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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) commissioned LUC and Continuum Sport and Leisure to undertake an Open Space, Sport and Recreation Assessment of the district. This report sets out the findings of the Open Space Audit and Assessment. Separate assessments addressing provision of sports and recreation facilities within the district have also been produced.
- 1.2 The purpose of the study is to:
  - Determine how future population growth and changing leisure needs will affect open space provision;
  - Highlight the areas which experience deficiency in open space provision, or where predicted population growth may put pressure on the existing provision;
  - Identify which facilities require improvement and enhancement; and
  - Determine what new facilities and services are likely to be required to satisfy the open space needs up to 2028.
- 1.3 This study replaces the previous open space strategy that was published in 2008.

## Scope

- 1.4 The assessment considers the implications of population growth and changing recreation needs for open space provision in the district, both quantitatively and qualitatively (including those parts of the district within the South Downs National Park (SDNP). The assessment determines what existing facilities and services will require enhancement / improvement and what new facilities and services are likely to be required to satisfy the future green space, community, recreation and cultural needs of the district's population up to 2028. The following typologies have been excluded from this study (the reason for this is provided in brackets):
  - Private open space including agricultural land (this study only considers spaces which are publicly accessible).
  - School facilities (this study only considers spaces which are publicly accessible).
  - Indoor sports facilities (this typology is covered in the complementary 2018 sports assessment).
  - Playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities (this typology is covered in the complementary 2018 sports assessment).
  - Proposed open space (whilst some of these sites have been given planning permission, they
    have not been included as part of the baseline for this study. The Council's Open Space GIS
    should be updated accordingly once these sites are developed).
  - Civic spaces (no significant civic open spaces were identified during this assessment)

## Structure of this report

- 1.5 This section introduces the purpose and policies related to the East Hampshire Open Space Assessment. The remainder of the report is structured into the following sections:
  - **Section 2: Method** describes the approach that has been taken to the open space needs assessment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Indoor Sport Facilities (2018) and Playing Pitch Strategy (2018)

- **Section 3: Findings of open space assessment** provides information on the type, location and quality of open spaces in East Hampshire.
- **Section 4: Development of standards** sets out the process of developing the open space standards, including data review, consultation and benchmarking.
- **Section 5: Application of standards** applies the open space standard to identify areas of deficiency in quantity, quality and accessibility of open space across the district.

## National and local policy framework

1.6 This section outlines the key national and local policies that have influenced the approach to the assessment. These should be considered when interpreting the study's findings for the purpose of both the East Hampshire Local Plan and the South Downs Local Plan.

#### Approach to open space assessment

1.7 This study complies with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). It updates the findings of the previous Open Space Study which was published in 2008. This will ensure that the Local Plan's evidence base is based on up to date and robust data. The study also sets out requirements for enhancement / improvement and new open spaces to meet the district's needs up to 2028.

#### Loss or replacement of open space

- 1.8 The NPPF (para. 97) sets out the only circumstances in which an open space can be developed for different uses. It clarifies that existing open space should not be built on unless:
  - an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space to be surplus to requirements; or
  - the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
  - the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

## Open space and green infrastructure

- 1.9 The East Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy<sup>2</sup> was published in 2011 and is currently being updated. The revised Green Infrastructure Strategy will support the production of the Local Plan as part of the evidence base. The 2011 Green Infrastructure Strategy sought to help ensure a "community led approach to the development of green infrastructure". The GI Strategy had three strategic priorities:
  - Multifunctional Corridors to provide links between towns and villages to the wider countryside, improve accessibility and extend wildlife corridors.
  - Encourage awareness for the importance of historical and cultural heritage particularly its connection to landscape, the natural environment and sense of place.
  - Green Infrastructure Investment Areas (GIIAs) focussing a range of multifunctional benefits within these areas.
- 1.10 The strategic priorities identified within the revised Green Infrastructure Strategy should complement enhancement of the district's open space resource by promoting the creation of access to the wider countryside via 'Multifunctional Corridors', helping to alleviate open space deficiency, particularly in terms of semi-natural open space. This study highlights the benefits of this alternative approach to creating access to semi-natural green space. The open space audit also considered the GI functions that each audited open space is currently delivering, and those which it has potential to deliver.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  East Hampshire District Council (July 2013)  $\it Green\ Infrastructure\ Strategy\ 2011\ -\ 2028.$  Available at: http://www.easthants.gov.uk/green-infrastructure-strategy-2013-part-1-3-mb

#### Protecting, maintaining and enhancing open space

- 1.11 The NPPF provides a mechanism by which local authorities can protect some open spaces under a 'Local Green Space' designation (paras. 99-101), and provides high level criteria for such a designation. This enables open spaces to be designated within a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan that of particular importance to the community and demonstrably special; for example due to beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of wildlife.
- 1.12 Policy CP17 and Policy CP18 of the Local Plan Part 1 (Joint Core Strategy) are the policies which address open space in the district. Policy CP17 requires the protection of existing open space or sport, recreation or play facility unless a surplus of provision exists in accordance with the open space and built facilities standards or an appropriate alternative would be provided at an equally accessible location.
- 1.13 Policy CP18 of the Joint Core Strategy<sup>3</sup> sets a minimum standard of 3.45 ha of public open space per 1000 head of population. The policy also states that with regards to open space, sports and recreation facilities "new sites (with the exception of those to be provided within the Whitehill & Bordon Strategic Allocation) will be allocated either through the Local Plan: Allocations, the South Downs National Park Local Plan or neighbourhood plans". Beyond the allocation of new open space sites the policy also requires that new residential development makes provision for open space of a high standard, and also encourages the delivery of informal recreation through green infrastructure opportunities at towns and villages. The Council's emerging Local Plan will include a policy to identify existing and future areas of open space or sports, recreation and play facilities within the district outside of the South Downs National Park.
- 1.14 The district's Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study and accompanying Playing Pitch Strategy and Built Facilities Study were published jointly with Winchester City Council in 2008. This work revealed a deficiency of recreational opportunities for young people throughout the district<sup>4</sup>.
- 1.15 This study has reviewed the conclusions of this document and updated them in light of changes to open space provision since 2008 and changes to population projections for the district.

## **Play**

- 1.16 The East Hampshire Community Strategy<sup>5</sup> was developed in consultation with children and young people, and it highlighted six priorities for children and young people, the top two of which focus on leisure and recreation:
  - Increase access to leisure and recreation, though more local facilities (such as informal youth drop-in facilities) and improved transport.
  - Increase the access for disabled children, children in care and young carers to leisure activities and employment opportunities.

#### **Allotments**

1.17 Provision of allotments encourages healthy lifestyles and local food production. Allotments currently form part of the Council's intended delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure as highlighted in the supporting text of Policy CSWB10 Green Infrastructure of the Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy. The Green Infrastructure Study identified that there is high demand for allotments in the district, and a need to increase this resource. In 2008, when the previous Open Space Study was produced there were 0.2ha of allotments available per 1,000 residents in East Hampshire. The Study highlights as a specific recommendation, the creation of additional allotments in the north eastern part of Alton. The Green Infrastructure Framework presented in this document highlights as an objective the increased self-sufficiency of the district in terms of local produce including food grown on farms and community allotments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> East Hampshire District Council (June 2014) *East Hampshire District Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy.* Available at: http://www.easthants.gov.uk/dp01-east-hampshire-district-local-plan-joint-core-strategy-38-mb

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> East Hampshire District Council (August 2011) *Green Infrastructure Study for East Hampshire District Council.* Available at: http://www.easthants.gov.uk/green-infrastructure-study-aug-2011-36-mb

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> East Hampshire District Council (2008) East Hampshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2028https://www.easthants.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/PD04%20Community%20Strategy%202008-2026.pdf

#### Health in the district

1.18 Being active is important for ensuring future wellbeing and independence amongst the population of the district. On average people in Hampshire live longer than the national average; however for the three year period ending 2015 there has been a fall in healthy life expectancy. Across the county of Hampshire it is estimated that 65% of adults (aged over 16 years) are overweight.<sup>6</sup>

### **Open Space and Recreation in the South Downs National Park**

- 1.19 The South Downs Local Plan was submitted to Secretary of State in April 2018 and is currently at Examination. Development within the National Park is to be guided in relation to recreation provision and the protection of open spaces and green spaces most specifically by:
  - SD45: Green Infrastructure;
  - SD46: Provision and Protection of Open Space, sport and recreation, and burial grounds/cemeteries;
  - SD47: Local Green Spaces
- 1.20 Policy SD45 development for recreational activities, environmental education and interpretation will normally be supported by the Authority provided there is a proven need, and it is of an appropriate scale and intensity and reflects the valued characteristics of the National Park.
- 1.21 Policy SD46 promotes the connection of networks of open spaces around new residential developments. It is expected that residential development should demonstrate how it would contribute to wider green infrastructure networks. The policy protects the loss of open space unless suitable and appropriately accessible replacement is to be provided.
- 1.22 Policy SD47 designates and protected as Local Green Spaces, in line with the National Planning Policy Framework.
  - South Downs Green Infrastructure Framework
- 1.23 The South Downs Green Infrastructure Framework is in preparation, with a draft published in 2013 and an updated version planned. The Framework outlines the issues and opportunities relating to green infrastructure in the National Park. It defines the spatial priorities through a number of Green Infrastructure Investment Areas (GIIAs), three of which intersect East Hampshire. The identified priorities for each GIIA of relevance to the East Hampshire OpenSpace, Sport and Recreation Study are outlined below:
  - East Hants and Heathlands GIIA:
    - o Integrated recreation management to manage visitors to these highly visited and valued sites, especially around Queen Elizabeth Country Park/ Butser Hill SAC;
    - Extend woodland, provide more areas for recreation;
    - Link sites with access routes;
    - Forest of Bere potential for landscape-scale project incorporating biodiversity, access, cultural heritage and landscape. Work with partners to develop this subregional project.
  - South East Hampshire GIIA:
    - Build on the success of the Heathlands Reunited Heritage Lottery Fund project to fully integrate landscape-scale habitat conservation and green infrastructure into the future.
  - Rother Catchment GIIA:
    - Cultural landscape projects: parks and gardens;
    - o Disused railway lines providing access routes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board (2015) *Hampshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2015.* Available at: http://documents.hants.gov.uk/public-health/2015-09-16HampshireJointStrategicNeedsAssessment2015.pdf

## **Neighbourhood Plans**

- 1.24 The following settlements have Neighbourhood Plans:
  - Alton
  - Bentley
  - East Meon
  - Four Marks/ South Medstead
  - Liss
  - Petersfield
- 1.25 Open space and green infrastructure policies and objectives from the listed Neighbourhood Plans are summarised in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1: Summary of Neighbourhood Plan policies, objectives and vision

Neighbourhood Plan Area	Open space allocations outlined	Open space vision/ policy/ objective	Green infrastructure vision/ policy/objective
Alton	HO3 (a), H03 (b), HO3 (d)	Objective 3c: Retain existing open space, provision of new sports and recreation opportunities.	Policy TR3: Developments to provide links for pedestrians, broadening footpath network.  Policy CH7: Provision of additional allotments.
Bentley	None	Vision: Increasing type and range of open spaces by replanning the recreation ground.  Policy 5: Creation of new and extension of current open spaces.	Vision: Parish to take greater role in managing natural assets and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.
East Meon	None	Policy EM10: Protect and enhance existing open spaces.	
Four Marks/ South Medstead	None	Objective 3: Allocate local green spaces as part of green infrastructure network.	Policy 9: Improvement of footpaths and tracks for pedestrians and cyclists. Proposed establishment of Green Infrastructure Network Policy 10: Retention of existing green infrastructure.
Liss	None	Policy 3: Protection and provision of open space	Policy 3: Enhancement of biodiversity in green spaces, provision of connections to open spaces for local

Neighbourhood Plan Area	Open space allocations outlined	Open space vision/ policy/ objective	Green infrastructure vision/ policy/objective
			residential developments.  Policy 5: Maintenance and improvement of wildlife corridors. Improvements to public rights of way.
Petersfield	None	Policy NEP1 and NEP2: New open spaces in residential areas. Preserve and enhance open spaces.	Objective NE01: Green infrastructure network improvement by linking town to countryside.

## The East Hampshire context

- 1.26 East Hampshire is primarily a rural district located with most of the population concentrated in the main towns of Alton, Petersfield, Whitehill & Bordon. The district's population in 2016 was 118,000<sup>7</sup> and is projected to grow to over 132,305 by 2024<sup>8</sup>. The number of older people (those aged 65 and over) in the district has increased rapidly between 1981 and 2011 with this demographic almost doubling in East Hampshire during this period of time. This growth is in line with the pattern observed across the county of Hampshire<sup>9</sup>. This will have implications for the amount and type of open space, sport and recreation provision required.
- 1.27 A map of the district and its component Local Plan Sub-Area boundaries (Southern parishes, SDNP, North West and North East) are shown in **Figure 1.1.**
- 1.28 For the purpose of analysis within this report, an alternative set of Sub-Areas based on Ward boundaries was used. This has been necessary as the population data employed is divided into Ward areas, which allow provision of open space to be calculated per 1,000 head of population. Population is not evenly spread throughout the district and clusters around main settlements, as a result there are different needs and priorities in different areas. It is noted that the South Downs National Park boundary is not identical to the SDNP Sub-Area, the reason for this is explained above. **Figure 1.2** shows population density by Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) (geographical areas developed for use with census statistics in the UK) as well as the settlement hierarchy in East Hampshire<sup>10</sup>.
- 1.29 This Open Space Assessment has been commissioned to ensure that the East Hampshire and South Downs Local Plans meet the tests of soundness, particularly in relation to the following two tests:
  - Is the plan justified? This study combined with the Sports and Recreation Study provides up to date information to help justify the Local Plan, particularly in relation to open space provision within strategic housing allocations and outside of allocations, drawing on best available future population projections.
  - Is it based on robust and credible evidence? Through the robust methodology described in Section 2 (Method), this study provides robust evidence compiled systematically in line with a

 $<sup>^7</sup>$  Nomis (2016), ONS Population estimates - local authority based by five year age band. Available at: https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157301/printable.aspx

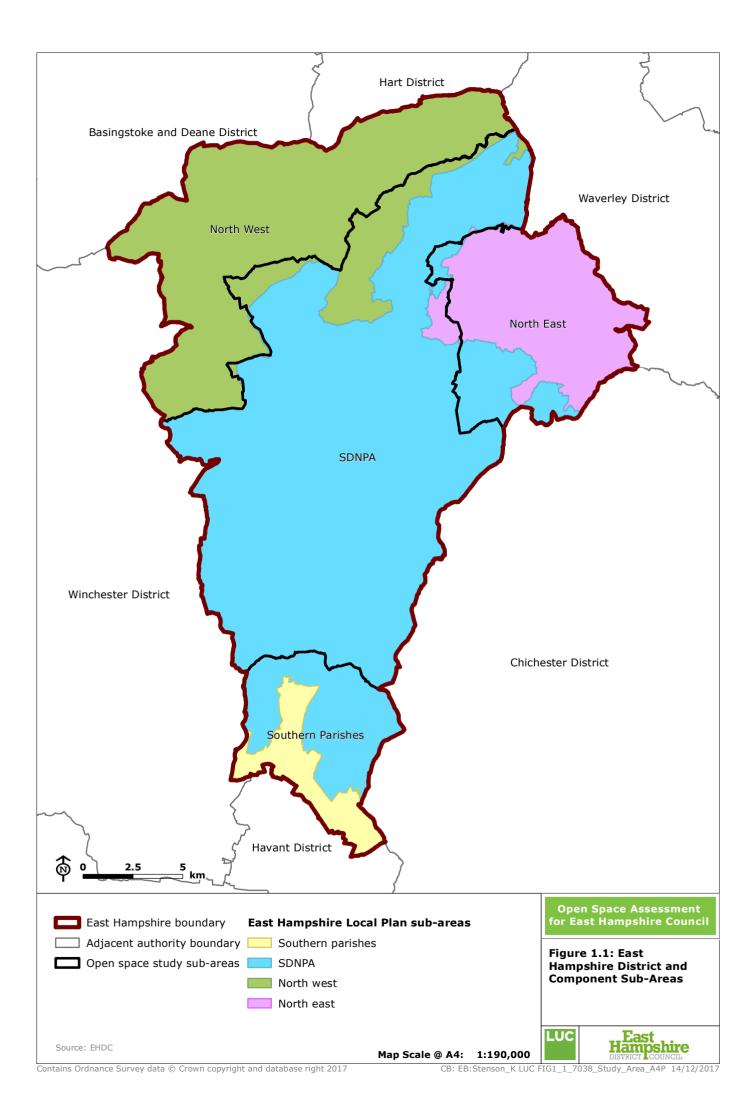
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Hampshire County Council (2016), *Hampshire County Environment Department's 2016 based Small Area Population Forecasts*. Available at: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats.htm

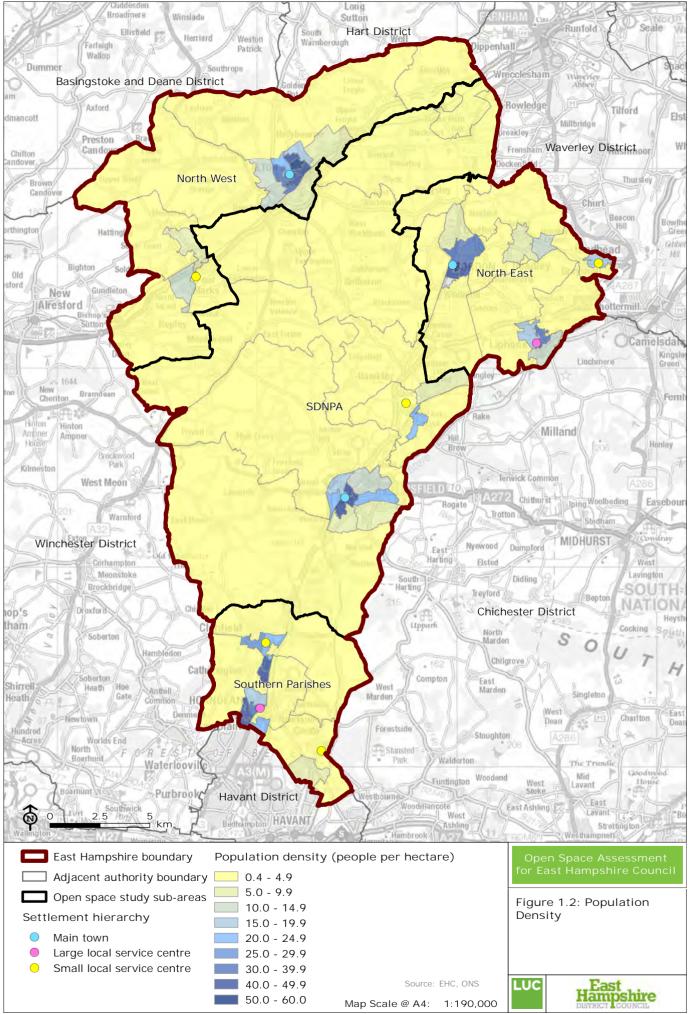
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Hampshire County Council (2012), *East Hampshire Ageing Factsheet.* Available at:

http://www.hants.gov.uk/east\_hampshire\_ageing\_factsheet\_2011.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> East Hampshire District Council, *East Hampshire District Local Plan: Housing and Employment Allocations.* April 2016

standard approach to these types of study. It identifies clear standards for the quality, quantity and accessibility of open spaces, which have been calibrated against other local and national provision standards. The evidence provided is credible, as it has been compiled by qualified professionals who are competent in the completion of open space assessment, and has been informed by stakeholder engagement, public consultation and site audits.





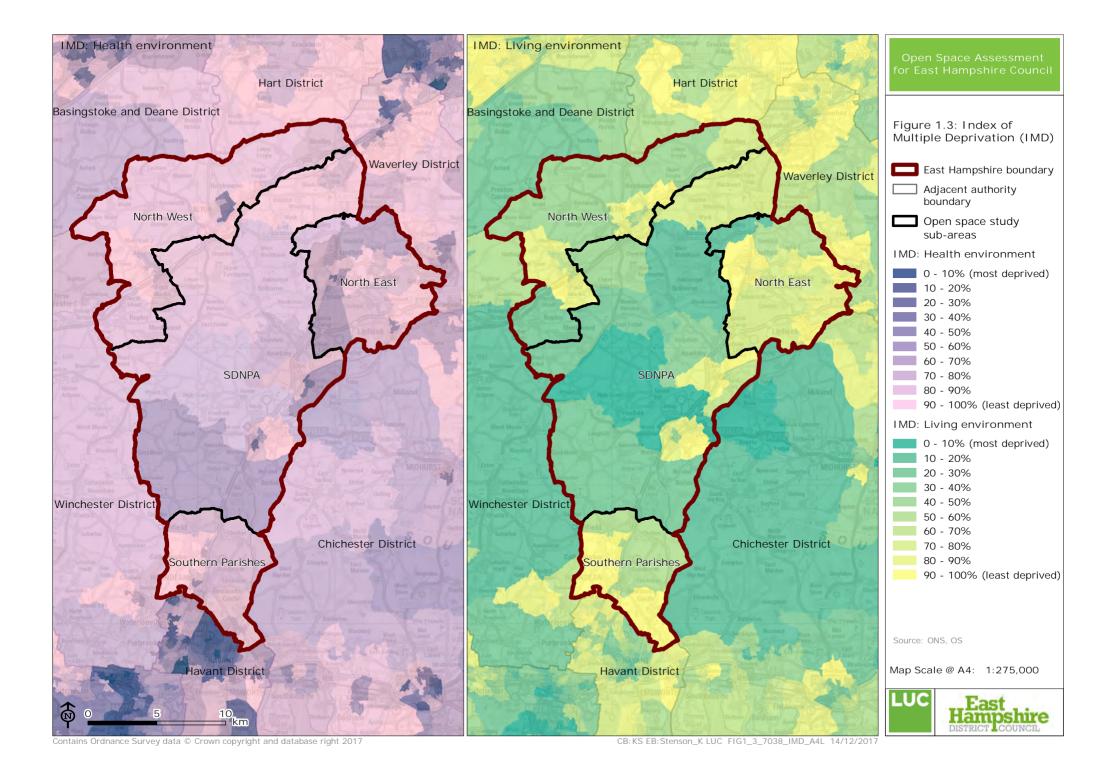
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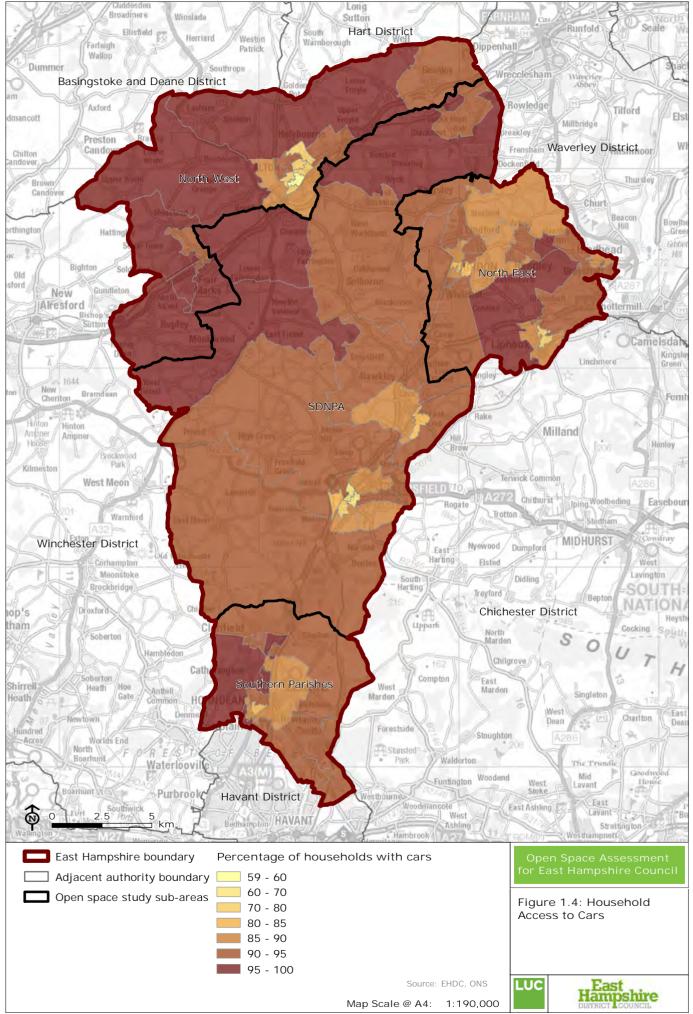
- 1.30 East Hampshire has a good quality living environment and reasonable health levels, although health and weight problems associated with inactivity are common. The Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2015<sup>11</sup> shows that of the 72 Lower-layer Super Output Areas LSOAs in the district, none is located within the 10% most deprived or 11%-20% most deprived areas in England in terms of 'health deprivation and disability'. This criterion measures the risk of premature death and the impairment of quality of life through poor mental or physical health. Open space provision can assist in addressing these issues. Notable areas of the district which are experiencing poorer average health levels include Liss, Petersfield, and Alton as well as Whitehill & Bordon. **Figure 1.3** shows the relative health levels for East Hampshire.
- 1.31 The Indices of Multiple Deprivation also show that most areas in East Hampshire have an above average to average 'living environment'. There are two LSOA areas which are the exception to this trend, located to the north west of Petersfield and to the north and west of the Whitehill & Bordon. This criterion measures both the indoor living environment (quality of housing) and the outdoor living environment (levels of road accidents and air quality). The map at **Figure 1.3** illustrates the living environment scores across the district.
- 1.32 The over-arching IMD scores take into account the health and living environment criteria listed above, alongside the following domains: income, employment, education, crime and barriers to housing and services. The district as a whole demonstrate significantly lower average exposure to the social and economic issues indicated above, with the local value identified as 8.6 while the national average for England is 21.8. Areas which are the exception to this include parts of Alton, Liss, Petersfield, Horndean and to the north and east of Whitehill & Bordon. Many of the neighbourhoods in Havant Borough directly to the south of the district display high overall levels of social and economic issues, particularly within the town of Havant.
- 1.33 **Figure 1.4** shows the percentage of households with access to cars. The majority of the district has 85% or more households with access to cars, particularly in the north west Sub-Area where most areas have 95% access or more. The exception is larger settlements particularly Alton, Petersfield, Whitehill & Bordon, Liphook, Liss and Horndean where the percentage of households with access to cars is lower. Highly populated areas with lower access to cars will be the focus of this study.

