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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

Open space provision standards should be used to inform local plan and supplementary planning documents by identifying any deficiencies and surpluses in existing and future provision. In addition, they can also help set an approach for securing open space facilities through new housing development as well as helping to form the basis for negotiation with developers for contributions towards the provision of appropriate open space facilities and their long-term maintenance.

This document follows on from the preceding Open Space Assessment Report. Together, the two documents provide an evidence base to help inform the future provision of open space in Wirral.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); which sets out the Governments planning policies for England. In order for planning policies to be 'sound' local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities*. Paragraph 96 of the NPPF refers to the need to identify qualitative or quantitative deficiencies or surpluses of open space.

Scope

The table below details the open space typologies included within the study:

Table 1.1: Open space typologies

Typology	Primary purpose
Parks and gardens	Accessible, high quality opportunities for recreation and community events.
Natural and semi-natural greenspaces	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.
Amenity greenspace	Opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement to the appearance of residential or other areas.
Provision for children and young people	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, MUGAs, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.
Allotments	Opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of self sufficiency, sustainability, health and social inclusion.
Cemeteries, disused churchyards and other burial grounds	Burial of the dead and quiet contemplation, can often provide wildlife conservation and biodiversity benefits.

This open space document should be read in conjunction with the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) which is provided in a separate report. The associated PPS covers the provision and need of facilities for formal outdoor sports. The PPS was undertaken in accordance with the methodology provided in Sport England's Guidance 'Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance' for assessing demand and supply for outdoor sports facilities (October 2013).

* Playing pitches have been the subject of a separate assessment prepared by the Council

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Any site recognised as sports provision but with a clear multifunctional role (i.e. where it is also available for wider community use) is included in this study as a type of open space. Provision purely for sporting use are included within the PPS. For sites with a dual use (e.g. a recreation ground with playing pitches), no double counting between the two studies occurs as the PPS looks at the number of pitch facilities at a site (as prescribed in Sport England Guidance) and not hectares of land (as utilised for open space studies). In such cases, the playing surface forming the pitches would contribute to the total hectares for the wider site; reflecting the multi-functional role of such land. The pitches would also be identified within the PPS capacity analysis.

Settlement areas

For mapping purposes and audit analysis, Wirral is divided into eight sub-analysis areas. These are based on the Councils Local Plan Settlement Areas. This allows more localised examination of open space surpluses and deficiencies and local circumstances and issues to be taken into account. The areas and their populations are shown in the table below.

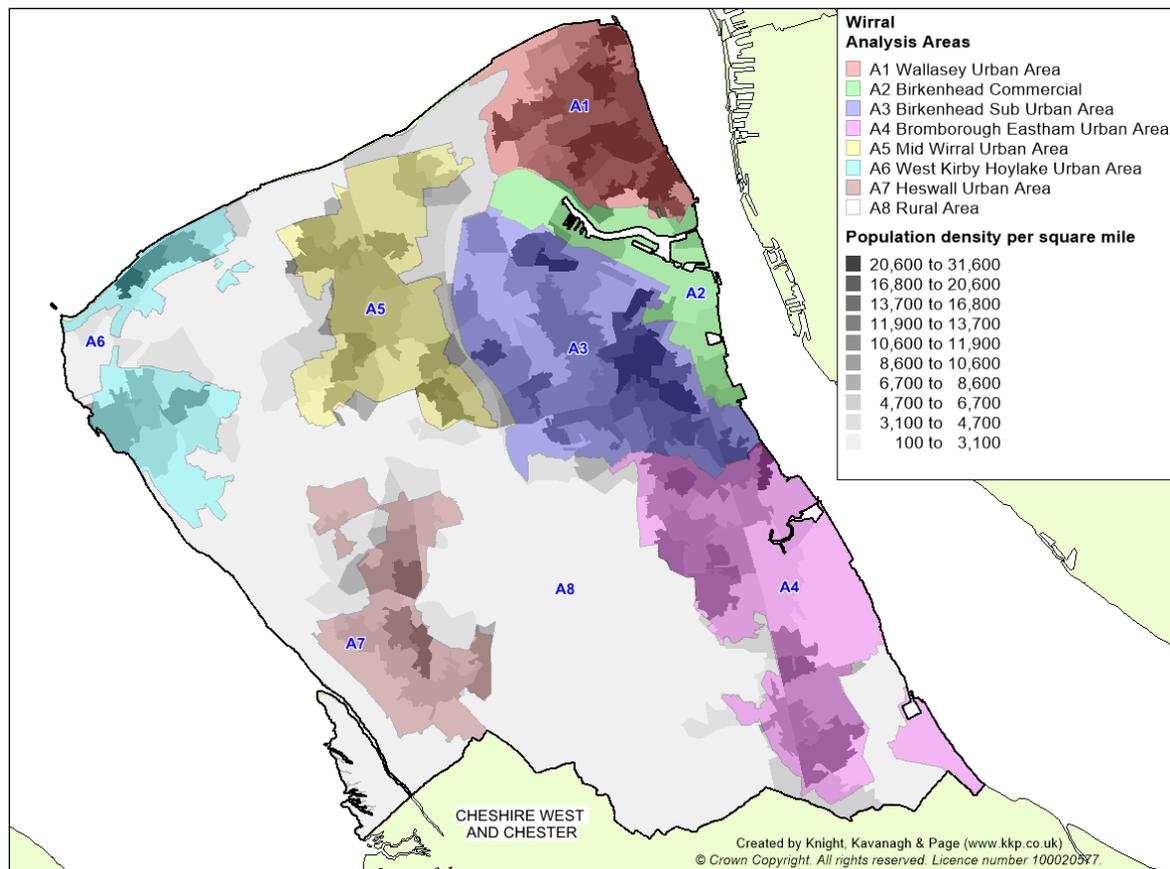
Table 1.2: Population by analysis area

Settlement area	Population (2019)
Birkenhead Commercial Area	2,231
Birkenhead Suburban Area	89,334
Bromborough Eastham Urban Area	55,765
Heswall Urban Area	28,467
Mid Wirral Urban Area	53,581
Rural Area	7,084
Wallasey Urban Area	61,083
West Kirby Hoylake Urban Area	25,250
Wirral	322,796

Figure 1.1 overleaf shows the map of settlement areas with population density.

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Figure 1.1: Settlement areas



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PART 2: ASSESSMENT REPORT SUMMARY

A summary of the findings from the Assessment Report on a typology by typology basis is set out below.

2.1 Parks and gardens

- ◀ There are 53 sites classified as parks and gardens totalling over 580 hectares. This is equivalent to 1.80 ha per 1,000 population.
- ◀ FIT suggests a standard of 0.80 ha per 1,000 population.
- ◀ Other forms of open space also contribute to the perception and role of parks; such as sites like Bidston Hill, Thurstaston Common and Dibbinsdale.
- ◀ The geographic layout of settlements means there are several park sites within the Rural Area which are located adjacent to neighbouring settlement areas. These sites are recognised as having a role to help serve the urban populations within proximity.
- ◀ Catchment mapping shows that most areas of higher population density are covered by the applied catchment. Some gaps are identified but these are likely to be served by other forms of open space provision.
- ◀ Most park sites (64%) rate above the threshold for both quality and value. This reflects the high standard of Wirral's parks. Sites scoring lower for quality tend to lack ancillary features.
- ◀ The general high quality of provision is also reflected in the number of Green Flag award sites. There are currently 21 parks with a Green Flag Award.
- ◀ All assessed sites score highly for value, with the important social interaction, health benefits, ecological value and sense of place sites offer being recognised.

2.2 Natural and semi-natural greenspace

- ◀ There are 91 natural and semi-natural greenspace sites covering over 574 hectares. Eight sites are noted as having restricted or no access.
- ◀ FIT suggests a standard of 1.80 ha per 1,000 population. Wirral as a whole currently has 1.78 ha per 1,000 population.
- ◀ Other forms of open space may also contribute to the perception and role of natural and semi-natural provision; such as sites like Eastham Country Park, Arrowe Country Park and Wirral Country Park.
- ◀ The geographic layout of settlements means that several natural and semi-natural sites are located adjacent to neighbouring settlement areas. These sites are recognised as having a role to help serve the urban populations within proximity.
- ◀ On this basis, the more higher density urban areas of Birkenhead, Mid Wirral and Wallasey could have potential quantity shortfalls.
- ◀ However, other forms of provision such as amenity greenspace and parks are likely to help serve these gaps.
- ◀ Of the natural and semi-natural sites assessed, 71% rate above the threshold set for quality. There are 24 sites that rate below the quality threshold.
- ◀ All but four sites rate above the threshold for value. The habitat role of many natural and semi-natural sites is widely recognised with some sites also offering excellent recreational opportunities.

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2.3 Amenity greenspace

- ◀ There are 209 amenity greenspace sites equating to over 225 hectares of provision. 200 of these sites are fully accessible totalling over 222 hectares.
- ◀ FIT suggests a standard of 0.60 hectares per 1,000 population. Overall, Wirral (0.70 ha per 1,000 population) meets the FIT standard.
- ◀ The geographic layout of settlements means several amenity sites are located adjacent to neighbouring settlement areas. These sites are recognised as having a role to help serve the urban populations within proximity.
- ◀ On this basis, the more urban areas of Birkenhead Suburban, Heswall and West Kirby Hoylake areas could have potential quantity shortfalls.
- ◀ Mapping demonstrates a good distribution of amenity greenspace across the area. Gaps from catchment mapping are noted to the Heswall, Wallasey and Birkenhead areas. However, these are likely being served by other types of provision.
- ◀ Nearly three quarters (72%) of amenity sites assessed rate above the threshold for quality. Sites scoring lower for quality is due to a lack of ancillary features or poor maintenance.
- ◀ In addition to its multifunctional role, amenity greenspace makes a valuable contribution to visual aesthetics for communities – hence nearly all sites rate above the value threshold.

2.4 Provision for children and young people

- ◀ There are 111 play sites identified; a total of 9.86 hectares.
- ◀ Wirral with between 0.03 ha to 0.12ha per 1,000 population is short of the FIT suggested standard of 0.25 ha per 1,000 population.
- ◀ Potential gaps in catchment mapping are noted to the Birkenhead, Heswall and Bromborough Eastham areas.
- ◀ A greater proportion of play sites (75%) rate above the threshold for quality. Lower quality scores tend to reflect a lack in and/or range of equipment and overall general condition.
- ◀ Nearly all play provision rates above the threshold for value; reflecting the social, healthy and developmental benefits provision can provide.

2.5 Allotments

- ◀ There are 51 allotments sites: equating to more than 57 hectares.
- ◀ Current provision of 0.18 ha per 1,000 population is below the NSALG recommended amount (0.25 ha per 1000 people).
- ◀ Waiting lists exist for allotments across the area suggesting supply is not meeting demand.
- ◀ The value of allotments is widely recognised due to the associated social inclusion, health benefits and sense of place they offer.

2.6 Cemeteries

- ◀ There are 29 cemeteries and churchyards in Wirral, equating to over 94 hectares.
- ◀ The largest site is Landican Cemetery (24 hectares)
- ◀ No standards are set for cemeteries. The need for additional cemetery provision should be driven by the requirement for burial demand and capacity.
- ◀ Quality is to a high standard with three sites holding a Green Flag Award.
- ◀ All sites are of high value reflecting the cultural, social, ecological and historic value.

PART 3: SETTING PROVISION STANDARDS

3.1 Developing and setting standards

The following section derives and details the proposed local standards recommended for Wirral. It details how current provision levels identified as part of the assessment compared to existing standards as well as national benchmarks and whether any adjustments to the proposed standards are required.

It is important to recognise that there are no prescribed national standards for open space provision. In general, very little guidance is offered at a national level for quality with benchmarking of standards focusing on quantity and accessibility levels. Subsequently the following approach has been used to provide an informed reasoning to the setting and application of standards for Wirral.

Consultation to update local need for open space provision has been conducted with key local authority officers. A community survey was also hosted and promoted online. The results of the survey are set out within the Assessment Report.

An overview of the proposed standards in terms of quality, accessibility and quantity is set out below. Further information on the evidence used to inform these standards is provided in the associated Assessment Report. The proposed standards are then used to determine deficiencies and surpluses for open space in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility (as recommended by best practice).

