OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION STUDY CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL - APPENDICES



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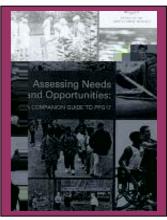


APPENDIX A - BACKGROUND TO PPG17 AND TYPOLOGIES

Open spaces can also promote community cohesion, encourage community development and stimulate partnerships between the public and private sector. Providing high quality 'public realm' facilities such as parks and open spaces can assist in the promotion of an area as an attractive place to live and can result in a number of associated wider benefits.

Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG17): Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation & Assessing Needs and Opportunities - PPG17 Companion Guide

PPG17 states that local authorities should undertake robust assessments of the existing and future needs of their communities for open space, sports and



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The policy guidance sets out priorities for local authorities in terms of:

- assessing needs and opportunities undertaking audits of open space, sport and recreational facilities
- setting local standards
- maintaining an adequate supply of open space
- planning for new open space.

The Companion Guide sets out the process for undertaking local assessments of needs and audits of provision. It also:

- indicates how councils can establish the needs of local communities and apply provision standards
- promotes a consistent approach across varying types of open space.

Crawley

Crawley covers a total area of c. 4,500 hectares (17.36 sq miles), and is bordered by Mid Sussex, Horsham, Mole Valley and Tandridge Districts and the Borough of Reigate and Banstead. Crawley consists of 15 wards, and 13 identifiable neighbourhoods.

According to census data, the population of Crawley was recorded at 99,744 in 2001 (http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk), accounting for 13% of the population of the county of West Sussex. The growth in population prior to 1991 has outstripped that of most similarly-sized settlements since the coming of the new town, with population growth well ahead of neighbouring districts. More recently however, Census data has shown a decrease in Crawley's population between 1991 and 2001.

The Borough has a slightly younger population than that of the wider county and indeed Great Britain as a whole, with approximately 57% of the population aged below 45, compared to 53% of the population of England and Wales (Demographic Profile - 2001 Census, generated by Active Solutions). The population is also relatively ethnically diverse, with more residents of Asian origin but fewer of Black origin than England and Wales as a whole. Despite this relatively young population, Crawley's physical activity participation rate is in the bottom quartile nationally with just 18.3% undertaking regular exercise compared to a national average of 21.35% (Active People Survey, Sport England 2006).

The social mix is similar to the national picture, with around 52% falling into the ABC1 social category.

The Borough has a population density of around 22 persons per hectare (Neighbourhood Statistics) based on 2001 Census data, making it the second most-densely-populated district in West Sussex, after Worthing.



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PPG17 typologies

Parks and gardens

This type of open space (as defined by PPG17) includes urban parks, formal gardens and country parks that provide opportunities for various informal recreation and community events. The provision of high quality local parks can help achieve increased physical activity targets, ensuring that all residents are able to access local facilities for informal recreation – particularly walking.

Parks often contain a variety of facilities and amenities, including some that fall within different classifications of open space, eg children's play facilities, sport pitches and wildlife areas. For classification purposes, the different open spaces





APPENDIX B SCHOOLS SURVEY – SCHOOLS CONTACTED

Schools survey - schools contacted

School	Primary/secondary
Thomas Bennett Community College	Secondary
St Wilfrid's Catholic Comprehensive School	Secondary
Oriel High School	Secondary
Holy Trinity C of E Secondary School	Secondary
Hazelwick School	Secondary
Ifield Community College	Secondary
Bewbush Community Primary School	Primary
Waterfield Primary School	Primary
Broadfield East Junior School	Primary
Seymour Primary School	Primary
St Andrews CE Primary School	Primary
Gossops Green Community Primary School	Primary
The Mill Primary School	Primary
St Margarets CE Primary School	Primary
Langley Green Primary School	Primary
Our Lady Queen of Heaven RC School	Primary
The Brook School	Primary
Maidenbower Infant School	Primary
Maidenbower Junior School	Primary
Northgate Primary School	Primary
Milton Mount Primary School	Primary
Pound Hill Junior School	Primary
Hilltop Primary School	Primary
Southgate Primary School	Primary
St Francis of Assisi RC Primary School	Primary
Three Bridges Junior School	Primary
Desmond Anderson School	Primary
The Oaks Primary School	Primary
West Green Primary School	Primary



APPENDIX C SITE ASSESSMENT MATRIX

SITE ACCESS SCORING ASSESSMENT

Site ID:										
Site Name	e:									
Site Addr	ess:									
Type of O	pen Space:		1 2 3	Parks and Natural an Green Cor	nd semi natural a	areas	4 5 6	Amenity Greenspace Young People and Children Outdoor Sports Facilities	8 C	llotments emeteries and Churchyard ivic Spaces
PMP Aud	it Codes:									
			Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Weighting	Assessor's	Comments
	Gen	eral								
Includes:	Entrance to site Disabled Access	Roads, paths and cycleway access Opening Times	5	4	3	2	1	х3		
Includes:	Trans Accessible by public tr Accessible	ransport Accessible by cycleways	5	4	3	2	1	x2		
	Information	n & Signage								
Is the info		he open space appropriate where d is it clear?	5	4	3	2	1	x1		

QUALITY SCORING ASSESSMENT

	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor		Weighting	Assessor's Comments
						1		
Cleanliness and Maintenance								
Includes: Vandalism and Graffiti Litter problems Dog Fouling Noise Equipment Maintenance	5	4	3	2	1		х3	
						1	_	
Security and Safety			,	•				
Includes: Lighting Equipment Boundaries (e.g. fencing)	5	4	3	2	1		x2	
Vegetation						1		
Includes: Planted areas Grass areas	5	4	3	2	1		х3	
			•			, 1		
Ancillary Accomodation								
Includes: Toilets Parking Provision of bins for rubbish/litter Seats / Benches Pathways (within the open space sites) Pavillions	5	4	3	2	1		x2	

WIDER BENEFITS SCORING ASSESSMENT

Wider Benefits					
Structural and landscape benefits	Yes	No			
Ecological benefits	Yes	No			
Education benefits	Yes	No			
Social inclusion and health benefits	Yes	No			
Cultural and heritage benefits	Yes	No			
Amenity benefits and a "sense of place"	Yes	No			
Economic benefits	Yes	No			

Young People and Children

Site ID:					Date of \	/isit				
						-				
	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor		Weighting	Assessor's (Comment	s
General										
Includes: Entrance to site Roads, paths and cycleway access Disabled Access Opening Times	5	4	3	2	1		х3			
Transport										
Includes: Accessible by public transport Accessible by cycleways Accessible by walking	5	4	3	2	1		x2			
Information & Signage						1				
Is the information & signage to the open space appropriate where required and is it clear?	5	4	3	2	1		x1			
Cleanliness and Maintenance						1				
Includes: Vandalism and Graffiti Litter problems Dog Fouling Noise Equipment Maintenance	5	4	3	2	1		х3			
	1		I	I	I	1				
Security and Safety		1		ı	ı					
Includes: Lighting Equipment Boundaries (e.g. fencing)	5	4	3	2	1		x2			
Vegetation										
Includes: Planted areas Grass areas	5	4	3	2	1		х3			
Ancillary Accomodation	•	•	T	ı	ı					
Includes: Toilets Parking Provision of bins for rubbish/litter Seats / Benches Pathways (within the open space sites) Pavillions	5	4	3	2	1		x2			
Milder Barrelle										
Wider Benefits										
Structural and landscape benefits	Yes	No		Ecologica	al benefits			Yes	No	
	1	1						1		
Education benefits	Yes	No		Social inc	clusion and	health bene	efits	Yes	No	
	1	1						, ,		
Cultural and heritage benefits	Yes	No		Amenity I	benefits and	l a "sense o	of place"	Yes	No	
		1								
Economic benefits	Yes	No								

APPENDIX D QUALITY STANDARDS

Quality standards

Setting the Local Quality Standards – Explanation and Justification of the recommended approach

For each typology, the recommended quality standards have been derived directly from local consultation (explained further in Section 4 of the main report), where residents were asked to consider their opinions on the quality of sites in their local area and also to highlight the key features of a good quality site for each typology.

For each typology, these key features have been divided into those that are deemed essential, and those that are desirable, for attainment in Crawley now and in the future. National standards for provision and good practice examples for the rest of the country have also been taken into account as part of these recommendations.

These lists therefore set out the quality vision (as required by PPG17) which should be applied to all new sites and should inform the enhancement of existing sites, and deliver a more applicable, measurable target moving forward.

For each typology, two lists are therefore provided. An example is set out below:

Essential

- clean and litter free
- provision of seats
- provision of bins
- even footpaths

Desirable

- toilets
- a range of equipment
- an information board.

