



Open Space Strategy for Huntingdonshire

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Open space within Huntingdonshire plays an important role in relation to the health and well-being of all the district's residents, providing places to meet, relax, exercise, play or learn about nature. Well maintained spaces that are regularly used can help to make a considerable contribution to the quality of life of residents and visitors.

Huntingdonshire District Council has never formally developed an Open Space Strategy, and recognising this gap, there is a need to develop a strategy that looks at the wide variety of open spaces found within the district.

1.2 Vision of the Strategy

The purpose of this strategy is to provide an overview of open space provision in Huntingdonshire. Furthermore, establishing a clear framework and direction will not only benefit the council, but it will also help to promote the benefits of open space and raise awareness to the wider public. In view of this, the over-arching vision for this strategy is:

"To protect and improve our environment: ensuring good quality parks and open spaces"

(Huntingdonshire District Council's Corporate Plan, "Growing Success")



1.3 Aims of the Strategy

Development of this strategy is seen as an important step as it will enable the council to:

Develop an accurate and up-to-date audit of open space provision.

The strategy will draw on council officer knowledge and existing studies to develop a comprehensive inventory of open space provision.

Help provide a shared vision for the future of the districts open spaces.

The strategy will help residents of the district understand the value of parks and open spaces, and understand its impact on wider corporate, strategic and community objectives of the council. Open spaces have links to other council strategies (detailed further in section 2.3.3), and so this strategy is important in establishing a policy framework for provision, design and management of open space within Huntingdonshire.

Promote health benefits and quality of life improvements.

Open spaces have an important role in encouraging active lifestyles, helping to improve health and overall quality of life. It is recognised that sedentary lifestyles can contribute to increased health problems, with obesity a major concern within the United Kingdom. The provision of high quality, accessible open spaces can in part help to address these concerns.

Promote the biodiversity value of open space.

Open spaces are important as areas for nature conservation and biodiversity. The development of this strategy will help to emphasise this important aspect.

Help make the case for funding opportunities and planning obligations.

A comprehensive and current audit of open space provision will help to provide a robust evidence base. As well as proving the need and requirement for developer contributions towards open space provision and associated facility improvements (through section 106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy tariff), the development of this Open Space Strategy is also seen as critical in order to allow Huntingdonshire District Council to maximise resources to support open space improvements through available external funding opportunities.

Seek to protect, identify and improve locally important open spaces.

The strategy introduces the concept of a matrix to help prioritise different types of open space provision; important for protecting and enhancing existing open spaces, and useful when seeking external funding.

Increase public awareness of the district's open spaces and improve community engagement.

The provision of an integrated Open Space Strategy will help raise awareness of the different types of open spaces located in this district and allow residents to see the council's future plans as detailed within the action plan of the strategy. Through community engagement, the council will be able to promote the importance of open spaces and address key issues that may be affecting current usage.



1.4 Scope

Based on current guidance and best practice, this strategy includes the assessment of the following types of open spaces:

Main Category	Sub-Category
Informal Open Space	Parks and Gardens
	Natural Open Space
	Amenity Green Spaces
Provision for Children & Young People	
Outdoor Sports Facilities	Includes golf courses, tennis courts, bowling greens, sports pitches
Allotments and Community Gardens	
Green Corridors ¹	
Civic Spaces ¹	
Cemeteries and Churchyards ¹	

This typology is consistent with the council's Planning Policy Guidance 17 (PPG 17) Open Space Assessment which was carried out in 2006. Therefore, the council are able to utilise this existing audit of provision as the basis for this strategy. Given that four years have passed since this work was carried out, council officers have updated site records where necessary.

All publicly accessible sites have been considered within this strategy, irrespective of ownership. Any private sites that do not have agreed public access have been recorded on the council's Geographical Information System but have not been included within the audit of provision.

In terms of a size threshold, all open spaces above 0.2 hectares have been included, in line with the methodology carried out in the PPG 17 Assessment. Some sites smaller than 0.2 hectares have also been included in the audit. Examples include equipped play areas and sports facilities. In addition, no size threshold has been applied to civic spaces due to the small nature of these types of spaces, thereby ensuring that this classification has been captured as part of the audit process.

¹ These additional categories were not included in the PPG 17 assessment but have been added given that these types of spaces are an important aspect of overall open space provision within Huntingdonshire.

2. Context

2.1 District Profile

The district of Huntingdonshire covers an area of approximately 350 square miles and has a population of 165,800 (Office for National Statistics, mid 2009 population data). This is anticipated to expand to 188,400 by 2021 and this has important implications when considering future open space requirements. It is important to ensure that there is suitable access to high quality open spaces that meet the demands of an increased local population.

Approximately half of the district's current population is located within four market towns: Huntingdon, St Neots, St Ives and Ramsey. The remaining residents are distributed within key settlements and rural villages (a map of the district is shown overleaf in figure 1).

Much of the projected population growth is expected to occur around the St Neots area and this needs to be considered when assessing future open space needs. Similarly, the rural nature of the district means that there are large areas of countryside within the district, with larger amounts of managed open space located within the more urban areas, which connect to, and provide access to the wider countryside.

Transport links within the district are good with roads such as the A1 and A14, which in turn link to the M1, M11, and M6 motorways. This network is important when considering the accessibility of open space provision. It should also be noted that 4% more households in the district have access to two or more cars, compared with the national average. This again reflects the rural nature of the district and the need to travel by car.

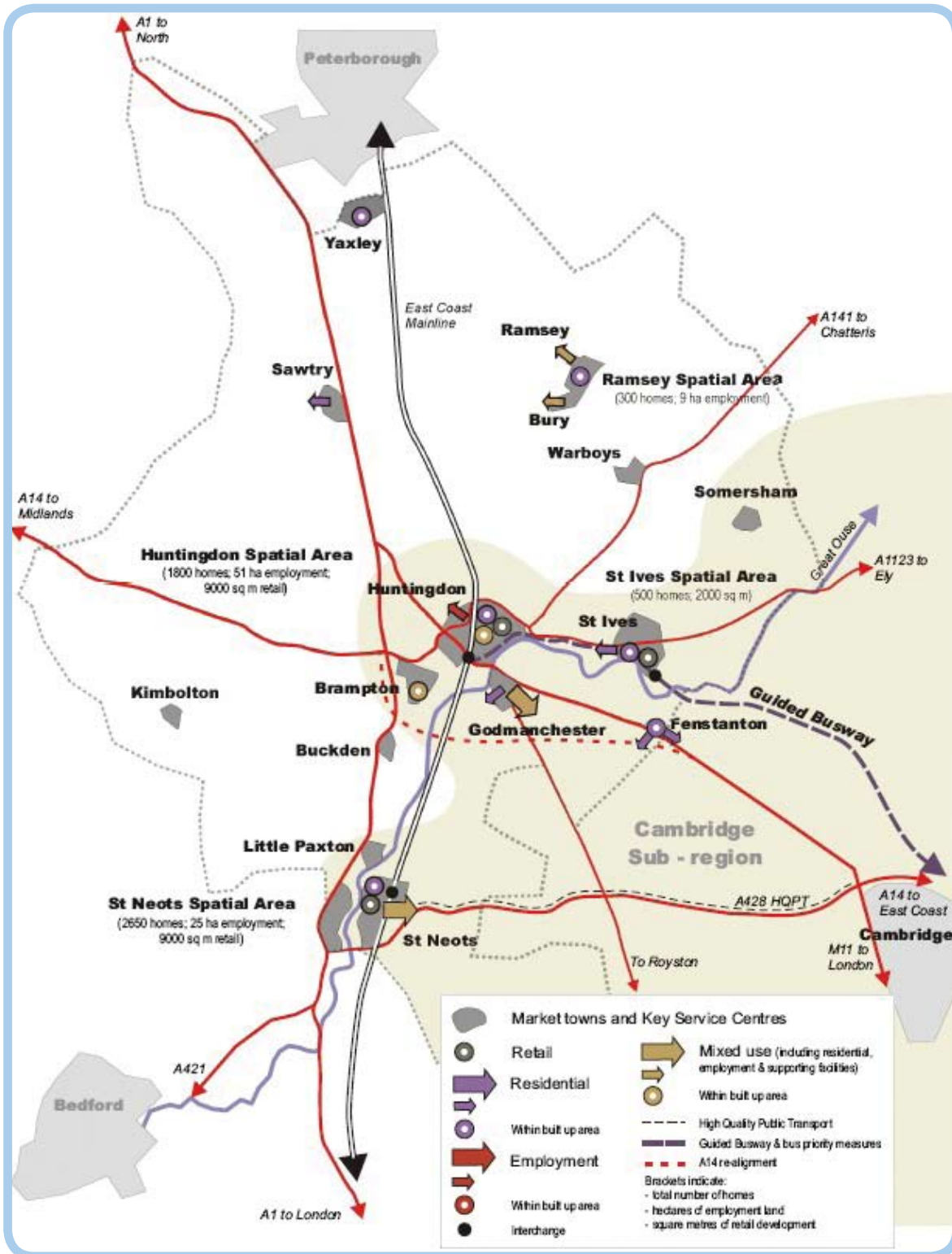
Huntingdonshire has a large "younger" population, and a high proportion of "30-44" year olds. Furthermore, there is an increasing elderly population and this profile shows that it is important that open spaces provide suitable leisure and recreation activities for these identified age groups.

In 2008, the Huntingdonshire District Council Place Survey highlighted that 87% of people were satisfied with their local area and most have a good quality of life. Life expectancy in Huntingdonshire is also high compared to the national average, and general health and well-being is good as demonstrated by the 2001 census, which highlighted that 73% of people described their health as 'good', a percentage that is almost 5 points higher than the national average.

Despite these positive indicators, it is important to address the fact that some local communities experience higher levels of relative deprivation compared with the district as a whole or the region generally. Huntingdon North ward has the lowest levels of both household income and educational attainment in the district and is in the 10% most deprived areas in Cambridgeshire. Therefore, it is important to ensure that all communities have suitable access to open space provision.



Figure 1: Map of Huntingdonshire



2.2 Community Benefits of Open Spaces

Open spaces can help to provide a diverse range of social, economic and environmental benefits for local communities. Key benefits include:

- i. Open spaces help to provide opportunities for social interaction between people of different communities, encouraging social inclusion and community development. They can become a focus for community activity, thereby helping to enhance local pride.
- ii. Open space provides opportunities for people to get involved in creative and cultural activities by acting as a venue for events and activities.
- iii. Open spaces vary in their nature and size and therefore offer diverse habitats for wildlife and plants. This gives people the chance to experience and learn about nature close to where they live. Furthermore, people of all ages can volunteer and be involved in helping to manage and maintain open spaces.
- iv. In addition to ecological diversity and biodiversity, well designed open spaces also support environmental sustainability and help to counter pollution. Strategic networks of green spaces, (green infrastructure), can provide a wide range of environmental benefits in both rural and urban areas including flood water storage, sustainable drainage, urban cooling and local access to shady outdoor space.
- v. Good quality open space can help to contribute towards urban regeneration and renewal projects by improving the image of the place and attracting investment. Attractive parks and other public spaces create a pleasant and varied landscape.
- vi. Open space provide a wealth of opportunities for outdoor play, which can help children and young people to stay healthy.
- vii. Open spaces can offer a range of sporting opportunities and physical activity for people of all ages, helping to contribute positively to mental and physical well-being.
- viii. Aside from physical health benefits, participation in play and recreation on open space has positive mental health benefits for children and young people. The Big Lottery and Children's Play Council Good Practice Guide cites work undertaken by The Mental Health Foundation, which suggests that the opportunities for risk taking in unsupervised play, (and to a lesser extent supervised play), helps children to build self-confidence. Capacity for positive development may be limited if children and young people are denied these opportunities.
- ix. Open spaces can provide diversionary activities for young people by providing safe places to play and interact, thereby helping to reduce anti-social behaviour.



2.3 Policy Background

2.3.1 National Policy Context

In view of the recognised benefits of open spaces, Central Government's approach has developed significantly over the past decade, beginning with the Urban White Paper in 2000. This emphasised the role that public open spaces can have in improving the attractiveness of urban areas and helping to promote a healthier lifestyle. It is also emphasised the need for improvements in open space management and maintenance, and for thinking more creatively about open spaces.

The relationship between open space and planning was strengthened through the development of Planning Policy Guidance 17, "Planning for Open Space Sport and Recreation". This planning guidance, published in 2002, placed considerable emphasis on carrying out audits of provision to identify quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces, and ensure that provision meet the needs of its local communities and visitors. During 2010, consultation has been carried out for a new planning policy statement (PPS) on planning for the natural environment, green infrastructure, open space, sport, recreation and play, "Planning for a Natural and Healthy Environment".

In addition to planning policy, a number of other headline reports have emphasised the importance of open space. The Urban Green Space Taskforce produced a report called "Green Spaces, Better Places." This report contained 52 recommendations for achieving a better future for urban parks and green spaces.

