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Access Audit REPORT

Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground

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Visit to Tonbridge Sportsground

21 June 2013.

By Duncan White (Building Control), and John Dicker (Leisure)

Area or Building	Problem	Suggestion / Solution / Action
Footpaths	Uneven surfaces where tree roots have grown under the paths, or the path has deteriorated. Both causing a trip hazard for the visually impaired, and for wheelchair users.	<p>Repair or resurface the paths as necessary. Consider removal of trees, but be aware that this may cause collapse of the path as the roots die away.</p> <p>Build up path to ramp over the root, but be careful not to create localised steep ramps.</p>
Seating	A good variety of seats adjacent to paths is provided. Some are isolated from the path. No wheelchair or pushchair spaces adjacent to ends of seats.	<p>Ensure that 75% of all seats are either adjacent to the path or linked to the path by a hard surfaced path at least 760mm wide.</p> <p>Where new seats are installed, provide a hard surface space at one end of the seat, of sufficient size for a wheelchair user to manoeuvre and park. A hard surfaced path at least 760mm wide should be provided if the seat is not adjacent to the main path.</p> <p>The space provided should allow for a turning circle of 1500mm, which may include the path, but have a minimum size of 760mm x 1200mm. The longer dimension should be perpendicular to the path.</p> <p>It is recommended that a number of the existing seating areas are improved to a similar standard. The number of adapted wheelchair provisions of existing seating should be not less than 20% after 3 years.</p>
Play area	Generally good facilities allowing use by everyone. Limited access to play equipment for a wheelchair user.	Provision is not expressly required for disabled children to access the play equipment, however consideration should be given to providing a hard surface path 760mm wide to each item from the main footpath so that a parent/carer in a wheelchair can be part of the experience.