

Appendix 3 Site Audit Written Assessment

BALMORE

CROFT ROAD

STRO32

**Site Description**

This site is a play area in heart of a cul-de-sac and surrounded on all sides and overlooked by houses. The levels of the play area are formed by timber logs, which also enclose each of the play zones. The site is fenced and has 2 gates. There are dog grills at the entrances, amenity shrub planting around the perimeter and a birch tree. There are 2 picnic benches and 1 bin. The safety surfacing is a mixture of poured safety surfacing under the swings, wood chip under the climbing structure and the 2 roundabouts and sand with digging machines, plus 2 toddler climbing frames / slide. The site is attractive and well maintained, on the whole.

Condition Assessment

The climbing unit is currently being replaced. There is some rot to sections of the wooden edging which require to be repaired. Cut back the shrubs and weed the willow heads and other invasive tree or shrub species.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play facility remains fit for purpose. Monitor play facility to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

BEARSDEN

HEATHER PARK

B/M 008

**Site Description**

Play area located to the north of an open space, surrounded on 3 sides by housing. There is a bitmac path connecting the play area with the residential streets. The play area has "islands" of play equipment with wet poured safety surfacing, set in a mown grassed area. There are swings, basket swing, climbing unit for younger children and one for older children, and a witches hat, roundabout and a bouncer. There is a bench and a bin.

Condition Assessment

The Open Space Audit identified that there does not appear to be any significant problems on the site apart from a lack of facility and amenity. The play area is currently fit for purpose, however the open space is uninteresting and lacks opportunity for informal play and recreation.

Recommendations

No action is necessary for the play equipment, which is currently fit for purpose. However, the overall play value of the open space should be reviewed alongside the overall upgrading of provision on the site. Opportunities for exploratory play could be extended through the addition of elements like mounds, planting, rocks and wooden stepping features. The use and function of the site could be extended by the provision of circular path routes, attractive amenity tree and shrub planting with all year round interest, seating areas and bulb planting.

MOSSEHEAD PARK

B/M 009

**Site Description**

The play area is located to the north of the open space around Kilmardiny Loch. It is an unfenced space, with a variety of play equipment and play spaces. The site is connected to the adjacent residential streets by a bitmac path. The open space is characterised by a mature landscape of woodland, shrubs and earth mounding. There is plenty of nearby space for informal recreation and play. The play area caters for a range of ages of children providing climbing units, sand play, balance beams, bouncers, roundabouts, basket swing, toddler and flat swings. The earth mounds are connected by wooden bridge structures. There is also a “fortress” made of grass matting and wooden sleepers, a seating area and a hedge den. The pieces of play equipment are set within a mown grassed area, with grass matting safety surfacing. There is a wooden sculptural seat, 2 benches and a bin.

Condition Assessment

The grass matting is lifting in places and the wooden structures are rotting in a few locations and require treatment. However, the space provides an interesting and adventurous environment for play and exploration. The multi play unit is dated and should be replaced.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play facility remains fit for purpose. Replace multi play unit. Repair damaged side to wooden moat.

BALJAFFRAY PARK

B/M 010

**Site Description**

Play area located to the rear of a small retail precinct and car park. The play area is part of a large open space and is surrounded by a residential area and adjacent to a school. The play area comprises 2 separate sections: a fenced play facility for younger children and a fenced play area for older children. The play areas have been recently installed and are fenced with 2 gates on the toddler facility. There is only 1 gate on the older children’s facility. They have wet poured safety surfacing. There is a range of equipment for toddlers/ young school aged children in the smaller area and a range of climbing/ fitness equipment in the area for older aged children. There are 2 benches and 2 bins in the older children’s area and 1 bench and 2 bins in the toddler area. The play areas are connected by a path network, which connects the play area with the neighbouring residential areas.

Condition Assessment

One of the bins is rusting. There is some litter around the play areas. The metal fencing around the rear of the retail buildings is unsightly and detracts from the play area. The play area is recently installed and currently fit for purpose. However, its location to the rear of the shops and the lack of any landscape features / attractive planting / contours in the wider open space has brought the overall score down for environmental factors.

Recommendations

No action is necessary for the play equipment, which is currently fit for purpose and provides a high quality play area, with high play opportunity. However, the setting of the play facility and the surrounding landscape should be improved through amenity tree and shrub planting, connecting paths to the surrounding open space, boundary improvements to shop fencing, seating areas and opportunities for natural play (e.g. landscape features, mounding, planting and sculptural elements)

LANGFAULDS FIELD

B/M 011

**Site Description**

Langfaulds Field is a large area of open space, on the western extents of Bearsden, with a play area set within the open space. The site comprises a range of play equipment spread across the grassed open space, with areas of grass matting safety surface around them. There is a MUGA pitch, a zip wire, a range of toddler equipment, tyre swing, climbing frame, see saw and a slide. The slide is mounted upon a mound, with wooden sleepers forming a “castle” at the top. There are 2 benches, a picnic tables and 2 bins. There is a whin dust path network around the park. There is a BMX track to the west of the site, which is fenced. The facilities are appropriate to the urban fringe open space and provide a range of play experiences. A new multi play area was installed after the site was assessed.

Condition Assessment

The wooden frame of the tyre swing is needing to be re-stained. The sleepers of the fort are rotting, and some have been removed.

Recommendations

Consolidate the play area and provide a theme to bring the various play / sporting elements together. Repair/ re-stain the wooden structures to ensure they remain fit for purpose. Replace the “Castle” feature and provide more adventure play equipment for older children. Some minor works are required and potentially upgrade in the medium term. Repair or replace the broken zipslide and replace the tyre swing.

LANGFAULDS FIELD BMX TRACK

B/M 011

**Site Description**

Langfaulds Field is a large area of open space, on the western extents of Bearsden, with a fenced BMX track to the west of the open space. The track is comprised of tracks made of whindust with grassed mounding. There is a whin dust path network around the park.

Condition Assessment

The BMX track is currently fit for purpose.

Recommendations

No action necessary.

WHITEHURST (COURTHILL)

B/M 012

**Site Description**

Small play area tucked in a small open space in the heart of a residential area. The play space is accessed along a narrow connecting path from 2 residential areas. The play area is fenced, has one gated area and is a combination of wet poured safety surfacing and grass matting in amongst an area of mown grass with earth mounds. The play area is overlooked on all sides by housing. There are 2 benches and a bin. There are pieces of play equipment within the grassed area with grass safety matting underneath. The play equipment comprises: accessible roundabout, stepping stones, dish roundabout, toddler climbing unit, cradle swings, basket swing, older children's climbing unit, 2 bouncers and roundabout. The play area will probably provide a well used neighbourhood play space.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. However, its location in a gap site, surrounded by houses, without much landscaping has brought the overall score down for environmental factors.

Recommendations

No action necessary. Ensure that the path leading to the play facility is in good repair. Improve the setting of the play facility through amenity tree and shrub planting and boundary improvements.

COLQUHOUN PARK

B/M 013

**Site Description**

Play area located to the north east of Colquhoun Park, adjacent to a pavilion, car park and grassed sports pitch complex. There is a grassed football pitch beside the play area and space for informal play on the grassed areas around the park. The play area is enclosed by a post and wire fence on 3 sides and a crash barrier on the fourth side. The play area provides a range of play equipment for a range of ages. There are toddler swings, 2 climbing frames and bouncers for younger children and a basket swing, for older children there is a zip wire, roundabout, swings, witches hat and a see saw. There are 2 benches, 2 picnic tables and 2 bins. The safety surfacing is grass matting set around the individual pieces of play equipment. There is no direct formal entrance to the play area from the pavilion car park and play area users climb over the crash barrier. There is a path route from the west of the play area. There is a bitmac path running through the play area.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. The post and wire fence is damaged along the western edge of the play area. Improve the entrance and fencing along the western edge of the site.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play facility remains fit for purpose. Open up access to the play facility from the car park / redesign the entrances / circulation.

WESTERTON PARK

B/M 014

**Site Description**

The play area is located within an open space, to the west of Bearsden Library and close to the station. The site is located on lower ground and can be accessed down 2 sets of steps from Maxwell Avenue. There is also a slide down the slope. The play area is enclosed by boundary fencing and planting, associated with the adjacent railway line and sports pitch to the west. There are hedges and some planting around the perimeter. The safety surfacing is wet poured, but there are cracks in the surface and lifting edges. The play equipment includes: roundabouts, climbing unit, bouncer, swings and a see saw. There are 2 entrances, 2 benches, a picnic bench and 1 bin.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. But there are cracks in the safety surface and lifting edges.

Recommendations

No action necessary. Safety surfacing to be repaired.

KING GEORGE V PARK

B/M 015

**Site Description**

The play area is set within the King George V park to the east of Bearsden. The park has a large grass pitch area, a grass court (football and basketball), pavilion and avenues of mature trees. There is a large fenced area, which contains a number of pieces of play equipment set within a grassed open space, with trees around the perimeter. There are 2 entrances to the play area, several benches and a few bins. The play area is enclosed by a fence and hedgerows forming boundaries with the adjacent residential properties. There is a wide range of play equipment set with a grassy slope, catering for a range of ages. There are pieces of play equipment of ranging ages, with grass matting, set within the mown grassed area. The older equipment includes a slide, swings, climbing unit, bouncers, climbing unit for older children and a swinging structure have been added more recently. There is a zip wire. The facility is probably well used, providing a range of play experiences.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose, with the exception of the Proludic Climbing wall which requires to be replaced.

