

Arun District Council Play Strategy 2011-16

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Arun District Council like many other councils across the country is having to change the way it operates. Arun must become more efficient and innovative, to ensure that Arun remains in a healthy financial position and can continue to deliver a good quality, value for money service despite the financial pressures facing local government.

It is therefore necessary to look at every service we provide to see where changes need to be made, and how, if possible these changes can be made in a way that will ultimately benefit the people of Arun.

Provision of outdoor play facilities for children in Arun is a service we provide which clearly plays an important role in many people's lives and is an area that many of us feel strongly about.

There are some very good examples within Arun of quality outdoor play facilities which cater for children of all ages and provide the excitement and challenge upon which they thrive. Similarly, there are also some very poor examples but play is about much more than equipped play areas. In reality almost all outdoor space has the potential to provide play opportunities for our children to utilise.

The time has come to put in place a strategy to make Arun a better place to play and to safeguard play opportunities in key areas for the future. In order to achieve this, difficult decisions will have to be made and seen through with conviction.

Play is the most basic and fundamental part of a child's development and all children and young people have the right to safe, accessible and free play. So ask yourself if perhaps you could be a little more tolerant towards them? Why not join your local park 'friends' group and give your time to try and improve your local play area or park, report antisocial behaviour in and around play areas, make sure your dog is under control in areas where children play, pick up your dog fouling and make use of the litter bins provided within parks and open spaces.

Only by working together, respecting the needs of others and taking pride in our parks, open spaces and outdoor environments can we help to make Arun a better place for our children to play – something which is key for the future health of our district and society as a whole.

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Introduction

‘Play should be at the heart of children’s everyday lives and experiences throughout childhood’¹ and its importance cannot be underestimated.

A child’s wellbeing, learning and social development as well as their essential enjoyment of childhood, ‘are affected by the extent and the quality of their opportunities to play’¹.

There is growing evidence that ‘children in England spend less time enjoying outdoor play than at any point in our modern history’¹ and this has serious repercussions for the future of our society. Addressing this problem is by no means simple as there are many complex barriers standing in the way.

By ignoring the essential play needs of our children we are creating problems for the future in terms of inhibiting educational ability, key social skills and increasing the likelihood of physical and mental health problems in later life.

Play opportunities for children extend far beyond publicly accessible equipped play areas and include parks, open space and urban environments but it is the provision of these equipped sites that the public has come to know and expect from local authorities. Arun District Council manages around 90 play areas along with an additional 300 amenity areas, parks and open spaces.

About 10 more equipped play areas within the Arun District are managed by local Town and Parish Councils. Arun District Council also manages over 300 additional parks, amenity areas and open space which themselves provide further opportunities for play.

The Council’s 2005 ‘Accessible play area strategy’ identified a substantial shortfall of around £80,000 per year in the capital investment available compared to the capital investment needed year on year to sustain Arun’s

play area stock to a high standard in line with industry recommendations.

Since Arun’s 2005 strategy many of Arun’s play areas continue to suffer from a lack of investment with the exception of ad hoc investment from S106 funding or external grants.

Although the 2005 strategy identified the clear shortfall in investment and outlined the repercussions it failed to identify sufficient specific measures to achieve greater sustainability, despite warnings that ultimately the numbers of play areas provided by Arun would have to be reduced either by planned means to balance levels of provision or when play areas became obsolete.

With further cuts to public spending and even greater pressure on the budgets of service providers it is essential that play areas are rationalised within the Arun District in order to provide fewer sites but of an overall higher quality.

This new strategy is designed to ensure that play opportunities provided by Arun District Council are more sustainable, provide a better range of play experiences in the areas where there is clear evidence of the need and implemented using best practice.

This strategy also aims to dispel common misconceptions and ideas about what play is and how it is provided and identify current barriers which need to be addressed to make Arun District a better place for children to play.

1.0 Policy Context

The Play Strategy - a national strategy from the Department of Children, Schools and Families 2008

This strategy outlined the governments promise to invest significantly in local play spaces throughout the country by providing each tier one local authority with at least £1 million of Playbuilder funding, as well as identifying best practice in play area design, identifying what children actually wanted from their local play spaces and how to embed play in local priorities.

The government's contractor Play England as a national delivery partner provides advice and assistance to play providers with the idea of promoting 'natural play' at the forefront of Play England's message.

Planning Policy Guidance Note 17

This requires that each local authority takes account of the need of its community for recreational activity and children's play space and to identify where there may be deficiencies in such provision. The guidance note suggests that each local authority should decide its own standards of provision and that these should be modelled on the National Playing Fields Association "Six Acre Standards". Arun carried out a PPG17 compliant audit of all its open spaces and children's play facilities in 2008. Details of this can be viewed in Section 4 PMP Open Space and Recreation Study.

Arun's Sustainable Community Strategy – "Our Kind of Place"

The community strategy for the Arun District "Our Kind of Place" was launched in April 2000 and has produced a high level partnership action programme for 2008 – 2026. Play provision contributes to the following priorities identified in 'Our Kind of Place'.

- Improve the environment of public areas and promote new and existing leisure activities
- Provide for open space, sport, culture and leisure use of the coast and countryside
- More than 17% of children who live in Arun (4,000+) are from low income households, increasing their need for safe, accessible and free play space
- Opportunities to enjoy good physical and emotional health and healthy lifestyle
- Healthy weight for all ages, particularly children and young people
- Activities to promote peaceful and integrated communities, including intergenerational work.

Arun's Priorities 2009 – 2013

This strategy will help contribute towards the following aims of Arun's priorities.

- Clean streets, open spaces, beaches and promenades, aiming at a year on year improvement and working increasingly with Town and Parish Councils and the public to achieve this.
- A reduction in anti-social behaviour, littering and other environmental crimes through a strong planned programme involving education, early intervention and better levels of enforcement.
- Good quality parks, beaches and green spaces, increasing the number of Green Flags for our parks
- A reduction in the Council's "carbon footprint" across all our services, where this can be shown to be cost-effective.
- Play our part in a multi-agency approach delivering services for children and young people.
- Address the most significant health issues and inequalities in the District
- Supporting community integration.





- An improvement in the quality of life for residents living in the most disadvantaged areas of the district through efficient delivery of the Local Neighbourhood Improvement Area action plans.

Children and Young People's Plan 2010-15

The West Sussex Children and Young People's Plan was written in 2011 with the West Sussex Children's Trust having responsibility for planning, publicising and monitoring the plan. The Plan must be owned and recognised across West Sussex by those who will benefit from it and those who will take action to address it's priorities. Two of the plans priorities which relate to Arun's Play Strategy are focussed on;

- helping children to have the confidence to learn and develop healthy lifestyles
- making sure children and young people feel and are safe.

Every Child Matters

Every Child Matters is a shared programme of change to improve outcomes for all children and young people. It takes forward the Government's vision of radical reform for children, young people and families. All policy which has an impact on young people is supportive of the Every Child Matters agenda, which aims to give all children the support they need to:

- be healthy
- stay safe
- enjoy and achieve
- make a positive contribution
- achieve economic well-being.