"Living Places: Cleaner, Safer, Greener", was published by ODPM in 2002. This report recognised that safe, well-maintained and attractive public spaces have a critical role in creating pride in the places where people want to live which, in turn, is essential to building community cohesion and successful communities. In view of this, the report suggests ways in which high quality public spaces can be achieved, with an emphasis on committed leadership, strong partnerships, community involvement, innovation, communication and sharing of best practice all cited as important factors.

More recently, CABE Space have produced a range of guidance to help local authorities in the design, management and maintenance of public spaces. This organisation works with national, regional and local bodies to deliver well-designed and managed public spaces across England. Of particular relevance to the development of this strategy is the 2009 publication, "Open Space Strategies: What Local Authority Decision Makers Need to Know".

Another change at the national level has been the emergence of the Green Flag Award. This award scheme was initially launched in 1996 as a way of recognising and rewarding the best green spaces in the country. Over the past fourteen years its status has risen and it is now viewed as the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales, and involves an assessment of eight key criteria (see Appendix 1). The Award is now run by the Green Flag Plus Partnership, a consortium comprising Keep Britain Tidy, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and GreenSpace.



In addition to these specific publications, policy at the national level is also being reviewed by the new coalition Government, which has introduced the notion of the 'Big Society' and the new 'Localism Bill'. With regard to green space this will place a focus on empowering communities, redistributing power to local communities and encouraging people to volunteer.

2.3.2 Regional Policy:

In addition to national policy, regional policies are also important and influence open space management in Huntingdonshire. The Cambridgeshire Horizons Sub Region Green Infrastructure Strategy was launched in 2006, and represented a joint approach between local authorities, government agencies and NGO's within the sub-region. The strategy assessed the current provision of green infrastructure at the sub-regional scale and made recommendations for the provision of new and enhanced green infrastructure, over the next 20 years, taking account of key factors such as projected population growth.

The overall vision for the Green Infrastructure Strategy is to create a comprehensive and sustainable network of green corridors and sites that:

- Enhance the diversity of landscape character.
- Connect and enriches biodiversity habitats.
- Extend access and recreation opportunities for the benefit of the environment as well as current and future communities in the Cambridge Sub-Region.

A review and update of the Green Infrastructure Strategy began in January 2010, recognising that there is a need to undertake periodic reviews to reflect new opportunities and the evolving green infrastructure agenda. This new strategy will seek to plan green infrastructure to 2031 and beyond.

This revised document acknowledges that this regional Green Infrastructure Strategy, whilst applicable at the district planning scale, will require further refinement and resolution at the site scale to ensure that opportunities are fully realised and that local issues are given full consideration.



2.3.3 Local Policy

As well as national and regional policy, it is imperative that this strategy considers how to deliver the vision and aims outlined within section 1, in light of local council policy and priorities. With this in mind, a number of key documents are important.

At the strategic level, the council's corporate plan, "Growing Success", and the Huntingdonshire Local Strategic Partnership Sustainable Community Strategy are both important and impact on the quality of life of the district's residents.

Similarly, the Local Development Framework is another key area of work that will address open space and sport facility requirements of new and expanding communities in Huntingdonshire. As part of this, the Core Strategy (2009), provides policy guidance for areas of strategic green infrastructure enhancement and specifies requirements for contributors to open space and strategic green infrastructure.

In addition, a range of other service-led strategies and reports all have an influence on open space provision, including the council's Environment Strategy, Cultural Strategy for Huntingdonshire, Play Strategy and Sports Facilities Strategy.

A detailed overview of all these documents is provided within Appendix 2.

The link between local, regional and national policies is summarised overleaf.



Figure 2: Policy overview



3. Consultation

3.1 Community Engagement

It is important that future policy decisions and action plans developed as part of this strategy are based on an understanding of the needs and aspirations of key stakeholders, including local communities and open space visitors. A range of consultation has been carried out that either directly or indirectly impacts upon open spaces within Huntingdonshire, demonstrating a clear commitment to be as far reaching as possible. These can be summarised as follows:

3.1.1 'District Wide' Survey (2010)

This consultation was included within the council magazine "District Wide". This consultation gave every household the opportunity to tell the council their views on a range of issues. When asked how satisfied are you with the local environment, 77.1% were either 'fairly satisfied' or 'very satisfied'.

3.1.2 Tellus 4 Survey (2010)

This survey reported the findings of Local Authorities for the five National Indicators supported by the Tellus4 survey.

Included as one of these indicators is NI 110 - "*More participation in positive activities*". For the East of England region, the county of Cambridgeshire had the highest level of young peoples participation in positive activities (in excess of 80%) based on the Tellus 4 Survey. It should be noted that whilst these responses were only from Year 10 pupils, it does give a positive trend that there are suitable play and recreation opportunities available for children and young people across the county.

3.1.3 Sport England's Active People Survey (2009)

Sport England's national annual survey was carried out for a third time covering the period October 2008 to October 2009.

One of the headline questions within this survey relates to a key type of open space included within this strategy; levels of satisfaction with local sports facilities. For Huntingdonshire District Council, 76.9 % of adults were 'very' or 'fairly' satisfied with sports provision in their local area (including indoor facilities).

3.1.4 Place Survey (2008)

This survey is a statutory exercise that Central Government has specified must be undertaken by Local Authorities. It is designed to capture local people's views, experiences and perceptions so that any proposed solutions for an area reflect local views and preferences. The survey is considered to be a key tool to track people's changing perceptions as a way of determining whether interventions made in the district result in a positive outcome for local people.



Included within this survey are several National Indicators linked to open spaces and local environments. When asked to assess overall satisfaction with their local area, 87.8% of respondents were satisfied. Furthermore, 71% of people agreed that their public services are working to make the area 'cleaner and greener'.

When asked to assess specific aspects of district life, 73% of people were either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with parks and open spaces, whilst 66% of people were 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with keeping public land clear of litter and refuse.

With regards frequency of use, 68% of people had visited parks and open spaces at least once a month, highlighting the important role they play for local communities.

When asked to identify the five aspects most in need of improvement in Huntingdonshire, activities for teenagers was identified as the highest priority. The top five aspects identified were:

- Activities for teenagers (52% of respondents highlighted this as one of their five aspects that most need improving)
- Road and pavement repairs (38%)
- Public transport (36%)
- Traffic congestion (36%)
- Shopping facilities (26%)

3.1.5 PPG 17 Open Space Strategy Household Survey (2006)

This household survey was distributed to 5000 randomly selected households within the district. A total 565 postal surveys were returned, representing an 11% return rate. Key issues included:

- Overall, residents indicated that the quantity of open spaces within Huntingdonshire was "about right".
- The most frequently visited open space include green corridors, natural and semi natural areas and parks.
- Natural areas were perceived to be the highest quality open space in the district, with over 50% of respondents indicating that they were of good quality.

3.1.6 PPG 17 Open Space Strategy School Information Technology Survey (2006)

All schools in the district were invited to take part in an on-line questionnaire relating to open spaces. In total, 176 responses were received, ranging from 6 to 18 year olds. The questionnaire explored attitudes to open space and sports provision.



Findings included:

- The main reasons that children visit open spaces were to meet friends, and to have a kick-about / informal play.
- The least liked aspects of open spaces included limited play value of existing play facilities. Location was also cited as an important factor, with some open spaces being located too far away from areas of housing.
- When asked how open spaces could be improved, 36% stated that there should be more interesting play equipment, 18% wanted multi-use games areas/kick about areas, whilst 17% wanted skate or BMX parks.

3.1.7 Cambridgeshire Quality of Life Survey (2006)

This 2006 survey was commissioned to assess how attitudes vary across Cambridgeshire. Headline findings included:

- In line with the regional findings, 80% of the district's residents were 'very' or 'fairly' satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live.
- Compared to other factors included in the questionnaire, the quality and amount of natural environment within the district was highly regarded by residents of Huntingdonshire, particularly when compared to other district's in the county.
- When asked to assess how easy it is to get to a public open space, 78% of Huntingdonshire residents stated that it was 'very' or 'fairly' easy – compared to county wide response of 79%.

3.1.8 Summary

There is a high level of satisfaction with open spaces across the district, particularly natural and semi-natural areas. It is important to maintain this perception, and where possible, increase satisfaction levels.

Encouragingly, residents of the district appear to visit open spaces on a regular basis, but again, this trend needs to be maintained. With regard to specific improvements, work carried out as part of the PPG 17 Audit highlighted that there is scope for improvements to local play facilities, emphasised by the Place Survey findings which identified the priority of providing suitable activities for teenagers. However, countering this is the recent Tellus 4 Survey, which showed that Cambridgeshire is one of the highest ranked counties with regards participation in positive activities for young people. Therefore, any future improvements must be based on detailed consultation to ensure the needs and expectations of local communities are met.

It is worth highlighting that the consultation discussed in sections 3.1.1 to 3.1.7 all examine open spaces in their broadest context without gauging views on a site by site basis. It is recognised that there is a need to look at the issues impacting upon individual sites, and this is explored further within section 5, where the concept of a priority matrix is introduced.



4. Audit of Provision

4.1 Overview of Provision

The audit has identified a total of 612 open spaces located across the district.

Classifying open space is difficult due to the multi-functionality of open spaces. Each open space is therefore classified based on its “primary purpose”, as recommended in PPG 17, thereby ensuring that each site is counted only once in the audit. By using the word ‘primary,’ this infers that open spaces may have secondary purposes.

A full site inventory is displayed in Appendix 3 (broken down by parish), with the table below providing a summary based on open space typology.

Main Category	Sub-Category	Number of sites	Total Area (m ²) - based on “primary purpose” classification	% of Total Open Space
Informal	Parks and Gardens	22	1,947,411	4.5%
	Natural Open Space	78	28,942,532	67.5%
	Amenity Green Space	143	1,149,156	2.7%
Provision for Children and Young People		114	754,080	1.8%
Outdoor Sports Facilities		110	8,890,090	20.7%
Allotments & Community Gardens		38	592,023	1.4%
Green Corridors		14	147,958	0.3%
Civic Spaces		7	7,056	0.02%
Cemeteries and Churchyards		86	477,563	1.1%
TOTAL		612	42,907,869	100%

This shows that there is in excess of 42 million m² of open space in Huntingdonshire which equates to over 4200 hectares.

Natural open space has the highest quantity of provision, accounting for two thirds of the district total. This proportion is heavily influenced by the size of Grafham Water (Grafham), a site that on its own accounts for over 8 million m² of open space. Other natural open spaces which are notable for their large size are Woodwalton Fen (Woodwalton), Monks Wood & The Odd Quarter (Sawtry) and Holme Fen (Holme); all of which are in excess of 1.5 million m² in area.



Following on from natural open space, the next highest proportion is outdoor sports facilities, which accounts for 21% of the overall provision, based on the primary purpose classification system. The largest outdoor sports facility is Abbotsley Hotel Golf and Country Club (Abbotsley), which is 886,859 m² in size. The quantity of outdoor sport provision is heavily influenced by the number of golf courses in the district. The following are a list of golf clubs located within Huntingdonshire:

- Abbotsley Hotel, Golf and Country Club
- Brampton Park Golf Club
- Elton Furze Golf Club
- Hemingford Abbots Golf Club
- Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre
- Old Nene Golf and Country Club
- Ramsey Golf and Bowls Club
- St Ives Golf Club
- St Neots Golf Club
- Stilton Oaks Golf Club

The combined area for these ten open spaces is 4,923,291 m², equating to slightly over 50% of the total outdoor sports provision in Huntingdonshire, and shows that golf is heavily catered for in the district.

Although amenity green space represents less than 3% of the districts open space, it has the highest number of sites; 143. A similar picture emerges when looking at provision for children and young people. Although this type of provision represents only 1.8% of the total open space in Huntingdonshire, it has the second highest number of sites; 114.



4.2 Distribution of Open Space

Section 2.1 identified that approximately half of the district's current population is located within Huntingdon, Ramsey, St Ives and St Neots. The table below summarises the quantity of open space provision in each of these parishes.

Main Category	Sub-Category	Parish			
		Huntingdon (Total Area - m ²)	Ramsey (Total Area - m ²)	St Ives (Total Area - m ²)	St Neots (Total Area - m ²)
Informal	Parks and Gardens	824,043	26,727	94,207	830,500
	Natural Open Space	457,788	54,536	163,514	927,090
	Amenity Green Space	311,461	25,001	85,388	204,987
Provision for Children and Young People		137,459	31,727	72,737	109,668
Outdoor Sports Facilities		497,567	544,710	495,767	846,374
Allotments & Community Gardens		52,079	28,526	54,839	79,709
Green Corridors		60,383	0	34,512	29,620
Civic Spaces		4,818	0	1,085	1,154
Cemeteries and Churchyards		31,051	58,429	27,617	43,700
Total provision (m²)		2,376,649	769,656	1,029,666	3,072,804
Amount of open space per parish resident (m²)		108	90	63	106
Proportion of total open space in district (%)		5.5	1.8	2.4	7.2

This shows that St Neots has the highest quantity of open space, followed by Huntingdon. It also emphasises that whilst three of the four settlements have a range of open space provision, in contrast, Ramsey has no green corridors or civic spaces. Open space in Ramsey is dominated by outdoor sports provision, which accounts for 71% of all open space in this parish. Although Ramsey has the lowest absolute amount of open space, it has a higher amount per resident than St Ives.