3.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the results of the site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The primary aim of applying a threshold is to identify sites where investment and/or improvements are required. It can also be used to set an aspirational quality standard to be achieved at some point in the future and to inform decisions around the need to further protect sites from future development (particularly when applied with its respective value score in a matrix format).

The assessment form criteria are derived from the criteria used as part of the Green Flag Award scheme. The threshold for assessing quality in the Green Flag Awards is 66%; based on the pass rate for Green Flag assessments. This is the only national benchmark available for quality of parks and open spaces. No other good practice examples are adopted for the setting of quality and value thresholds in the UK.

Site visit criteria used for Green Flag are not always appropriate for every open space typology and are designed to represent an exceptionally high standard of open space. Therefore, the quality thresholds (and subsequent applied standards) for each type of open space in this study is based on the average scores for that given type of open space.

Sites are also allocated a value score. Quality and value are fundamentally different and can be unrelated. For example, a high-quality space may be inaccessible and, thus, be of little value; while, a poor quality space may be the only one in an area and thus be immensely valuable. As a result, quality and value are also treated separately in terms of scoring.

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For value, there is no national guidance on the setting of thresholds. The 20% threshold applied is derived from our experience and knowledge in assessing the perceived value of sites. Whilst 20% may initially seem low it is a relative score - designed to reflect those sites that meet more than one aspect of the criteria used for assessing value.

Table 3.2.1: Quality benchmark standards

Typology	Quality threshold	Value threshold
Parks and gardens	60%	20%
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	40%	20%
Amenity greenspace	50%	20%
Provision for children and young people	60%	20%
Allotments	50%	20%
Cemeteries/churchyards	50%	20%

3.3 Accessibility

Accessibility catchments for different types of provision are a tool to identify communities currently not served by existing facilities. It is recognised that factors that underpin catchment areas vary from person to person, day to day and hour to hour. For the purposes of this process this problem is overcome by accepting the concept of 'effective catchments', defined as the distance that would be travelled by most users.

Wirral has existing standards set for most types of open space provision. The 2012 Open Space Assessment Update predominantly used a 400m catchment. This was based on the walking distance applied in the Unitary Development Plan for Wirral (2000). A 400m access standard is also cited within the Wirral Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2014-2024.

Table 3.3.1: Wirral Open Space Assessment 2012 accessibility catchments

Open space type	Accessibility catchments
Parks and gardens	400m
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	400m
Amenity greenspace	400m
Provision for children and young people	400m
Allotments	1,000m

Guidance on walking distance and times is suggested by Fields In Trust (FIT) in its document *Beyond the Six Acre Standard* (2015). These guidelines have been converted into an equivalent time period.

FIT also offer appropriate accessibility distances for children's play provision. These vary depending on the type of play provision (children's play or older age ranges).

No catchments are suggested by FIT for the typologies of allotments or cemeteries. For cemeteries, it is difficult to assess such provision against catchment mapping as it is better to determine need for provision based on demand for burial space.

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For allotments, the Wirral Open Space Assessment Update (2012) applied a 1,000m catchment. However, like cemeteries, it is more appropriate to determine need for allotment provision based on demand such as waiting lists.

Table 3.3.2: FIT accessibility guidelines

Open space type		FIT guideline	Time equivalent
Parks & Gardens		710m	9-minute walk time
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspace		720m	9-minute walk time
Amenity Greenspace		480m	6-minute walk time
Provision for children & young people	LAP	100m	1-minute walk time
	LEAP	400m	5-minute walk time
	NEAP	1,000m	12.5-minute walk time
	Youth	700m	9-minute walk time
Allotments		n/a	n/a
Cemeteries/churchyards		n/a	n/a

The community survey undertaken as part of the Open Space Assessment Report received 1,670 returns. As part of the survey, respondents were asked how far they were willing to travel to each type of open space.

Respondents signalled a willingness to travel between 10 to 15 minutes to access most types of open space. For provision such as country parks, nature reserves and coastal areas (which make up the majority of the provision for natural and semi-natural greenspace), respondents are more willing to travel up to 30 minutes. For this more strategic type of provision, the mode of travel is cited by respondents as being via car or private vehicle.

Table 3.3.3: Community survey travel times

Open space type	Up to 5 minutes	10 mins	15 mins	30 mins	Over 30 mins
Local park or public garden	19.2%	29.5%	26.8%	15.2%	9.4%
Country park	4.5%	17.6%	31.5%	30.7%	15.7%
Nature reserve, common or woodland	7.0%	15.4%	29.4%	30.3%	17.9%
Play area for young children	23.3%	33.9%	27.2%	9.8%	5.9%
Teenage provision (eg skatepark)	14.1%	23.9%	30.4%	18.5%	13.0%
General amenity greenspace	22.9%	23.9%	27.6%	16.1%	9.6%
Allotments and community schemes	17.7%	39.0%	29.9%	6.7%	6.7%
Wirral coast or beach	7.0%	17.5%	30.0%	32.1%	13.3%

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Recommendation for accessibility standards

As more up to date guidance on appropriate accessibility catchments is now provided by FIT, it is recommended that these are used to help identify potential access deficiencies.

The FIT accessibility catchments are a recognised set of accessibility catchments. The FIT catchments are also more in line with the distances willing to be travelled by respondents to the community survey.

The exception is for natural and semi-natural greenspace provision, where respondents signalled a willingness to travel further than the FIT catchment and by car (as opposed to walking). Application of a 30-minute drive time catchment to natural provision would potentially imply a surplus of sites (as a catchment of this distance and type reaches well beyond the local authority boundaries). For the purposes of providing a meaningful analysis, it is recommended that the FIT accessibility catchment for natural and semi-natural greenspace is used.

Several open spaces are recognised as Borough-wide strategic forms of provision. These sites surpass the role indicated by their primary typology classification. Often, they provide extensive features and facilities and/or provide a crucial multi-functional role. An individual is more likely to be willing to travel further in order to access such provision. This is also supported by the survey results in Table 3.3.3.

Consequently, a distance greater than the FIT catchment and more reflective of survey respondents use of such forms of provision is recommended, equivalent to a 15-minute walk time. A map of the recommended catchment applied to strategic sites with a list of the strategic sites is provided in Appendix Two.

On this basis, we recommend the following accessibility standards for each typology.

Table 3.3.4: Recommended accessibility standards

Open space type		Recommended accessibility standards
Strategic sites		1,200m
Parks & Gardens		710m
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspace		720m
Amenity Greenspace		480m
Provision for children & young people	LAP	100m
	LEAP	400m
	NEAP	1,000m
	Youth	700m

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3.4 Quantity

Quantity standards can be used to identify areas of shortfall and can help with setting requirements for future developments. To set a quantity standard it is useful to compare existing levels of provision identified as part of the assessment against national benchmarks. Current levels of provision are detailed in the Assessment Report.

Guidance on quantity levels is published by Fields In Trust (FIT) in its document *Beyond the Six Acre Standard* (2015). The guidance provides benchmark standards for three types of open space provision; parks and gardens, amenity greenspace and natural and semi-natural greenspace. FIT also suggests 0.25 hectares per 1,000 population of equipped/ designated playing space as a guideline quantity standard for play provision. The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) offers guidance on allotments.

Table 3.4.1 sets out the quantity figures for current provision levels identified and the national benchmarks.

Table 3.4.1: Comparison of current provision & national benchmarks

Typology	Hectares per 1,000 population	
	Current provision levels	National benchmarks
Parks & gardens	1.80	0.80
Amenity greenspace	0.70	0.60
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	1.78	1.80
Provision for children & young people	0.03	0.25
Allotment	0.18	0.25
Combined	4.49	3.70

The Wirral UDP (adopted in 2000) used a quantity standard of 2.4 hectares per 1,000 population to assess provision of accessible open space. This was based on the 6-acre standard recommendation by the National Playing Field Association (now Fields in Trust). The updated guidance from Fields in Trust in *Beyond the Six Acre Standard* (2015) is set out in Table 3.4.1.

In Wirral, parks, amenity greenspace and natural and semi-natural greenspace provision levels are all above or around the benchmark figures provided by FIT.

Recommendation for quantity standards

The recommendation for open space is for the national benchmarks to be used to inform and determine the quantity requirements for Wirral.

On this basis, the recommendation is for the following quantity figures to be used

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Table 3.4.2: Recommended quantity levels

Typology	Quantity level (hectares per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	0.80
Amenity greenspace	0.60
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	1.80
Provision for children & young people	0.25
Allotment	0.25
Recommended combined quantity standard	3.70

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PART 4: APPLICATION OF PROVISION STANDARDS

The standards recommended to be used to determine deficiencies and surpluses for open space are set in terms of quality, accessibility and quantity.

4.1: Quality and value

Each type of open space has received a separate quality and value score, to help determine prioritisation of investment and to identify sites that may be surplus as a particular open space type.

Quality and value matrix

Assessing the quality and value of open spaces is also used to help identify those sites which should be given the highest level of protection by the planning system, those which require enhancement in some way and those which may no longer be needed for their present purpose.

The quality/value of a site should be taken into account in conjunction with any wider deficiencies within the surrounding area.

The high/low classification gives the following possible combinations of quality and value:

Table 4.1.1: Quality and value matrix classifications

		Quality	
		High	Low
Value	High	All sites should have an aspiration to come into this category. Many sites of this category are likely to be viewed as key forms of open space provision.	The approach to these sites should be to enhance their quality to the applied standard. The priority will be those sites providing a key role in terms of access to provision.
	Low	The preferred approach to a site in this category should be to enhance its value in terms of its present primary function. If this is not possible, consideration to a change of primary function should be given (i.e. a change to another open space typology).	The approach to these sites in areas of identified shortfall should be to enhance their quality provided it is possible also to enhance their value. In areas of sufficiency a change of primary typology should be considered first. If no shortfall of other open space typologies is noted than the site may be redundant/ 'surplus to requirements'.

Implications and recommendations

The identification of high and low quality sites has been used alongside the accessibility catchments in Section 4.2 to inform the strategic recommendations in Section 5.1 of this report. Appendix 1 sets out the quality and value matrix summary for each site within each typology.

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There is a need for flexibility to the enhancing of low scoring sites within proximity to sites of higher quality. In some instances, a better use of resources and investment may be to focus on the most suitable sites for enhancement as opposed to trying to enhance a site that it would not be appropriate or cost effective to improve.

4.2: Accessibility

Accessibility catchments for different types of provision can be used to identify communities not currently served by existing facilities. It is recognised that factors that underpin catchment areas can vary from person to person. For the purposes of this process this problem is overcome by accepting the concept of 'effective catchments', defined as the distance that would typically be expected to be travelled by most users.

Guidance on walking distance and times is published by Fields In Trust (FIT) in its document *Beyond the Six Acre Standard* (2015). These guidelines have also been converted into equivalent time periods in Table 3.3.2.

FIT also offer appropriate accessibility distances for children's play provision, which vary depending on the type of play provision and the age-group they are intended to provide for.

Table 4.2.1: Accessibility catchments

Open space type		Recommended accessibility standards
Strategic sites		1,200m
Parks & Gardens		710m
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspace		720m
Amenity Greenspace		480m
Provision for children & young people	LAP	100m
	LEAP	400m
	NEAP	1,000m
	Youth	700m

No catchments are suggested for allotments or cemeteries. For cemeteries, it is difficult to assess such provision against catchment mapping as it is better to determine need for provision based on demand for burial space. For allotments, it is more appropriate to determine need for allotment provision based on demand such as waiting lists.

Identifying deficiencies

If an area does not have access to the required level of provision (consistent with the catchments) it is deemed deficient. KKP has identified instances where new sites may be needed or potential opportunities could be explored in order to provide comprehensive access to different types of provision, for example, where a gap in one form of provision may exist but the area in question is served by another form of open space.

A summary of the catchment gaps for strategic sites is set out in Appendix Two.

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Implications and recommendations

The following sections summarise the deficiencies identified from the application of the accessibility catchments alongside the actions recommended to address them. Please refer to the associated mapping data to view site locations.

