

Doorstep Play

Typical play features and activities:

Positioned beside a pedestrian route that is well used and provides level access.

A well drained, reasonably flat grassed area or surfaced area for play.

Seating for parents and carers.

Features that allow children to identify with and encourages playful behaviour, such as:

- rocks and logs for low level balancing, and climbing
- planting for scent, colour seasonal change and to attract wildlife
- ground modelling
- sculptural elements



Level access

Benches

Tree planting

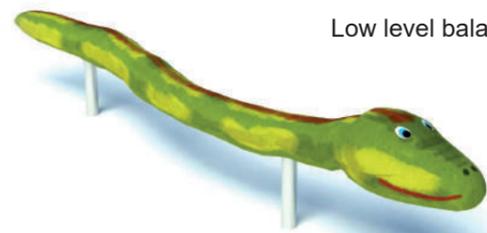


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Role play/
Imaginative play



Low level balancing



Sensory planting



Local Play Area

Tree planting for shade and wildlife

Area for games and free play



Swinging



Multi-play unit for older children



Rotating



Multi-play unit for younger children



Typical play features and activities:

Equipment to provide opportunity for: balancing, rocking, climbing, overhead play, sliding, swinging, jumping, crawling, rotating, imaginative play, social play, and play with natural materials such as sand and water, or other activities.

Natural play including rocks and logs for low level balancing, and climbing.

Adequate space to allow children to be generally active and play chase type games.

The number and nature of equipment and structures is a matter for local consultation and decision, although provision for a minimum of six play experiences is recommended.

Agility trail - climbing/Overhead play



Rocking/social play



Balancing



Role play/imaginative play



Grassy meadows

Neighbourhood Play Space

Gym bars



Table tennis



Hard standing for ball games



Zip wire



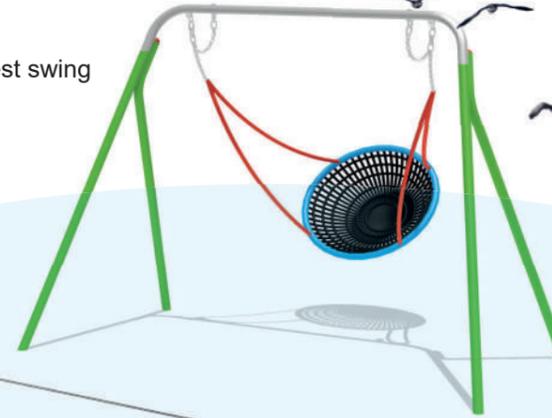
Larger multi-play unit for a range of ages



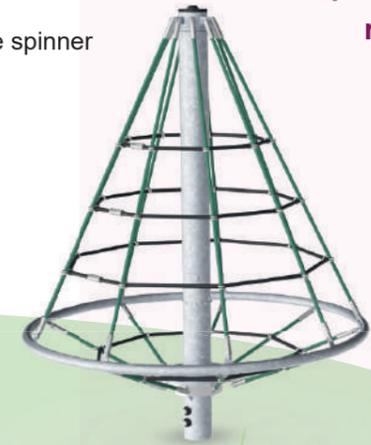
Provision for skating



Bir's nest swing



Cone spinner



Larger green space for games or recreation



Typical play features and activities:

Equipment as per Local Play Space, but with a wider range and a greater focus on older children and some 12 years+.

This may include: Fitness equipment, social seating areas, performance spaces, zip wires, provision for table tennis and equipment that allows for climbing at greater heights.

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Multi-play and Wheeled Play

Dance and Play!



Outdoor performance space

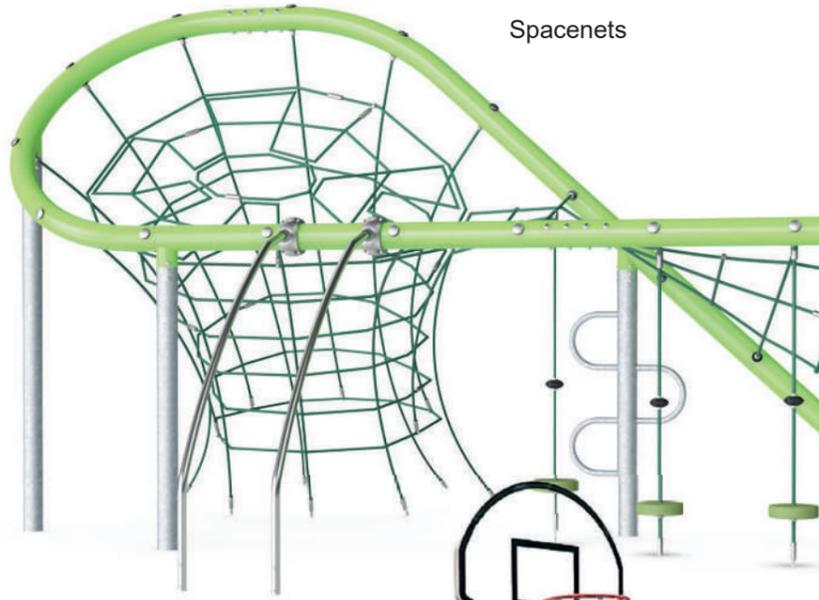
Typical play features and activities:

Traditionally, youth provision focused on Multi-use games areas (MUGA's). BCP Council encourages the combination of a range of facilities to ensure an inclusive provision.

This could include:

- Sports and recreation space with open access, such as a ball court, basketball court, multi-use games area
- Small skatepark, bike park, or other wheeled facility
- Fitness trails or other age-appropriate equipped areas
- Parkour and climbing walls
- Outdoor stage/performance space
- Social seating areas

Spacenet



Hard standing for ball games



Rope-end swing/
bird's nest swing



Small concrete skate provision



Wheeled play beginners track



Pump tracks/
Dirt track



Destination Play Space

A destination play space, such as a themed playground or a skate and wheeled play hub, is a large, bespoke-designed area to attract visitors from a wider region.



Innovative design and technology

For the whole family or large groups; and in a special setting or key location

Typical play features and activities:

These play spaces encourage family visits and larger groups by offering a variety of interactive elements suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

Key Requirements:

A strong design theme inspired by local heritage or context, reinforcing a sense of place.

Large play spaces featuring themed adventure equipment that accommodates multiple generations and sensory needs, fostering community connections.

Inviting outdoor areas that encourage social interaction, relaxation, and longer stays.

Amenities such as cafes, accessible toilets, and changing facilities for disabled people to support longer dwell times.

