

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

New Playground at 4 Highfields Grove, London

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1. Design and access statement

1.1 Use

The proposed playground at 4 Highfields Grove is for private use by the family who have two young children.

1.2 Amount

The proposed layout of equipment is shown in plan on C&M drawing 4000.101, and in section on drawings 4000.201, 202 and 203.

1.3 Layout and scale

The playground is laid out along the western edge of the gardens which are the lowest lying area of this property.

The playground has been arranged to keep taller structures on low ground to avoid over topping the enclosing evergreen laurel hedge. Low structures are placed on higher ground and the topography used to create opportunities for slides. Thus the playground has no visual impact on the immediate neighbouring properties to the west whose ground level is some 4m below the garden level of this property.

The spacing of the equipment is dictated by their respective fall/safety zones.

1.4 Appearance

Images of the timber play structures with stainless steel connecting crawl tubes and slides are shown in Appendix 1. They have been selected for their natural appearance and visual compatibility with the heavily treed garden.

1.5 Construction and trees

The play equipment is supported on small concrete pads resulting in minimal impact on the roots of the retained trees. Ground levels are otherwise retained with the play surface being a layer of play bark on top of the existing surface.

No trees are to be removed as a result of these proposals.

1.6 Access

Access to the property remains unchanged.

Appendix 1: Play equipment images



4HG Play Area Proposal 2 Equipment Images



Climbing Wall



Play Tower with attachments



Firemen's Pole



Slide



Platform Hut with Roof



Running Boards



Rigid Bridge and Small Triangular Hut



Rope Bridge



Suspension Bridge



Running Board Timbers with safety board



Sand Play Equipment for Platform Hut 1.50m high



Caterpillar Wall 3



Cradle Nest Swing



Sand Tipper