In determining the subsequent actions for any identified catchment gaps, the following key principles have been applied:

- ◀ Increase capacity/usage in order to meet increases in demand, or
- ◀ Enhance quality in order to meet increases in demand, or
- ◀ Secure new or additional provision

These principles are intended to mitigate the impact of increases in demand on existing provision. In most cases, an increase in use, arising from a higher resident population, will reduce the lifespan of certain sites and/or features (e.g. play equipment, maintenance regimes etc). This will lead to the increased requirement to refurbish and/or replace such forms of provision. Consequently, the recommended approach is often to increase the capacity of and/or enhance the existing provision available.

The area-specific recommendations are set out in the Tables below:

Table 4.2.2: Birkenhead Commercial Area

Typology	Identified need (catchment gap)	Action
Amenity greenspace	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to east	Area partially served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Birkenhead Park (KKP 1) and Hamilton Square (KKP 27).
Parks and gardens	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to west	Area partially served by other forms of open space such as amenity greenspace like Gautby Road Recreation Ground (KKP 20), Bluewood Drive (KKP 117), Lennox Lane (KKP 262) and Valley Road (KKP 1,058) as well as natural greenspace like Bidston Moss LNR (KKP 23), Bidston Moss Community Woodland (KKP 895) and Bidston Moss Linear Nature Reserve (KKP 1,198).
Natural and semi/natural	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to centre and east	Area partially served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Birkenhead Park (KKP 1), Hamilton Square (KKP 27) and Mersey Park (KKP 551).
Provision for children and young people	No gaps in catchment mapping identified	No action required.

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Table 4.2.3: Birkenhead Sub Urban Area

Typology	Identified need (catchment gap)	Action
Amenity greenspace	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to centre and south east	Areas served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Birkenhead Park (KKP 1), Bidston Court Gardens (KKP 330), Holm Lane Recreation Ground (KKP 476), The Amo (KKP 8,943), Victoria Park (KKP 356), Mersey Park (KKP 551), Walker Park (KKP 488) as well as natural greenspace like Bidston Hill South (KKP 65) and Vyner Road South Walkway (KKP 1,075)
Natural and semi/natural	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to centre and east	Area served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Birkenhead Park (KKP 1), Holm Lane Recreation Ground (KKP 476), The Amo (KKP 8,943), Victoria Park (KKP 356), Mersey Park (KKP 551), Walker Park (KKP 488) as well as amenity greenspace like Noctorum Way (KKP 1,061/1,124) and Woodland Community Park (KKP 267)
Parks and gardens	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to north west and west	Area served by other forms of open space such as natural greenspace like Bidston Hill (KKP 19/65) as well as amenity greenspace like Noctorum Way (KKP 1,061/1,124), Townfield Close (KKP 135) and Farndon Way (KKP 137)
Provision for children and young people	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to centre and west	Consider meeting gaps by enhancing range/quality of equipment at existing sites (i.e. more extensive/ diverse equipment) such as Holm Lane Recreation Ground (KKP 476). Opportunities to provide play provision at open space sites such as Sorrell Close (KKP 327) should also be explored.

Table 4.2.4: Bromborough Eastham Urban Area

Typology	Identified need (catchment gap)	Action
Amenity greenspace	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to east	Areas served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Eastham Country Park (KKP 71) and Bromborough Recreation Ground (KKP 285) as well as natural greenspace like Dibbinsdale LNR (KKP 1,122/56)
Natural and semi/natural	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to north and east	Area served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Higher Bebington Recreation Ground (KKP 243) as well as potentially sites like Bebington Cemetery (KKP 11).
Parks and gardens	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to centre	Area served by other forms of open space such as natural greenspace like Dibbinsdale LNR (KKP 1,122/56) as well as amenity greenspace like Old Court House Road (KKP 118) and Port Causeway (KKP 284)
Provision for children and young people	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to centre and south	Consider meeting gaps by enhancing range/quality of equipment at existing sites (i.e. more extensive/ diverse equipment) such as at Brookhurst Park Play Area (KKP 315.1) and/or Marfords Park Play Area (KKP 319.1). Opportunities to provide play provision at open space sites such as Poulton Recreation Ground (KKP 321) and Eastham Country Park (KKP 71) could also be explored.

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Table 4.2.5: Heswall Urban Area

Typology	Identified need (catchment gap)	Action
Amenity greenspace	Gaps in catchment mapping identified to centre and south east	Areas served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Gayton Park (KKP 372), Wirral Country Park (KKP 5,001) and Ridgewood Park Pensby (KKP 531) as well as natural greenspace like Heswall Dales LNR (KKP 91), Heswall Beacons (KKP 87) and Harrock Wood (KKP 187)
Natural and semi/natural	Minor gap in catchment to centre	Area served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Ridgewood Park Pensby (KKP 531)
Parks and gardens	Minor gap in catchment to centre	Area served by other forms of open space such as natural greenspace like Heswall Dales LNR (KKP 91) and Poll Hill (KKP 89) as well as amenity greenspace like Puddy Dale (KKP 369).
Provision for children and young people	Gaps in catchment identified in centre	Consider meeting gaps by enhancing range/quality of equipment at existing sites (i.e. more extensive/diverse equipment) such as at Ridgewood Park Play Area (KKP 531.1).

Table 4.2.6: Mid Wirral Urban Area

Typology	Identified need (catchment gap)	Action
Amenity greenspace	Gap in catchment identified to east	Area served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Upton Park (KKP 423) and Warwick Hey Park (KKP 565) as well as natural greenspace like Weybourne Close Woodland (KKP 213) and Woodchurch Community Woodland (KKP 5)
Natural and semi/natural	Gap in catchment identified to north west	Area served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Lingham Park (KKP 447) and Leasowe Brickfields (KKP 413) as well as amenity greenspace like Arrowe Brook Linear Park (KKP 2).
Parks and gardens	Gap in catchment identified to north east	Area served by other forms of open space such as amenity greenspace like Yew Tree Green (KKP 411) and Epsom Road (KKP 1,056).
Provision for children and young people	No gaps in catchment identified	No action required.

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Table 4.2.7: Rural Area

Typology	Identified need (catchment gap)	Action
Amenity greenspace	No significant gaps in catchments identified	No action required
Natural and semi/natural	No significant gaps in catchments identified	No action required
Parks and gardens	No significant gaps in catchments identified	No action required
Provision for children and young people	No significant gaps in catchments identified	No action required

Table 4.2.8: Wallasey Urban Area

Typology	Identified need (catchment gap)	Action
Amenity greenspace	Gaps in catchment identified in centre	Area served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Central Park (KKP 8,492)
Natural and semi/natural	Gaps in catchment identified in east	Area served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Tower Grounds (KKP 459), Vale Park (KKP 451) and Central Park (KKP 8,492) as well as amenity greenspace like Citrine Park (KKP 516) and Scott's Field Linear (KKP 1,231).
Parks and gardens	Gaps in catchment identified in centre	Area served by other forms of open space such as natural greenspace like Cross Lane Community Woodland (KKP 222), The Breck Recreation Ground (KKP 868) and Kings Parade (KKP 461) as well as amenity greenspace like Kings Parade (KKP 250), Ellera Park (KKP 579), Belvidere Recreation Ground (KKP 597) and Wallacre Playing Fields (KKP 431).
Provision for children and young people	Gap in catchment identified in centre	Consider meeting gap by enhancing range/quality of equipment at existing sites (i.e. more extensive/diverse equipment) such as at Wallacre Play Area (KKP 430) and/or Urmson Road Play Area (KKP 429). Opportunities to provide play provision at open space sites such as Belvidere Recreation Ground (KKP 597) could also be explored.

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Table 4.2.9: West Kirby Hoylake Urban Area

Typology	Identified need (catchment gap)	Action
Amenity greenspace	Gaps in catchment identified	Area served by other forms of open space such as parks and gardens like Sandlea Park (KKP 384), Newton Park (KKP 498) and Wirral Country Park (KKP 5,001) as well as natural greenspace like Red Rocks Coastal Frontage (KKP 963), Grange Hill (KKP 105) and Stapeldon Wood (KKP 185)
Natural and semi/natural	No significant gaps in catchment identified	No action required.
Parks and gardens	Gap in catchment identified to north west	Area served by other forms of open space such as natural greenspace like Red Rocks Coastal Frontage (KKP 963) as well as amenity greenspace like Anglesey Road Playing Field (KKP 386).
Provision for children and young people	Gap in catchment identified to south	Opportunities to provide play provision at open space sites such as Wirral Country Park (KKP 5,001) could be explored.

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4.3: Quantity

Quantity standards can be used to identify areas of shortfall and help with determining requirements for future developments.

Setting quantity standards

The setting and application of quantity standards is necessary to ensure new developments contribute to the provision of open space across the area.

Shortfalls in quality and accessibility are already set out in Parts 4.1 and 4.2 of this report. The Council should seek to ensure these shortfalls are not made worse by the scale of future development within the area.

It is recommended that the latest national benchmarks are used to determine the quantity requirements for Wirral, in keeping with the approach already used in the UDP.

Table 4.3.1: Recommended quantity standards

Typology	Quantity standards (hectares per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	0.80
Amenity greenspace	0.60
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	1.80
Provision for children & young people	0.25
Allotment	0.25

Implication and recommendations

Current provision levels can be used to help identify where areas may have a shortfall against the recommended quantity standards for Wirral. Table 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 and 4.3.4 show the existing position within each sub-area.

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Table 4.3.2: Current provision against recommended quantity standards

Analysis area	Parks and gardens		Natural & Semi-natural (Hectares per 1000 population)		Amenity greenspace		Allotments	
	0.80		1.80		0.60		0.25	
	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -
Birkenhead Commercial Area	0.63	- 0.17	18.31	+ 16.51	0.34	- 0.26	-	- 0.25
Birkenhead Suburban Area	1.12	+ 0.32	0.73	- 1.07	0.44	- 0.16	0.28	+ 0.03
Bromborough Eastham Urban Area	0.49	- 0.31	1.26	- 0.54	1.39	+ 0.79	0.20	- 0.05
Heswall Urban Area	0.40	- 0.40	1.76	- 0.04	0.15	- 0.45	-	- 0.25
Mid Wirral Urban Area	0.44	- 0.36	0.49	- 1.31	0.61	+ 0.01	0.06	- 0.19
Rural Area	51.19	+ 49.39	34.41	+ 32.61	2.24	+ 1.64	1.18	+ 0.93
Wallasey Urban Area	0.63	- 0.17	0.38	- 0.42	0.82	+ 0.22	0.14	- 0.11
West Kirby Hoylake Urban Area	0.64	- 0.16	2.15	+ 0.35	0.23	- 0.37	0.03	- 0.22

The table highlights quantity shortfalls against the recommended quantity standards particularly for parks as well as in some instances for natural and semi-natural greenspace, amenity greenspace and allotments.

The table also demonstrates the importance of the sites/provision located within the Rural Area, particularly as some of these sites also serve the population of an adjacent urban settlement area, which can have a significant effect on overall levels of provision.

It is therefore important to recognise the effect adjacent sites may have on the quantity levels to a neighbouring area. Table 4.3.3 shows current provision levels with adjacent sites included against the recommended quantity standards.

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Table 4.3.3: Current provision including adjacent sites against recommended quantity standards

Analysis area	Parks and gardens		Natural & Semi-natural (Hectares per 1000 population)		Amenity greenspace	
	0.80		1.80		0.60	
	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -
Birkenhead Commercial Area	4.29	+ 3.49	33.10	+ 31.30	12.44	+ 11.84
Birkenhead Suburban Area	1.17	+ 0.37	1.01	- 0.79	0.50	- 0.10
Bromborough Eastham Urban Area	1.31	+ 0.51	2.64	+ 0.84	1.52	+ 0.92
Heswall Urban Area	1.83	+ 1.03	1.99	+ 0.19	0.17	- 0.43
Mid Wirral Urban Area	2.54	+ 1.74	0.90	- 0.90	0.67	+ 0.07
Rural Area	51.19	+ 50.39	32.72	+ 30.92	2.24	+ 1.64
Wallasey Urban Area	0.85	+ 0.05	1.19	- 0.61	0.83	+ 0.23
West Kirby Hoylake Urban Area	0.76	- 0.04	3.33	+ 1.53	0.43	- 0.17

On this basis, fewer and smaller shortfalls are observed. This is particularly noticeable for parks and natural and semi-natural greenspace provision. Shortfalls do, however, still exist, particularly in the Birkenhead Suburban and West Kirby Hoylake Urban areas.

