

Frankfield Loch Play Area

A Functional & Imaginative Design

Client: Taylor Wimpey, West of Scotland
Address: Stepps, Glasgow, G33 6NT
Budget: £50,000
Age Range: Families

Project Story

Graeme Oswald has many years' experience in working in the architect's department with Taylor Wimpey in Glasgow and was determined to maximise the design potential for the play and open space of the large housing development at Frankfield Loch on the North side of the city. He invited Senior Proludic designer Paul Pearson to come up with a play area design which was both functional and imaginative, and which would enhance the appeal and appearance at the main entrance area to the estate.

The play area site is situated directly beside the main entrance road, so was made secure with galvanised bow-top fencing on three sides. There are two pedestrian gates, from which a path has been created to meander from one end of the site to the other, interspersed with a good number of traditional play items including swings, roundabouts and climbing frames for toddler and junior age groups. There are also some natural looking mounds and boulders.

After



Before



“ At Taylor Wimpey we take pride in establishing an attractive environment for our customers, by delivering well considered formal and informal play areas. In order to make this happen however, we need a strong partnership with our play consultants. We recently appointed Proludic on one of our developments where a play area was required in a fairly unique landscaped setting. The site required an area which was both functional and imaginative. We were grateful that Proludic were able to work independently to create a design which brought an exclusive and uplifting feel to the open space, with meandering paths, features areas, trees and bench seating. Proludic's on site project management meant that the only minimal input was required from our technical team. As a result, Taylor Wimpey West Scotland would be delighted to appoint Proludic on future design and build play areas. ”

- Graeme Oswald, Design & Planning Executive, Taylor Wimpey



Diabolo MPU



Pod Swing



Cradle Swing



Play for Housing

LEAP - An area of open space that includes equipment for children who are beginning to experience play independently.

Key Features:

- . Its primary function is to engage local children and encourage growth/independency
- . It is within a 5-minute walking distance from the child's house & 20 meters between activity zone and the dwellings
- . The recommended minimum activity zone is 400 square metres with 5+ play activities