

Delivering exceptional play value on a tight budget



SHEPPERTON ROAD PLAY AREA

Client: Spelthorne Borough Council

Address: Shepperton Road, Laleham, TW18 1SE

Budget: £61,000

Age Range: Toddlers, Juniors

Surfacing: Wetpour

Spelthorne Borough Council first worked with Proludic in 2012 and has first-hand experience of the long-term durability and quality of our play equipment. In 2025, the Council approached Proludic again through a tender process to refurbish a playground in Laleham, close to the world-famous Shepperton Studios.

While the site's location offered an obvious cinematic theme, Proludic developed a more locally grounded concept inspired by the nearby River Thames. The design introduced water-themed graphics and play panels, complemented by an elegant bespoke Swan Inclusive Springer, creating a distinctive identity that connects the playground to its riverside setting.

“ This project shows how careful product selection can transform a tight budget into a high-value, inclusive play space with something for every child. ”

Tim Bird,
Proludic Senior
Area Manager



The brief required Proludic to maximise play value within a tight budget, while also responding to the site's challenging ground conditions. The playground becomes wet and boggy during the winter months, making robust safety surfacing essential. Wetpour was therefore included beneath all equipment requiring impact protection, with colourful wetpour wear pads added to improve durability in high-use zones.



The final design carefully fills the available space and introduces new play values that were not previously present. A challenging balance trail encourages children to move through the space towards the Junior Metal Monkey Bars (JPS21), supporting climbing, agility and coordination. A 2.5m Pyramid Climber adds height and physical challenge, while the Cottage Playhouse provides imaginative and social play for younger users.

The swing offer was designed to suit a wide range of ages, abilities and preferences, including a Me-to-You seat, cradle seat, two flat seats and a Mini Rope Hammock Swing. The Low Platform Roundabout is wheelchair-transferable and allows up to four users to play together, supporting shared inclusive play.

Constructed from durable HPL (High Pressure Laminate), galvanised steel and stainless steel, the selected equipment benefits from lifetime warranties on key structural elements. Despite the limited budget, Proludic delivered a varied, inclusive and hard-wearing playground that makes full use of the site and offers something for everyone.