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Provision for children and young people

Table 4.3.4 shows the level of provision for children and young people in each area. The current level of provision of 0.03 hectares per 1,000 population across Wirral as a whole is noticeably lower than the 0.25 hectares per 1,000 population suggested by FIT. It is therefore recommended that the FIT suggested standard is used in helping to determine future provision requirements, again in line with approach already adopted in the UDP; with the current provision level for Wirral only being used to highlight existing shortfalls.

The Birkenhead Suburban and Heswall Urban areas are identified as having the main quantity shortfall against the current Wirral provision level.

Table 4.3.4: Current play provision against current Wirral provision level

Analysis area	Hectares per 1000 population	
	Current provision	Sufficiency/deficiency against 0.03 Wirral provision level
Birkenhead Commercial Area	0.04	+ 0.01
Birkenhead Suburban Area	0.02	- 0.01
Bromborough Eastham Urban Area	0.03	Level
Heswall Urban Area	0.01	- 0.02
Mid Wirral Urban Area	0.03	Level
Rural Area	0.17	+ 0.14
Wallasey Urban Area	0.04	+ 0.01
West Kirby Hoylake Urban Area	0.03	Level

In Birkenhead Suburban and Heswall Urban areas where a shortfall in quantity is noted against the current level of provision, the deficiency has been converted to the additional amount (in hectares) needed for that area to meet the 0.03 hectares per 1,000 population.

Table 4.3.5: Additional play provision needed to meet current Wirral provision level

Analysis area	Deficiency (Ha per 1,000 population)	Current amount of provision (Ha)	Additional provision needed (Ha)
Birkenhead Suburban Area	- 0.01	2.06	0.62
Heswall Urban Area	- 0.02	0.26	0.59

Identifying priorities

In most areas, the highest priority should be placed on securing the appropriate accessibility and quality standards. Section 5 of this report sets out how the recommended quantity standard should also be used to determine the open space requirements as part of new housing developments.

In the first instance, all types of provision should look to be provided as part of new housing developments but where these are already provided by an existing open space within an appropriate catchment distance, the focus should be on ensuring contributions to enhancing the quality and accessibility of existing open space provision.

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PART 5: POLICY ADVICE AND STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Strategic recommendations

The following section provides a summary on the key findings through the application of the quantity, quality and accessibility standards. It incorporates and recommends what the Council should be seeking to achieve in order to address the issues highlighted.

Recommendation 1

- ◀ *Sites helping or with the potential to help serve areas identified as having gaps in catchment mapping should be protected and prioritised for opportunities for enhancement*

Table 4.2.2 highlights sites that help or have the potential to serve existing identified gaps in provision. A summary of the sites helping to serve these catchment gaps is also set out in Table 5.1.1 below.

Table 5.1.1: Summary of sites helping to serve catchment gaps

KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Helps to serve gap in provision of:
1	Birkenhead Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace
2	Arrowe Brook Linear Park	Amenity greenspace	Natural greenspace
5	Woodchurch Community Woodland	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace
11	Bebington Cemetery	Cemetery	Natural
19	Bidston Hill North	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
20	Gautby Road Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
23	Bidston Moss LNR	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
27	Hamilton Square	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace
38	The Dell	Parks and gardens	Strategic provision
56	Dibbinsdale LNR	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace, Parks and gardens
65	Bidston Hill South	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace, Parks and gardens
71	Eastham Country Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
87	Heswall Beacons	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace
89	Poll Hill	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
91	Heswall Dales LNR	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace, Parks and gardens
105	Grange Hill	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace
117	Bluewood Drive	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
118	Old Court House Road	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Helps to serve gap in provision of:
135	Townfield Close	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
137	Farndon Way	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
185	Stapeldon Wood	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace
187	Harrock Wood	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace
213	Weybourne Close Woodland	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace
222	Cross Lane Community Woodland	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
243	Higher Bebington Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens	Natural greenspace
250	Kings Parade	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
262	Lennox Lane	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
267	Woodland Community Park	Amenity greenspace	Natural greenspace
284	Port Causeway	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
285	Bromborough Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
315.1	Brocklehurst Park Play Area	Play provision	Play provision
319.1	Marfords Park Play Area	Play provision	Play provision
321	Poultton Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens	Play provision
327	Sorrell Close	Amenity greenspace	Play provision
330	Bidston Court Gardens	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
356	Victoria Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace
369	Puddy Dale	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
372	Gayton Park (Playing Fields)	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
384	Sandlea Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
386	Anglesey Road Playing Field	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
411	Yew Tree Green	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
413	Leasowe Brickfields	Parks and gardens	Natural greenspace
423	Upton Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
429	Urmson Road Play Area	Play provision	Play provision
430	Wallacre Play Area	Play provision	Play provision
431	Wallacre Playing Fields	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
447	Lingham Park	Parks and gardens	Natural greenspace
451	Vale Park	Parks and gardens	Natural greenspace
459	Tower Grounds	Parks and gardens	Natural greenspace
461	Kings Parade	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
476	Holm Lane Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace
476.1	Holm Lane Recreation Ground	Play provision	Play provision
488	Walker Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Helps to serve gap in provision of:
498	Newton Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
516	Citrine Park	Amenity greenspace	Natural greenspace
531	Ridgewood Park Pensby	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace
531.1	Ridgewood Park Play Area	Play provision	Play provision
551	Mersey Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace
565	Warwick Hey Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
579	Elleray Park	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
597	Belvidere Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens, Play provision
868	The Breck Recreation Ground	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
895	Bidston Moss Community Woodland	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
963	Red Rocks Coastal Frontage	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace, Parks and gardens
1,056	Epsom Road	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
1,058	Valley Road	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
1,061	Noctorum Way	Amenity greenspace	Natural greenspace, Parks and gardens
1,075	Vyner Road South Walkway	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace
1,122	Dibbinsdale LNR	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace, Parks and gardens
1,124	Noctorum Way	Amenity greenspace	Natural greenspace
1,198	Bidston Moss Linear Nature Reserve	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
1,231	Scott's Field Linear	Amenity greenspace	Natural greenspace
5,001	Wirral Country Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Play provision
8,942	Central Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace
8,943	The Arno	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace

These sites currently help to meet the identified catchment gaps for other open space typologies. Where possible, the Council should seek to adapt these sites to provide a stronger secondary role, to meet these gaps. This will also help to minimise the need to create new sites in order to address any gaps in the catchment mapping for any particular typology.

These sites should therefore be viewed as being key forms of open space provision that are likely to provide multiple social and value benefits. It is also important that the quality and value of these sites is secured and maintained.

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Recommendation 2

- ◀ *Ensure low quality/value sites helping to serve potential gaps in accessibility catchments are prioritised for enhancement*

The approach to these sites should be to enhance their quality/value to the applied standards. The quality and value matrix identifies the sites that should be given priority. A list of low quality and/or value sites currently helping to serve catchment gaps in provision is set out in Table 5.1.2 below.

Table 5.1.2: Summary of low quality/value sites helping to serve catchment gaps

KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Helps to serve gap in provision of:
38	The Dell	Parks and gardens	Strategic provision
137	Farndon Way	Amenity greenspace	Parks and gardens
213	Weybourne Close Woodland	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace
222	Cross Lane Community Woodland	Natural greenspace	Parks and gardens
321	Poulton Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens	Play provision
330	Bidston Court Gardens	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
372	Gayton Park (Playing Fields)	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
384	Sandlea Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
413	Leasowe Brickfields	Parks and gardens	Natural greenspace
447	Lingham Park	Parks and gardens	Natural greenspace
459	Tower Grounds	Parks and gardens	Natural greenspace
498	Newton Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace
551	Mersey Park	Parks and gardens	Amenity greenspace, Natural greenspace
1,075	Vyner Road South Walkway	Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace

It is also important to consider the need to address other sites of low quality and value if possible in line with recommendation 3 below.

Recommendation 3

- ◀ *Recognise low quality and value sites and how they may be able to meet other needs*

Where sites of low quality or value appear to fall within an area of surplus, a change of primary typology should be first considered. If no shortfall of other open space type is noted or the practicality of enhancing the site is not cost effective, then the site may be redundant or 'surplus to requirements'.

This study has identified 141 sites as currently having either lower quality and/or value. This includes 18 sites which receive no quality/value score due to being predominantly observed as inaccessible.

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Of these 141 sites, 14 are identified in Table 5.1.2 as helping to serve catchment gaps in other types of open space. These sites should first be enhanced in terms of quality. Consideration should be given to changing the primary typology or strengthening the secondary function of these 14 sites, to one which they currently help to serve a gap in provision, even if their quality cannot currently be enhanced.

Consequently, there are 127 sites of low quality and/or value, which do not currently appear to serve any highlighted gaps in catchment mapping. The 127 sites are set out in Table 5.1.3.

Of the 127 sites, 102 are considered to have catchment areas that are covered by or substantially overlapped by the catchment area of another site of the same type of open space. Further exploration into these sites should be undertaken to establish whether they are potentially surplus to requirements. Where two sites of the same type of open space both cover the same catchment (e.g. KKP 12 and KKP 1,257), only one should be identified as 'surplus', as the removal of both of them would lead to a catchment gap in that area.

Other factors, such as a quantity shortfall in that provision type, the potential removal of a site creating a different catchment gap and/or the potential to help serve deficiencies in other types of provision such as playing pitches should also be considered.

While the last column in Table 5.1.3 provides an initial view of the likely relevance of these other factors, in so far as they relate to the recommended standards for future open space provision, the Council may also be aware of other issues, such as the importance of a site for heritage, biodiversity or visual amenity, that may also indicate that a site should continue to be protected.

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Table 5.1.3: Sites of low quality and/or value covered by catchment area of similar sites

KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Overlaps with catchment of other sites	Other factor considerations
4	Heswall Pinewoods (Gayton)	Natural greenspace	87, 368	
7	Brookhurst Avenue (Plymyard Dale)	Natural greenspace	49, 70, 73	
12	Upton Pines Entrance	Amenity greenspace	1257	
15	Boundary Road Open Space (Rhododendron Gardens)	Natural greenspace	18, 19, 65	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Birkenhead Suburban
18	Compton Road Open Space	Natural greenspace	15, 19, 23, 895, 1198	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Birkenhead Suburban
21	Fender Way Linear	Amenity greenspace	261, 1237	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban
28	Marine Park	Parks and gardens	459	Parks catchment gap if removed
31	Bromborough Road Woodland (S)	Natural greenspace	34, 36, 48, 1122, 1250,	
32	Park View Linear Open Space	Amenity greenspace	290	
36	The Glen Open Space	Natural greenspace	31, 34, 48, 56, 1122, 1250	
47	Marfords Wood	Natural greenspace	49, 54, 56	
49	Plymyard Dale Woodland	Natural greenspace	7, 47	
54	Dibbins Green Woodland	Natural greenspace	47, 49, 56	
55	Gilbrook Square (West)	Amenity greenspace	257, 271, 788, 1087, 1126	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban
57	Poulton Road Woodland	Natural greenspace	53, 56, 312,	
64	Vyner Road South Open Space	Natural greenspace	65, 1075	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Birkenhead Suburban
76	Allport Common	Natural greenspace		NSN catchment gap if removed
112	Demesne Street	Amenity greenspace	174, 513, 519,	

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Overlaps with catchment of other sites	Other factor considerations
114	Maddock Road	Natural greenspace	864	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Wallasey Urban
115	Burford Avenue Woodland	Natural greenspace	868, 895	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Wallasey Urban
120	Paulsfield Drive Woodland	Natural greenspace	212	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Mid Wirral Urban
122	Chester High Road playing field	Amenity greenspace		AGS catchment gap if removed
123	Former RAF Camp	Natural greenspace		
125	Mount Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace	247	AGS catchment gap if removed
126	Church Lane Playing Field	Amenity greenspace	141, 491, 945	
127	Stanley Park	Parks and gardens	282, 547, 8949	Important sport/recreation offer
143	Prenton Dell Open Space	Natural greenspace		NSN catchment gap if removed
156	Hambledon Drive Open Space	Natural greenspace	210, 1278	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Mid Wirral Urban
167	Paton Close Open Space	Amenity greenspace	918	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to West Kirby Hoylake Urban
188	Heswall Fields (National Trust)	Natural greenspace		NSN catchment gap if removed
194	Former Royal Rock Hotel	Natural greenspace	200	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Birkenhead Suburban
196.1	Howson Street MUGA	Play provision	198.1, 555	Shortfall in quantity for Play to Birkenhead Suburban
198	Bedford Road AGS	Amenity greenspace	196	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban
200	Rock Park Linear Woodland	Natural greenspace	194	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Birkenhead Suburban
210	Headington Road Woodland	Natural greenspace	156, 212, 1278	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Mid Wirral Urban

