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## Play Strategy

# FOXHOLE FARM, BOLNEY

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Designated small open spaces, known as a Local Area for Play (LAP), are strategically laid out within a minute's walk from residences, specifically tailored for very young children. LAPs are thoughtfully designed to encourage spontaneous play and social interaction among toddlers, relying on demonstrative features rather than specific play equipment.

These LAPs are integral to community planning, situated along well-used pedestrian routes within one minute's walking distance. The play equipment in LAP areas is designed for children aged 6 and below, incorporating low-level structures defining the play space. Covering a minimum activity zone of 100m<sup>2</sup>, LAPs maintain a 5m buffer from surrounding properties. If needed, fencing with a recommended height of 60cm ensures safety. LAPs also include seating for parents or caregivers and appropriate signage, creating a secure and enjoyable environment for young children.

In newly developed housing estates, LAP areas are invaluable, attracting new and expectant parents by offering a safe and communal space for their young children to play, fostering a sense of community and security.



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Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAP) are specially designated spaces located within a 5-minute walking distance along a frequently used pedestrian route. Tailored for children beginning to engage in independent outdoor play, LEAPs are equipped with formal play structures. These playgrounds offer diverse play experiences, including at least 3 distinct play items, fostering physical, creative, intellectual, social, and solitary play. The play area covers a minimum of 400m<sup>2</sup>, leaving ample room for active games like tag within its boundaries.

Safety is paramount in LEAPs, with a 10-meter buffer zone between the play area and house boundaries, and a 20-meter buffer from habitable room facades of dwellings. If the LEAP is near a road, fencing is installed, and in public open spaces, landscaping is utilised. These areas also provide seating and litter bins for parents and caregivers, ensuring a comfortable environment.

LEAPs are intended for early school-age children (4-12 years), with consideration for other age groups. They serve as focal points for children learning to play away from direct parental control, encouraging independence and responsibility. LEAPs are typically located within 10 minutes' safe walking distance from the homes they serve, allowing for informal supervision either from nearby houses or well-used pedestrian routes.

In urban planning, LEAPs are usually not placed in developments of fewer than 30 houses, unless a lack of play areas exists. Each LEAP serves between 30 and 100 dwellings, and larger developments of over 100 houses may require multiple LEAPs. Specific guidelines dictate the location, size, and layout of LEAPs, ensuring functional, safe, and enjoyable play spaces for children while preventing duplication and promoting community engagement.

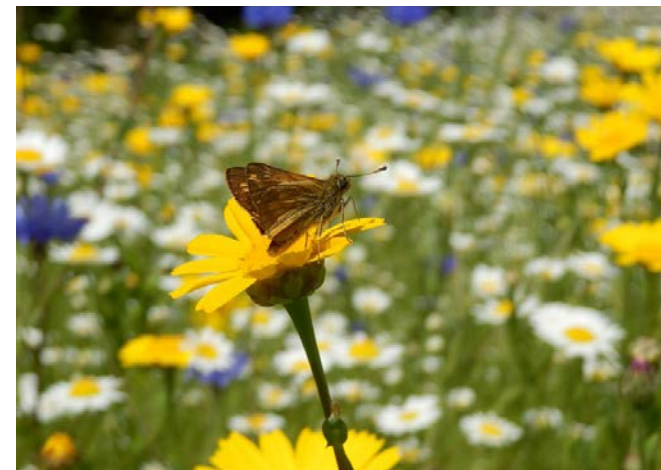
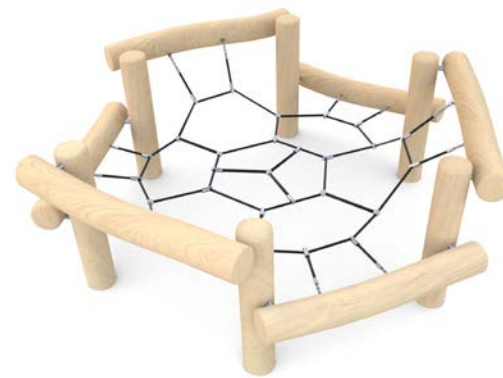


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The Biodiversity LAP encourage spontaneous play and social interaction among toddlers and young children, with a mix of tactile, interactive and stimulating features to inspire creative and imaginative play, and the exploration of the natural world.

