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Require local authorities to provide facilities suitable for use by children with disabilities when they upgrade play areas or construct new play areas.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Provision for needs of disabled children

Any local authority making provision for play spaces and equipment for children shall inquire into, and seek to make adequate provision for meeting, the needs of disabled children to gain access to and use such spaces and equipment.

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2 Consultation

At least once in each calendar year, a local authority shall consult such local bodies as it considers are representative of disabled children and of those who work with disabled children to review progress in improving access to play areas and play equipment.

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3 Financial support: matters to be taken into account

In considering financial support to organisations providing play opportunities for children, a local authority shall take into account the extent to which such organisations have complied with any relevant provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

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4 Interpretation

In this Act, “disabled child” has the same meaning as in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

5 Short title and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Children with Disabilities (Play Areas) Act 2002.

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- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales only.