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Overlaps with catchment of other sites	Other factor considerations
249	Atherton Street / Portland Street Greenspace	Amenity greenspace		AGS catchment gap if removed
258	Vulcan Close Play Area	Play provision	257.1, 257.2, 1087.1, 1087.2, 1126.1	Shortfall in quantity for Play to Birkenhead Suburban
261	Beechwood Park	Amenity greenspace	21	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban
273	Gallaghers Hill Play Area (Price Street)	Play provision	1.1, 1126.1	
315	Brookhurst Park	Parks and gardens		Parks catchment gap if removed
317	Brimstage Green	Amenity greenspace		AGS catchment gap if removed
319	Marfords Park	Parks and gardens	285	Parks catchment gap if removed
347.1	Plymyard Playing Fields basketball area	Play provision		Play catchment gap if removed
356.2	Victoria Park MUGA	Play provision	551.2	Shortfall in quantity for Play to Birkenhead Suburban
370	Hill House Grounds	Parks and gardens	371	Parks catchment gap if removed
391.2	Ashton Park MUGA	Play provision		Play catchment gap if removed
392	Meols Lower Green Recreation Ground (N)	Parks and gardens	1038, 7000	Shortfall in quantity for Parks to West Kirby Hoylake Urban and Strategic provision catchment gap if removed
394.1	Meols Parade Gardens basketball area	Play provision	382.1, 395.1	Play catchment gap if removed
394.2	Meols Parade Gardens five-a-side area	Play provision	382.1, 395.1	Play catchment gap if removed
406	Pasture Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace	424	AGS catchment gap if removed
406.1	Pasture Road basketball area	Play provision	411.1, 447.1	Play catchment gap if removed
409.1	Twickenham Drive Play Area	Play provision	412.2, 414.1	Play catchment gap if removed
451.2	Vale Park football area	Play provision	459.2, 462.2	
455	Delph AGS	Amenity greenspace	432, 457, 835	
456	St Georges Park	Amenity greenspace	462, 888	

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Overlaps with catchment of other sites	Other factor considerations
462.2	Quarry Recreation Ground MUGA	Play provision	451.2	Play catchment gap if removed
497	Broadway Open Space	Amenity greenspace	575, 1262	
502	Greenbank Community Park	Parks and gardens		Shortfall in quantity for Parks to West Kirby Hoylake Urban. Parks catchment gap if removed
502.1	Greenbank Community Park play area	Play provision		Play catchment gap if removed
502.2	Greenbank Community Park basketball area	Play provision		Play catchment gap if removed
505	Circular Drive Open Space	Amenity greenspace	152	
506	Mere Park Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace	152, 504, 837	
512	Limekiln Lane Community Park	Amenity greenspace		AGS catchment gap if removed
513	North Seacombe Recreation Ground (Desmense St)	Amenity greenspace	112, 173, 174, 519	
513.1	North Seacombe Recreation Ground play area	Play provision	519.1, 523	
515	Bridle Road AGS	Amenity greenspace	516, 519, 1231, 8944	
517	Vernon Avenue	Amenity greenspace	516, 518, 519, 522, 8944	
517.1	Vernon Avenue MUGA	Play provision	211, 518.1, 519.1	
519.1	Luke Street MUGA	Play provision	517.1	Play catchment gap if removed
522	Rycroft Road Playing Fields	Amenity greenspace	517, 518	Potential to help meet football pitch shortfalls in PPS
523	Rappart Road MUGA	Play provision	513.1, 519.1, 8942.2	Play catchment gap if removed
536	Oaklea Road	Amenity greenspace		Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Heswall. AGS catchment gap if removed
538	Madeley Drive Open Space	Amenity greenspace	539	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to West Kirby Hoylake Urban.

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Overlaps with catchment of other sites	Other factor considerations
550	Holt Hill Quarry Open Space	Amenity greenspace	554	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban.
553	Delta Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace	197, 288, 547, 896	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban.
554.1	Pembroke Court MUGA	Play provision	356.1, 356.2, 551.1, 551.2, 1139	Shortfall in quantity for Play to Birkenhead Suburban.
569	Overchurch Park	Parks and gardens	565	Parks catchment gap if removed
574	Kingfisher Way Play Area	Amenity greenspace	568, 1282	
575	N of Upton Cricket Club	Amenity greenspace	148, 497	
586	Folly Lane Open Space	Amenity greenspace	431, 596, 597	
751	Devisdale Grove Woodland	Natural greenspace	754, 19, 65, 1075	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Birkenhead Suburban.
754	Eleanor Road Woodland	Natural greenspace	751, 19, 65, 1075	Shortfall in quantity for Play to Birkenhead Suburban.
759	Bedford Avenue Open Space	Amenity greenspace		AGS catchment gap if removed Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban.
788	Former St James Allotments	Amenity greenspace	55, 257, 271, 1087, 1126	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban.
834	Cornflower Way	Amenity greenspace	411, 1128, 1281	
834.1	Cornflower Way Play Area	Play provision	411.1, 411.2, 1128.1	
837	Kinloss Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace	504, 506	
857	Sandon Promenade Open Space	Amenity greenspace	173, 174, 864	
873	Knox Close Open Space	Amenity greenspace	33, 37, 41, 281, 283, 286, 287, 296, 912, 914, 917, 1221	
874	Cressida Avenue AGS	Amenity greenspace	244, 875	Hosts play provision

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Overlaps with catchment of other sites	Other factor considerations
874.1	Cressida Avenue Play Area (Juliet Avenue)	Play provision		Play catchment gap if removed
874.2	Cressida Avenue MUGA	Play provision		Play catchment gap if removed
879	Roman Road Open Space (East)	Natural greenspace	96, 102	NSN catchment gap if removed
886	Thorburn Close Open Space	Amenity greenspace	288, 547	
890	Flaybrick Linear (Lower Flaybrick)	Natural greenspace	15, 19, 65	Shortfall in quantity for NSN to Birkenhead Suburban.
896	Rock Park Pocket Park	Amenity greenspace	197, 547, 553,	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban.
912	Queen Marys Drive Open Space	Amenity greenspace	33, 41, 42, 281, 283, 286, 289, 291, 873, 914, 917, 1221	
918	Saughall Massie Road Backland	Amenity greenspace	167	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to West Kirby Hoylake Urban.
939	Hoole Road Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace	854, 945, 8940	
1038	Meols Lower Green Recreation Ground (S)	Parks and gardens	392, 7000	Shortfall in quantity for Parks to West Kirby Hoylake Urban and Strategic provision catchment gap if removed
1039	Wastedale Court Open Space	Amenity greenspace	2, 860, 1041, 1042	
1041	Curlew Court Backland	Amenity greenspace	860, 1039, 1042	
1048	Martin Close	Amenity greenspace		AGS catchment gap if removed Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Heswall Urban.
1057	Cheltenham Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace	124, 1041, 1056, 1263	
1087.2	Tollemache Road Kickabout Area	Play provision		Shortfall in quantity for Play to Birkenhead Suburban. Play catchment gap if removed

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Overlaps with catchment of other sites	Other factor considerations
1093	Livingstone Street Community Centre Kickabout	Play provision	1.1	Shortfall in quantity for Play to Birkenhead Suburban.
1107	NWCP - Telegraph Lane Open Space	Natural greenspace		NSN catchment gap if removed
1128	Grovedale Drive AGS	Amenity greenspace	411, 834	
1132	Bidston Village Road	Amenity greenspace	21, 262	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban.
1141	Charing Cross Kickabout Cage & Play Area	Play provision	1.1, 267.1, 267.2	Shortfall in quantity for Play to Birkenhead Suburban.
1168	Eaton Place AGS	Amenity greenspace	469	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to Birkenhead Suburban.
1169	Rose Brae Play Area	Play provision		Play catchment gap if removed
1178	Carlett Park Playing Field	Amenity greenspace	1249	Potential to help meet football pitch shortfalls in PPS
1249	Carlett Park Chapel Open Space	Amenity greenspace	1178	
1252	Bromborough Pool Open Space	Amenity greenspace	118, 1246	Hosts play provision
1252.1	Bromborough Pool play area	Play provision		Play catchment gap if removed
1257	Arkhill Gardens Open Space	Amenity greenspace	12	
1259	Rake Hey Open Space	Amenity greenspace	2, 444, 1277	
1261	Oak Close Open Space	Amenity greenspace		AGS catchment gap if removed
1263	Farmside Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	124, 409, 414, 1056, 1057, 1230, 1256?	
1272	New Bold Crescent Green Space	Amenity greenspace	501, 1269, 1271	Shortfall in quantity for AGS to West Kirby Hoylake Urban. AGS catchment gap if removed
1276	Riverbank Road Green Space	Amenity greenspace		
1277	Hoylake Road Amenity Space	Amenity greenspace	444, 1259	

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KKP Ref	Site name	Type of open space	Overlaps with catchment of other sites	Other factor considerations
1278	Jenny's Wood	Natural greenspace	210	NSN catchment gap if removed
6008	Benty Hey Woodland	Natural greenspace	6812	
6868	Oakland Vale Plantations	Amenity greenspace	175	
8944	Hawthorne Grove	Amenity greenspace	515, 516, 517, 519, 1231	AGS catchment gap if removed

5.2 Implications

The following sections set out the policy implications in terms of the planning process in Wirral. This is intended to help guide the Council in seeking contributions to the improvement and/or provision of any new forms of open space.

How is provision to be made?

The requirements for on-site or off-site provision will vary according to the type of open space to be provided. Collecting contributions from developers can be undertaken through the following two processes.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Planning Obligations are the two main mechanisms available to the Council to ensure future development addresses any adverse impacts it creates. If required, Planning Conditions can be used to ensure that key requirements are met.

Planning obligations

Planning Conditions and Obligations (often known as Section 106 Agreements) require individual developments to provide or pay for the provision of development specific infrastructure requirements. They are flexible and can be used to deliver a wide range of site and community infrastructure benefits.

A development should make appropriate provision of services, facilities and infrastructure to meet its own needs. Where sufficient capacity does not exist, the development should contribute what is necessary either on-site or by making a financial contribution towards provision elsewhere.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The CIL is a method of requiring developers to fund infrastructure facilities including open spaces that are required to serve more than one development across a wider area. Charges can be applied based on the size and type of new development, to generate funding to deliver a range of District wide infrastructure projects.

CILs are to be levied on the gross internal floor space of the net additional liable development. The rate at which to charge such developments is set out within a council's Charging Schedule. This will be expressed in £ per m².

Seeking developer contributions

This Standards Paper can inform policies and emerging planning documents by assisting in the Council's approach to securing open spaces through new housing development. The evidence should form the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions for the provision of appropriate facilities as well as their long term maintenance.

In smaller, infill, development areas where open space provision is already identified as being sufficient in terms of quantity and accessibility, it may be more suitable to seek contributions for quality improvements in order to address any future demand rather than new on or off-site provision.

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The wider benefits of open space and landscaping features regardless of size should, however, be recognised as a key design principle for any new development. These features and elements can help to contribute to the perception of open space provision in an area, at the same time as also ensuring an aesthetically pleasing landscape providing wider social, environmental and health benefits.

Sport England's Active Design initiative also looks at the opportunities to encourage sport and physical activity through the built environment in order to support healthier and more active lifestyles.

Off-site contributions

Where it is not appropriate to make any new provision on-site, it may be more appropriate to seek to enhance the quality of existing provision and/or improve access and linkages to existing sites. In some instances, it may also be more beneficial for an off-site contribution to avoid the creation of small incremental spaces that would be difficult to maintain.

