

LAP PLAY SPECIFICATION

Play Boulders Specification:

Play boulders to be of varying shapes and sizes (see example images) and supplied by a recognised play boulder supplier and must confirm to relevant ROSPA/ EN1176 on play.

Boulders to be selected from a size range of 500mm (min) - 1000mm (max) long and 300mm to 600mm high (refer to Play Area layout plans for number and indicative locations of each). No Boulders higher than 600mm above ground. Boulders less than 600mm are low level play equipment items. Under 600mm Critical Fall Height (CFH) and no forced movement, tested Impact Absorbing Surface (AIS) is not required, but some form of protective surface may be required. In this context the use of grass is considered acceptable. If Boulders are 600mm above ground level - consider appropriate impact absorbing surface.

Boulders should be sized and shaped in order that the base is flat, stable and self-supporting refer to drawing ref:33678 - RG-L-02-04 Landscape Typical Details for Play Boulder detail. Boulders should be free from sharp points or edges. Sample of play boulders to be approved by Landscape Architect prior to contractor placing order.

The minimum gap between boulders 500mm, maximum gap 1500mm this is to eliminate 'Entrapment' (objects that might wedge, snag or hold someone).

Hardwood Sculpture logs:

Sculptures to be produced by an experienced chainsaw artist. Sculptures to be produced either from sustainably-managed woodland or from trees on site which may need to be felled (and have appropriate permits for removal) and are in useable condition. The details of the exact elements to be sculpted are to be worked up with a chainsaw artist as this will be influenced by the natural shape and form of the wood.

Refer to drawing ref:33678 - RG-L-34, 35 and 36 for themes and location.

Grass as a play surface around LAP play equipment.

Withing the LAP areas grass is considered an appropriate play surface and it can be used up to a fall height of 1.5m providing the risk assessment includes the following criteria:

- A depth test of 150mm indicates few stones or hard objects
- Areas of wear are strengthened
- The use of the grass surface is monitored
- A good sward is maintained

Play Area Inspections

Inspection of all play equipment and areas specifically designated for play should be inspected annually by a registered Play inspector.

LAP Play Sign

Single sided sign
Board Size: A4 (portrait) post mounted.
Colour: Black RAL 9005. Galvanised steel (powder coated black) post with Aluminium panel.
Fixing: Ground Fixing
Height: 1200mm above FFI
Font: Times New Roman
Location: As shown on GA's
Minimum information to be included on the sign - information indicating that the area is for children's play and that dogs are not welcome.
Exact content, font size etc to be agreed with LPA before installation.

LAP Play Signage (also refer to Wayfinding Signage and Bins drawing ref: 33678-RG-LD-11 for coverage across the site).

General Note:

All play equipment and Seating and litter bins must be provided, as well as signage indicating that the area is intended for children's play and that dogs are not welcome, including contact details for facility operators.

Surface areas must be well-drained and reasonably flat, with appropriate surface materials for play equipment and / or structures.

All play areas and equipment must meet relevant ROSPA guidelines and European Standards for Playground Equipment (EN 1176 and EN117).

Inspection & Maintenance

Inspection and maintenance schedules for each item of equipment should be provided by the supplier. All play equipment and areas specifically designated for play should be inspected by a Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) registered or Royal Society for the Protect of Accidents (ROSPA) approved inspector. They should be three levels or inspections (Routine, Operational and Annual).

- Routine visual inspections: identification of hazards from vandalism, use or weather conditions (*a recorded daily or weekly inspection according to the risk assessment*)
- Operational inspection: every 1 - 3 months or as recommended. Checks operation, stability, wear, sealed for life parts etc.
- Annual main inspection: checks long-term levels of safety

Natural elements will age faster and less predicably than standard equipment. Regular risk assessment are required to ensure users stay safe and the renewal of features needs to be considered.

The frequency of inspections should be based on the levels of usage, and whilst daily inspections may be necessary in LAP locations if not heavily used a weekly inspection may be adequate. With training and proper management, grounds maintenance teams can take on the role of routine inspections.

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