

RUNNYMEDE ACCESS LIAISON GROUP

SAYES COURT RECREATION GROUND, ADDLESTONE

ACCESS APPRAISAL

15 September 2007

Present Jonathan Fisher, Peter Winfield, Edna & Pat Brown, Jo Wright, Mark Silver,
Brian Relph, Keith Barkham, Laura Cowie

Priority A = Essential & Urgent
B = Urgent
C = Recommended
D = Optional

Location	Priority & Action
<u>1. Access and Parking:</u>	
a) No public parking at the Sayes Court Farm Drive side of the recreation ground, residents only	
b) No dropped kerb at this location from the road side to the play area.	A
c) No disabled parking bays at the Crockford Bridge car park at the Brighton Road end of the recreation ground.	A
d) Noted that the nearby Vauxhall garage is using the car park for storage of sale vehicles, courtesy cars and staff parking. Enforcement/restrictions needed, with signage displayed such as "No Overnight Parking", and "For the Use of Sayes Court Recreation Ground Only."	A
<u>2. Play Area:</u>	
a) Play area was upgraded and improved in 2006, offering a range of new and refurbished equipment and surface treatments, some of which were in response to Laura Selbekk's access audit carried out in October 2003.	
b) Includes a roundabout designed to an accessible standard, which was tested and welcomed by the Group.	
<u>3. Multi Use Ball Court:</u>	
a) No surfaced or accessible pathway provided to the ball court.	B
<u>3. Pathways and Benches:</u>	
a) A pathway was laid 2 years ago leading along the eastern side of the recreation ground, down to and alongside the river. This has excellent surfacing of a natural material and light colour, easy to use for wheelchair users and VIPs. It has replaced an informal and often muddy track that was previously virtually impassable for disabled people.	

<p>b) A bench is provided as a resting place alongside the path adjacent to the meadow, with arm rests. Recommend rounding the corners as they are currently quite sharp.</p>	C
<p>c) The bench alongside the river path would benefit from an area of hard surfacing leading up to the bench to provide a visual clue to VIPs and improved access for wheelchair users.</p>	C
<p>d) An additional pathway has been provided leading directly to the Crockford Bridge car park, to a wheelchair accessible standard with level resting points, which is welcomed by the Group.</p>	
<p>e) A surfaced pathway along the entire length of the river is an aspiration of the Council and may be part of future funding plans.</p>	C
<p><u>4. Signage and Way Marking:</u></p>	
<p>a) Way markers would be recommended along the pathway between the Sayes Court Farm Drive and Brighton Road ends of the recreation ground.</p>	C
<p>b) Signage needed from Brighton Road and Liberty Lane to the car park along side the Crockford Bridge apartment block.</p>	A
<p><u>5. Pedestrian Access from Brighton Road:</u></p>	
<p>a) Posts either side of the path need reflective strips as they are virtually invisible to a VIP.</p>	A
<p>b) Recommend moving the river walk sign so that it is easily visible from both directions.</p>	A
<p><u>6. Steps down to river side:</u></p>	
<p>a) The Group welcomes the improvements made to the steps, with the provision of even and level treads, handrails on both sides and white painted strips along the risers, all designed to disabled access standards.</p>	