Every Young Person in Arun Matters

The Arun Youth Council developed an Arun response to the Every Child Matters strategy. The recommendations put forward by Arun Youth Council specify the following which relate to the Arun's Play Strategy:

- Provide play areas for children of different ages
- Work towards social inclusion
- Provide areas where more young people can go safely with friends to hang out
- Discourage bullying especially in children's play areas
- Make creative use of open spaces
- Consult young people when planning changes in play facilities.

2.0 Understanding Play

The wider benefits

Whilst the unquestionable direct benefits of high quality outdoor play have been well published and are generally accepted, the wider benefits of high quality play space should also not be ignored.

High quality play space provides opportunities for social networks to develop between both children and adults. Some play spaces can be at the very hub of a local community.

High quality well managed play spaces also enhance the local environmental quality and contribute towards the identity of an area. Such play spaces that are well used and valued by a local community will tend to be low maintenance and will eliminate antisocial behaviour.

The importance of risk taking in play

Providing opportunities for risk taking and challenges in a play environment is something that cannot be underestimated. Although play providers have a responsibility not to place children at undue risk, effectively managed risk is an essential learning tool in child development.

Play opportunities and experiences have suffered because of the risk-averse society we have become. Play providers often look to design out all risk at the first opportunity, wary of the 'claim culture' of those looking to point the finger of blame in the event of any accident. Accidents will and do occur naturally, when groups of young children play together, and will still occur even in the most well thought out and 'risk free' play spaces.

Good quality play spaces find a balance between risk and benefit and provide challenge. Children will naturally test their own limits, not always successfully; by repeated attempts

they will eventually master the skill and as they grow they will seek out new challenges and new risks.

Where children play

Children have the same right to enjoy and use open spaces, streets, parks and urban spaces as anyone.

'Children being seen and heard in shared public spaces is the hallmark of a vital community'².

Children will naturally play wherever they can: whether in urban streetscapes, coastal landscapes, parks, woodlands or expanses of grassland they will find a way and use their imagination to make use of their surroundings.

Beliefs and misconceptions

Because of the proliferation of 'equipped' play spaces derived from extensive housing development over the past 20 years, when asked to describe a good play area or play space the typical response is the inclusion of fixed equipment such as roundabouts and swings, fencing and safety surfacing. In the main, standard equipped play areas cater for a narrow range of play experiences although they can provide safe and challenging play.

Many of these spaces exist within Arun and are typically found in amongst housing estates and bordering parks and open spaces.

'Whilst thankfully we recognise that children need so much more than a diet of chicken nuggets and turkey twizzlers, equally the same can be said for a play diet that is restricted to a concoction of springy chickens and twisters.'³

The view Of Play England is that high quality play spaces which at first may be viewed with scepticism utilise their surroundings and enhance the environment around them. They provide access to more natural environments which benefit children and allow them to play in many different





ways, and where possible, allow different abilities and ages to interact, something which can be restricted within many current play areas which cater for a specific age range.

Barriers to play

Adults fondest and best play memories will almost always be accounts of playing outside with friends in natural surroundings. Today's children largely have the same opportunities available in local woodlands, beaches, countryside and parks – all landscapes that the Arun District is blessed with.

'We would spend our entire summer riding our bikes in the streets, climbing trees, building dens, rock pooling, stickleback fishing and playing football. We never went close to a play area and never felt the desire to.' (Rob 32, Arun resident.)

However, a combination of modern day barriers have all contributed towards a downward trend in outdoor play. Such barriers include the lure of games consoles and the television, the reality/perception that our streets and parks are no longer safe places to visit and the lack of tolerance that we as a society show towards children utilising outdoor space.

Is it, therefore, surprising that many children have lost the ability to use their imagination and make the most of outdoor spaces; why do we continue to want our play packaged in such a stereotypical way?

'71% of adults played close to their homes everyday compared to 21% of children today' (play England 2007 Playday survey).

Why tighter and regularly enforced dog controls are required

Dogs' mess and dogs not under control are one of the

significant restrictions to safe and enjoyable play.

Whilst many dog owners are responsible, a significant number are not and, almost as importantly there is a growing majority who think they are but are oblivious to what their dog may be doing as it runs out of sight as they stand chatting. Many also simply fail to comprehend that people, especially young children, do not enjoy a dog jumping up at them no matter how friendly the dog may be.

In essence, poor control of dogs restricts the potential for children's play whilst good dog control increases children's play potential.

Dog fouling also poses a serious harm to health as highlighted recently by stories of a two year old girl who fell in dogs' mess in a local play area and could now lose the sight in one eye because of an infection caused by Toxocariasis in the dog faeces.

The sad fact is that most play areas are fenced off for the sole reason of keeping dogs out thereby restricting and sanitising the space and its potential. Fencing off areas for children also implies that this is where children should be rather than enjoying the rest of the public domain.

Dogs can freely tear around open spaces, utilising every corner, jump up at people, barking, and intimidating people of all ages and no one blinks an eye – if a group of children or teenagers acted like this then it wouldn't be long before the Police are called.

Example 1 - West Park

Recently refurbished using a £20,000 Wave 2 Playbuilder grant which included the installation of an aerial runway and other items designed for use by older children outside

the existing fenced play space containing traditional items such as swings and slides. During inspections of this site Arun's insurers, Zurich, who carry out independent inspections witnessed an out of control dog terrorising children attempting to use the aerial runway. As a result Zurich have recommended that the area be fenced off – something which Arun cannot afford to do and goes against all advice including Play England Guidance.

Example 2 - Larksfield Skate Park

An impressive and much needed new skate facility was installed with funding from Felpham Parish Council and Middleton-on-sea Parish Council. The skate park is surrounded by earth mounding and is accessible all year round via a tarmac footpath running around the main recreation ground. Since its installation it has been very popular but the skaters have complained that dog owners use the skate park as a through-route and let their dogs run into the skate park from the path which has nearly resulted in several accidents. The dog owners attitude is to blame the skaters for the near miss. Arun's Dog Control Order bans dogs from entering any play facility, games court, or skate park regardless of whether it is fenced or not.

Example 3 – Bersted Brooks Local Nature Reserve

This recently designated LNR popular with dog walkers should also be a popular local attraction where children play and explore the countryside and learn about nature. A local community group has invested huge amounts of time raising funds for interpretation boards, seating and Arun DC planted over 11,000 trees on site in the last 6 years. Because of the amount of dog fouling present and dogs off leads, the site is massively underused by families and school groups when it is a potentially vital community resource.

Antisocial behaviour

Many play areas unfortunately experience problems with anti social behaviour. Frequently littered sites, with broken glass, discarded beer cans, offensive graffiti and damaged equipment are not attractive places where children will want to play. Good, well thought out design and location, community appreciation/involvement and adequate funding for tired looking play spaces help to reduce these problems and help reduce the cost of dealing with the aftermath and policing of anti social behaviour.

Even when implementing best practice as outlined above, a recent £40,000 investment in Highfields play area, Wick, developed in conjunction with the local community and other partners, is continuously littered by those who benefit from it and has also been subject to vandalism by youths on the estate.