17% of the district's open space is located within these four main parishes. This shows that there is a high quantity of open space in smaller, more rural settlements and parishes. Notable parishes include Grafham, which contains 19% of all of the districts open space (heavily influenced by the location of Grafham Water - an area of open space which consists mainly of a large single body of water), Brampton (10%), Holme (5%), Sawtry (6%), Little Paxton (5%).²

² Some open spaces span more than one parish. Where this occurs, the open space has been allocated to the parish in which they are predominantly located.



4.3 Limitations of Using the “Primary Purpose” Classification

On a cautionary note, one limitation of using PPG 17’s primary purpose classification system is that the absolute quantity of some open space types may be under-recorded. This is due to the fact that open space areas have been calculated and recorded against the primary purpose classification. Therefore, some sites which are listed as parks and gardens also contain sports pitches, provision for children and young people, amenity green space and natural open space. The area of land taken up by these different aspects of the site will not have been recorded as the site area will have been allocated solely to parks and gardens.

Therefore, it should be recognised that the audit of provision provides a comprehensive overview of provision in Huntingdonshire and identifies all known open space in the district. However, when looking to assess whether there is a surplus or deficit of provision for specific open space types, it is important to recognise the multi-functionality of open spaces and carry out a more detailed, localised assessment.



5. Open Space Priorities in Huntingdonshire

5.1 Developing a Priority Matrix

The audit of provision provides a comprehensive overview of open space in Huntingdonshire. One of the aims of this strategy detailed in section 1.2 is to “seek to protect and identify locally important open spaces”. Analysis of the audit data alone does not provide this type of information and so it was decided that a means of ranking different open spaces was required.

One possible way of identifying locally important open spaces is to identify those sites that have important statutory designations associated with them, a case-in-point being Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This designation helps to provide legal protection to the best sites for wildlife and geology in England. Natural England now has the responsibility for identifying and protecting the SSSIs in England under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and it should be noted that there are SSSI’s located in this district, such as Paxton Pits Nature Reserve.

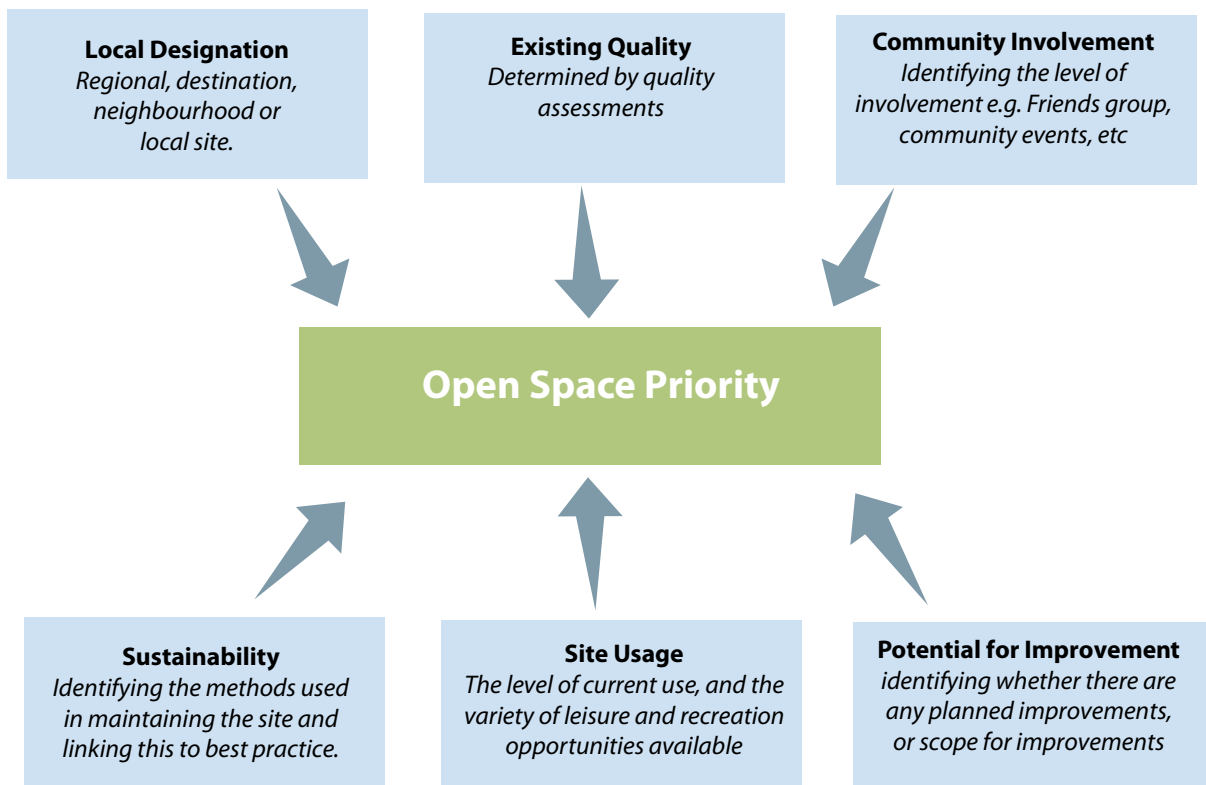
Adopting this method would appear to be too simplistic. For instance, a small area of amenity greenspace located within a residential area would not be identified as a SSSI. However, to that local community, such a space may have real significance and importance which cannot be evaluated by simply looking at statutory designations.

Therefore, an alternative approach has been adopted, following the same principles applied within another Huntingdonshire District Council strategy, “Sports Facilities Strategy for Huntingdonshire”. When looking to identify the local priorities for future sports and leisure projects, a hierarchy was established by assessing schemes against a set of three factors to produce an overall priority score.

Applying a similar concept here, a prioritisation matrix has been developed as a tool for ranking the districts open space provision. The matrix consists of six factors, which are displayed over in figure 3.



Figure 3: Priority Matrix



All six factors are sub-divided into four criteria with marks ranging from 1 to 4. (A full breakdown of the six factors and their associated criteria is displayed in Appendix 4).

To illustrate, for the factor "Community Involvement", the four criteria are as follows:

Matrix Score of 4: Friends of Group or equivalent community involvement actively involved in the management and development of the site.

Matrix Score of 3: Occasional community involvement at site, including community events and / or similar activities.

Matrix Score of 2: No current community activity but scope for future community involvement at the site.

Matrix Score of 1: No current community involvement in the management and development of the site. Unlikely to be any involvement in the future.



Therefore, for each of the districts open spaces, the most appropriate description was selected, and the corresponding matrix score recorded. This process was repeated for all six of the factors shown in figure 3.

Using this approach, the maximum score possible for any given open space is twenty four.

5.2 Rationale behind the Prioritisation Matrix

The six factors that have been selected are based on best practice, including the national benchmark Green Flag Award.

Six factors were deemed to be sufficient; the idea was to ensure that the matrix could be easily applied and at the same time, easily understood. The inclusion of additional factors may have complicated both of these objectives. Individual reasoning behind the selection of each of the factors is now explored further.

5.2.1 Local Designation

The classifications used as part of the PPG 17 study identify the type of open space but makes no judgement as to their local significance to Huntingdonshire. Therefore, it is important to provide this context by adding a further classification relating to whether an open space is a regional, destination, neighbourhood or a local site.

5.2.2 Existing Quality

The quality of an open space has an impact on site usage. For instance, a poor quality site may become neglected by users. Therefore, quality assessments carried out as part of the 2006 PPG 17 audit have been used as the basis for establishing site quality.

5.2.3 Community Involvement

This is one of the headline assessment criteria of the national Green Flag Award. Community involvement is important as it encourages a sense of pride in local spaces and so it is important that the level of community involvement is factored into the overall site priority score.

5.2.4 Sustainability

Another of the headline Green Flag award criteria is sustainability, and this should be recognised as a distinct factor. Methods used in maintaining the site and its facilities should be environmentally sound, relying on best practices available according to current knowledge.



5.2.5 Potential Improvements

It is important to identify whether there are any planned improvements, or scope for further improvements to any of the district's open spaces to ensure that this is reflected in the matrix score.

5.2.6 Site Usage

One way of assessing the value of an open space is to assess the number of visitors a site receives. At present, the council has a lack of quantitative data available on this area, and so with this in mind, officers have had to make value judgements relating to site usage.

5.3. Application of the Priority Matrix

The priority matrix has been applied to all of the district's 'destination' sites. All of the 612 sites identified in the audit have been assigned a level of local importance using the following definitions:

- Local
- Neighbourhood
- Destination
- Regional

These designations have been awarded to reflect the value and significance of each individual open space, both to its surrounding community and the wider catchment area. No sites in the district were classed as being regionally significant. However, a total of 22 sites have been identified as "destination" sites.

5.3.1 Background to the district's "Destination Sites"

Huntingdonshire's destination open spaces offer a wide range of recreation and leisure opportunities. These sites are listed on page 23, and it is now appropriate to examine some of these sites in more detail to understand why they are important to the area. The districts destination sites include:

- Riverside Park, Hill Rise Park and Priory Park - These council maintained formal park landscapes provide a variety of play and recreation opportunities, as well as more relaxing leisure opportunities. They are also important as they host a variety of public events.
- Grafham Water - An extensive reservoir situated approximately seven kilometres south-west of Huntingdon. The reservoir and marginal land support a significant variety of breeding wetland birds, whilst the woods and grassland provide food and shelter for summer birds as well as providing further habitat for flora and fauna. In addition to biodiversity, Grafham Water Centre provides a range of water sports and activity training, including sailing, windsurfing and powerboating.



- Hinchingsbrooke Country Park - A site consisting of mature woodland, grassy meadows and wetland habitat, supporting a variety of wildlife including all three species of British woodpecker. Many of the footpaths located across the site are hard surfaced, and the site supports a range of events and activities for people of all ages.
- Paxton Pits Nature Reserve - This Site of Special Scientific Interest includes meadows, woodland and scrub habitat, nestling on the banks of the River Great Ouse. It is an important birdwatching site, and also hosts a range of insects, from 26 species of butterfly to 148 species of spider. There are two guided trails, the Meadow Trail and the Heron Trail, as well as additional footpaths around the reserve.
- Hinchingsbrooke School - A specialist sports college with a vast array of outdoor sports facilities including grass pitches, tennis courts and a full size 3rd generation synthetic turf pitch (one of only two in the district).
- Kimbolton School - A public school with a wide range of high quality outdoor sports facilities including two full size synthetic turf pitches and large amounts of grass pitches and tennis courts.
- Golf courses - As identified in the audit, the district has a significant number of high quality golf facilities. All of the destination sites have at least one 18 hole golf course, whilst a few have two. The reputation of these facilities is such that people do travel significant distances to play at these golf courses.

The prioritisation matrix has been applied to each of the district's destination open spaces in order to rank these sites into priority order. A summary of the matrix scores is shown overleaf, with a full breakdown of scores provided in Appendix 5.



5.3.2 Priority Matrix Scores: Destination Sites

Site	Location	Ownership	Classification	Matrix Score
Paxton Pits	Little Paxton	Huntingdonshire District Council	Natural Open Space	22
Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Huntingdon	Cambridgeshire County Council	Parks and Gardens	22
Grafham Water	Grafham	Private	Natural Open Space	22
Priory Park	St Neots	Huntingdonshire District Council	Parks and Gardens	21
Riverside Park	Huntingdon	Huntingdonshire District Council	Parks and Gardens	19
Hill Rise Park	St Ives	Huntingdonshire District Council	Parks and Gardens	19
Riverside Park- Hunters Down	Huntingdon	Huntingdonshire District Council	Parks and Gardens	19
Godmanchester Town Park	Godmanchester	Parish Council	Parks and Gardens	18
One Leisure St Ives (outdoor)	St Ives	Huntingdonshire District Council	Outdoor Sports Facilities	18
Regatta Meadows	St Neots	Huntingdonshire District Council	Parks and Gardens	18
Riverside Park	St Neots	Huntingdonshire District Council	Parks and Gardens	18
Hinchingbrooke School	Huntingdon	Cambridgeshire County Council	Outdoor Sports Facilities	18
Needingworth Quarry	Bluntisham	Unknown	Natural Open Space	17
Church Lane	Hartford	Huntingdonshire District Council	Parks and Gardens	16
Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre	Pidley	Private	Outdoor Sports Facilities	16
Kimbolton School	Kimbolton	Cambridgeshire County Council	Outdoor Sports Facilities	16
One Leisure St Neots	St Neots	Cambridgeshire County Council	Outdoor Sports Facilities	15
St Neots Golf Club	St Neots	Private	Outdoor Sports Facilities	15
Brampton Park Golf Club	Brampton	Private	Outdoor Sports Facilities	15
St Ives Golf Club	St Ives	Private	Outdoor Sports Facilities	15
Abbotsley Hotel, Golf and Country Club	Abbotsley	Private	Outdoor Sports Facilities	15
Elton Furze Golf Club	Haddon	Private	Outdoor Sports Facilities	13



By applying the prioritisation matrix, Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, Paxton Pits and Grafham Water are identified as the highest priority destination sites in the district, closely followed by a number of other parks and natural open spaces. Lowest priority destination sites include the six privately owned golf clubs. The value of this information is that it can now be used to inform decisions concerning the protection of specific open spaces and prioritise future investment.