More traditional features such as biodiversity-themed play panels and fixed seating alongside a web-themed piece of play equipment from Miracle support imaginative play. Nearby, features for biodiversity enhancement such as log piles, wildflower meadows, bee hotels, etc. bring the natural world close at hand and inspire the imagination.

All LAPs include seating for parents and carers, and a rubbish bin, as well as appropriate safe surfacing where required.



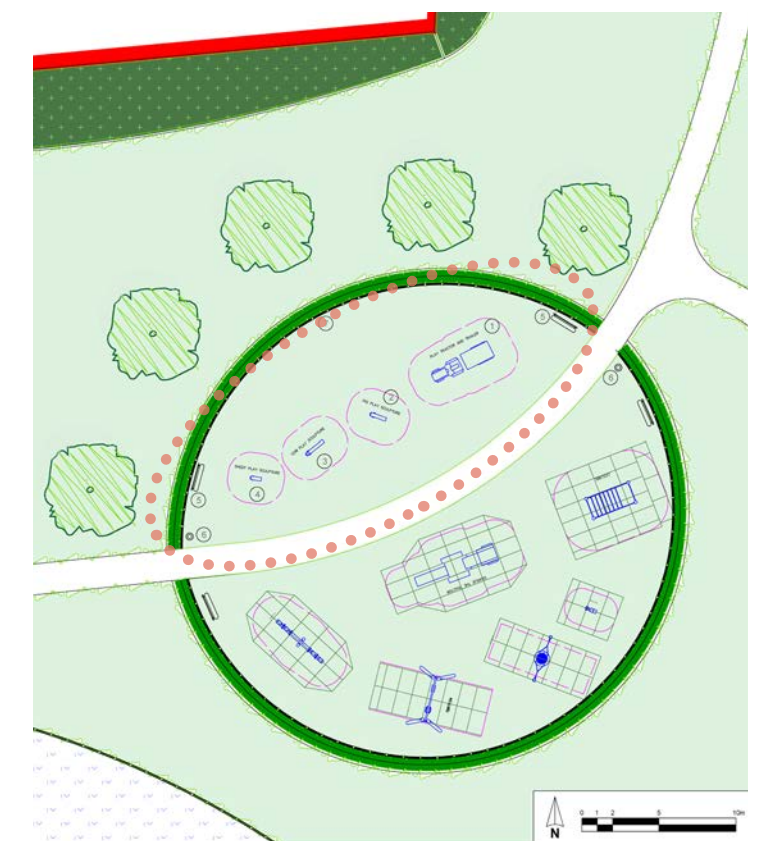
## 4.12 The Biodiversity LAP

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The Farmyard LAP provides a very different play environment, ensuring different spaces are created for every child's preferences. Wooden farmyard animals and a tractor provide a mix of play and seating opportunities, whilst reclaimed tractor tyres create an informal play trail.

The Farmyard LAP is designed to be closely linked thematically to the adjacent Tractor LEAP, creating interrelated play environments, and a logical transition between areas as children grow older.

Themed benches continue the theme. All LAPs include seating for parents and carers, and a rubbish bin, as well as appropriate safe surfacing where required.