The key quality issues with for open spaces considered within the site assessments have been categorised into the four overarching categories, specifically:

- cleanliness and maintenance
- vegetation
- ancillary accommodation
- security and safety.

These classifications are set out below:

Cleanliness and maintenance	Vegetation	Ancillary accommodation	Security and safety
 Range of facilities 	 Planted areas 	 Changing facilities 	Lighting
 Litter problems 	 Grass areas 	 Parking facilities 	Equipment
 Dog fouling 	 Nature features 	 Seating/benches 	 Site boundaries
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PARKS AND GARDENS National Standards and/or Benchmarks	GREEN FLAG CRITERIA - Welcoming Place / Healthy, Safe and Secure / Clean and Well-maintained / Sustainable / Conservation and Heritage / Community Involvement / Marketing / Management.							
Existing Local Quality standards	No local quality standards							
	The Park Life report, published b	y Greenspace (2007)						
	 68% of respondents were satisfied. 	sfied or very satisfied with park qualit	y; 14% were dissatisfied or very					
	62% of respondents reported that their local parks are generally clean and well maintained							
	 46% of under 16s rated the facilities for children in their local parks as good or very good, whilst 23% rated them as poor or very poor. 							
	A Vision for Crawley 2003 to 2020							
Strategic context	The environment is one of the six key themes of the strategy, and the need to protect and improve the quality of the local environment by providing attractive green spaces for the continued enjoyment of both today's and tomorrow's communities highlighted as key to the achievement of a number of these themes.							
Crawley Borough Council Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) Note 13 - La Greening Encourages an enhancement of the natural and built environment by providing advice								
quality landscaping schemes. Crawley Borough Council adopted Core Strategy (November 2007) Crawley has a number of features and sites both within and outside the built-up area which are imfor nature conservation. Such features also contribute to the appearance and character of the tow								
Benchmarking satisfaction	Crawley: 75% good	Ipswich: 65% good	Brighton: 68% good					
rates against other local authorities	Colchester: 73% good	Broxbourne: 58% good						



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Consultation (Household Survey aspirations) (Of those that rated parks and gardens as their most frequently used open space –

51%)

The household survey reveals that the highest rated aspirations with regard to parks and gardens in Crawley are: clean and litter free (173 responses; 68%), flowers and trees (142; 56%), well-kept grass (113; 45%), toilets (95; 38%), nature features (92; 37%)

Regarding the quality of parks and gardens, dog fouling (25%), litter problems (23%) and misuse of site (21%) were considered significant problems. Vandalism and graffiti (41%) and litter problems (40%) were viewed as minor problems. Poor maintenance was stated as no problem by 45% of respondents. The



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Consultation Other - including Young People Survey

Drop-in sessions

Overall, comments and feedback were very positive, including:

"Crawley has nice parks", "The Parks Department does a really good job", "the design of several Crawley parks is gratifying".

More negatively, some people expressed concern about security, safety and misuse of sites, with comments including:

"Security at parks and gardens needs improving to stop misuse (motorbikes) by young people"; and "security in Goffs Parks needs to be increased - it is scary to walk through in the evenings".

Officer and other key consultee feedback

The Council does a very good job of maintaining its parks and gardens and they are kept to a very high



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNC	CIL – SETTING QUALITY STANDAR	RDS / VISION						
National Standards and/or Benchmarks		Green Flag Criteria - Welcoming Place / Healthy, Safe and Secure / Clean and Well-maintained / Sustainable / Conservation and Heritage / Community Involvement / Marketing / Management						
Existing Local Quality standards	No local quality standards							
Strategic context	National Planning Policies (2002) When planning on developing new areas of open space, sports and recreational facilities, local authorities should locate sites that will contribute to local vitality, improve the quality of the public realm through good design, and improve the quality of existing facilities. A Vision for Crawley 2003 to 2020 (Crawley Community Strategy) The environment is one of the six key themes of the strategy, and the need to protect and improve the quality of the local environment by providing attractive green spaces for the continued enjoyment of both today's and tomorrow's communities highlighted as key to the achievement of a number of these themes. Crawley Borough Council Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) Note 13 - Landscaping and Greening Encourages an enhancement of the natural and built environment by providing advice on achieving good quality landscaping schemes.							
Benchmarking satisfaction	Crawley: 34% good, 53% average	Ipswich: 21% good, 46% average	Brighton: 28% good, 58% average					
rates against other local authorities	Colchester: 28% good, 59% average	Broxbourne: 28% good, 52% average						
Consultation (Household Survey - aspirations) (Of those that Amenity Greenspace as their most frequently used open space – 3%)	Only 3% of the household survey sample stated that amenity green space was their most used typology. Overall, however, comments and feedback were very positive. The most commonly-stated 'ideal features' stated by respondents who stated that AGS was their most frequently used open space were that they be clean/litter free, have well-kept grass, and be safe and secure. Litter was the most common perceived problem with existing AGS provision in the Borough, according to household survey respondents.							





APPENDIX D - QUALITY STANDARDS



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CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUALITY STANDARDS / VISION OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES

PMP Recommendation



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NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL SPACE

National Standards and/or Benchmarks

Countryside Agency (now part of the Natural England Partnership) - land should be managed to conserve or enhance its rich landscape, biodiversity, heritage and local customs.

GREEN FLAG CRITERIA - Welcoming Place / Healthy, Safe and Secure / Clean and Well-maintained / Sustainable / Conservation and Heritage / Community Involvement / Marketing / Management.

Natural England highlights the need to conserve and protect the natural environment, and promote local community involvement and consultation. They also have a commitment to work with Local Authorities in developing Local Area Agreements (LAA) for improved co





CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUALITY STANDARDS / VISION NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL SPACE

Local consultation, national guidance and best practice therefore suggest that the following features are essential and desirable to local residents:

PMP Recommendation

Essential	Desirable
Safe site access	Dog walking opportunities (as appropriate)
Clean/litter free	Education links/opportunities
	Enhanced biodiversity
	Fit-for-purpose security (Rangers)
	Managed but retaining natural appearance.



TEENAGE FACILITIES	Criteria set out by the NPFA in relation to LAPs, LEAPs and NEAPs provide some quality aspirations in
	terms of Seating For Adults, A Varied Range Of Equipment And Meeting Places For Teenagers.
National Standards and/or	Green Flag Criteria are also relevant to play areas and include Welcoming Place / Healthy, Safe and Secure / Clean and Well-maintained / Sustainable / Conservation and Heritage / Community Involvement / Marketing / Management
Benchmarks	CABE Space believes that the use of target hardening as a first response to anti-social behavior is resulting in the fortification of our urban environment, and highlights that there is a better solution: invest in place making and improving public spaces to prevent the onset and escalation of these problems. Evidence from CABE Space's study shows that well designed, well maintained public spaces can contribute to reducing the incidence of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, and result in long term cost savings.' CABE Space Policy Note: preventing anti-social behaviour in public spaces.
Existing Local Quality standards	Council's aspirations set out in Play Strategy and Development Plan
	The Park Life report, published by Greenspace (2007) At the national level, 46% of under 16s rated the facilities for children in their local parks as good or very good, whilst 23% rated them as poor or very poor.
	Crawley Borough Council adopted Core Strategy (November 2007)
Strategic context	



Benchmarking satisfaction rates against other local authorities	Crawley: 60% poor	Ipswich: 45% poor (33% no opinion)	Brighton: 52% poor		
	Colchester: 58% poor	Broxbourne: 58% poor			
Consultation (Household Survey - aspirations) (Of those that rated teenage facilities as their most frequently used open space – less than 1%)	The number of respondents indicating that teenage facilities were their most-used form of open space was so low as to make this particular area of analysis of little statistical experience. We have therefore recommended supplementing this strongly with the findings of the school survey and drop-in consultation. Overall satisfaction levels with both the quality and quantity of open space in Crawley were significantly lower than for other typologies.				
Consultation Household Survey - other	Perceptions of the quality levels of teenage facilities are the lowest of any open space type in the Borough, as illustrated in the overall survey statistic showing that 60% of respondents rated this form of provision as "poor". However, this is in line with PMP's findings from other authorities across the country. Satisfaction levels with the quality of teenage facilities was relatively uniform across the four analysis areas with little variation. The percentage of respondents rating teenage facilities in Crawley as poor ranged from a high of 63% in the South East analysis area down to 55% in the South West analysis area.				
	Drop-in sessions There was limited feedback provided through the drop-in sessions pertaining specifically to teenage facilities, but those that there were suggested a perceived lack of quantity and quality in the Borough. Comments included: "there is a lack of facilities for young people, teenagers especially, and they need skate ramps"; "there are facilities for young people but they need to be looked after".				
Consultation Other - including Young People Survey	Young People and Children's surveys In particular surveys, comment is made regarding the lack of exciting facilities available for older children and teenagers in the Borough. Open spaces are thought to have little equipment suitable for older children and are perceived as 'boring'. There is a general apathy towards the specific facilities provided for older children with comments including "there are only 2 pieces of equipment for older children".				
	through a programme of re-d	ultee feedback d higher quality, provision for teenagers. It may be esignating/re-designing existing facilities for youn gers to empower them and deliver provision that r	ger children, and doing so		