5.3.3 Wider Use of the Priority Matrix

Use of the prioritisation matrix will be extended to all open space within Huntingdonshire over the life time of this strategy. The audit of provision identified that there are currently a few issues preventing completion of the assessment process for a large proportion of sites. To illustrate, there is a lack of quality assessment scores for a significant number of sites. Some sites were not assessed as part of the initial PPG 17 audit carried out in 2006, whilst other newly adopted open spaces also require quality assessments being carried out.

Other issues include trying to assess sustainability for those sites that are not maintained by Huntingdonshire District Council. This requires contacting other providers, including Parish Councils, and identifying what environmental policies are in place. It is worth considering that the audit of provision has identified a total of 612 sites, with only 19 % currently identified as being owned by Huntingdonshire District Council. Therefore, the council must work with other providers to help address these gaps in knowledge.

The matrix process will be completed for all other open spaces over the coming 2 years, as outlined within the five year action plan in section 6.



6. Action Plan

A five year action plan has been developed to help ensure a co-ordinated approach to the long-term management of the district's open space. It is split into two parts covering both operational and strategic actions.

The priorities outlined in the action plan are subject to change during the life span of the strategy. This is in recognition that the current economic climate and changes to policy introduced at the national level may alter the capacity to deliver specific actions.

6.1 Operational Actions:

Action	Priority	Lead	Timescale	Measure
Complete quality assessments for all open spaces identified within this strategy	High	Operations, Countryside Services	2010-2012	Date of completion
Complete the priority matrix for all local and neighbourhood open spaces	High	Operations, Countryside Services, Sport & Active Lifestyles	2010-2012	Date of completion
Undertake an annual review of the audit of open space provision and update relevant changes, including maintaining accurate GIS records	High	Operations, Countryside Services	2010-2015	Date of completion and accuracy of records
Develop a horticultural and countryside skills training programme for all abilities based at the Community Nursery, Godmanchester	High	Countryside Services	On-going	Numbers of people undertaking training
Design long-term visitor facilities for the Great Fen Project and implement temporary visitor facilities	High	Great Fen Partners	2012	Useable visitor facilities
Endeavour to maintain and manage all council maintained open space according to the principles of the national Green Flag Award	High	Countryside Services, Operations	On-going	Ratio of compliments to complaints
Develop the income generation potential of the countryside service	High	Countryside Services	On-going	Amount of additional income raised



Action	Priority	Lead	Timescale	Measure
Provide enhanced educational access to all users through the new education centre at Little Paxton	High	Wildlife Trust, HDC	On-going	Number of education groups using centre
Support the existing volunteer network by providing appropriate training e.g. health and safety	High	Countryside Services	On-going	Numbers of volunteers trained
Seek to minimise occurrences of anti-social behavior through updating and improving open space by-laws and rules	High	Operations	On-going	Incidents of anti-social behaviour
Ensure that adapting to climate change is a core element of existing and future site management plans	High	Operations, Countryside Services	On-going	All site management plans include a section on adaptation to climate change
Update the council's Play Strategy	High	Policy, Community, Operations, Planning	2010-2011	Production of revised strategy
Promote the availability of web forms on the HDC website as a way of enabling open space users to provide both positive and negative feedback following visits to local open spaces	High	Operations, IT	On-going	Number of web form responses
Create ward profiles that can be compared against the standards set by planning policy and Section 106 requirements	High	Operations, Planning Policy	2011-2012	Date of completion



Action	Priority	Lead	Timescale	Measure
Promote and encourage visitors to use parks and open spaces for healthy lifestyles by providing greater levels of information on the Huntingdonshire District Council website, and continue to signpost users to nearby open spaces	Medium	Operations, Sport & Active Lifestyles	On-going	Level and quality of information available on the council website / web complaints
Where appropriate, provide technical advice and signpost local community and friends groups to available funding opportunities for open spaces	Medium	Operations, Countryside Services	On-going	Number of community / friends groups assisted by HDC
Ensure positive conservation management at all local wildlife sites	Medium	Planning, Wildlife Trust	2010-2015	Percentage of wildlife sites under active management
Promote availability of outdoor sports facilities through website, events and partners	Medium	Sport & Active Lifestyles, Operations, Countryside Services	On-going	Usage of sites
Maintain and support the existing four Friends groups and develop two more for countryside sites	Medium	Countryside Services	2010-2013	Number of Friends Groups
Conduct visitor user surveys at all countryside sites	Medium	Countryside Services	On-going	Number of surveys completed
Seek to improve the quality, value and range of open space through a review of maintenance practices	Medium	Operations	2011-2012	Date of completion



Action	Priority	Lead	Timescale	Measure
Create a stakeholder group to help promote and drive forward open space management within the district	Medium	Operations to lead	On-going	Number of members of stakeholder group
Undertake a project to develop 5 year management plans for identified council "destination" parks and open spaces, working in partnership with relevant Friends Groups or community groups	Medium	Operations, Countryside Services, Friends Groups / Community Groups	2010-2015	Number of management plans produced
Review and update the tree database of Huntingdonshire District Council owned trees	Medium	Operations	2011-2012	Date of completion
Network with other Local Authorities in the region with regard to open space best practice	Low	Operations, Countryside Services	On-going	Attendance at meetings / seminars with other Local Authorities



6.2 Strategic Actions:

Action	Priority	Lead	Timescale	Measure
Review local policy including the vision and aims stated within this strategy in light of changing national policy introduced by the new coalition Government	High	Operations Planning Policy Countryside Services	2011	Date of review
In view of changing best practice, undertake an annual review of the criteria used in the "Prioritisation Matrix" to ensure continued validity	High	Operations, Countryside Services	2010-2015	Date of review
Undertake a mid point review of the Open Space Strategy and Action Plan to ensure strategy is kept up-to-date	High	Operations, Planning Policy, Countryside Services, Sport & Active Lifestyles	2012-2013	Date of review
Develop an understanding of best practise with regards to climate change adaptation in open spaces	High	Operations, Planning, Environmental Management	2011-2012	Production of guidelines for adaptation in open spaces
Encourage the sustainable sourcing of materials in open spaces through the establishment of procurement guidelines	High	Environmental Management, Procurement	2012-2013	Production of procurement guidelines
Review the section 106 open space specification, and review section 106 rates	High	Operations, Planning	2011-2012	Date of completion
Adopt a more co-ordinated strategic approach to consultation in order to identify needs and aspirations of both users and non-users of open space	High	Operations, Countryside Services	On-going	Quantity and timing of consultation carried out



Action	Priority	Lead	Timescale	Measure
Identify mechanisms that provide meaningful engagement with children young people in order to improve youth provision	High	Operations, Countryside Services	On-going	Number and success of consultation carried out with children and young people
Encourage the introduction of adaptive measures in open spaces in response to the effects of climate change	Medium	Operations, Planning, Environmental Management	2010-2015	Number of adaptive measures installed
Establish links between open spaces to sustain, protect and enhance the biodiversity resource of the district	Medium	Operations	2010-2015	To be confirmed
Produce "vision" plans for parks and significant open spaces where improvement schemes are proposed so that all works carried out can seek to achieve overarching vision	Medium	Operations	On-going	Production of "vision" plan for all open spaces where improvements are scheduled
Seek to review the council's current Playing Pitch Strategy	Medium	Planning, Operations	2012-2015	Date of completion
Seek to develop an Allotments and Community Garden Strategy to support development of this Open Space Strategy	Low	Operations	2012-2013	Date of completion
Produce/update Tree, Woodland and Hedge Strategy/policies to support the development of this Open Space Strategy	Low	Operations	2012-2013	Date(s) of completion

6.3 Monitoring

This Open Space Strategy provides a comprehensive overview of open space in Huntingdonshire. It is important to ensure that the audit of provision is regularly updated to maintain its validity. The five year action plan makes a commitment to annually review the audit data, and so it is acknowledged that there is a need for this strategy to remain an active document.



Appendix 1: Green Flag Award Criteria

1. A welcoming place

Factors include:

- Good and safe access
- Good signage to and in the park/green space
- Equal access for all members of the community

2. Healthy, safe and secure

Factors include:

- Equipment and facilities must be safe to use
- Dog fouling must be adequately addressed
- Health and safety policies should be in place, in practice and regularly reviewed
- Availability of toilets, drinking water, first aid, public telephones and emergency equipment where relevant

3. Clean and well maintained

Factors include:

- Litter and other waste management
- The maintenance of grounds, buildings, equipment and other features
- A policy on litter, vandalism and maintenance should be in place, in practice and regularly reviewed

4. Sustainability

Factors include:

- A recognised environmental policy and management strategy in place, which is in practice and regularly reviewed
- Minimise and justify pesticide use
- Eliminate horticultural peat use
- Demonstrate high horticultural and arboricultural standards
- Energy conservation, pollution reduction, waste recycling and resource conservation measures



5. Conservation and heritage

Factors include:

- Conservation of natural features, wildlife and fauna
- Landscapes
- Maintenance of buildings and structural features

6. Community involvement

Factors include:

- Knowledge of user community and levels and patterns of use
- Evidence of community involvement in management and/or developments and results achieved
- Appropriate levels of provision of recreational facilities for all sectors of the community

7. Marketing

Factors include:

- A marketing strategy should be in place, which is in practice and regularly reviewed
- There should be good provision of information to users
- The site should be promoted as a community resource

8. Management

Factors include:

- A management plan or strategy should be in place (this has to be submitted as part of the Green Flag application process)
- A financially sound management of the site must also be demonstrated



Appendix 2: Local Policy Context

i. Huntingdonshire’s Sustainable Community Strategy (2008 - 2028)

The Huntingdonshire Local Strategic Partnership (HLSP) includes a number of organisations and community representatives formed to improve the area. This partnership includes key partners from the public, private and voluntary sector.

One of the major tasks undertaken by the HLSP was the development of the “Huntingdonshire Sustainable Community Strategy;” a key document that outlines how members of the HLSP will work in partnership to improve the quality of life in the area. The strategy is organised under six strategic themes. Open space provision has an impact on each of these six key areas and this is explored below:

1. Growth and Infrastructure

TARGET: “Improved health / education learning, training, community and leisure infrastructure and local and strategic open space through the appropriate provision of facilities to meet current and future needs”

With regard to open spaces, this can be achieved through appropriate:

- cultural, leisure and community infrastructure.
- local green, recreational and open space.
- networked strategic green open space.

2. Health and Well-Being

TARGET: “Appropriate culture and leisure opportunities”

With regard to open spaces, this can be achieved through:

- Developing culture and leisure opportunities.
- Provide accessible opportunities - things to do, particularly children and young people, and those with disabilities.
- Addressing play and cultural needs.
- Improve access to the countryside and green space.
- Enhance access to heritage.
- Provide good quantity and quality of leisure services.
- Ensure sufficient quantity and quality of indoor and outdoor sporting infrastructure.
- Promote active and healthy lifestyles.



3. Inclusive, Safe and Cohesive Communities

TARGET: "Vibrant and Cohesive Communities"

With regard to open spaces, this can be achieved through:

- Promoting community based / run activities.
- Promoting community involvement.
- Engaging with new and developing communities.

TARGET: "Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour"

With regard to open spaces, this can be achieved by:

- Addressing anti-social behaviour.

TARGET: "Good opportunities for life-long learning"

With regard to open spaces, this can be achieved by:

- Promote opportunities for local people to improve or gain skills through cultural, leisure and volunteer activities.

4. Economic Prosperity and Skills

TARGET: "Increased visitor numbers"

This can be achieved by:

- Encourage local people to visit local attractions.
- Improve the mix of attractions, facilities and leisure opportunities.

5. Environment

TARGET: "An environment that is protected and improved"

This can be achieved by:

- Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and open space.
- Adaptation to climate change.
- Maintain a clean and safe Huntingdonshire.



6. Children and Young People

TARGET: "Safe, accessible, positive activities for children and young people"

This can be achieved by:

- Increasing the range of opportunities for children and young people to meet in informal and safe environments.
- Improve access to existing facilities.

ii. Growing Success - Corporate Plan

Huntingdonshire District Council is responsible for promoting the economic, social and environmental well-being of its communities, with the desired objective of achieving a good quality of life. This is achieved by delivering actions and principles established within the Sustainable Community Strategy.

'Growing Success' is Huntingdonshire District Council's Corporate Plan and details how the Council will achieve its part of the Community Strategy. It is based on detailed community engagement so that the council can identify local communities' needs. 'Growing Success' identifies aims that the council will work towards, and details how these aims will be delivered.

