



Wheatley Traveller Site

Space Station Themed Play Area

Client: Oxfordshire County Council

Address: Chilworth Road, Great Milton, Oxfordshire, OX44 7NZ

Budget: £35,000

Age Range: All Ages

Project Story

Central Bedfordshire Council undertook an assessment of play sites within the district and identified the play spaces that were in greatest need of improvement. A consultation was also carried out at this stage for ideas and it was decided 11 bespoke play areas would need to be created by one company. Proludic was approached through the ESPO Framework to provide a proposal for the Playbuilder project phase 1. This involved development of 11 play areas in line with DCSF Playbuilder criteria. Proludic submitted a tender and were awarded the contract based on their ability to understand the needs of the project.

Proludic prepared a design rationale for each site explaining in detail the design factors of each submission; taking into consideration the aesthetics of the site, the themes and requests that the children provided during the consultation and the needs of residents, parents and carers. 11 state-of-the-art play sites were completed to Playbuilder standards and deadlines. Each site has been designed to fulfil the specific requirements of that area and is unique.



Proludic's performance over the course of this project has been outstanding. They have worked well with officers and other partners to meet the very tight deadlines. We are extremely pleased with the 11 play areas created.



- Siobhan Vincent, Central Bedfordshire Council





Vivarea



Star Springer



Cradle Swing



Consultation

Conducting a consultation with the local community, especially the younger generation, is a vital aspect of creating a new play or sports space, for several reasons:

- Discovering what the local residents need from the proposed area
- Ensuring that it is not simply a 'box-ticking' exercise
- Fulfilling the identified 'need' creates a successful and sustainable play or sports space