3.0 The current situation explained

Arun District Council play provision

Arun District Council manage through its Greenspace, Engineering & Emergency Planning Services 80 formal play areas as well as 7 skate parks, 11 full size or part size games courts and 2 BMX tracks. These sites are distributed amongst Arun's towns and parishes with the majority focussed in and around Bognor Regis and Littlehampton.

A number of these play areas are located on Arun District Council Housing land and therefore financed separately through Arun's housing revenue account.

Most Parish and Town Councils also manage at least one play area and associated green space within their respective areas.

Almost every Arun play area contains equipment over 5 years old with most containing equipment over 10 years old. About half of the play areas have equipment which is between 10-20 years old and some even contain equipment over 20 years old.

Guidelines suggest equipment should be replaced every 10-15 years on a rolling programme depending on usage and wear.

Most equipment installed over 10 years ago no longer meets the Industry standard BSEN11776. These standards set dimensions for head/neck/leg entrapments and impact absorbency, and whilst there is no obligation to remove items immediately that do not meet the standard, it is recommended that any new equipment that is installed meets this standard.

Current Health & Safety practice

Each play site is inspected weekly by Council officers with inspections carried out by Arun's insurers and an independent company every 6 months and 2 years

respectively. During school holidays the busiest sites are inspected more frequently.

Bi annual risk assessments are also carried out by a certified independent inspector.

Health & Safety issues identified during routine inspections are dealt with as a priority whilst non urgent works are prioritised with Arun's play area maintenance contractor.

Current funding levels

The annual repairs and maintenance budget for Arun's play areas for the financial year 2011/12 is approximately £120,000 which includes the budget for housing play areas. This budget is used to finance the play area repairs and maintenance contract and covers all labour and material costs.

- Approximately 30% of the revenue budget for play maintenance is spent purchasing new parts/repairing faults directly caused by the age of the equipment.
- Approximately 35% of the budget is spent removing broken glass, clearing graffiti, and dealing with the aftermath of vandalism.
- Approximately 35% is spent on general maintenance such as greasing bearings, topping up bark pits, painting and materials.

The capital budget for new equipment is approximately £12,000 per annum.

Arun has the advantage of qualified Landscape Architects who design play refurbishment schemes which saves on paying a play manufacturer to do this, and where appropriate Arun can utilise natural resources from parks such as trees to incorporate into play schemes.

The shortfall in capital budget for the next 5 years required to sustain Arun's Play Area stock at the current level is estimated at £1.047 million with a further £488,000 for the following 5-10 years. See table in Section 4.0 for details.

There have also been occasions when local Parish and Town Councils have contributed towards play area refurbishments within their respective areas.

Arun Play Rangers - a success story

Arun Play Rangers is a three year Big Lottery Play funded project which began in 2009. Arun District Council employs two Play Rangers (One Senior) who provide opportunities for inspiring, stimulating and exciting play on open spaces within Bersted and Wick.

Children are free to choose the activities they want from a huge range of equipment and ideas for play are provided by the play rangers, including messy play, building assault courses, cooking with fire, water play, sports, arts and crafts and much more.

The aim of the project is to inspire children to use their local open spaces more imaginatively and creatively and increase the opportunities to be involved in many different play types not provided by equipped play spaces.

Viewed with scepticism at first by some, the play rangers have proved to be a great hit with many children and parents from the estates within which they deliver their project. Many of the parents join in and help with the sessions, improving community cohesion within the estates.

Up to 100 children at a time have taken part in this project - numbers which simply would not occur in the play spaces local to where the play rangers project is run.

Grant funding opportunities

In 2009 Arun successfully bid to West Sussex County Council for £200,000 of funding for a total of 4 enhancement projects and completed two of these projects at key district play areas in the early summer of 2010.

By November 2010 this funding known as 'Playbuilder' had been cut by around a third in light of the spending cuts identified by the new coalition government, and as a result hundreds of plans for enhanced play spaces were reduced, including a cut of £40,000 for two of Arun's play areas. This was cut from one site, Hotham Park. Highfield retained its £20,000 bid.

Whilst £160,000 may appear a significant investment, this is not a huge sum in terms of play provision. An 'average' new build play area or total refurbishment comprising of standard manufactured equipment such as swings, climbing frame, roundabout, fencing and safety surfacing is likely to cost around £40-60,000.

Section 106 funding

Section 106 funds for play areas are provided to local authorities from developers when play provision is not directly included within a new development. The funds which are then normally spent on the closest facility to the new development provide improved/enhanced facilities to enable that play area to support the additional children it is likely to cater for. It is not a method of maintaining existing facilities.

Although S106 funding for play facilities cannot be relied upon it does in some circumstances provide a much needed cash injection for play space enhancements that would otherwise not be funded from the local authorities own budgets.



natural play features, provide as much challenge and play value as manufactured equipment



4.0 Data

Play space classification

A Local Area for Play (LAP)

A small area of unsupervised open space specifically designed for younger children mainly between the ages of 4-6 years of age. The location of the area is determined as within 1 minute walking distance of home.

The area should be appropriate for low-key games; flat and level with grass surfacing. A guard rail, fence or shrubbery should be used as a safety buffer zone to protect against road related accidents.

Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)

An unsupervised area equipped for children of early school age and within five minutes walking time of home. The area should be appropriate for the ages of 4-8 years of age, although consideration should be given to younger supervised children. LEAPs should offer at least five types of play function and should have seating for accompanying adults.

Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP)

An unsupervised site servicing a substantial residential area. This area should be equipped for older children, ages 8-14 years. It should have provision for slightly younger children. NEAPs should be located within 15 minutes walking time from home. The size of the play area should accommodate 8 differing types of play equipment providing challenges and enjoyment appropriate to the age group. Seating for accompanying adults and teenager meeting areas should also be catered for.

Play areas within Arun

The table below shows Arun's current play areas managed by ADC and Parish/Town Councils.

For the Arun owned sites the investment required to maintain the existing facilities in line with industry standards over the next 1-5 & 6-10 years is shown.

