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Joseph,

Thanks for sending through additional information for the Discharge of planning condition no 17 relating to planning application DM/18/0509. This is sufficient to discharge the condition. I would however, recommend that no structural timber on the play equipment, comes directly into contact with the ground.

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon Nicole,

Following your comments.

The agent has now come back with some amendments as per the attached.

Please can you advise if this is now sufficient?

Many thanks

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Joseph,

Thanks for sharing the Freeks Farm play area drawing produced by Public Open Space dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – R1.

I have reviewed the plan against the comments I provided previously and still have the following comments:

Access within the play space – Information has been provided which shows Grass Mat Safety Surfacing around and connecting the individual pieces of play equipment. There is no surfacing from the gate. This could limit use to dry months only and restrict who is able to access the facility to able bodied people only. Thought should be given to providing access to at least some of the play area for people with limited mobility, and in winter months from the gate.

Play equipment material –information is still required regarding the equipment material specification. Particularly structural posts and footings.

Play equipment play value – The revised design shows thought has been given to people with limited mobility which is positive, but there is limited play value offered by the equipment shown. Thought should be given to providing opportunity for inclusive play for a wider age range. Wheelchair accessible equipment has been provided with no means of accessing it from the gate. If an in ground unit like the proposed wheelchair trampoline is provided, thought must be given to drainage of that unit.

Plant selection – This plan appears to suggest planting is proposed within the play area. If planting is included in the proposals, please provide species information.

Many thanks,

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Good afternoon Nicole,

Following your comments as set out below, I have raised these with the applicant and they have provided the attached updated play area proposal plan.

Please can you advise if this is sufficient to address your comments.

Many thanks

Joe

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Joseph,

Thank you for providing the additional information and for the opportunity to comment on the play area proposals for DM/25/0947 - Land To The West Of Freeks Lane Burgess Hill West Sussex.

Further information required before condition can be discharged.

I have reviewed the following drawings:

- Landscape Masterplan - 1543/010 Rev E
- Site Location Plan - AA7888-2001
- Northern Gateway Landscape Vignette - 1543/008 Rev E

Position of play area within site – The LEAP is located in the north of the site and is overlooked by residential properties, although mature trees may limit the natural surveillance. The play area is well overlooked from the road to the west which on the information provided, does not lead anywhere currently so is unlikely to offer much in the way of natural surveillance.

Access to the play space – a gravel dressed path provides good access to the play area from the rest of the surrounding area.

Access within the play space – based on the information provided, the surface within the play area is grass. This could limit use to dry months only and restrict who is able to access the facility to able bodied people only. Thought should be given to providing access to at least some of the play area for people with limited mobility, and in winter months. More information is needed regarding surface treatments including impact attenuating surface.

Boundary treatment – more information is required regarding the boundary treatment.

Play equipment material – more information is required regarding the equipment material specification. Particularly structural posts and footings.

Play equipment play value – there is limited play value offered by the equipment shown. Thought should be given to providing opportunity for play for a wider age range. Thought should also be given to providing at least one piece of inclusive play.

Street furniture – more information is needed regarding what street furniture is being provided.

Plant selection – no information is provided regarding planting but it is good to see retained and proposed trees around the play area to offer shade.

Kind regards,

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Hi Nicole,

Thank you for your email.

I have attached a copy of the Landscape Master Plan and a location plan, which hopefully provides you with the additional information required.

If you need any further information let me know.

Many thanks

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Joseph,

In order to be able to comment on the submitted plans for discharge of condition 17 (DM/18/0509) are you able to direct me to some up to date drawings which show the play area in context? I need to be able to understand proximity to other play areas and how busy the roads are likely to be.

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Please find attached a consultation letter from Mid Sussex District Council - DM/25/0947

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