



Churchfields & Knollmead Recreation Grounds

Proludic provide inclusive multi-site refurbishment

Client: Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames

Address: Compton Crescent, Chessington, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT9 2HD
& Knollmead, Surbiton, Surrey, KT5 9QN

Budget: £190,000

Age Range: Toddler, Junior, Teenage, Families

Project Story

Both the existing playgrounds were in need of refurbishment as the equipment and surfacing were old and provided limited play values. Inclusivity was a key requirement and therefore designs were made to enhance the inclusive play experience. Inclusive equipment included a sand play area with an accessible play bridge, sand digger and wheelchair accessible roundabout. Kingston looked for community views on the Proludic playground designs and undertook joint community events to gather these and use the feedback in the revised design. A zip wire was most requested in consultation and so the redesign reflected this feedback with a 25m zip wire. The play areas which were once underused and uninviting are now modern, vibrant and filled with children and families.



After



“RB Kingston worked closely with Proludic throughout the delivery of the project undertaking a joint engagement exercise to listen to the views of the local community and revise the design in accordance with these views. The Friends of group was very active and contributed greatly in the process. The playground has been transformed into an exciting and inclusive play space which is now filled with children and their families enjoying the new facilities.”

Colin Stuart, Project Manager, Royal Borough Of Kingston upon Thames



Churchfields Play Area



Churchfields Design



MPU, Churchfields



Skyrail, Knollmead



MPU, Knollmead



The significance of play for development

Playing is a fundamental requirement for a child's development, helping them evolve, both in terms of motor skills and sensory, cognitive, creative and social levels. By playing children actively participate in their own development and growth. Play is, therefore, both the inherent mode of expression for children and is an important learning tool.