Parish	Ward	Site name	owner ADC/ADCH (Housing/ P(Parish)	Minimum estimate of investment required in next 1-5 years (£,000)	Minimum estimate of investment required next 6-10 years (£,000)	LEAP/NEAP
Aldingbourne	Barnham	Olivers Meadow	P			NEAP
Aldingbourne	Barnham	March Hare	ADC		15	LEAP
Aldwick	Aldwick east	Queensfield	ADC		25	LEAP

Aldwick	Aldwick east	Queensfield games court	ADC		7	LEAP
Aldwick	Aldwick east	West Park	ADC		40	NEAP
Aldwick	Aldwick west	The Oaks	ADC		15	LEAP
Aldwick	Pagham & Rose Green	Avisford Park	ADC	15	15	NEAP
Aldwick	Pagham & Rose Green	Avisford skate park/games court	ADC	7		NEAP
Aldwick	Pagham & Rose Green	Rose Green	ADC	25		LEAP
Angmering	Angmering	Aubrey Fletcher	P			LEAP
Angmering	Angmering	Bramley Green skate park	P			NEAP
Angmering	Angmering	Community Green	P			LEAP
Angmering	Angmering	Palmer Road	ADC	15	5	LEAP
Angmering	Angmering	Palmer Road games court	ADC	7		LEAP
Angmering	Angmering	Roman Avenue	P			LEAP
Angmering	Angmering	Rowan Way	P			LEAP
Arundel	Arundel	Canada Road	ADCH	7.5	20	NEAP
Arundel	Arundel	Canada Road skate park	ADCH		15	NEAP
Arundel	Arundel	Ellis Close	ADCH	30		LEAP
Arundel	Arundel	Mill Road	ADC	15	25	LEAP
Barnham	Barnham	Farnhurst	ADCH	30	10	LEAP
Barnham	Barnham	Garden Crescent	ADC	20		LEAP
Barnham	Barnham	Hedge End	ADCH	15		LAP/ LEAP
Barnham	Barnham	Marshall Close	ADCH	30		LEAP
Barnham	Barnham	Murrell Field	P			LEAP
Barnham	Barnham	The Cedars	ADC			LEAP
Bersted	Bersted	Berghestede games court	ADCH	40		NEAP





Bersted	Bersted	Berghestede	ADCH	20	10	NEAP
Bersted	Bersted	Fir Tree Way	ADC		10	LAP/ LEAP
Bersted	Bersted	Holly Court	ADCH	20		LEAP
Bersted	Bersted	Jubilee Field	P			LEAP
Bersted	Bersted	Maple Gardens North	ADCH		5	LAP/ LEAP
Bersted	Bersted	Maple Gardens South	ADCH	25		LEAP
Bognor	Hotham	Hotham Park	ADC		50	LEAP
Bognor	Hotham	Macklin	ADC	2	5	LAP/ LEAP
Bognor	Marine	Esplanade Skate	ADC	25		NEAP
Bognor	Marine	Hothamton	ADC	25	10	LEAP
Bognor	Marine	Rock Gardens	ADC		10	LEAP
Bognor	Orchard	Brickfield Close	ADC	20		LAP
Bognor	Orchard	Fletcher Way	ADC	15		LEAP
Bognor	Orchard	Hampshire Avenue	ADC	15	10	LEAP
Bognor	Pevensey	Amberley Green	ADCH	15	10	LEAP
Bognor	Pevensey	Hampton Court	ADCH	10		LAP/ LEAP
Bognor	Pevensey	Howard House	ADCH	15		LEAP
Bognor	Pevensey	Kew Gardens	ADCH	15	10	LEAP
Bognor	Pevensey	Monterey Gardens	ADC		10	LEAP
Bognor	Pevensey	Roman Fields	ADC		15	LEAP
Burpham	Arundel	Burpham	P			LEAP
Clapham	Findon	Clapham BMX track	ADCH			LAP
Clapham	Findon	Clapham Play Area	P			LEAP
Climping	Yapton	Climping Village Hall	P			LEAP
Climping	Yapton	May Close	ADC	10		LEAP

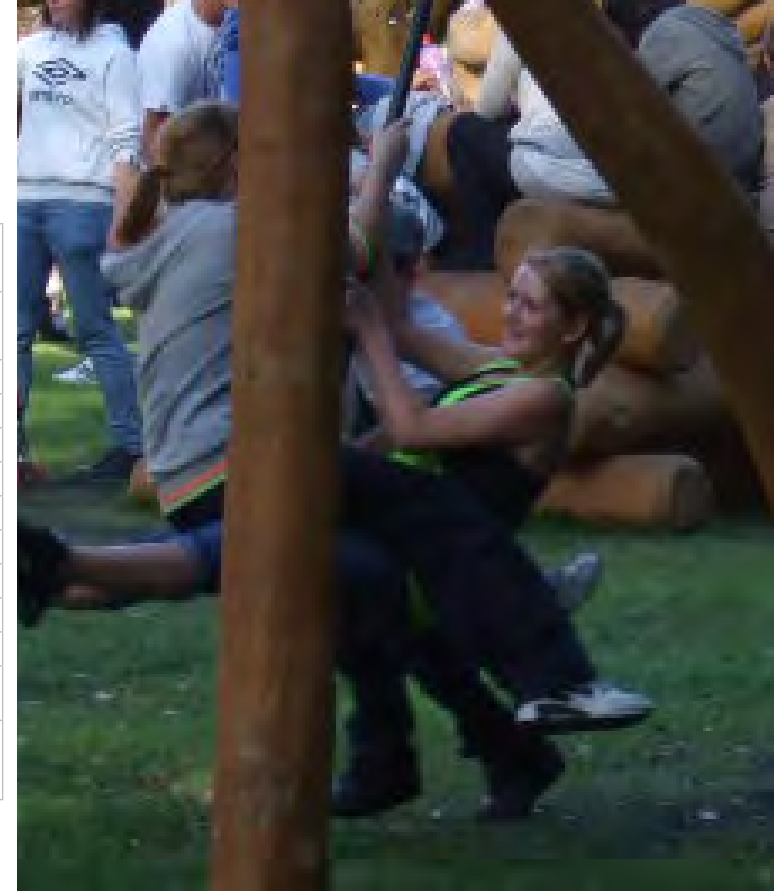
East Preston	East Preston with Kingston	Lashmar	ADC	15	7	NEAP
East Preston	East Preston with Kingston	Lashmar skate park/games court	ADC		20	NEAP
East Preston	East Preston with Kingston	Mill Pond	ADC	25		LEAP
East Preston	East Preston with Kingston	Warren Rec	P			LEAP
Eastergate	Barnham	Holmdale	ADC		15	LEAP
Eastergate	Barnham	Parish Field	P			LEAP
Felpham	Felpham East	Flansham	ADC	80		LEAP
Felpham	Felpham East	King George V games court	ADC		7	NEAP
Felpham	Felpham East	King George V	ADC	15	15	NEAP
Felpham	Felpham West	Longbrook	ADC	15	8	LEAP
Felpham	Hotham	Felpham Rec	ADC	10	10	LEAP
Ferring	Ferring	Ferring Village Green	ADC	15	15	LEAP
Findon	Findon	Games Court	P			LAP
Findon	Findon	Homewood	ADCH		10	LEAP
Ford	Yapton	Sproule Close	ADC	25		LEAP
Ford	Yapton	Wills Close	ADC	5	10	LEAP
Littlehampton	Beach	The Cloisters	ADC	10		LEAP
Littlehampton	Beach	Lions Den	ADC		35	NEAP
Littlehampton	Beach	Mewsbrook	ADC	15	15	LEAP
Littlehampton	Beach	Sea Road skate park	ADC		20	NEAP
Littlehampton	Beach	Trinity Way	ADC	30		LEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Bluebell	ADC	15	10	LEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Brookfield Adventure	ADC	80		NEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Brookfield games court	ADC		7	NEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Brookfield Juniors	ADC		15	LEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Brookfield Toddlers	ADC	15		LEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Camellia	ADC	7		LAP/ LEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Carnation	ADC	7	10	LEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Foxglove	ADC	20		LEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Larkspur	ADC	20		LEAP