Costs required for the enhancement of existing open space and provision of new open spaces should be clearly identified and revised on a regular basis.

Maintenance contributions

There will be a requirement on developers to demonstrate that any new or enhanced provision will be managed and maintained appropriately. In some instances, the site may be adopted by the Council, which would require the developer to submit a sum of money in order to pay the costs of the site's future maintenance. Often the procedure for councils adopting new sites includes:

- ◀ The developer being responsible for the installation and maintenance of the site for an initial agreed establishment period.
- ◀ Sums to cover the maintenance costs of a site (once transferred to the Council) should be intended to cover an agreed set period.

Calculations to determine the amount of maintenance contributions required should be based on current maintenance costs.

5.3 Approach to developer contributions

KKP advocates the requirement for open space should be based upon the number of persons generated from the net increase in dwellings in the proposed scheme. We also promote the use of quantity provision standards (in hectares per 1,000 population) in calculating the open space requirements of new housing development.

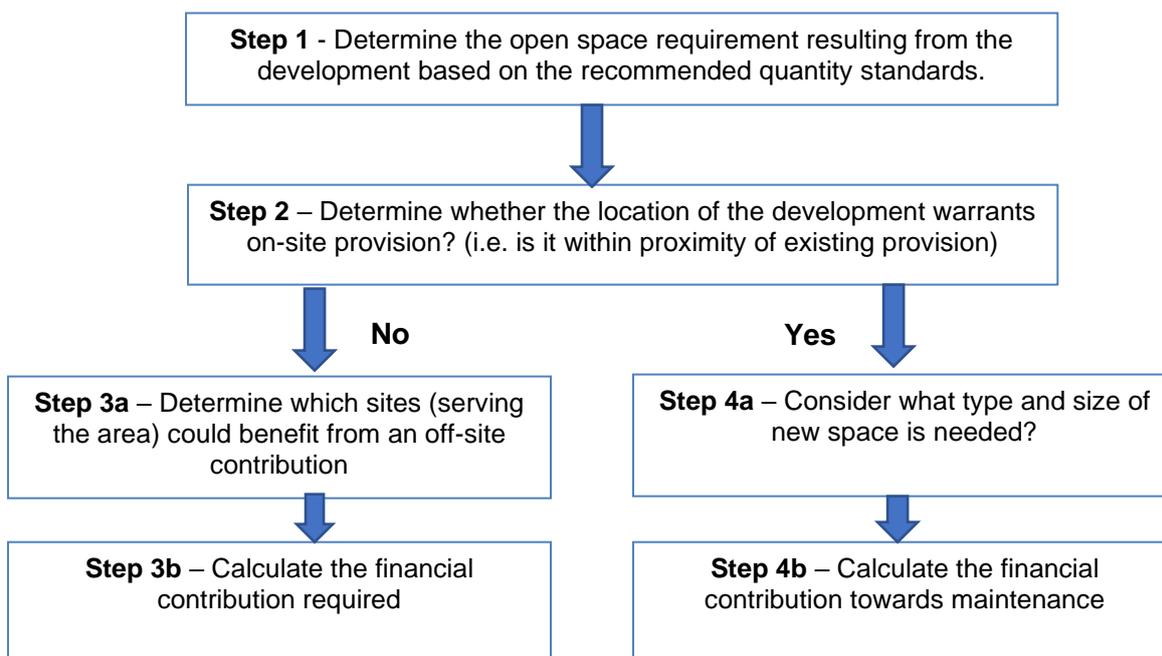
Flexible approach

A focus of this study has been to recognise the role that quantity, quality and accessibility has in terms of open space provision. Future requirements should not just centre on the quantity requirements of new residential developments.

The flowchart (Figure 5.3.1) sets out the process that should be considered when determining contributions in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility. For larger scale developments, the provision standards should be used to help determine the requirements for new open space to be provided as part of a development.

The figure below sets out the processes that should be considered when determining developer contributions towards open space provision.

Figure 5.3.1: Determining developer contributions



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Determining on-site or off-site contributions

The requirement for on or off-site provision should be undertaken in conjunction with the accessibility and quality of existing open space provision. For instance, if an existing form of open space is located within an appropriate catchment distance from the development there may not be a requirement to for any additional on-site provision.

Small sized on-site contributions should be avoided on developments smaller in size where necessary. It is recognised that open spaces of a particular small size hold less recreational use and value. The presence of additional smaller sites will also add to the existing pressures of maintenance regimes and safety inspections. It is therefore suggested that a minimum threshold is used to determine if provision should be provided on or off-site.

Both the Greater London Authority (GLA) and FIT offer guidance on the minimum practical area of open space sites (Table 5.3.1). New open space provision should be provided as off-site contributions if the calculated open space requirement for the proposed development falls below the minimum practical area threshold. If the calculated open space requirement is higher than the minimum practical threshold, it should look to be provided on-site.

Table 5.3.1: Minimum area threshold for contributions:

Classification		Minimum area of site
Allotments		0.4 ha (0.025 per plot)
Amenity greenspace		0.4 ha
Natural and semi natural		0.4 ha
Parks and gardens		2 ha
Play areas*	LAP	0.01 ha
	LEAP	0.04 ha
	NEAP/Other (e.g. MUGA, skate park)	0.10 ha

Source: GLA Open space strategies: Best practice guidance (2009)

Policy CS32 of the Core Strategy for Wirral - Proposed Submission Draft sets out that new family housing developments of 36 dwellings or more that would be further than 400 metres from an existing publicly accessible open space with an area of 1.5 hectares or above will be required to provide additional publicly accessible open space at 60 square metres for every new home constructed and make provision for safe children's play.

It is recommended that this policy is reviewed in line with the change in FIT standards and the proposed quantity and accessibility standards within this document.

Consequently, the following calculations are recommended to inform the approach to calculating the requirements for contributions to future provision:

- ◀ Basic minimum combined standard of 3.7 hectares per 1,000 population
- ◀ Equivalent to 37,000 square metres per 1,000 population
- ◀ Equivalent to 37,000 square metres per 417 dwellings (based on average of 2.4 persons per dwelling)

* Minimum recommended size for play areas by Fields In Trust

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- ◀ Equivalent to 89 square metres per dwelling (or 0.0089 hectares per dwelling) of which 6 square metres per dwelling (or 0.0006 hectares per dwelling) should be play provision

In situations where a new housing development falls outside the catchment of an existing open space, provision should be expected to be provided on-site. Table 5.3.2 and 5.3.3 set out suggested minimum areas to assist in this process.

Table 5.3.2: Open space minimum areas

Open Space Classification	Minimum area of open space site (hectares)	On-site provision required at 'X' No' of dwellings*
Amenity greenspace	0.4	45
Natural and semi natural	0.4	45
Allotments	0.4 (0.025 per plot)	45
Parks and gardens	2.0	225

* *minimum number of dwellings required to achieve the appropriate minimum open space site area at the recommended quantity standard (0.0089 per dwelling)*

Table 5.3.3: Play provision minimum areas

Classification	Minimum area of site (hectares)	On-site provision required at 'X' No' of dwellings
LEAP	0.04	66
NEAP	0.10	166
Other outdoor provision (i.e. MUGA, skate park)	0.10	166

Play area recommendation

The approach in Wirral has been to focus on providing more substantial forms of play in larger neighbourhood and district parks. The Council regularly comes under pressure to remove smaller forms of play such as LAPs and LEAPs due to anti-social behaviour/nuisances. Smaller forms of provision also generally offer less recreational value whilst adding to the pressures of maintenance regimes and safety inspections. Contributions to play provision should therefore continue to focus on providing bigger/better forms of play and avoid any unnecessary creation of small sized play areas. For these reasons LAPs are not included within Table 5.3.3.

In line with FIT guidance, a play area must be sited within an open space sufficient to accommodate the provision and its required buffer zone to ensure residential amenity is maintained. Buffer distances ensure that facilities do not enable users to overlook neighbouring properties, reducing possibility of conflict. Any play requirements should be counted as additional to any other on-site open space requirement (e.g. provision of amenity greenspace should not also be counted as informal play provision).

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Financial contribution

Off-site contribution costs

The following illustrative rates could look to be charged per square metre in instances where off-site contributions are required.

Table A1.1: Rate of charge by provision type

Provision type	Off-site contribution (£ per Square Metre of provision)
Open Space*	£28
Play Space	£111

The rate of charge for play provision is based on the average cost of a typical form of play facility. A 900 square metre area of play (or equivalent to 0.09 hectares)[†] is estimated to cost £100,000. This works out as an equivalent to £111 per square metre (e.g. 100,000 / 900 = 111.11). Off-site contributions for play provision are therefore anticipated to be charged at £111 per square metre.

This can be converted to a cost per dwelling by using the equation below:

$$\text{Provision requirement (Sq M) / off site contribution (£ per Sq M) / number of dwellings} = \text{off site contribution (per dwelling)}$$

Maintenance:

The cost of the Wirral Parks and Countryside Service (e.g. maintenance service) is currently estimated at £29.66 per person (based on Parks and Countryside Service information).

This is equivalent to £71.18 per dwelling (based on average of 2.4 people per dwelling).

This calculates to £0.80 per square metre (cost per dwelling / requirement per dwelling i.e. £71.18 / 89).

* Using figure from different KKP study which established an approximate off-site cost

† Based on average site size of 0.09 hectares as recorded from Wirral audit assessment

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APPENDIX ONE: QUALITY AND VALUE MATRIX SUMMARY BY TYPOLOGY

Parks and gardens

Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
1	Birkenhead Park	Birkenhead Suburban		
27	Hamilton Square Gardens	Birkenhead Commercial		
28	Marine Park	Wallasey Urban Area		
35	The Diamond (S)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
38	The Dell	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
40	The Diamond (N)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
71	Eastham Country Park	Rural		
127	Stanley Park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
153	Royden Park	Rural		
243	Higher Bebington Recreation Ground	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
282	New Ferry Park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
285	Bromborough Recreation Ground	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
305	Mayer Park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
315	Brookhurst Park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
318	Thornton Hough Recreation Ground	Rural		
319	Marfords Park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
321	Poultton Recreation Ground	Rural		
330	Bidston Court Gardens	Birkenhead Suburban		
344	Torr Park	Rural		
356	Victoria Park	Birkenhead Suburban		
370	Hill House Grounds	Heswall Urban		
371	Dawstone Park	Heswall Urban		
372	Gayton Park (Playing Fields)	Rural		
384	Sandlea Park	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
391	Ashton Park	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
392	Meols Lower Green Recreation Ground (N)	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
394	Meols Parade Gardens Recreation Ground	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
395	Queens Park	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
397	Victoria Gardens	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
413	Leasowe Brickfields	Rural		
423	Upton Park	Rural		
447	Lingham Park	Mid Wirral Urban		
451	Vale Park	Wallasey Urban		
459	Tower Grounds	Wallasey Urban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
476	Holm Lane Recreation Ground	Birkenhead Suburban		
488	Walker Park	Birkenhead Suburban		
491	Arrowe Country Park	Rural		
498	Newton Park	Rural		
502	Greenbank Community Park	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
503	Coronation Park	Mid Wirral Urban		
531	Ridgewood Park Pensby	Heswall Urban		
535	Coronation Gardens	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
537	Irby Recreation Ground	Heswall Urban		
551	Mersey Park	Birkenhead Suburban		
565	Warwick Hey Park	Mid Wirral Urban		
569	Overchurch Park	Mid Wirral Urban		
582	Harrison Park	Wallasey Urban		
1038	Meols Lower Green Recreation Ground (S)	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
5001	Wirral Country Park (Rural)	Rural		
5002	Wirral Country Park (Urban)	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
7000	North Wirral Coastal Park	Rural		
8942	Central Park	Wallasey Urban		
8943	The Arno, Prenton	Birkenhead Suburban		

