

Assessment of four play areas for Chorleywood Parish Council by Hertfordshire Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor

Location: Site 13 on Chorleywood Common
Positive factors for site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dog walkers park nearby, and the track at the side leads to a couple of dwellings. This helps with natural surveillance• There is vehicle parking at the side for parents with young children
Disadvantages for site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The site is remote at one end of the village, so is less likely to be popular with users?• Is unlit.• Unless attending the site by car or walking across the common, then would have to walk in roadway as there is no pavement leading to the site. This could create highway safety issues?
Risk for creating Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) at location if play area located at this site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could attract alcohol and / or drug users as site is remote.• There are no dwellings overlooking
What measures could reduce / minimise risk for ASB at location: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCTV with suitable night time lighting (Could be infra-red)• Police patrol plan to include site for visits.
Any Other relevant matters regarding site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This would be my <u>3rd choice site</u> out of the four sites asked to look at.

Location:

Site 15 on Chorleywood Common

Positive factors for site:

- Good open site with through traffic having good natural surveillance over the site.
- Has pedestrian desire line at side, so pedestrians would have good natural surveillance over the site, if it was a time the play area is being used.
- Site is easier to get to on foot than site 13.
- Public House nearby providing activity and some natural surveillance over site

Disadvantages for site:

- Is on one side of the village, so is less likely to be popular with users?
- Is unlit
- If attending by car would need to park by site 13, and then on foot cross road bridge (Shepherd's Bridge) with no footpath to site 15.

Risk for creating Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) at location if play area located at this site:

- Could attract alcohol and / or drug users as site is on one side of village.
- According to the Police Neighbourhood team they have dealt with albeit very occasionally people smoking cannabis on the bench seat at this location
- Site is close to railway station car park and could attract youths into the car park of an evening, looking around vehicles
- There are no dwellings directly overlooking

What measures could reduce / minimise risk for ASB at location:

- CCTV with suitable night time lighting (Could be infra-red)
- Police patrol plan to include site for visits.

Any Other relevant matters regarding site:

- . This would be my 2nd choice site out of the four sites asked to look at.

Location:
Groveswood

Positive factors for site:

- This site is the only one actually in the village and so I feel would be more likely to attract local children
- There is parking for parents attending by vehicle as Groveswood Close is out of the permit parking area
- The site is in the middle of a wooded area which would deaden noise for nearby residents
- The site is potentially well overlooked by surrounding dwellings
- The dwellings have a stand-off distance from
- If a problem for a child were to occur on site, then there are dwellings surrounding could call at for assistance.

Disadvantages for site:

- Is unlit, although there is street lighting to roadway surrounding. However because of the location I would not request lighting for this site, as would not wish to attract older youths to this site when it got dark.

Risk for creating Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) at location if play area located at this site:

- Potential noise for nearby residents
- Trees and shrubs surround the play area, hindering open and clear natural surveillance into play area

What measures could reduce / minimise risk for ASB at location:

- Keep some ground cover, but open up some views into the site so there is some natural surveillance into the site. The trees and shrubs should reduce noise and provide safety via natural surveillance from outside play area into the play area.
- Do not provide lighting into play area, otherwise will attract youths to site when dark.

Any Other relevant matters regarding site:

- This site would not need CCTV
- This would be my 1st choice site out of the four sites asked to look at.

Location:

Site 1 on Chorleywood House Estate

Positive factors for site:

- Ease of attending by vehicle and parking
- Young children could play whilst elders are playing tennis or football close to.

Disadvantages for site:

- This is the most remote from the village, and would I wonder if any children from the village actually attend if not provided with transport.
- Site is unlit
- Children attending on their own from the village would have to cross a very busy main road (A404), with no pedestrian crossing provided.
- Little natural surveillance over site

Risk for creating Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) at location if play area located at this site:

- Could attract alcohol and / or drug users as site is on one side of village.
- Parrish office could attract more graffiti on it as a result of the play area.

What measures could reduce / minimise risk for ASB at location:

- CCTV with suitable night time lighting (Could be infra-red)
- Police patrol plan to include site for visits.

Any Other relevant matters regarding site:

- This would be my **4th choice site** out of the four sites asked to look at, as very remote from village and children would have to cross a busy main road to get to.