Recommendations

Replace the climbing wall. Upgrade in medium term, in conjunction with the Management Plan (2018-2028) for the park, as the older equipment begins to fail. The feedback from the community consultation identified a

list of opportunities for the park, including seating, improved signage, upgrading of steps at the southern entrance, entrance upgrades, planting schemes, woodland management and wild flower planting. Other projects include the installation of a new roundabout and basket swing and installation of adult fitness equipment along the path network. There is new adult fitness equipment proposed for the park.

THORN PARK

B/M 016

**Site Description**

Play area located to the south east corner of Thorn Park, adjacent to a sports pitch and a pavilion. The site can be accessed along a path running along the eastern side of the sports pitch. The play area is set in an attractive wooded landscape. The play area is located in a relatively secluded location, at a distance from Thorn Road but is overlooked by nearby houses. The play equipment is a range of wooden products, with wooden structures and plastic/ metal fixings. The play equipment provides a range of play opportunities for toddler and primary school aged children. There are swings, basket swing, climbing units, slide, inclusive swing, balance beams. There is a bench and 2 bins. The safety surfacing is grass matting set within the mown grassed area. The play area provides a range of play experiences, set within an attractive open space. The play area will probably provide a well used neighbourhood play space.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. The paths have been recently repaired.

Recommendations

No action necessary.

BISHOPBRIGGS

BISHOPBRIGGS SPORTS CENTRE

STR016

**Site Description**

Small play area located to the rear of Bishopbriggs Sports Centre. The secluded location and lack of entrances and overgrown access paths probably limits its use. Westfields Road is fenced and therefore access to the play area is not possible. The play equipment is set within a bitmac area, with safety matting set on top of the bitmac. There is a bench and a bin. The play area caters mainly for toddlers and young children. The equipment comprises: a slide, basket swing, swings, seesaw, spinning pole and a roundabout. Some of the sections of matting are lifting, creating trip hazards. The play area is not overlooked and is in a relatively isolated position. The location and poor access to the play area, along with the uninteresting play offer, would suggest that the play area is not well used.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose, but probably not well used. A new multi play unit is to be installed, which will diversify the play value of the site.

Recommendations

There are potential plans to extend the play area into the adjacent grassed area and therefore make it more visible / accessible from the sports centre play area.

MEADOWBURN

STR017

**Site Description**

Large area of grassed open space in the heart of a residential area. There are 2 play areas and a flying fox within the grassed areas. The play area to the east contains play equipment for school aged children and toddlers, as does the western play area. The western play area is an area of bitmac, connected to the adjacent residential roads by two paths. There are pieces of play equipment mounted in areas of plastic safety matting. The equipment appears to target a range of ages, with the most recent addition being a basket swing. Other equipment includes swings, a roundabout, 3 bouncers and a climbing structure. The climbing frame and swings appear to have been recently painted. Neither play area is fenced. The eastern play area contains mainly equipment for younger children. There is a bitmac surface with areas of poured safety surfacing, toddler swings, a slide, surf board, a rocker, 3 bouncers and a basket roundabout. There are 2 benches and a concrete bin. The flying fox has been recently installed.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. However, the roundabout needs to be repainted. There is some graffiti on the climbing frame. Some sections of the safety matting are lifting in places. The eastern play area is looking a bit dated and will need replacing in the medium term as the equipment begins to fail.

Recommendations

Replace the concrete bin. Upgrade in the medium term and consolidate the play areas to provide zones for different age groups. There is new adult fitness equipment proposed for the park.

DOUNE CRESCENT

STR018

**Site Description**

An area of open space with a play area, besides an area of grassed open space and an area of woodland. The play area consists of two separate sections, adjacent to one another. An older play area and a recently installed toddler play area. The new area consists of toddler equipment and a bench, set in wet poured safety surfacing with concrete edge. The equipment includes: 2 bouncers, a roundabout and climbing frame. The older area is a large bitmac surface with areas of wet poured safety surfacing, set in the bitmac surface. There are 2 benches and 1 bin. The equipment includes 2 sets of swings, a see saw, 2 bouncers, a climbing rope frame and a roundabout. The bouncers and roundabout are set in plastic matting.

Condition Assessment

The play area looks old and tired but is probably well used due to its central location in a residential area. The roundabout surface is cracking. The edges of the safety matting is lifting in places.

Recommendations

Some minor works and potential upgrade in medium term to provide facilities for older children. The older section of the Doune Crescent Play Area requires to be replaced.

CLOAN CRESCENT

STR019

**Site Description**

The fenced play area is located in an area of open space, set in an area of grassed open space, surrounded on all sides by houses, just off Cloan Crescent. The play area is connected to the wider path network by bitmac paths that cross the park. The fenced play area is located to the rear of a retail unit. The play area has been recently installed and provides a range of play equipment within a fenced area. There is a zip wire in the open space adjacent to the play area, where there is lots of space for informal recreation and play. The safety surface is wet pour surfacing, with a pirate theme. There is 1 bench and 1 bin. There are swings, roundabouts, play panels, hop scotch, bouncers and climbing units for younger and older children, a surf board and spinning poles. The play area provides a range of play equipment for a variety of ages, set within an attractive wooded park.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. The gates need to be repainted.

Recommendations

No action necessary.

STANLEY DRIVE

STR020

**Site Description**

Play area located in an extensive area of open space to the rear of a supermarket. The play area is accessed along a well surfaced path from the adjacent community building and car park. However, there are very few access points to the open space from the neighbouring residential streets. The play equipment is dated, with only swings, 2 bouncers, a slide, roundabout and small children's climbing frame. There is 1 bench and 1 bin. The safety surfacing is matting on a bitmac surface.

Condition Assessment

The play equipment is dated. The play space looks very run down and is probably not well used. The play structures require repainting/replacement. There is evidence of graffiti and broken glass which suggests that it attracts antisocial behaviour. The woodchip surfacing under the climbing frame is weedy and the wooden edges are rotting. The location of the play area in a secluded location and not overlooked by housing will probably exacerbate the problems with anti-social behaviour.

Recommendations

Upgrade in the short term and relocate to a better location, close to the park entrance, residential streets and path networks. A new play area will require to be raised to combat existing drainage issues.



Site Description

Bishopbriggs Town Park contains a play area beside the main entrance to the park. There is an extensive network of connecting paths, a central seating area with brick arbour and numerous sculptural elements, including a tree stump fairy feature, dragon seat and a mushroom glade. There is a network of connecting paths from the surrounding residential streets and a spinal pedestrian / cycle path through the centre of the park. There is a large car park at the end of Kenmure Drive. There is a narrow stream running through the centre of the site and bridges over it. The park has steep wooded slopes either side of a flatter central area. It is an attractive park in the town centre. The play area is beside the car park and is a fenced equipped play area catering for a range of ages. There is wet poured safety surfacing throughout. Some seams of the surfacing are lifting and pitted in places. There is equipment for toddlers including: a see saw, 2 bouncers, swings, roundabout climbing frame with slide. Equipment for older children includes: a climbing basket, tyre swing and hanging swing. There are 3 gated entrances, but the springs require maintenance. The park is lit and there is CCTV. There are 2 picnic benches. There is a MUGA and a youth shelter at the western end of the park.

Condition Assessment

The park is beginning to look run-down and there are signs of graffiti, suggesting that there is a level of anti-social behaviour in the park. There is

lack of equipment for older children and the play offer could be much improved. The MUGA is in good condition but the metal posts have mould on them and should be scrubbed/ repainted.

Recommendations

The site scored well in terms of location, accessibility, features, environmental factors (has lots of natural features, sculpture and natural play features around the park) and play value (provides lots of opportunity for play). However, the play facility should be upgraded in the short to medium term as the play equipment is close to the end of its life. The park would be an ideal location to provide a Destination Play Area, with accessible play facilities and opportunities for play and recreation for children and young people of all ages. Signage from town centre should be improved. Consider providing adult fitness and dog walking trails within the park. There is new adult fitness equipment proposed for the park.



Site Description

Large fenced play area at the top of a slope on the site of a former play area. The play area is part of a large open space, with open grassed areas and mature trees. The play area is fenced, with 2 gates. There is a variety of play equipment catering for a range of ages. There are 2 benches and a bin. There are 3 bouncers for toddlers, seesaw rocker and swings. There is a climbing frame, swings and tyre roundabout for older children. The equipment appears to have been installed in two phases. The climbing frame has been installed fairly recently. Other pieces of equipment are showing signs of wear and tear and rust (seesaw, tyre swing, bouncer). The surface is wet poured safety surfacing on top of a larger bitmac area. The area of tarmac hardstanding adjacent to the site is covered in broken glass and is unsightly. Local residents commented that the play area attracts young people in the evenings, especially at weekends who are very noisy. The access paths to the play area are good, but the fences at the entrance to the park are rusting.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. However, the fences at the entrance to the park are rusting and the overall condition of the park is poor. The open space is uninteresting and lacks opportunity for informal play and recreation.

