

Morda Play Areas

It is worth noting that all play areas listed are overall low risk on my operational inspections, and annual inspections performed by The Play Inspection Company.

Milars Field:

Grass issues – Grounds maintenance issue. The grass here seems to grow faster than other areas, below spec grass has been an ongoing issue for some time. I will liaise with ID Verde for possible solutions.

Trees encroaching on equipment – Grounds maintenance issue. While the trees are not within the swing zone of the cradle swings, I will cut back.

Bird poo on basket swing – I will investigate ways to prevent, upturned cable ties are recommended by RoSPA.

Timber decaying – A detailed inspection is performed annually. While the timber is aging expectedly, all equipment is low risk. The balance logs are deteriorating, and I will look into quotes for removal/replacement.

Morda Teen:

Hip twister spinning pad – While the pad is damaged, it is low risk. I will seek quotes to repair.

Large hole by BMX track – I have filled these holes in before receiving this report. This is an ongoing issue and if it occurs again, I will seek guidance from police as I would consider this dangerous vandalism.

Zip line not running freely – Upon my last inspection the zip line was operating correctly, I will check again upon my next inspection. However, this type of zip line trolley has an internal brake which releases under load and is difficult to move unless you pull down on the chain, I suspect that the person who queried this did not pull the chain when attempting to move the seat.

Net missing from basketball hoop – I have stopped replacing basketball nets across all Shropshire council sites. Every replaced net is vandalised/damaged within a week of replacing and creates entanglement hazards with low hanging loops.

Litter – Grounds maintenance issue.

While additional equipment would be a nice to have, and there is possibly space for one additional item, current budget constraints mean that this isn't a possibility at this time.

Parker Leighton Way:

Additional equipment – as above, current budget constraints mean this isn't a possibility at this time. Even if budget allowed this, there is no space within the play area boundary for additional equipment. While expanding the boundary on to the grassed area above could be considered, this would come with an even heavier cost.

Ropes fraying – Although the outer nylon casing of the climbing frame rope is damaged/fraying, the inner steel cable is in-tact and safe to use. From past quotes, replacing the nets would cost around £1400. I will investigate replacing.

Cleaning/painting of equipment – While I agree that the equipment could benefit from cleaning (I will facilitate this), I don't think it requires painting. The paint may have faded slightly, but is in overall good condition.

Actions for me.

Milars Field:

- Discuss possible solutions to combat below spec grass with ID Verde
- Cut back foliage
- Look into basket swing bird deterrent
- Look into balance log removal/replacement

Morda Teen:

- Seek quotes for hip twister pad replacement
- Contact police if vandalism to surfacing arises again

Parker Leighton Way:

- Seek quotes for rope and consider replacement
- Clean equipment of algae