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUALITY STANDARDS / VISION TEENAGE FACILITIES Local consultation, national guidance and best practice therefore suggest that the following features are essential and desirable to local residents: Essential Links to other facilities N/A Combating vandalism Safe site access Facilities must be designed in consultation with local young people Clean/litter-free



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUALITY STANDARDS / VISION PROVISION FOR CHILDREN					
National Standards and/or Benchmarks	NPFA guidance relating to LAPs, LEAPs and NEAPs provide some quality aspirations in terms of seating for adults, varied range of equipment and meeting places for teenagers. Green Flag Criteria - Welcoming Place / Healthy, Safe and Secure / Clean and Well-maintained / Sustainable / Conservation and Heritage / Community Involvement / Marketing / Management. CABE Space believes that the use of target hardening as a first response to anti-social behaviour is resulting in the fortification of our urban environment. Investment: invest in place making and improving public spaces should be used to prevent the onset and escalation of these problems. Evidence from CABE Space's study shows that well-designed, well maintained public spaces can contribute to reducing the incidence of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, and result in long-term cost savings.' CABE Space Policy Note: preventing anti-social behaviour in public spaces.				
Existing Local Quality standards	Council's aspirations set out in Play Strategy and Development Plan				
Strategic context	The Park Life report, published by Greenspace (2007) At the national level, 46% of under 16s rated the facilities for children in their local parks as good or very good, whilst 23% rated them as poor or very poor. Crawley Borough Council adopted Core Strategy (November 2007) Outdoor recreation and leisure facilities such as children's play space are important for the social development and quality of life of Crawley's residents. Consequently proposals which serve the town or wider catchment population will be particularly encouraged. Crawley Borough Council Play Strategy and Development Plan (2007-2010) The Council aims to deliver a rich mixture of affordable opportunities for children to derive benefit by socialising through play. The strategy identifies that future provision of playgrounds will be unsuitable in their current form, with the principles of future provision being to improve the quality of play areas and improve their design so they are safer and more welcoming.				
Benchmarking satisfaction rates against other local authorities	Crawley: 61% good	Ipswich: 39% good	Brighton: 50% good		
	Colchester: 60% good	Broxbourne: 66% good			



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL PROVISION FOR CHILDREN	_ – SETTING QUALITY STANDARDS / VISION			
Consultation (Household Survey - aspirations) (Of those that rated children's play areas as their most frequently used open space – 9%)	The most commonly stated aspirations/ideal standards for children's provision were that they be clean/litter-free, have well-kept grass, and offer litter bins and seating. Misuse of these sites was considered the most problematic issue with children's provision, while the overall safety of sites and their maintenance were rated highly by respondents. Adequate lighting, overall site safety features and the resultant improvement in site reputation were all identified as key site security priorities by those who visit these sites regularly.			
Consultation Other - including Young People Survey	Drop-in sessions Some concerns were expressed about perceived high levels of vandalism of children's play areas, and there were also suggestions that a wider range of facility types would be a positive thing. Young People and Children's surveys Young people have highlighted particular concerns regarding litter, dog fouling and graffiti which impact on the perceived quality of open space in the Borough. 11% of respondents highlighted that 'they're not very good' as a reason for not using open space with a further 9% pointing out that there are 'no things there I want to use or do'. Officer and other key consultee feedback Delivering an environment which encourages children's imaginations is particularly key, and this is linked to the overall quality of sites and the experience.			
	Local consultation, national guidance and best pressential and desirable to local residents:	ractice therefore suggest that the following features are		
PMP Recommendation	Safe site access	Good range and quality of equipment		
- Mi Recommendation	Clean/ litter free	Litter bins		
	Stimulating environment which encourages children's imaginations	Seating		





CIVIC SPACES	L – SETTING QUALITY STANDARD	707 VIOIOIN			
National Standards and/or Benchmarks	N/A				
Existing Local Quality standards	N/A	N/A			
Strategic context	Crawley Borough Council adopted Core Strategy (November 2007) Civic spaces help to create a sense of place, civic pride and community spirit and the enjoyment of culture and art, and can raise the perception of the town by non-residents. These areas have a positive impact on the character and amenity of individual streets and of the Borough as a whole.				
Benchmarking satisfaction	Crawley: 22% good, 65% average	Ipswich: 12% good, 43% average (33% no opinion)	Brighton: 28% good, 62% average		
rates against other local authorities	Colchester: 19% good, 66% average	Broxbourne: 25% good, 65% average	Broxbourne: 25% good, 65% average		
Consultation (Household Survey - aspirations) (Of those that rated civic spaces as their most frequently used open space – 3%)		spaces ought to exhibit included being and toilets. Adequate lighting and CC sivic spaces are safe and secure.			



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUALITY STANDARDS / VISION CIVIC SPACES

Local consultation, national guidance and best practice therefore suggest that the following features are essential and desirable to local residents:

Essential	Desirable
Soft landscaping	Cycle parking
Safe site access	Toilets nearby

PMP Recommendation





CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL CHURCHYARDS & CEMETERIE	_ – SETTING QUALITY STANDAR S	DS / VISION				
National Standards and/or Benchmarks		National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) Cemetery of the Year Award contains some quality				
Existing Local Quality standards	N/A	N/A				
Strategic context	N/A					
Benchmarking satisfaction rates against other local	Crawley: 33% good, 52% average	Ipswich: 17% good, 40% average (24% no opinion)	Brighton: 33% good, 49% average			
authorities	Colchester: 29% good, 55% average	Broxbourne: 46% good; 44% average				
Consultation (Household Survey - aspirations) (Of those that rated Churchyards and Cemeteries as their most frequently used open space – 3%)	Being clean and litter free, and featuring well-kept grass and trees/flowers, were the most-commonly stated ideal features, and were considered important by over 50% of respondents in each case. Very few problems have been experienced by respondents – only one person considered any issue (dog fouling) to be a significant problem at prison. Vandalism, poor maintenance, littering and misuse of sites were considered minor problems by less than 25% of those people who use churchyards and cemeteries most frequently.					
Consultation - Other	Drop-in sessions Where stated in drop-in sessions, opinions of the quality of sites were positive					
	Local consultation, national guida essential and desirable to local re	nce and best practice therefore sugge sidents:	st that the following features are			
	Essential	Desirable				
PMP Recommendation	Safe site access	Soft landscaping	1			
	Seating	Litter bins				
	Footpaths					
	Clean/litter-free					



Summary of perceived quantity levels – household surveys

	Perceptions of levels of provision quantity						
Typology	More than enough	About right	Not enough	No opinion	Total* 'more than enough' and 'about right'	Moderated total percentage satisfied#	Moderated total percentage dissatisfied~



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS PROVISION FOR PARKS AND GARDENS					
National Standards	No National Standards				
Current Provision ha per 1,000 population (ha)	1.76 ha/1000				
Existing Local Standards and strategic context	Crawley Borough Council adopted Core Strategy (November 2007) Existing community and leisure facilities will be protected where they contribute to the neighbourhood or town overall, unless an equivalent replacement or improvement to services is provided. As the town and surrounding area grows further, there will be additional demands for a range of sports and leisure facilities. A Vision for Crawley 2003 to 2020 (Crawley Community Strategy) The need to protect and improve the quality of the local environment by providing attractive green spaces for the continued enjoyment of both today's and tomorrow's communities is highlighted is key to the achievement of a number of the themes of the Strategy.				
	Crawley: 75% about right	Ipswich: 68% about right	Colchester: 55% about right		
BENCHMARKING	Ryedale – 60% about right	Wychavon – 70% about right	York – 60% about right (City), 46% about right (Local)		



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS PROVISION FOR PARKS AND GARDENS

	More than enough	About Right	Not Enough	No Opinion
Overall	6	75	18	2

Household survey (too much / about right / not enough)



'PMP Recommendation (per 1,000 population)	1.76 ha per 1000 population
PMP Justification	Parks are perceived to be particularly important to Crawley residents. Although some minor issues were raised with the perceived quality and accessibility of these parks, those consulted during this exercise were very positive about the quantity of provision. There is a greater level of satisfaction regarding the quantity of parks provision than there is of any other type of open space in the Borough. The minimal variations in the levels of satisfaction across the four analysis areas suggest that there are few
PMP Justification	perceived deficiencies in terms of the distribution of parks and gardens across Crawley. A standard set at the existing level of provision safeguards existing provision and ensures that new developments provide additional park and garden space to meet the needs of the additional population arising from the development. Other investment in parks and gardens should be spent on retaining/improving their quality and increasing levels of accessibility.