Recommendations

No action is necessary for the play equipment, which is currently fit for purpose. However, the overall play value of the open space should be reviewed alongside the overall upgrading of the wider park facilities in the medium to long term. Monitor the equipment and replace as necessary. The use and function of the site could be extended by the provision of circular path routes, attractive amenity tree and shrub planting with all year round interest, seating areas and bulb planting.



Site Description

Springfield Park is a small rectangular park with 2 separate areas of play equipment. There is an older play area located to the west of the park, which includes play equipment for toddlers set within areas of safety surfacing and matting (STR023). The equipment includes: swings, 3 climbing frames, toddler swings and a frog. The equipment is dated and past its best and does not provide an interesting play experience. The safety surface is weedy at the edges and former play surface is visible round the edges. Wet poured safety surfacing has been installed under the swings. This play space is probably not well used.



The other play area is closer to a row of houses but may be an area that attracts antisocial behaviour (STR024). This space is accessed up the grassy

slope or along a narrow alleyway from Springfield Square. There is also a stepped access from Callieburn Road. The play area has been recently installed, it comprises: climbing frame, 2 turning poles, roundabout, surfing balance equipment, small character seat, fitness equipment and a bench. The safety surface is plastic matting on top of a bitmac surface. The fitness equipment has been fairly recently installed, with an area of wet pour safety surfacing. There has been attempted/ setting lighting to the safety surfacing. The play area is located in a relatively secluded location as is not visible from car drivers along Springfield Road due to the hedge, or by the adjacent houses.

Condition Assessment

The entrances along Muir Street are poorly designed, providing access up a slope and a set of steps. The safety surface beneath the eastern play area equipment is weedy at the edges and former play surface is visible round the edges. The Callieburn Road play area is currently fit for purpose but may be an area that attracts antisocial behaviour. There are signs of antisocial behaviour and youths using the play area for drinking/ other antisocial behaviour. There is graffiti on the climbing frame.

Recommendations

Monitor the condition / levels of anti-social behaviour of the Callieburn Road play area to ensure that the play facility remains fit for purpose. The entrances to the park should be reviewed and redesigned, to encourage the park to be better used by local people to increase levels of natural surveillance. Consider removal of the eastern play area and use for flood mitigation (depending on upcoming flood modelling for Bishopbriggs). However, elements of natural play could be introduced for younger children e.g. wooden features encouraging exploratory play, utilising the topography of the park.

CALLIEBURN ROAD

STR025

**Site Description**

Recently installed play area, set in a large area of open space. An old play area has been removed. The new play area is closer to Callieburn Road. The play area is fenced and contains swings, basket swings, 2 bouncers, roundabout pole, slide, roundabout and tunnel. There is a bench and a bin. The surface is wet pour safety surfacing. The use of the facility is probably limited to toddlers and young children. Access from the park to the west is across sloping grass or up to a steep slope / poorly maintained set of steps with handrail.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. Access from the park to the west is across sloping grass or up to a steep slope / poorly maintained set of steps with handrail.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play facility remains fit for purpose. Redesign the path infrastructure throughout the park and upgrade the stepped access.

ETIVE PARK

STR026

**Site Description**

Fenced play area set in an area of open space with trees and mown grass and an informal kick-about area. There are 2 entrances to the fenced play area, 2 benches and 1 bin. There is a surfaced path to the play area from Brora Road. The safety surfacing is a mixture of poured safety surfacing and bitmac surface (with islands of safety surfacing set in the bitmac). There is a range of equipment for a range of ages. The toddler and young children' equipment include: swings, 2 bouncers, climbing frame and seesaw. Equipment for older children includes: swings, climbing frame, swings, roundabout and a spinning disc. There appears to be 1 climbing frame that has been recently installed, with new safety surfacing. The play area contains a good range of equipment, but maintenance should be improved.

Condition Assessment

The litter bin is needing to be repainted. The gates are rusting and do not close on the springs. Most of the play equipment is in good repair, however some pieces of play equipment are showing signs of rust and wear and tear. The benches need repainting / replacing. Some of the grassed areas within the play area are weedy and unmanaged. The edges of the play area are weedy. Some of the edges of the safety surfacing are weedy and lifting in places.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play facility remains fit for purpose. Replace / repair the gates. Install equipment for older children / early teens. The area is included in the Masterplan for Woodhill & Etive parks, which seeks to improve the landscape and biodiversity value of both parks and links them through a network of active travel routes. Consider providing areas for personal exercise through natural play and adult fitness. Develop other uses e.g. upgraded play area, allotment and skate park. There is a new skatepark / pump track proposed for the park.

**Site Description**

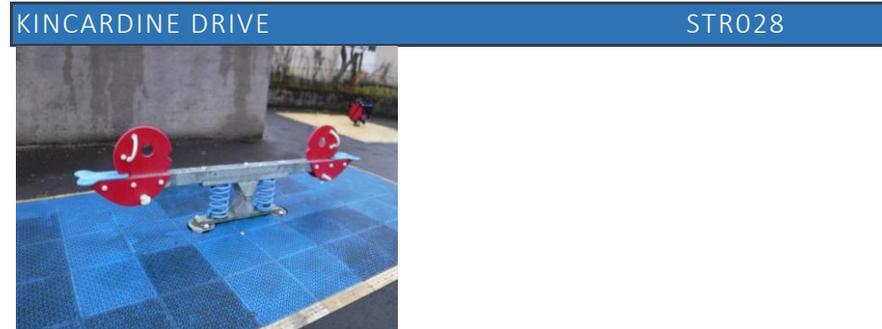
Play area set in the corner of a large park, on a sloping site and adjacent to a grassed football pitch. The play area is built on 2 levels, joined by 3 sets of wooden sleeper steps with concrete treads. There is a path up to the lower play area and access from O'Neill Avenue. The play surfacing is islands of wet pour surface, edged by concrete edging and set within a grassed area. There is 1 bench and 1 bin. The equipment for toddlers comprises: a small climbing frame and slide, swings, a bouncer and talk tubes. The play equipment for older children includes: a rope swing, swings, roundabout, climbing rope, roundabout, basket swing, a climbing frame and a surf board.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. However, there is some graffiti on the equipment and litter. The steps are weedy and poorly designed. The edges of the safety surfacing are weedy and lifting in places.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play facility remains fit for purpose. Upgrade in the long term. Extend the play opportunity on the wider open space site through exploratory play and trails, circular path routes, amenity tree / shrubs, seating areas and bulb planting. The area is included in the Masterplan for Woodhill & Etive parks, which seeks to improve the landscape and biodiversity value of both parks and links them through a network of active travel routes. Consider providing areas for personal exercise through natural play and adult fitness.

**Site Description**

Small play area tucked between the adjacent residential properties and a garage area. The site is mainly bitmac surfacing, with areas of grass matting mounted on top and areas of wet poured surface. There are 2 sets of swings (cradle and flat), see saw, rocker, rotator and dish roundabout.

Condition Assessment

The play area environment is unattractive and is in a partially secluded location, which may attract anti-social behaviour. Use of the play area will probably be limited to the surrounding residents.

Recommendations

Upgrade the current play facility, or consider removal and relocation in a more suitable location.

ANGUS AVENUE PLAY AREA

STR031

**Site Description**

Small fenced toddlers play area with wet poured safety surface and a range of equipment set within it. There is an area of grassed open space surrounding the play area, with access paths. There are coloured mounds formed with safety surfacing and wooden posts to hop onto. There are balancing ropes, a springer and a wooden bridge. There is a bench and a bin. There is no gate at the entrance. The use of the play area is limited to toddlers. There is a good, recently surfaced path to play area.

Condition Assessment

The play area is in reasonable condition, but the wooden beams need re-staining/ treatment and some of the “hopping” posts are rotting. There is some litter. The boundary fence needs repainting.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play facility remains fit for purpose. Fit a new self-closing gate.

HAUGHHEAD

CASTLEVIEW

STR036

**Site Description**

An attractive play space, located off the main street, beside a village hall and a car park, on the southern edge of village. It is located in a lovely rural location, overlooking wooded hills and adjacent agricultural fields. The play area consists of: swings/ basket swings, climbing structure, 2 bouncers, roundabout, tunnel, see saw, toddler climbing frame. There is one bench and 1 bin. The play equipment has robust wooden frames and stainless steel equipment with coated boards. The equipment is in good condition, though some sections of wood may require treatment. The safety surface is grass matting. Some sections of the matting are lumpy and uneven but appear to be in reasonable condition. There is a football field adjacent to the site. The boundary fence is a post and wire fence, with 2 entrances.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. The wire needs tightening and some posts are rotting.

Recommendations

No action necessary. Though, some sections of wood forming part of the play equipment may require treatment. Repair / replace the boundary fence as necessary.

