



Annual Inspection carried out at

Runcorn Road, Barnton

on 11th June 2026

on behalf of Barnton PC

by

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Name of Facility: Runcorn Road

Date: 11/06/26

Inspector: AD



General Comments

The facility is a doorstep sized facility, sited within an enclosed green space. There have been no real changes to the site since the last annual inspection.

Weather: Overcast

Time of Inspection: 07:54

Design

The play area has been designed for children aged 2+.

The following have been inspected and found to be in good order:

Design Age
Minimum Space
Orientation
Traffic (Movement) Clashes

Ancillary Items

The following have been inspected and found to be in good order:

Self Closing Access Gate
General Surfacing - Grass
Ownership/Information Sign

Litter Bin

Work required:

Access/Pathways - Poor to (narrow pathway) and across (grass) the site – *low risk* - improve (As part of the development programme).

Planting - Bushes - Thorny planting is inappropriate on or near a children's playground – *low risk* - consider removal.

Equipment

(1) Goal End/Basketball Hoop



Unknown

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 15312 in the following respect:

No EN 15312 warning signage.

The distance between the framework and backboard is incorrect – *low risk* – monitor.



Finger entrapments evident within the frame – *low risk* – monitor.



Protruding fixing bolts evident – *medium risk* - crop off and file down to nut level.



Moss growth evident on the item – *low risk*
- remove and clean.



Surfacing

Grass

The surfacing meets the requirements of
BSEN 15312.

(2) Swing – Support posts only in situ.



Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the dimensional
requirements of BSEN 1176

(3) Activity Trail



Creative Play

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

Rotating beam – rotating unevenly – *medium risk* - fixings loose/missing – replace and secure. Loose at fixing points – *low risk* – secure.



Bolt caps missing – protruding bolts evident – *medium risk* - replace.



Rope eyelet bolt loose in support leg – *low risk* – secure.



Timber damage evident – low risk – sand down area.



Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Risk Assessment

Ancillary Items and Environmental/Other Hazards

<u>Ancillary</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action or Control</u>
Self Closing Access Gate	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
General Surfacing – Grass	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Ownership/Information Sign	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Access/Pathways – Grass	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Planting (Bushes)	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)		See Report
Litter Bin	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report

<u>Environmental/Other Hazards</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action or Control</u>
Minimum Space	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Traffic (Movement) Clashes	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Design Defects	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Adjacent Roads	5 x 1 = 5 (Low)		See Report
Informal Supervision	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)		See Report
Cleanliness	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)		See Report

Equipment

<u>No.</u>	<u>Equipment Item</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Action, Control or Comment</u>
1	Goal End/Basketball Hoop	Grass	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
2	Swing – (Flat/Cradle)	Grass Mats	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
3	Activity Trail	Grass Mats	4 x 2 = 8 (Medium)	See Report

**The assessed LEVEL OF RISK for the facility at the time of the inspection is – MEDIUM
(Due to the condition of the activity trail)**

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Initial Views

The facility is a doorstep sized facility, sited within an enclosed green space. It provides reasonable play/sporting and social play value and activity.

Long Term Proposals

Improve access to and across the site in terms of providing a hard standing access pathway system from the access points across the site.

Ensure any future development of the site in terms of equipment, ancillaries and access embraces the ethos of the DDA and allows accessibility for all.

Cost Implications (Ballpark Figures)

As above - £3,000.00+

Barnton PC Comments: