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Dear

Freedom of Information Request

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 17 September 2023, as detailed below.

Under the freedom information, can you please tell me:

- 1 Under the Freedom of Information - What is the name of the company that replaced the spring and re-sited the double seated spring rocker in the Carr Bridge park recently.*
- 2 Under the Freedom of Information - If it wasn't a company, can you please tell me the name of the person/persons who replaced the spring and re-sited the double seated spring rocker.*
- 3 Under the Freedom of Information - does this double seated spring rocker have a Health and Safety Certificate to say that it is now up to health and safety standards if so, can I have a copy of it please.*
- 4 Under the Freedom of Information - Does this park have an annual Health and Safety Assessment by an independent specialist if so can I have a copy of the last 2 Assessments please.*
- 5 Under the Freedom of Information - can you please tell me if Ackworth Parish Council are responsible for this park and do we have appropriate insurance to protect users .*
- 6 Under the Freedom of Information - Does Carr Bridge park have a weekly inspection regarding health and safety if so, can I please have a copy of the last four reports regarding this health and safety check.*

Please find enclosed information as per your request.

- 1 Under the Freedom of Information - What is the name of the company that replaced the spring and re-sited the double seated spring rocker in the Carr Bridge park recently.*

Ackworth Parish Council staff replaced the spring. The double seated spring rocker has not been re-sited.

- 2 Under the Freedom of Information - If it wasn't a company, can you please tell me the name of the person/persons who replaced the spring and re-sited the double seated spring rocker.*

As above. See answer to question 1.

3 Under the Freedom of Information - does this double seated spring rocker have a Health and Safety Certificate to say that it is now up to health and safety standards if so, can I have a copy of it please.

No, not required. The unit will be inspected at the next annual independent inspection.

4 Under the Freedom of Information - Does this park have an annual Health and Safety Assessment by an independent specialist if so can I have a copy of the last 2 Assessments please.

The playground is inspected annually by an independent playground inspector. Please see enclosed copies of the report for November 2021 and November 2022

5 Under the Freedom of Information - can you please tell me if Ackworth Parish Council are responsible for this park and do we have appropriate insurance to protect users .

Ackworth Parish Council is responsible for Carr Bridge Play and has appropriate insurance in place.

6 Under the Freedom of Information - Does Carr Bridge park have a weekly inspection regarding health and safety if so, can I please have a copy of the last four reports regarding this health and safety check.

Ackworth Parish Council staff carry out weekly inspections of the playground. Please see enclosed reports.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner by phone 0303 123 1113 or website <https://ico.org.uk/>

There is no charge for making this request.

Yours sincerely



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Annual

BS EN 1176 & BS EN 15312

Inspection Report

for

three play areas

carried out on behalf of

Ackworth Parish Council

Signed *G Watkinson*

Register of Play Inspectors

International Certificate No. 1041A

Gary Watkinson

21st November 2022

CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

3. Sutcliffe Tube Slide

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Fails BS EN 1176-1, Sec. 4.2.7.5, foot trap between platform & top of incline climber

Surfacing: Grass Mats

Surface Condition: Repair/replace one damaged mat at slide runout

Potential trip hazards at edges of mats – requires attention
(Medium Risk)

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 7



(Potential foot trap – library photo)



(Damaged grass mat)



(Potential trip hazard at edge of mat)

CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

4. Sutcliffe Group Swing

Condition: No defects were found

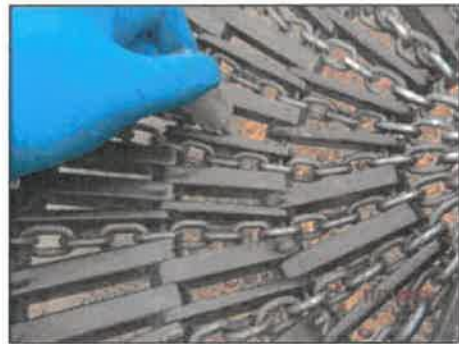
Compliance: Fails BS EN 1176-1, Sec. 4.2.7.6, finger trap between plastic links on basket

Surfacing: Grass Mats

Surface Condition: Grass worn (this may affect the impact attenuating properties of the mats)

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 7



(Potential finger trap – library photo)

5. Sutcliffe Balance Beam

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Grass Mats

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the requirements of BS EN 1176

Very Low Risk: 2



CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

6. Sutcliffe Spring Car

Condition: Slight distortion on one wheel – monitor

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Green Fleck Wet Pour

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the requirements of BS EN 1176

Very Low Risk: 2



(Distorted wheel – library photo)

7. Sutcliffe Spring Seesaw

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Green Fleck Wet Pour

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the requirements of BS EN 1176

Very Low Risk: 2



CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

8. Sutcliffe Toddler Multi Unit

Condition: Centre disc on play panel missing – monitor

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Green Fleck Wet Pour

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 4



9. Sutcliffe 1.94m 1 Bay Swing with 2 Cradle Seats

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Green Fleck Wet Pour

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Very Low Risk: 2



10. Sutcliffe Roundabout

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Fails BS EN 1176-1, Sec. 4.2.7.2, head trap between frame & platform

Surfacing: Green Fleck Wet Pour

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 5



(Potential head trap – library photo)

CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

11. Sutcliffe Junior Multi Unit

Condition: Replace two missing bolts on side of platform

Compliance: Fails BS EN 1176-1, Sec. 4.2.7.6, potential finger traps at holes on platform where bolts missing

Surfacing: Black Wet Pour with Inserts

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Medium Risk: 12



(Potential finger traps at missing bolts)

12. Sutcliffe Six Step Posts

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Comply with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Black Wet Pour with Inserts

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the requirements of BS EN 1176

Very Low Risk: 2



13. Sutcliffe Rota item

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Black & Green Wet Pour

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 4



CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

14. Bespoke Traverse Wall

Condition: Slight rotting of logs – monitor

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Black Wet Pour

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the requirements of BS EN 1176

Very Low Risk: 2



(Rotting log)

15. Unknown Make One 5-a-side Goal

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 15312

Surfacing: Grass

Surface Condition: Worn – monitor

Medium Risk: 8



(Library photo)

CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

Ancillary items/Comments

- Seats x three – within 1m of fence (**Low Risk**)
- Litter Bin x one – satisfactory (**Very Low Risk**)
- Sign – satisfactory (**Very Low Risk**)
- Fence (around items 6-14 only) – potential neck trap at bow tops & seat within 1m (**Medium Risk**) Anti-sag bars not fitted – monitor. Replace one missing bolt
- Pedestrian Gate x one – clearance of between 60mm & 110mm should be maintained at bottom of gate (actually 45mm) (**Low Risk**)
- Only one pedestrian entrance (**Medium Risk**)
- Path satisfactory (**Very Low Risk**)
- General area – good condition. Tidy



(Missing fence bolt)

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Gary Watkinson

17th November 2021



CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD



Site address:-

Mill Lane, Ackworth, Pontefract, West Yorkshire

Date of inspection:-

17/11/2021

Inspected by:

Gary Watkinson

RPii Certificate No 1041A



1. Sutcliffe Rota item

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Grass Mats

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 4



CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

2. Sutcliffe Stand-on Seesaw

Condition: Excessive movement in foundations – requires attention

Compliance: Complies with BS EN 1176

Surfacing: Grass Mats

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 6



3. Sutcliffe Tube Slide

Condition: No defects were found

Compliance: Fails BS EN 1176-1, Sec. 4.2.7.5, foot trap between platform & top of incline climber

Surfacing: Grass Mats

Surface Condition: Potential trip hazards at edges of mats – requires attention (Medium Risk)

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 7



(Potential foot trap)



(Potential trip hazard at edge of mat)

CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

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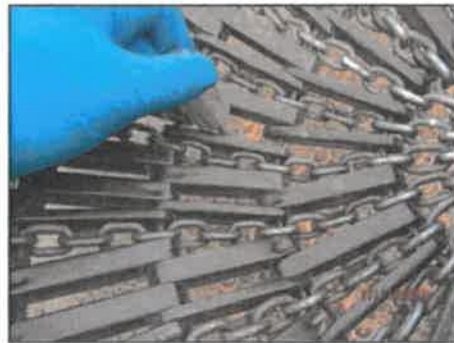
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Surfacing: Grass Mats

Surface Condition: Grass worn (impact attenuating properties impaired if not well maintained) – requires attention

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 7



(Potential finger trap)

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CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

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(Distorted wheel)