Quantity standard
(per 1,000 population)
PARKS & GARDENS

1.76 ha per 1000 population



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS PROVISION OF NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL AREAS

	than enough	Right	Enough	Opinion		
Overall	4	57	36	3		
South East AA1	3	57	37	3		
South West AA2	3	67	26	4		
North West AA3	7	49	40	4		
North East AA4	3	55	39	3		
Due to rounding totals may not tally 1000/						

Moro About Not No.

Household survey (% too much / about right / not enough)

Due to rounding, totals may not tally 100%

Overall, perceptions of quantity levels were relatively high. Although substantially lower than for parks and gardens, a number of respondents to the household survey were still positive about the level of provision of natural and semi-natural spaces. 61% of those surveyed felt that quantity was either 'more than enough' or 'about right'. Satisfaction levels were therefore the second highest for any typology.

Perceptions of quantity ranged quite considerably across the Borough, with highest levels of satisfaction in the South West analysis area (70% of respondents viewed provision levels as 'more than enough' or 'about right', and lowest levels of satisfaction in the North West analysis area (56% of respondents rating quantity as 'more than enough' or 'about right'). This mirrors exactly the position for parks and gardens, where these analysis areas were once again top and bottom respectively in terms of perceived quantity of provision.

Overall moderated percentage satisfaction level: 63%

Consultation Comments (quantity)

Several comments gathered at drop-in sessions expressed a degree of concern about reducing levels of quantity of natural and semi-natural spaces in Crawley. Specific comments included: "Loss of land for fire station at Broadfield has taken away a valuable natural amenity", "the area behind Ifield Church is being lost – this is one of the most biodiverse areas for wildlife (insects and birds)", and "more natural [open space] would be a good idea". These illustrate concern that more natural and semi-natural areas should not be lost. While overall levels of satisfaction are well over 50%, reducing provision would potentially harm this significantly.



	NCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS IND SEMI-NATURAL AREAS
'PMP Recommendation (per 1,000 population)	1.83 ha per 1000 population
	Although those consulted during the course of this study expressed a degree of concern over the quantity of natural and semi-natural provision, satisfaction levels amongst household survey respondents were still over 60% overall, constituting the second highest perceived satisfaction at quantity levels of any typology in Crawley.
PMP Justification	The variations in the levels of satisfaction across the four analysis areas suggest that there is a degree of concern over the quantity of provision in the North West analysis area. The Council may wish to consider this in the delivery of any future natural and semi-natural areas in the future. However, even in this area satisfaction levels still exceed 50%. A standard set at the existing level of provision enables requirements to be met and does not place unrealistic requirements for new provision. The retention of the current quantity levels is therefore a priority over and above the delivery of new areas.

Quantity standard	
(per 1,000 population)	1.83 ha per 1000 population
NATURAL AND SEMI NATURAL AREAS	



National Standards	The NPFA Six acres	standard inclu	udes some	elements o	f amenity gree	en space.
Current Provision ha per 1,000 population (ha)	0.88 ha					
Existing Local Standards and strategic context	N/A					
BENCHMARKING	Crawley: 51% abou	ıt right	Ipswich	: 39% abou	t right	Colchester: 38% about right
BENCHWARKING			Wychav	/on – 39% a	about right	York – 39% about right
		More than enough	About Right	Not Enough	No Opinion	
	Overall	6	51	36	8	
	South East AA1	4	54	34	9	
	South West AA2	6	51	34	9	
	North West AA3	9	50	37	4	
Household survey	North East AA4	5	46	39	10	
(% too much / about right / not enough)	Due to rounding, totals may not tally 100% Overall, over half of all respondents felt that levels of amenity greenspace in Crawley were 'more than enough' or 'about right', with 56% of those surveyed answering in this fashion. Satisfaction levels were therefore the fourth highest for any typology. Perceptions of quantity were fairly consistent across Crawley, with highest levels of satisfaction in the West analysis area (59% of respondents viewed provision levels as 'more than enough' or 'about right lowest levels of satisfaction in the North East analysis area (51% answering 'more than enough' or 'abright'). Overall moderated percentage satisfaction level: 61%					



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUN PROVISION OF AMENITY GR	ICIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS EENSPACE
Consultation Comments (quantity)	Although the opinions voiced at the drop-in sessions were very positive, and illustrated a high degree of pragmatism around the levels of open space provision that could be expected to be delivered, several comments reflected an opinion that, while provision levels at present are sufficient, losing any more space would be viewed very negatively and that existing open space should be protected. General comments included: "·The open spaces are very good as they are at the moment, but it's very
	important that they're not encroached upon and lost", "by and large the quantity of open space is good", and "there are plenty of open spaces around this area I can't complain at all about that". However, on the negative side, other comments included: "It used to be much greener around here but more and more open space is being lost", and "I am concerned that more open spaces are being lost to development".
'PMP Recommendation (per 1,000 population)	0.88 ha per 1000 population
	From the household survey, satisfaction levels (those rating quantity as 'more than enough' or 'about right') at the level of provision were above 55%, constituting the fourth highest perceived quantity levels of any typology in Crawley. This suggests that existing provision broadly meets local demand in the Borough.
PMP Justification	



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL PROVISION OF PLAY AREAS FO	. – SETTING QUANTITY STANDAR OR CHILDREN	DS		
National Standards	 NPFA - 6 acre standard (2.43ha) per 1,000 population for 'playing space' consisting of 2 acres (i.e. 0.81 ha per 1,000 population) for children's playing space - includes areas designated for children and young people and casual or informal playing space within housing areas. NPFA - in the past some LA's have added 1 acre (0.4ha) arbitrary to cover 'amenity areas' and 'leisure areas' or something similar that mat not be covered within the NPFA standard. In almost all cases, this additional requirement is intended for residential areas and does not cover open spaces such as parks or allotments. (1) LAPs - aged 4-6; 1 min walk or 100m (60m in a straight line); min area size 100msq; LAPs typically have no play equipment and therefore could be considered as amenity greenspace (2) LEAPs - aged min 5; min area size 400msq; should be located 400 metres or 5 minutes walking time along pedestrian routes (240 metres in a straight line). 			
Current Provision ha per 1,000 population (ha)	0.12 ha			
Existing Local Standards and strategic context	Crawley Borough Council Play Strategy and Development Plan (2007-2010) The strategy identifies that future provision of playgrounds will be unsuitable in their current form, with the principles of future provision being to: • reduce the number of equipped play areas across Crawley • ensure the distribution of play areas is more equitable • improve the quality of play areas to achieve either a Neighbourhood Area Equipped Area for Play (NEAP) or Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) standard. • improve the design of play areas so they are safer and more welcoming Specific aims to address the issues surrounding future provision include: • increase NEAPs from six to 20 • decrease LEAPs from 27 to 23 • landscape the Local Area for Play (LAP) areas so they are more akin to the NPFA standard.			
BENCHMARKING	Crawley: 36% not enough	Ipswich: 26% not enough	Colchester: 37% not enough	



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS PROVISION OF PLAY AREAS FOR CHILDREN

Consultation Comments (quantity)

The opinions voiced at the drop-in sessions mirrored the findings of the household survey, with lower levels of satisfaction at the quantity of provision ·Specific comments included: "we need more parks for the children- both for the young and also for kids ages 8-10 with swings", "play facilities for children are not really available outside the town", and "we need more children's play areas in Crawley". Negative





Quantity standard (per 1,000 population) TEENAGE FACILITIES



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL PROVISION OF OUTDOOR SPO	_ – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS RTS FACILITIES
	NPFA - 6 acre standard (2.43ha) per 1,000 population for 'playing space' consisting of four acres (i.e. 1.62 per 1,000 population) for outdoor sport - includes pitches, athletics tracks, bowling greens, tennis courts training areas and croquet lawns'.
National Standards	NPFA - in the past some Local Authorities have added one acre (0.4ha) arbitrary to cover 'amenity areas' and 'leisure areas' or something similar that may not be covered within the NPFA standard. In almost all cases, this additional requirement is intended for residential areas and does not cover open spaces such as parks or allotments
Current Provision ha per 1,000 population (ha)	334.54ha (incl. golf); 232.21ha (excl. golf)



