

Inspection Report For:
Fairford Town Council

Inspection Location:
39989 - The Croft Park

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Important Information

Sovereign Design Play Systems Limited inspectors are accredited to the RPII (Register of Play Inspectors International) and are qualified to carry out operational inspections on your behalf, for both Sovereign and other manufacturers' play equipment.

Operational inspections should be carried out at intervals not exceeding 3 months in unsupervised areas and 6 months in supervised areas.

Surfacing is solely assessed in terms of the area covered and its visible condition. We are unable to verify the groundworks undertaken and therefore are unable to advise conclusively.

We can only comment on the current condition of the equipment at the time of the inspection.

It is the owner/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.

Routine inspections should be carried out daily or weekly depending on use by suitably trained staff that have a basic knowledge of playground equipment with the ability to identify/recognise potential hazards. A record to confirm the inspection has been completed and its findings should be kept to ensure your Sovereign Design Play Systems Limited warranties are upheld.

Please refer to our Operations and Maintenance Manual for further valuable information on the operation and maintenance of your equipment supplied by Sovereign.

Below is a risk assessment guide, however you should be aware there is no such thing as no risk.

High Risk

Equipment needs to be taken out of use until repairs are completed.

Medium Risk

Monitor use, any repairs need to be actioned within 3 months.

Low Risk

Monitor use, any repairs need to be actioned within 3 months.

Very Low Risk

Monitor use, no action needed.



Picnic Tables

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: There is some fire damage to a couple of the units.

Action(s): Monitor use

Finding Three: There is graffiti present on the item.

Action(s): Clean and treat appropriately

Finding Four: There is minor damage to a couple of the slats.

Action(s): Monitor use

Finding Five: There is a fixing missing on one of the slats

Action(s): This is a low risk finding and no remedial action is required at this time - monitor use





Litter Bins

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Bench

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance



Fitness Equipment

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Fresh Air Fitness	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition
Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: Equipment had missing or damaged safety caps
Action(s): This is a low risk finding and no remedial action is required at this time - monitor use

Finding Three: Some of the base covers are missing

Action(s):

This is a low risk finding and no remedial action is required at this time - monitor use

Finding Four:

The Grass Tiles have sunk into the ground and are unlikely to provide the correct level of impact attenuation.

Action(s):

Consider relaying replacing, or an alternate surface





Table Tennis Table

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	No
Equipment Supplier:	Cornilleau	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: There are trip hazards at the edge of the surface

Action(s): Consider building up ground level to eliminate trip hazards



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Basketball Post

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Wetpour	Surfacing is without defect:	No
Equipment Supplier:	Sure Shot	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: Parts of the metal work are starting to rust/corrode

Action(s): Consider treating and repainting

Finding Three: There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface

Action(s):

Consider building up ground level to eliminate trip hazards





Basket Seat Swing

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Rubber Mulch	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	AE Evans	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition
Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: There was a fixing missing on the safety chain.
Action(s): This is a low risk finding and no remedial action is required at this time - monitor use

Finding Three: There is minor chain wear.

Action(s): Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding Four: Some of the timbers have been cut into by machinery.

Action(s): Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required





Slide

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: Parts of the metal frame are starting to rust/corrode

Action(s): Consider treating and repainting.

Finding Three: The surface at the base of the steps has eroded



Action(s):

Consider building up ground level





Rotating Swing

Medium Risk



Surfacing Type:	Rubber Mulch	Surfacing is without defect:	No
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: The rubber mulch surface is damaged in several areas.

Action(s): Repair/replace as required





Pyramid Net Climber

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Huck	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: The ground adjustable fixing anchors are showing signs of rust/corrosion

Action(s): Monitor use





Inclusive Roundabout

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Rubber Mulch	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Playdale	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance



Stand Up See-Saw

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Sutcliffe	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: There is a lot of play in the central pivot point and there doesn't seem to be any dampening when operating

Action(s): Consider stripping down unit to investigate.





Embankment Slide

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: There is minor damage to the surface of the slide.

Action(s): Monitor use



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Overhead Bars

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Rubber Mulch	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	AE Evans	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Net Climber

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	AE Evans	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: Some of the timbers had been cut into by machinery

Action(s): Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required



Trim Trail

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	AE Evans	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: Some of the timbers had been cut into by machinery

Action(s): Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding Three: Some of the timbers are showing early signs of fatigue.

Action(s): Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding Four: Some of the timbers are showing air cracks (referred to as timber shakes).

Action(s): Air cracks (timber shakes) are common place. Dull any edges that have the potential to cause splinters

Finding Five: There are 2 hand grips missing on the climbing wall

Action(s): Consider replacing missing handgrips.





Inground Trampoline

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Rubber Mulch	Surfacing is without defect:	No
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: The bed of the trampoline is full of soil and weeds.

Action(s): Consider clearing out bed of trampoline.

Finding Three: One of the wet pour edges has come away from frame

Action(s):

Repair/replace as required





Spinning Bowl

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Rubber Mulch	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

2 Bay Mixed Seat Swing

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Rubber Mulch	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Sutcliffe	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: Therw is minor chain wear to all seats

Action(s): Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required



Gate

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in poor overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: The rubber gate buffer was missing from the gate

Action(s): Repair/replace as required

Finding Three: Parts of the metal is rusty/corroded

Action(s): Consider treating and repainting.





Fencing

Very Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: There was a fixing missing.

Action(s): This is a low risk finding and no remedial action is required at this time - monitor use





Combination Gate

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Unknown	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: No padlock present on the vehicle gate.

Action(s): Consider replacing padlock.

Finding Three: The rubber gate buffer was missing from gate.



Action(s):

Repair/replace as required



Bench

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Wicksteed	Equipment is without defect:	No
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Finding Two: Parts of the metal work is rusty/corroded

Action(s): Consider treating and repainting.



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Picnic Table

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Wicksteed	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The item is in moderate overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance



Roundabout

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Kompan	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Rotating Disc

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Kompan	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

See-Saw

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Kompan	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Play Hut

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Kompan	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Springer

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Kompan	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance



Multi Play Unit

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Kompan	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance



Crawl Tunnel

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	Kompan	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance



Toddler Swing

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	Grass Guard	Surfacing is without defect:	No
Equipment Supplier:	Kompan	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	Yes		

Finding One: The item is in good overall condition

Action(s): Refer to original suppliers Operation Manual for guidance on routine inspections and maintenance

Site General

Low Risk



Surfacing Type:	N/A	Surfacing is without defect:	Yes
Equipment Supplier:	N/A	Equipment is without defect:	Yes
Equipment is labelled:	No		

Finding One: The grass riles have sunk into the ground on several of the units and are unlikely to provide the correct level of impact attenuation

Action(s): Consider relaying replacing, or an alternate surface

