



Bothenhampton & Walditch

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Playdale Playgrounds Ltd  
Haverthwaite  
Ulverston  
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LA12 8AE

By email

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Dear Ms Yates

### **JOHN GUNDRY PLAY AREA, WALDITCH, DORSET**

Further to your email I can confirm that I have received a report from Cllr Chris Addis shortly after his meeting with your engineer Paul Bridle. While Paul explained your standard practice when replacing posts, Cllr Addis said that it didn't sound entirely satisfactory and referred him to our professional inspector's quarterly report and comments which were listed to you in our email/letter of 17th August 2021.

At the end of Cllr Addis report he said, 'After discussion the engineer offered to suggest to Playdale to write formally and say that if any of the posts rotted within a given number of years Playdale would replace them.' Cllr Addis also said to Paul, that he assumed the posts were covered by a new and similar warranty to the originals and that if Playdale wished to avoid kick back from the parish council the letter should also make clear that the labour would be free too, particularly if the number of years quoted were less than the normal warranty.

We are being guided by the comments of our professional inspector who has wide experience in these matters and was the originator of the concerns. Also, having read the Inspection and Maintenance Schedules you sent it says on each of them 'check foundations are secure and not cracked'. We would argue that the foundations are not secure and as we said, there is evidence that they are breaking up. So, do you intend to follow your engineer's advice, or do you prefer to return to site and make good the concrete around all the other posts as you did the posts on the swing seat which you clearly acknowledged, by the visit of your sub-contractor, were not finished properly?

Yours sincerely

Cllr A J Basker  
Chairman

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