

RUNNYMEDE ACCESS LIAISON GROUP

HEATHERVALE RECREATION GROUND, NEW HAW

ACCESS APPRAISAL

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

Location	Priority & Action
<u>1. Access and Parking:</u>	
a) Entrance gates – new crossing points ideally should be provided with tactile paving, with dropped kerbs on the opposite side of the road.	C
b) Parking – there are 3 disabled parking bays located very close to the pavilion and the boundary hedge, one of which is difficult to manoeuvre into. Recommend relocating to the area next to the low hedge, lying opposite.	B
c) Recommend providing a cycle rack and motorcycle parking bays in place of the existing disabled bays	C
<u>2. Play Area:</u>	
a) Good easy-risers provided on the bench for ambulant disabled	
b) Good wide gate, easily accessible	
c) Tree root damage on path, needs repairing	B
d) No contrasting strip on the posts of the swings, difficult to pick out	B
<u>3. Pavilion:</u>	
a) Posts need contrasting strip to aid visibility	B
b) Ramp good, one leaf of the double doors should ideally be 800 mm	B
<u>3. Disabled Toilet:</u>	
a) Signage to the toilet is needed from the main pathway leading past the pavilion, and from the paddling pool area located at the rear of the pavilion	B
b) The facility is a good size, easy to manoeuvre and turn, and drop down handles on both sides of the toilet increase accessibility	
c) The toilet, wash basin and bins need to be thoroughly cleaned	A
d) Sensor light was not working at the time of the visit	A
e) A surfaced pathway between the paddling pool and the bowling green to the toilet is suggested to improve access	C