As with the Sustainable Community Strategy, open space provision has strong links to a number of key community aims, including:

COMMUNITY AIM: A clean, green and attractive place

Objective - Keep district clean

This can be helped by ensuring that public spaces are kept free of litter, fly tipping and graffiti.

Objective - To protect and improve our environment

This can be achieved by reducing contaminated and polluted land and by protecting and enhancing biodiversity in strategic green spaces and in other open space. Furthermore, it can be helped by protecting and enhancing the character of urban and rural areas, minimizing the development of greenfield land and ensuring good quality parks and open spaces

Objective - To help mitigate and adapt to climate change

This can be achieved by increasing energy efficiency, encouraging renewable energy and adapting to climate change. Open spaces can be designed and managed in such a way to reduce the impact of climate change.



COMMUNITY AIM: Safe, vibrant and inclusive communities

Objective - To work with others to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and ensure that people feel safe

This can be achieved by promoting schemes which will provide positive and diversionary activity for young people, promoting facilities which bring people together, and providing effective CCTV system in vulnerable areas.

Objective - To enable residents to take an active part in their communities and work to ensure that communities are inclusive

This can be achieved by enabling access to facilities and opportunities for leisure, sport, community, voluntary and other activities. Furthermore, engaging with children and young people and promote opportunities for their involvement in positive activities will also help to meet the objective.

COMMUNITY AIM: Healthy living

Objective - Promote healthy lifestyles

This can be achieved by several means including provision of facilities/events to encourage participation in active leisure pursuits for everyone. It can also be helped by providing a network of Leisure Centres and associated activities, promoting and supporting the Healthy Walks programme, and providing holiday activity programmes for children and young people. Furthermore, there should be a focus on promoting cultural events and activities, and providing play and activities for young people.

COMMUNITY AIM: Developing Communities Sustainably

Objective - To enable the provision of the social and strategic infrastructure to meet current and future needs

This can be achieved by encouraging the provision of accessible leisure and community facilities and opportunities for all, and providing and supporting the development of play and recreation facilities in identified communities.

COMMUNITY AIM: A strong and diverse economy

Objective - To support town centres and key settlements to become economically viable and vibrant

This can be achieved by providing environmental improvements, promoting the district, local facilities and attractions to residents and visitors, and improving the quality and availability of attractions and facilities.



iii. Local Development Framework (LDF)

This is one of the principle vehicles for achieving the council's corporate plan. It is a spatial plan that goes beyond traditional land use planning to bring together and integrate policies for the development and use of land with other schemes and programmes which influences the nature of places and how they function.

The LDF consists of a number of documents including a Core Strategy, adopted in 2009, Development Management DPD, and Planning Proposals DPD which together set out a spatial strategy to manage the amount and direction of growth and policies to help guide and judge that development.

iv. Sports Facilities Strategy (2009)

The purpose of this strategy is to provide a clear framework for the prioritisation, provision and enhancement of sports facilities within Huntingdonshire, building on work carried out by Strategic Leisure Limited (SLL). SLL undertook a comprehensive review of existing sports facility provision in Huntingdonshire and identified future needs based on predicted population growth using Sport England's nationally recognised model the 'Sports Facility Calculator'.

Within the Sports Facilities Strategy, the council have identified a series of key policy recommendations, focusing on the need to encourage the retention of all strategically important outdoor sports facilities, encourage participation, whilst at the same time seeking to maximise section 106, Community Infrastructure Levy tariff, and other external funds to help enhance sports facilities across the district. Given that outdoor sports facilities are included within this Open Space Strategy, these are important recommendations as they will help to improve the standard of open spaces in Huntingdonshire.

v. Environment Strategy (2008)

There are three key challenges identified within the council's Environment Strategy

- Tackling climate change
- Using resources efficiently
- Protecting and improving the environment

It is important that this Open Space Strategy recognises the potential impact that climate change may have on the district's open space. Management of parks and open spaces will need to take account of the impacts of drier, hotter summers and warmer, wetter winters on trees and other vegetation. Warmer temperatures are also likely to result in more outdoor lifestyles, putting greater demand on our green and open space. Therefore, it is important that open spaces are designed and managed in a such way to reduce the impact of climate change.



Open Space is an important part of the challenge of protecting and improving the environment. The Environment Strategy recognises that Huntingdonshire contains some very rare and valuable habitats that support a variety of species. Loss of this habitat due to development, inappropriate management or increased tourism damage can mean that these plants, animals and insects are lost forever.

There has been a historic loss of green and open space throughout the UK in previous decades. Therefore, it is important to ensure that open spaces are afforded protection through the planning process to further prevent habitat and open space fragmentation.

The Environment Strategy recognises that attractive, clean and safe neighbourhoods have positive impacts on the social, physical and mental wellbeing of residents, and the provision of pleasant green and open space located nearby plays a crucial part in this.

vi. Play Strategy (2007)

The district's Play Strategy recognises that the quality, quantity and accessibility of play provision across the district varies. Huntingdonshire District Council is committed to the development of play and recreational opportunities in all localities. Future development will be co-ordinated at district or town/parish level in order to secure the most appropriate, sustainable provision for local communities.

At the core of this strategy is the vision that "all children and young people in Huntingdonshire will be able to access a range of play opportunities suited to their needs and interests", with a focus on changing attitudes to play and delivering sustainable, free play opportunities for children and young people. Open spaces are seen to be crucial to this as they represent key locations for both formal and informal play opportunities.

vii. Cultural Strategy for Huntingdonshire (2007)

This strategy sets out Huntingdonshire District Council's key targets and aspirations for culture between 2007 and 2010. It provides a distinctive vision for the development of cultural activities, facilities and services and focuses on improving the quality of life through the provision and development of cultural activities, events and facilities and by helping to achieve other targets such as providing lifelong learning opportunities, improving health, stimulating economic development and helping to improve safety within local communities. The strategy recognises that open space and sports facilities are identified as a key part of the district's cultural offer.



viii. PPG 17 Open Space Assessment (2006)

This assessment and audit was undertaken by PMP consultants, focusing on informal open space, outdoor recreation facilities, children's play areas, allotments and outdoor sports pitch provision.

Planning Policy Guidance 17 requires local authorities to carry out a needs assessment of provision to inform the development of local standards for the provision of open space. The study identifies deficiencies and surpluses of provision and their spatial distribution, and was primarily carried out to help inform the planning process.

In addition to this, the council are able to utilise this existing audit of provision as the basis for this Open Space Strategy.



Appendix 3: Audit of Provision Results

Parish	Site Name	Town	Ownership	Type	Local Designation	Area (m ²)
Abbots Ripton	Abbots Ripton Playing Field	Abbots Ripton	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	32,870
	Abbots Ripton Primary C of E School	Abbots Ripton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	8,299
	St Andrews Church	Abbots Ripton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	5,585
	The Green	Abbots Ripton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,230
	The Green	Abbots Ripton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	10,993
	Wennington & Raveley Woods	Wennington	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	729,177
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Abbotsley	Abbotsley Hotel, Golf and Country Club	Abbotsley	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	886,860
	High Street	Abbotsley	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,174
	High Street Tennis Court	Abbotsley	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,486
	New wood at Abbotsley Country Homes	Abbotsley	PRV	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	35,170
	St Margarets Church	Abbotsley	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,561
	St Neots Rd Playing Field	Abbotsley	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Neighbourhood	15,962
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Alconbury	Alconbury C of E School	Alconbury	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	7,670
	Alconbury Sports and Social Club	Alconbury	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	39,428
	Bramble End	Alconbury	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	895
	Spinney Lane	Alconbury	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,485

* A key for "ownership" is shown at the end of the audit tables.



Parish	Site Name	Town	Ownership	Type	Local Designation	Area (m ²)
Alconbury (continued)	St Peter and St Pauls Church	Alconbury	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	7,440
	The Green	Alconbury	PAR	Green Corridors	Local	18,175
	TOTAL PROVISION					75,093
Alconbury Weston	Highfield Avenue	Alconbury Weston	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,000
	TOTAL PROVISION					4,000
Alwalton	Church Street/ Oundle Road	Alwalton	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Neighbourhood	12,373
	St Andrews Church	Alwalton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,447
	TOTAL PROVISION					14,820
Bluntisham	Baptist Chapel	Bluntisham	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,780
	Bluntisham Recreation Ground	Bluntisham	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	70,967
	Mill Lane Allotments	Bluntisham	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	10,068
	Needingworth Quarry	Bluntisham	UNK	Natural Open Space	Destination	389,177
	St Helens School	Bluntisham	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	14,760
	St Marys Church	Bluntisham	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	8,707
	St Marys Close	Bluntisham	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,586
	Village Hall Rectory Road	Bluntisham	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,415
	TOTAL PROVISION					504,460
Brampton	Brampton Institute Bowls Club	Brampton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	3,980
	Brampton Memorial Playing Field	Brampton	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	30,900
	Brampton Park Golf Club	Brampton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	670,962
	Brampton Primary School	Brampton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	19,205



Parish	Site Name	Town	Ownership	Type	Local Designation	Area (m ²)
Brampton (continued)	Brampton Wood	Brampton	OTHER	Natural Open Space	Local	1,334,945
	Centenary Way	Brampton	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,045
	Hinchingbrooke Gravel Pits	Huntingdon	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	965,930
	Kyle Crescent	Brampton	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,518
	Kyle Crescent	Brampton	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	812
	Laws Crescent	Brampton	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	7,721
	Layton Crescent	Brampton	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,977
	Portholme	Huntingdon	PRV	Natural Open Space	Local	1,024,289
	St Marys Church	Brampton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	13,671
	The Green	Brampton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	6,540
	Thrapston Road Allotments	Brampton	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	9,328
	Williams Close	Brampton	PRV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,601
	Woolley Close	Brampton	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,077
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Brington & Molesworth	Brington C of E School	Brington	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	5,150
	Church Road Tennis Court	Molesworth	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,206
	Hill Close	Brington	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	905
	Hill Close	Brington	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	670
	St Peters Church	Molesworth	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,337



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Brington & Molesworth (continued)	Molesworth Bridleway No. 28	Molesworth	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	14,932
	TOTAL PROVISION					25,200
Broughton	School Road	Broughton	UNK	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,066
	TOTAL PROVISION					2,066
Buckden	Buckden Junior School	Buckden	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	11,410
	Buckden Marina Ltd	Buckden	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,103
	Buckden Village Club (Playing Fields)	Buckden	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	28,343
	Great North Road Allotments	Buckden	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	3,100
	Lucks Lane Cemetery	Buckden	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	5,885
	Silver Street Allotments	Buckden	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	7,528
	St Marys Church	Buckden	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,250
	TOTAL PROVISION					60,619
Buckworth	All Saints Church	Buckworth	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,590
	TOTAL PROVISION					2,590
Bury	Bury C of E Primary School	Bury	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	8,618
	Bury C of E Primary School	Bury	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,928
	Holy Cross Church	Bury	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	5,097
	Owls End Playground	Bury	UNK	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	561



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Bury (continued)	Valiant Square	Bury	PRV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,739
	Valiant Square	Bury	PRV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,718
	Ramsey Golf and Bowls Club	Ramsey	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	430,213
	TOTAL PROVISION					454,875
Bythorn & Keyston	Church of St John the Baptist	Keyston	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,561
	The Park	Keyston	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,479
	TOTAL PROVISION					7,040
Catworth	Catworth Playing Field (Victory Ground)	Catworth	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	19,607
	St Leonards Church	Catworth	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,766
	TOTAL PROVISION					23,373
Colne	Colne Recreation Ground	Colne	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,027
	Colne Road Allotments	Somersham	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	2,942
	St Ives- March Disused Railway (Somersham)	Somersham	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	18,932
	TOTAL PROVISION					25,901
Conington	Cotton Close	Conington	HDC/UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,706
	Holy Cross Church	Conington	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,320
	TOTAL PROVISION					9,026
Covington	St Margarets Church	Covington	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,674
	Village Hall Cross Street	Covington	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	677
	TOTAL PROVISION					3,351
Denton & Caldecote	Holme Fen	Holme	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	635,414
	TOTAL PROVISION					635,414



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Diddington	Church of St Lawrence	Diddington	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,938
	TOTAL PROVISION					2,938
Earith	Colne Road Allotments	Earith	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	14,679
	Colne Road Playground	Earith	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,171
	Community Association Field	Earith	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	15,585
	Earith Playing Field	Earith	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	19,019
	Earith Primary School	Earith	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	10,486
TOTAL PROVISION					60,939	
Easton	Easton Road Playing Field	Easton	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,744
	St Peters Church	Easton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,091
TOTAL PROVISION					6,835	
Ellington	All Saints Church	Ellington	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,656
	Ellington Recreation Ground	Ellington	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	9,474
TOTAL PROVISION					12,130	
Elton	All Saints Church	Elton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	6,980
	Elton Furze Golf Club	Haddon	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	506,245
	Elton Park Cricket Club	Elton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	9,579
	School Lane Open Space	Elton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,420
	St Botolph Green Overend	Elton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,787
TOTAL PROVISION					530,011	