Amenity greenspace

Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
2	Arrowe Brook Linear Park (Moreton)	Mid Wirral Urban		
12	Upton Pines Entrance	Mid Wirral Urban		
20	Gautby Road Recreation Ground	Birkenhead Suburban		
21	Fender Way Linear	Birkenhead Suburban		
29	Octel Sports Club	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
30	Saughall Grange Recreation Ground	Mid Wirral Urban Area		
32	Park View Linear Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
33	The Diamond (E)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
37	Samaria Avenue Woodland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
41	Lodge Lane Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
42	The Diamond (W)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
51	Wirral Gardens	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
52	Bebington Civic Frontage (North)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
55	Gilbrook Square (West)	Birkenhead Suburban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
75	Delamere Avenue Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
88	Telegraph Road Open Space	Heswall Urban		
97	Green Lane Playing Field	Rural		
98	Meols Parade Open Space	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
103	Barn Hey Crescent	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
104	Goose Green Frontage	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
111	Poets Corner	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
112	Demesne Street	Wallasey Urban		
113	Burdett Avenue/Inley Road	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
114	Maddock Road	Wallasey Urban		
117	Bluewood Drive	Birkenhead Suburban		
118	Old Court House Road	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
119	School Lane open space	Birkenhead Sub Urban Area		
121	Lyndale Ave. Backland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
122	Chester High Road playing field	Rural		
124	Reeds Lane Nature Area	Mid Wirral Urban Area		
125	Mount Road Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
126	Church Lane Playing Field	Mid Wirral Urban Area		
135	Townfield Close Open Space (Hargrave)	Birkenhead Suburban		
137	Farndon Way Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
141	Meadow Crescent Open Space (N)	Mid Wirral Urban		
144	Osmaston Road War Memorial	Birkenhead Suburban		
148	Royden Road Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
152	Greasby Road Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
167	Paton Close Open Space	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
173	Sandon Road	Wallasey Urban		
174	Wallasey Town Hall Gardens	Wallasey Urban		
175	Magazine Promenade Plantations	Wallasey Urban		
196	Howson Street	Birkenhead Suburban		
197	Rock Park Esplanade	Birkenhead Suburban		
198	Bedford Road AGS	Birkenhead Suburban		
223	Bayswater Gardens	Wallasey Urban		
244	Kings Lane Playing Fields	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
247	Derwent Road	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
249	Atherton Street / Portland Street Greenspace	Wallasey Urban		
250	Kings Parade	Wallasey Urban		
257	Ilchester Square AGS	Birkenhead Suburban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
261	Beechwood Park	Birkenhead Suburban		
262	Lennox Lane Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
267	Woodlands Community Park	Birkenhead Suburban		
271	Connaught Way	Birkenhead Suburban		
272	Bentinck Street	Birkenhead Suburban		
281	Windy Bank Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
283	Owen Street Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
284	Port Causeway AGS	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
286	Walker Street Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
287	Mayfields Playing Field	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
288	Onslow Park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
289	The Ginnel	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
290	Bradmoor Recreation Ground	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
291	Church Drive Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
296	Boundary Road Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
300	Shorefields Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
308	Stanton Road Play Area (The Hollows)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
310	Poulton Road Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
311	Radford Avenue Linear	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
317	Brimstage Green	Rural		
320	Brome Green	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
327	Sorrell Close Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
329	Olivia Close	Birkenhead Suburban		
333	Kings Parade	Wallasey Urban		
334	Bentham Close Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
342	Plymyard Playing Fields (W)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
343	Heygarth Road Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
346	Kelsall Avenue	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
347	Plymyard Playing Fields (E)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
350	Eastham Rake	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
369	Puddy Dale	Heswall Urban		
381	Hoylake Promenade Open Space	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
382	Grove AGS	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
386	Anglesey Road Playing Field	Rural		
393	Carr Lane	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
396	Sandringham Avenue Playing Field	Rural		
406	Pasture Road Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
409	Twickenham Drive AGS	Mid Wirral Urban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
411	Yew Tree Green AGS	Mid Wirral Urban		
412	Leasowe Adventure Play	Mid Wirral Urban		
414	Whiteheath AGS	Mid Wirral Urban		
416	Kings Parade	Wallasey Urban		
424	Knutsford Green	Mid Wirral Urban		
431	Wallacre Playing Fields	Wallasey Urban		
432	Delph Sports Ground	Wallasey Urban		
444	Berwick Close Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
455	Delph AGS	Wallasey Urban		
456	St Georges Park	Wallasey Urban		
457	Earlston Gardens	Wallasey Urban		
462	Quarry Recreation Ground	Wallasey Urban		
469	The Grove Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
477	Davenham Avenue	Birkenhead Suburban		
478	Shavington Avenue	Birkenhead Suburban		
487	Prenton Hall Road AGS	Birkenhead Suburban		
490	Woodchurch Leisure Centre	Rural		
497	Broadway Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
501	Grange Farm Crescent	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
504	Bromsgrove Road Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
505	Circular Drive Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
506	Mere Park Road Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
512	Limekiln Lane Community Park	Wallasey Urban		
513	North Seacombe Recreation Ground (Desmense St)	Wallasey Urban		
515	Bridle Road AGS	Wallasey Urban		
516	Citrine Park	Wallasey Urban		
517	Vernon Avenue	Wallasey Urban		
518	Oakdale Recreation Ground	Wallasey Urban		
519	Luke Street AGS	Wallasey Urban		
522	Rycroft Road Playing Fields	Wallasey Urban		
536	Oaklea Road	Heswall Urban		
538	Madeley Drive Open Space	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
539	Devonshire Road Playing Field	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
547	Conway Playing Field	Birkenhead Suburban		
550	Holt Hill Quarry Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
553	Delta Road Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
554	Pembroke Court	Birkenhead Suburban		
568	Woodpecker Close Ponds	Mid Wirral Urban		
574	Kingfisher Way Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
575	N of Upton Cricket Club	Mid Wirral Urban		
579	Elleray Park	Wallasey Urban		
583	Kings Parade	Wallasey Urban		
586	Folly Lane Open Space	Wallasey Urban		
595	Flynns Piece	Wallasey Urban		
596	St Hilarys Gardens	Wallasey Urban		
597	Belvidere Recreation Ground	Wallasey Urban		
685	Kings Parade	Wallasey Urban		
752	Wilfred Owen Drive Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
759	Bedford Avenue Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
788	Former St James Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
834	Cornflower Way	Mid Wirral Urban		
835	Brookthorpe Close	Wallasey Urban		
837	Kinloss Road Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
854	New Hey Road	Mid Wirral Urban		
857	Sandon Promenade Open Space	Wallasey Urban		
860	Curlew Way Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
864	Egremont Promenade Plantations	Wallasey Urban		
865	Torrington Drive Woodlands	Heswall Urban		
873	Knox Close Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
874	Cressida Avenue AGS	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
875	Bebington Oval Playing Fields	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
886	Thorburn Close Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
888	Gorse Hill Park	Wallasey Urban		
896	Rock Park Pocket Park	Birkenhead Suburban		
912	Queen Marys Drive Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
914	Lower Road Backland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
917	Pool Bank Backland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
918	Saughall Massie Road Backland	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
920	Kings Close Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
935	Greenwood Road Backland	Mid Wirral Urban		
939	Hoole Road Road Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
940	The Crescent Plantations	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
943	Carr Bridge Road Backland	Mid Wirral Urban		
945	Common Field Road Linear (fender footpath)	Mid Wirral Urban		
1039	Wastedale Court Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
1041	Curlew Court Backland	Mid Wirral Urban		
1042	Mallard Way Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
1048	Martin Close	Heswall Urban		

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1056	Epsom Road P	Mid Wirral Urban		
1057	Cheltenham Road Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
1058	Valley Road Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
1061	Noctorum Way Woodland	Birkenhead Suburban		
1087	Tollemache Road AGS	Birkenhead Suburban		
1088	Fulford Park AGS	Mid Wirral Urban		
1124	Noctorum Way	Birkenhead Suburban		
1126	Lincoln Gardens AGS	Birkenhead Suburban		
1128	Grovedale Drive AGS	Mid Wirral Urban		
1132	Bidston Village Road	Birkenhead Suburban		
1134	Wharf Street Linear	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1168	Eaton Place AGS	Birkenhead Suburban		
1178	Carlett Park Playing Field	Rural		
1183	Tam O Shanter Urban Farm	Birkenhead Suburban		
1189	Hanover Close Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
1221	Osbourne Court Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1229	Delamere Avenue Linear Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1230	Leasowe Recreation Centre Playing Field (Leas	Mid Wirral Urban		
1231	Scott's Field Linear	Birkenhead Commercial		
1237	Manor Way Linear	Birkenhead Suburban		
1244	Abbot's Drive Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1246	Ashton Way Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1249	Carlett Park Chapel Open Space	Rural		
1252	Bromborough Pool Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1257	Arkhill Gardens Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
1259	Rake Hey Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
1261	Oak Close Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
1262	Hazelwood	Mid Wirral Urban		
1263	Farmside Amenity Green Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
1269	Grange Farm Crescent Linear	Rural		
1270	Mereworth Open Space	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
1271	Lartonwood Amenity Space	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
1272	New Bold Crescent Green Space	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
1273	Denning Drive Open Space	Heswall Urban		
1276	Riverbank Road Green Space	Rural		
1277	Hoylake Road Amenity Space	Rural		
1281	Bullrush Drive Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
1282	Arrowe Brook Linear Saughall Massie	Mid Wirral Urban		
6000	The Grange	Wallasey Urban		
6868	Oakland Vale Plantations	Wallasey Urban		
8940	Home Farm Close Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
8944	Hawthorne Grove	Wallasey Urban		

Natural and semi-natural greenspace

Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
4	Heswall Pinewoods (Gayton)	Heswall Urban		
5	Woodchurch Community Woodland	Rural		
7	Brookhurst Avenue (Plymyard Dale)	Rural		
9	Port Sunlight River Park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
15	Boundary Road Open Space (Rhododendon Gardens)	Birkenhead Suburban		
18	Compton Road Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
19	Bidston Hill (North)	Birkenhead Suburban		
23	Bidston Moss LNR	Rural		
31	Bromborough Road Woodland (S)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
34	Bromborough Road Woodland (N)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
36	The Glen Open Space	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
47	Marfords Wood	Rural		
48	Dibbinsview Grove Woodland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
49	Plymyard Dale Woodland	Rural		
50	Brimstage Road Woodland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
53	Paradise Wood	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
54	Dibbins Green Woodland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
56	Dibbinsdale LNR (West)	Rural		
57	Poulton Road Woodland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
59	Thornton Common	Rural		
64	Vyner Road South Open Space	Birkenhead Suburban		
65	Bidston Hill (South)	Birkenhead Suburban		
70	Lowfields	Rural		
73	Estham Rake Woods	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
76	Allport Common	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
80	Cheviot Road Wood	Birkenhead Suburban		
86	Feather Lane Woodland	Heswall Urban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
87	Heswall Beacons	Heswall Urban		
89	Poll Hill	Heswall Urban		
91	Heswall Dales LNR	Heswall Urban		
96	Monkey Wood	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
102	Roman Road Open Space (West)	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
105	Grange Hill	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
115	Burford Avenue Woodland	Wallasey Urban		
120	Paulsfield Drive Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
123	Former RAF Camp	Rural		
143	Prenton Dell Open Space	Rural		
149	Newton Common	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
151	Gilroy Nature Park	Rural		
155	Thorns Drive Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
156	Hambledon Drive Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
180	Irby Quarry	Rural		
181	Thurstaston Common (National Trust)	Rural		
185	Stapeldon Wood	Rural		
186	Caldy Hill	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
187	Harrock Wood (National Trust)	Rural		
188	Heswall Fields (National Trust)	Rural		
189	Irby Common (National Trust)	Rural		
194	Former Royal Rock Hotel	Birkenhead Suburban		
200	Rock Park Linear Woodland	Birkenhead Suburban		
204	Norwich Drive Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
205	Salacre Crescent Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
208	Nuffield Close Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
209	Upton Meadow (Woodland Trust)	Mid Wirral Urban		
210	Headington Road Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
212	Saughall Massie Road Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
213	Weybourne Close Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
220	Captains Pit	Wallasey Urban		
222	Cross Lane Community Woodland	Wallasey Urban		
312	Colmore Avenue Woodland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
368	Whitfield Common	Heswall Urban		
388	Greenbank Road Playing Field	Rural		
422	Mereheath Wood	Mid Wirral Urban		
461	Kings Parade (Red and Yellow Noses)	Wallasey Urban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
751	Devisdale Grove Woodland	Birkenhead Suburban		
754	Eleanor Road Woodland	Birkenhead Suburban		
868	The Breck Recreation Ground	Wallasey Urban		
879	Roman Road Open Space (East)	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
890	Flaybrick Linear (Lower Flaybrick)	Birkenhead Suburban		
895	Bidston Moss Community Woodland	Birkenhead Commercial		
963	Red Rocks Coastal Frontage	Rural		
1033	Elm Grove Woodland	Rural		
1075	Vyner Road South Walkway	Birkenhead Suburban		
1107	NWCP - Telegraph Lane Open Space	Rural		
1108	Eastham Coastal Frontage	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1111	Caldy Hill (National Trust)	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
1115	Thurstaston Common	Rural		
1122	Dibbinsdale LNR (East)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1129	Fendale Avenue Open Space	Mid Wirral Urban		
1145	Hilbre Islands LNR	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
1146	Arrowe Brook Road Woodland	Mid Wirral Urban		
1148	Cleaver Heath (Wirral Wildlife)	Heswall Urban		
1172	Dee Coast Nature Reserve	Rural		
1198	Bidston Moss Linear Nature Reserve	Birkenhead Commercial		
1248	Carlett Park Woodland	Rural		
1250	Hesketh Road Woodland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1278	Jenny's Wood	Rural		
6008	Benty Hey Woodland	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
6009	Storeton Wood (Woodland Trust)	Rural		
6812	Brackenwood Park	Rural		
8949	New Ferry Butterfly Park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
	Former RAF Camp	Rural		

