

Scrutiny Project Group – Parks and Open Spaces Strategy - study into small equipped play areas – Hasland Hall Park

This estate was built approximately 10 years ago with small play areas at various locations. Listed on the strategy are 5 LAPs* and 1 LEAP** (though on inspection I found an extra LAP)

I visited the site 11.00 to 12:30 on Sunday 19 October. It was a sunny morning, temperature 17 deg C and would therefore be expected to be a popular playing time for young children.



These are the locations of the play areas, 1 to 6 are LAPS 7 is a LEAP.

The following pages show photographs and list my observations.

[* Local Areas for Play, ** Local Equipped Areas for Pay]

1 Kirkby Close LAP

- Pedestrian access only therefore limited alternative use.
- One piece of equipment.
- Fenced off.
- No children using this play area.





2 Cropston Close LAP

- Vehicle access from Seagrave Drive.
- Fenced off.
- Shrubbery overgrown.
- No children using play area.





3 Oadby Drive LAP

- At the side of the highway
- Fenced off
- One piece of equipment plus one bench
- No children using play area



4 Bradgate Croft

- Adjacent to the highway
- One piece of equipment plus one bench
- No children using the play area



5 Oadby Drive LAP (extra one listed at South West end)

- Only one listed on Oadby drive (awaiting confirmation on this).
- Access via what appears to be unadopted road.
- One piece of equipment, one bench.
- No children using play area.





6 Knighton Close

- Large area of green space adjacent to play area
- One piece of equipment, one bench
- No children using play area



Harcourt Close LEAP

- The only “proper” play area on the estate
- Adequate equipment plus a bench
- No children using play area



For consideration:

- The LAPS seem to have little play value.
- All LAPs are within 600 metres of the LEAP.
- Consider adding more equipment to LEAP?
- Balance between maintenance cost and removal cost.
- Should not remove them without consultation of all residents.

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