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Very Low Risk: 2



CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

8. Sutcliffe Toddler Multi Unit

Condition: Centre disc on play panel missing – monitor

Replace two missing bolt cover caps

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Surfacing: Green Fleck Wet Pour

Surface Condition: Satisfactory

Surface Compliance: Meets the dimensional requirements of BS EN 1176

Low Risk: 4



(Missing bolt cover caps)

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CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

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MEDIUM RISK SITE



Carr Bridge Play Area Inspection Log

ITEM									
Sutcliffe rota item on grass matt									
Sutcliffe stand on seesaw on grass matt									
Sutcliffe tube slide on grass matt									
Sutcliffe group swing on grass matt									
Sutcliffe balance beam on grass matt									
Sutcliffe spring car on green wet pour									
Sutcliffe spring seesaw on green wet pour									
Sutcliffe toddler multiunit									
Sutcliffe 2 cradle swing on green wet pour									
Sutcliffe roundabout on green wet pour									
Sutcliffe junior multiunit on black wet pour									
Sutcliffe 6 step posts on black wet pour									
Sutcliffe rota item on black wet pour									
Bespoke traverse wall on black soft pour									
Bench 1 on wet pour									
Bench 2 on wet pour									
Bench 3 on wet pour									
Bench 4 on grit path									
Wooden steps to rear of traverse wall									
Single gate & Fencing									
Sign outside play area									
Signature									
Date									

21/8/23 16/8/23 3-6-23 7/7/23

Carr Bridge play area inspection log. - Why on the inspection log which you sent me, is the single gate and fencing ticked as compliant when in fact it's been defective since February 2023. It is regretful that the sign outside the play area seems to be more important than the health and safety issues that have been missed.

As per the above, the team and I wasn't aware this was an issue until recently and checks would suggest it hasn't been outstanding since February 2023. If you can provide the information that you did report this, I will certainly review this internally with the team as I agree the health and safety of the young children who use the park is of the utmost importance.

what will be the timescale for these matters to be rectified.

Once the independent playground inspection report has been received, they will advise on any rectifications and timeframes where required which the council will of course review and act accordingly on.

Many Thanks

Jemma

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From: Clerk | Ackworth Parish Council
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 10:39 AM
To: : @gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Carr Bridge Park Health and Safety Issues

Hi ,

I can confirm receipt of your email, I have logged your additional requests for information and have scheduled time next week to review and respond formally which will be within the 20-day timeframe for responding to FOI requests.

Many Thanks

Jemma

Jemma Nolan | Clerk to the Council
Office 01977 611583

From: Clerk | Ackworth Parish Council
Sent: 21 December 2023 12:20
To:
Subject: RE: Carr Bridge Park Health and Safety Issues

Good Afternoon

Now I have had time to review your additional request for information, please see below for responses to your questions which I have included in blue.

I can confirm this request has been actioned within the 20 day FOI timeframe.

Carr Bridge Playground: Double Rocker

1. Could you please tell me if they are qualified to do this kind of work in public playgrounds ie have they had any training?

A requirement of our caretaking role is the general maintenance of equipment and therefore they are competent in removing and replacing fittings.

2. Are they CHAS registered?

Our caretaking team are not CHAS registered however are not currently required to be within the remit of their role.

On whose authority did the members of Council staff replace the spring?

The replacement of the spring was authorised by the council, and I instructed the works to be completed on behalf of the council.

It is of great concern to me as the spring has been replaced on the double seated rocker and the rubber bushes have not been replaced. Therefore, this means that the double seated rocker is not compliant (no rubber bushes).

Please can you provide further information on this statement, preferable evidential or professional advice you have sought which has led you to this conclusion. I ask as to our knowledge all equipment is present and the double seated rocker is compliant. A playground inspection has recently been completed on this site which we are due to receive the report on imminently and of course will review any concerns they raise however to date none have been raised.

Carr Bridge Playground: Gate

Also, another matter of concern, is that the outward opening self-closing gates that should deter entry by dogs, does not self close and has been like this since February 2023. also, the gate post is bent.

I have only recently been made aware of this by one of our Councillors and action is in progress to review this. I have noted from your email however, that you believe this has been outstanding since February 2023, please can I ask if you reported this at the time for me to trace and review why this hasn't been previously actioned?