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Provision for children and young people

Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
1.1	Birkenhead Park play area	Birkenhead Suburban		
2.1	Arrowe Brook Linear Park play area	Mid Wirral Urban		
21.1	Beechwood Skate Park	Birkenhead Suburban		
116	Hesketh Way play area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
196.1	Howson Street MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
198.1	Bedford Road Play Area	Birkenhead Suburban		
211	Woodview Avene Play Area (Wheatland Lane Play	Wallasey Urban		
243.1	Higher Bebington play area 1	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
243.2	Higher Bebington play area 2	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
257.1	Ilchester Square play area	Birkenhead Suburban		
257.2	Ilchester Square MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
258	Vulcan Close Play Area	Birkenhead Suburban		
267.1	Woodlands Community Park play area	Birkenhead Suburban		
267.2	Woodlands Community Park MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
273	Gallaghers Hill Play Area (Price Street)	Birkenhead Commercial		
282.1	New Ferry Park play area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
282.2	New Ferry Park MUGA	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
284.1	Port Causeway Play Area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
285.1	Bromborough Recreation Ground play area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
285.2	Bromborough Recreation Ground basketball area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
305.1	Mayer Park play area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
315.1	Brookhurst Park play area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
318.1	Thornton Hough Recreation Ground play area	Rural		
319.1	Marfords Park play area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
344.1	Torr Park play area	Rural Area		
346.1	Kelsall Avenue Play Area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
346.2	Kelsall Avenue basketball area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
347.1	Plymyard Playing Fields basketball area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
350.1	Eastham Rake Play Area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
350.2	Eastham Rake skate park	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
350.3	Eastham Rake basketball area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
356.1	Victoria Park play area	Birkenhead Suburban		
356.2	Victoria Park MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
369.1	Puddy Dale play area	Heswall Urban		
371.1	Dawson Park play area	Heswall Urban		
372.1	Gayton Park play area	Rural		
382.1	Grove Play Area	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
391.1	Ashton Park play area	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
391.2	Ashton Park MUGA	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
393.1	Carr Lane Play Area	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
394.1	Meols Parade Gardens basketball	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
394.2	Meols Parade Gardens five-a-side	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
395.1	Queens Park play area	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
406.1	Pasture Road basketball area	Mid Wirral Urban		
408	Cameron Road Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		
409.1	Twickenham Drive Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		
411.1	Yew Tree Green Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		
411.2	Yew Tree Green MUGA	Mid Wirral Urban		
412.1	Leasowe Adventure Playground	Mid Wirral Urban		
412.2	Leasowe Adventure Playground MUGA	Mid Wirral Urban		
414.1	Whiteheath Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		
419	Farnworth Avenue Play Area (Ditton Lane)	Mid Wirral Urban		
423.1	Upton Park play area	Rural		
423.2	Upton Park basketball area	Rural		
429	Urmson Road Play Area	Wallasey Urban		
430	Wallacre Play Area	Wallasey Urban		
447.1	Lingham Park play area	Mid Wirral Urban		
451.1	Vale Park play area	Wallasey Urban		
451.2	Vale Park football area	Wallasey Urban		
457.1	Earlston Gardens play area	Wallasey Urban		
459.1	Tower Grounds play areas	Wallasey Urban		
459.2	Tower Grounds MUGA	Wallasey Urban		
459.3	Tower Grounds skate park	Wallasey Urban		
462.1	Quarry Recreation Ground play area	Wallasey Urban		
462.2	Quarry Recreation Ground MUGA	Wallasey Urban		
476.1	Holm Lane Recreation Ground play area	Birkenhead Suburban		
487.1	Prenton Hall Road Play Area	Birkenhead Suburban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
491.1	Arrowe Country Park play area	Rural		
498.1	Newton Park play areas	Rural		
498.2	Newton Park MUGA	Rural		
502.1	Greenbank Community Park play area	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
502.2	Greenbank Community Park basketball area	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
503.1	Coronation Park play area	Mid Wirral Urban		
513.1	North Seacombe Recreation Ground play area	Wallasey Urban		
515.1	Bridle Road Play Area	Wallasey Urban		
517.1	Vernon Avenue MUGA	Wallasey Urban		
518.1	Oakdale Recreation Ground play area	Wallasey Urban		
519.1	Luke Street MUGA	Wallasey Urban		
523	Rappart Road MUGA	Wallasey Urban		
531.1	Ridgewood Park play area	Heswall Urban		
537.1	Irby Recreation Ground play area	Heswall Urban		
551.1	Mersey Park play area	Birkenhead Suburban		
551.2	Mersey Park MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
554.1	Pembroke Court MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
555	Thorsway Play Area	Birkenhead Suburban		
562	Woodchurch Community Centre Play Area and MUGA	Rural		
565.1	Warwick Hey Park play area	Mid Wirral Urban		
582.1	Harrison Park play area	Wallasey Urban		
582.3	Harrison Park MUGA	Wallasey Urban		
834.1	Cornflower Way Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		
874.1	Cressida Avenue Play Area (Juliet Avenue)	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
874.2	Cressida Avenue MUGA	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1010	Gautby Road Community Centre Kickabout Cage	Birkenhead Suburban		
1011	Gautby Road Community Centre play area	Birkenhead Suburban		
1038.1	Meols Lower Green Recreation Ground play area	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
1087.1	Tollemache Road Play Area	Birkenhead Suburban		
1087.2	Tollemache Road Kickabout Area	Birkenhead Suburban		
1088.1	Fulford Park Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		
1093	Livingstone Street Community Centre Kickabout	Birkenhead Suburban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
1126.1	Lincoln Gardens MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
1128.1	Grovedale Drive Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		
1139	Union Street MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
1140	Beechwood Recreation Centre MUGA	Birkenhead Suburban		
1141	Charing Cross Kickabout Cage & Play Area	Birkenhead Suburban		
1168.1	Eaton Place Play Area	Birkenhead Suburban		
1169	Rose Brae Play Area	Birkenhead Commercial		
1252.1	Bromborough Pool play area	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1253	Eastham Youth Centre Games Court	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1266	Upton Pines Play Area	Mid Wirral Urban		
8942.1	Central Park play area	Wallasey Urban		
8942.2	Central Park MUGA	Wallasey Urban		

Allotments

Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
756	Beaconsfield Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
757	Bebington Road Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
758	Bedford Avenue Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
760	Boundary Road Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
761	Buckingham Avenue Allotments	Wallasey Urban		
762	Carlett Park Allotments	Rural		
764	Carrodus Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
765	Church Road Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
766	Cross Lane Allotments	Wallasey Urban		
767	Dawson Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
768	Earlston Allotments	Wallasey Urban		
769	Fairview Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
770	Forwood Road Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
772	Harris Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
773	Hill Road Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
774	Ilford Avenue Allotments	Wallasey Urban		
775	King Georges Way Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
776	Landican Allotments	Rural		
777	Landsdown Place Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
778	Manor Lane Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
779	Manor Drive Allotments	Mid Wirral Urban		

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement area	Quality	Value
781	Molyneux Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
782	Mosslands Drive Allotments	Wallasey Urban		
783	Mountwood Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
784	Newton Park Allotments	Rural		
785	Ormonde Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
786	Plymyard Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
787	Wingate Road Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
789	Salacre Allotments	Mid Wirral Urban		
790	Sandringham Avenue Allotments	Rural		
791	Shakeshaft Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
792	Sumner Road Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
793	Teehey Road Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
794	Thornton Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
795	Tollemache Road Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
796	Upton Road Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
797	Belvidere Allotments	Wallasey Urban		
902	Shore Drive Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
903	Woodhead Road Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
915	Corniche Road Allotments	Bromborough Eastham Urban		
1174	Raby Road Allotments	Rural		
1175	Smithy Hill Allotments	Rural		
1188	Coronation Park Allotments	Mid Wirral Urban		
1193	Grange Hill Allotments	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
1233	Edward Kemp Community Garden	Birkenhead Suburban		
1255	Leasowe Allotments	Mid Wirral Urban		
1274	The Warrens Allotments	Rural		
5201	Love Lane Allotments	Wallasey Urban		
7003	Ashton Park Allotments	West Kirby Hoylake Urban		
7004	Shaftsbury Allotments	Birkenhead Suburban		
8947	Gilroy Road Allotments	Rural		

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Site ID	Site name	Open space type	Quality	Value
153	Royden Park	Parks and Gardens		
305	Mayer Park	Parks and Gardens		
318	Thornton Hough Recreation Ground	Parks and Gardens		
344	Torr Park	Parks and Gardens		
356	Victoria Park	Parks and Gardens		
371	Dawstone Park	Parks and Gardens		
391	Ashton Park	Parks and Gardens		
392	Meols Lower Green Recreation Ground (N)	Parks and Gardens		
394	Meols Parade Gardens Recreation Ground	Parks and Gardens		
395	Queens Park	Parks and Gardens		
451	Vale Park	Parks and Gardens		
488	Walker Park	Parks and Gardens		
491	Arrowe Country Park	Parks and Gardens		
503	Coronation Park	Parks and Gardens		
535	Coronation Gardens	Parks and Gardens		
551	Mersey Park	Parks and Gardens		
565	Warwick Hey Park	Parks and Gardens		
582	Harrison Park	Parks and Gardens		
868	The Breck Recreation Ground	Semi / Natural greenspaces		
1038	Meols Lower Green Recreation Ground (S)	Parks and Gardens		
1122	Dibbinsdale LNR (East)	Semi / Natural greenspaces		
5001	Wirral Country Park (Rural)	Parks and Gardens		
5002	Wirral Country Park (Urban)	Parks and Gardens		
7000	North Wirral Coastal Park	Parks and Gardens		
8942	Central Park	Parks and Gardens		
8943	The Arno, Prenton	Parks and Gardens		

Catchment mapping of the strategic sites considers potential major barriers to travel (including railway lines and the M53). Radial catchment areas have been 'cut' where they meet a major barrier. Consequently, this highlights the importance of several other open space sites which may help to serve these gaps in strategic provision in areas of greater population density.

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Table A2: Sites serving gaps in strategic sites

Area	Catchment gap	Observations
Mid Wirral	Gap to north of area	Area partially served by sites such as Lingham Park (KKP 447) and Upton Park (KKP 423).
Birkenhead Suburban	Gap to west of area	Area partially served by sites such as Holm Lane Recreation Ground (KKP 476), Noctorum Way (KKP 1,124) and Noctorum Way Woodland (KKP 1,061).
Birkenhead Suburban	Gap to south east of area	Area partially served by sites such as New Ferry Park (KKP 282) and The Dell (KKP 38).
Bromborough Eastham Urban	Gap to north east of area	
Bromborough Eastham Urban	Gap to south of area	Area partially served by sites such as Lowfields (KKP 70)
Heswall Urban	Gap to centre and south east of area	Area partially served by sites such as Ridgewood Park Pensby (KKP 531) and Gayton Park (KKP 372)