KIRKINTILLOCH

ADAMSLIE

STR049

**Site Description**

Linear strip of open space located at the western edge of Kirkintilloch. The play area provides an interesting “trail” of play and fitness equipment, providing a wide range of play experiences. The play area is more informal in character, with pieces of play / fitness equipment set within a grassed area. The play area appears to have been fairly recently extended, but the old play area remains. This older section comprises: a swing and a rocking seesaw. There are 3 areas of grass matting, one without a piece of equipment. The upgraded section is a trail of pieces of play equipment and tree trunk benches along a winding narrow loose bound path. There are climbing structures for older primary school aged play equipment and lots of smaller climbing / stepping activities for younger children. The play equipment is set in areas of wet pour safety surfacing. The play area is not fenced, apart from the boundary fencing of the adjacent gardens / farm land. There is only one entrance off Adamslie Drive. The play area, though full of interesting play equipment, though may not be as well used as it should due to its hidden location on the western edge of a residential area.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. Some sections of the grass matting are lifting in places.

Recommendations

Provide better entrance signage might flag its whereabouts and increase use. Some minor works to ensure that the play area remains fit for purpose. Upgrade in the long term. Install a new roundabout.

PEEL PARK

STR050

**Site Description**

The Peel Park play area is located at the foot of a slope at the north edge of the park, in an area of low ground so visibility from the rest of the park is low. The fenced area can be accessed along a gently sloping bitmac path from the west and along a stepped access path to the east. The play area is fenced with a red mesh fence and has 2 gates. The steps at the eastern end are granite sett risers and whindust backfill. The surface is a mixture of wet poured safety surfacing on an area of bitmac. There are 2 benches and a bin. The play equipment caters for a variety of ages and includes: swings, toddler swings, roundabout, slide, bouncers, climbing unit and a side slider. The fencing requires to be repainted.

Condition Assessment

The metal handrail is rusting and requires repainting. The gate closer is broken. There is some graffiti on the climbing unit backboard, on the site signage and under the slide. This suggests that the play area, in its isolated local may attract anti-social behaviour. The benches need to be repainted.

Recommendations

The play area is currently fit for purpose but would benefit from upgrading to provide a more interesting and appealing play experience in this central town location. There are plans to install a new Roman themed play facility in the short term. The heritage and archaeological value of the site precludes any plans to relocate the play area to a more visible location. This will not be permitted by Historic Environment Scotland.

EASTSIDE PARK

STR051

**Site Description**

The play area is located in a large area of open space, just off the High Street alongside the river. The play area is located alongside the spinal bitmac path that provides access through the open space. The play area is not fenced, but has mature trees around the perimeter and open grassed areas for informal play and recreation. There is a football field close to the play area, which is grassed with metal fencing on 3 sides to keep balls off the path and the busy road. There are 2 benches and 1 bin. The play space has recently been replaced, with basket swing, carousel, somersault bars, climbing unit, spinner bowl, playhouse with slide, springles, seesaw, toddler swings and a cableway. The equipment is set in areas of wet pour safety surfacing cut into a bitmac area. There is also a nearby wooden sculptural garden with wooden seats shaped like rabbits and hens for toddlers. The surrounding park appears to be a bit run-down and not in a great location, next to a river, a busy road, industrial units and some flats, pedestrian through route.

Condition Assessment

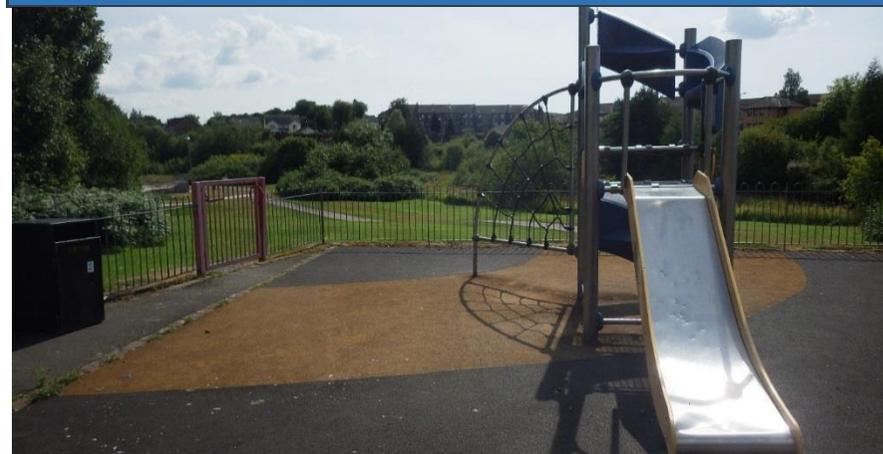
The play area has recently been replaced.

Recommendations

Ensure that the wooden sculptural area is well maintained and fit for purpose.

LUGGIE PARK

STR052

**Site Description**

Luggie Park Play area is set within an extensive open space, with mature trees and paths through mown grassed areas alongside the river. The play area is at a distance from the adjacent residential areas but is located on key path routes. There is a path connection to Waverley Park. The play area is fenced, with 2 entrances. The play area is mainly surfaced with wet pour safety surface, set within bitmac area. The play equipment comprises: 2 sets swings (basket and straight), a climbing structure, 2 bouncers, 1 turning pole turning, dish roundabout and a climbing structure with slide. There are 2 benches and 1 bin. The play area provides a range of equipment for toddlers and younger children. There is a skate park nearby and plenty of grassed open space for informal play and recreation.

Condition Assessment

A frequent visitor to the play area commented on the amount and frequency of broken glass in the play area, which suggests that the area is attracting anti-social behaviour. The secluded location of the play space will exacerbate this situation. One of the gates is missing. The edges of the paved surface is lifting. There is some litter around the play area.

Recommendations

Minor repairs needed to address issues of broken glass. New self-closing gate to be fitted. Upgrade the play facility with addition of play facilities for older children to upgrade to a NEAP.



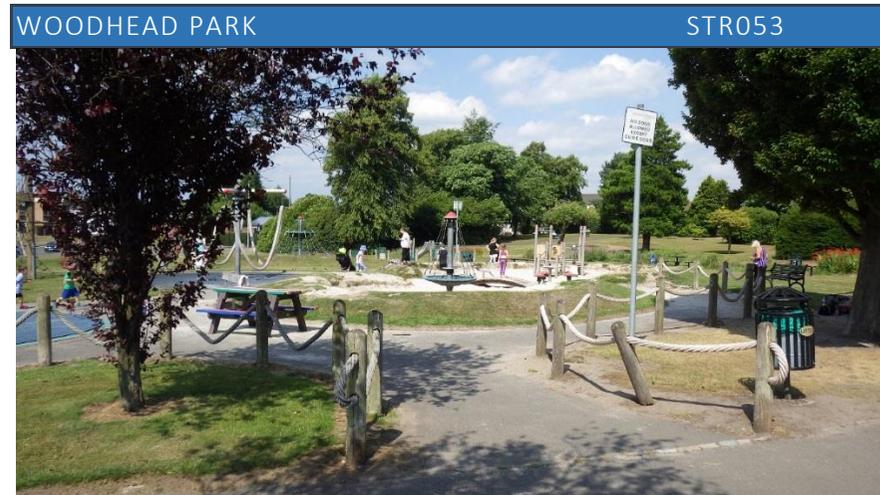
The skate park is located close to the play area and is set within an extensive open space, with mature trees and paths through mown grassed areas alongside the river. There is a path connection to Waverley Park. There are 2 separate skate parks: a mini skate park and young adults park. There is flood lighting, bike racks, picnic bench, benches, 5 bins and CCTV.

Condition Assessment

There is some graffiti and some damage to one bin at the skate park.

Recommendations

The skate park is currently fit for purpose. Youth shelter to be considered.



Site Description

The play area is a centrally located facility, close to the town centre and adjacent to the leisure centre. The site is well connected by lit paths and is located adjacent to an attractive formal garden, with flowering plants and a variety of trees. Due to its central location and proximity to the leisure centre and a large car park, the level of use will probably be high. The well equipped play area provides a variety of equipment for a variety of ages of children. The play area has zones for different age groups, separated by grass mounds to form physical barriers and to make the play opportunity more diverse. The site is not fenced, but is at a distance from main roads. There are 3 sections of wooden post and rope barriers which forms a barrier. The play area is surrounded on all sides by grass and there are sections of safety matting set into the grassed areas. There are arcs of wooden post containing seating, formed from wooden posts, picnic benches, benches and bins. The play equipment is primarily wooden structures with equipment and wooden backboards and ropes. There are numerous benches, bins, picnic benches and seating. The play zones comprise: a toddler zone with a climbing frame and slide, 2 bouncers, 5 musical instruments, climbing tower, basket roundabout, multi-bouncer; and a zone for older children with a basket swing, rope roundabout and large climbing structure. There are swings for toddlers and young children. 1 swing was missing. There is also a sand pit area with diggers and climbing

frame. The safety surface is primarily grass matting set within grassed areas, with a sand pit area.

Condition Assessment

The play area is a well used and popular facility. However, this will have an impact on wear and tear and maintenance demands. In particular, the wooden sleepers around the seating areas are beginning to rot. There is some litter around the picnic areas.

Recommendations

Undertake some minor works to ensure the play area remains fit for purpose. Repair / replace section of rotten wood. The wooden posts that form part of the play equipment require treatment or replacement.