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Farcet	Broadway Allotments	Farcet	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	2,038
	Broadway Cemetery	Farcet	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	9,209
	Church Walk	Farcet	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,074
	Farcet C of E Primary School	Farcet	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	9,451
	Farcet Playing Field	Farcet	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	10,407
	St Marys Church	Farcet	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,631
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Fenstanton	Cambridge Road Allotments	Fenstanton	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	6,000
	Crystal Lakes Caravan Park	Fenstanton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	54,985
	Elizabeth Court	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	6,527
	Fenstanton Bowls Club	Fenstanton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,243
	Fenstanton Cricket Club	Fenstanton	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	11,633
	Fenstanton Football Club	Fenstanton	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	16,540
	Fenstanton Primary School	Fenstanton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	16,654
	Pitfield Close	Fenstanton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,342
	Rookery Place	Fenstanton	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,603
	St Peter and St Pauls Church	Fenstanton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	7,673
	TOTAL PROVISION					



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Folksworth & Washingley	Apreece Road	Folksworth	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,499
	Elm Road	Folksworth	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,734
	Folksworth C of E Primary School	Folksworth	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	3,570
	St Helens Church	Folksworth	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,669
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Glatton	St Nicholas Church	Glatton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,210
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Godmanchester	Buttermill Meadow	Godmanchester	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	10,451
	Cambridge Road Allotments	Godmanchester	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	15,260
	Cambridge Road Allotments	Godmanchester	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	13,660
	Chadley Lane	Godmanchester	HDC	Natural Open Space	Local	7,011
	Devana Close	Godmanchester	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	11,152
	Eastside Common	Godmanchester	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	235,812
	Eastside Common	Godmanchester	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	58,122
	Godmanchester Home Ground (Rovers)	Godmanchester	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	35,368
	Godmanchester Primary School	Godmanchester	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	16,565
	Godmanchester Town Cricket Club	Godmanchester	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	23,960
	Godmanchester Town Cricket Club	Godmanchester	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	12,580
	Godmanchester Town Park	Godmanchester	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Destination	35,440
	Judiths Field	Godmanchester	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	25,590
	London Road Cemetery	Godmanchester	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	8,067



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Godmanchester (continued)	Rectory Gardens	Godmanchester	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,098
	Roman Way	Godmanchester	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,153
	Royal Oak Bowls Club	Godmanchester	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,372
	St Annes Primary School	Godmanchester	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	7,835
	St Marys Church	Godmanchester	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	10,146
	Stokes Drive Open Space	Godmanchester	DEV	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,008
	Tudor Road	Godmanchester	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,022
	Westside Pollard Willows	Huntingdon	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	551,090
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Grafham	All Saints Church	Grafham	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,141
	Brampton Road	Grafham	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,614
	Grafham Cricket Club	Grafham	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	19,581
	Grafham Water	Grafham	PRV	Natural Open Space	Destination	8,065,417
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Great Gidding	Great Gidding C of E Primary School	Great Gidding	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,951
	Great Gidding Playing Field	Great Gidding	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	17,997
	Main Street Allotments	Great Gidding	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	21,951
	St Michaels Church	Great Gidding	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,584
	TOTAL PROVISION					



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Great Gransden	Barnabas Oley Primary School	Great Gransden	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	5,359
	Great Gransden Bowls Club	Great Gransden	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,534
	Great Gransden Playing Field	Great Gransden	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	33,278
	Great Gransden Tennis Court	Great Gransden	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	553
	St Bartholomews Church	Great Gransden	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,682
TOTAL PROVISION						44,406
Great Paxton	Great Paxton C of E School	Great Paxton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,065
	Great Paxton C of E School	Great Paxton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	6,757
	Great Paxton Recreation Ground	Gt Paxton	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	18,970
	Holy Trinity Church	Great Paxton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	6,266
	Mount Pleasant	Great Paxton	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,814
TOTAL PROVISION						37,872
Great Staughton	Great Staughton Playing Fields	Great Staughton	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	18,909
	Great Staughton Primary School	Great Staughton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,134
	St Andrews Church	Great Staughton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,177
	The Green Allotments	Great Staughton	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	5,397
	The Town Cemetery	Great Staughton	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,307
TOTAL PROVISION						33,924



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Hail Weston	Hail Weston Playing Field	Hail Weston	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	11,334
	TOTAL PROVISION					11,334
Hamerton & Steeple Gidding	All Saints Church	Hamerton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,805
	TOTAL PROVISION					2,805
Hemingford Abbots	Hemingford Abbots Golf Club	Hemingford Abbots	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	174,103
	Recreation Ground Royal Oak Lane	Hemingford Abbots	PAR	Amenity Green-space	Local	5,068
	St Margarets Church	Hemingford Abbots	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,397
	Hemingford Abbots Meadow	Hemingford Abbots	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	550,021
	TOTAL PROVISION					731,589
Hemingford Grey	Hemingford Grey Meadow	Hemingford Grey	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	491,497
	Hemingford Grey Primary School	Hemingford Grey	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	7,856
	Heminigford Sports Pavilion	Hemingford Grey	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	21,511
	Marsh Lane Gravel Pits	Hemingford Grey	LAFARGE	Natural Open Space	Local	532,618
	Pound Road Cemetery	Hemingford Grey	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,063
	Sadlers Way Allotments	Hemingford Grey	HDC	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	6,101
	St James Church	Hemingford Grey	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,065
	Stepping Stones	Hemingford Grey	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	22,640
	Vicarage Fields	Hemingford Grey	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,793
	TOTAL PROVISION					1,094,144
Hilton	Church End	Hilton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,390
	Grove End	Hilton	PAR	Natural Open Space	Local	4,917
	Hilton Green	Hilton	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	82,281



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Hilton (continued)	St Mary Magdelenes Church	Hilton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,433
	TOTAL PROVISION					95,021
Holme	Holme C of E Primary School	Holme	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	6,562
	Holme Fen	Holme	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	1,563,144
	Holme Fen	Holme	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	459,747
	Holmewood	Holme	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,155
	Station Road Cemetery	Holme	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,704
	TOTAL PROVISION					2,037,313
Holywell cum Needingworth	Bramley Ave/Russett Close	Needingworth	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	9,761
	Daintree	Needingworth	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,068
	Holywell C of E Primary School	Needingworth	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	8,891
	Holywell-cum-Needingworth Bowls Club	Needingworth	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,743
	Mill Way Allotments	Needingworth	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	4,051
	Mill Way Cemetery	Needingworth	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,033
	Millfields Recreation Ground	Needingworth	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	20,031
	Millfields Recreation Ground	Needingworth	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	63,237
	Needingworth Tennis Club	Needingworth	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	3,373
	Overcote Fen	Holywell	PAR	Natural Open Space	Local	3,966
	Playing Field Overcote Lane	Needingworth	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	20,874
	St Ives Golf Club	St Ives	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	751,631
	St John the Baptist Church	Holywell	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,085
	The Front	Holywell	PAR	Natural Open Space	Local	8,865
	TOTAL PROVISION					905,608



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Houghton & Wyton	Houghton and Wyton Playing Fields	Houghton	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	21,804
	Houghton Grange Grassland	Houghton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	41,957
	Houghton Hill Cemetery	Houghton	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,113
	Houghton Meadow Pollard Willows	Houghton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	60,223
	Houghton Meadows	Houghton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	46,075
	Houghton Primary School	Houghton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	12,223
	Loxley Green	Wyton	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,721
TOTAL PROVISION						189,116
Huntingdon	American Lane	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,433
	American/Oxmoor Lane	Huntingdon	HDC/UNK	Green Corridors	Local	6,659
	American/Primrose Lane Allotments	Huntingdon	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	23,904
	Ash/Elm Close	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,504
	Beech Close Play Area	Huntingdon	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,686
	Beech/Ash Close	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,325
	Benedicts Court	Huntingdon	CCC	Civic Spaces	Local	510
	Bevan Close	Huntingdon	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	776
	Brampton Road	Huntingdon	CCC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,078
	Brampton Road	Huntingdon	CCC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,503
	Brampton Road	Huntingdon	CCC	Natural Open Space	Local	6,320
	Brampton Road	Huntingdon	CCC	Natural Open Space	Local	5,621
	Castle Moat Park	Huntingdon	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	18,697



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Huntingdon (continued)	Chequers Court	Huntingdon	PRV	Civic Spaces	Local	1,766
	Church Lane	Hartford	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Destination	4,128
	Claytons Way Field/ Olympic Gym	Huntingdon	PRV	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	16,089
	Coneygear Court	Huntingdon	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,422
	Coneygear Park	Huntingdon	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	34,981
	Coxons Close	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,196
	Cromwell Park Primary School	Huntingdon	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	9,609
	Dartmoor Drive	Huntingdon	HDC	Natural Open Space	Local	5,210
	Dartmoor/ Snowdonia Way	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	7,981
	Falcon Drive	Hartford	HDC	Natural Open Space	Local	3,365
	Flamsteed Drive/ Hinchingsbrooke buffer	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	17,789
	Garner Court Play Area	Huntingdon	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,632
	Hamlet Close	Hartford	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,024
	Hartford Community Junior School	Huntingdon	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	16,253
	Hartford Road Allotments	Huntingdon	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	12,027
	Hinchingsbrooke Balancing Pond	Huntingdon	DEV	Natural Open Space	Local	7,351
	Hinchingsbrooke School	Huntingdon	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	31,375
	Hinchingsbrooke School	Huntingdon	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	154,175
	Huntingdon & Godmanchester Bowling Club	Huntingdon	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	4,281
	Huntingdon Infants and Junior Schools	Huntingdon	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	21,658



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Huntingdon (continued)	Huntingdon Regional College	Huntingdon	CCC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	51,498
	Huntingdon Regional College	Huntingdon	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	12,078
	Huntingdon Regional College	Huntingdon	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	1,035
	Huntingdon Town Park	Huntingdon	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	12,023
	Huntingdon Youth Club	Huntingdon	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,121
	King George V Playing Field	Hartford	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Neighbourhood	11,162
	King George V Playing Field	Huntingdon	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	36,151
	Long Moore Baulk	Huntingdon	DEV	Green Corridors	Local	28,445
	Long Moore Baulk	Huntingdon	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	2,363
	Longstaff Way	Hartford	CCC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,286
	Macbeth Close	Huntingdon	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,156
	Maple Drive open space	Huntingdon	HHP/UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,821
	Market Square	Huntingdon	CCC	Civic Spaces	Local	1,673
	Maryland Avenue	Hartford	UNK	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,117
	Mill Common	Huntingdon	FREEMEN	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	61,623
	Montagu Bowls Club	Huntingdon	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,230
	Norfolk Road	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	7,954
	Norfolk Road	Huntingdon	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,418
	Nuns Bridge	Huntingdon	CCC	Natural Open Space	Local	9,830
	Nursery Road Play Area	Huntingdon	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,232



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Huntingdon (continued)	Oberon Close	Hartford	HDC/UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,271
	Owl Way Tree Belt	Hartford	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	37,472
	Oxmoor Lane	Huntingdon	UNK	Green Corridors	Local	22,915
	Parkway buffer	Huntingdon	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	8,037
	Parkway Play Area	Huntingdon	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	164
	Perigrine/Kite Close	Hartford	HDC	Amenity Green-space	Local	3,487
	Port Holme	Huntingdon	FREEMEN	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	32,932
	Primrose Lane Cemetery	Huntingdon	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	6,553
	Priory Road Cemetery	Huntingdon	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	20,309
	Redwings Way Park	Huntingdon	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	12,704
	Riverside Park	Huntingdon	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Destination	56,499
	Riverside Park-Hunters Down	Huntingdon	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Destination	78,176
	Rodney Road	Hartford	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,076
	Sallowbush Rd Allotments	Huntingdon	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	16,149
	Sallowbush Road open space	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	26,475
	Sapley Park	Huntingdon	UNK/HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,717
	Sapley Park Playing Fields	Huntingdon	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	78,714
	Scholars Avenue	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,735
	Spring Common	Huntingdon	FREEMEN	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	38,364
	Spring Common	Huntingdon	FREEMEN	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	12,892
Spring Common Primary and Secondary School	Huntingdon	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	17,405	



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Huntingdon (continued)	St Johns C of E Primary School	Huntingdon	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	11,447
	St Marys Church	Huntingdon	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,189
	St Peter's School	Huntingdon	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	47,503
	Stukeley Meadows open space	Huntingdon	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	31,507
	Stukeley Meadows open space	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	49,325
	Stukeley Meadows Primary School	Huntingdon	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	8,424
	Stukeley Meadows Skate Park	Huntingdon	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,399
	Surrey Road	Huntingdon	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,865
	Sycamore Drive	Huntingdon	HHP	Civic Spaces	Local	869
	The Glades	Huntingdon	DEV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	8,057
	The Whaddons	Huntingdon	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	973
	Thongsley Infants and Junior School	Huntingdon	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	24,403
	Views Common	Huntingdon	FREEMEN	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	266,242
	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Huntingdon	CCC	Parks & Gardens	Destination	606,835
	Jubilee Park	Huntingdon	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	131,024
TOTAL PROVISION						2,376,649
Kimbolton	Iron Gates Netball & Tennis Courts Roger Peel Spor	Kimbolton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	1,561
	Kimbolton and Catworth Cricket Club	Kimbolton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	12,062
	Kimbolton Preparatory School	Kimbolton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	77,907