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCI	L – SETTING QUANTITY STANDAR PRTS FACILITIES	DS		
	neighbourhoods have access to ad projected demand for playing pitche be replaced:	nat "taken on a whole Crawley basis a lequate facilities." The Strategy recor es, the current stock of grass pitches in a location that can easily support	nmends that to meet existing and be retained and any potential loss	
		n with all weather facilities in a location		
Existing Local Standards and strategic context	 be replaced wholly by an all weather facility but only after analysis of the suitability of that surface to support existing displaced users/or that such users can be accommodated on a suitable surface 'nearby' such a surface possibly having been 'freed up' by its original users now using the all weather surface 			
	and where the overall benef	s are provided on grass pitch areas, with to sport can be demonstrated, normod/quadrant had a current under prov	nally replacement would be	
	The present stock of pitches maintained at their present level will be able to meet projected demand from football, cricket, rugby and hockey in the period 2006-2010.			
	Five wards (Pound Hill (N), Gossops Green, West Green, Pound Hill (S) and Southgate) have been identified as having deficiencies in adequate facilities although new provision would amount to less than 1.0ha in each area in order to redress the imbalance.			
	Sport England modelling projections suggest a need for two STPs in the Borough, based on one per 60,000 people (Crawley presently has four STPs).			
BENCHMARKING	Crawley: 52% about right	Ipswich: 35% about right	Colchester: 31% about right	



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS PROVISION OF OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES

	More than enough	About Right	Not Enough	No Opinion
Overall	5	52	30	14

Household survey (% too much / about right / not enough)



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COU PROVISION OF OUTDOOR S	NCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS SPORTS FACILITIES
	Sports Club survey The key themes highlighted by the sports club survey were:
	 32% of clubs surveyed would like to see additional provision of synthetic turf/all weather pitches (this need was not supported by supply/demand modelling)
	 there is a perceived shortfall of synthetic turf pitches (not supported by demand modelling)
	 almost two-thirds of sports clubs believe the available quantity of their primary facility type to be good
	64% of sports clubs believe current facility provision to meet their current needs
	 an additional 22.7% would like to see increases in the number of grass pitches.
'PMP Recommendation (per 1,000 population)	232.21ha per 1000 population (excl. golf); 334.54 ha per 1000 population (incl. golf)



PMP Recommendation (per 1,000 population) OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	232.21ha per 1000 population (excl. golf); 334.54 ha per 1000 population (incl. golf)



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS				
PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS				
National Standards	National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners - 20 allotment plots per 1,000 households (i.e. 20 allotments plots per 2,200 people (2.2 people per house) or 1 allotment plot per 200 people. With an average allotment plot of 250 sq/m this equates to 0.125 ha per 1,000 population. 1970 Thorpe Report suggested 0.2 ha per 1,000 population.			
Current Provision ha per 1,000 population (ha)	0.11ha			
Existing Local Standards and strategic context	N/A			
BENCHMARKING	Crawley: 28% not enough	Ipswich: 16% not enough		



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS		
'PMP Recommendation (per 1,000 population)	0.11 ha per 1000 population	
	The response rate on the household survey was one of the lowest levels for any typology, suggesting that the general population does not have a significant interest in this form of provision. There was also limited feedback provided via other means of consultation such as the drop-in sessions.	
PMP Justification	However, those people with an interest in allotments are nevertheless very passionate about their continued provision. This, combined with the limited level of feedback, means that there is no mandate to justify a reduction in the per capita provision of allotments in Crawley. With increasing moves towards organic food, one might expect usage of, and demand for, allotments to rise commensurate with this. This is borne out in the fact that, of those surveyed households who do not presently own, manage or use allotments, 18% expressed an interest in doing so in the future.	
	Setting a standard at the existing per capita, Borough-wide level allows expectations and demand to continue to be met. New provision will therefore be required in line with future population growth.	

PMP Recommendation	
(per 1,000 population)	0.11 ha per 1000 population
ALLOTMENTS	



CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS				
PROVISION OF CIVIC SPACES				
National Standards	N/A			
Current Provision ha per 1,000 population (ha)	Not calculated			
Existing Local Standards and strategic context	N/A			
BENCHMARKING	Crawley: 45% about right	Ipswich: 40% about right	Colchester: 34% about right	

Household survey (% too much ufQQ.75r04 Tc.0005





CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNTY PROVISION OF CHURCHYAR	ICIL – SETTING QUANTITY STANDARDS RDS AND CEMETERIES
'PMP Recommendation (per 1,000 population)	PPG17 recommends that due to the specific location of cemeteries and churchyards, there is no sensible way of stating a provision standard.
	It is therefore recommended that no provision standard should be set.
	However, given the fact that most churchyards in the Borough are formally closed for burial and that the population is aging, the Council should investigate the provision of additional cemetery space to accommodate future burial needs. The size should be determined based on death rates and burial/cremation preferences in the Borough, rather than the application of a quantity standard per se.
PMP Justification	N/A

PMP Recommendation	
(per 1,000 population)	N/A
CHURCHYARDS AND CEMETERIES	



Accessibility standards – assumptions

Walking All areas average of 3mph

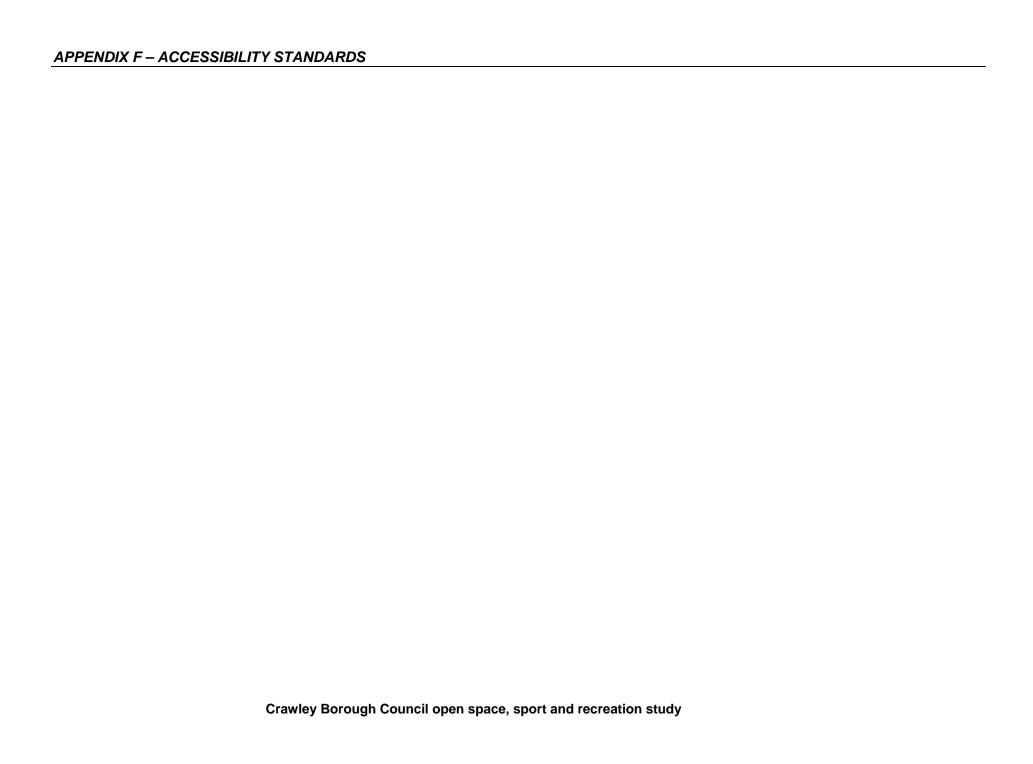


Definition	Most commonly but not exclusively found in housing areas. Includes informal recreation green spaces and village greens.
lational standards	No national standards however many Councils have added one acre to the NPFA (now FIT) six acre standard for this typology
xisting local standards	No existing local standards
other Local Authorities tandards	 Northampton – 5 min walk (240m) Rother DC - 10 min walk (480 m) Knowsley MBC - 10 min walk (480 m) Tamworth BC - 5-10 min walk (240-480 m) Ipswich – 10 min walk
onsultation (current osition)	Of those who use AGS most frequently:: • 82% walk • 87% travel up to 10 minutes
onsultation spirations)	75% threshold (as per PPG 17) was: 10 minutes Most popular (modal) response was: 10 minutes (70% of responses) Most popular mode: Walking
ecommended standard	10 minute walk (480m)
MP Justification	The household survey consistently showed that a 10 minute catchment matched residents' expectations. In each quadrant, 10 minutes was both the modal response and the figure corresponding the 75th percentile in each analysis area. The visual amenity provided by amenity green space is such that a balanced distribution of sites is important for the overall built environment and ensures that residents can regularly feel the softer benefits associated with seeing sites if not necessarily then using them for extended periods.



