

SKY-HIGH FUN FOR ALL: AN INCLUSIVE AIRPORT-THEMED PLAYGROUND



BROADBRIDGE LANE PLAY AREA

Client:	Burstow Parish Council & Tandridge District Council
Address:	Smallfield, Horley, RH6 9NU
Budget:	£120,000
Age Range:	Toddlers, Juniors, Teenagers
Ranges:	Diabolo, Roll Runner
Surfacing:	Wetpour

Project Story: Burstow Parish Council partnered closely with Proludic Area Manager Tim Bird to deliver an imaginative and inclusive plane-themed playground, inspired by the nearby Gatwick Airport. From the project's inception, Tim worked alongside the council to guide them through every stage, offering expert advice on material choices, effective drainage systems, and strategies to resolve waterlogging issues that had plagued the previous site. His support extended to detailed designs, costings, and written justifications that played a key role in securing grant funding for the new playground.

Once funding was confirmed, the design phase took flight with updated 3D visuals that brought the playground to life for residents and school children, helping them envision the finished space. The final play area is a vibrant, fully inclusive zone that welcomes children of all ages and abilities. Wheelchair-accessible pathways and play panels, including custom-designed airport-themed features, ensure that no one is left out. A **Diabolo Baby unit** adds rich sensory stimulation, with interactive elements tailored to younger children or those with additional needs.



I am so proud of this design. The Council 'dared to be different' so we were able to get really creative with the kit selection and wetpour graphics. It is such a vibrant and exciting site!



Tim Bird
Proludic Area Manager





For thrill-seekers, the playground offers dynamic options like the **Double Perch rocker** and a diverse selection of swings catering to different age groups and physical abilities. At the heart of the space sit two standout features that have quickly become local landmarks: a **Roll Runner** offering high-energy fun, and a **custom airplane-themed multi-play unit (J2689)** that includes an exhilarating two-metre-high tube slide. This flagship piece from the “City” range accommodates up to 10 children and offers eight unique play functions within a footprint of nearly 8 by 5 metres.



The entire space is surfaced with colourful wetpour graphics that reference air travel, including an airplane, a helicopter landing pad, and a playful suitcase motif. This immersive design invites children to take imaginative journeys as they play. Beneath the surface, layers of compacted MOT stone and French drains ensure that the area stays dry and accessible year-round, regardless of the weather.



The result is a fully accessible, thoughtfully themed playground that brings the excitement of aviation to the heart of Burstow. With inclusive features, standout visuals, and top-tier safety and drainage infrastructure, this project sets a new benchmark for community play spaces.



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