



Wixams Play Area

A Themed Super LEAP in Bedford

Client: Gallagher Estates
Address: Wixams, Bedford, MK24
Budget: £170,000
Age Range: All Ages & Abilities

Project Story

Gallagher Estates and the Bedford Design Group wanted a LEAP (Local Equipped Area for Play) designing for a new town development in Bedford called Wixams. They wanted the site to be aimed at children aged 4-12 years but also be considerate to other age groups and abilities. The site needed to allow free and creative play with some seating options for parents and guardians.

Proludic worked with Gallaghers and Bedford Design Group to create a flagship park for the area. The use of boulders and sand ensure a successful combination of textures, colour and landscaping which is sympathetic to its setting. This has successfully enhanced the infrastructure and environment of the newly formed housing estate, encouraging physical activity and interaction within the new community. "The park has been a great success and fits in beautifully with the surrounding environment" (Phil Nicolson, Bedford Design Group).



The technical knowledge, design inspiration and implementation skills were all of great benefit. This has helped ensure that we have delivered an excellent and sustainable facility for both the new home owners and Bedford Borough Council.



- Mukesh Ladwa, Construction Director, Gallaghers





Swings & Speed Gyro



Zip Wire & Rodeoboard



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Play Within Housing

LEAP - An area of open space that included equipment for children who are beginning to experience play independently. LEAP's should be designed to ensure the area can be used for physical activities alongside play equipment.

. Its primary function is to engage local children and encourage growth, within a 5-minute walking distance from the child's house - 20 meters minimum separation between activity zone and the boundary of dwellings.