NATURAL AND SEMI NATURAL OPEN SPACE		
Definition	Includes publicly accessible woodlands, urban forestry, scrub, grasslands (e.g. downlands, commons, meadows), wetlands and wastelands.	
National standards	English Nature Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGSt) recommends at least 2 ha of accessible natural greenspace per 1,000 people based on no-one living more than: 300m from nearest natural greenspace / 2km from a site of 20ha / 5km from a site of 100ha / 10km from a site of 500ha. Woodland Trust Access Standards recommend that no person should live more than 500m from at least one area of accessible woodland of no less than 2ha in size and that there should also be at least one area of accessible woodland of no less than 20ha within 4km (8km round-trip) of people's homes.	
	Natural England have a commitment to champion preventative health solutions in the natural environment and have adopted an objective of providing accessible natural space within 300 metres (or 5 minutes walk) of every home in England for exercise, relaxation and wellbeing. http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/pdf/campaigns/Health_card.pdf	
Existing local standards	No existing local standards	





PLAY AREAS FOR CHIL	DREN			
Definition	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children below aged 12. While it is recognised that a wide variety of opportunities for children exist (including play schemes and open spaces not specifically designed for this purpose), as per PPG17, this typology considers only those spaces specifically designed as equipped play facilities. Within this study, play provision for children includes only equipped play areas (ie. LEAPS and NEAPS) which are designed for children.			
National standards	NPFA LAPs - aged 4-6; 1 min walk or 100m (60m in a straight line); min area size 100msq; LAPs typically have no play equipment and therefore could be considered as amenity greenspace LEAPs - aged min 5; min area size 400msq; should be located 400 metres or 5 minutes walking time along pedestrian routes (240 metres in a straight line) NEAPs aged min 8; min area size 1000msq; should be located 1,000 metres or 15 minutes walking time along pedestrian routes (600 metres in a straight line)			
Existing local standards	No existing local standards			
Other Local Authorities Standards	 Northampton – 5 min walk (240m) Dacorum - 5 min walk (240m) Chelmsford BC - 5-10 min walk (240-480 m) Congleton BC – 10 min walk (480m) Ipswich - 10 min walk (480m) 			
Consultation (current position)	Of those who use children's play areas most frequently: 83% walk 79% travel up to 10 minutes			
Consultation (aspirations)	75% threshold (as per PPG 17) was: 10 minutes Most popular (modal) response was: 10 minutes (74% of responses) Most popular mode: Walking			
Recommended standard	10 minute walk (480m)			



PMP Justification

The household survey showed with considerable consistency that a 10 minute catchment matched residents' expectations. In each quadrant, 10 minutes was both the modal response and the catchment in which the 75th percentile fell.

The nature of children's play and its users is such that high accessibility levels are very important, with close proximity to the home a key determinant in the selection and use of sites.

LOCAL ACCESSIBILITY STANDARD: 10 minute walktime





PMP Justification

The household survey consistently showed that a 15 minute catchment matched expectations. In each analysis area, 15 minutes was the catchment corresponding to the 75th percentile.

The schools internet survey also indicated a willingness of teenagers to walk slightly longer distances to access facilities than would younger children, with around half of those surveyed from Year 9 or above indicating that they would be willing to travel circa 15 minutes.

LOCAL ACCESSIBILITY STANDARD: 10 minute walktime



OUTDOOR SPORTS FAC	CILITIES
	Natural or artificial surfaces either publicly or privately owned used for sport and recreation. Includes school playing fields. These include:
	outdoor sports pitches
B C W	tennis and bowls
Definition	golf courses
	athletics
	playing fields (including school playing fields)
	water sports.
National standards	No national standards, although the Comprehensive Performance Assessment highlights "percentage of the population within 20 minutes of a range of 3 different sports facility types, one of which much be quality assured" as one of their key performance indicators.
Existing local standards	No existing local standards
	Northampton - 15 min walk (720m)
Other Local Authorities Standards	



PMP Justification

The household survey consistently showed that 20 minute walktime and 15 minute drivetime catchments matched residents' expectations. Sports club survey respondents also indicated a strong willingness to travel to access facilities for organised sport, with many willing to travel 20-25 minutes by car. Setting standards at this level ensure that access levels are protected and are firmly based on local demand. This has the potential to benefit overall participation levels in Crawley.

Acknowledging that several different sports fall under this category, a single standard for this typology is set as an average, rather than seeking to ensure that every Crawley resident has access to facilities for all sports within this time. At the Borough-wide level, this accessibility standard ought to result in an equitable spread of, and access to, sites.

LOCAL ACCESSIBILITY STANDARD:



ALLOTMENTS	
Definition	Opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce as part of the long-term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion. May also include urban farms. This typology does not include private gardens.
National standards	No national standards
Existing local standards	No existing local standards
Other Local Authorities Standards	 Northampton - 15 min walk (720m) Adur DC - 10 min walk (480m) Shrewsbury - 15 min walk (720m) Chelmsford BC - 10 min drive Ipswich - 15 min walk (720m)
Consultation (current position)	Of those who use allotments most frequently: 50% walk 50% travel up to 10 minutes. NB - Limited sample size
Consultation (aspirations)	75% threshold (as per PPG 17) was: 15 minutes Most popular response (mode) was: 10 minutes (49% of responses) Most popular mode: Walking
Recommended standard	15 minute walk (780m)
PMP Justification	The 75th percentile of the household survey fell in the 11-15 minute walktime. Although those respondents in the south of the Borough indicated a willingness to travel greater distances, the modal response (6-10 minutes) suggests that 15 minutes is the most accurate overall expectation of accessibility. Consultation suggested that improving accessibility is a key issue to address. Despite lower levels of demand and usage for allotments than for other typologies, it is important that this be observed and reflected. The household survey identified potential latent demand in Crawley for allotments, which again must be considered in formulating accessibility recommendations and in observing the household survey findings rather than increasing the acceptable travel time. Setting standards at this level ensures that access levels are protected. Maintaining this accessibility level will can help to address potential increases in demand.



ALLOTMENTS

LOCAL ACCESSIBILITY STANDARD: 15 minute walktime



APPENDIX G STRATEGIC CONTEXT

When planning the development of new areas of open space, sports and recreational facilities, local authorities should:

- promote accessibility from walking, cycling and transport links
- locate sites that will contribute to town centre viability and vitality
- avoid loss of amenity to residents
- improve the quality of the public realm through good design
- look to produce areas of open spaces in industrial or commercial areas
- improve the quality of existing facilities
- consider the safety of the people using them, ie children
- meet the regeneration needs of areas, therefore keeping Greenfield sites untouched
- consider the scope for using any surplus land for open space, sport or recreational use, weighing this against alternative uses
- assess the impact of new facilities on social inclusion
- consider the recreational needs of visitors and tourists.

Spatial Planning for Sport and Active Recreation (2005)

Sport England's aims are for a larger proportion of the population to become involved in sport and provide more places to play sport. Sport England seeks to:

- develop and improve the knowledge and practice of sport and physical recreation in England
- encourage and develop higher standards of performance and the achievement of excellence
- foster, support and undertake the development of facilities
- advise, assist and cooperate with other government departments and local authorities.

Sport England will provide advice on what type of sports facilities are needed for communities in the future. They will also advise on how to protect and improve the current stock of facilities, in particular protecting playing fields.

Sport England takes the definition of spatial planning as set out in PPS 1 as its starting point. This states that:

'Spatial planning goes beyond traditional land use planning to bring together and integrate policies for the development and use of land with other policies and programmes which influence the nature of places and how they function.'



Sport England sees the planning of the spatial system as an opportunity to deliver its own aspirations for sport and recreation, whilst contributing to the goals of partners in public, private and voluntary sectors. This provides the opportunity to deliver a planned approach towards the provision of facilities helping to reach sustainable development goals. These are:

- taking a broader view of the role of spatial planning as an enabling function which goes beyond the setting and delivery of land-use policy
- identify opportunities for delivering an enhanced quality of life for communities, in the short, medium and longer term
- recognising and taking full advantage of the unique ability of sport and active recreation to contribute to a wide array of policy and community aspirations
- the development of partnership working stimulated by, and perhaps centred on, sport and active recreation as a common interest
- using sport and recreation as one of the building blocks of planning and delivery of sustainable communities.