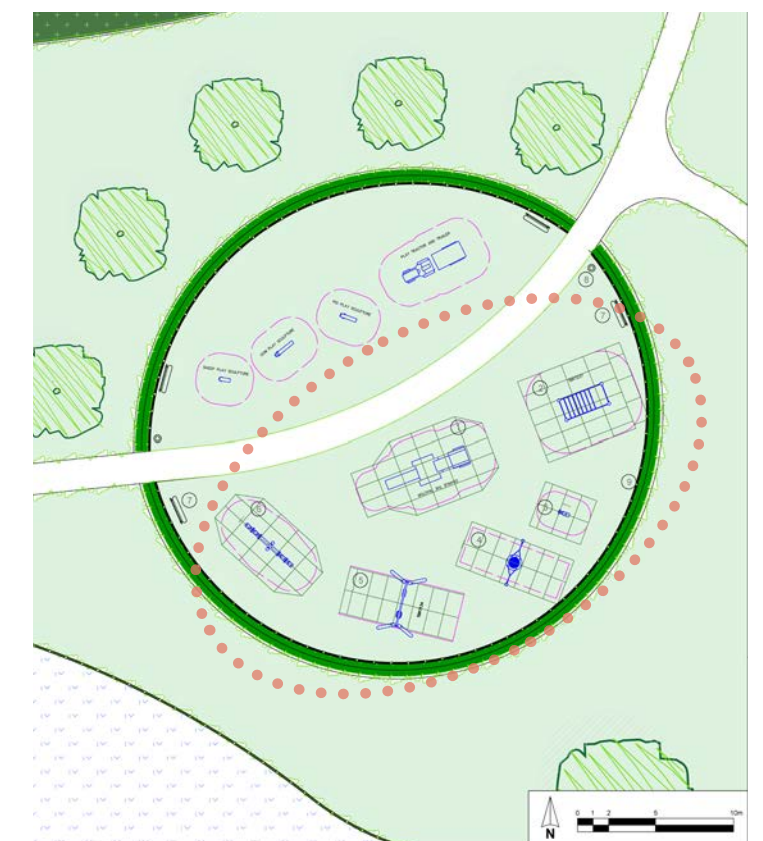
## 4.13 The Farmyard LAP

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The Tractor LEAP combines 5 pieces of standard Miracle play equipment with a statement focal tractor-themed multi-play piece from Outdoor Play UK. The focal tractor is designed to inspire and excite children to visit the play area, and continues the theme of the outdoors and natural world, linking to the wider agricultural landscape.

Different experiences and preferences are catered for, including a covered seating area which also doubles as a space for imaginative play.

All LEAPs include seating for parents and carers, and a rubbish bin, as well as appropriate safe surfacing where required. The LEAP will be surrounded by a simple post and rail fence lined with a mixed native hedgerow.



