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## Access Audit REPORT

### Tonbridge Farm Sportsground Darenth Avenue

September 2013



<b>A Report to:</b>	John Dicker – Planning Transportation and Leisure For TMBC use only	<b>Date:</b>	17 Sept 2013
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# Visit to Tonbridge Sportsground

**16 September 2013.**

By Duncan White (Building Control)

Area or Building	Problem	Suggestion / Solution / Action
Footpaths	No Comments	
Seating	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A good variety of seats adjacent to paths are provided. Some are isolated from the path. No wheelchair or pushchair spaces adjacent to ends of seats, other than picnic benches.</li> <li>2. There are a very limited number of seats in the play area, including the enclosed sports areas, that have a back, and none that have arm supports. In the playing fields all the seats have back rests but only one has arm rests to support and assist in getting up and down from the seat.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No additional seating is required across the site, but where new seating is to be installed, consideration should be given to ensuring wheelchair access is provided to and adjacent to the fixed seating. When 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. 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. A hard surfaced path at least 760mm wide should be provided if the seat is not adjacent to a main path. It is recommended that 20% of the overall provision of seating should be accessible.</li> <li>2. Consideration given to adapting or replacing existing seats to provide suitable supports, and new seating should include back and arm support.</li> </ol>
Play area	Generally good facilities allowing use by everyone. Access to a few items play equipment for a wheelchair user is limited.	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 play item from the main footpath so that a parent/carer in a wheelchair can be part of the experience.