Littlehampton	Brookfield	Southfields	ADC	12	15	NEAP
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Southfields games court	ADC		7	NEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Eldon Way BMX	ADCH	2	2	NEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Eldon Way & games court	ADCH	15		NEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Hedgehog Hollow	ADC		10	LAP/ LEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Heo Green	ADCH	15		LEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Highfields	ADCH			LEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Linden Rec	ADC	5	10	NEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Linden skate park	ADCH	20		NEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Water Lane	ADC	15	10	LEAP
Littlehampton	Ham	Worthing Road rec	ADC	15		LEAP
Littlehampton	River	Rosemead	P			LEAP
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Linnet Close West	ADC	25		LEAP
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Linnet Close East	ADC	15		LEAP
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Kingfisher Drive	ADC	15		LEAP
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Eagles Chase	ADC	10		LAP/ LEAP
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Goldcrest Avenue	ADC	30		LEAP
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Toddington	ADC	10		LAP/ LEAP
Middleton	Middleton	Juniper Close	ADC		10	LAP/ LEAP
Middleton	Middleton	Larksfield	ADC	15		NEAP
Middleton	Middleton	Larksfield skate park	ADC		30	NEAP
Middleton	Middleton	Shrubbs Field	P			NEAP
Pagham	Pagham & Rose Green	Community Centre	P			LEAP

Pagham	Pagham & Rose Green	play/bball	P			LEAP
Rustington	Rustington East	Allangate	ADCH	20		LEAP
Rustington	Rustington East	Cabbage Patch	ADC	25		LEAP
Rustington	Rustington East	Guildford Road	ADC	5	5	LEAP
Rustington	Rustington West	Brickfields Rec	ADC	20		LEAP
Rustington	Rustington West	Woodlands Avenue	P			NEAP
Slindon	Walberton	Slindon Village	P			LEAP
Walberton	Walberton	Hunters Mews	ADC		15	LEAP
Walberton	Walberton	Walberton Green	P			LEAP
Yapton	Yapton	King George V	P			NEAP
Yapton	Yapton	KGV MUGA	P			NEAP
Yapton	Yapton	Millers 2	ADC	10		LAP/ LEAP
Total				1,047.5	488	



PMP open space & recreation study

In 2008 consultants PMP carried out a audit of all Arun's open spaces including play areas in line with Planning Policy Guidance. This audit resulted in the production of an open space, sport and recreation study which in turn is to be used to inform the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in relation to provision of open space and children's play facilities within the Eastern, Downland and Western areas of the district.

The study included questionnaires sent to 5,000 households in the district. Of the 740 responses, 34% of children responded that the quality of provision was good, 48% average and 18% replied poor. Young people responded with 11% good, 30% average and 59% poor.

Reasons given why respondents did not use play areas were

- dog fouling,

- vandalism,
- graffiti,
- suitable facilities for all ages
- safety and age of equipment
- equipment not challenging
- provision of toilets within the vicinity of the site
- lack of cleanliness and maintenance of equipment and surrounding area.

84% of respondents said that walking was their preferred mode of transport – 82% said they would walk up to 10 minutes.

Following guidance from national standards and other local authorities the appropriate standard set by PMP for the distance someone would be prepared to walk to a play area is 10 minutes walk time or 480 metres.

However with the average walking speed being 3mph a distance of approx 805m would in fact be covered in 10 minutes.

The recommendations in the PMP study which form the basis of the supplementary planning document on open space, sport and recreation along with this strategy will provide the framework for open space and play provision on all new housing developments.

5.0 Aims, Objectives and Proposals

Our overarching aim – make the provision of all play opportunities in Arun’s parks & open spaces more sustainable, of consistently good quality and provide opportunities where there is the greatest need.

How can this be achieved?

Implement the objectives and recommendations set out in the action plan below. Provide additional capital funding to upgrade existing facilities.

Whilst the recommendations laid out in the table below will

contribute towards our overarching aim, there will still be a reliance on external funding for capital refurbishments of play areas and play spaces, as current capital budgets are not sufficient for the replacement of play equipment on a rolling programme or development of informal play spaces.

Should the external funding not meet the requirements or should there be a need to make further savings, then it may be necessary to remove equipment that is no longer serviceable in additional play areas that have initially been identified as key local sites in the table shown in appendix 1.

ACTION PLAN

Objective	Recommendations	How	Lead	Measurement/ Timeframe
1) To create a sustainable stock of good quality Play areas, where they are most needed	<p>To retain and prioritise investment in identified key local and key district play areas</p> <p>Landscape low priority play areas to LAPs at the earliest opportunity as funding is available and when equipment has reached the end of its life</p> <p>Remove and not replace items in identified non priority sites where equipment has reached the end of its life</p> <p>Parish & Town Councils commit to ensuring their sites are of good quality and developed in line with best practice</p> <p>Appropriate management of play area contract</p>	<p>Via play contract/direct S106 funds/external grants</p> <p>Via play contract/external grants/community payback/probation projects Multi skilled team</p> <p>Via Play contract</p> <p>Guidance provided to Parish Councils by ADC where required Fundraising/grant opportunities Commitment in respective service delivery plans</p> <p>Review inspection regimes Sustain current levels of contract revenue funding</p>	<p>Greenspace</p> <p>Greenspace</p> <p>Greenspace</p> <p>Parish/Town Councils</p> <p>Greenspace</p>	<p>ongoing as per table in Appendix 1</p> <p>As above</p> <p>As above</p> <p>As above</p> <p>2011/12 and SDP GE109</p>
2) Improve informal/ original play opportunities on selected large open spaces	<p>Identify selected open spaces and aim to improve informal play opportunities</p> <p>Increase dog ban areas & restrictions Educate dog owners Reduce dog fouling and littering</p>	<p>Site management plans, external funding/ community involvement</p> <p>More resources to enforce Arun’s DCO/ Volunteer wardens Review DCO at key sites at earliest opportunity Sufficient provision of dog bins Exploit media opportunities</p>	<p>Greenspace</p> <p>Env Health, Cleansing, Greenspace and SA and E WP</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>2011/12</p> <p>dog bin provision dependant on future savings/resources</p>