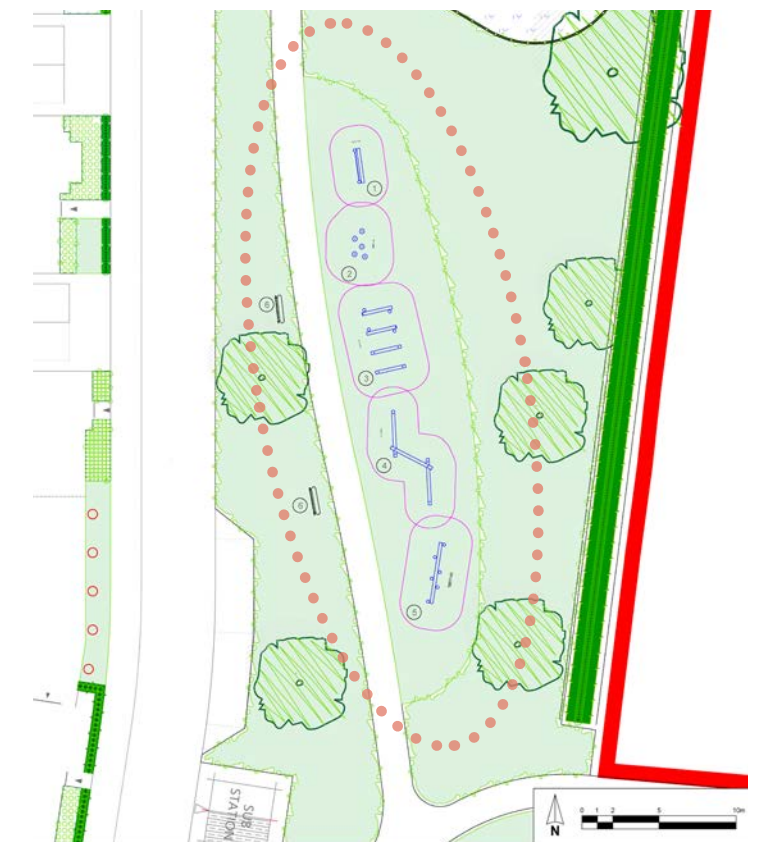
## 4.14 The Tractor LEAP

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The Natural Trail LAP is located on the loop path that interlinks all of the play areas, as well as being located between two paths that link to the existing homes along The Street to the east. The aim is to create an environment for both 'play on the way' on this through-route, whilst also providing a destination for play in its own right.

Miracle play equipment is specified to create an interlinked trail, running parallel to the main path.

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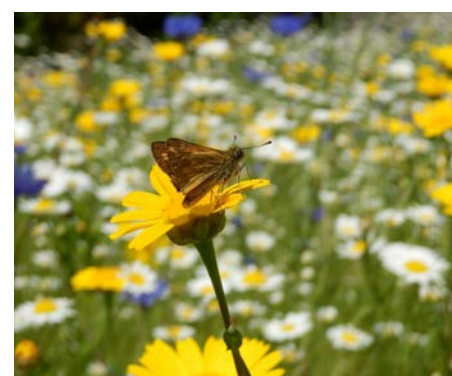
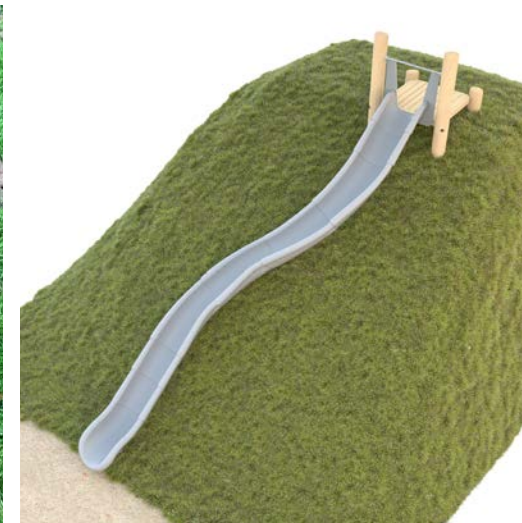
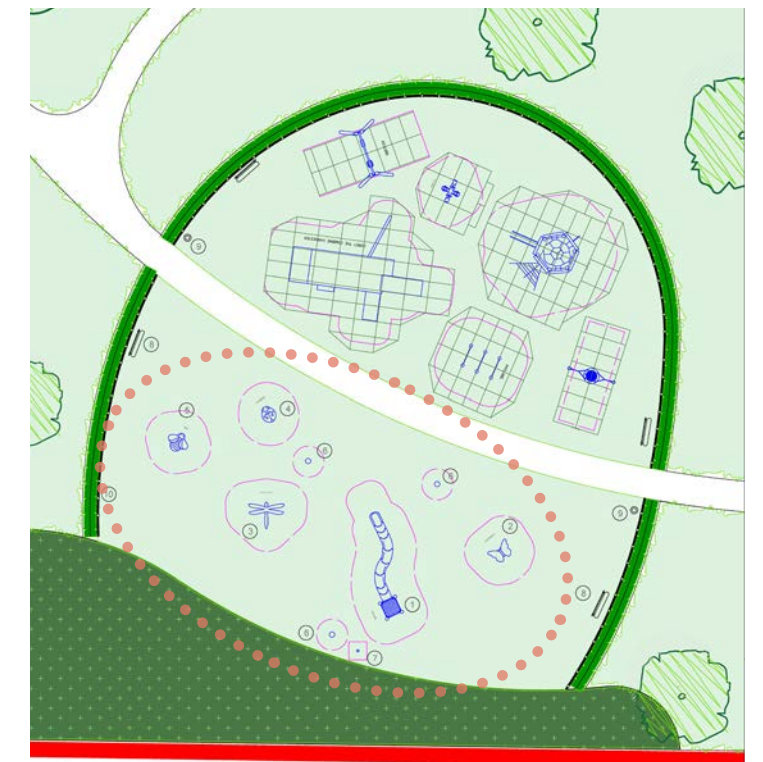
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The Creepy Crawlies LAP encourage spontaneous play and social interaction among toddlers and young children, with a mix of tactile, interactive, and stimulating features to inspire creative and imaginative play, and the exploration of the natural world.