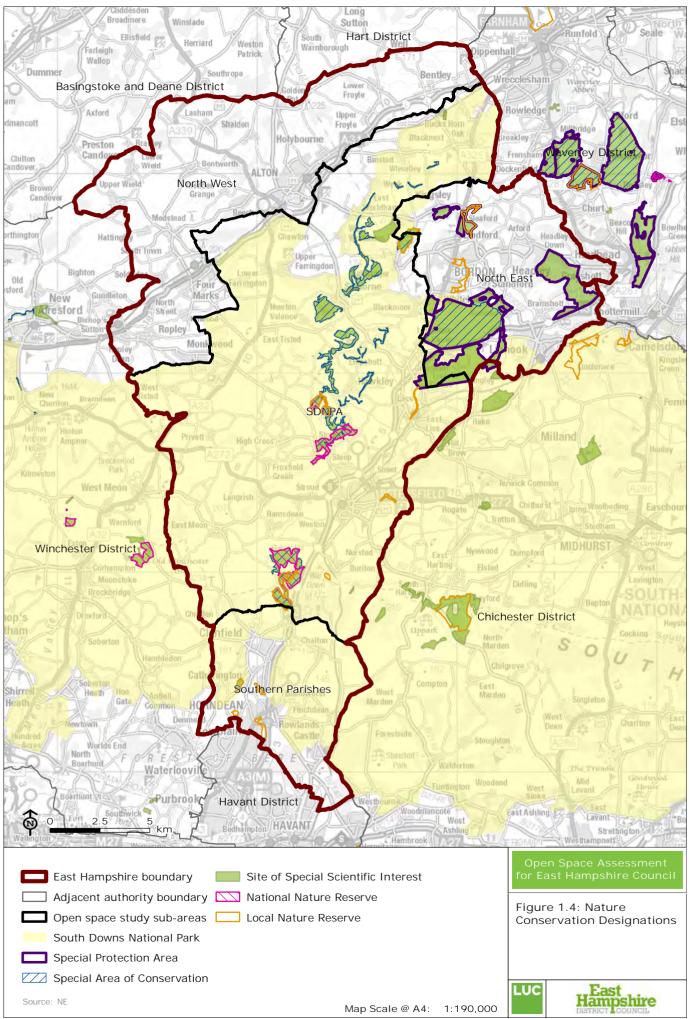
## National and international nature designations and the South Downs National Park

- 1.34 East Hampshire has a large number of national and international designations for nature conservation, as shown in **Figure 1.5**.
- 1.35 There are four Special Areas of Conservation (SAC):
  - Butser Hill
  - East Hampshire Hangers
  - Shortheath Common
  - Woolmer Forest
- 1.36 Wealden Heaths Phase II Special Protection Area (SPA), 2 National Nature Reserves (NNR), 16 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and 13 Local Nature Reserves (LNR).
- 1.37 In addition, 57% of the district is within the South Downs National Park.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Hampshire County Council (2015), 2015 IMD Deprivation Factsheets. Available at:http://www.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/figures-economics/deprivation\_indices.htm







## Development allocations

- 1.38 The East Hampshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Local Housing Requirement Study 2013 provided evidence on how many homes will be required over the plan period. The objectively assessed housing requirement for East Hampshire District has been set at a minimum of 10,060 dwellings up 2028. The Joint Core Strategy Report has set the housing requirement at around 592 dwellings per annum<sup>12</sup>.
- 1.39 A large proportion of this requirement is to be met by a new strategic development area at Whitehill & Bordon which has a capacity for 4,000 homes, of which 2,725 are to be delivered during the plan period. Within the South Downs National Park development is to be guided by policies of the emerging South Downs Local Plan and is to be restricted to meet the needs of the community<sup>13</sup>.
- 1.40 The East Hampshire Local Plan: Housing and Employment Allocations sets out the allocated sites to meet local housing and employment needs. These are all greenfield sites which are outside of the former Settlement Policy Boundaries and have been integrated into revised boundaries following the plan's adoption.
- 1.41 Site allocations in the current East Hampshire District Local Plan: Housing and Employment Allocations document which make general provision for open space include:
  - HN1 (Land East of Horndean)
  - HN2 (Land Rear of 185-189A Lovedean Lane)
  - CF1 (Land at Down Farm, Green Lane)
  - FM3 (Land North of Boyneswood Lane, Medstead)
  - VL4 (Land south of Headley Fields, Headley provided community nature reserve)
  - VL8 (Land east of Cedar Stables, Castle Street, Medstead)
  - VL12 (Land off Hale Close, Ropley)
  - LIP1 (Land at Lowsley Farm, south of A3 provided SANG)
- 1.42 Many of the remaining sites allocated are required to be supported by a Biodiversity Enhancement and Mitigation Scheme.
- 1.43 In addition, the Alton Neighbourhood Development Plan details the following allocations which are to include open space provision:
  - HO3 (a) (Land at Borovere Farm and Lord Mayor Treloar)
  - HO3 (b) (Land at Cadnam, Upper Anstey Lane)
  - HO3 (d) (Land at Will Hall Farm)
- 1.44 The pre-Submission South Downs Local Plan sets out a series of allocation policies which include development criteria. Relevant allocations which incorporate an area of open space include:
  - SD73 Petersfield Road, Greatham, including criteria h) which requires on-site open space;
  - SD89 Land at Pulens Lane, Sheet, including criteria b) which requires on-site open space.

## Development allocations in adjacent boroughs and districts

Large scale development in adjacent boroughs and districts is also likely to have an impact on the 1.45 usage of open spaces if these developments are located close to the boundary of East Hampshire and are utilised by new residents, although it will depend to some extent on the scale of provision

<sup>12</sup> East Hampshire District Council (June 2014) Local Plan Part 1: Joint Core Strategy. Available at: http://www.easthants.gov.uk/dp01east-hampshire-district-local-plan-joint-core-strategy-38-mb

13 East Hampshire District Council (April 2016) Local Plan Part 2: Housing and Employment Allocations. Available at:

http://www.easthants.gov.uk/local-plan-part-2-housing-and-employment-allocations

of open space within the new development. Proposed and approved developments within adjacent Local Authorities are listed below:

#### **Basingstoke and Deane**

- 1.46 Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan allows for the delivery of 15,300 dwellings and associated infrastructure by 2029. None of the sites allocated in the Local Plan are located within 5km of the East Hampshire boundary.
- 1.47 The closest of such sites are at Kennel Farm, Hounsome Fields and Basingstoke Golf Course respectively which are to the south west of Basingstoke. The total number of homes which would be provided is 2,060 with the site at Kennel Farm already having gained planning permission subject to conditions in September 2015<sup>14</sup>. These sites are within 6.75km of the East Hampshire boundary at the closest point.

#### Chichester

- 1.48 The Local Plan for Chichester identifies that the objectively assessed need for the district is 560 to 575 homes per year. The Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029 have details that 3,250 homes will be provided at Strategic Development Locations however these are to be provided at West of Chichester, Shopwyke, Westhampnett/North East Chichester and Tangmere 15 and as such are not in close proximity to the East Hampshire boundary.
- 1.49 The Council has produced the Site Allocation Proposed Submission Development Plan Document with the intention of submitting it for examination. This document will deliver non-strategic residential and employment sites as set out in the Chichester Local Plan<sup>16</sup>.
- 1.50 Current planning applications in the district which are most likely to impact upon East Hampshire are those within Southbourne for  $125^{17}$ ,  $150^{18}$  and  $157^{19}$  homes respectively. The settlement of Southbourne is located within 3.4km of the East Hampshire boundary.

#### Hart

1.51 Hart District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan Strategy and Sites document which will replace the Saved Policies of the Hart Local Plan 1996 – 2006. The Hart Local Plan was submitted to Secretary of State the in June 2018 and is currently at Examination.

#### Havant

- 1.52 Havant Borough Council has produced a Local Plan Housing Statement which specifically identifies a number of urban extension sites outside the existing urban area.
- 1.53 The most up to date evidence on housing need indicates that 11,250 homes<sup>20</sup> will be needed in the Borough and considering that 6,441 new homes have already been planned for up to 2036 a further 4,809 homes are still to be accommodated in Havant.
- 1.54 Important strategic sites allocated within the Havant Borough Core Strategy Policy CS18 include Havant Thicket Reservoir which borders the East Hampshire boundary and would provide a winter storage reservoir comprising recreational provision including visitor centre and nature conservation. The strategic site at Dunsbury Hill Farm has been identified as a major new employment site. Wood Croft farm has also been allocated as a strategic site in the Core Strategy

 $<sup>^{14}</sup>$  Basingstoke and Deane Planning Reference: 15/00905/RES. Available at: https://planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NLBDQPCRJ5M00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Chichester District Council (July 2015) *Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029.* Available at: http://www.chichester.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=24759&p=0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Chichester District Council (December 2016) *Site Allocation: Proposed Submission Development Plan Document.* Available at: http://www.chichester.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=27225&p=0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Chichester Planning Reference: 15/01115/EIA. Available at: https://publicaccess.chichester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NMHISMER0CV00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Chichester Planning Reference: 14/00953/EIA. Available at: https://publicaccess.chichester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=N2SDOHER0CV00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Chichester Planning Reference: 16/03018/REM. Available at: https://publicaccess.chichester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=ODE9NHERK1G00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Havant Borough Council (December 2016) *Local Plan Housing Statement.* Available at: http://www.havant.gov.uk/local-plan-housing-statement

- and is expected to deliver approximately 340 homes in Havant adjacent to the East Hampshire boundary<sup>21</sup>.
- 1.55 A further strategic site at the gap between Denvilles and Emsworth which is expected to accommodate a minimum of 1,650 dwellings and a local centre as well as provide for green infrastructure is also proposed by the Statement. This strategic site would be within 870m of the East Hampshire boundary.

#### Waverley

- 1.56 The Waverley Submission Local Plan Part 1 made provision for at least 9,861 net additional homes in the period from 2013 to 2032 as per Policy ALH1.
- 1.57 Policies SS1 to SS8 allocate strategic sites each of which would deliver at least 100 houses. Of these policies only Policy SS1 (Coxbridge Farm, Farnham) and Policy SS3 (Woolmead, Farnham) would allocate land which is located within 5km of the boundary with East Hampshire. The site at Coxbridge Farm, Farnham is greenfield and would provide around 350 homes and would be required to provide appropriate landscaped buffers at its western edge where the site meets the countryside. The site at Woolmead, Farnham, which is within 3.5km of the East Hampshire boundary, is brownfield and located partially within the Town Centre Area (Policy TC3). This site would deliver around 250 homes to be completed in two phases<sup>22</sup>.

#### Winchester

1.58 The Winchester District Local Plan Part 1: Joint Core Strategy has allocated approximately 202ha of land at the Strategic Housing Allocation – West of Waterlooville to deliver a total of 3,000 new homes (including 600 within Havant Borough). Associated employment provision, support facilities and services are also to be provided in line with Policy SH2. The site is located within close proximity of protected European Sites (Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA and Ramsar site as well as Solent Maritime SAC are located within 3.65km) and as such green infrastructure is required to be provided for recreational open space provision including children's play, allotments and areas for dog walking in particular. The site is located within 850m of the boundary of East Hampshire<sup>23</sup>.

#### **South Downs National Park**

1.59 The South Downs National Park Authority is the Local Planning Authority for parts of East Hampshire, Chichester and Winchester. The emerging South Downs National Park Local Plan will include allocations in both Chichester and Winchester.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Havant Borough Council (March 2011) *Havant Borough Core Strategy Policy*. Available at: https://www.havant.gov.uk/havant-borough-local-plan-core-strategy-adopted-1-march-2011-pdf-283mb

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Waverley Borough Council (December 2016) *Waverley Borough Pre – Submission Local Plan Part 1: Strategic Policies and Sites with tracked changes* Available at: http://www.waverley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/5487/cd1\_-05\_waverley\_borough\_pre\_submission\_local\_plan\_part\_1\_strategic\_policies\_and\_sites\_with\_modifications\_shown\_as\_tracked\_changes.pdf

Winchester City Council (March 2013) Local Plan Part 1- Joint Core Strategy Adopted. Available at: http://www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/files/17396/LPP1-chap1-3.pdf

## 2 Method

2.1 The open space assessment involved a three-stage process designed to ensure that a robust evidence base was compiled. The three main stages of the assessment are described below, and comprise:



## Stage 1: Identification of local need

#### Information gathering

2.2 The initial stage of the project involved the identification and agreement of the open spaces and typologies to be included within the study. The GIS datasets were obtained from EHDC to enable information to be mapped prior to site auditing. In addition, the audit form based around the Green Flag Award Assessment criteria and scoring guidance was agreed with EHDC before the auditing process commenced.

### Policy context and needs assessment

- 2.3 A review of the existing policy context was undertaken, including existing and previous strategies and initiatives relating to open space and play provision. Baseline information on open space in the district was obtained from EHDC including the East Hampshire Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study Parts 1 & 2 (2008), Playing Pitch Strategy (2008), Green Infrastructure Study (2011) and Green Infrastructure Strategy 2011-2028 (2013) (list not exhaustive).
- 2.4 A combination of mapped datasets in our GIS project and relevant local studies and strategies were reviewed to help us understand the current and future needs and opportunities in the district. This included the application of population projections for different parishes during the lifetime of the emerging Local Plan (until 2028) so that the likely needs of the growing population anticipated in East Hampshire could be identified.
- 2.5 In addition, health indicators and socio-economic data were considered, plus the locations of planned new development to gain a thorough understanding of the local context and needs.

## Consultation

Stakeholders/Duty to Cooperate

- 2.6 This study has involved direct consultation with a range of stakeholders, including internal partners at East Hampshire District Council, key open space management partners including town and parish councils, and external partners, primarily planning and open space officers in neighbouring authorities in line with the Duty to Cooperate.
- 2.7 These consultees were contacted by email, with additional follow up phone calls as appropriate. Information was gathered in relation to the following questions:

- Which are the main sports sites and open spaces within your district or borough that are utilised by East Hampshire's residents?
- Which are the main sports sites and open spaces within East Hampshire that residents of your district/borough utilise?
- Do you have any plans to create, enhance or reduce the amount or quality of sports sites or open spaces which are easily accessible to residents of East Hampshire?
- Do you have any existing/planned Green Infrastructure issues or initiatives in proximity to East Hampshire?
- Does your borough/district have a current Open Space, Sports & Recreation Facilities
   Strategy and/or Playing Pitch Strategy in place?
- 2.8 Parish and town councils were contacted in regard to sites which they own, manage or maintain.

Public consultation

- 2.9 This study did not involve any direct consultation with members of the public, but utilised relevant recent public consultation information, in particular the Residents Survey published by East Hampshire District Council in April 2016. This provided adequate feedback on public perceptions of open space and parks in the district.
- 2.10 Through this review of public consultation findings, together with engagement with the Council's Elected Members through a dedicated meeting, it was possible to identify the aspirations of open space users East Hampshire and the types of facilities they require.

## Stage 2: Audit existing provision

- 2.11 All publicly accessible open spaces within or adjacent to key settlements in East Hampshire were included in the audit, with the exception of those detailed under *Study Limitations* (see below).
- 2.12 The audit was undertaken using GIS-enabled tablets for data collection. An audit form was agreed, based around the Green Flag Award assessment criteria to enable each open space to be scored for both quality and value.
- 2.13 The analysis presented in this report focuses on the **198 sites** which were audited, 167 of which were freely accessible open spaces, 30 have restricted access (e.g. closed at certain times, or only open to members), and one had no access. Detailed completed audit forms are provided in **Appendix 3**.

## Stage 3: Analysis of findings

- 2.14 An assessment of the existing quantity of provision is provided for the whole of the district and for each district Sub-Area (**Figure 1.1**). This is based upon the amount of open space per 1,000 head of population.
- 2.15 The analysis differentiates between different levels of site access to enable an assessment of the provision per head of publicly accessible open space. Further analysis was done using future population forecasts for 2024, to establish the likely loss in provision per 1,000 head of population due to population growth.

## **Categorisation of sites**

2.16 Whilst many spaces will serve a variety of functions, it is helpful to categorise open spaces by their 'primary' typology, to enable assessment and analysis. This provides an understanding of the types of uses each open space offers. These reflect the Assessing Needs and Opportunities: a Companion Guide to PPG17<sup>24</sup> and CABE Space/Mayor of London guidance<sup>25</sup> on preparation of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> ODPM (2006) Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A Companion Guide to PPG17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> CABE Space & Mayor of London (2009) *Open Space Strategies – Best Practice Guidance* 

open space strategies. The results of the open space audit will be used to develop provision standards by typology for East Hampshire. Open space typologies used in this study are defined in **Table 2.1** (below).

Table 2.1: Open space typologies used in this study

Typology	Definition from previous Open Space Study
Parks and gardens	Open spaces providing opportunities for recreation and community events. More multi-functional than other open space, they may offer space for quiet relaxation as well as a range of amenities and facilities for visitors. Parks and gardens often include features for play.
Natural or semi-natural green space	Informal open spaces supporting a range of wildlife habitats and contributing to the biodiversity and environmental education awareness.
Green corridors	Linear open spaces providing walking, cycling or horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel, and opportunities for wildlife migration.
Amenity green space	Incidental open spaces providing opportunities for informal activities close to home or work. Amenity green spaces provide a less formal green space experience than parks and gardens, and generally provide fewer habitats.
Allotments	Open spaces providing opportunities for local community to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion.
Cemeteries and churchyards	Spaces which contribute to the open space network through providing opportunities for quiet contemplation often linked to the promotion of wildlife conservation.
Provision for children or young people	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.

- 2.17 The size of open spaces affects how they are used, the range of people likely to visit and the distance people are likely to travel to use the site. The Assessing Needs and Opportunities: a Companion Guide to PPG17 and the CABE Space/ Mayor of London recommends that open space provision with parks and gardens, and natural or semi-natural green space typologies are assessed using a hierarchy based upon size. The following hierarchy has been adapted from best practice guidance and informed through an understanding of how open spaces are used within East Hampshire:
  - Sub-Regional sites (60-400 ha)
  - District sites (20-59 ha)
  - Local sites (<19 ha)
- 2.18 In addition, for use in the development and application of play standards, sites with play facilities were categorised as one of the following:
  - Play spaces (ages 0-11)
  - Teen/ youth facilities (ages 11+)
  - Play spaces and teen/youth facilities

## Stage 4: Development of standards

2.19 Following the completion of the audit, the findings were compiled in an excel spreadsheet so that analysis and interpretation of consultation findings, audit information and a district profile could be completed. GIS was used to present the findings of the audit, including the provision of open space typologies across the district, the quality and facilities at each site, and the proposed provision standards and areas of deficiency.

- 2.20 The proposed accessibility standards were identified through review of East Hampshire's existing standards, alongside those recommended by relevant national organisations, such as Fields in Trust and Natural England. In addition, those standards adopted by neighbouring authorities were reviewed for comparison.
- 2.21 The proposed standards for quantity of provision were based on the existing provision of each typology. The exception to this is for natural and semi-natural green space. Here, the existing provision in some parts of the district is very high, resulting in a high average provision figure. In this case the standard recommended by Natural England has been adopted, as the statutory authority on access to nature.
- 2.22 The proposed quality and value standards were developed in a more subjective way, as is appropriate to this type of standard. An experienced site auditor reviewed the quality/value scores for sites within each typology, and selected a site for which the overall quality/value score could be adopted as the benchmark. Future enhancement to existing open spaces, or the creation of new open space, should aim to achieve a score equivalent to the benchmark for the relevant typology.

## Stage 5: Application of standards

2.23 The application of proposed standards for accessibility, quantity and quality/value has enabled the identification of deficiencies and surpluses in specific types of open space, as well as geographical trends (see **Section 5**). The proposed provision standards were then reviewed in consultation with East Hampshire District Council, to ensure that they are robust and realistic. These standards should be used to guide the delivery of appropriate quantity of high quality open space alongside growth.

## Stage 6: Findings and recommendations

2.24 The recommendations were compiled through interpretation of the key study findings. This included a review of these findings by qualified planners, to determine the implications for the Local Plan and future growth. The findings of the study and associated recommendations are presented by town, as this is where the majority of the population resides, and therefore where the open space need is greatest. The findings and recommendations sections summarise the key issues relevant to each town.

## Study limitations and caveats

2.25 The text below summarises the potential limitations of the study and highlights caveats which should be considered when interpreting the findings.

## **Size of sites**

2.26 Amenity green spaces less than 0.2 ha in size were excluded from this study. It is common to exclude sites smaller than 0.2 ha in size for the purpose of district-wide open space assessment, due to the limited benefits they offer in terms of leisure and recreation.

## Open space typologies

2.27 The open space typologies used in this study reflect those included within the PPG17 Companion Guide. Within these typologies, there is potential for secondary typologies to exist. For example, many parks and gardens will contain play areas for children, or outdoor sports pitches. These secondary typologies were identified and taken into account when analysing each of the primary typologies. The findings of the complementary sports assessment were also taken into account in considering the recommendations arising from this study.

- 2.28 The following typologies were excluded from this study (the reason for this is provided in brackets below):
  - Private open space including agricultural land (this study only considers spaces which are publicly accessible).
  - School facilities (this study only considers spaces which are publicly accessible).
  - Indoor sports facilities (this typology is covered in the complementary 2018 sports assessment).
  - Playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities (this typology is covered in the complementary 2018 sports assessment).
  - Proposed open space (whilst some of these sites have been given planning permission, they have not been included as part of the baseline for this study. The Council's Open Space GIS should be updated accordingly once these sites are constructed).
  - Civic spaces (no significant civic open spaces were identified during this assessment).
- 2.29 Where the typology ascribed to an open space varied between the original data and the audit update, the typology ascribed in the LUC audit update was used, as this was considered to be more up to date.

#### **Mapped site information**

2.30 The GIS data indicating the location and extent of open spaces within the study area was provided by East Hampshire District Council. During site audit there were incidental findings of additional open spaces, in addition, some open space boundaries were found to be inaccurate. Some additional open spaces have been added to the data set and open space boundaries have been amended to create a more robust open space dataset. Aside from incidental findings, searching for additional open spaces using open GIS data or aerial imagery was beyond the scope of the project.

## **Population projections**

2.31 The population projections employed for the purpose of this study were provided by Hampshire County Council<sup>26</sup>. It should be recognised that these represent the best available information at the time the study was undertaken and may change alongside the evolution of the Local Plan.

### **Survey form**

- 2.32 An audit form and scoring guidance was agreed, based around the Green Flag Award Assessment criteria to enable each open space to be scored robustly for both quality and value. The principles on which they judge entrants for the Green Flag Award can be used as a benchmark national standard for the management of parks and green spaces in the UK<sup>27</sup>.
- 2.33 Additional baseline information was obtained including site designations alongside on-site assessments of open space multi-functionality and green infrastructure with any potential for enhancements.
- 2.34 The form provided an effective way of gathering information about sites, enabling benchmarks to be established, and finally measuring the success of sites against those benchmarks. A GIS-linked database (a geodatabase) was created to capture and collate survey data. It is recommended that when the next full audit is undertaken a similar audit approach is used to allow for comparison of results.