Planning for a Sustainable Future: White Paper, published by Communities and Local Government (2007)

The White Paper sets out CLG's detailed proposals for reform of the planning system, including further reforms to the Town and Country Planning system, building on the recent improvements to make it more efficient and more responsive. It was developed in response to the findings of The Baker Review of Land Use Planning (2006) and The Eddington Transport Study (2006).

The vision is.

'a planning system which supports vibrant, healthy sustainable communities, promotes the UK's international competitiveness and enables the infrastructure which is vital to our quality of life to be provided, in a way that is integrated with the delivery of other sustainable development objectives, and ensures that local communities and members of the public can make their views heard'.

Five core principles underpin the policies:

- planning must be responsive and properly integrate our economic, social and environmental objectives to deliver sustainable development
- the planning system should be streamlined, efficient and predictable
- there must be full and fair opportunities for public consultation and community engagement



The report states that the correct provision and promotion of high quality, accessible leisure facilities is a vital component of improving quality of life, creating vibrant, healthy communities and Improving local and national Infrastructure.

Particular protection is needed for parks and urban green spaces. New development which positively shapes our open spaces, public parks, and sports or other recreational facilities is encouraged and development which has the potential to enhance the surrounding area, as well as improving community access to open green space or to providing additional recreational facilities is welcomed.

Policy will protect Green Belts from inappropriate development, only in exceptional circumstances will development be permitted, for example where development improves community access to open green space. LAs will be encouraged to review Green Belt boundaries when drawing up their development plans.

Additionally, the White Paper:

- recognises the importance of parks and green spaces in urban areas
- recommends the removal of the requirement for leisure and sport facility applications to prove 'need'
- recommends that developments will have to provide links to quality open space – this will enable future growth to balance with the quality of the environment.

The Park Life report, published by Greenspace (2007)

The Park Life report is the first ever national satisfaction survey of Britain's parks and green spaces. Almost 20,000 people contributed their opinions on parks and green spaces and the role that they play within communities. Responses were received from 347 (74%) of Britain's 470 local authority areas, which suggests a broad cross-section and data that can be applied as a comparator tool.

The key findings of the report are:

- 92% of respondents stated that they visit parks and green spaces in the UK, of which 70% are regular and 20% irregular visitors, the remaining 8% reported that they did not visit parks and green spaces
- 68% of respondents said they were satisfied or very satisfied and 14% said



- 62% of respondents reported that their local parks are generally clean and well maintained
- 31% travel to visit parks or green spaces because, in their opinion, the park most local to them does not provide the necessary standard or nature of facilities that they require
- 46% of under 16s rated the facilities for children in their local parks as good or very good, whilst 23% rated them as poor or very poor
- 36% of children report that they have to travel for ten minutes or more to visit a park that they consider meets their needs.

Regional context

Regional Planning Guidance for the South East: RPG9 (2001)

The regional planning framework is provided by Regional Planning Guidance for the South East (RPG9) which is being replaced by the Regional Spatial Strategy, the SE Plan. Together, the Guidance and the Strategy cover the period up to 2026 and set a framework for the longer term.

Tourism is seen as a large reason for improving facilities and access to open spaces throughout the South East of England. It is thought that spatial development of the South East can be significantly enhanced for the good of the region. A plan has been developed with this in mind, the aims of which are to:

- deliver a high quality and rewarding experience for all visitors
- help to diversify and develop further the rural economy
- underpin and promote environmental quality and local distinctiveness in town and country
- generating community benefits to enhance quality of life for all social groups in the region.

Policy TSR3 states that opportunities should be sought to protect, upgrade existing and develop new, regionally significant sports facilities. It is stated that:

- local development documents should make adequate provision for new or expanded regionally significant sporting venues to redevelop or expand to meet future demands and requirements of the sport and of the spectator, taking into account sports governing bodies' needs strategies as they become available
- Sport England should be proactive in advising the Regional Assembly and local authorities on the need for new or expanded regionally significant sporting venues
- local authorities should be proactive in maximising the benefits to local communities of any major or expanded sporting facilities



regional partners, including Sport England, SEEDA and the Regional
Assembly, should in partnership with the Greater London Authority, identify
and promote opportunities for new investment in sports facilities in the region
which will be needed to underpin the London Olympics in 2012.

West Sussex County Council Corporate Plan (2007/2008)

The Corporate Plan identifies the focus of WSCC Cabinet members responsible for each of the Council's services including Children and Young People's Services and Environment and Economy.

WSCC is keen to ensure that children and young people can be healthier, enjoying good physical and emotional health and providing them with access to recreation, leisure cultural and sporting facilities, all of which are given as focal aspects of the plan.

West Sussex Community Safety Strategy (2005-2008)

The key objective to this strategy is to help local people feel safer by delivering effective schemes to reduce crime and the fear of crime across the county.

West Sussex in particular is a very safe place to live. The British Crime Survey reports that the South East region had the lowest crime rate at 91 offences per 1000 population with West Sussex purporting an even lower rate of 81.

According to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) (2004), although West Sussex scores favourably overall when compared to other county and unitary authorities (ranked 132 out of 149), there are pockets of deprivation with Broadfield South (Crawley) containing the most deprived Super Output Area (SOA) in West Sussex.

Future priorities for WSCC to drive down crime include providing more visible policing, working with district and borough councils, businesses and government agencies to create town centres which are safe vibrant places to visit day and night, and providing locality/neighbourhood based services in communities.

Local context

Crawley Borough Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy (2007)

The Core Strategy was formally adopted by the Council in November 2007. It sets out the development vision and strategy for Crawley up to 2016 and lies at the heart of future planning and development for the Borough.

The strategy deals with the challenging development issues facing the town and establishes strategic policies to enable the town to develop and grow in a sustainable manner that benefits its environmental, economic and social make up.

Leisure provision within the town is a key element to quality of life. The town is renowned for its high quality leisure and sports facilities. The Council would protect existing facilities and support further community leisure facilities, particularly within the neighbourhoods, to aid access and community identity.



Infrastructure and community services objectives include protecting existing leisure and community facilities and ensuring that facilities are accessible to all. It is considered important that all new community and leisure facilities are placed within highly accessible locations, in order to meet sustainability objectives and maintain quality of life.

As the town and surrounding area grows further, there will be additional demands for a range of sports and leisure facilities to meet varied needs. Where new provision is identified, such facilities must be highly accessible to all members of the community in order to achieve inclusion and sustainability objectives. As land is limited within Crawley, particularly at highly accessible locations, the sharing of facilities is encouraged.

The Council will support the provision of new or improved community, sports and leisure facilities where they add to the range and quality of facilities in the Town, in locations where they are accessible by different modes of transport and to different groups within the local community. Existing community and leisure facilities will be protected where they contribute to the neighbourhood or town overall, unless an equivalent replacement or improvement to services is provided.

Where educational land becomes surplus to requirements the Council will seek to ensure that where the land contributes to the network of public open space within the town, an appropriate amount of space is retained for this purpose.

Protecting and improving the quality of the local environment, maintaining and strengthening those features of the town which are important to its individual character and identity is considered very important. The appearance and quality of Crawley's natural and built environment make an important contribution to the quality of life of residents, visitors and people working in the area. An attractive environment is also important to the local economy - helping to attract higher value firms to the town. Protecting the environment and ensuring that it is clean and unpolluted is essential for nature conservation.

Key environmental objectives include:

- protecting and enhancing nature conservation sites
- increasing biodiversity and the range of natural habitats
- protecting valuable urban open space for recreation and amenity
- enhancing the value of the Borough's natural assets through education, interpretation and improving public access.

Crawley has a number of features and sites both within and outside the built-up area which are important for nature conservation. Such features also contribute to the appearance and character of the town. Therefore, such sites should be protected in line with European and national legislation and Government planning policy and where possible, opportunities should be taken to increase the number of such sites.



Environmental features that should be protected and enhanced include:

- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI)
- Local Nature Reserves (LNR)
- sites where protected species are present
- ancient and semi-ancient woodland
- aged and veteran trees
- networks of natural habitats.

Nationally protected areas and areas of local environmental and ecological importance will be protected or enhanced in accordance with European and national legislation and PPS7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas and PPS9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation. Opportunities to secure new areas and features to enhance nature conservation and for education and interpretation will also be sought.

The Council will:

- maintain the neighbourhood structure of the town with a clear pattern of land uses and arrangement of open spaces and landscape features
- identify Bewbush, Langley Green and Furnace Green as neighbourhood



A Vision for Crawley 2003 to 2020 (Crawley Community Strategy)

Based on the views and aspiration of local people, the Community Strategy sets out a shared vision for the whole town and everyone who lives, works and visits it. The Strategy provides a new vision for the town to help meet the challenges that lie ahead so that it can continue to thrive and improve.