Site Description

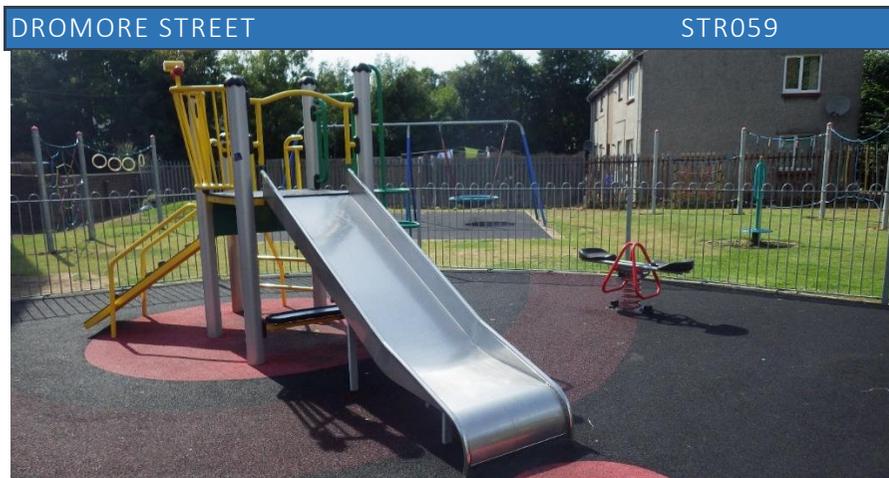
Large fenced play area, set within a large area of open space, and surrounded on 3 sides by housing. There is a blaes football pitch and mown grassed areas, which will encourage informal play and recreation. The play area is relatively recently installed and is fenced with 2 entrances. The play equipment comprises: flying fox, swings and basket swing, toddler swings, 2 bounders, toddler climbing structure, seesaw, roundabout, older children's climbing structure. The surfacing is wet poured safety surface. There are 2 picnic benches and 1 bin just outside the gate. There is a basketball court and a bench close to the play facility. Also, a bike practice area marked out on the bitmac surface adjacent to the play area.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. There is some litter.

Recommendations

No action necessary.



Site Description

Small fenced play area set in an area of grassed open space, surrounded on all sides by houses, just off Dromore Street. There are 2 distinctive zones of play, one within a fenced area and pieces of play equipment set within grassed areas outwith the fencing. The play area within the fencing is recently installed and provides play opportunity for toddlers and younger children, comprising: climbing unit, basket swing, cradle swings, bouncer, see saw, slide and a roundabout. There are 2 gates and wet poured safety surfacing. The equipment in the grassed area comprises: swings and basket swing, 2 climbing structures, roundabout and a trampoline. There is 1 bin.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose and the play equipment is of high quality and condition.

Recommendations

The quality assessment reflects the location in a small site, surrounded by houses, without much landscaping. The overall landscape quality of the site should be improved with amenity tree and shrub planting and boundary improvements.



Site Description

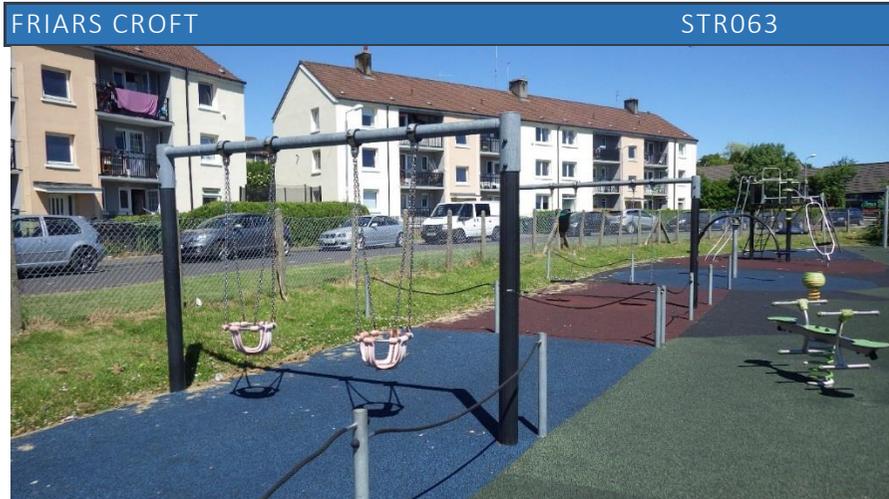
The play area at the corner of Freeland Place has been recently installed. The small open space is entirely in use as a play space for younger / school aged children. The open space is enclosed by boundary fencing, preventing access to the adjacent busy road and residential housing. Pieces of play equipment are set within an area of wet poured safety surfacing, contained by concrete kerbs. There is 1 bench and 1 bin. The play equipment comprises: flat swings, basket swing, roundabout, bouncer and a climbing structure with a slide. Its secluded location tucked away at the corner of Freeland Place, between 2 residential blocks will limit natural surveillance of the site. The site configuration and adjacent busy road allows only one entrance to the space.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose. At the time of the visit, the play area was occupied by young adults. There is a lot of litter, suggesting that the space is used by older children / young adults. There is vegetation overhanging the entrance, which requires to be cut back to open up views into play space.

Recommendations

No action necessary. Monitor condition of the play facility and appropriate use of the facility. Cut back vegetation to reduce anti-social behaviour.



Site Description

Linear open space, between Friar's Road and the rear of a row of residential houses. There is a school nearby and the play area is probably well used after school hours. The site is roughly split into two: a fenced play area and a fenced area of rough ground / bitmac for more informal recreation and play. There is 1 bench and 1 bin on the adjacent open space. There is a concrete post and chain link fence around the site perimeter. The entrance to the play area is through the main gates to the adjacent open space. The state of the fence and the adjacent bitmac area gives the site a run-down appearance. However, the play area appears to have been recently installed and comprises: a swing area (fenced with posts and plastic rope), toddler and school-aged children's swings, basket swing, climbing structure, young children's climbing structure, seesaw, springer, round about and a flying fox mounted on a mound. There are distinctive areas for toddlers and an area for older children. The safety surfacing is wet poured.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose and the play equipment is of high quality and condition. However, the outskirts of the site are a bit untidy and there is some litter. The tops of some of the posts have been removed. There is evidence of people gaining access over the fence at eastern end of the site, suggesting that the site is not secure. The main gates are rusting and in need of repair.

Recommendations

The quality assessment reflects the location in a small site, surrounded by houses, without much landscaping. The overall landscape quality of the site should be improved with amenity tree and shrub planting. Replace the boundary fence.



Site Description

An all-inclusive play area adjacent to Merkland Activity Centre and a school with a games court / MUGA. The equipment is in reasonable condition. The play area is fenced and has 2 gates, and safety surface throughout. There are 3 benches and picnic area outwith the fenced area, and a bin. The play area comprises: a bridge climbing frame, climbing frame with slide, all-abilities climbing structure, 2 no. bouncers, 2 sets swings, all abilities roundabout and a hanging roundabout. There is a separate swing area for toddlers and school aged children. The play facility is looking a bit rundown and dated. There is some broken glass on the paths outwith the play area. The safety surfacing is raised grass matting on top of tarmac surface. There are 2 signs. There is flood lighting and CCTV.

Condition Assessment

However, the safety mats under one of the climbing structures have been removed / vandalised. The edges of the matting are weedy in places. The metal structures have been repainted at some point, but some parts require repainting. There is some graffiti on the climbing structure and

paint scraped off. Some wooden slats on the play equipment require restraining. Boundary metal fencing requires repainting but is in overall good condition. Some of the signage is illegible.

Recommendations

Ongoing minor repairs to the play equipment and safety matting to ensure that the play area is fit for purpose. Upgrade the play facility in the medium term. Addition of play facilities for older children / young adults to upgrade the facility to a NEAP.



Site Description

A small pocket park, set on a steep slope and surrounded and overlooked on all sides by housing. There are 2 areas of equipped play / fitness equipment, set within a grassed area. The open space can be accessed from 2 residential streets, along surfaced paths. The open space contains an open grassed area for informal play and football. But the slope and topography will limit ball play. The play area is located to the west of the park and has been recently installed. It comprises several pieces of play equipment set into the slope, creating separate play zones. There is a bench and a bin. The equipment includes: a climbing structure for older kids, basket swing and flat swings, slides, toddler climbing structure, 2 roundabouts, talking tube, seat, bin, play/ puzzle, springer. The equipment

is set in wet pour safety surfacing with concrete edging, set in mown grass. The play area is connected to the cul-de-sac by bitmac path. The fitness area, to the east is on an area of hard standing, which probably once was occupied by play equipment. There is a fence along the southern edge. There are 3 pieces of fitness equipment with wet pour safety surfacing over the top of bitmac. There is a steel bench.

Condition Assessment

The play area has been recently installed and is fit for purpose. The edge of the bitmac around the fitness equipment is pitted and cracked and weedy at the edges. There is some broken glass and litter around the fitness equipment.

Recommendations

No action necessary. Consider tidying up the area around the fitness equipment and address any anti-social behaviour.

TAIG ROAD - WATERSIDE

STR067

**Site Description**

Small fenced play area set in an area of grassed open space, surrounded on all sides by houses and a residential road. There are 2 picnic benches outside play area. There are 2 gates, 2 bins and 1 bench. The play area comprises equipment for toddlers and young children, including: a climbing frame, 1 basket swing, rocker, dish roundabout and a wooden balance bar. The safety surfacing is grass matting and mown grass, set within fenced area. The play area lacks interest and has limited play value, catering mainly for younger children. There is no natural landscaping in the open space, which might encourage more informal play and recreation.