#### Sites outside the scope of the study

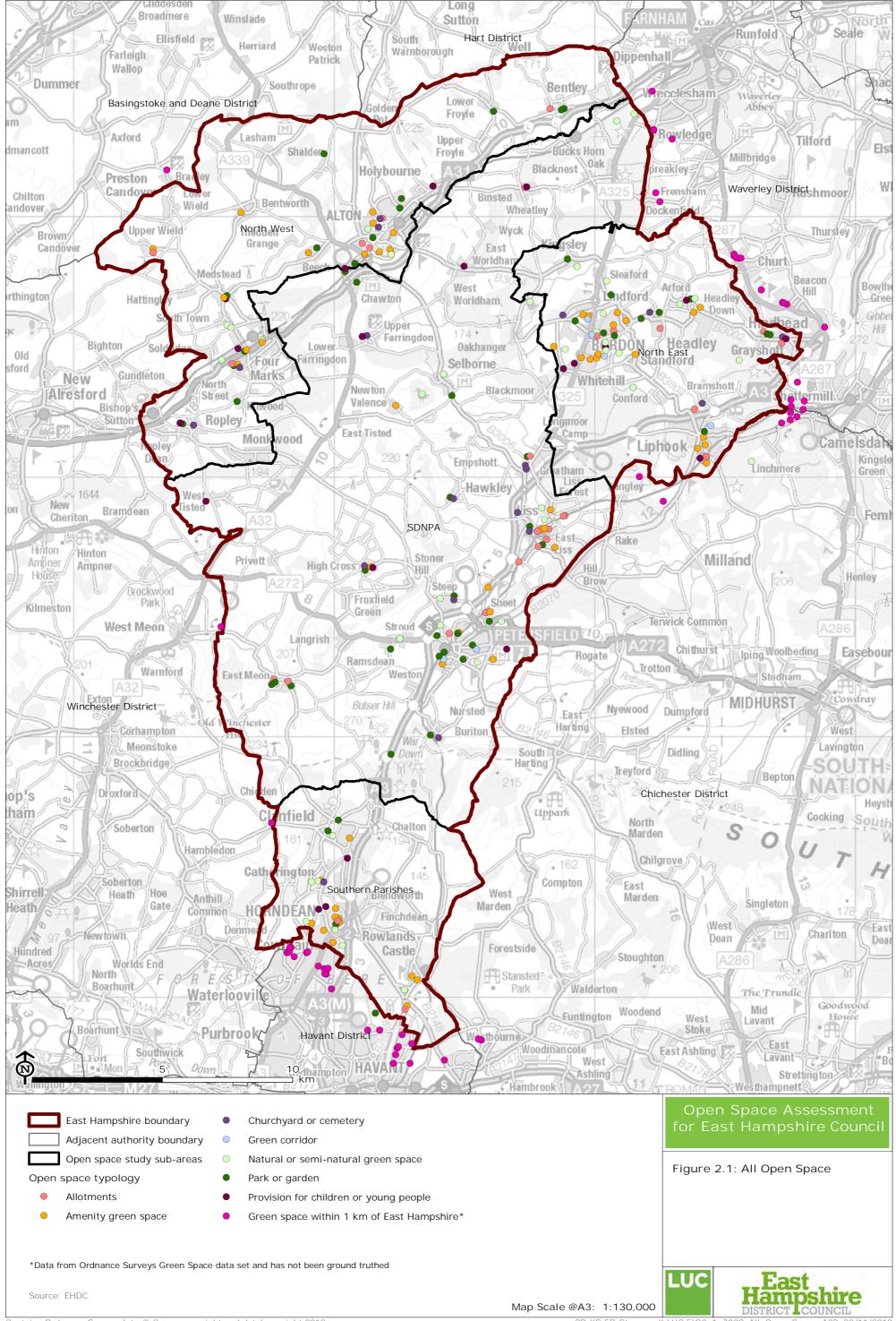
2.35 The study focuses on open spaces which are publicly accessible and which are owned by East Hampshire District Council. Other open spaces, including two country parks, were included where

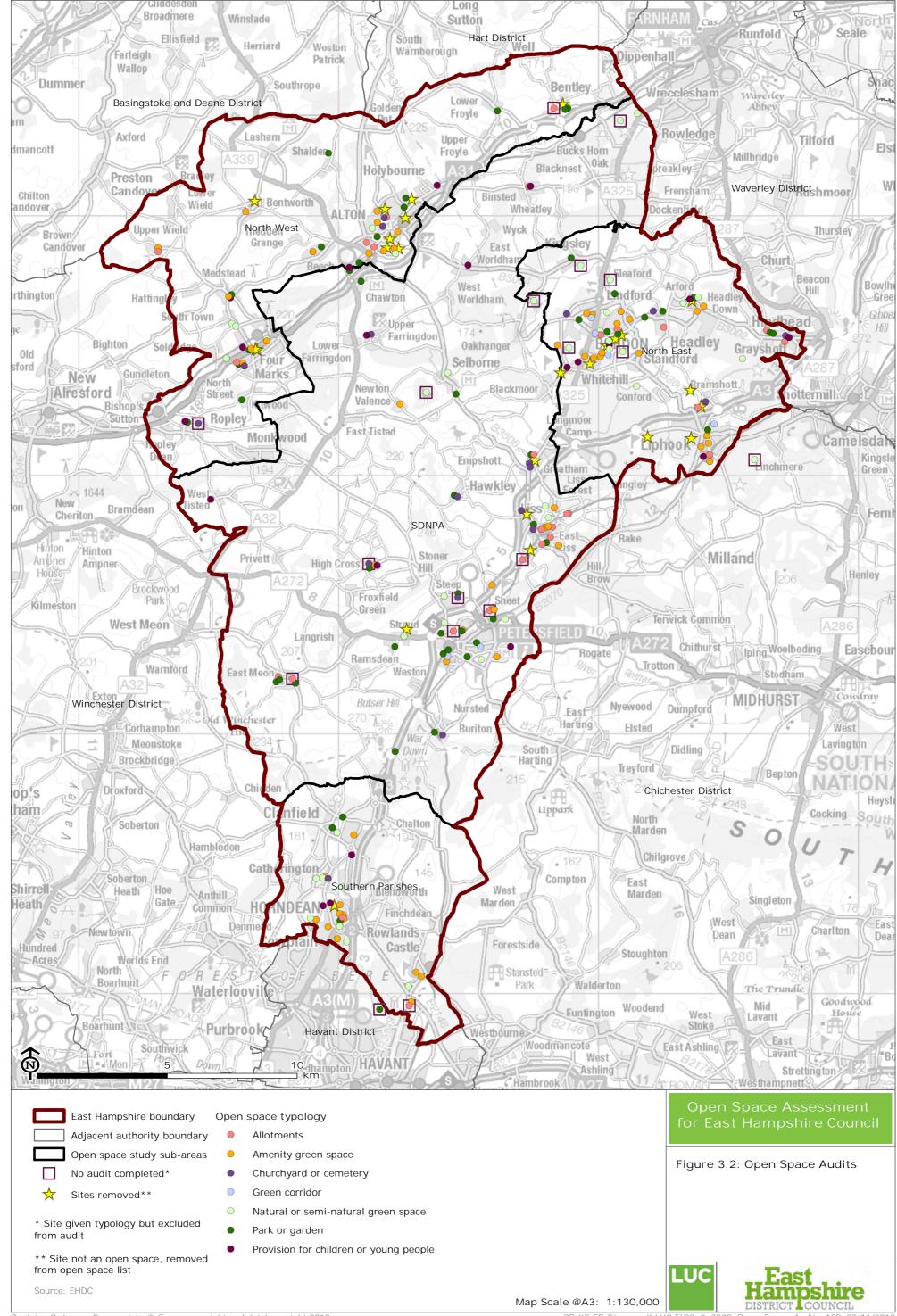
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Green Flag Award Website, 2017. Available at: http://www.greenflagaward.org/ [Accessed 22 September 2017]

# 3 Findings

- 3.1 This section summarises the findings of the open space assessment. This includes:
  - The location of open spaces
  - The confirmed typology of open spaces
  - The total amount of open space across the district and by Sub-Area
  - The current quantity of open space per 1000 head of population for the district and by Sub-Area
  - Feedback from the stakeholder consultation and findings from review of recent public consultation
- 3.2 **Figure 3.1** and **Figure 3.2** show the open spaces within the district and those 198 sites which were audited as part of this study. **Figure 3.2** highlights open spaces excluded from the audit and site excluded as they were not considered to be open spaces.
- 3.3 A list of these open spaces is provided in **Appendix 1**.





## Current provision

- Following assignment of a typology and (where relevant) hierarchy, a summary of open space provision in the district was produced.
- 3.5 **Table 3.1** shows the accessibility of open space within each typology and hierarchy based on the results of the open space audits. **Table 3.1** also shows the total amount of open space for each typology and hierarchy ('All sites' column). It is evident that the majority of open space is freely accessible to the public. Parks and gardens, natural and semi-natural green space and allotments have potential for providing improved access due to an increase in proportion of sites with restricted public access and no public access.
- 3.6 Please note that all further analysis of open space this this report excludes sites in the 'No public access' category.

Table 3.1: Open space typology, hierarchy and accessibility

	Site accessibility (hectares)					
Typology and hierarchy	Freely accessible	Restricted access	No public access	All sites		
Sub-regional Park or garden	600.46	0.00	0.00	600.46		
Local Park or garden	100.62	21.63	0.00	122.25		
Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space	927.88	0.00	0.00	927.88		
District Natural or semi-natural green space	166.44	0.00	0.00	166.44		
Local Natural or semi-natural green space	97.74	13.39	0.33	111.47		
Green corridor	28.69	0.00	0.00	28.69		
Amenity green space	37.01	0.70	0.00	37.71		
Allotments	0.31	11.16	7.21	18.68		
Churchyard or cemetery	15.77	0.00	0.00	15.77		
Provision for children or young people	6.58	0.00	0.00	6.58		
Total	1981.50	46.87	7.55	2035.92		

3.7 **Table 3.2** shows open space broken down in to the 4 Sub-Areas in East Hampshire District. Natural or semi-natural green space is the most significant typology in East Hampshire; 70% of semi-natural green space is in the North East Sub-Area where 5 out of 8 of East Hampshire's sub-regional natural or semi-natural green spaces are located.

Table 3.2: Summary of current quantity of publicly accessible open space within East **Hampshire by Sub-Area** 

	Current open space by Sub-Area (hectares)						
Typology and hierarchy	North East	North West	SDNPA	Southern Parishes	All areas		
Sub-regional Park or garden	0.00	0.00	562.79	37.66	600.46		
Local Park or garden	38.69	37.76	37.13	8.67	122.25		
Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space	728.99	0.19	198.70	0.00	927.88		
District Natural or semi-natural green space	83.24	0.00	83.20	0.00	166.44		
Local Natural or semi-natural green space	27.42	19.38	17.20	47.12	111.13		
Green corridor	23.79	0.00	4.90	0.00	28.69		
Amenity green space	8.29	15.03	4.76	9.63	37.71		
Allotments	4.18	3.82	3.34	0.12	11.47		
Churchyard or cemetery	4.09	6.30	4.24	1.14	15.77		
Provision for children or young people	0.74	1.56	0.82	3.46	6.58		
Total	919.43	84.04	917.08	107.8	2028.38		

3.8 Table 3.3 shows the provision of open space per 1,000 people broken down in to the 4 Sub-Areas in East Hampshire District.

Table 3.3: Summary of provision of publicly accessible open space within East Hampshire by Sub-Area (hectares per 1000 head of population)

<b>-</b>	Current open space provision in hectares per 1,000 head of population				
Typology and hierarchy	North East	North West	SDNPA	Southern Parishes	
Sub-regional Park or garden	0.00	0.00	16.83	1.72	
Local Park or garden	1.15	1.21	1.11	0.40	
Sub-regional Natural or semi- natural green space	21.70	0.01	5.94	0.00	

District Natural or semi-natural green space	2.48	0.00	2.49	0.00
Local Natural or semi-natural green space	0.82	0.62	0.51	2.15
Green corridor	0.71	0.00	0.15	0.00
Amenity green space	0.25	0.48	0.14	0.44
Allotments	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.01
Churchyard or cemetery	0.12	0.20	0.13	0.05
Provision for children or young people	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.16
Total	27.37	2.69	27.42	4.93

## Key points from stakeholder consultation

#### **Parish and Town Council responses**

- 3.9 Parish and Town Councils were consulted to inform the preparation of both the open space assessment and sport facilities strategy. Responses were received from nine parish and town councils which provided a useful overview of open space, sport facility and management and maintenance issues within the district. Key considerations relating to open space provision from these stakeholders included the following:
  - Maintenance of provision is restricted by existing budgets which may, over time, reduce value and quality.
  - There is a reliance on Section 106, and local groups/parish councils applying for external funding to support enhancement and development projects.
  - There is reliance on volunteer support for management and maintenance of open space sites.
  - Parish and town councils are increasingly taking ownership and management of a range of open space facilities.
  - Parish and town councils recognise the positive contribution open space facilities make to the community, however provision is at risk because it is not a statutory service.
  - There are ongoing localised issues with litter and anti-social behaviour within open space sites.
  - Rowlands Castle Parish Council highlighted there is a desire for additional play area equipment which is accessible for all, and additional sports pitches.
  - East Tisted Parish Council highlighted that there is no play area equipment due to recently removing equipment in poor condition.
  - Grayshott does not have any outdoor gym equipment but it is considering future provision.
  - Petersfield Town Council highlighted there is insufficient space in a growing town for growing football and rugby clubs particularly in relation to youth provision. Some sports provision is at capacity and in some cases there is no provision for town clubs e.g. Hockey.

#### **Neighbouring authority responses**

- 3.10 All but one of the local authorities contacted regarding open space provision and use provided a response; however many of those who responded were in the process of updating their open space evidence base, and so had limited data to inform this study. Key points raised by this consultation exercise include:
  - The South Downs National Park Authority highlighted the importance of the rights of way network in providing access to nature and healthy recreation, particularly in light of the rural nature of the district. Key assets mentioned were the South Downs Way which runs through East Hampshire District, and the Serpent Trail long distance path.
  - Recreation assets of cross-boundary appeal within the district include Alice Holt, Queen Elizabeth Country Park and Petersfield Heath.
  - Basingstoke, Chichester and the South Downs have existing or emerging green infrastructure studies that should be considered when prioritising cross-boundary GI networks.
- 3.11 A desk research indicated two open spaces sites of Sub-Regional size (60-400 ha) which it is likely that East Hampshire residents may utilise:
  - Frensham Common in Waverley Borough is a 359 ha open space.
  - Uppark House and Gardens is a 331 ha open space in Chichester Borough.

## Key points from public consultation

- 3.12 A Residents Survey was completed by East Hampshire District Council and published in 2016. The key points of relevance are outlined below, and have been considered when developing the proposed quantity and accessibility standards above:
  - Retired residents were the demographic most impressed by parks, playgrounds and open spaces;
  - 76% of residents were satisfied or very satisfied with parks and playgrounds;
  - Many residents feel that prosperity could be improved by investing in open spaces within town centres.

## 4 Development of standards

- 4.1 This section outlines the recommended open space provision standards. These were defined through:
  - review of the existing provision of open space;
  - the current open space standards as proposed through the 2008 study;
  - the consultation findings; and
  - consideration of nationally recognised provision standards, and those adopted by neighbouring boroughs.
- 4.2 Benchmarking was undertaken as part of the analysis to ensure the proposed open space standards for East Hampshire are feasible, and promote a similar approach to that applied elsewhere.

#### **Provision standards**

- 4.3 There are three types of open space standard:
  - **Quantity:** The amount (measured in hectares) of each open space typology which should be provided as a minimum per 1,000 head of population.
  - **Quality and Value:** The condition of the open space provided in each typology and, where applicable, hierarchy and the functionality of the open space provided in each typology.
  - **Accessibility:** The maximum distance residents should be required to travel to use an open space of a specific typology<sup>28</sup>.

## **Accessibility and quantity standards**

4.4 Accessibility and quantity standards have been identified for those open space typologies where proximity and amount of open space are key considerations in determining whether provision is adequate. Churchyards, cemeteries and green corridors have been identified and mapped where known; however, no access or quantity standards for provision have been set, as it is outside the scope of this study to make recommendations related to requirements for new provision.

## Current open space standards

- 4.5 The current proposed open space standards are summarised below; these were defined as part of the 2008 open space study<sup>29</sup>.
- 4.6 The total provision of open space in 2008 was 3.45 ha per 1000 head of population.
  - Parks, Sports and Recreation Grounds: Quantity = 1 ha (0.5 ha for outdoor sport), Access = 650m
  - Natural Green Space: Quantity = 1 ha per 1000 head of population, Access = 400m
  - Informal Green Space: Quantity = 1 ha per 1000 head of population, Access = 700m
  - Equipped Children's & Young People's Space: Quantity = 0.25 ha, Access = 480m (Toddler & Junior), 650m (Youth)
  - Allotments: Quantity = 0.2 ha, Access = 480m.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Accessibility distances used in the standards are 'as the crow flies' and are indicative as actual routes that may be taken would not always be in a straight line and may be longer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study for East Hampshire District Council, 2008.

4.7 A quantity standard was not set for churchyards and cemeteries or playing fields with limited access.

# Review of national provision standards and those in neighbouring districts

4.8 The 2008 East Hampshire standards, national provision standards and the provision standards in neighbouring districts were reviewed and used as a guide for setting standards for East Hampshire. A summary of this benchmarking process is provided as **Appendix 4**.

## Quantity standards

- 4.9 The quantitative standards define the amount of open space that should be available to the communities within East Hampshire. The standards provide a measure against which existing provision can be assessed and guidance for additional provision in new development. Published guidance provides a useful reference for setting the quantity standard, but, in order to ensure the standards are relevant to East Hampshire, they reflect the findings of the audits in terms of existing levels of provision and take into account consultation findings to gauge whether the community considers the level of existing provision to be sufficient or not.
- 4.10 The quantity standards have been developed by assessing the existing quantity of each open space typology. The basis for the quantity standards was the average quantity of combined open space provision in the district. This was then reviewed against both national guidelines on open space provision, for example Natural England's Accessible Natural Green Space Standards.
- 4.11 Benchmarking was undertaken as part of the analysis, to ensure the proposed open space standards for East Hampshire are feasible, and promote a similar approach to that applied elsewhere.
- 4.12 There is no current national standard for the quantity of allotment provision. The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) have suggested a national standard of 0.125 ha per 1,000 head of population based on an average plot size of 250 square metres. In 2006 the University of Derby completed a study on behalf of DCLG (then the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) which indicated that the average provision of allotments was then 13 plots per 1,000 households.
- 4.13 No quantity standards have been proposed for cemeteries and churchyards, as this is outside the scope of the study, or green corridors, as quantity is not a key determinant of adequate provision of green corridors.
- 4.14 **Table 4.1** sets out the proposed quantity standards for open space provision in East Hampshire. Most of the quantity provision standards are set by the current provision; however the natural and semi-natural green space provision standard has been set at 1.8 ha per 1000 head population, the standard recommended by Fields in Trust<sup>30</sup>. The Fields in Trust standard was chosen over current provision because current provision is very high (10.02 ha) in comparison to surrounding authorities, in addition using this very high standard sets an unachievably high overall quantity standard for the whole district.
- 4.15 Any development over 10 dwellings should refer to these standards in addition to the East Hampshire Local Plan for up to date contribution requirements, and the local demographic. The development should contribute to alleviating open space deficiency through on-site or off-site provision after EHDC can determine the size and scale of the development, existing accessibility to open space within the area, suitability of the site e.g. flood risk and topography, availability of land and provision in the surrounding area including any proposed provision. Typically, on-site provision is normally sought for amenity green space and natural and semi-natural greenspace

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Fields in Trust. *Guidance for outdoor sport and play. Beyond the six acre standard. England.* 

from developments of 20 dwellings or above, and for play areas from developments of 10 dwellings or above.

4.16 On-site provision of allotments and parks and gardens is normally sought above 250+ dwellings.

Table 4.1: Proposed quantity standards for open space

Typology	Proposed quantity standard	Justification
Parks and gardens	1.03 ha/1000 head of population	This is the current provision of publicly accessible Local Parks and Gardens in East Hampshire based on 2017 population data. Queen Elizabeth and Staunton Country Park have been excluded from the 1.02 ha/1,000 head of population standard. Whilst these sites have been allocated park and garden as a typology, these strategic sites contain large sections of land managed as natural and semi-natural landscapes. Inclusion of these sites in the provision standard would significantly increase the provision standard, making the standard unachievable in the East Hampshire context.  Only open spaces which are accessible to the public have been included within this calculation.  Setting the standard at this level of provision will ensure that provision will be maintained at the existing quantity per 1,000 head of population as the population grows.
Natural and semi-natural green space	1.8 ha/1000 head of population	Based on the Fields in Trust standard.
Green corridor	N/A	
Amenity green space	0.31 ha/1000 head of population	This is the current provision of publicly accessible amenity green space in East Hampshire based on 2017 population data.
Allotments	0.1 ha/1000 head of population	This is the current provision of publicly accessible allotments in East Hampshire based on 2017 population data.
Churchyard or cemetery	N/A	
Provision for children or young people	Covered by play standards (See para. 4.34)	
Quantity standard for all open space	3.24 ha/1000 head of population	

## Quality and value standards

- 4.17 In order to assess the performance of open spaces in terms of quality and value, the following factors have informed the standards:
  - Key characteristics expected of spaces within the different typologies and levels of the hierarchy.
  - High quality and/or high value sites within East Hampshire which provide a 'benchmark' against which to assess sites.
  - Ensuring standards are set at a level to be aspirational, yet achievable based on existing quality and value.

#### **Quality standard for East Hampshire**

- 4.18 As part of the site audit, each open space was assessed for quality against the Green Flag Award criteria, and the condition of the various components of a site rated as good, fair or poor. This assessment was then transposed through the scoring system into a quality score.
- 4.19 In order to develop a quality standard which is appropriate for the type and function of open spaces in East Hampshire, the existing quality of provision was reviewed by typology and the associated hierarchy level. Through reviewing the range of quality scores it was possible to form a quality threshold score, i.e. a minimum level of quality which should be achieve at any open space. A threshold score has been defined for each level of hierarchy reflecting the ideal score scenario for a good quality site.

#### **Value standard for East Hampshire**

- 4.20 Value is fundamentally different from quality; a space can be valued for a range of reasons even if it is of low quality. Value mainly relates to the following:
  - **Context:** an easily accessible space is higher value than one that is inaccessible to potential users, equally the value of a space may diminish if it is immediately adjacent to several others which provides the same function.
  - **Level and type of use**: the primary purpose and associated use of a space can increase its value well used spaces are of high value to people, similarly spaces with diverse habitats can be well used by wildlife and can be interpreted as having a high value.
  - **Wider benefits:** the benefits a space generates for people, biodiversity and the wider environment including the following landscape, ecology, education, social inclusion and health benefits, cultural and heritage, amenity benefits, 'sense of place' and economic benefits.
- 4.21 The open space audit included information to be evaluated as part of the value assessment such as the value of play spaces, the presence of community facilities and the biodiversity value of habitats. The relevant audit information was reviewed to develop a value threshold score specific to the different types of open space in East Hampshire. A list of key characteristics was developed which could be expected of sites of a particular typology and at a particular level of the hierarchy.

## Setting benchmark standards for quality and value

- 4.22 In order to assess the sites consistently the audit forms were scored. The scores for each site were separated into factors that relate to quality and value. Quality and value can be completely unrelated. For example, an open space may be of high quality but if it is not accessible it is of low value, while if an open space is poor quality but is located in a community centre, it is potentially of high value.
- 4.23 The value and quality scoring can be reviewed by total score or by the audit themes (linked to the Green Flag Award criteria). Each site was audited using a standard form with scores allocated to relevant criteria.
- 4.24 The scoring results were listed in sequential order for both quality and value to help to determine which overall score and open space (exemplar site) within the scale meets good quality and good

- value. This determined whether an open space is ranked above or below the quality and value threshold within its typology/hierarchy.
- 4.25 **Table 4.2** sets out the quality standards for East Hampshire, highlighting those exemplar sites representing good quality. Typologies and hierarchies with 'no sufficient exemplar' are those which do not have an existing good quality or value exemplar site. Typologies and hierarchies with 'no specific exemplar' do not have a representative good quality or value site.

