Allotment Rules about Fences, Paths, Trees, Keeping Animals, Play equipment

Current Council Rule & proposed change	BDAC Alternative
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No fixed play equipment may be installed anywhere on a Plot or on the Site. (10.10) New rule: No play equipment (fixed or non-fixed) may be installed anywhere on a Plot or on the Site, other than for a permitted and approved event held by the Association. (New rule 10.11)	Play equipment (fixed or non-fixed) may be installed for a permitted and approved event held by the Association and on plots provided that tenants have applied for and been given permission for specific items by the Association

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