ACTION PLAN

Objective	Recommendations	How	Lead	Measurement/ Timeframe
	Encourage better informal/natural play opportunities by providing appropriate space	Good maintenance through GM contract Provision/enhancement of natural play features	Greenspace	Review annually measure via SDP GE 307,317, 510
	Continue the Arun Play Rangers project on a greater number of sites	External grants, Parish Council funding Revenue generation	Greenspace	From Feb 2012
3) Maximise current resources to work towards future sustainability	Reduce/restrict where appropriate use of high cost manufactured equipment	Use of natural materials – tree trunks Creation of low cost play features eg sandpits Dispense with fencing where appropriate	Greenspace/Play contractor	Ongoing
	Reuse selected equipment from obsolete sites in retained sites within close proximity	Via Play Contract	Greenspace/Play contractor	Ongoing
	Generate/attain additional funding	Consult with/enlist Parish and Town Council support Sponsorship Grant funding Maximise S106 funding, and distribute according to key sites	Greenspace	Review and plan annually
4) To ensure play opportunities are accessible & do not discriminate against any particular group	Ensure gaps in play provision are filled	Based on recommendations within supplementary planning docs & play strategy	Planning/Greenspace	Ongoing
	Ensure DDA compliant play areas where appropriate	All key District sites should be DDA compliant as a minimum	Greenspace	Annually
5) Focus on reducing ASB on sites	Increased intelligence led police patrols	Provide ASB team/police with info; encourage public to report problems	Police/Greenspace	Ongoing, review cost of ASB at key sites annually to identify trends
	Designing out ASB	Consult police on play area refurbishments	Greenspace	As and when appropriate
		Consider positioning/location of play equipment/play area on all refurbishment/development sites	Greenspace	As above
6) Sustainability for the future	New play areas from developers designed and equipped in line with Play England guidance.	Guidance from this document and in supplementary planning document (SPD) to shape new development committed sum extended to 30 years.	Greenspace	As above
	Focus on large all encompassing play site in centre or on fringe of development and not large numbers of small sites within development	Recommendations included in SPD	Greenspace/Planning	As above

ACTION PLAN

Objective	Recommendations	How	Lead	Measurement/ Timeframe
7) Enhance community involvement/ownership in local play spaces	Publish play strategy widely, challenge misconceptions	Arun Times Local press Investigate use of social media	Greenspace/PR	Review the need to publicise information annually
	Involve local people in consultation/maintenance	Friends groups Manual work days Fundraising/grant applications Apprenticeship type schemes Consultation with local schools	Greenspace	Ongoing review success annually
	Provide play spaces for families through design	Do not segregate children of different ages/abilities Provide adequate seating for adults/areas for teenagers	Greenspace	Review for each reburishment project

Definitions of decisions as outlined in table below

Key District Site – a site recognised as high priority in terms of attracting both large numbers of residents and visitors. Provides good facilities for a broad age range, sufficient seating and has associated facilities toilets, café nearby.

Key local site – a site recognised as high priority in terms of local provision. Provides a good range of facilities for preferably younger or older children, with adequate seating.

Future non priority site – at present provides a reasonable level of play provision for either young or older children, but is unlikely to attract/justify future funding given the prominence of other local facilities. In future, will be retained as informal play space and where possible natural landscaping/features added. Children encouraged to bring their own toys in to the area. Generally these sites are surrounded by high density housing, so use as community space also encouraged.

Non priority site – current low play value/use site with equipment that will generally require removal in near future. No investment to be directed at the site. Will be retained as informal play space and where possible natural landscaping/features added. Children encouraged to bring their own toys in to the area and use as a community space also encouraged. Generally these sites are surrounded by high density housing.

Propose Key local site – a site not managed/owned by Arun, that has an important role to play in local provision and where a commitment should be made by the managing authority to provide a good facility and invest in the space where required. Normally associated community facilities close by.

Appendix 1

Table 1 - Quality assessment and prioritisation of current play areas

play value - based on number/type of play equipment, free space/landscaping, use of natural elements			
usage - based on knoweldge of usage over a number of years from site inspections, and number of properties served by site, local schools			
accessibility - based on walking/transport links, parking, DDA, location , associated facilities			
overall score - calculated by multiplying accessibility x usage x play value x u16 as % population x u16's/10			

Parish	Ward	Site	deprived ward	owner ADC/ADCH/P/Ph	u16's	u16's as % of pop	current play value (low 1, high 5)	usage (low 1 - high 5)	accessibility (1-5)	overall score	alternative similar or better site within 10 mins walk	decision	reasoning
Barnham	Barnham	Murrell Field		P	1614	19.9	4	4	4	205,559	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	New build, Parish site
Aldingbourne	Barnham	Oliver's Meadow		P	1614	19.9	3.5	4	4	179,864	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Accessibility, location, potential, Parish site
Eastergate	Barnham	Eastergate Rec		P	1614	19.9	3	4	4	154,169	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility, Parish site
Yapton	Yapton	KGV MUGA/skate park		P	1044	19.4	4	4	4	129,623	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Good youth facility, new skate park, Parish site
Yapton	Yapton	KGV Rec		P	1044	19.4	3.5	4	4	113,420	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Accessibility, location, current adj youth facilities, Parish site
Rustington	Rustington west	Woodlands Rec		P	1195	15.5	4	4	3.5	103,726	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Good quality facility, high useage, good youth facility, Parish site
Bersted	Bersted	Jubilee	Y	P	1833	21.7	2.5	3	3	89,496	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Associated community facilities, Parish site
Angmering	Angmering	Bramley Green Skate Park		P	1021	17.6	4	4	3	86,254	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Good quality facility, high useage, Parish site
Middleton	Middleton	Shrubbs Field		P	857	16.8	3.5	4	4	80,627	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility, Parish site
Littlehampton	River	Rosemead	Y	P	775	16.5	3	4	4	61,380	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	High useage, accessibility, Parish site
Angmering	Angmering	Community Green		P	1021	17.6	3.5	3	3	56,604	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	New facility, proximity to community centre, Parish site
Angmering	Angmering	Aubrey Fletcher		P	1021	17.6	3	3	3	48,518	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Popular, only site close to village centre, Parish site (maintained by ADC)
Walberton	Walberton	Walberton Village Green		P	435	16.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	30,774	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility, associated community facilities, Parish site
East Preston	East Preston with Kingston	Warren Rec		P	1054	14.7	2	3	3	27,889	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Popular site in heart of village, associated community buildings, nursery, rec ground, Parish site
Angmering	Angmering	Rowan Way		P	1021	17.6	3	2	2	21,564	N/A	PARISH DECISION	Alternative Parish managed facilities close by
Climping	Yapton	Climping Village Hall		P	1044	19.4	3	2	1.5	18,228	N/A	CURRENT KEY LOCAL SITE	(Maintained by ADC - 16 year commitment)
Pagham	Pagham & Rose Green	Play area & Games Court		P	981	13.6	2.5	2	2	13,342	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Secure space, provision for different age range
Slindon	Walberton	Slindon Village		P	435	16.5	3.5	2.5	2	12,561	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Only accessible site to serve main village, Parish site