**Table 4.2: Proposed quality standards for East Hampshire** 

Typology/ hierarchy	Proposed standard	Example of a good quality open space
Parks and gardens	-	
Sub-Regional	71	Queen Elizabeth Country Park
• Local	42	Peel Park East, Clanfield
Natural and semi-natural urban green spaces	-	
Sub-Regional	40	No sufficient exemplar
District	38	Bordon Enclosure SANG, Whitehill & Bordon
• Local	29	Hazleton Common, Horndean
Green corridor	23	Haweswater Close, Whitehill & Bordon
Amenity green space	20	Dennis Way, Liss
Allotments	28	Lower Green, Liss
Cemeteries and churchyards	30	Bordon Military Cemetery, Whitehill & Bordon
Provision for children or young people	Covered by play standards	N/A

4.26 **Table 4.3** sets out the value standards for East Hampshire.

**Table 4.3: Proposed value standards for East Hampshire** 

Typology/ hierarchy	Proposed standard	Example of a good value open space
Parks and gardens	-	
Sub-Regional	116	Queen Elizabeth Country Park
• Local	41	Informal Open Space, Alton
Natural and semi-natural urban green spaces	-	
Sub-Regional	40	No sufficient exemplar
District	35	The Heath (2), Petersfield
• Local	29	Sheet Common, Sheet
Green corridor	19	Haweswater Close, Whitehill & Bordon
Amenity green space	18	Woodbourne Close, Liss
Allotments	19	Tunbridge Lane, Liphook
Cemeteries and churchyards	20	EDHC Cemetery, Alton
Provision for children or young people	Covered by play	N/A

Typology/ hierarchy	Proposed standard	Example of a good value open space
	standards	

## Examples of good quality spaces and sites where investment is needed



Example of a good quality park at Grayshott Recreation Ground



Example of a park needing increased management



Bordon Inclosure is a high quality semi-natural space



Some semi-natural spaces would benefit from investment, e.g. Bramshott Common



Chilteley Manor: an example of quality amenity space



The Roundabouts open space requires investment



Greatham Village play space is high quality



Woodlands Hall East play space needs investment

- 4.27 Each open space was rated with a combined quality and value band using the format of +/symbols to annotate each band (i.e. high quality/ high value is shown as ++, high quality/low
  value is shown as +-). A full list of the open spaces audited through this study is contained within

  Appendix 1.
- 4.28 **Table 4.4** below suggests the future management approach to open spaces within each band.

**Table 4.4: Quality and value matrix** 

High Quality/High Value	High Quality/ Low Value
++	+-
These sites are considered to be the best open spaces within the district offering the greatest value and quality for the surrounding communities.  Future management should seek to maintain the standard for these spaces and ensure they continue to meet the requirements of the communities they serve.  Ideally all spaces should fit into this category.	These sites have been scored as being of high quality but low value.  Wherever possible the preferred management approach to a space in the category should aim to enhance its value in terms of its present primary typology or purpose.  If this is not possible, the best policy approach is to consider whether it might be of high value if converted to another typology.
Low Quality/ High Value	Low Quality/ Low Value
-+	
These spaces meet or exceed the required value standard but fall below the required quality standard.  Future management should therefore seek to enhance their quality to ensure that the open spaces are welcoming and safe for use by the local community.	These spaces fall below the applicable value and quality standards and therefore their future enhancement should be considered to be a priority.

## Accessibility standards

- 4.29 The accessibility standard defines the maximum distance that users can reasonably be expected to travel to each type of open space. This is determined based on approximate average walking times (e.g. 400m = 5 minutes' walk). This is presented spatially by use of an 'accessibility catchment', which is effectively a mapped buffer around facilities and spaces.
- 4.30 The accessibility standards for open space provision are set out in Natural England's Natural Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard.
- 4.31 There is no current national standard for the accessibility distances for allotment provision. A standard of 1.2km has therefore been set for provision in East Hampshire. This is equivalent to a five minute drive/ 15 minute walk.
- 4.32 **Table 4.5** sets out the accessibility standards for open space provision in East Hampshire.

Table 4.5: Proposed accessibility standards for East Hampshire

Typology/ hierarchy	Proposed standard
Parks and gardens	
Sub-Regional	3.2km
• Local	400m
Natural and semi-natural greenspaces	
Sub-Regional	3.2km
• District	1.2km
• Local 400m	
Green corridor N/A	
Amenity green space 400m	
Allotments 1.2km	
Cemeteries and churchyards	N/A
Provisions for children or young people	Covered by play standards (See para 4.34 below)

## Proposed standards for play provision

- 4.33 The proposed standards for play provision are set out in **Table 4.6** below. Proposed standards were calculated using 2017 population figures from Hampshire County Council<sup>31</sup>.
- 4.34 The Fields in Trust (FiT) recommended benchmark quantity standard is 0.25ha per 1000 head of population for equipped/designated play areas. The FiT standards are aspirational and have limitations because they can result in a proliferation of play areas that can be difficult to maintain, as well as setting unrealistic aspirations in the urban context where insufficient land is available. The FiT standards could be a long term aim, but the priority should be to work towards ensuring the standards in **Table 4.6** are met.
- 4.35 The standards below propose quantities of play space by category which should be delivered on site through development over 10 dwellings where feasible. In addition funding should be provided to ensure off-site provision is made to these standards. The standards aim to ensure any deficiencies are met, as well as providing for an increase in population.
- 4.36 Any development over 10 dwellings should refer to these standards in addition to the East Hampshire Local Plan for up to date contribution requirements, and the local demographic. On-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Hampshire County Council. Small area population forecasts. Available at: <a href="http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats.htm">http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats.htm</a> [Accessed September 2017]

site and off-site provision via developer contributions should be applied to sites with reduced scores and benchmarks. On smaller residential developments, of up to about 10 dwellings or within town centres, because of the limitations on providing satisfactory on-site provision, part or all of the play area may be best provided for in the form of a financial contribution, of equivalent value to on-site provision, towards the enhancement and management of play areas.

Table 4.6: Proposed standards for play area provision in East Hampshire

Type of standard	Proposed standard	Justification
Quantity	Play spaces 0.53 sites per 1000 head of population Teen/youth facilities 0.27 sites per 1000 head of population	This is based on the current provision of play spaces in East Hampshire.  Setting the standard at this level of provision will ensure that provision should (as a minimum) not fall below the existing quantity per 1000 head of population as the population grows.  Guided by the Fields in Trust guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play – Beyond the Six Acre Standard 32
Accessibility	Play spaces 480 m Teen/youth facilities 600m	Straight line distance guided by the Fields in Trust guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play – Beyond the Six Acre Standard <sup>33</sup>
Value	Play spaces  16  Teen/youth facilities  16  Site with both play space and teen/youth facilities  21	Expected score for a good value site
Quality	All sites	Expected score for a good quality site

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Fields in Trust, 2015. *Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play – Beyond the Six Acre Standard* [pdf] available at: <a href="http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Upload/file/PAD/FINAL%20ONLINE%20Planning%20Guidance%20for%20Outdoor%20Sport%20and%20Play%20Provision%20Oct%202015.pdf">http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Upload/file/PAD/FINAL%20ONLINE%20Planning%20Guidance%20for%20Outdoor%20Sport%20and%20Play%20Provision%20Oct%202015.pdf</a> [Accessed 25 September 2017].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Fields in Trust, 2015. *Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play – Beyond the Six Acre Standard* [pdf] available at: <a href="http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Upload/file/PAD/FINAL%20ONLINE%20Planning%20Guidance%20for%20Outdoor%20Sport%20and%20Play%20Provision%20Oct%202015.pdf">http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Upload/file/PAD/FINAL%20ONLINE%20Planning%20Guidance%20for%20Outdoor%20Sport%20and%20Play%20Provision%20Oct%202015.pdf</a> [Accessed 25 September 2017].

# 5 Application of standards

- 5.1 The standards proposed have been applied to sites in East Hampshire to get an understanding of the extent to which standards are being achieved, and also to determine where there are deficiencies that need to be addressed.
- 5.2 Areas of the district with high population density will be the focus when identifying deficiency and other findings, including the following settlements taken from the settlement hierarchy in the East Hampshire District Local Plan:
- 5.3 Main towns:
  - Alton
  - Petersfield
  - Whitehill & Bordon
- 5.4 Large local service centres:
  - Horndean
  - Liphook
- 5.5 Small local service centres:
  - Clanfield
  - Four Marks/ South Medstead
  - Grayshott
  - Liss
  - Rowlands Castle
- 5.6 Areas outside these settlements have very low population densities, typically 5-10 people per hectare, and will have less focus in this study.

## Quantity standards

- 5.7 Whilst the quantity standards have been set at the current district wide provision, the provision standard is not met in some of the East Hampshire sub-areas. **Table 5.1** shows in orange which Sub-Areas do not currently meet the quantity standards.
- 5.8 The North West Sub-Area currently falls below the quantity standard (**Table 5.2**) and this is likely to be exacerbated to a small extent by 2024. This is not in itself a reason to preclude development in this area though. Instead, it will be particularly important to secure new open spaces within these areas.
- The majority of East Hampshire site allocations are situated in the North West Sub-Area clustered around Alton or Four Marks/ South Medstead and the Southern Parishes Sub-Area around Clanfield, Horndean or Rowlands Castle. Whilst six site allocations have new open space creation included in development plans, other innovative approaches to new open spaces such as small civic spaces, pocket parks and green corridors will be needed so that developments maximise opportunities for the provision of new open space. In addition, in areas of deficiency, efforts should be made to ensure existing open spaces are multifunctional and are of a good quality and high value. Attempts should be made to also ensure all sectors of the community are able to easily access open spaces through the removal of physical barriers (e.g. providing safe crossing points across roads) and ensuring open spaces are appropriately promoted.

Table 5.1: Application of open space quantity standard to identify shortfall/surplus

Sub-AreaSub- area	Publicly accessible open space (ha)	Population 2017	Population 2024	Provision ha per 1000 people 2017	Provision ha per 1000 people 2024
North East	157.65	33588	38541	4.69	4.09
North West	72.36	31205	35194	2.32	2.06
SDNPA	903.79	33441	34868	27.03	25.92
Southern Parishes	103.08	21902	23702	4.71	4.35
East Hampshire	1236.88	120136	132305	10.30	9.35

- 5.10 The recently published projected data for 2024 reveal that population in East Hampshire is anticipated to reach 132,305. This equates to **9.35ha per 1,000 people**, 0.95ha below 2017 levels (10.30ha per 1,000 people).
- 5.11 Whilst overall the North West Sub-Area has a shortfall in open space, broken down further, shortfalls in specific open space typologies can also be identified. Current shortfalls are summarised in **Table 5.2.**

Table 5.2: Application of open space quantity standards to identify current shortfall/surplus by typology

Typology and hierarchy	Sub-Area			
	North East	North West	SDNPA	Southern Parishes
Park or garden	1.15	1.21	17.94	2.12
Natural or semi-natural green space	3.29	0.63	8.94	2.15
Amenity green space	0.25	0.48	0.14	0.44
Allotments	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.01

5.12 Despite a current shortfall in parks and gardens and allotments in the Southern Parishes, by 2028 the "Land East of Horndean" development is likely to have provided approximately 21ha of open space. There will also be considerable open space (including allotments) provided in Clanfield at developments along Green Lane. This addition is likely to fill the shortfall in open space in the Southern Parishes.

#### **Identified areas for improvement:**

- The North West Sub-Area does not meet overall quantity provision
- The majority of site allocations are in areas of deficiency in provision of open space. Creation of new open spaces therefore needs to be built in to development plans
- Increased provision of parks and gardens in the southern parishes Sub-Area, this will likely be covered within the "Land East of Horndean" development and current development at along Green Lane.
- Increased provision in amenity green spaces in north east and SDNPA Sub-Areas
- Increased provision in allotments in southern parishes Sub-Area, this will likely be covered within the "Land East of Horndean" development and current development at along Green Lane.

## Quality, value and accessibility standards

- 5.13 **Appendix 1** shows the full list of sites with their quality and value ratings. Application of the proposed quality, value and accessibility standards is explored at the district level below. The analysis is supported by **Figure 5.1** to **Figure 5.10**, which show deficiencies in access to open space provision in the district, the quality and value ratings for the sites shown together as well as the proposed locations for open space development.
- 5.14 No quantity or accessibility standards have been set for churchyards and cemeteries or green corridors; however quality and value of East Hampshire's churchyards and cemeteries and green corridors are shown in **Figure 5.8** and **Figure 5.11**.
- 5.15 The standards help to form the basis for addressing the quantitative and qualitative deficiencies through the planning process by highlighting where investment in existing spaces to enhance their role, or the provision of new spaces, should be focussed.

## **Key issues**

- Analysis of site benchmarking highlights a notable proportion of low value parks and natural
  and semi-natural green space across the district. These sites could benefit from investment
  to improve their functionality.
- Whilst all the main towns have some areas with low average health levels, Alton experiences
  wide spread poor average health, in addition to this Alton has the smallest amount of local
  open space.
- The assessment of the provision of open spaces accessible to residents of East Hampshire should not be constrained to the district boundary. Significant open spaces in neighbouring districts such as Hindhead Common in Waverley District are likely to contribute greatly to health and wellbeing of residents providing valuable opportunities for formal and informal recreation.

#### Main towns

Alton

- 5.16 Approximately half of Alton lacks access to open space at any level of the hierarchy. The rest of Alton has access to local level open space including parks and gardens and semi-natural green space. Only one site in Alton is of high quality and value; Public Gardens. All other sites in Alton have low quality and/or low value.
- 5.17 Amenity green spaces in Alton offer access to open space in some areas deficient in access to local parks and gardens or natural or semi-natural green space. However, despite this, there are still areas deficient in any access to green space, particularly in the north east of the town.
- 5.18 Alton has three allotment sites. Access to these sites is restricted, which is common for allotments. Whilst the three allotment sites provide access to most areas of Alton, the north

eastern part of Alton falls outside of the 1.2 km access catchment. In addition, two of the sites are low quality and low value, and one site has high quality but low value.

#### Petersfield

- 5.19 The Heath is a high quality and high value district natural or semi-natural green space in Petersfield, the majority of Petersfield falls within the access catchment for this site. Petersfield generally has good access to local parks and gardens, local natural or semi-natural green space or amenity green space. The exceptions to this are some areas around Pulens Lane, Reservoir Lane and Long Road. The amenity green spaces in Petersfield are all of good quality and value; however all of the parks and gardens and most of the natural or semi-natural green space (aside from The Heath) have low quality and/ or value. In addition, Water Meadows is a 4.8ha green corridor with high quality and value, offering additional open space to residents of Petersfield.
- 5.20 Approximately half of Petersfield falls within the 3.2km of Queen Elizabeth Country Park, a fully accessible country park of sub-regional significance. Residents of Petersfield also have access to the South Downs Way, which could help to alleviate deficiencies in access to semi-natural green space. The area also benefits from access to the South Downs National Park and its rights of way network.
- 5.21 Two low quality and low value allotments are located in Petersfield, most areas of Petersfield fall within the 1.2 km access catchment of these sites; however south of Cranford Road and the south east of Petersfield are deficient in access to allotments.

## Whitehill & Bordon

- 5.22 Whitehill & Bordon has the best provision and access to open space in the district. The majority of the settlement falls within the access catchment to sub-regional, district and local sites. There are also a number of amenity green spaces providing access at a local level. Additionally, Deadwater Valley is a 15.4ha green corridor with high quality and value, offering additional open space to the residents of Whitehall Bordon.
- 5.23 Open space quality and value varies in Whitehill & Bordon, with area for improvement particularly in parks and gardens and natural or semi-natural green space.
- 5.24 Some of the open spaces serving Whitehill & Bordon residents have nature designations, including international Natura 2000 sites:
  - Broxhead Common (SPA, SSSI, LNR)
  - Passfield Common and Conford Moor (SPA, SSSI)
  - Alexander Park (LNR)
  - Deadwater Valley (LNR)
  - Jubilee Park (LNR)
- 5.25 If Broxhead Common, Passfield Common and Conford Moor were removed from consideration as open spaces, in order to relieve public pressure on internationally designated sites, Whitehill & Bordon would still have good provision particularly with the presence of large sites such as Hogmoor Inclosure and Standford Grange Farm SANG.

### Large local service centres

#### Horndean

- 5.26 Horndean, which lies 8 miles to the north of Portsmouth, has no access to district spaces. However, it is within close proximity to Staunton Country Park, a sub-regional open space. Horndean has access to one good quality and value park and garden as well as four natural or semi-natural green spaces with varying quality and value, this includes Catherington Down a SSSI. Amenity green space offers some access to open space in areas deficient in access to other open spaces, however there are still areas in Horndean which are deficient in all open space types.
- 5.27 The majority of Horndean is within 3.2 km of Staunton Country Park, a 325ha sub-regional park and garden which is open to the public for a fee. Adjacent to Staunton Country Park is Havant

Thicket, a Forestry Commission site made up of a series of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). Havant Thicket is freely accessible to the public.

5.28 One allotment site in Horndean offers access to the majority of the settlement; however the site has low value<sup>34</sup>.

Liphook

- 5.29 Liphook has good access to open space, the whole settlement falls within the access catchment of sub-regional sized open spaces such as Passfield Common and Conford Moor (SPA, SAC and SSSI), Bramshott and Ludshott Common (an SPA and SSSI), Linchmere Common (LNR in Chichester District). Liphook also has access to district and local-sized open spaces. Liphook has access to one local park and garden of low quality and high value. In addition, Radstock Park a high quality and high value green corridor, located in the centre of Liphook. Four amenity green spaces also provide some areas in the south of Liphook with access to local open space.
- 5.30 Liphook is also partially within the South Downs National Park, with good links by public rights of way to nearby common land in the National Park. Griggs Green, Holm Hills and Holly Hills is an area of common land located adjacent to Liphook within the National Park, there are also a number of nearby areas of common land in Chichester District including Wheatsheaf Common and Weavers Green.
- 5.31 Liphook has two allotment sites, one low quality and low value, the other high quality and high value. Both sites are well placed to offer access to the majority of the settlement.

#### **Small local service centres**

Clanfield

- 5.32 Approximately half of Clanfield lacks access to open space at the local level. However, it is important to note that the majority of Clanfield falls within 3.2 km accessibility buffer of Queen Elizabeth Country Park, a fully accessible country park of sub-regional significance. Adjacent to Queen Elizabeth Country Park is Butser Hill, a site designated as an SAC, SSSI, NNR and LNR, which is open to the public.
- 5.33 The other half of Clanfield has access to local level open space including parks and gardens and natural or semi-natural green space. Amenity green space offers some provision in areas deficient in access to parks and gardens/ natural or semi-natural green space, however a large section of central Clanfield is deficient in access to open space. Many of Clanfield's open spaces have low quality and/or value with the exception of Peel Park East and Old School Field amenity green space.
- 5.34 Clanfield lacks access to allotments in all areas apart from a small area in south Clanfield which falls within the access catchment of Horndean Hill allotments to the south of Clanfield. Additional allotments will be provided at a development along Green Lane.

Four Marks/ South Medstead

- 5.35 A significant part of Four Marks/ South Medstead lacks access to open space at any level of the hierarchy. With the exception of Recreation Ground West, the six sites in or adjacent to Four Marks/ South Medstead are of low quality.
- 5.36 One high quality and high value allotment is located in Four Marks/ South Medstead, approximately half of Four Marks/ South Medstead falls within the access catchment for this site.

Grayshott

37 Gravehot

- 5.37 Grayshott falls within sub-regional and mostly within district access catchments to open space, this is because it falls within close proximity of Bramshott and Ludshott Common (Wealden Heaths Phase II SPA and Bramshott and Ludshott Common SSSI). Grayshott also has two local parks and gardens in close proximity; one of high quality and value, one of low quality and value.
- 5.38 Grayshott is also within 2km of Hindhead Common (SPA, SAC and SSSI), a sub-regional natural or semi-natural green space in Waverley District.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> It is noted Land East of Horndean (LEOH) will deliver 60 Allotments of about 0.75ha.

5.39 There are two allotment sites in Grayshott, most of Grayshott is with the access catchment of these two sites. Both sites are of low quality.

Liss

- 5.40 Liss has no access to sub-regional or district open space. Half of Liss has access to Liss Riverside Walk, a high quality and high value local semi-natural green space. In addition Liss has three amenity green spaces of varying quality and value; these offer some additional provision to the settlement.
- 5.41 There are four allotment sites in Liss, offering good access to allotments throughout the whole settlement. One allotment is of high quality and high value; however the other three sites all have low quality.

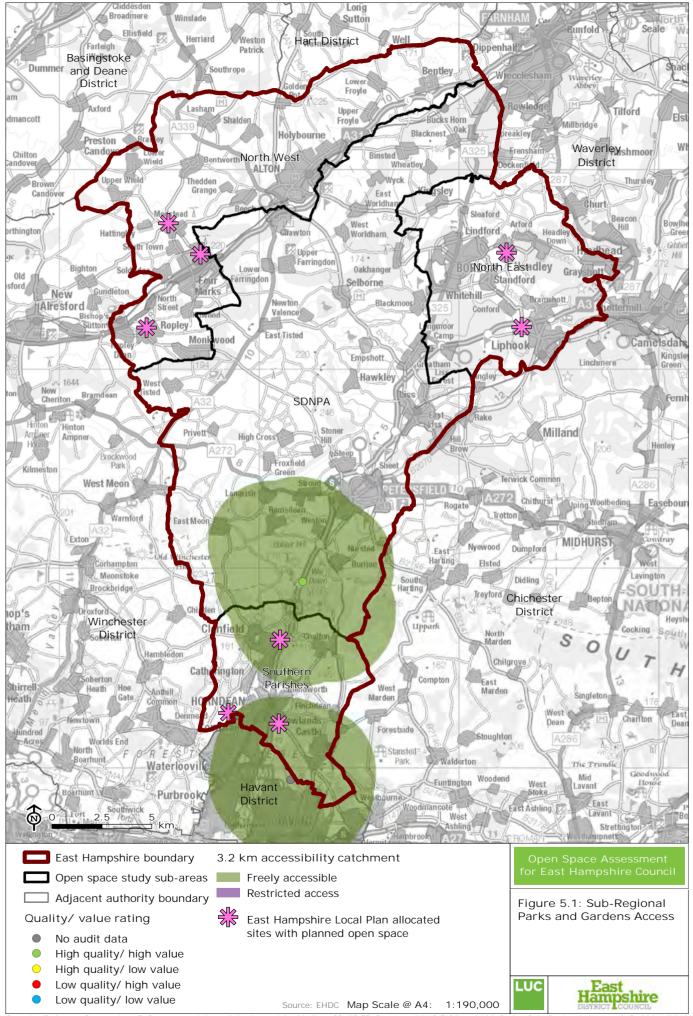
#### Rowlands Castle

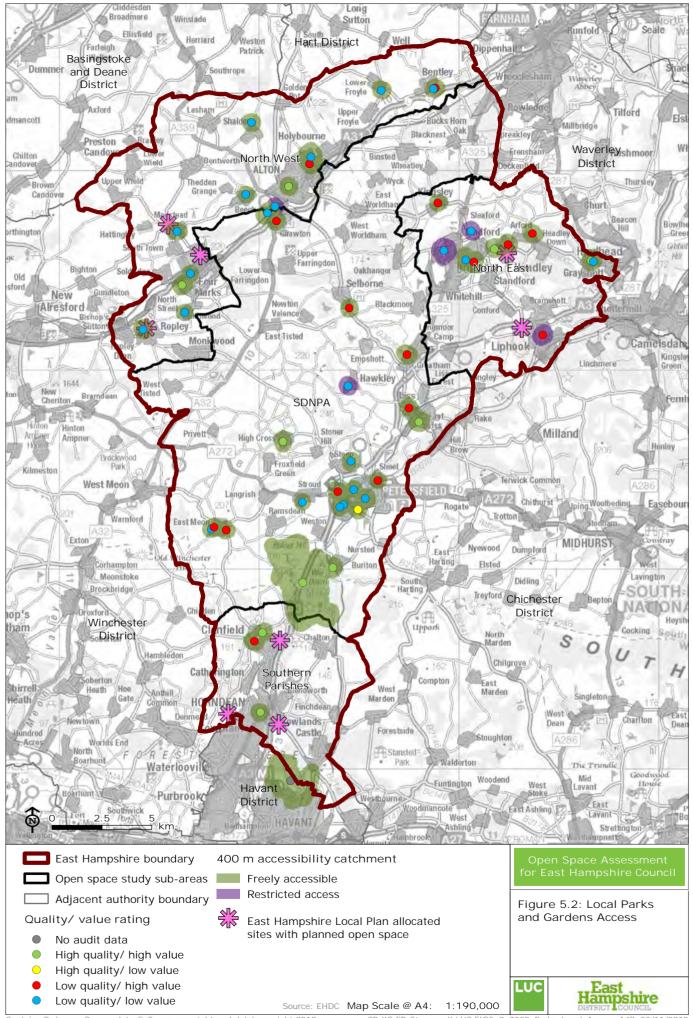
- 5.42 Rowlands Castle in deficient in access to district sized open spaces. Rowlands Castle has two high quality and high value amenity green spaces and one low quality and low value local natural or semi-natural green space. The north of Rowlands Castle is deficient in access to open space.
- 5.43 Staunton Country Park is adjacent to Rowlands Castle, the whole settlement falls within 3.2 km of the site. Staunton Country Park is a 325ha site sub-regional park and garden, open daily for an entry fee.
- 5.44 Rowlands Castle is also adjacent to Havant Thicket, a freely accessible Forestry Commission site.

