

Annex B Open space standards

Open Space Typology	Quantity criteria	Quality Standard	Accessibility Standard	Catchment area
Country parks	<p>Minimum 20ha in size</p> <p>To meet the provision shortage there is a potential to deliver a park West of the City and upgrade larger existing district parks into Country Park Status as per Natural England's accreditation.</p> <p>Nature, Green and Blue Infrastructure Study will further explore possible locations for such strategic land allocation. Funding options to be explored.</p>	<p>Sites to be established in line with requirements set for accredited Country Parks by Natural England (work towards achieving accreditation status and Green Flag award).</p> <p>Parking including disabled parking, available on site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Transport links within 5 min walking distance from site entrance - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to and within the site. - All key access points to be fully accessible. 	<p>Strategic facilities that serve wider public across the boundaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sites containing at least 20 ha of natural greenspace to be within 2km of residential properties via accessible road network - Sites containing at least 100ha of natural greenspace that are within 5km of residential properties of residential properties via accessible road network.
District Parks	<p>At least 12ha for pursuits other than playing fields</p>	<p>Attractive landscape with various facilities, off-road parking including disabled parking provided on site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Transport links within 5 min walking distance. - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites. 	<p>Residents to be within 1200m of District, Linear Park or 'other' natural and semi natural greenspaces via accessible route network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sites of least 10 ha to be within 1km of residential

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		<p>Can include public art.</p> <p>Benches, litter bins and dog bins provided on site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to and within the site. - All key access points to be fully accessible. 	<p>properties via accessible road network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sites of least 20 ha to be within 2km of residential properties via accessible road network - Sites of at least 100ha to be within 5km of residential properties via accessible road network - Sites of at least 500ha to be within 10km of residential properties via accessible road network
<p>Linear Parks</p>	<p>At least 80 % of the site area for primary purpose as per typology description.</p> <p>Opportunities to be explored along the water bodies or other linear features of wildlife value.</p>	<p>Mitigation of flood events, preservation of archaeology, provision of ecological corridors.</p> <p>Provision of pedestrian and cycle corridors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Transport links to key access points within 5 min walking distance. - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to and within the site. 	<p>Residents to be within 1200m of District, Linear Park or ‘other’ natural and semi natural greenspaces via accessible route network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sites of least 10 ha to be within 1km of residential properties via accessible road network - Sites of least 20 ha to be within 2km of residential

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. - Off-road and on road parking available near key access points including disabled parking. 	<p>properties via accessible road network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sites of at least 100ha to be within 5km of residential properties via accessible road network - Sites of at least 500ha to be within 10km of residential properties via accessible road network
<p>‘Other’ Natural and Semi-natural greenspaces</p>	<p>No loss in overall amount</p>	<p>Land should be managed to conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity and heritage. Sites to be managed in accordance with their designation and/or management plan</p>	<p>Review opportunities to increase provision through creating new public access to areas not currently accessible by sustainable methods that do not harm the setting.</p>	<p>Residents to be within 1200m of District, Linear Park or ‘other’ natural and semi natural greenspaces via accessible route network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sites of least 10 ha to be within 1km of residential properties via accessible road network - Sites of least 20 ha to be within 2km of residential properties via accessible road network - Sites of at least 100ha to be within 5km of

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				residential properties via accessible road network - Sites of at least 500ha to be within 10km of residential properties via accessible road network
Amenity greenspace	0.7ha/1000 population of either (order of preference): - Local Park - Pocket Park - Amenity Greenspace of either of the open space types to be provided Size linked to density of the surrounding area. Standard to be developed for key densities: - Low density up to 25dph - General residential 25dph-35dph - Frontage and community hubs 35dph-50dph - Hub area 50-100dph	Designed into developments so that homes face onto it. Design and layout are to ensure that they enhance the appearance. The site must have long term maintenance and management plans. Formal sports activities to be permitted subject to appropriate parking arrangements. Often contain play equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - If formal sports are permitted- Off-road and on road parking available near key access points including disabled parking. 	Residents to be within 710m of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amenity greenspace, - Local Park - Pocket Park - Civic spaces and formal gardens via accessible route network Separate standards for the play areas apply.

