

APPENDIX 2

Overview of Play Provision Definitions as outlined by the NPFA (FIT) in the ‘Six Acre Standard’

Type of Play Provision	Requirements
Local Area for Play (LAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum activity zone area of 100m² • Caters for children up to 6 years of age • Is within 1 minutes’ walking time from home • Has a buffer zone of 5m minimum depth between the activity zone and the dearest dwelling that faces the LAP. This should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture • Is overlooked by nearby houses • Gable ends or other exposed walls should be protected from use for ball games by, for example, providing a strip of dense planting of 1m minimum depth • Is positioned beside a pedestrian pathway on a well-used route • Occupies a reasonably flat, well-drained site with grass or a hard surface • Contains features that enable children to identify the space as their own domain, e.g. low key games such as hopscotch, a foot-print trail, mushroom style seating etc. • Any playground equipment provided must conform to EN 1176 • Contains seating for parents and/or carers • Has fencing of at least 600mm in height around the perimeter, with a self-closing pedestrian gate to prevent access by dogs • Has a barrier to limit the speed of a child entering or leaving the facility • Has a sign indicating: the area is solely for use by children, adults are not allowed unless accompanied by children, dogs are excluded
Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum activity zone area of 400m² • Caters for children from 4 to 8 years of age • Is within 5 minutes’ walking time from home • Has a buffer zone of not less than 10m in depth between the edge of the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest dwelling and a minimum of 20m between the activity zone and the habitable room façade of the dwelling. This zone should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture • Should not have play equipment overlooking nearby gardens • Is positioned beside a pedestrian pathway on a well used route • Occupies a well-drained site with a grass or a hard surface and features an appropriate impact-absorbing surface beneath and around the play equipment conforming to EN 1177 • Contains at least 5 types of play equipment, of which at least 2 are individual pieces, rather than part of a combination multi-play unit. Each type of play equipment should be designed to stimulate one of the following activities: balancing, rocking, climbing/agility, sliding, social play. Additional items may focus upon rotating, swinging, jumping, crawling, viewing, counting or touching • The playground equipment must conform to EN 1176 • Contains seating for parents and/or carers • Contains a litter bin • Has adequate space around the equipment to enable children to express their general exuberance and play games of ‘tag’ or ‘chase’

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has fencing of at least 1m in height around the perimeter of the activity zone, with two outward-opening, self-closing gates, on opposite sides of the play area, to deter entry by dogs and to restrict opportunities for bullying • Has a barrier to limit the speed of a child entering or leaving the facility • Has a sign indicating: that the area is solely for the use by children, adults are not allowed unless accompanied by children, dogs are excluded, name and telephone number of the operator of the facility to report any incident or damage to the play equipment, and the location of the nearest public telephone
Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum activity zone area of 1000m² that is divided into two parts; one containing a range of playground equipment and the other having a hard surface of at least 465m² (the minimum area needed to play five-a-side football) • Caters predominantly for older children • Is within 15 minutes' walking time from home • Has a buffer zone of not less than 30m in depth between the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest dwelling. A greater distance may be needed where purpose-built skateboarding facilities are provided. This zone should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture • Positioned beside a pedestrian pathway on a well used route • Occupies a well drained site with both grass and hard surfaced areas and featuring an appropriate impact-absorbing surface beneath and around the play equipment conforming to EN 1177 • Contains at least 8 types of play equipment, comprising: at least 1 item to stimulate rocking, touch, social or developmental play among younger children; at least 2 items to facilitate sliding, swinging or moderate climbing; and at least 5 items to encourage either more adventurous climbing, single-point swinging, balancing, rotating or gliding (e.g. cableway). At least 3 of these last 5 items should be individual play items rather than part of a combination multi-play unit • The playground equipment must conform to EN 1176 • Contains seating for parents and/or carers in the vicinity of the play equipment and other seating within the hard-surfaced games area • Contains litter bins at each access point and in the proximity of each group of seats • Has a convenient and secure parking facility for bicycles • Has adequate space around the equipment to enable children to express their general exuberance and play games of 'tag' or 'chase' • Has fencing of at least 1m in height around the perimeter of the activity zone, with two outward-opening, self-closing gates on opposite sides of the space, to deter entry by dogs and to restrict opportunities for bullying • Has a barrier to limit the speed of a child entering or leaving the facility • Has a sign to indicate: the area is solely for use by children, adults are not allowed in the equipped space unless accompanied by children, dogs are excluded, name and telephone number of the operator of the facility to report any incident or damage to the play equipment, and the location of the nearest public telephone