finding 1

The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface - Lift and relay mats or test impact absorbing properties to ensure the correct surface qualities are maintained for the equipment

Finding 2

The seat is damaged and requires replacing - Replace damaged seat

Finding 3

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor use



5 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Basket Ball Goal  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Concrete  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A  
**Ref/Part Number:**  
**Total Findings:** 2



Finding 1

A clearly visible sign should be provided in a prominent position with the wording as detailed BS EN 15312- the equipment is not intended for children less than 3 years old- the warning Do not climb on the framework or nets- the warning Do not hang on the ring (if provided)- the warning Do not wear rings or other jewellery- name and telephone number of the administrator- number to call in case of accident - Monitor

Finding 2

There is/are several inserts missing - Replace missing inserts



6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Log Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes  
**Ref/Part Number:**  
**Total Findings:** 1





Finding 1

The timber has a number of splits (shakes) although these are not considered to be a problem at present - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and cause any instability

## Findings Information

 <b>2 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)</b>			
<b>Item:</b>	Ancillary Items - Site General	<b>Risk Level:</b>	V - Very Low Risk
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Owner/Operator	<b>Surface:</b>	N/A
			
<b>Finding:</b>	It is recommended that information signs with emergency contact details are installed at each entrance/exit point to the playground		<b>Action:</b> Provide in accordance with the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176

 <b>6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)</b>			
<b>Item:</b>	Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame	<b>Risk Level:</b>	L - Low Risk
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Wicksteed Playgrounds	<b>Surface:</b>	Grass Matrix Tiles
			
<b>Finding:</b>	Parts of the steel on this item have corroded excessively and the metal has perforated in places		<b>Action:</b> Ensure all affected areas are treated and repaired





**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately



**8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 4 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface

**Action:** Lift and relay mats or test impact absorbing properties to ensure the correct surface qualities are maintained for the equipment





8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 4 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The seat is damaged and requires replacing

**Action:** Replace damaged seat



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 2 Bay 4 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176

**Action:** Monitor use



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Basket Ball Goal **Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk

**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds **Surface:** Concrete



**Finding:** A clearly visible sign should be provided in a prominent position with the wording as detailed BS EN 15312- the equipment is not intended for children less than 3 years old- the warning Do not climb on the framework or nets- the warning Do not hang on the ring (if provided)- the warning Do not wear rings or other jewellery- name and telephone number of the administrator- number to call in case of accident

**Action:** Monitor



4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Basket Ball Goal **Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk

**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds **Surface:** Concrete



**Finding:** There is/are several inserts missing **Action:** Replace missing inserts





6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Log Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits (shakes) although these are not considered to be a problem at present

**Action:** Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and cause any instability