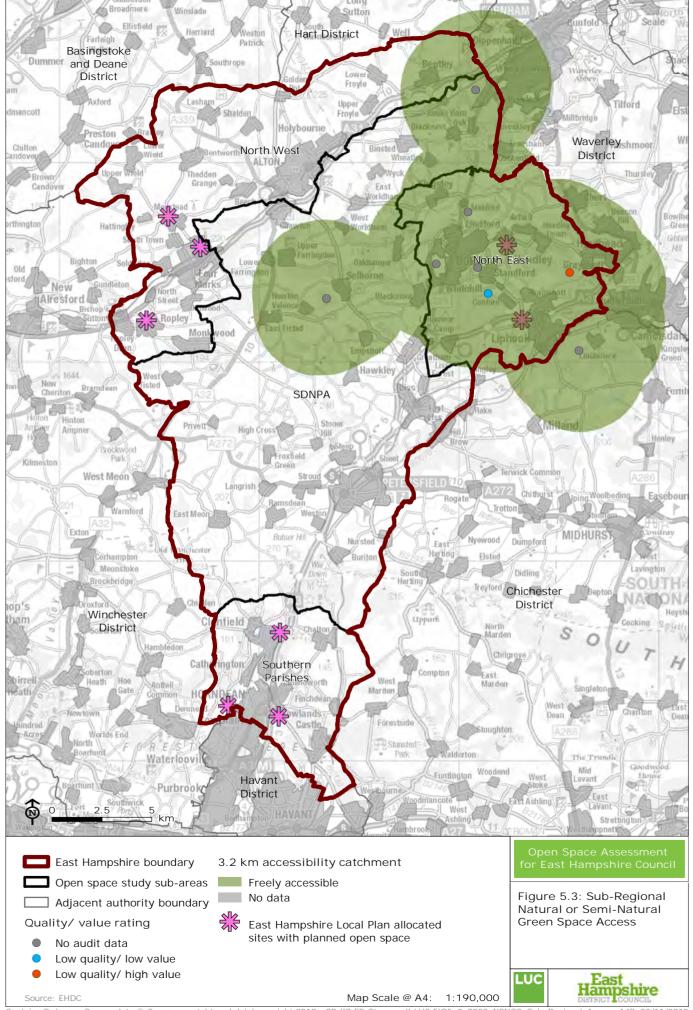
  A low quality and low value allotment is located south of Rowlands Castle, half of Rowlands Castle falls within the 1.2 km access catchment area of this site.

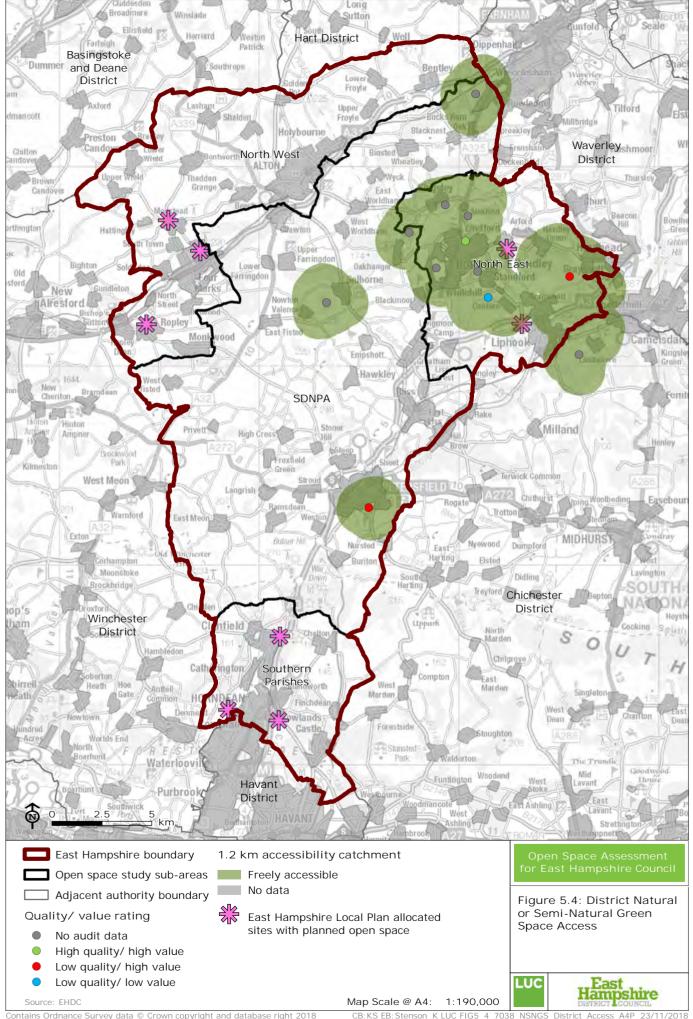
## **Identified areas for improvement:**

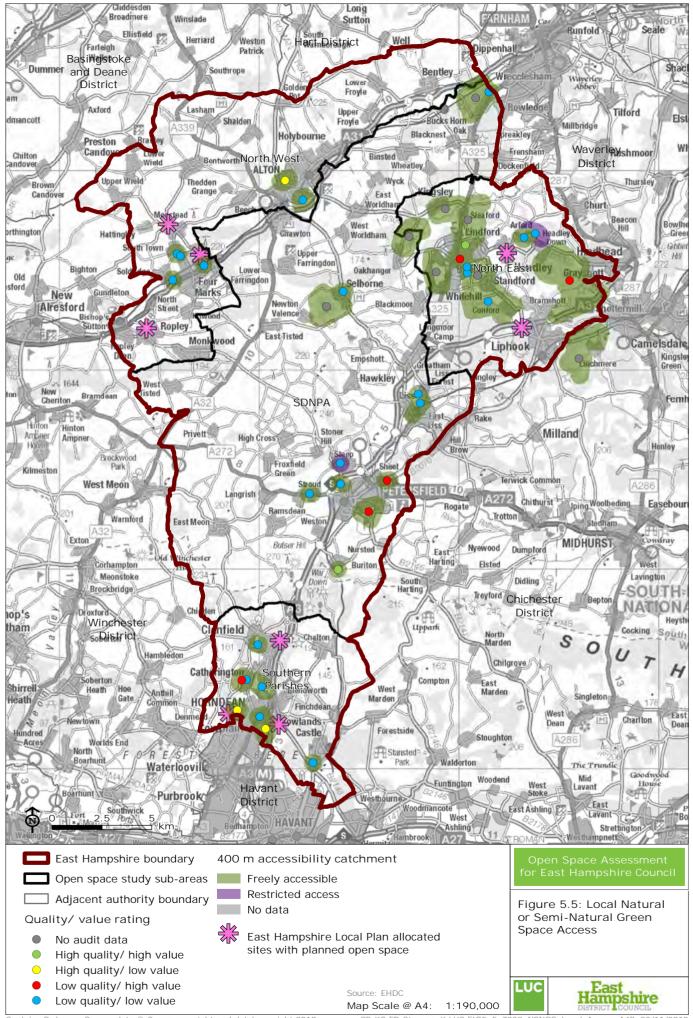
- Improve quality of allotments in Alton, Grayshott and Petersfield
- Improve quality of parks and gardens in Alton, Clanfield, Four Marks/ South Medstead
- Improve quality of natural or semi-natural green space in Alton, Clanfield, Four Marks/ South Medstead, Horndean
- Increase quality and value of both parks and gardens, and semi-natural green spaces in Petersfield
- Make efforts to increase open space in Alton, particularly in the north east.
- Make efforts to increase open space in Liss and Rowlands Castle
- Make efforts to increase open space in Four Marks/ South Medstead, particularly in the east.
- Provide allotments for Clanfield, Petersfield and Rowlands Castle
- Most settlements lack access to larger sites (district or sub-regional), therefore improvement of quality, value and provision of local open space should be prioritised in order to improve provision.
- Possible need for alternative strategic open space provision around Grayshott and Liphook to reduce visitor pressure on the local SAC/SPA/SSSI sites.

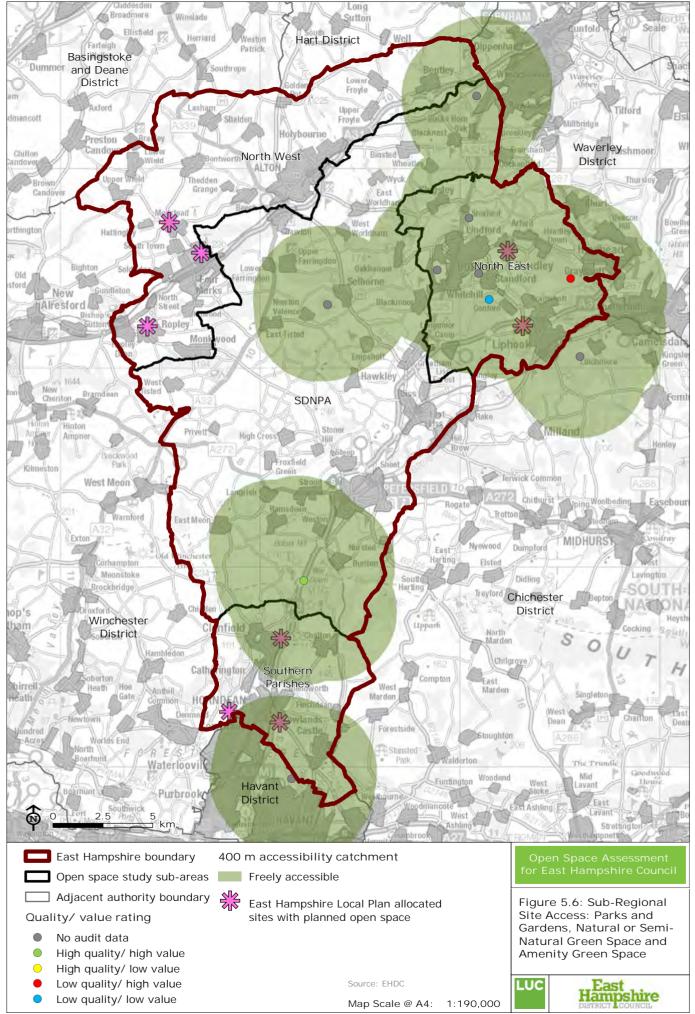


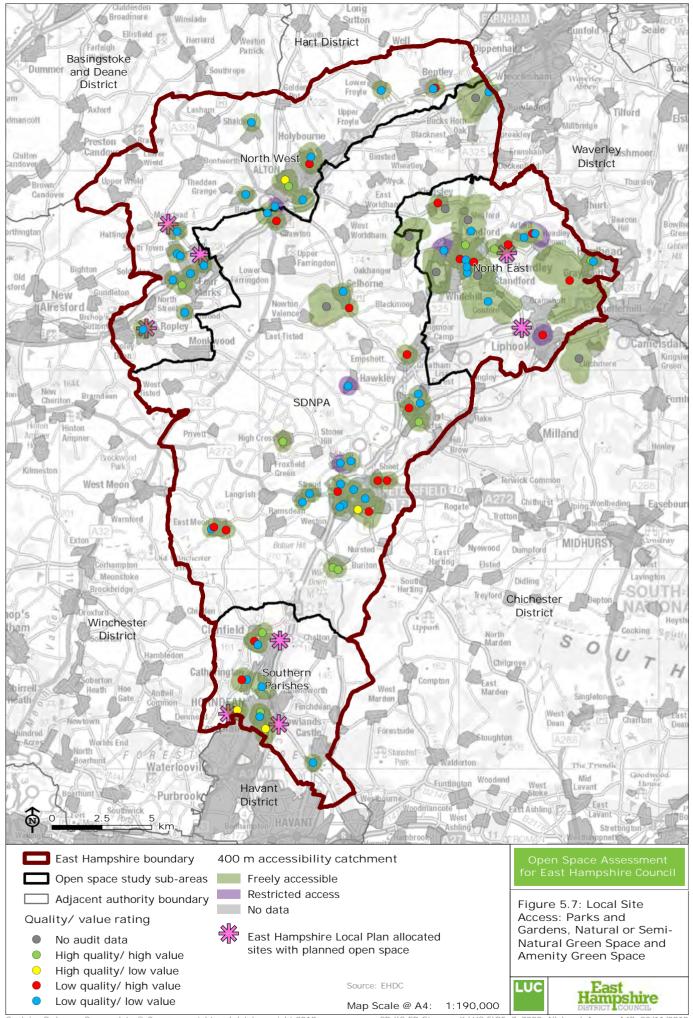


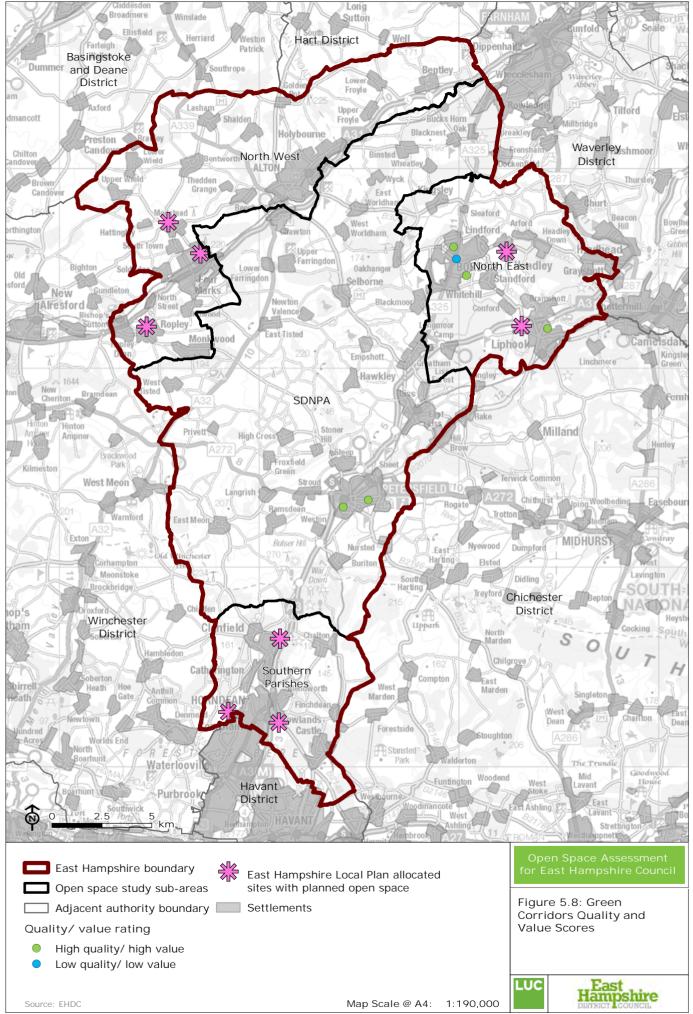


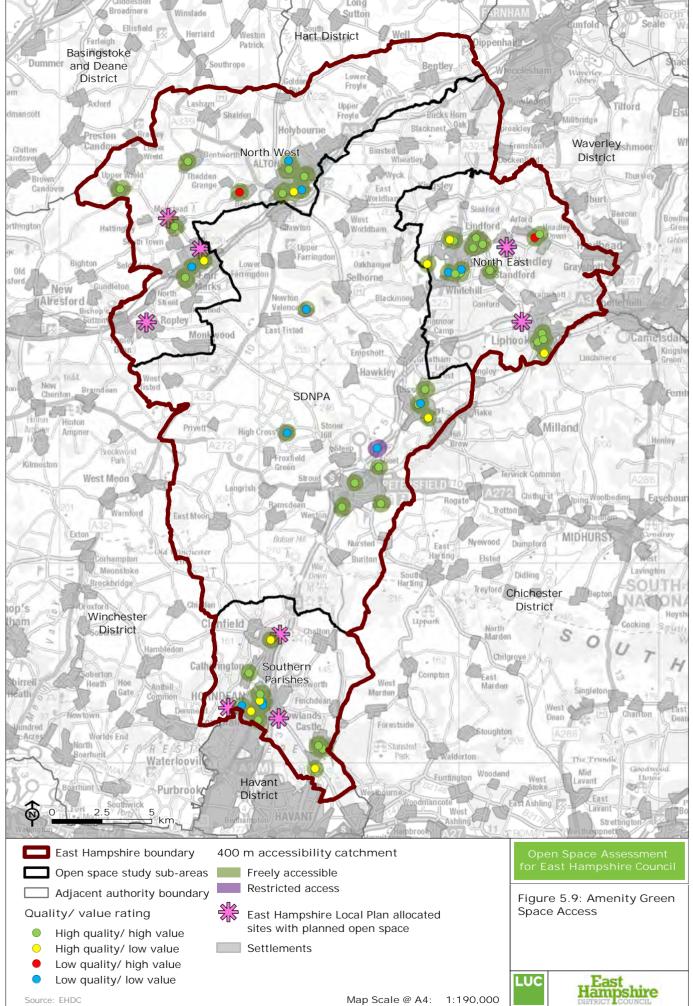


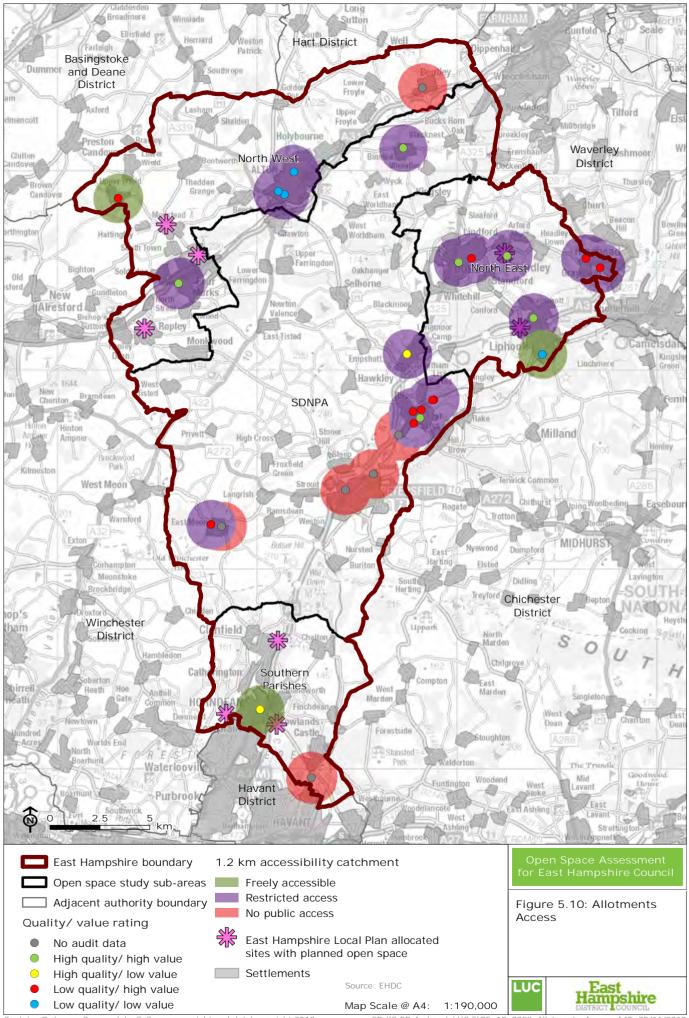


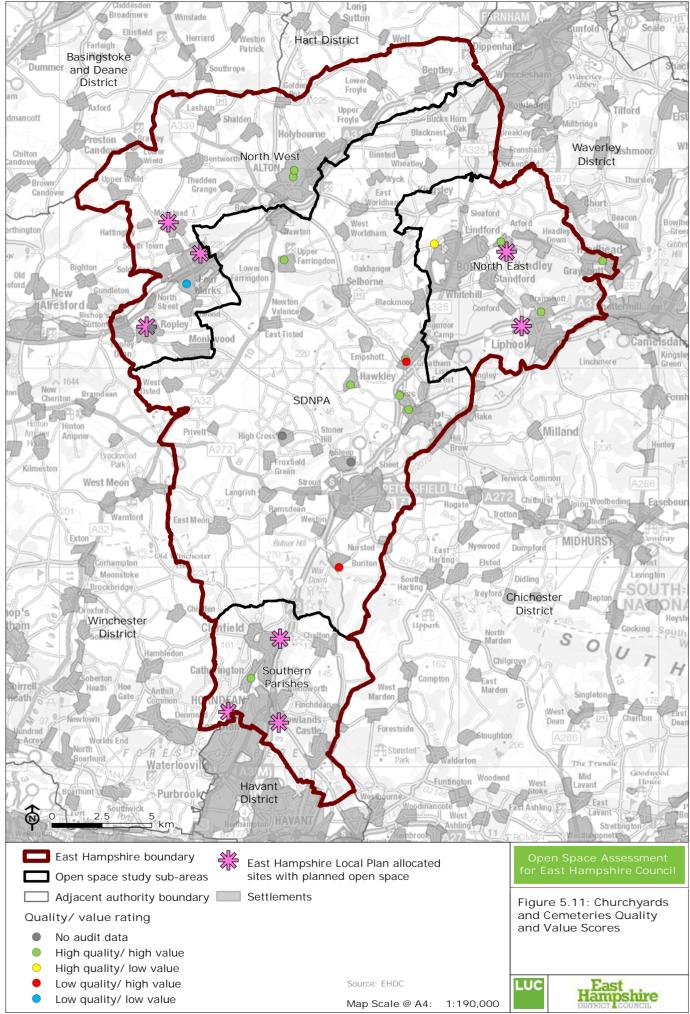












# Play standards

5.45 Play quantity standards were set in line with the current quantity of play sites in East Hampshire. Due to population growth, it is likely that East Hampshire will require an additional 6.6 play spaces and 5.3 sites with teen/youth facilities by 2024 in order to maintain the quantity standard.

