

A JOYFUL PLAY SPACE AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



WINDERMERE CLOSE PLAY AREA

Client:	Dartford Borough Council
Address:	Windermere Close, Dartford, DA1 2TX
Budget:	£121,000
Age Range:	Toddler, Juniors
Ranges:	Adventure
Surfacing:	Wetpour

Project Story: Windermere Close in Dartford was one of five playgrounds refurbished by Proludic in 2025 as part of Dartford Borough Council's £500,000 investment into neighbourhood play areas. The brief was to breathe new life into a tired and underused space, creating a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming destination that could be enjoyed by families and children of all ages.

The existing playground had fallen into disrepair, so the challenge was to transform it into an attractive environment with strong identity and character while respecting the surrounding residential setting. Being overlooked by nearby homes, careful thought went into the layout to ensure privacy was maintained. The main multiplay unit was positioned in a natural blind spot, so children could enjoy the play space without compromising neighbours' sightlines.



A project well executed from start to finish. Excellent communication throughout made the process easy and straightforward from our point of view. We would be more than happy to work with Proludic again in the future.



Dave Thomas
Waste & Parks Manager
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To bring personality to the site, the **J38553 multiplay unit** from the Adventure range was selected. Offering 54 play values across four decks, it provides a rich variety of activities for up to 32 users at a time, with inclusive features at ground level and more challenging play higher up. Alongside this, new sleeper steps and a post-and-rope traverse were built into the grass bank, leading to a double-width embankment slide that has quickly become a favourite feature.



The **swing zone** includes cradle and flat seats together with an inclusive **swing seat**, ensuring all users can join in. A **low-level balancing trail**, a large **eight-seat woodland seesaw**, and a **1.24m wide spinning bowl** designed for accessibility add further opportunities for cooperative and social play. All equipment, apart from the balancing trail, was installed onto **wetpour surfacing with colourful wear pads**, giving the area year-round usability and visual appeal. A new pathway and seating area were introduced to provide comfort and excellent visibility for parents and carers while children play.

The result is a joyful play space at the heart of the community. Bright, safe and inclusive, it has injected energy and colour back into Windermere Close and is already being enjoyed by families on a daily basis.



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