



equipment to cover a wide range of play experiences such as rocking, sliding, bouncing, swinging and spinning. We recognise that accessible play space is not just about getting the right fixed equipment, but also the design of the space and how it enables people to use it.

Children are also stimulated through colour, movement, tactile elements and varying levels of challenge. When assessing against this criteria, RoSPA say “Good to see the play equipment is obviously suitable for children with “special needs” and that it can be played with (and enjoyed) by all children without any stigma or embarrassment.”

Overall RoSPA say “Aesthetically pleasing as well as providing a challenging play environment with the use of such equipment, particularly the rope based elements.”

Here is a full list of all the equipment that will be enjoying shortly:

- Aerial Runway/Zip Wire
- Cheops Pyramid with bridge and high slide
- Climbing Whirl spinner
- Viking Swing
- Cantilever swing with nest basket
- Trim trail units including balance bridge, ladder traverse, rope traverse and monkey bars
- Tunnel through the embankment
- Wide embankment slide on play embankment
- Junior swings
- Midi Birds Nest Tree
- Windmill 4-sailed hopscotch
- Sunken trampoline
- Bike and Buggy springers
- Toddler swings
- Fortuna Play Course
- Nest Carousel
- Picnic tables and benches



The overall leisure area on the recreation ground has been designed with the skate-park and multi-use ball court the furthest away from existing housing. It is recognised that whilst these facilities themselves do not generate significant noise levels, that the general background level of young people enjoying themselves will be noisier than toddlers at play.

Within the play area itself, features designed for the older children (such as the cheops pyramid) or those likely to generate higher levels of excitement or noise (such as the aerial runway) have been located closest to the skate park/MUGA, whilst the toddler provision has been located by the northern end.

The planning application for the new play space (Phase I) is now being submitted. This will take approximately 3 months to go through, so we hope to be able to remove the old playground and install the new play space in September (subject to some land issues being resolved).

AVDC has been employed to procure the concrete skate park on our behalf, as Phase II. They currently plan to start the process this summer, with a view to installing the skate park next spring. The multi-use ball games court will follow as Phase III, but is dependent upon the sale of the neighbouring land within the Pitstone Development Area.