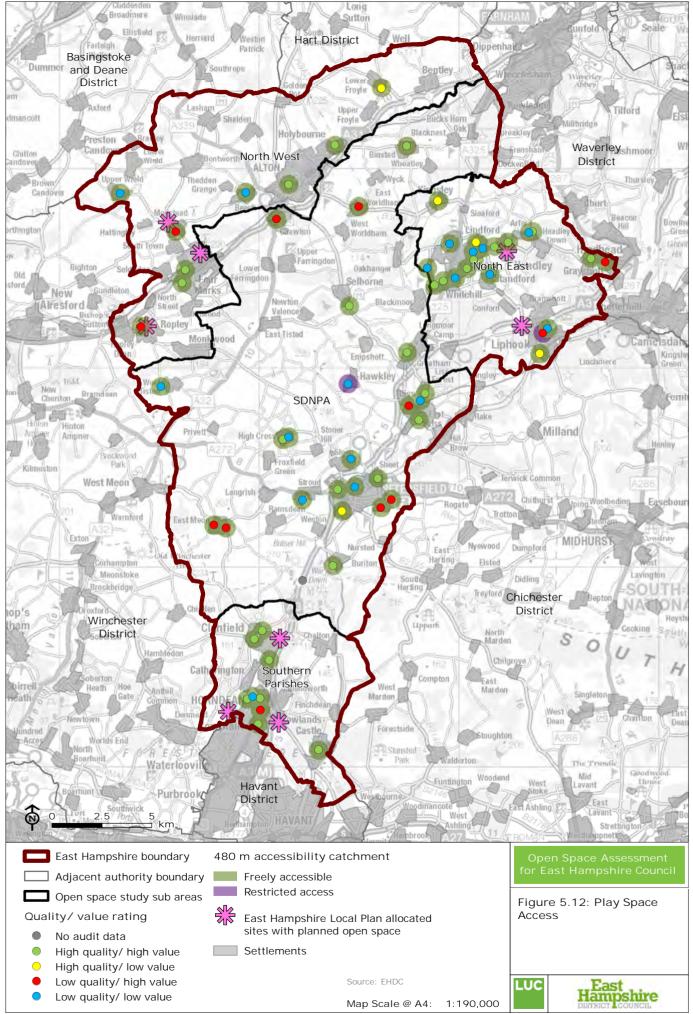
**Table 5.3: Applying play quantity standards** 

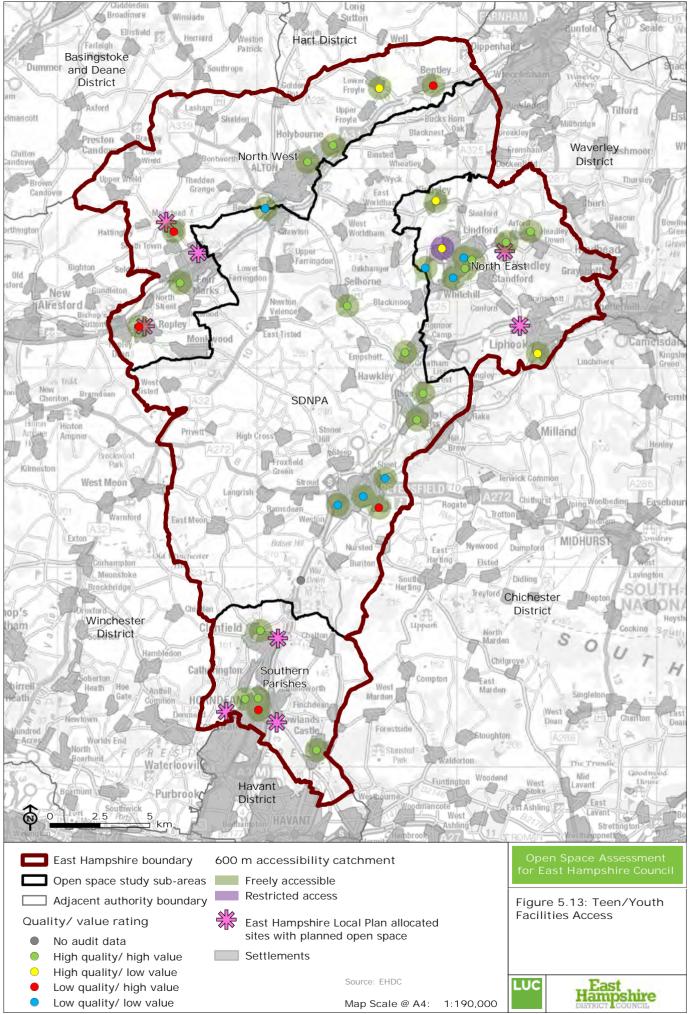
2017 quantity standard	2024 quantity	Additional sites required to meet quantity standard in 2024
Play spaces	Play spaces	Play spaces
0.53 sites per 1,000 head of population  Teen/youth facilities  0.27 sites per 1,000 head of population	0.48 sites per 1,000 head of population  Teen/ youth facilities  0.23 sites per 1,000 head of population	6.6 sites (0.05 sites per 1,000 head of population) Teen/youth facilities 5.3 sites (0.04 sites per 1,000 head of population)

- 5.46 **Figure 5.12** shows Play Space access. **Figure 5.13** shows teen /youth facilities areas.
- 5.47 Play provision is generally poor in East Hampshire's main towns, large and small local service centres. Quality and value of sites is variable, but access is the largest deficiency and affects all settlements.
- 5.48 Whitehill & Bordon, one of the main towns, has the highest provision of play spaces and teen/youth provision, whilst four play space have high quality and value, there are a further six sites with either low quality or value. There are also six teen/youth provision sites with varied quality and value.
- 5.49 East Hampshire's other two main towns, Alton and Petersfield, have low provision of play space and teen/youth provision. Whilst the quality and value of Alton's two play spaces is high, there are significant areas of the settlement outside the access catchment of these sites. Similarly, there are also only two teen/ youth provision sites in Alton, of high quality and value, but these do not offer good access to the whole of Alton.
- 5.50 In addition, Grayshott, a small local service centre, has two play spaces but lacks any teen/youth provision.

#### **Identified areas for improvement:**

• Increase quantity of play space and teen/youth provision in all settlements, prioritising those with greatest amounts of planned development.





## Green infrastructure functions

- 5.51 This open space audit also considered which parks have potential to contribute a range of green infrastructure (GI) functions to the wider area. Those functions considered were:
  - Landscape
  - Heritage and Sense of Place
  - Biodiversity
  - Water Resources
  - Woodland
  - Access and Recreation
  - · Health and Wellbeing
  - Local Awareness and Involvement

## Sites currently delivering GI functions

- 5.52 The site audit has identified over 150 open spaces which are already performing three or more GI functions (See **Figure 5.14**). Those performing the greatest range of GI functions were mainly semi-natural green spaces and green corridors, including:
  - Hazleton Common, Horndean
  - Radford Park, Liphook
  - Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve, Whitehill & Bordon
  - Bordon Inclosure SANG, Whitehill & Bordon
  - · Rear of Newfield Road, Liss
  - Liss Riverside Walk, Liss
  - Liss Forest Recreation Ground, Liss
  - Bramshott and Ludshott Common, Grayshott
  - Passfield Common & Conford Moor, Conford

### Examples of sites which are currently delivering a range of GI functions





Radford Park

Deadwater Valley LNR

#### Sites with potential to deliver GI functions

5.53 Over 110 open spaces have potential to deliver at least two additional GI functions, and these are indicated in **Figure 5.14.** Those open spaces which currently perform very few GI functions

tended to be amenity spaces and play space. However, many of these have potential to deliver more functions, including the following sites:

- Kings Mede, Horndean
- Bellway, Clanfield
- Paddock, Newton Valence
- Pine View, Headley Down
- Fletcher's Field, Liphook
- Admers Crescent, Liphook

#### **Landscape improvements**

5.54 There are several open spaces located around all the main settlements, where the potential to make landscape improvements has been identified. This could be of particular relevance in the South Downs National Park, where there is greater emphasis on a consistent landscape character.

#### **Increasing biodiversity**

- 5.55 Our audit indicated that whilst around 90% of open spaces audited are already delivering some biodiversity value, all 198 sites have potential to be enhanced to deliver increased benefit to biodiversity. These are indicated in **Figure 5.16**. The 2013 East Hampshire GI Strategy indicated that a range of open space types should be better managed for biodiversity, and this study indicates that there is great potential for this.
- 5.56 **Figure 5.14** also indicates that a significant proportion of the open spaces which are already delivering GI functions have the potential to deliver more. As many of these are located in proximity to the many Natura 2000 sites within the district, investment in habitat management at these would provide an opportunity to create ecological corridors and ecological buffers for the Natura 2000 network. Creation of more semi-natural habitats at some of these open spaces could also help to alleviate deficiency in access to natural and semi-natural green space around towns such as Alton.
- 5.57 There are also a number of open spaces around Bordon and Liphook with potential for additional tree-planting to increase woodland cover, where this fits with other functions and uses.

#### Increasing flood management within open spaces

5.58 As many of the open spaces with potential to deliver increased GI functions are located in proximity to areas of flood risk (e.g. Flood Zones 2 and 3), there is scope to invest in these sites to enhance their flood management functions. Those open spaces with potential to deliver increased flood management functions are highlighted in **Figure 5.18**, and include several in Bordon, Liss and Horndean.

## Increasing types of recreation

5.59 Although all open spaces provide some recreation function, 50% of those audited in the district have potential to deliver a wider range of recreational benefits. These sites could be the subject of review if there are specific needs highlighted through the sports assessment.

## Improving health and wellbeing

- 5.60 Many of the open spaces in East Hampshire have also been identified as having the potential to deliver additional benefits for health and wellbeing, as shown in **Figure 5.20**. This is particularly relevant where these open spaces are located in areas which currently experience poor average health. This includes the following towns, which have pockets of poor average health, and where changes in management to better promote health and wellbeing:
  - Alton
  - Bordon
  - Liphook

- Liss
- Horndean

## Potential to alleviate deficiency in open space provision through delivering GI networks

5.61 As mentioned in para. 1.9, one of the main priorities of the East Hampshire GI Strategy is to deliver multifunctional GI corridors. If well located, these corridors could help to alleviate deficiency in access to semi-natural open space, by providing access to the countryside for residents of the locations where deficiencies exist.



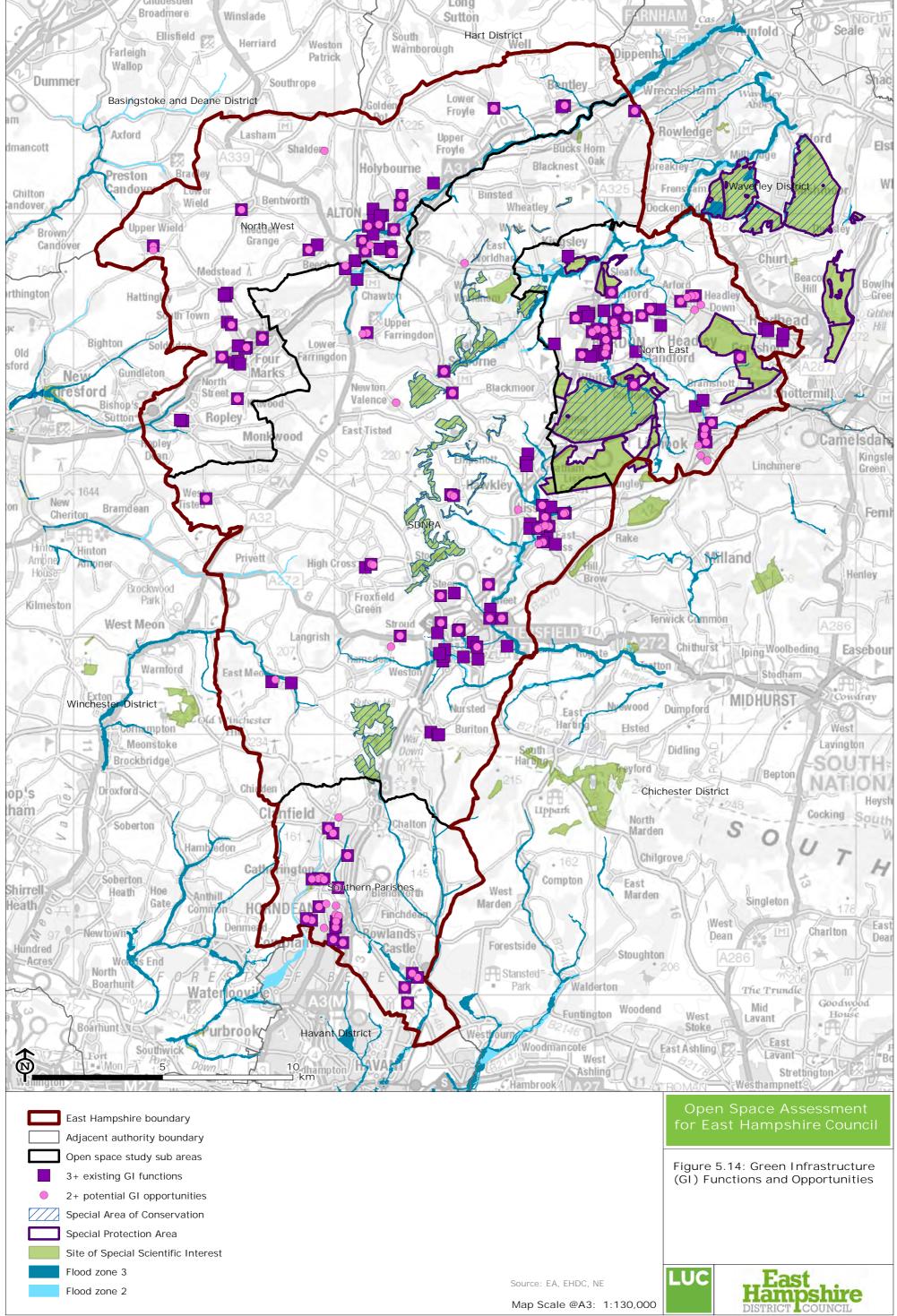


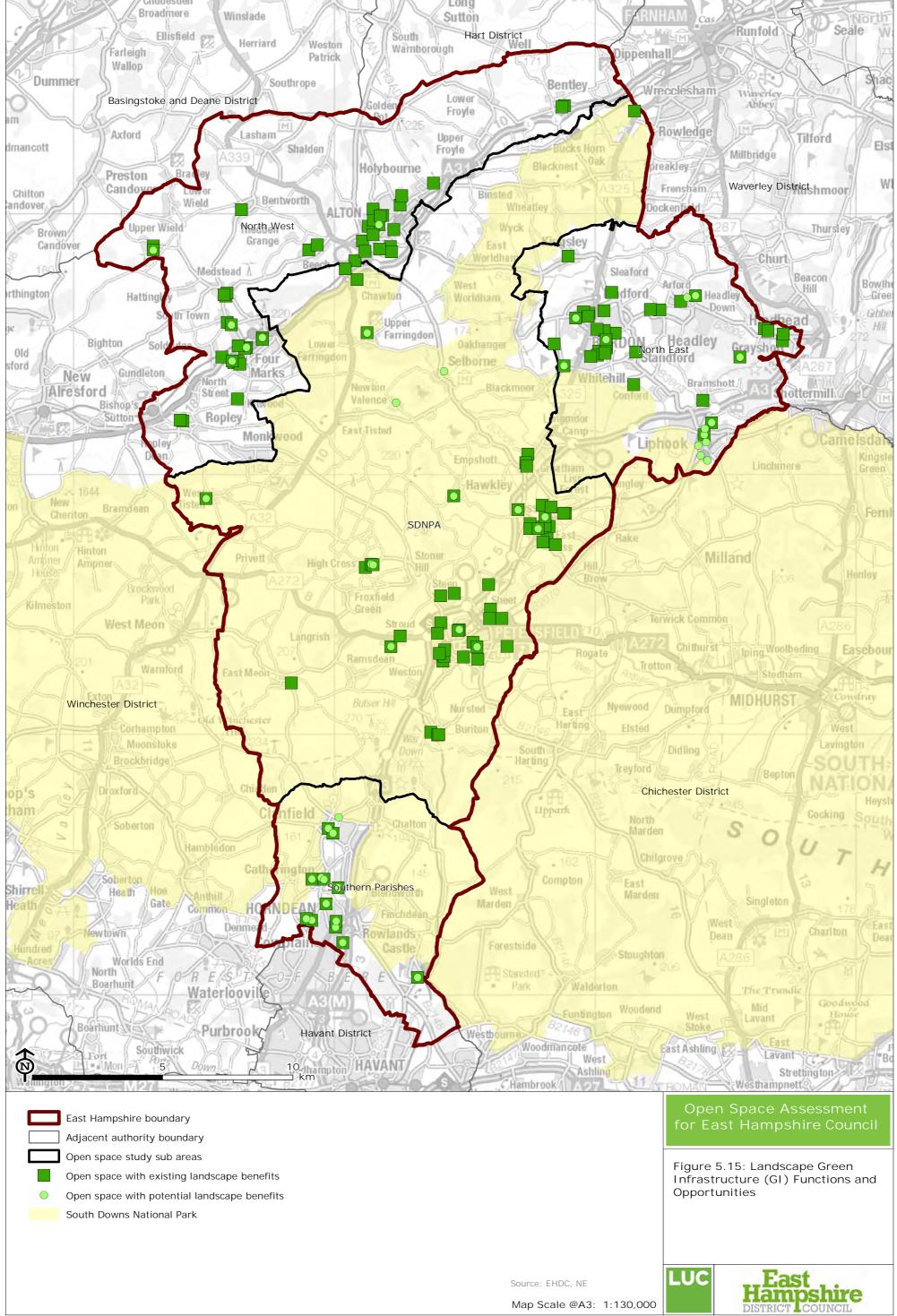
Pine View Fletchers Field

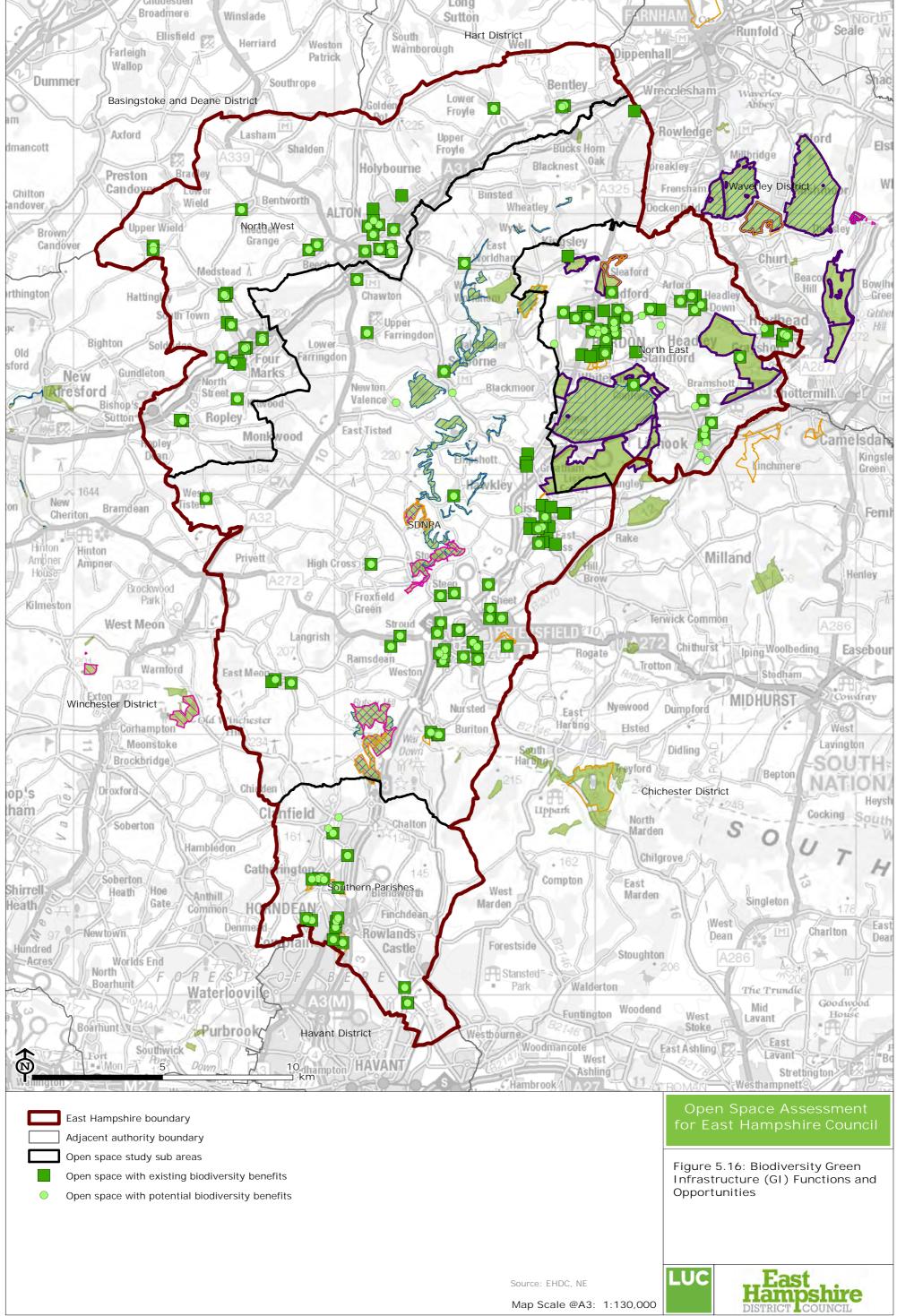
## **Examples of sites with potential to deliver increased GI functions**

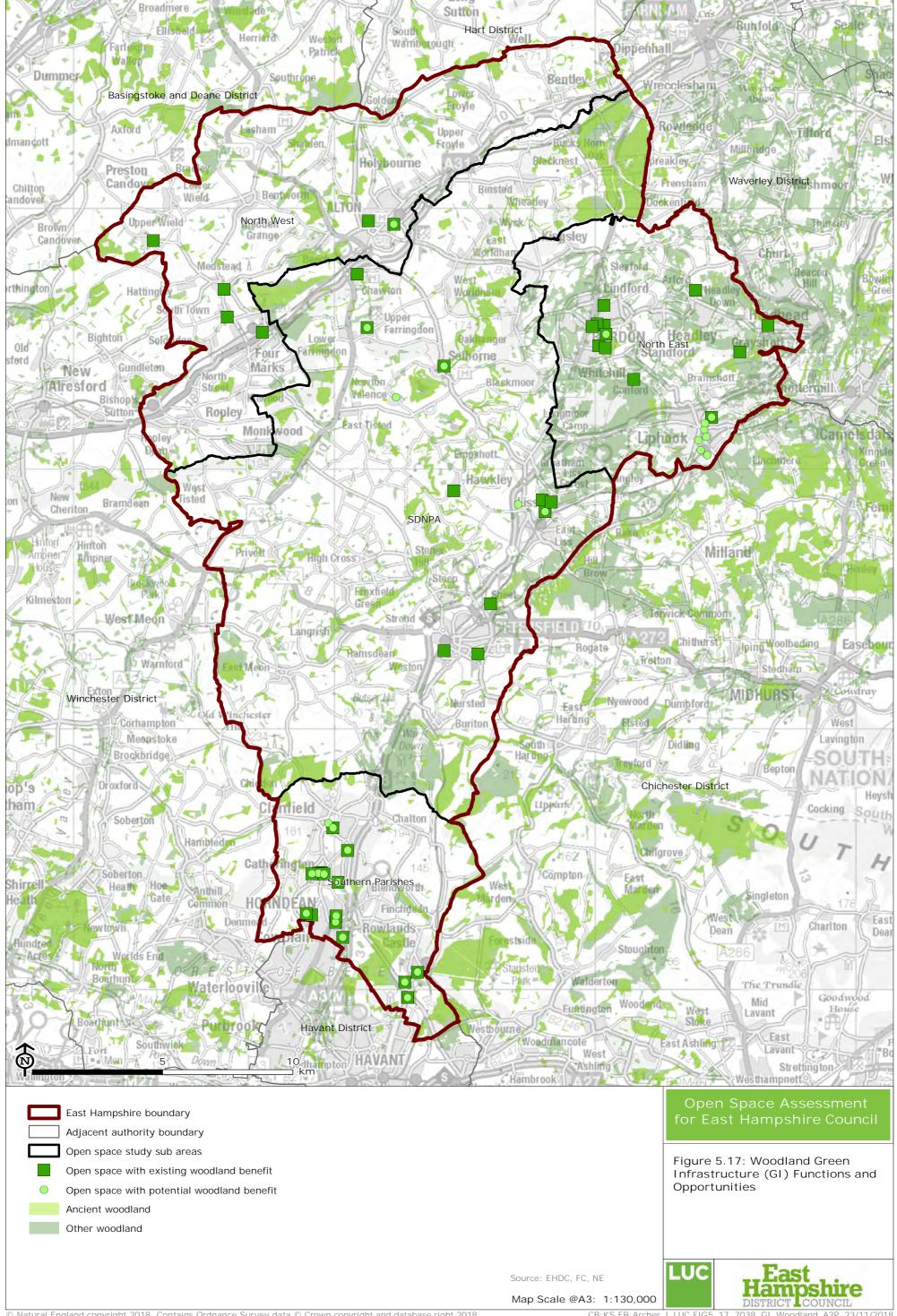
## Key opportunities:

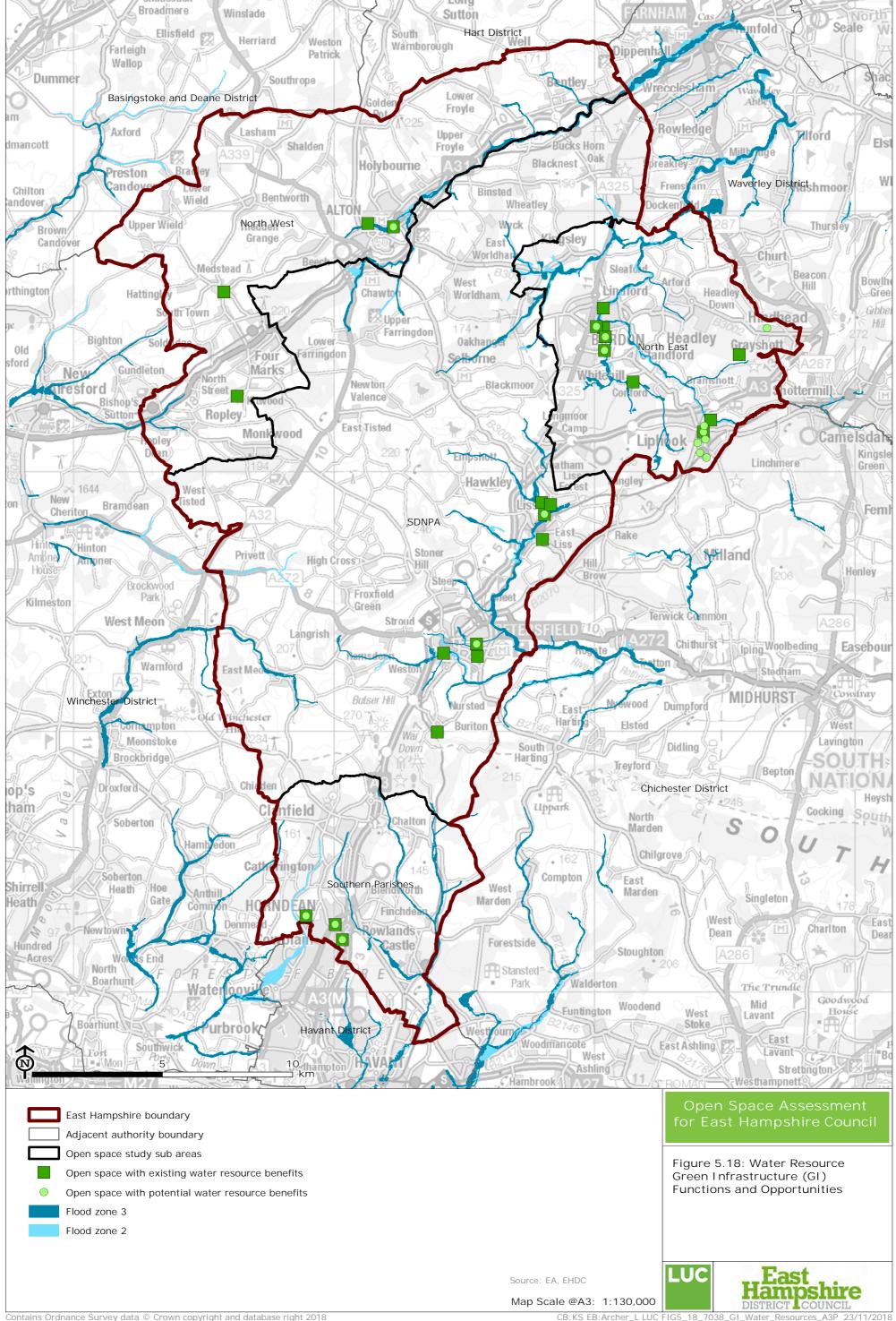
- Recognise the multi-functional nature of sites already delivering GI functions.
- Adapt management to capitalise on open spaces with potential to deliver GI functions
- Locate multifunctional GI corridors where they can help to alleviate open space deficiency at the main settlements.