Angmering	Angmering	Roman Ave		P	1021	17.6	2	1	3	10,782	YES	PARISH DECISION	Alternative Parish managed facilities close by
Pagham	Pagham & Rose Green	Community Centre		P	981	13.6	2	2	2	10,673	N/A	PROPOSE KEY LOCAL SITE	Associated community facilities, Parish site
Findon	Findon	Games Court		P	374	15.6	3	2	3	10,502	N/A	PARISH DECISION	Associated community facilities, Parish site
Burpham	Arundel	Burpham		P	598	14.1	2.5	2	1	4,216	NO	PARISH DECISION	Low usage means Village Committee would need to justify
Clapham	Findon	Clapham Green		P	374	15.6	1.5	2	1	1,750	NO	TRUST DECISION	Responsibility of trust
Bognor	Orchard	Hampshire Avenue	Y	ADC	1481	23.9	3	4	4	169,900	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA, popularity, key site within respective ward
Bersted	Bersted	Berghestede	Y	ADCH	1833	21.7	3	4	3.5	167,060	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA area, recent investment, main play/recreation area on estate
Littlehampton	Beach	Lions Den		ADC	794	16.5	5	5	5	163,763	N/A	KEY DISTRICT SITE	Current size, recent investment, popularity, accessibility
Bognor	Hotham	Hotham Park	Y	ADC	841	14.4	4.5	5	5	136,242	N/A	KEY DISTRICT SITE	Current size, recent investment, popularity, accessibility
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Brookfield Adventure		ADC	1390	24.9	4	3	3	124,600	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	£115K S106 funding imminent
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Southfields		ADC	1390	24.9	3	3	4	124,600	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Accessibility, location
Littlehampton	Ham	Eldon Way BMX	Y	ADCH	1365	23.8	4	3.5	2.5	113,705	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA area, purpose built BMX track
Littlehampton	Ham	Worthing Road Rec	Y	ADC	1365	23.8	3.5	3	3	102,334	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Recent significant S106 investment
Littlehampton	Ham	Highfields	Y	ADCH	1365	23.8	3	4	2.5	97,461	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA area, recent £40k investment
Middleton	Middleton	Larksfield Skate Park		ADC	857	16.8	4	5	3	86,386	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Current size, recent investment, popularity, accessibility
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Southfields Games Court		ADC	1390	24.9	3	2	4	83,066	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Youth facility to complement play area
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Brookfield Toddlers		ADC	1390	24.9	2.5	3	3	77,875	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	High quality NEAP - Brookfield adventure already on estate therefore not necessary
Felpham	Felpham east	Flansham		ADC	863	17.8	4	4	3	73,735	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Due to be developed as part of Felpham site 7. High use, popular facility
Littlehampton	Ham	Hedgehog Hollow	Y	ADC	1365	23.8	2.5	3	3	73,096	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Ok at present, basic wooden equipment/informal site serves Wickbourne centre
Littlehampton	Ham	Linden Rec	Y	ADC	1365	23.8	3	3	2.5	73,096	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA area, recent investment
Barnham	Barnham	Farnhurst		ADCH	1614	19.9	3	3	2.5	72,267	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Most accessible of ADCH Barnham sites, well used, good location, planned S106 investment
Bognor	Pevensey	Amberley Green	Y	ADCH	1199	21.6	3	3	3	69,926	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA area, well located
Littlehampton	Beach	Mewsbrook		ADC	794	16.5	4	4	3	62,885	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, part of Green Flag Award site
Littlehampton	Beach	Sea Road Skate Park		ADC	794	16.5	4	4	3	62,885	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, recent Lottery investment, good quality facility
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Brookfield Games Court		ADC	1390	24.9	3	2	3	62,300	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Youth facility to complement adventure play area
Aldwick	Aldwick east	West Park		ADC	481	10.3	5	5	5	61,929	N/A	KEY DISTRICT SITE	Current size, recent investment, popularity, accessibility
Bognor	Pevensey	Kew Gardens	Y	ADCH	1199	21.6	3	3	2.5	58,271	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA area
Littlehampton	Ham	Eldon Way & Games Court	Y	ADCH	1365	23.8	3.5	2	2.5	56,852	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA area, large space, dog ban site
Bersted	Bersted	Berghestede Games Court	Y	ADCH	1833	21.7	2	2	3.5	55,687	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, located around main recreation area, requires investment
Felpham	Felpham east	King George V		ADC	863	17.8	3	4	3	55,301	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility
Arundel	Arundel	Mill Road		ADC	598	14.1	4	5	3	50,591	N/A	KEY DISTRICT SITE	Popularity, key visitor destination
Aldingbourne	Barnham	March Hare		ADC	1614	19.9	2.5	2	3	48,178	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Recent S106 investment good facility at present nearby key local sites
Middleton	Middleton	Larksfield		ADC	857	16.8	3.5	3	3	45,352	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility, potential
East Preston	East Preston with Kingston	Mill Pond		ADC	7155	14.7	2	1	2	42,071	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Serves small development, alternative facilities provided by Lashmar/Cabbage Patch
Rustington	Rustington west	Brickfields Rec		ADC	1195	15.5	3	3	2.5	41,676	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Potential, serves large rec ground, only play site in Ward
Felpham	Felpham east	KGV Games Court		ADC	863	17.8	3	3	3	41,476	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Youth facility to complement play area
East Preston	East Preston with Kingston	Lashmar Rec		ADC	1054	14.7	2.5	3	3.5	40,671	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	serves large rec ground, on school route
Aldwick	Pagham & Rose Green	Avisford Park		ADC	981	13.6	3	3	3	36,022	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility
Pagham	Pagham & Rose Green	Avisford Skate Park & Games Court		ADC	981	13.6	3	3	3	36,022	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popular facility, recent investment
Bersted	Bersted	Maple Gardens South	Y	ADCH	1833	21.7	2	2	2	31,821	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	serves small number of houses, currently poor quality, Berghestede will be key site on estate
Bognor	Hotham	Felpham Rec	Y	ADC	841	14.4	2.5	3	3.5	31,790	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Key LNIA area, popularity, retain this play area to serve estate
Bognor	Marine	Hothamton	Y	ADC	509	10.3	3	4	5	31,456	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility, located in town centre, serves large residential area
East Preston	East Preston with Kingston	Lashmar Skate Park & Games Court		ADC	1054	14.7	2.5	2	3.5	27,114	NO	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Not particularly well used, will last another 5 years
Bognor	Marine	Esplanade Skate Park	Y	ADC	509	10.3	2.5	4	5	26,214	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility
Barnham	Barnham	Marshall Close		ADCH	1614	19.9	2.5	2	1.5	24,089	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Murrell field play facilities recently developed are very close and of good quality
Angmering	Angmering	Palmer Road Games Court		ADC	1021	17.6	3	2	2	21,564	NO	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Not particularly well used
Littlehampton	Ham	Linden Rec Skate Park	Y	ADC	1365	23.8	1.5	2	2	19,492	NO	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Basic facility, key district skate site on Littlehampton Sea Front
Littlehampton	Ham	Water Lane	Y	ADC	1365	23.8	3	1	2	19,492	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	very poorly situated, high vandalism/ASB, low usage
Arundel	Arundel	Canada Road		ADCH	598	14.1	3	3	2.5	18,972	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Retain as better location/potential than Ellis Close
Arundel	Arundel	Canada Road Skate Park		ADCH	598	14.1	3	3	2.5	18,972	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Youth facility to complement play area
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Linnet Close West	Y	ADC	927	19.5	2	2	2.5	18,077	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Poor at present, most appropriate site for enhancement and to act as main play area on the courtwick estate
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Goldcrest Ave	Y	ADC	927	19.5	2.5	2	2	18,077	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Poor at present, courtwick 1 at Linnet Close to serve as main play area to the estate
Ferring	Ferring	Ferring Village Green		ADC	463	10.6	3	4	3	17,668	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Very popular, only play site in Ferring