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Local Park	0.7ha/1000 population of either (order of preference): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Park - Pocket Park - Amenity Greenspace Over 0.4ha Size linked to density of the surrounding area. Standard to be developed for key densities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low density up to 25dph - General residential 25dph-35dph - Frontage and community hubs 35dph-50dph - Hub area 50-100dph 	Often include areas primarily for play and social interaction for children and young people. Can include single sports field. Vegetation, pathways, fencing, and equipment is managed. Provision of benches, litter, and dog bins. Actively managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites. - Public Transport links to key access points within 5 min walking distance. 	Residents to be within 710m of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amenity greenspace, - Local Park - Pocket Park - Civic spaces and Formal Gardens via accessible route network Separate standards for the play areas apply.
Pocket Park	0.7ha/1000 population of either (order of preference): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Park - Pocket Park - Amenity Greenspace Site under 0.4ha	May include informal play features. Provision of benches, litter bins, and dog bins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. 	Residents to be within 710m of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amenity greenspace, - Local Park - Pocket Park - Civic spaces and Formal Gardens

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites. 	<p>via accessible route network</p> <p>Separate standards for the play areas apply.</p>
<p>Civic Spaces and Formal Gardens</p>	<p>To be required and assessed on case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Formal urban open spaces including civic and market squares.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites. - Public Transport links to key access points within 5 min walking distance. 	<p>Residents to be within 710m of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amenity greenspace, - Local Park - Pocket Park - Civic spaces and Formal Gardens <p>via accessible route network</p> <p>Separate standards for the play areas apply.</p>
<p>Food growing areas: Allotments, Orchards and Community Growing</p>	<p>To be provided in areas of demand and in discussion with the parish councils.</p> <p>Proposed 0.25ha/1000 population</p>	<p>Opportunities for people to grow their own produce, including allotments, community gardens, community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - Disabled Parking to be provided 	<p>N/A</p>

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		<p>orchards and growing areas such as fruit trees and vegetable patches.</p> <p>National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners allotment standards: plot size 250m², paths 1.4m wide for disabled access, haulage ways 3m wide. Water supply to be provided.</p>		
Cemeteries, churchyards and other burial grounds	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - Off road or on road parking provided. 	N/A
Formal outdoor playing fields	1.2ha/1000	Please refer to latest Playing Pitch Strategy or any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. 	1,200m from residential development via accessible routes

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		other relevant up to date guidance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites. - Public Transport links to key access points within 5 min walking distance. 	
Green access links	N/A	<p>Seating, resting places to be provided.</p> <p>Can form part of the Redway or equestrian leisure routes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points to be fully accessible. 	N/A
Common land and Village Greens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paddocks	N/A	Size to be in line with British Horse Society recommended minimum standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of any new paddocks should be within access of bridleway where possible. 	N/A

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		<p>or other up to date best practice guidance. Consideration should be given whether horse shelters will be needed. Sites to have water supply.</p>		
<p>Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP)</p>	<p>0.25ha/1000 population to be provided on site</p> <p>To include separation buffer to ensure that play area activities are not located near roads or parking.</p> <p>Size depending on the density of the housing.</p>	<p>To include equipped play area for those under the age of 8.</p> <p>Designed to provide ‘bespoke’ experience and be located within residential development and allow evolution of the site by flexible design</p>	<p>Co- located ideally with either of the following: Local Park, District Park Linear Park Pocket Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points accessible to disabled. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites 	<p>Residents to be within 300m of LEAP via accessible route network</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play (NEAP)</p>	<p>0.6ha/1000 population to be provided on or offsite via contributions</p>	<p>Equipment appropriate for 8+ group, so less imagination and more dynamic and social -</p>	<p>Co- located ideally with either of the following: Local Park, District Park Linear Park Pocket Park.</p>	<p>Residents to be within 1,000m of NEAP via accessible route network</p>

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		<p>consideration of setting.</p> <p>Equipment is provided to facilitate activity.</p> <p>Designed for unsupervised play. May include youth shelters, multi-games walls. To include min of 8 items of play equipment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points accessible to disabled. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites 	
<p>Other outdoor play provision (e.g., MUGA and Skateboard Parks)</p>	<p>0.30ha/1000</p>		<p>Co- located ideally with either of the following: Local Park, District Park Linear Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All key access points accessible to disabled. - Linkages via footpath/pedestrian routes to the site. - Linkages via redways/cycleways to be provided to and within the sites 	<p>Residents to be within 700m of other outdoor play provision via accessible route network</p>