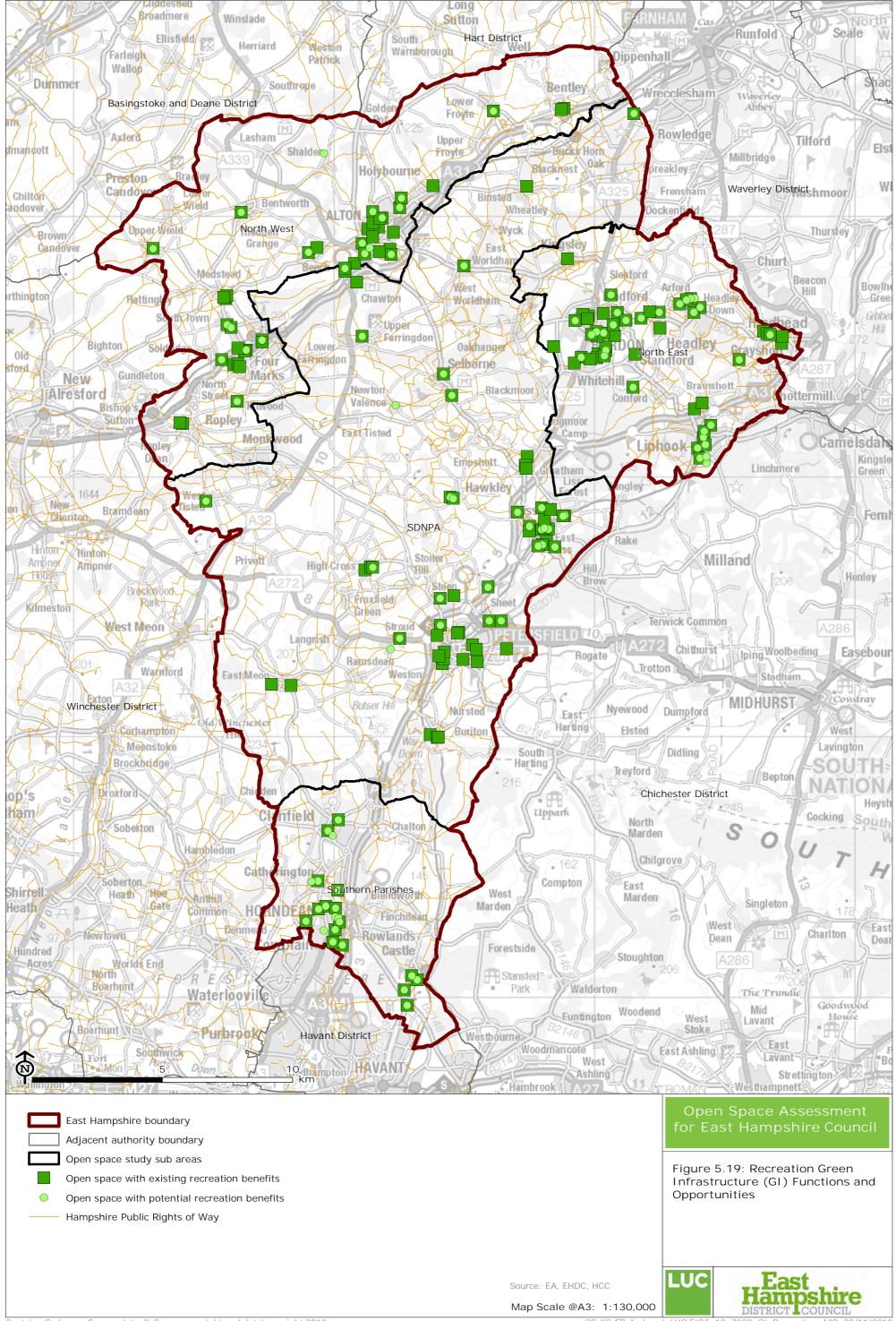


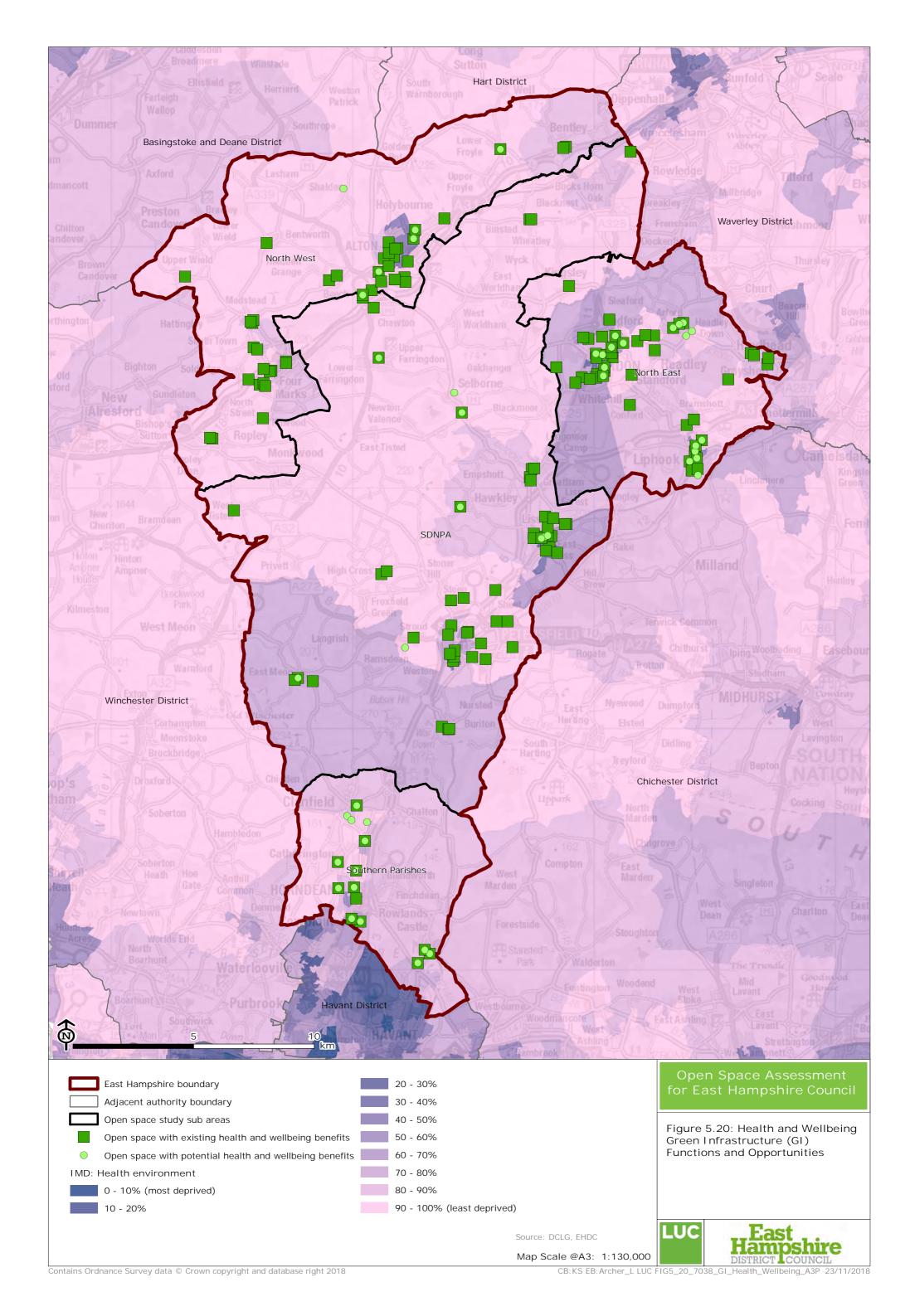












**Table 5.4: Overview of open space provision by settlement** 

Open space typology	Alton	Petersfield	Whitehill & Bordon	Horndean	Liphook	Clanfield	Four Marks/ South Medstead	Grayshott	Liss	Rowlands Castle
Parks and Gardens	Central and north Alton are deficient in local parks.  South Alton requires quality improvements	Good access to local parks although many require quality improvements.	Lack of provision in Whitehill. Bordon would benefit from quality improvements.	Some deficiency in provision, although this will be partly addressed through planned development incorporating open space	Current deficiencies in both quality and access.	Reasonable provision. The gap in east Clanfield could be addressed through new provision as a part of planned development.	Lack of access in north Four Marks, which could be addressed through new provision as a part of planned development.	Good provision in the north of the village, but a gap in the south	There is good provision across Liss and East Liss, although the park in Liss would benefit from quality improvements	There are no parks in Rowlands Castle
Natural and semi- natural green space	Lack of sub- regional and district provision, some local provision in central Alton.	Access to a district- scale semi-natural space, but not a sub-regional one. However, Petersfield is surrounded by the National Park.	Good provision of natural and seminatural open space at all scales.	Reasonable local provision but none at the district or sub-regional scale.	Good sub-regional and district provision, but a lack of local semi-natural sites.	There is a lack of provision at all scales.	Lack of provision in Four Marks and Medstead at all scales. Medstead also lacks any local provision. Four Marks' local provision is good quality, but there are some gaps that could be partly addressed through planned development.	Good access to semi-natural space at all scales.	There is a lack of provision at all but the local scale, however both Liss and East Liss are within the National Park.	There is a lack of provision at all scales. However, Rowlands Castle is within the National Park.
Amenity green space	Lack of amenity space in north and south Alton	Reasonable provision of good quality amenity space.	Good provision on the whole, with few gaps including a large part of Whitehill	A good spread with some gaps in provision in the north.	Good quality and access in south Liphook, but a lack of provision in the north.	There are several areas of Clanfield deficient in amenity green space.	Reasonable provision with some gaps which could be partly addressed through planned development.	There is no amenity green space in Grayshott.	There is reasonable provision of amenity green space	There is reasonable provision of amenity green space
Allotments	Requires quality improvements	Good provision of allotments although all are private.	Good provision in Bordon but deficiency in Whitehill	There is a lack of provision in north Horndean, which could be partly addressed through provision delivered through planned development.	Good provision.	There are no allotments in Clanfield at present, and potential to create one through planned development.	Lack of provision in Medstead and northern parts of Four Marks.	There is good provision of allotments, although sites would benefit from quality improvements.	There is good provision of allotments, although sites would benefit from quality improvements.	There is one allotment in south Rowlands Castle. Additional provision could be created in the north.
Play	Lack of provision and needs quality improvements.  There is also a lack of space for teenagers in north and south Alton	Lack of provision and poor quality play spaces in the east.  Reasonable provision of space for teenagers, with a pocket of deficiency in the north.	Good provision of play space, although some facilities are poor quality  There is also good provision of space for teenagers	Good quality and spread of play facilities as well as space for teenagers, with gaps which could be addressed through planned development.	Some deficiencies in access to play facilities, particularly in the north and west. There is only one space for teenagers, located in south Liphook.	There is good play provision with an area of deficiency in the east, which could be addressed through planned development. The village would also benefit from additional space for teenagers.	Good provision in Four Marks with a gap which could be addressed through planned development. Medstead would benefit from quality improvements.	There is reasonable provision of play space, but a lack of space for teenagers.	There is good provision of play facilities, with a lack of space for teenagers in Liss.	There is good provision of play facilities and space for teenagers in the village.

# Appendix 1 List of open spaces in East Hampshire, sorted by typology

ID	Name	Parish	Audit status	Typology	QV	Play	Play OV
422	Queen Elizabeth Country Park	Buriton	Completed	Sub-regional Park or Garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
423	Staunton Country Park	Rowlands Castle	Not completed	Sub-regional Park or Garden		N/A	
101	Recreation Ground East	Bentley	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Teen/youth facilities	- +
217	Village Hall	Hawkley	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space	
219	Headley Playing Fields	Headley	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
223	Village Green	Headley	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
224	Woodlands Hall East	Headley	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
233	Merchistoun Hall Grounds (1)	Horndean	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	- +
158	Village Hall	Beech	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space	
162	The Green	Bentley	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
168	Playing fields	Buriton	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
170	Recreation Ground South	Chawton	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
172	Peel Park East	Clanfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
174	South Lane	Clanfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	+ +
181	Recreation Ground South	East Meon	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
190	Duncombe Road	East Meon	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
193	Recreation Ground South	Froxfield and Privett	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
197	Recreation Ground East	Froyle	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ -
200	Grayshott Recreation Ground	Grayshott	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
208	Winchester Road	Four Marks	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
209	Swelling Hill Pond	Four Marks	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
215	Village Hall West	Greatham	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
1	Chawton Park Road	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
68	Jubilee Park	Whitehill	Completed	Local Park or garden		Teen/youth facilities	
33	Mill Chase Recreation Ground	Whitehill	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
59	Recreation Ground	Selborne	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
40	Broxhead Common Cricket Ground	Headley	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
50	War Memorial Recreation Ground East	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
78	The Avenue	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	+-	N/A	

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132	Woods Meadow Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
246	Upper Green	Kingsley	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ -
256	Medstead Green East	Medstead	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
259	High Meadow Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
260	Borough Road Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden		Teen/youth facilities	
265	Bell Hill Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	+ +
271	Sheet Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	+ +
274	Love Lane	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden		Teen/youth facilities	
276	Vicarage Lane East	Ropley	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
282	Recreation Ground	Shalden	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
284	Steep Common West	Steep	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space	
286	Stroud Playground	Stroud	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space	
303	Informal Open Space	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Teen/youth facilities	++
309	Public Gardens	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	++
311	Anstey Park	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
321	West Liss Recreation Ground	Liss	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
328	Jubilee Playing Fields	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
330	Recreation Ground West	Four Marks	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
334	Newman Collard Playing Fields	Liss	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
379	Beech Hanger	Grayshott	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
409	Village Hall East	East Meon	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
419	Bordon garrison recreation grounds	Whitehill	Completed	Local Park or garden		Teen/youth facilities	+ -
370	Broxhead Common	Whitehill	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
411	Holt Pound Inclosure	Binsted	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
412	Selbourne Common	Selborne	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
413	Linchmere Common	Fernhurst	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
368	Whitehall SANG	Whitehill	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
368	Hogmoor Inclosure	Whitehill	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
358	Bramshott and Ludshott	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural		N/A	

ID	Name	Parish	Audit status	Typology	QV	Play	Play OV
	Common			green space			
359	Passfield Common & Conford Moor	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
369	Shortheath Common	Selborne	Not completed	District Natural or semi-natural green space			
371	Kingsley Common	Whitehill	Not completed	District Natural or semi-natural green space			
262	The Heath	Petersfield	Completed	District Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	N/A	
268	Bordon Inclosure SANG	Whitehill	Completed	District Natural or semi-natural green space	++	N/A	
84	Alexandra Park	Whitehill	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	N/A	
226	Arford Common	Headley	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
237	Yoell's Copse	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	+-	N/A	
238	Catherington Lith	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
165	Holt Pound Recreation Green	Binsted	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
169	Village Pond	Buriton	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	++	N/A	
175	Sunderton Lane	Clanfield	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
204	Badger Close	Four Marks	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
6	Kingswood Rise	Four Marks	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
14	Hazleton Common	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	+-	N/A	
15	Dell Piece West	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
57	Conde Way	Whitehill	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
58	Goslings Croft	Selborne	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
60	Windmill Hill	Alton	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
133	Rowlands Copse	Rowlands Castle	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
134	South of Church Road	Steep	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
138	River Wey/Flood Meadow	Alton	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	+-	N/A	

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144	Bell Hill Common	Petersfield	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
240	Parsonage Field	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
241	Catherington Down	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	N/A	
254	South Town Road	Medstead	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
255	Five Ash Down	Medstead	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
273	Sheet Common	Petersfield	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	Teen/youth facilities	
287	Stroud End	Stroud	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
341	Liss Riverside Walk	Liss	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	Play space	
417	Headley Down Nature Reserve	Headley	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
418	Horseshoe Crescent	Whitehill	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
324	Rear of Newfield Road	Liss	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
99	Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve	Whitehill	Completed	Green corridor	++	N/A	
45	Radford Park	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Green corridor	++	Play space	
143	Water Meadows	Petersfield	Completed	Green corridor	++	N/A	
385	Park Street	Whitehill	Completed	Green corridor		N/A	
402	Marden Way	Petersfield	Completed	Green corridor	++	N/A	
421	Haweswater Close	Whitehill	Completed	Green corridor	++	N/A	
86	Grafton Close	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
110	King George V	Headley	Completed	Amenity green space	-+	N/A	
124	Cunningham Road	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
127	Napier Road (3)	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
228	Standford Green (1)	Headley	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
230	Deep Dell South	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	+ +
236	Sheppard Close	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
239	Old School Field	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
157	Recreation Ground	Beech	Completed	Amenity green space	-+	N/A	
195	Dell Field	Froxfield and Privett	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
205	Pine Road	Four Marks	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
4	Village Green	Bentworth	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	

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7	Salisbury Close, West	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
12	River Close	Four Marks	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
16	Kings Mede	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
27	Gorse Road	Petersfield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	- +
28	The Green	Rowlands Castle	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
29	Whichers Gate Road	Rowlands Castle	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
31	Kingfisher Close	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
67	Pinewood Chase	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
34	Ennerdale	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
38	Pine View	Headley	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
41	Fletcher's Field	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
48	Chiltley Manor	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
56	Hollycombe Close	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
64	Bellway W	Clanfield	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
71	Nelson Crescent	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
81	Borough Grove, North	Petersfield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	+ -
83	Coniston Road	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	Play space	
131	Woods Meadow Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
145	Cypress Road	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	Play space and teen/youth facilities	
151	Forest Road	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	
245	Horndean Recreation Ground South	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
247	The Triangle South	Lindford	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	+ -
249	The Meadows	Lindford	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
250	Pear Tree Road	Lindford	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
257	Medstead Green West	Medstead	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
258	Paddock	Newton Valence	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
270	Millenium Wood Project	Petersfield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
278	Recreation Ground North	Rowlands Castle	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
285	Bowyer's Allotment	Steep	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
291	The Green and Orchard	Wield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
293	Cherry Way	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
307	The Ridgeway	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
308	The Butts	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	

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313	Kings Pond	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
319	Woodbourne Close	Liss	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
320	The Roundabouts	Liss	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
329	Village Green	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
331	Recreation Ground East	Four Marks	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
332	Dennis Way	Liss	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
366	Amery School	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
343	Liss Forest Recreation Ground	Liss	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
160	Hole Lane	Bentley	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
183	Allotment Gardens	East Meon	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
267	Tilmore Road	Petersfield	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
269	Mill Lane	Petersfield	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
281	Durrants Road	Rowlands Castle	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
325	Andlers Ash Road	Liss	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
85	Mill Chase Road	Whitehill	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
152	Whitehill Eco Town Allotments	Whitehill	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
199	West of Playing Field	Grayshott	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
214	Hill Road	Grayshott	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
2	Borovere	Alton	Completed	Allotments		N/A	
3	Whitedown	Alton	Completed	Allotments		N/A	
23	Lower Green	Liss	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
26	Duckmead Lane East	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
39	Liphook Road	Headley	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
62	Tunbridge Lane	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
306	Spitalfields Road	Alton	Completed	Allotments		N/A	
318	Mill Road	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
323	Duckmead Lane West	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
372	Hillbrow Brow	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
373	Village Hall West	Greatham	Completed	Allotments	+-	N/A	
374	Chaffinch Road Allotments	Four Marks	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
375	East Meon Allotments	East Meon	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
376	Horndean Hill	Horndean	Completed	Allotments	+-	N/A	

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377	Sports Ground West	Binsted	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
378	Gunns Farm	Bramshott_and_Liphoo k	Completed	Allotments		N/A	
381	Riverside railway walk	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
382	The Pound	Wield	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
414	High Cross Churchyard	Froxfield and Privett	Not completed	Churchyard or cemetery		N/A	
415	St Peter's Churchyard Ropley	Ropley	Not completed	Churchyard or cemetery		N/A	
416	All Saints Church Steep	Steep	Not completed	Churchyard or cemetery		N/A	
136	St. Lawrence's Church Yard	Alton	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
345	Hawkley Churchyard	Hawkley	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
346	St Peters Churchyard	Liss	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
347	St Mary Churchyard	Liss	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
348	St John the Baptist Churchyard	Greatham	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
349	Ancient St John the Baptist Churchyard	Greatham	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	-+	N/A	
353	All Saints Churchyard	Headley	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
354	St Luke's Churchyard Grayshott	Grayshott	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
355	Bramshot St Mary Churchyard	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
360	All Saints Church Upper Farringdon	Farringdon	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
361	St Mary the Virgin Buriton	Buriton	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	-+	N/A	
362	Portsmouth Jewish Cemetery	Horndean	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
363	Four Marks Cemetery	Four Marks	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery		N/A	
367	EDHC Cemetery	Alton	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
420	Bordon Military Cemetery	Whitehill	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	+-	N/A	
89	Penns Place	Petersfield	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	- +
94	Admers Crescent	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ -
96	Hollybrook Park Play Area	Whitehill	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
112	Jubilee Playing Field	Horndean	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
22	Downs Park	Horndean	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	++
135	Recreation Ground	West Tisted	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	
253	The Green	Medstead	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	- +

ID	Name	Parish	Audit status	Typology	QV	Play	Play QV
277	Vicarage Lane West	Ropley	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	- +
315	London Road West	Alton	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
387	Jubilee Skate Park	Alton	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Teen/youth facilities	
390	Birch Road West	Headley	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	
392	Sports Ground East	Binsted	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
395	Playground	Whitehill	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
396	Whitehill Village Hall	Whitehill	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
398	Church Road	Farringdon	Completed	Provision for children or young people		N/A	
399	Deans Dell	Froxfield	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	
400	Tawny Grove	Four Marks	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
401	Childrens Play Space	Grayshott	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	- +
403	Near St. Mary's Church	Worldham	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	- +
408	Lychgate Close	Horndean	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	