Wooden insects inspire imaginative play, but also provide seating and an environment for a calmer form of play for those who would prefer it. An embankment slide takes advantage of the topography, and allows children to imagine themselves flying as they slide down.

Bug-themed fixed seating and magnifying posts to inspect insects and leaves support inquisitive play. Nearby, features for biodiversity enhancement such as a bug hotel and wildflower meadows bring the natural world close at hand and inspire the imagination.

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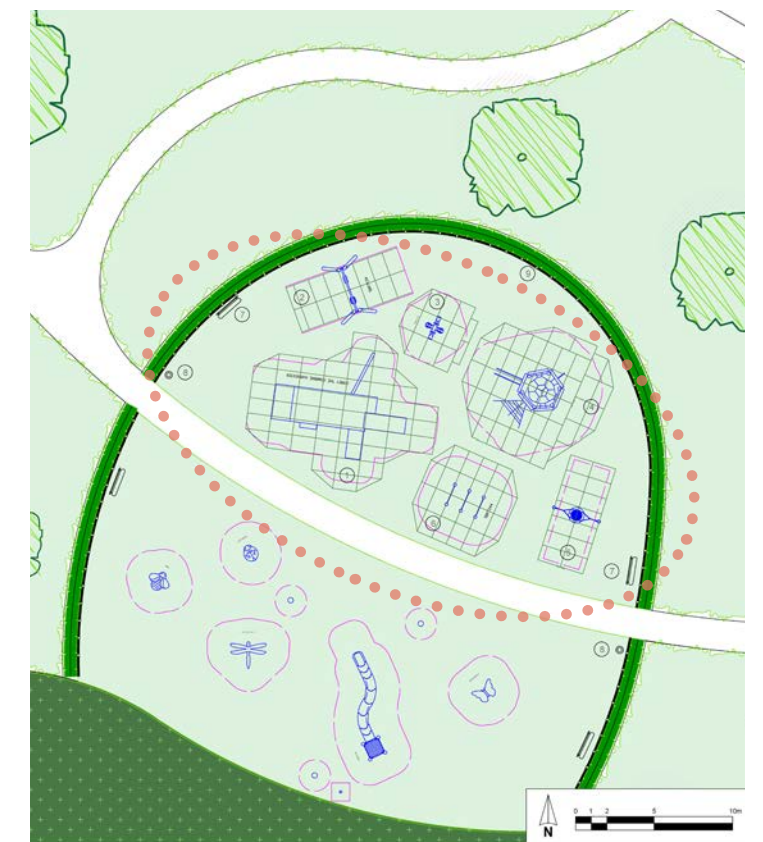


## 4.16 The Creepy Crawlies LAP

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The Combine Harvester LEAP combines 5 pieces of standard Miracle play equipment with a statement focal combine harvester-themed multi-play piece from Outdoor Play UK. The focal combine harvester is designed to inspire and excite children to visit the play area, and continues the theme of the outdoors and natural world, linking to the wider agricultural landscape.

All LEAPs include seating for parents and carers, and a rubbish bin, as well as appropriate safe surfacing where required. The LEAP will be surrounded by a simple post and wire fence lined with a mixed native hedgerow, with estate gates.



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