

Hill End Road

A Natural Play Space for The Local Community

Client: London Borough of Hillingdon

Address: Hill End Road Play Area, Harefield, UB9 6LB

Budget: £90,000

Age Range: Families

Project Story

London Borough of Hillingdon undertook some consultation with the local community to ask what type of new play space they were looking for. The overwhelming opinion was to replace the existing traditional steel equipment with natural Robinia timbers by selecting our Origin range.

The Origin' range reproduces the very essence of what nature has to offer: a forest walk, crossing a stream over stepping stones or an uprooted tree trunk, a playhouse made of fallen branches, an adventure trail that includes climbing, sliding and observing. Children's senses are awakened and stimulated by visual and tactile contact with Robinia wood.

After



Before



It has been a pleasure to see the transformation of this space from a traditional uninspiring play area into a space that blends aesthetically into the woodland setting. The equipment and surfacing are all natural, by using timbers and specific colours in the surfacing. It will provide a beautiful place to play for local people for many years.



- Steven Yates, Senior Landscape Officer



Origin MPU



Origin Seesaw



Large MPU



Public Consultation

Conducting a consultation with the local community, especially the younger generation, is a vital aspect of creating a new play or sports space, for several reasons:

- Discovering what the local residents need from the proposed area
- Ensuring that it is not simply a 'box-ticking' exercise
- Creating a design as a result of the consultation findings
- Fulfilling the identified 'need' creates a successful and sustainable play or sports space