Littlehampton	Brookfield	Bluebell		ADC	1390	24.9	2.5	1	2	17,306	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Most appropriate site to retain on estate at present
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Brookfield Juniors		ADC	1390	24.9	2	1	2.5	17,306	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Surplus to requirements due to high quality adventure play area on site
Bersted	Bersted	Holly Court	Y	ADCH	1833	21.7	2	1	2	15,910	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	serves small number of houses, basic quality, Berghestede will be key site on estate
Bersted	Bersted	Fir Tree Way	Y	ADC	1833	21.7	2	1	2	15,910	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Informal kickabout site
Bognor	Marine	Rock Gardens	Y	ADC	509	10.3	2	3	5	15,728	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Basic toddler facility okay at present
Aldwick	Aldwick east	Queensfield		ADC	481	10.3	3	3	3.5	15,606	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Popularity, accessibility, serves large rec ground
Rustington	Rustington east	Cabbage Patch		ADC	699	14.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	15,400	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	S106 Planned will increase play value and best located play area on estate
Ford	Yapton	Sproule Close		ADC	1044	19.4	1.5	2	2.5	15,190	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Currently poor but has more potential and is much better located than Wills Close
Walberton	Walberton	Hunters Mews		ADC	435	16.5	3.5	3	2	15,073	NO	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Recent S106 investment good facility at present, Poor accessibility serves development of large detached houses
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Carnation		ADC	1390	24.9	2	1	2	13,844	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Alternative high quality adventure play area on site
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Foxglove		ADC	1390	24.9	2	1	2	13,844	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Alternative high quality adventure play area on site
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Larkspur		ADC	1390	24.9	2	1	2	13,844	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Alternative high quality adventure play area on site
Littlehampton	Beach	Trinity Way		ADC	794	16.5	2.5	2	2	13,101	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Old equipment, poorly sited, create informal play opportunities on open space
Littlehampton	Ham	Heo Green	Y	ADCH	1365	23.8	2	1	2	12,995	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Highfields provides better facilities within 30 yards
Findon	Findon	Findon Rec		ADCH	374	15.6	3.5	3	2	12,252	N/A	KEY LOCAL SITE	Recent s106 investment, only play area in village
Bognor	Pevensey	Monterey Gardens	Y	ADC	1199	21.6	2	1	2	10,359	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Serves small number of residents, relatively new development
Bognor	Pevensey	Roman Fields	Y	ADC	1199	21.6	2	1	2	10,359	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Serves small number of residents, Amberley and Kew provide alternative facilities
Barnham	Barnham	Hedge End		ADCH	1614	19.9	1.5	1	2	9,636	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Already very basic, residents better served by Farnhurst, good example of natural playspace & associated woodland
Barnham	Barnham	Garden Crescent		ADC	1614	19.9	1	2	1.5	9,636	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Currently poor, Murrell field is new high quality facility close by
Barnham	Barnham	The Cedars		ADC	1614	19.9	2	1	1.5	9,636	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Barely used, serves small number of houses
Eastergate	Barnham	Holmdale		ADC	1614	19.9	2	1	1.5	9,636	NO	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Barely used, serves small number of houses
Bersted	Bersted	Maple Gardens North	Y	ADCH	1833	21.7	1	1	2	7,955	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Very basic adventure trail, Berghested to provide main facility on estate
Rustington	Rustington east	Allangate		ADCH	699	14.1	2	2	2	7,885	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Poorly located, requires much investment, Cabbage Patch will provide alternative facility within 10 minutes walk
Angmering	Angmering	Palmer Road		ADC	1021	17.6	2	1	2	7,188	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Poorly sited, not accessible in winter, not well used
Bognor	Orchard	Brickfield Close	Y	ADC	1481	23.9	1	1	2	7,079	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Size restricted, very basic, serves small number of houses, Hampshire avenue offers alternative facility
Littlehampton	Brookfield	Camelia		ADC	1390	24.9	1	1	2	6,922	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Alternative high quality adventure play area on estate
Aldwick	Pagham & Rose Green	Rose Green		ADC	981	13.6	2.5	1	2	6,671	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Serves small number of houses, equipment is old. Avisford Park is a better facility but major roads to cross
Arundel	Arundel	Ellis Close		ADCH	598	14.1	2.5	2	1.5	6,324	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Canada Road Play area and Open Space within 2 minutes walk
climping	Yapton	May Close		ADC	1044	19.4	2	1	1.5	6,076	NO	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	serves small numbers of residents, not particularly well used
Ford	Yapton	Wills Close		ADC	1044	19.4	2	1	1.5	6,076	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Poorly located, residents better served by improved Sproule Close
Rustington	Rustington east	Guildford Road		ADC	699	14.1	1.5	2	2	5,914	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Very limited space
Aldwick	Aldwick east	Queensfield Games Court		ADC	481	10.3	3	1	3.5	5,202	NO	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	not particularly well used
Bognor	Pevensey	Howard House	Y	ADCH	1199	21.6	2	1	1	5,180	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Provide solely for housing accomodation
Bognor	Pevensey	Hampton Court	Y	ADCH	1199	21.6	1	1	2	5,180	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	not used, kew gardens play area 20 yards away
Yapton	Yapton	Millers 2		ADC	1044	19.4	1	1	2	4,051	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	hardly used, KGV Yapton provides alternative facility
Littlehampton	Beach	The Cloisters		ADC	794	16.5	1.5	1	2	3,930	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Very basic old equipment
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Eagles Chase	Y	ADC	927	19.5	1	1	2	3,615	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Hardly used, limited space, Coutwick will provide alternative facility within walking distance
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Toddington	Y	ADC	927	19.5	1	1	2	3,615	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Hardly used, old equipment, Worthing Road will provide alterntive facility
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Linnet Close East	Y	ADC	927	19.5	1	1	2	3,615	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Poor equipment, residents better served by Courtwick 1
Littlehampton	Wick with Toddington	Kingfisher Drive	Y	ADC	927	19.5	1	1	2	3,615	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Average equipment, residents better served by Courtwick 1
Middleton	Middleton	Juniper Close		ADC	857	16.8	1	1	2	2,880	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Hardly used, Larksfield provides alternative facility within walking distance
Aldwick	Aldwick west	The Oaks		ADC	546	11.6	2	1	2	2,533	YES	FUTURE NON PRIORITY SITE	Okay at present, Queensfield provides alternative facility within walking distance
Bognor	Hotham	Macklin	Y	ADC	841	14.4	1	1	2	2,422	YES	NON PRIORITY SITE	Very basic, barely used, Felpham rec 20 yards up road
Clapham	Findon	Clapham BMX		ADCH	374	15.6	3	1	1	1,750	N/A	Consult on need for facility, otherwise manage as natural play space	Already a very informal low maintenance site

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