Condition Assessment

On the whole the play equipment is fit for purpose. However, balance bar is damaged. There is a bit of litter throughout the site.

Recommendations

Replace the balance bar. Upgrade the play facility in the medium term, including play facilities for older children in a suitable location close to the younger children's play area. Extend the play area, if possible, to provide cradle swings for younger children. Explore options to create a new play area for older children in the surrounding area.

LANGMUIR NORTH PLAY AREA

STR068

**Site Description**

The play area is located to the north west of a large open space in the heart of a residential area. There are two parts to the play area, including: a fenced play area for younger children and recently installed equipment outside the play area, for older children. Equipment includes: 4 Seat Rocker, Cradle Swings, Dish Roundabout, Rocker, Toddler Unit, Basket Swing, Swings x 3, Nexus Surfer, Slide Unit and Orbit. There are 2 gates to the play area and a bin and bench (outside play area). There has been some damage to the cradle swing netting. The safety surfacing is recently laid wet poured surfacing. There is plenty of grassed open space in the rest of the park, which can be used for informal play and recreation. Adjacent to a partly fenced football pitch (rusty fencing). Access to the park is not good from the west, due to the lack of entrances to the neighbouring residential streets and the secluded location of the entrance at the south western corner.

Condition Assessment

The play area has been recently installed and is fit for purpose. However, the safety surface is slightly raised at one of the entrances, therefore preventing the self-closing gate from operating. The grass area is weedy around edges of play area. The boundary fence needs to be repainted.

Recommendations

Repair the safety surfacing at the entrance and repaint the boundary fence. Review the access to the wider open space to open up entrances to the park and the play area from the residential areas to the west of the site.

TINTOCK PARK / ALLOWAY GROVE PARK

STR070

**Site Description**

Small area of play space located to the east of Tintock Park / Alloway Grove Park. The site can be accessed along a path leading from Alloway Grove. There is an area of bitmac surfacing, with grass matting fixed on top. The play area appears to have contained more pieces of equipment, which have been removed. There are a set of swings and a climbing frame remaining.

Condition Assessment

The base of what might have been a see saw is still present on site. The safety surfacing is lifting in places. The climbing frame is rusting and the paint is peeling. There is some litter on the site. One of the swing seats appears to have been damaged, probably by a dog.

Recommendations

Replace the swings or consider removal in the short term. Afton View play facility is a more central location for an upgraded play facility. The play area will be removed as part of the Cleddans Field housing development.

AFTON VIEW (TINTOCK ROAD)

STR071

**Site Description**

Small play area set within an open space, located on a busy main road and surrounded on 3 sides by houses. The play area is located beside the main access path, which crosses the park. The play area is unfenced. The pieces of play equipment are set in grassed area, with grass safety matting. There are swings, slide, roundabout, 2 benches, a bin, a climbing spring frame and a skateboard balance. There is an open grassed area for informal football kick about. There is no landscaping in the open space and no other features that might offer opportunity for natural play. There is a school on the other side of the road, so the play area might be well used after school hours. The open space contains floodlighting and roadside lights. There are 2 rusty poles which once had signage. The play equipment is a mix of types, which does not cater for any age group in particular. There are pieces of equipment for toddlers and school aged children and for youths.

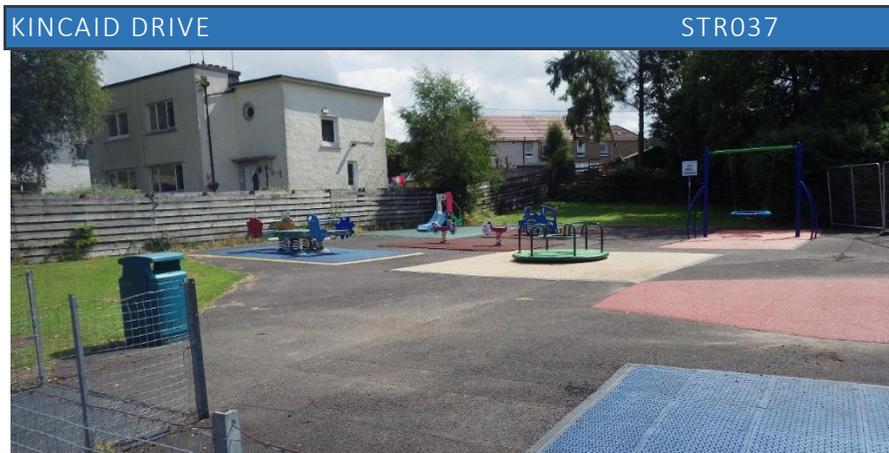
Condition Assessment

The play equipment is in reasonable condition. However, there is broken glass on the path and litter around the roundabout, which suggests that the play area might attract youths and some anti-social behaviour.

Recommendations

Upgrade the play area in the medium term, providing facilities for young children and school aged children. The facility should provide fencing along the busy Langmuir Road. The capital monies received from the Cleddans Field housing development have been allocated to the upgrading of the play area at Afton View. Plans should upgrade the play area to a NEAP.

LENNOXTOWN

**Site Description**

Small play area on the edge of the settlement, with attractive views across the adjacent fields. The facility is a fenced children's play area. There is a fenced grassed small football area on the opposite side of the road. There are works underway to install swings and a climbing frame, with wet poured safety surfacing. There is also a roundabout and basket swing, set on existing safety mats. The equipment for toddlers consists of a see saw, 2 bouncers, train with seats and a slide. The boundary fencing is a mesh fence, with a dog grill at the entrance. There is only 1 gate. There is 1 bin and 1 bench. The fencing is in reasonable condition but could be replaced.

Condition Assessment

The play area is currently fit for purpose, with elements of the equipment replaced recently. However, the fences at the entrance to the play area are post and wire mesh and rusting in places. The play area is uninteresting and lacks opportunity for informal play and recreation.

Recommendations

The quality assessment reflects the location in a small site, surrounded by houses, without much landscaping. The overall landscape quality of the site should be improved with amenity tree and shrub planting. Replace the fencing in the longer term. The quality of the site should be improved with amenity tree and shrub planting and boundary improvements.

**Site Description**

Lennoxton Park is located close to the heart of the town, adjacent to a school. There is a network of surfaced paths and a range of recreational facilities. There are multiple access points around the park. Facilities include grass playing pitches, MUGA, changing facility and fenced play area. There is CCTV and flood lighting around the play area and the pitch. The MUGA has been constructed on a former blaes pitch and is in good condition, but with some litter. The play area is fenced, with 2 gates. There is a good range of play equipment including: flying fox, older kids climbing structure, toddler swings, toddlers climbing frame, roundabout (inclusive basket seat one), basket swing and two see saws. There are 3 benches and a bin. There is a bitmac path connecting the islands of play zones which are wet poured, held within concrete kerbs. There is writing on the bitmac path e.g. "spin, rotate" etc. The play area provides a range of equipment for a range of ages and abilities.

Condition Assessment

The edges to poured play surface are weedy in places, and the gates and benches need to be repainted. The springs on the gates need to be replaced / oiled. There is some litter. Some sections of play equipment are mossy and require to be scrubbed and are beginning to look a little worn.

Recommendations

No action necessary.

BENCLOICH ROAD

STR039

**Site Description**

Bencloich Road play area is a recently developed facility, located in the heart of a residential area to the east of the town centre. The site is set within a pocket of grassed open space, surrounded on all sides by the rear gardens of the adjacent houses. The site entrance is from Bencloich Road, to the east, where there is a derelict former shop. The play area is not visible from the road and there is no natural surveillance, apart from the overlooking houses. There is no indication of the presence of the play area from the adjacent roads. There is a wide tarmac access road besides the shop and leading to the play area. The play area is fenced, with 2 gates. There is a good range of play equipment including: Vertical Rotator, Multi Climbing Unit x2, Roundabout, Swings x 2, Basket Swing, Toddler Swings and a See Saw. There are 2 benches and a bin. The play area provides a range of equipment for primary school aged children.

Condition Assessment

The play area has been recently installed and is fit for purpose.

Recommendations

No action necessary. However, the wider open space could be upgraded to provide improved access to the play area and the open space, a seating area and signage from Bencloich Road.

LENZIE

THORNWOOD AVENUE (GLENWOOD TO PARKBURN)

STR056

**Site Description**

The play space is set within an extensive area of open space running along the northern edge of Lenzie. There is a walkway running along the open space, which is well used by dog walkers, and has attractive views out to the adjacent countryside, and paths to the adjacent residential streets. It is located on the edge of a residential area, close to 2 primary schools. The play area is unfenced and is adjacent to a football pitch, with wooden goals. The facility is very busy and well used, accordingly to a local resident. The play area provides a range of equipment, some of which appears to have been fairly recently installed. The play equipment is mounted with islands of grass matting, set within a mown grassed area and on a bitmac area. There are swings (cradle and flat), a bouncer, 1 rocking seesaw, 1 climbing frame, 1 spinning pole, a surfing board and a roundabout. There is 1 bench and 1 bin. The play area contains a limited range of equipment for a mix of ages, but probably not enough of any type for any particular age group.