Affordable housing, community safety, local economy, health and social care, education and life long learning and local environment are the six key themes of the strategy with the need to protect and improve the quality of the local environment by providing attractive green spaces for the continued enjoyment of both today's and tomorrow's communities highlighted as key to the achievement of a number of these themes.

The Crawley Borough Council Playing Pitch Strategy For Outdoor Sports (2005)

The Crawley Borough Council Playing Pitch Strategy (2005) is concerned with the provision of playing pitches (i.e. the playing surface, safety margins and the wider area for repositioning the pitch within the playing field) across the Borough including firm facility commitments up to 2008 and assessing the quality and quantity of these facilities against national standards. The Strategy makes recommendations for the future provision of playing pitches based on population projections to 2010.

Key objectives of the Playing Pitch Strategy include the aims to:

- update the 2002 quantitative assessment of sports pitch provision in Crawley
- provide a qualitative assessment of standards of pitch provision in Crawley
- provide data to inform local planning policy relating to sport pitch provision, management and disposal
- provide a sports pitch input into the Council's Green Space Strategy.

The Strategy recommends that to meet existing and projected demand for playing pitches, the current stock of grass pitches be retained and any potential loss be replaced:

- on a direct like for like basis in a location that can easily support access by the users of the lost pitch
- like for like or in combination with all weather facilities in a location that can easily support access by all users of the lost pitch
- be replaced wholly by an all weather facility but only after analysis of the suitability of that surface to support existing displaced users/or that such users can be accommodated on a suitable surface 'nearby' such a surface possibly having been 'freed up' by its original users now using the all weather surface



 where indoor sports facilities are provided on grass pitch areas, where no alternative site is available and where the overall benefit to sport can be demonstrated, normally replacement would be required if the



Crawley Borough Council Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) Note 6 - Trees

The Council recognises the value of trees and looks to protect them and see as many as possible retained. This guidance is designed to help residents and developers understand the importance of trees and the regulations that protect them.

As the Local Planning Authority, the Council issues Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) in order to protect healthy trees that contribute to the amenity and character of an area.

Crawley Borough Council Annual Performance Plan (2006/2007)

The Annual Performance Plan sets out a range of achievements of the Council and the progress that has been made to improve the Council's performance overall. It sets out the progress and achievements against the six themes (affordable housing, community safety, education and lifelong learning, health and social care, local economy and local environment and four principles (social inclusion, sustainability, working together, and equality and diversity) of the Community Strategy and the four aims of the Corporate Plan.

The Council was rated as a 'fair' authority in the 2003 CPA assessment. The Council was quick to respond to the improvement agenda and has put in place a comprehensive and effective programme of improvement, which has been reviewed and refreshed.

Key aims of particular pertinence to this study include:

- more effectively coordinate the range of children's services across Crawley (under the umbrella of the Children's Trust)
- following on from the publication of the Government's Choosing Health White Paper, promote good health and wellbeing amongst the local population through developing a realistic and targeted local multi-agency action plan
- prepare a Physical Activity Strategy
- maintain OFSTED registration for all play sites and support voluntary sector partners to maintain their registration
- finalise and implement recommendations arising from the Best Value Review of Services for Children and Young People.

Crawley Borough Council Play Strategy and Development Plan (2007-2010)

The Play Strategy sets out how the Council will deliver on its Play Service promise, to provide services where "children are able to play freely in secure context; their play will be personally directed and intrinsically motivated." The Strategy provides a three year plan and through its implementation will ensure that there are places and opportunities for children to play.



APPENDIX G - STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Council aims to deliver a rich mixture of affordable opportunities for children to enjoy stimulating and creative play and to derive benefit by socialising through play. Continual investment in improving supervised and unsupervised play facilities is sought in order to satisfy the Council's 'ambitious and exciting' plans to improve playgrounds in a variety of locations in order to ensure that the highest percentage of children possible have access to playArf loc6f enjoy stimulating and creative play andi Childrl4e hight



APPENDIX H CRAWLEY HOUSEHOLD SURVEY





Definitions of Open Space

Parks and gardens - These range from large country parks to urban parks and small memorial formal gardens Natural areas - Woods, nature reserves and unmanaged greenspaces such as scrubland Amenity areas - These are small or large greenspaces often found amongst housing estates (eg village greens) Play areas for children - These are equipped (eg swings, slides and climbing frames) play areas for children Teenage facilities - These range from youth shelters, to skate parks and multi-use-games-areas Outdoor sports facilities - Grass pitches, bowling greens, tennis courts and golf courses Allotments - Public or private open spaces dedicated to growing produce and gardening Civic spaces - Hard paved areas used for a variety of purposes Cemeteries and churchyards - Open and closed burial grounds and cemeteries Green corridors - These are footpaths, canal towpaths, bridleways and cycleways

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Q1	Please tick below whether you feel there is ENOUGH OR NOT ENOUGH provision for each type of open space within the Borough and if possible, explain briefly the reason for your answer (eg not enough in your area/ quality is poor/ inaccess				
		More than enough	About right	Not enough	No opinion
	Parks and gardens				

SECTION ONE QUANTITY

Q2	Please write the length of TIME that you would expect to travel, and the type of transport you would expect to use, when travelling to open spaces in the Borough (please state one time and travel mode for each open space type only)									
		Walk	Cycle	Public transport	Car					
	Parks and gardens	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Natural areas	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Amenity areas	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Play areas for children	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Teenage facilities	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Outdoor sports facilities	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Allotments	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Civic spaces	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Cemeteries and churchyards	mins	mins	mins	mins					
	Green corridors	mins	mins	mins	mins					
		Usage								
Q3	How OFTEN do you use each of the f	ollowing types of open space? (pl	lease tick one	box only for each type	of open space)					
		More than once a month	Less than	once a month	Don't use					
	Parks and gardens									
	Natural areas									
	Amenity areas									



Q14	Please rate the following quality factors for the type of open space in the Borough you visit most frequently (as stated in Q7)								
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Not applicable			
	Play equipment								
	General maintenance and management								
	Lighting								
	Boundaries (railings, hedges etc)								
	Toilets								
	Car parking								
	Cycle parking								
	Provision of bins for litter								
	Seats/benches								
	Pathways								
	Information and signage								
	Planted and grassed areas								
	If you have any general or site specific quality issues, please detail here:								

SECTION THREE - OUTDOOR SPORTS

		General			
Q17	If you have any other COMMENTS th the box below.	at you would like to make rega	ırding outdoor spor	ts in the Borough, ple	ease write them in
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Q18	Please tick below whether you feel the local area and if possible, explain bri			each type of indoor sp	oort facility in your
		More than enough	About right	Not enough	No opinion
	Swimming pools				
	Reason for answer				
	Sports halls				
	Reason for answer				

		General	
	If you have any other COMMENTS that you wo	ould like to make regarding open spaces in	n the Borough, please write them in the
	SECTION FIVE	- SOME DETAILS ABOUT YO	OH.
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Q22	Are you: <i>Male</i>	Female	
Q23 I	How old are you? Under 16	25-39	60-75
	16-24	40-59	75+
Q24	Which of the following best describes your etl White British	hnic origin? Black Other	Mixed White and Black Caribbean.
	White Irish	Asian British	Mixed White and Black African
	White Other	Asian Pakistani	Mixed White and Asian
	Black British	Asian Indian	Mixed Other
	Black African	Asian Bangladesh 🔲	Chinese
	Black Caribbean	Asian Other	
	Other (please specify)		
Q25 I	Do you have any long-standing illness, disabi	lity or infirmity?	
Q26	Are there any children under 16 years old in y Yes	our household?	
PMP Consulta	ncy is registered under the Data Protection A	ct 1998 with the Notification Department o	f the Information Commission.
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APPENDIX I CRAWLEY SPORTS CLUBS SURVEY

Crawley Borough Council Sport and Recreation Study

Please spare a few moments of your time to complete this questionnaire on behalf of your club/organisation. Please tick boxes as appropriate. Thank you.

Q1	Please state the name of your club/organisation:
Q2	Which of these activities does your club participate in? (You may tick more than one box).
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	Cycle	j m	Car		jn	Train		j m	Other (please specify below)	
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	Leisure pod use)	ols (informal fun	é		e games	area	é		r tennis courts	
	Sports hall	S	é	Grass p	itches		é			
	Health and	fitness gym	é	Squash	courts		é	ramp/	facilities (eg skate bark)	,
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	Please explain the reason for this choice:									
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Please return your completed questionnaire in the prepaid envelope provided by [insert date]. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.