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Kimbolton (continued)	Kimbolton School	Kimbolton	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	216,227
	Newtown Allotments	Kimbolton	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	8,784
	Newtown Cemetery	Kimbolton	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	7,410
	Overhills Primary School	Kimbolton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	10,996
	Pond Lane Park	Kimbolton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	14,827
	St Andrews Church	Kimbolton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,524
	Thrapston Road	Kimbolton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	11,903
TOTAL PROVISION						365,200
Leighton	Leighton Playing Field	Leighton Bromswold	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	3,565
	St Marys Church	Leighton Bromswold	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,911
TOTAL PROVISION						7,477
Little Gidding	St Johns Church	Little Gidding	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,086
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Little Paxton	Gordon Road / The Crofts/The Willows	Little Paxton	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	5,268
	Island Site	Little Paxton	DEV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,061
	Little Paxton Playing Field	Little Paxton	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	24,034
	Little Paxton Primary School	Little Paxton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	10,929
	Parkside / Booth Way	Little Paxton	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	8,996
	Paxton Pits	Little Paxton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	69,736
	Paxton Pits	Little Paxton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	293,562
	Rivermill Open Space	Little Paxton	DEV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	6,019



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Little Paxton (continued)	St James Church	Little Paxton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,311
	Wantage Gardens Allotments	Little Paxton	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	12,758
	Paxton Pits	Little Paxton	HDC	Natural Open Space	Destination	530,809
	Little Paxton Pits Non-SSSI	Little Paxton	LAFARGE	Natural Open Space	Local	1,022,032
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Morborne	All Saints Church	Morborne	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,674
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Offord Cluny & Offord D'Arcy	All Saints Church	Offord Cluny	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,553
	Graveley Road Allotments	Offord Darcy	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	2,336
	Millenium Green	Offord Darcy	PAR	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	46,920
	Offord Cricket Ground	Offord Darcy	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	15,456
	Offord Meadow	Offord Cluny	UNK	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	23,700
	Offord Primary School	Offord Darcy	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	6,865
	St Peters Church	Offord Darcy	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,786
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Old Weston	St Swithens Church	Old Weston	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,094
	Village Hall Main Street	Old Weston	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,756
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Out of District (Yaxley)	Pond Rolls Close	Yaxley	DEV	Natural Open Space	Local	6,879
TOTAL PROVISION						6,879
Perry	Lakeside Close	Perry	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	6,153
	Mander Park	Perry	UNK	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	30,179



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Perry (continued)	Mander Park West Perry	Perry	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	9,799
	Perry Football Pitch	Perry	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	13,380
	Perry Skate Park	Perry	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,440
	West Perry	Perry	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,162
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Pidley cum Fenton	All Saints Church	Pidley	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,763
	Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre	Pidley	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	302,113
	Playing Field Warboys Road	Pidley	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,572
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Ramsey	Abbey College	Ramsey	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	135,211
	Ashbeach Primary School	Ramsey St Marys	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,896
	Church Green	Ramsey	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,085
	Clover Close	Ramsey St Marys	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,376
	King George Playing Field	Ramsey	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	26,727
	Mill Lane Playing Field	Ramsey	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	13,711
	Oak Way	Ramsey St Marys	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,168
	Old Nene Golf and Country Club	Ramsey	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	323,136
	One Leisure Ramsey	Ramsey	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	4,154



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Ramsey (continued)	Ramsey Colts Football Club	Ramsey	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	28,510
	Ramsey Cricket Club	Ramsey	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	21,692
	Ramsey Heights Nature Reserve	Ramsey Heights	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	54,536
	Ramsey Junior School	Ramsey	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Neighbourhood	15,103
	Ramsey Mereside Village Hall	Ramsey Mereside	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	32,008
	Recreation Ground Ramsey Road	Ramsey Forty Foot	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	8,374
	Spinning Infant School	Ramsey	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,187
	St Marys Church	Ramsey St Marys	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	5,617
	St Thomas A Becket Church	Ramsey	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	5,697
	Stocking Fen Road Allotments	Ramsey	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	14,609
	Stocking Fen Road Allotments	Ramsey	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	13,917
	The Malting	Ramsey	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,829
	Wood Lane Cemetery	Ramsey	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	47,115
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Sawtry	All Saints Church	Sawtry	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	6,715
	Archer's Wood	Coppingford	OTHER	Natural Open Space	Local	185,923
	Aversley Wood	Sawtry	OTHER	Natural Open Space	Local	632,629
	Green End Road	Sawtry	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	329



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Sawtry (continued)	Green End Road Play Area	Sawtry	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	917
	Monks Wood & The Odd Quarter	Sawtry	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	139,283
	Recreation Ground St Judiths Lane	Sawtry	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	45,140
	Sawtry and District Bowls Club	Sawtry	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	2,245
	Sawtry Community College	Sawtry	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	35,116
	Sawtry infants and Junior School	Sawtry	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	16,477
	Sawtry Leisure Centre	Sawtry	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	1,762
	Sawtry Sports Club	Sawtry	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	62,817
	St Judiths Lane Allotments	Sawtry	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	7,597
	Monks Wood & The Odd Quarter	Sawtry	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	1,558,872
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Sibson cum Stibbington	Chapel Court Allotments	Wansford	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	6,857
	Stibbington Pits	Stibbington	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	304,042
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Somersham	Chapel Field Lane Allotments	Somersham	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	170,011
	Norwood Playing Field	Somersham	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	23,858
	Somersham Millenium Field	Somersham	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	47,244
	Somersham Primary School	Somersham	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Neighbourhood	8,761
	Somersham Town Bowls	Somersham	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	2,422
	Somersham Town Football Club	Somersham	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	17,432



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Somersham (continued)	St Ives - March Disused Railway (Somersham)	Somersham	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	28,782
	St Ives - March Disused Railway (Somersham)	Somersham	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	22,020
	St John the Baptist	Somersham	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	7,955
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Southoe & Midloe	Paxton Lakes Sailing Club	Little Paxton	LAFARGE	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	882,979
	Paxton Pits	Little Paxton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	913,629
	Southoe Football Pitch	Southoe	PAR	Amenity Green-space	Neighbourhood	19,568
	St Leonards Church	Southoe	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,719
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Spaldwick	Fuller Close	Spaldwick	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,430
	Spaldwick Primary School	Spaldwick	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	14,699
	St James Church	Spaldwick	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,875
	TOTAL PROVISION					
St Ives	Alwyn Close	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,173
	Ansley Way	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,308
	Broad Leas Cemetery	St Ives	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	7,124
	Burstellars	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	10,223
	Burstellars	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,564
	Canberra Drive	St Ives	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	14,447
	Chestnut Road	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,293
	Eastfield School	St Ives	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	7,530



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St Ives (continued)	Edinburgh Drive	St Ives	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	7,314
	Heddon Way	St Ives	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	10,830
	Hill Rise Allotments	St Ives	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	54,839
	Hill Rise Park	St Ives	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Destination	70,549
	Holt Island	St Ives	HDC	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	19,214
	Hunts Sailing Club	St Ives	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	245,098
	Land North of Hill Rise	St Ives	HDC	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	80,112
	Lavender Way	St Ives	HDC/UNK	Green Corridors	Local	6,683
	London Road	St Ives	HDC	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	47,027
	Market Square	St Ives	CCC	Civic Spaces	Local	1,085
	Nursery Gardens	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,477
	Old Ramsey Road Cemetery	St Ives	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	12,514
	One Leisure St Ives (outdoor)	St Ives	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	156,967
	Playing Field Little How	St Ives	UNK	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	6,090
	Ramsey Road	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,273
	Rookery Close	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	6,025
	Skelton Place	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,854
	Slepe Playing Field	St Ives	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	13,356
	St Audrey Lane	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,850
	St Ives Bowls Club	St Ives	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	2,349
St Ives Parish Church	St Ives	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,875	



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St Ives (continued)	St Ives Rugby Club	St Ives	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	43,938	
	St Ives Town FC	St Ives	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	13,843	
	St Ivo School	St Ives	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	28,761	
	St Ivo School	St Ives	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	3,500	
	Stirling Road	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	19,236	
	Swan Close	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,382	
	Tamar Close	St Ives	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	2,552	
	Tenterleas Tennis Club	St Ives	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,311	
	The Crescent	St Ives	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,991	
	Thorndown County Infant School	St Ives	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	12,134	
	Warners Park	St Ives	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	23,659	
	Wellington Avenue	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,316	
	Westfield School	St Ives	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	20,723	
	Westwood Road	St Ives	HDC	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	17,162	
	Westwood Road Cemetery	St Ives	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,104	
	Wheatfields School	St Ives	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	15,955	
	Woodside Way	St Ives	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,058	
	TOTAL PROVISION						1,029,666
	St Neots	Axis Way	St Neots	HDC/UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,153
Barford Road LAP		St Neots	DEV	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	133	



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St Neots (continued)	Barford Road Pocket Park	St Neots	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	187,879
	Baron Court	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,002
	Beatty Road	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	8,816
	Brickhills open space	St Neots	PAR	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	19,558
	Brown Square	St Neots	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	6,037
	Bushmead Primary School	St Neots	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	14,121
	Cambridge Street	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,633
	Cawdor Place	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,367
	Cemetery Road Allotments	St Neots	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	7,499
	Cemetery Road Cemetery	St Neots	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	24,468
	Coneygeare Park	St Neots	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	14,381
	Crosshall Infants and Juniors	St Neots	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	16,110
	Duck Lane	St Neots	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,316
	Duloe Brook	St Neots	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	4,878
	Eaton Ford open space	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	24,744
	Eaton Socon Bowling Club	St Neots	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	2,078
	Eaton Socon Cricket Club	St Neots	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	14,563
	Eaton Socon Football Club	St Neots	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	7,597
	Eaton Socon open space	St Neots	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	16,797
	Eaton Socon open space	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	24,294
Eynesbury Bowls Club	St Neots	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,598	



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St Neots (continued)	Eynesbury C of E School	St Neots	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Neighbourhood	4,568
	Eynesbury Rovers Football Club	St Neots	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	16,738
	Gainsborough Avenue	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,079
	Hardwick Road	St Neots	PRV	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	30,156
	Hardwick Road	St Neots	DEV	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	261,466
	Hardwick Road	St Neots	HDC	Natural Open Space	Local	2,919
	Hardwick Road Allotments	St Neots	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	11,734
	Hawkesdon Road	St Neots	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,314
	Hawkesford Way	St Neots	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	225
	Hawkesford Way POS	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	7,844
	Henbrook Linear Park	St Neots	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Neighbourhood	39,702
	Inkerman Rise	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,738
	Kings Road open space	St Neots	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,501
	Kipling/Hogarth	St Neots	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,601
	Lammas Meadows	St Neots	HDC	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	162,414
	Lammas Meadows	St Neots	HDC	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	123,180
	Linton Close play area	St Neots	DEV	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	451
	Little End Road Cemetery	St Neots	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	8,160
	Longfellow/Constable	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,987
	Longsands College	St Neots	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	118,052



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St Neots (continued)	Market Square	St Neots	CCC	Civic Spaces	Local	857
	Maule Close LAP	St Neots	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	188
	Middlefield Primary School	St Neots	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	11,989
	Milk Field	St Neots	UNK	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	12,926
	Mill Hill Road open space	St Neots	HDC/UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	9,009
	Mill Lane Allotments	St Neots	PRV	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	42,874
	Monarch Road open space	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	24,798
	Moores Walk	St Neots	CCC	Civic Spaces	Local	297
	Musgrave Way	St Neots	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	10,730
	Navigation Wharf	St Neots	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	3,997
	One Leisure St Neots	St Neots	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	29,333
	Parklands open space	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	12,045
	Prince Close	St Neots	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	8,994
	Priory Junior School	St Neots	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	17,629
	Priory Park	St Neots	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Destination	327,263
	Recreation Ground Ackerman Street	St Neots	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	11,586
	Regatta Meadows	St Neots	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Destination	75,169
	River Road Allotments	St Neots	PRV	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	4,452
	Riverside Park	St Neots	HDC	Parks & Gardens	Destination	166,548
	Riversmead	St Neots	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	9,112
Romney/Lawrence	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,597	