## **Appendix 2 List of open spaces in East Hampshire, sorted by parish**

ID	Name	Parish	Audit status	Typology	QV	Play	Play QV
1	Chawton Park Road	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
303	Informal Open Space	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Teen/youth facilities	+ +
309	Public Gardens	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
311	Anstey Park	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
328	Jubilee Playing Fields	Alton	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
60	Windmill Hill	Alton	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
138	River Wey/Flood Meadow	Alton	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	+-	N/A	
7	Salisbury Close, West	Alton	Completed	y green space		N/A	
293	Cherry Way	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
307	The Ridgeway	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
308	The Butts	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
313	Kings Pond	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
366	Amery School	Alton	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
2	Borovere	Alton	Completed	Allotments		N/A	
3	Whitedown	Alton	Completed	Allotments		N/A	
306	Spitalfields Road	Alton	Completed	Allotments		N/A	
136	St. Lawrence's Church Yard	Alton	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
367	EDHC Cemetery	Alton	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
315	London Road West	Alton	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
387	Jubilee Skate Park	Alton	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Teen/youth facilities	
158	Village Hall	Beech	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space	
157	Recreation Ground	Beech	Completed	Amenity green space	-+	N/A	
101	Recreation Ground East	Bentley	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Teen/youth facilities	- +
162	The Green	Bentley	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
160	Hole Lane	Bentley	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
4	Village Green	Bentworth	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
411	Holt Pound Inclosure	Binsted	MOL COMDIELEO	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space			
165	Holt Pound Recreation Green	Binsted	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green		N/A	

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				space			
377	Sports Ground West	Binsted	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
392	Sports Ground East	Binsted	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
50	War Memorial Recreation Ground East	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
358	Bramshott and Ludshott Common	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
359	Passfield Common & Conford Moor	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
45	Radford Park	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Green corridor	++	Play space	
41	Fletcher's Field	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
48	Chiltley Manor	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
56	Hollycombe Close	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
329	Village Green	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
62	Tunbridge Lane	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
355	Bramshot St Mary Churchyard	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
94	Admers Crescent	Bramshott and Liphook	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ -
378	Gunns Farm	Bramshott_ and_Liphoo k	Completed	Allotments		N/A	
422	Queen Elizabeth Country Park	Buriton	Completed	Sub-regional Park or Garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
168	Playing fields	Buriton	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
169	Village Pond	Buriton	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	++	N/A	
361	St Mary the Virgin Buriton	Buriton	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	-+	N/A	
170	Recreation Ground South	Chawton	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
172	Peel Park East	Clanfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
174	South Lane	Clanfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	+ +
175	Sunderton Lane	Clanfield	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
64	Bellway W	Clanfield	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
181	Recreation Ground South	East Meon	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
190	Duncombe Road	East Meon	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	

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409 Village Hall East	East Meon	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
183 Allotment Gardens	East Meon	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
375 East Meon Allotments	East Meon	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
360 All Saints Church Upper Farringdon	Farringdon	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
398 Church Road	Farringdon	Completed	Provision for children or young people		N/A	
413 Linchmere Common	Fernhurst	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space			
208 Winchester Road	Four Marks	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
209 Swelling Hill Pond	Four Marks	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
330 Recreation Ground West	Four Marks	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
204 Badger Close	Four Marks	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
6 Kingswood Rise	Four Marks	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
205 <mark>Pine Road</mark>	Four Marks	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
12 River Close	Four Marks	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
331 Recreation Ground East	Four Marks	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
374 Chaffinch Road Allotments	Four Marks	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
363 Four Marks Cemetery	Four Marks	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery		N/A	
400 Tawny Grove	Four Marks	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
399 Deans Dell	Froxfield	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	
193 Recreation Ground South	Froxfield and Privett	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
195 Dell Field	Froxfield and Privett	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
414 High Cross Churchyard	Froxfield and Privett	Not completed	Churchyard or cemetery		N/A	
197 Recreation Ground East	Froyle	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ -
200 Grayshott Recreation Ground	Grayshott	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
379 <mark>Beech Hanger</mark>	Grayshott	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
199 West of Playing Field	Grayshott	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
214 Hill Road	Grayshott	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
354 St Luke's Churchyard Grayshott	Grayshott	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
401 Childrens Play Space	Grayshott	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	- +
215 Village Hall West	Greatham	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
373 <mark>Village Hall West</mark>	Greatham	Completed	Allotments	+-	N/A	

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348	St John the Baptist Churchyard	Greatham	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
349	Ancient St John the Baptist Churchyard	Greatham	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	-+	N/A	
217	Village Hall	Hawkley	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space	
345	Hawkley Churchyard	Hawkley	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
219	Headley Playing Fields	Headley	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space	+ +
223	Village Green	Headley	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
224	Woodlands Hall East	Headley	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
40	Broxhead Common Cricket Ground	Headley	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
226	Arford Common	Headley	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
417	Headley Down Nature Reserve	Headley	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
110	King George V	Headley	Completed	Amenity green space	-+	N/A	
228	Standford Green (1)	Headley	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
38	Pine View	Headley	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
39	Liphook Road	Headley	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
353	All Saints Churchyard	Headley	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
390	Birch Road West	Headley	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	
233	Merchistoun Hall Grounds (1)	Horndean	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	- +
237	Yoell's Copse	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	+-	N/A	
238	Catherington Lith	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
14	Hazleton Common	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	+-	N/A	
15	Dell Piece West	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
240	Parsonage Field	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
241	Catherington Down	Horndean	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	N/A	
124	Cunningham Road	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
	Napier Road (3)	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
230	Deep Dell South	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	+ +
236	Sheppard Close	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
239	Old School Field	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
16	Kings Mede	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	

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71	Nelson Crescent	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
245	Horndean Recreation Ground South	Horndean	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
376	Horndean Hill	Horndean	Completed	Allotments	+-	N/A	
362	Portsmouth Jewish Cemetery	Horndean	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
112	Jubilee Playing Field	Horndean	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
22	Downs Park	Horndean	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
408	Lychgate Close	Horndean	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	
	Upper Green	Kingsley	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ -
247	The Triangle South	Lindford	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	+ -
249	The Meadows	Lindford	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
250	Pear Tree Road	Lindford	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
321	West Liss Recreation Ground	Liss	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	- +
334	Newman Collard Playing Fields	Liss	Completed	Local Park or garden	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
341	Liss Riverside Walk	Liss	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	Play space	
324	Rear of Newfield Road	Liss	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
319	Woodbourne Close	Liss	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
320	The Roundabouts	Liss	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
332	Dennis Way	Liss	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	
343	Liss Forest Recreation Ground	Liss	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
325	Andlers Ash Road	Liss	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
23	Lower Green	Liss	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
26	Duckmead Lane East	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
318	Mill Road	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
323	Duckmead Lane West	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
	Hillbrow Brow	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
381	Riverside railway walk	Liss	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
	St Peters Churchyard	Liss	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
	St Mary Churchyard	Liss	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	++	N/A	
256	Medstead Green East	Medstead	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
254	South Town Road	Medstead	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
255	Five Ash Down	Medstead	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green		N/A	

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				space			
257	Medstead Green West	Medstead	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
253	The Green	Medstead	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	- +
258	Paddock	Newton Valence	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
78	The Avenue	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	+-	N/A	
132	Woods Meadow Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
259	High Meadow Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
260	Borough Road Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden		Teen/youth facilities	
265	Bell Hill Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	+ +
271	Sheet Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space	+ +
274	Love Lane	Petersfield	Completed	Local Park or garden		Teen/youth facilities	
262	The Heath	Petersfield	Completed	District Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	N/A	
144	Bell Hill Common	Petersfield	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
273	Sheet Common	Petersfield	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	Teen/youth facilities	
143	Water Meadows	Petersfield	Completed	Green corridor	++	N/A	
402	Marden Way	Petersfield	Completed	Green corridor	++	N/A	
27	Gorse Road	Petersfield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	- +
81	Borough Grove, North	Petersfield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	+ -
131	Woods Meadow Recreation Ground	Petersfield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
270	Millenium Wood Project	Petersfield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
267	Tilmore Road	Petersfield	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
269	Mill Lane	Petersfield	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
89	Penns Place	Petersfield	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	- +
276	Vicarage Lane East	Ropley	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
415	St Peter's Churchyard Ropley	Ropley	Not completed	Churchyard or cemetery		N/A	
277	Vicarage Lane West	Ropley	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	- +
423	Staunton Country Park	Rowlands Castle	Not completed	Sub-regional Park or Garden		N/A	
133	Rowlands Copse	Rowlands Castle	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
28	The Green	Rowlands Castle	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
29	Whichers Gate Road	Rowlands	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	N/A	

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		Castle					
278	Recreation Ground North	Rowlands Castle	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
281	Durrants Road	Rowlands Castle	Not completed	Allotments		N/A	
59	Recreation Ground	Selborne	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
412	Selbourne Common	Selborne	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
369	Shortheath Common	Selborne	Not completed	District Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
58	Goslings Croft	Selborne	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
282	Recreation Ground	Shalden	Completed	Local Park or garden		N/A	
284	Steep Common West	Steep	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space	
134	South of Church Road	Steep	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
285	Bowyer's Allotment	Steep	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
416	All Saints Church Steep	Steep	Not completed	Churchyard or cemetery		N/A	
286	Stroud Playground	Stroud	Completed	Local Park or garden		Play space	
287	Stroud End	Stroud	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
135	Recreation Ground	West Tisted	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	
68	Jubilee Park	Whitehill	Completed	Local Park or garden		Teen/youth facilities	
33	Mill Chase Recreation Ground	Whitehill	Completed	Local Park or garden	-+	Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
419	Bordon garrison recreation grounds	Whitehill	Completed	Local Park or garden		Teen/youth facilities	+ -
370	Broxhead Common	Whitehill	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
368	Whitehall SANG	Whitehill	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
368	Hogmoor Inclosure	Whitehill	Not completed	Sub-regional Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
371	Kingsley Common	Whitehill	Not completed	District Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
268	Bordon Inclosure SANG	Whitehill	Completed	District Natural or semi-natural green space	++	N/A	
84	Alexandra Park	Whitehill	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space	-+	N/A	
57	Conde Way	Whitehill	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	
418	Horseshoe Crescent	Whitehill	Completed	Local Natural or semi-natural green space		N/A	

ID Name	Parish	Audit status	Typology	QV	Play	Play QV
99 Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve	Whitehill	Completed	Green corridor	++	N/A	
385 Park Street	Whitehill	Completed	Green corridor		N/A	
421 Haweswater Close	Whitehill	Completed	Green corridor	++	N/A	
86 Grafton Close	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
31 Kingfisher Close	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
67 Pinewood Chase	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space		N/A	
34 Ennerdale	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	++	N/A	
83 Coniston Road	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	Play space	
145 Cypress Road	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	+-	Play space and teen/youth facilities	
151 Forest Road	Whitehill	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space and teen/youth facilities	
85 Mill Chase Road	Whitehill	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
152 Whitehill Eco Town Allotments	Whitehill	Completed	Allotments	++	N/A	
420 Bordon Military Cemetery	Whitehill	Completed	Churchyard or cemetery	+-	N/A	
96 Hollybrook Park Play Area	Whitehill	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space and teen/youth facilities	+ +
395 Playground	Whitehill	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
396 <mark>Whitehill Village Hall</mark>	Whitehill	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	+ +
291 The Green and Orchard	Wield	Completed	Amenity green space	++	Play space	
382 The Pound	Wield	Completed	Allotments	-+	N/A	
403 Near St. Mary's Church	Worldham	Completed	Provision for children or young people		Play space	- +

# **Appendix 3 Site audit form**

### Open space audit 2017

Value scores are highlighted in yellow

Quality scores are highlighted in green

#### **Desk based assessment**

Site ID: Site Name: Grid reference:

Ownership (DC, private, other):

Area (ha):

Category of open space:

#### **Designations**

A1 National:  • Listed building  • Scheduled Monument  • SSSI  • Historic England Register of Hi	storic Parks and Gardens		+3 +3 +3	
<ul><li>A2: Regional:</li><li>Site of Importance for Nature</li><li>Biodiversity Opportunity Area</li></ul>	Conservation/ Local Wildlife   H2	Site		+2
A2 Access  National/ Regional Trails  Sustrans Routes	+3 +3			
A3 Local - Statutory:  Conservation Area  Local Nature Reserve  SANGs	+1 +1 +1			
<ul> <li>A4 Other:</li> <li>Within a Flood Risk Zone</li> <li>Ancient Woodland</li> <li>T.P.O</li> <li>Has the site acheived a Green</li> <li>Has the site acheived a Green</li> <li>Has the site acheived a Green</li> </ul>	Flag Community Award?		+3 +3 +3	

Site assessment
Site ID: Site Name:  Category of open space: Audit date and time: Time spent surveying: Name of surveyor: Survey site access: (e.g. access to whole site/ access to part of site/ no access to site)
1. Welcoming place
Site access:  Freely accessible to public  De-facto public access  Restricted public access  No public access  Opening hours  Limited to particular areas  Members/ tenants only  Other (please state)
To what extent are the entrances well presented?  To what extent are the boundaries well defined and maintained?  What is the overall quality of access and accesses within and through the open space?  What is the overall quality of access and accesses for people travelling to open space?  What is the overall provision of signage?
2. Health, safety and secure
Play provision:  Is there play equipment on site?  How many separate items for equipment?  Is it for under 5 years?  5-11 years?  Over 11 years?  How many separate items for equipment?  +1 per item  +1  +1  +1  +1  +1
What play activities are provided for:  Balancing
Is there impact absorbing surfacing around the equipment?  Are there benches within the enclosure?  Are there litterbins within the enclosure?  Is there a play area notice at the entrance stating dog free, children only and emergency contacts?  Is there space, separate from the equipped area, for informal play/ general runabout?  Overall condition of play equipment?  +1 +2 +3
Is there other provision for play on site? (Please also note condition)  • MUGA
Is there evidence the green space is being used for informal recreation?  • Walking/ dog walking

Overall provision for informal recreation?	
<ul> <li>Cycle parking</li> <li>Other</li> <li>+1</li> <li>+1 +2 +3</li> <li>Please state:</li> </ul>	
Community safety/ sense of security: Is there natural surveillance into the site from surrounding properties? Do the approaches feel open and secure? Is there a flow of people through the green space (to acheive self surveillance) Is lighting provided? Is dog fouling evident onsite?	+1 +1 +1 +1 +1 -1
Active recreation/ sport provision: (note number and condition (score 1-3))  Outdoor athletics track Grass pitches Artificial pitches (e.g. astro turf) Tennis courts Other  Active recreation/ sport provision: (note number and condition (score 1-3))  +1	
Sports/ other organised activities: Scope for enhancement?	
3. Clean and well maintained	
Is graffiti evident?  Vandalism evident?  Overall cleanliness?  Overall condition/ quality of planted areas  Overall condition/ quality of grass areas  Overall condition/ quality of footpaths  Overall condition/ quality of footpaths  Quality of water and associated edge treatment  Are there any buildings or other built features onsite?  If so, please note condition  Allotments:	Please state:
Estimated number of plots in use: 0-25% +1 26%-50% +2 51-75% +3  Overall condition of allotment site: +1 +2 +3	76-100% <mark>+4</mark>
4. Sustainability	
Is there green waste composting area on site?  Is there evidence of sustainable management practices?  Is there evidence of waste minimisation/ recycling?  Does the green space provide a buffer for/ absorb noise or air pollution from:  Nearby traffic  Nearby industry  +1  Other  Is there evidence of tree/ woodland management?	

<b>5. Conservation and heritage</b> Is there indication that natural features are	<b>:</b> e being manage	d for nature conservation?	<del>+1</del>
Vegetation cover/ type			
Grassland     Very short grass/ fine ornamental lawn     Short amenity grassland     Wildflower grassland     Low growing herbs     Tall herbs     Bracken	+1 +1 +1 +1 +1 +1	Trees and woodland  Broadleaved woodland  Coniferous woodland  Woodland edges/ trees and shelterbelt  Tree groups/ scattered trees  Veteran trees or significant in  Orchard	
Scrub, shrubs and hedgerows  Scrub  Hedge Shrub  Water and wetlands	+1 +1 +1	<ul><li>Deadwood</li><li>Flower beds</li><li>Annual bedding displays</li><li>Ornamental planting</li></ul>	+1   +1   +1
<ul> <li>Running water (rivers and streams)</li> <li>Canal</li> <li>Pond/ lake</li> <li>Ditches (water filled)</li> <li>Bog</li> <li>Wet marginal vegetation</li> </ul>	+1 +1 +1 +1 +1 +1 +1	Brownfield land  Bare soil and rock  Derelict wasteland  Allotments  Allotments - active  Allotments - abandoned	+1   +1   +1
Invasive species Other vegetation type: (please state)	-1 +1		
Does the green space contribute to the set Is the green space visible from adjacent m Does the green space feature any recognis Is the open space visually attractive?	ain road/ railwa	y/ public transport route?	+1 +1 +1 +1
<ul> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Lack of landscape management</li> <li>Erosion</li> <li>Intrusive buildings</li> </ul>	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	tiveness of the site?  ase state:	
6. Community involvement Is there a permanent public noticeboard or If so, are up to date notices displayed? Are there any temporary notices on site in If so, are they up to date?		=1 = +1 bout current developments?	<b>+1</b>
Is there a built facility on site which is being Is there evidence that a natural feature on Does the site offer educational interest (e.g. Is there a evidence of an active community Is there a programme of activities?	site is being us g. nature conse	ed by the local community for ed	
7. Marketing			
Are any of the following social facilities loca • Community centre • Youth centre • Meeting hall • Indoor sport hall/ leisure centre • Other social facility	ated on or adjac	ent to green space:	
Is there a dedicated outdoor performance Does the green space contain public art? Is there a school immediately adjacent to		+1	

# Please tick as many boxes as relevant: • Landscape, Heritage and Sense of Place • Biodiversity • Water Resources • Woodland • Access and Recreation • Health and Well-Being • Local Awareness and Involvement • Comments:

8. Potential themes for enhancement:

9. Comments:			

## **Appendix 4 Completed site audit forms**

(See separate document)

# **Appendix 5 Benchmarking standards in East Hampshire**

Typology	2008 East Hampshire access standard	Neighbouring district/ borough access standards	National access standards	2008 East Hampshire provision standard	Neighbouring district/ borough provision standards	National provision standards
Local park and garden	650m (Parks, sport and recreation grounds)	Hart 2016: 800 m  Waverley 2012: 800 m (all levels of the hierarchy)  Chichester 2013: 600 m (all levels of the hierarchy)	Fields in Trust: 710 m (parks and gardens) ANGST: 2 km	1.0 ha per 1000 head of population (Parks, sport and recreation grounds)	Hart 2016: 0.85 ha per 1000 (all hierarchy levels)  Havant 2006: 26 sqm per person (Parks and gardens, natural or semi-natural green space, amenity green space)  Waverley 2012: 0.2ha per 1000 (all levels of the hierarchy)  Chichester 2013: 1.6ha per 1000 (all levels of the hierarchy)	
Sub regional natural/semi natural green space	400 m (Natural green space)	Hart 2016: 5 km Chichester 2013: 960 m (all levels of the hierarchy) Winchester 2015: 700 m (natural green space) (all levels of the hierarchy)	ANGST: 5- 10km	1.0 ha per 1000 head of population (Natural green space)	Hart 2016: 6.92 ha per 1000 (all hierarchy levels)  Havant 2006: 26 sqm per person (Parks and gardens, natural or semi-natural green space, amenity green space)  Chichester 2013: 1.0 ha per 1000 (all levels of the hierarchy)  Winchester 2015: 1.0 ha per 1000 (natural green space) (all levels of the hierarchy)	
District natural/semi natural green space	400 m (Natural green space)	Hart 2016: 4 km Winchester 2015: 700 m (natural green space) (all levels of the hierarchy)	ANGST: 5 km	1.0 ha per 1000 head of population (Natural green space)	Hart 2016: 6.92 ha per 1000 (all hierarchy levels)  Havant 2006: 26 sqm per person (Parks and gardens, natural or semi-natural green space, amenity green space)  Chichester 2013: 1.0 ha per 1000 (all levels of the hierarchy)  Winchester 2015: 1.0 ha per 1000 (natural green space) (all levels of the hierarchy)	

Typology	2008 East Hampshire access standard	Neighbouring district/ borough access standards	National access standards	2008 East Hampshire provision standard	Neighbouring district/ borough provision standards	National provision standards
Local natural/semi natural green space	400 m (Natural green space)	EH 2008: N/A Hart 2016: 2 km Winchester 2015: 700 m (natural green space) (all levels of the hierarchy)	ANGST: 2 km	1.0 ha per 1000 head of population (Natural green space)	EH 2008: N/A  Chichester 2013: 1.0 ha per 1000 (all levels of the hierarchy)  Hart 2016: 6.92 ha per 1000 (all hierarchy levels)  Havant 2006: 26 sqm per person (Parks and gardens, natural or semi-natural green space, amenity green space)  Winchester 2015: 1.0 ha per 1000 (natural green space) (all levels of the hierarchy)	
Green corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Amenity green space	700m (Informal green space)	Hart 2016: 400 m  Waverley 2012: 800 m (all levels of the hierarchy)  Chichester 2013: 48 0m  Winchester 2015: 400 m (informal green space)		1.0 ha per 1000 head of population (Informal green space)	Havant 2006: 26 sqm per person (Parks and gardens, natural or semi-natural green space, amenity green space)  Waverley 2012: 0. 8ha per 1000 (all levels of the hierarchy)  Chichester 2013: 0.5 ha per 1000  Winchester 2015: 0.8 ha per 1000 (informal green space)	
Allotment	480 m	Hart 2016: 800m Eastleigh 2016: 900m Chichester 2013: 480m Winchester 2015: 480m		0.20 ha/1000	Hart 2016: 0.05 ha per 1000 (all hierarchy levels)  Havant 2006: 1 sqm per person  Chichester 2013: 0.4 ha per 1000  Winchester 2015: 0.2 ha per 1000	National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG): 0.125 ha per 1000

Typology	2008 East Hampshire access standard	Neighbouring district/ borough access standards	National access standards	2008 East Hampshire provision standard	Neighbouring district/ borough provision standards	National provision standards
Church or cemetery	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Provision for children or teenagers	480 m for toddler and junior 650 m for youth (Equipped children's and young peoples' space)	N/A		0.25 ha per 1000 head of population (Equipped children's and young peoples' space)	N/A	
Play: under 5	480 m for toddler and junior (Equipped children's and young peoples' space)	Hart 2016: 60 m (LAP)  Waverley 2012: 60 m (LAP) (FiT value used)  Chichester 2013: 480 m ('junior provision'), 600 m ('youth provision')  Winchester 2015: 480 m children, 650 m youth		0.25 ha/1000 head of population for all play	Hart 2016: 2.81 sites per 1000 head of population (LAP)  Havant 2006: 0.5 sqm per person (equipped play)  Havant 2006: 0.4 sqm per person (teenage facilities)  Waverley 2012: 0.25 ha per 1000 (all play)  Chichester 2013: 0.15 ha per 1000 (all play)  Winchester 2015: 0.5 ha (all play)	
Play: 5-11	480 m for toddler and junior (Equipped children's and young peoples' space)	Hart 2016: 240 m (LEAP)  Waverley 2012: 240 m (LEAP) (FiT value used)  Chichester 2013: 480 m ('junior provision'), 6000m ('youth provision')  Winchester 2015: 480 m children, 650 m youth		0.25 ha/1000 head of population for all play	Hart 2016: 1.49 sites per 1000 head of population (LEAP)  Havant 2006: 0.5 sqm per person (equipped play)  Havant 2006: 0.4 sqm per person (teenage facilities)  Waverley 2012: 0.25 ha per 1000 (all play)  Chichester 2013: 0.15 ha per 1000 (all	

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Typology	2008 East Hampshire access standard	Neighbouring district/ borough access standards	National access standards	2008 East Hampshire provision standard	Neighbouring district/ borough provision standards	National provision standards
					play) Winchester 2015: 0.5 ha (all play)	
Play: 11+	650 m for youth  (Equipped children's and young peoples' space)	Hart 2016: 600 m (NEAP)  Waverley 2012: 600 m (NEAP) (FiT value used)  Chichester 2013: 480 m ('junior provision'), 6000m ('youth provision')  Winchester 2015: 480 m children, 650 m youth		EH 2008: 0.25 ha/1000 of population for all play	Hart 2016: 1.1 sites per 1000 head of population (NEAP)  Havant 2006: 0.5 sqm per person (equipped play)  Havant 2006: 0.4 sqm per person (teenage facilities)  Waverley 2012: 0.25 ha per 1000 (all play)  Chichester 2013: 0.15 ha per 1000 (all play)  Winchester 2015: 0.5 ha (all play)	