Condition Assessment

The see saw has been removed from use by Heras fencing. However, the Heras fencing has been damaged so access to equipment can be gained. The climbing frame has very limited value and the paint is peeling. The

bitmac surface is cracked and weedy. Dog fouling is a problem as it is on a popular dog walking route.

Recommendations

Provide additional play equipment, suitable for various age groups, including a large wooden climbing structure. Also picnic benches / seating areas as the open space is a popular spot with lots of passers-by. Upgrade in medium to long term and replace the play facility, providing facilities for young and school aged children. Explore inclusion into Parkburn flood mitigation work and biodiversity enhancement of the wildlife corridor.

CYPRESS COURT

STR057



Site Description

The play area is set within a square area of open space, just off Oak Drive. The site is fenced on all sides by mixture of fencing. The surface is mainly tarmac, with islands of poured safety surfacing in zones cut into the bitmac around the play equipment. There are 2 benches and 1 bin. The play space contains a collection of play equipment for mainly young school children and toddlers. The pieces of equipment are of varying dates. The site has been partially upgraded recently with the following equipment: swings, multi-play unit, DDA roundabout, rope end swing and see saw. The 3 springies, 2 spica rotators and a small multiplay unit were retained. There is an area of mature trees to the back of the play area providing some shade. The play area is apparently very well used during after school hours (3 mins walk from a school), but it is a fairly uninspiring play space. The boundary fences are secure but high mesh fencing (with concrete posts) gives the area a rundown feel. There is 1 entrance.

Condition Assessment

The play area has been partially upgraded recently and is fit for purpose. However, one of the bins is damaged.

Recommendations

Some minor works to improve setting of the play area and the boundary fencing, making the play facility more attractive and welcoming.



Site Description

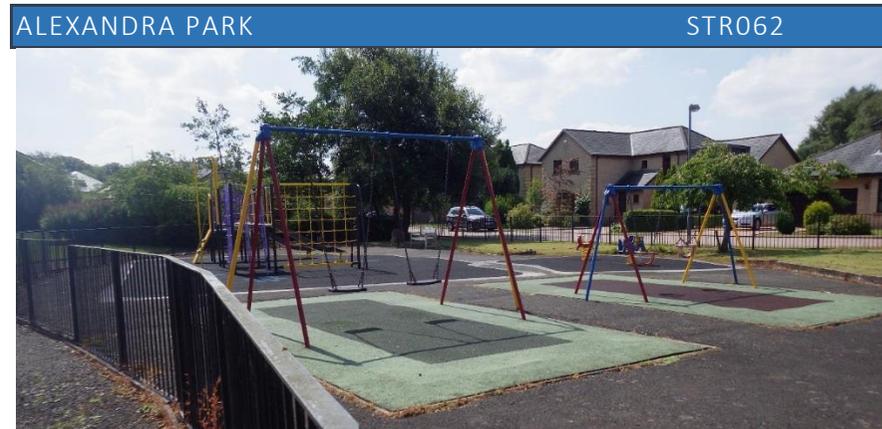
Recently installed play area, set in an area of grassed open space, surrounded on all sides by houses, just off Earlsburn Road. There is a pedestrian path running through the site and the play area is part fenced along the path route. The play area contains a range of play equipment, including: climbing structure for older kids, swings and basket swing, seesaw and roundabout. There is equipment for toddlers, including swings, 2 bouncers and a climbing frame. There are 2 benches and a bin. There is a grassed area for kick-about football. The surfacing is wet poured safety surfacing. The play area will probably provide a well used neighbourhood play space.

Condition Assessment

The play area has been recently installed and is fit for purpose.

Recommendations

No action necessary



Site Description

Fenced play area, set in an area of grassed open space with trees, and surrounded on all sides by housing. There are 2 gated entrances, one with dog grill. The surface with primarily bitmac surface with wet poured play surfacing. Two new areas of play surfacing have been recently installed, one climbing structure with slides, and the other with 2 bouncers. There is a bench and a bin. There are also 2 swing sets, which are older equipment. There are gravel footpaths leading to the play area, which are in reasonable condition. The new play structures diversify the offer of the play area, but the play opportunity is still probably quite limited and might be in use as a community garden for the houses round about. The play area is surrounded by houses with gardens, so the use of the play area may be limited and it is probably not easy to find within the local area.

Condition Assessment

The play equipment is currently fit for purpose. However, the springs on gates are not working and need oiling / repair. The boundary fencing requires repainting and repair. The raised woodland edging around the bitmac area is rotting and presents a trip hazard and is weedy at the edges.

Recommendations

Some minor works are required to repair / repaint the fencing and the gated access points. Replace the wooden edging around the bitmac surfacing. Replace the safety surfacing and edging. Fix the self-closing gates. Replace the seating. (Note: the play area is on private land).

MILNGAVIE

FALLOCH PARK (MAINS ESTATE)

B/M001

**Site Description**

Large play facility located in the heart of residential area and within a large area of open space. The play area is set within an open area, surrounded by mature trees. There is a grassed football pitch adjacent to the site, a network of paths and plenty of grassed open space for informal play. The play area comprises: one larger fenced area and 3 “islands” of play space on the other side of a pedestrian path. The fenced play area has one gated entrance, is enclosed by a post and wire fence with a remnant hedge. The play equipment provides play opportunity for a range of ages, with various climbing units, basket swing, roundabout and assault course. The play equipment has grass safety matting and is set within a grassed area. There is a bench and a bin. There is an older climbing unit outwith the play area, set in a woodchip surface with wooden edging. There are also 2 swing sets outwith the play area, with wet poured safety surfacing. There is a bitmac path connecting the play areas, with wooden sculptural seats.

Condition Assessment

The fence around the play area is broken in places and no longer functional and only parts of the hedgerow have established. The wooden play frames require treatment. The gate is broken and is tied open, through the use of cable ties and a post. The paint on the climbing unit is peeling and requires repainting. The grass matting is lifting in places. The wooden edging around the play equipment is rotting and is broken.

Recommendations

Undertake some minor works to ensure the play area remains fit for purpose. Replace the wooden edging and treat the wooden posts that form part of the play equipment. New fencing is scheduled to be installed. Replace multi-play unit and consider wet pour safety surfacing.

OAKBURN PARK

B/M002

**Site Description**

Small play area set in the centre of a park in the heart of a residential area. There is a grassed football pitch, a blaes football pitch, a community centre and a school adjacent to the park. The park is probably well used due to its proximity to community facilities. There is a range of equipment for school aged children and toddlers, including swings, basket swing, climbing units and bouncers. There is a bench and a bin. The play area is fenced, with only 1 entrance. The safety surface is wet poured and covers the area within the fencing. There is a bike / scooter stand outside the gate. There are few facilities for older children. There is a good path to the play area.

Condition Assessment

The play area has been recently installed and is fit for purpose. However, the spring on the gate is broken, there is litter and the bin is damaged.

Recommendations

The play area is showing signs of wear and tear and would benefit from some minor works to ensure the play area remains fit for purpose. Addition of play facilities for older children / young adults to upgrade the facility to a NEAP. Adult fitness could be a consideration at this location.

LENNOX PARK

B/M003

**Site Description**

Large play area and skate park located in the south western corner of Lennox Park. The site is partially visible from the busy Woodburn Way, but is set on lower ground and enclosed by mature trees. The play area is divided into a number of separate spaces: The fenced children's play area, a basketball hoop, swings and a basket swing outwith the play area, picnic benches and the adjacent skate park. There is also a slide set into the slope, outside the fenced area. On the other side of the burn is a zip wire, set in a grassed open space. The play spaces are set within an attractive undulating landscape, with plenty of open space around, for informal play and recreation. The site is connected to the wider park path network by surfaced paths, with a number of benches, picnic areas and bins. There are mature trees and flowering shrubs. The fenced play area is primarily for toddlers and school aged children. It is a large area of grassed open space with undulating landforms, mown grass areas and some flowering shrubs. It contains 2 picnic tables and 2 bins. There are a number of climbing units, diggers, bouncers, roundabouts and a climbing rock set in sand areas. There are 2 gates to the fenced play area.

Condition Assessment

The play area provides a wide range of play experiences and is fit for purpose.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure it remains fit for purpose. Upgrade the play equipment in the medium term. There is new adult fitness equipment proposed for the park.

LENNOX PARK SKATE PARK

B/M003

**Site Description**

Skate park located in the south western corner of Lennox Park, providing a series of concrete ramps and rails. The site is partially visible from the busy Woodburn Way, but is set on lower ground and enclosed by mature trees.

Condition Assessment

There is some graffiti on the skate park.

Recommendations

The skate park is currently fit for purpose.

DOUGALSTON GARDENS NORTH

B/M004

**Site Description**

Small play area on the edge of a residential estate, in a small area of grassed open space and woodland. The play area provides a limited range of play equipment for mainly primary school aged children and toddlers. The site is not fenced and contains pieces of equipment, mounted on grass matting, set within a grassed area. There is an area of open space adjacent which can be used for informal play. There is 1 bench, but no paths across the open space.

Condition Assessment

The play equipment is dated, with the climbing frame paint peeling and needing to be repainted. The rubber matting is lifting in places.

Recommendations

Upgrade the play facility in the medium term, providing a local facility with equipment appropriate to the needs of the children in the local neighbourhood.