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St Neots (continued)	Samuel Pepys School	St Neots	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	3,222
	School Lane Eynesbury	St Neots	HDC	Green Corridors	Local	3,949
	Shady Walk East Street Open Space	St Neots	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,529
	Sidney Banks Memorial Field	St Neots	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	23,464
	St Anselm Place	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,168
	St Marys C of E Primary School	St Neots	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	7,304
	St Marys Church	St Neots	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,443
	St Marys Church	St Neots	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	8,629
	St Neots Common	St Neots	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	334,029
	St Neots Community College	St Neots	CCC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	67,156
	St Neots Rugby Club	St Neots	FREEMEN	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	102,771
	St Neots Tennis & Bowling Club	St Neots	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	5,252
	St Neots Town Football Club	St Neots	HDC	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	17,426
	Sudbury Meadows	St Neots	HDC	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	7,466
	Swift Close	St Neots	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,989
	The Bargroves	St Neots	CCC	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	5,684
	The Broad Walk	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,666
	Viceroy/Viscount	St Neots	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,630
	Weston Court	St Neots	UNK	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	796



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St Neots (continued)	Whitehall Walk	St Neots	UNK	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,125
	Winhills Primary School	St Neots	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	19,515
	St Neots Golf Club	St Neots	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Destination	440,347
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Stilton	Church Street Cemetery	Stilton	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,208
	St Marys Church	Stilton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,778
	Stilton C of E Primary School	Stilton	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	1,513
	Stilton Skate Park and Football Pitch	Stilton	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	17,604
	Walnut Way	Stilton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	7,452
	Stilton Oaks Golf Club	Stilton	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	437,682
	TOTAL PROVISION					
Stow Longa	Church Walk	Stow Longa	HDC	Amenity Green-space	Local	2,819
	St Botolphs Church	Stow Longa	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,110
	TOTAL PROVISION					
The Stukeleys	Brampton Racecourse	Brampton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	210,730
	Chestnut Grove	Great Stukeley	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,731
	Great Stukeley Playing Field	Great Stukeley	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	14,944
	RAF Alconbury	Alconbury	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	33,026
	RAF Athletics Track	Alconbury RAF	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	16,667
	Spruce Drive Play-ground	Alconbury	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	3,017
	St Bartholomews	Great Stukeley	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,437



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The Stukeleys (continued)	St Martins Church	Little Stukeley	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,320
	Village Hall Low Road	Little Stukeley	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	3,216
	West View	Great Stukeley	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,329
	TOTAL PROVISION					292,417
Tilbrook	All Saints Church	Tilbrook	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	4,333
	Mill Hall Playing Fields	Tilbrook	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,580
	TOTAL PROVISION					8,914
Upton & Coppingford	Church of St Margarets	Upton	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,276
	TOTAL PROVISION					2,276
Upwood & The Raveleys	Ailwine Road	Upwood	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	5,651
	Bentley Close	Upwood	PAR	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	646
	Farm Close	Upwood	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,273
	Farm Close/ Barley Way	Upwood	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	7,254
	Lady's Wood	Upwood	OTHER	Natural Open Space	Local	71,540
	Meadow Lane Allotments	Upwood	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	4,964
	Meadow Road Allotments	Upwood	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	7,710
	Raveley Wood	Raveley	OTHER	Natural Open Space	Local	58,532
	St Peters Church	Upwood	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,168
	Upwood Cricket Ground	Upwood	UNK	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	12,888
	Upwood Meadows	Upwood	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	60,180
	Upwood Primary School	Upwood	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	8,878
	TOTAL PROVISION					244,684



Parish	Site Name	Town	Ownership	Type	Local Designation	Area (m ²)
Warboys	Adam Lyons Recreation Field	Warboys	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	9,365
	Church Road Cemetery	Warboys	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	5,082
	Farriers Way Open Space	Warboys	DEV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,690
	Fenton Road Allotments	Warboys	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	6,794
	Grace Baptist Church	Warboys	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	5,227
	Pingle Wood and Cutting	Warboys	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	71,831
	St Mary Magdelene Church	Warboys	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	3,712
	Warboys and Wistow Wood	Warboys	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	354,776
	Warboys Community Primary School	Warboys	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	21,279
	Warboys Parish Centre	Warboys	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,297
	Warboys Sports and Social Club	Warboys	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	35,148
	Warboys White Hart Bowls Club	Warboys	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	1,477
TOTAL PROVISION						520,678
Waresley cum Tetworth	Church of St James the Great	Waresley	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,806
	Waresley Cricket Club	Waresley	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	14,581
	Waresley and Gransden Nature Reserve	Waresley	OTHER	Natural Open Space	Neighbourhood	544,942
TOTAL PROVISION						562,329
Winwick	All Saints Church	Winwick	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,542
	TOTAL PROVISION					



Parish	Site Name	Town	Ownership	Type	Local Designation	Area (m ²)
Wistow	Oaklands Avenue	Wistow	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	5,689
	Warboys and Wistow Wood	Warboys	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	88,113
	TOTAL PROVISION					93,802
Wood Walton	Beville	Woodwalton	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,934
	Five Arches Pits (East)	Woodwalton	OTHER	Natural Open Space	Local	39,277
	Gamsey Wood	Woodwalton	OTHER	Natural Open Space	Local	41,584
	Riddy Wood and Lane	Woodwalton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	91,879
	The Green	Woodwalton	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,142
	Woodwalton Fen	Woodwalton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	2,081,258
	Woodwalton Marsh	Woodwalton	UNK	Natural Open Space	Local	6,702
TOTAL PROVISION					2,265,777	
Yaxley	Allard Close	Yaxley	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	14,548
	Allard Close	Yaxley	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,164
	Broadway Bowls Club	Yaxley	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	3,666
	Church Street Cemetery	Yaxley	PAR	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	16,874
	Daffodil Court	Yaxley	DEV	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	843
	Ferndale - Queens Park Sports Pavilion	Yaxley	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	45,279
	Ferndale Northern Buffer	Yaxley	DEV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	8,901
	Fourfields Primary School	Yaxley	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	11,818



Parish	Site Name	Town	Ownership	Type	Local Designation	Area (m ²)
Yaxley (continued)	Foxglove Close	Yaxley	DEV	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	3,747
	Great Drove Allotments	Yaxley	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	8,189
	Highfield Walk	Yaxley	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,506
	Leading Drove Allotments	Yaxley	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Local	8,722
	Mere Drove Allotments	Yaxley	PAR	Allotments & Community Gardens	Neighbourhood	10,047
	Mountbatten Avenue	Yaxley	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	4,828
	Queen Street	Yaxley	HDC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	2,653
	Rose Court	Yaxley	DEV	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	124
	Shackleton Way	Yaxley	DEV	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	3,907
	Speechley Road	Yaxley	HDC	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,958
	St Peters Church	Yaxley	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,802
	Village Green	Yaxley	DEV	Amenity Greenspace	Local	7,746
	William De Yaxley C of E Junior School	Yaxley	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	11,747
	Yaxley Football Club	Yaxley	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	11,757
	Yaxley Infants School	Yaxley	CCC	Provision for Children & Young People	Local	4,631
	Yaxley Recreation Ground	Yaxley	PAR	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Neighbourhood	48,583
TOTAL PROVISION						239,040



Parish	Site Name	Town	Ownership	Type	Local Designation	Area (m ²)
Yelling	Church of the Holy Cross	Yelling	CHURCH	Cemeteries and churchyards	Local	2,921
	High Street	Yelling	PAR	Amenity Greenspace	Local	2,397
	High Street (cricket outfield)	Yelling	PRV	Amenity Greenspace	Neighbourhood	21,349
	Yelling Cricket Ground	Yelling	PRV	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Local	8,474
	TOTAL PROVISION					

Ownership Key:

CCC	Cambridgeshire County Council
CHURCH	Church
DEV	Developer
FREEMEN	Freemen
HDC	Huntingdonshire District Council
HDC (part)	Part owned by HDC
LAFARGE	LAFARGE
PAR	Local Parish Council
PRV	Private
UNK	Unknown
UNK/HDC	Part owned by HDC



Appendix 4: Prioritisation Matrix

FACTOR A: Local Designation

Criteria for this factor are:

Matrix Score of 4: Regional Sites - These particular sites are typically larger than 60 hectares in size and are in many cases major visitor attractions, containing facilities and experiences enabling families to enjoy whole days out. Their high matrix score reflects their importance to the area. It may be that there are none within the borough, but their significance should not be discounted given the need for people in the borough to have access to such areas, or the long-term desirability of achieving access to such a site within the borough itself. Travel to them is typically accepted as being by car/ public transport and as such the catchments are very large

Matrix Score of 3: Destination - These particular sites would typically cover an area of between 10 and 60 hectares and contain a range of facilities and experiences for all members of the public. These can be classed as the borough's main parks / countryside parks and would allow the visitor to spend several hours enjoying the open space environment.

Matrix Score of 2: Neighbourhood - These sites are typically between 1 and 10 hectares and include established areas of public open space, including recreation grounds. Whilst the main mode of travel to the site will be on foot, users may travel from beyond the immediate catchment, necessitating the use of cars or public transport.

Matrix Score of 1: Local - These sites are typically incidental areas of open space, and in many cases are the only useable piece of public open space in their locality. They are important in providing linkages to the wider green infrastructure, and have a very small catchment area. Their low matrix score reflects the fact their significance relates to a very small proportion of the Borough's population.

FACTOR B: Existing Quality

Criteria for this factor are:

Matrix Score of 4: Quality score of 3 based on PPG 17 assessment scores.

Matrix Score of 3: Quality score of 2 based on PPG 17 assessment scores.

Matrix Score of 2: Quality score of 1 based on PPG 17 assessment scores.

Matrix Score of 1: Sites that do not currently have a quality audit score



FACTOR C: Community Involvement

Criteria for this factor are:

Matrix Score of 4: Friends of Group or equivalent community involvement actively involved in the management and development of the site.

Matrix Score of 3: Occasional community involvement at site, including community events and / or similar activities.

Matrix Score of 2: No current community activity but scope for future community involvement at the site.

Matrix Score of 1: No current community involvement in the management and development of the site. Unlikely to be any involvement in the future.

FACTOR D: Sustainability

Criteria for this factor are:

Matrix Score of 4: Site has an environmental policy or charter in place, and site management is based on best practice and current knowledge, addressing issues such as recycling of waste plant material, energy use, horticultural peat use, adaptation to climate change etc.

Matrix Score of 3: Site adopts some but not all of the sustainability recommendations highlighted in Green Flag manual. Environmental policy or charter in place but scope for additional improvements.

Matrix Score of 2: Some sustainability issues addressed but no environmental policy or charter in place.

Matrix Score of 1: No clear maintenance plan in place, nor is there likely to be in the near future.



FACTOR E: Site Usage

Criteria for this factor are:

Matrix Score of 4: Site is well used with a variety of leisure and recreation opportunities available.

Matrix Score of 3: Site is well used but has limited opportunities for leisure and recreation.

Matrix Score of 2: Site is poorly used despite the fact that it offers a range of leisure and recreation opportunities.

Matrix Score of 1: Site is poorly used with limited leisure and recreation opportunities available.

FACTOR F : Potential Improvements

In addition to the current state of play at each site, it is also important to identify whether there are any planned improvements, or scope for improvements to any of the borough's open spaces.

Matrix Score of 4: Site has major improvements planned and this is detailed within capital programme or equivalent documents.

Matrix Score of 3: Site has minor improvements planned and this is stated within current documentation.

Matrix Score of 2: No improvements detailed within documentation, but significant aspects of the site require improving.

Matrix Score of 1: No improvements detailed within documentation, and only minor aspects of the site need improving.



Appendix 5: Detailed Priority Matrix Scores for the Destination Sites

Site Name	FACTOR						Matrix Score
	A. Local Designation	B. Existing Quality	C. Community Involvement	D. Sustainability	E. Site Usage	F. Potential Improvements	
Hinchingbrooke Country Park	3	3	4	4	4	4	22
Paxton Pits	3	3	4	4	4	4	22
Grafham Water	3	4	3	4	4	4	22
Priory Park	3	4	3	4	4	3	21
Riverside Park (Huntingdon)	3	4	2	3	4	3	19
Hill Rise Park	3	4	2	3	4	3	19
Riverside Park - Hunters Down	3	4	2	3	4	3	19
Godmanchester Town Park	3	4	2	3	4	2*	18
One Leisure St Ives (outdoor)	3	4	1	2*	4	4	18
Regatta Meadows	3	3	2	3	4	3	18
Riverside Park (St Neots)	3	3	2	3	4	3	18
Hinchingbrooke School	3	4	3	2*	4	2*	18
Needingworth Quarry	4	1	3	3	3	3	17
Kimbolton School	3	4	1	2*	4	2*	16
Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre	3	4	1	2*	4	2*	16
Church Lane	3	4	2	3	3	1	16
One Leisure St Neots	3	4	1	1	4	2*	15
St Neots Golf Club	3	4	1	2*	3	2*	15
Brampton Park Golf Club	3	4	1	2*	3	2*	15
St Ives Golf Club	3	4	1	2*	3	2*	15
Abbotsley Hotel, Golf and Country Club	3	4	1	2*	3	2*	15
Elton Furze Golf Club	3	2	1	2*	3	2*	13

* Assumed mark of 2 given lack of available information relating to this factor

