

## Wellhouse Slide

The Council pay for expert independent advice from Colchester Borough Council for quarterly park inspections and for RoSPA to complete annual inspections, and these reports received have all highlighted issues with the slide.

- Groundsman Inspection recommends replacement slide
- CBC inspections recommended repair to slide. Sides of slide finger entrapment have been filled but this need more of a permanent fix, top of slide is only fixed at two points onto the climbing frame two other fixings are missing.
- RoSPA report recommended replacing missing parts, as slide has incorrect part of fixture and incorrect slide barrier used and no slide bar fitted.
- RPII Annual Playground Inspector report identifying that the slide is no longer EN1176 compliant and recommended that the slide is replaced with Kompan components.

### Insurers

Insurers have stated the Council is paying experts for their independent advice and where they report that missing parts need to be replaced, they should be replaced. The insurers and the Council are not experts in play equipment and would expect WMTC to follow guidelines and advice from independent inspectors.

### CBC Park Inspector

Missing parts, side panels and safety bar should be replaced and put back to manufacturers specification. Replacing just the safety bar would put the slide back to a standard but there would still be issues with the side panels and the holes left as the panel is absent.

### RoSPA Inspector

As long as the bar is of the correct dimensions and it is at the correct height it should be ok.