CAMPSIE DRIVE

B/M005

**Site Description**

Recently installed play area in the heart of a residential estate. The play area is set within an area of grassed open space, with mature trees. There are steps (currently out of use) and a pedestrian path leading to the play area. There is equipment for a range of primary school aged children and toddlers. There is a bench and a bin and a cycle stand. The play area is unfenced and set in an area of wet poured safety surfacing, enclosed by concrete edging. The site is in good condition and there is no litter. There is an area of grassed open space adjacent to the play area for informal play. The play area will provide a well used neighbourhood play space.

Condition Assessment

The play area provides a wide range of play experiences and is fit for purpose.

Recommendations

No action required.

TOWN CENTRE (THE PRECINCT)

B/M006

**Site Description**

Small play area located in the pedestrian precinct of Milngavie town centre. The play area comprises a small area of play space, enclosed by a low wall and metal fence and set within the main shopping street of Milngavie, along the route of the West Highland Way. The play space provides equipment for mainly young children and toddlers, mounted on a wet poured surface. The play space has recently been replaced, with a castle climbing unit, swing, Euroflex balls, talk tubes, spinner bowl, springers and binoculars. There are benches and a bin inside the walled area and 2 benches outwith the play area, in the pedestrian precinct. The play area is enclosed by a painted metal fence, with walled sections and there are shrub beds. There are 2 gates. There is a wooden rail around the top of the wall.

Condition Assessment

The play area has recently been replaced. The walls within the play area are painted and require repainting.

Recommendations

The play area has recently been replaced with a play facility with the theme of the West Highland Way, which will provide an attractive and distinct town centre feature, whilst also providing a place to stop and play.

KEYSTONE PARK

B/M007

**Site Description**

Small pocket of open space surrounded by the gardens of the adjacent properties. The site can be accessed along a narrow alley from Keystone Quadrant. There are mature trees around the perimeter of the site and pieces of play equipment located within the mown grass areas. There are 2 bouncers and a roundabout, swings and two climbing units. There is a grass matting underneath the play equipment. There is a bench and a bin. The play equipment is probably limited to toddlers and young children. However, the site may be a well-used neighbourhood space.

Condition Assessment

The play facility is currently fit for purpose, though of limited play value and quality. However, the grass matting is lifting in places.

Recommendations

Undertake minor repairs to ensure that the play area remains fit for purpose. Consider upgrading in the short term. Opportunity to provide natural play elements along with traditional equipped play units.

MILTON OF CAMPSIE

SCOTT AVENUE

STR041

**Site Description**

The play area is a small fenced equipped play area for younger children, located within a new residential area. There is a wheel dust path leading to more strategic path that provides east to west access to the wider settlement path network. The play area comprises: a roundabout, 2 springers and a climbing structure with a slide. There are 2 gates. The safety surfacing is wet poured.

Condition Assessment

The play facility is currently fit for purpose. However, there is some litter. The wheel dust path needs topping up as there is water damage caused by run-off. The safety surfacing is beginning to lift along the joints, in places.

Recommendations

Undertake minor repairs to ensure that the play area remains fit for purpose.

MILTON PUBLIC PARK

STR042

**Site Description**

Recently installed play area located at the north western corner of Milton of Campsie public park. The fenced play area includes 1 bench, a picnic bench and 2 bins. There is a mixture of play equipment catering for children of all ages, in two distinctive play zones. The area for older children comprises: swings for older kids, climbing structure, basket swing, swing, see saw, flying fox and balance beam. The area for younger children includes: toddler swings, see saw, basket swing, climbing unit, talking trumpet and a roundabout. There are 2 entrances to the play area. The surface of the entire play area within the fenced zone is wet poured safety surface. The remainder of the park is grassed open space with a football field adjacent. The park is located in the heart of the village and appears to be well equipped and well used.

Condition Assessment

The play facility is currently fit for purpose.

Recommendations

Include a swing for disabled children and an additional picnic bench.

KINCAID PARK

STR045

**Site Description**

The play area is located in the centre of an open space, located to the east of the village, alongside the river. There are surfaced pedestrian paths from the adjacent residential street, leading to the play area. The play area is unfenced and there is plenty of space for informal recreation and play in the adjacent open grassed areas. The play equipment comprises: swings (basket and straight), 2 bouncers, climbing frame, roundabout and rotating disc. There is a bench, a bin and a picnic bench. The play surface consists of grass mats on top of a bitmac surface. The play area is located at the foot of a gentle slope, is screened from view from the neighbouring houses by boundary vegetation. Its secluded location may prevent high level of use.

Condition Assessment

The play facility is currently fit for purpose. However, the bitmac surface is cracked and weedy in places.

Recommendations

Provision of additional picnic benches should be considered.

MURRAY GARDENS

STR046

**Site Description**

Small square of open space tucked away at the end of a cul-de-sac. The safety surfacing under the swings is grass matting set within mown grass. The grassed open space contains a set of swings and the remains of an area of safety surfacing upon which was once located a piece of play equipment. The safety surface has been grubbed up.

Condition Assessment

The play facility is currently fit for purpose but offers limited play value.

Recommendations

Remove the play area and consider an alternative use of the open space.

TORRANCE

FIRBANK

STR033

**Site Description**

The play space is located within a larger open space on the southern outskirts of the village. The play space is in a secluded location, with grass safety mats. There are 2 bouncers, a roundabout and swings. The park is adjacent to a river, with walks through it. There is a dog bin. The play area facilities are limited and the play offer limited to younger children. Its relatively isolated location at the foot of a slope and distance from residential streets may limit the use of the facility. The play area is screened from the nearby road by vegetation.

Condition Assessment

The play facility is currently fit for purpose but offers limited play value. Currently, a new path is being laid.

Recommendations

Upgrade in the long term and extend to the adjacent grassed area using elevated areas for special play features.

MAIN STREET

STR034

**Site Description**

This site is located beside a row of shops in the heart of the village. The play area consists of a toddler swing and an old see saw. The safety surface is grass matting. The play area is located under trees, set in a steep slope, with a pedestrian path connecting to the residential streets to the east. The site is a bit secluded but on a path route and in the village centre, near shops and bus stop. The equipment is dated and the play opportunity limited to toddlers.

Condition Assessment

The play facility is currently fit for purpose but offers limited play value.

Recommendations

Upgrade in medium term and extend to the adjacent grassed area, using the elevated areas for a slide.

TORRANCE PLAY AREA (WEST ACRE PARK)

STR035

**Site Description**

West Acre Park contains a large play area and a football pitch, adjacent to school. The play area consists of a large fenced grass areas with play equipment set within the grass, concrete kerbs and wet poured safety surface. There are 4 benches, 3 bins and 2 picnic benches. The football area has a grassed pitch with goals / basketball hoops. The play area contains a mixture of equipment, for a range of ages and play experiences. The play space is fenced and there are 3 exits. The play space is roughly divided into different zones of play including a toddler area, with balance beams, climbing structure, swings, 2 bouncers, 2 small seats for children. The equipment is of a similar age and condition. Some scrubbing/ repainting is required. The zone for the older children includes a climbing structure, swings, see saw, roundabout, hanging roundabout and structure which one had a cradle swing. The area includes an old piece of climbing frame, which is in reasonable condition.

Condition Assessment

The play facility is currently fit for purpose. However, there is some litter in the play area. The old piece of climbing frame is in reasonable condition but in need of repainting and some repair.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play area remains fit for purpose. Consider installing additional equipment in the medium to long term.

TWECHAR

TWECHAR PUBLIC PARK

STR048

**Site Description**

Twechar Public Park contains two areas for play and recreation. There is a MUGA and Fitness Trail beside the Community Hall, Church, School, located in the heart of the village. Towards the south of the park, close to the residential streets is a more traditional equipped play area. The Fitness Trail contains the following equipment: balance beams, climbing, Assault course, 2 benches and 1 bin. There is a bench and bin. The facility is in overall good condition but the long grass under the equipment needs strimming. The adjacent MUGA has been fitted with ramps for skate boards within the fenced area, therefore preventing its use for ball games. There is a grassed football pitch close by in the park. The other play facility is located a short distance from the community centre and is accessible from Main Street along a lit path. The play equipment comprises: zip wire, swings/ basket swing, see saw, slide, climbing frame with slide, climbing frame, roundabout, bouncer, 2 benches, 2 bins and swinging bars. The safety surfacing is a wet poured surface, enclosed by concrete kerbs and set within a grassed area. There are 2 new areas of safety surface under the toddler climbing frame and older children's climbing frame. There is rubber matting under bouncer and roundabout. The swinging bars need repainting as they are quite old, but in reasonable condition and good for

gymnastics. There is a reasonable provision of play equipment for school aged children and toddlers, but the equipment could be added to.

Condition Assessment

The play and fitness trail are in overall good condition. However, the fitness trail is beginning to look a bit dated, with some pieces of equipment needing mould removal and to be repainted. There is some litter around the fitness trail and the long grass under the equipment needs strimming. Improvements to the play area are ongoing, with new pieces of equipment recently installed. The swinging bars need repainting as they are quite old, but in reasonable condition.

Recommendations

Some minor works to ensure that the play area remains fit for purpose.