



Urban Green Space and Local Green Space Technical Paper

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Quality green spaces close to where people live provide opportunities for sport, recreation and play providing enjoyment, encouraging healthy lifestyles and improving mental well-being. They are an essential component of the quality and character of areas which can provide visual amenity and wildlife value. The council's vision is to reduce health inequalities across the district by enabling higher standards of health and well-being resulting from improved access to green spaces and opportunities for physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.
- 1.2 This Technical Paper provides the context for the allocation and protection of valuable and important green spaces as urban green space and local green space in the Kirklees Local Plan. It provides the context and background information for urban green space allocations and local green space designations and for the related policies and accompanying policy justifications included in the Local Plan.
- 1.3 It is important to differentiate between the two types of green space which will be afforded protection in the Local Plan:-
 - **Urban Green Space** is a locally derived allocation intended to protect open spaces of identified public value in the towns and villages of Kirklees. Sites are identified by the council and the methodology for allocation as urban green space is determined by the council as set out in this Technical Paper.
 - **Local Green Space** is a designation introduced and set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It is a higher designation test than the allocation of urban green space and is intended to give special protection to green spaces identified by local communities as being demonstrably special and particularly important to them. The methodology and criteria for designating local green space is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraphs 76 & 77) and National Planning Policy Guidance.

Further details on the specific qualities and purposes of urban green space and local green space are discussed later in the Technical Paper.

Urban Green Space

- 1.4 National planning policy, as set out in the NPPF in paragraphs 70, 73 and 74, gives priority to the protection of open space, sport and recreation facilities. In Kirklees, this is reflected through the allocation of valuable open space, sport and recreation facilities in towns and villages (built-up areas not in the green belt) as urban green space in the Local Plan. Urban green spaces are defined as areas of open land identified as being particularly valuable for open space, sport, recreation, including for visual amenity, and may have wildlife value. Urban green spaces can have significant value in providing variety in towns and villages and contribute to the landscape. These can be in public and private ownership and not necessarily accessible to the public.
- 1.5 Urban green space sites were first allocated in the council's Unitary Development Plan (1999) as areas of urban open land of 0.4 hectares or above in size identified as being particularly valuable for sport, recreation, amenity or wildlife.
- 1.6 As part of the preparation for the Local Plan the council has undertaken a review of urban green space in Kirklees. This has identified important green spaces of public value in the towns and villages (built-up areas not in the green belt) requiring protection from development and meriting allocation as urban green space. The review has also identified those sites which no longer perform an urban green space function and therefore do not merit allocation as urban green space. The process of the urban green space review has involved the following:-
 - an assessment of existing urban green space sites as shown on the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (UDP) 1999, including a review of the boundaries;
 - the identification and assessment of potential new sites for allocation as urban green space in the Local Plan identified through the council's Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016);
 - an assessment of sites put forward for allocation as urban green space through the Call-for-Sites and Local Plan process; and
 - an assessment of requests to remove land from urban green space allocation put forward through the Local Plan process.
- 1.7 The Local Plan protects and allocates 500 open spaces, sport and recreation sites as urban green space. These are allocated on the Policies Map and are listed in Appendix 1 as accepted urban green space sites. The total area allocated as urban green space amounts to over 1631 hectares and represents an overall increase in the amount of urban green space compared to the total area shown as urban green space in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (1577 hectares). This increase is largely a result of new open space, sport and recreation facilities developed since the UDP requiring protection as urban green space and the protection of valuable open space, sport and recreational facilities removed from the green belt in the Local Plan as a consequence of accepting development options in the green belt. Further detail is set out in the outcomes of the urban green space assessment in paragraph 5.4.10.

- 1.8 The different types of open space allocated as urban green space in the Local Plan, together with their total areas, are shown in Table 1. A more detailed explanation of these open space types is set out in the Open Space Study Assessment Report 2015 (Revised 2016). Table 1 shows that the largest proportion of land allocated as urban green space (almost 22%) is the grounds of schools and colleges which includes associated playing fields and sports pitches.
- 1.9 Areas of woodland and trees represent just over 18% of land allocated as urban green space. Parks and recreation grounds account for 14% and outdoor sport pitches (including football, rugby and cricket pitches, as well as bowling greens and tennis courts) represent over 13% of land allocated as urban green space.

Table 1: Amount of Land Allocated as Urban Green Space by Open Space Type

Open Space Type	Urban Green Space (Ha)	% of Total Area of Urban Green Space (Ha)
School and college grounds, including associated playing fields and sports pitches	355.68	21.8
Woodlands & Trees	298.51	18.3
Parks and Recreation Grounds	228.48	14
Outdoor Sports, including playing pitches, bowling greens and tennis courts	218.47	13.39
Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	216.1	13.24
Cemeteries & Churchyards	90.47	5.55
Amenity Greenspace	85.03	5.21
Allotments	55.93	3.43
Green Corridors	27.18	1.67
Local Nature Reserves	17.09	1.05
Provision for Children & Young People	8.99	0.55
	1601.93*	98.19*

*Total area of urban green space (1632 ha) excluding buildings (e.g. school buildings, indoor sports centres, museums) and car parks within urban green space. This represents approximately 1.8% of the total area of urban green space.

Local Green Space

- 1.9 The National Planning Policy Framework (paragraphs 76 and 77) introduced a new local green space designation. These are green spaces that are of particular importance to local communities and so merit special protection from development. Potential sites for designation as local green space have been put forward by local communities as part of the Local Plan process. An assessment of these sites has been undertaken against the local green space criteria set out in National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance. The process for local green space designation and the outcomes of these assessments are also included in this paper.

- 1.10 The approach to local green space designation has been reviewed since the Draft Local Plan. Local green space is considered to be a high test designation which recognises sites that have unique special qualities compared to the allocation of urban green space which protects open spaces that are of public value to the local community. The designation approach has been amended to ensure consistency with NPPF and soundness to more robustly and effectively reflect the aims of local green space designation to protect the unique special qualities of land designated as local green space.

2 National Planning Context

- 2.1. The following information sets out some key points from the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) relating to open space, sport and recreation.
- 2.2 Open space is defined in the NPPF as “All open space of public value, including not just land, but also areas of water (such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs) which offer important opportunities for sport and recreation and can act as a visual amenity.”
- 2.3 National Planning Policy Guidance also states that “Open space, which includes all open space of public value, can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to open areas within a development, linear corridors and country parks. It can provide health and recreation benefits to people living and working nearby; have ecological value and contribute to green infrastructure (see NPPF paragraph 114), as well as being an important part of the landscape and setting of built development, and an important component in the achievement of sustainable development (see NPPF paragraphs 6-10)”.
- 2.4 NPPF (paragraph 70) sets out the requirement that in order to deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:-
 - plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments; and
 - guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day-to-day needs.
- 2.5 Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. NPPF (paragraph 73) requires that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required.

- 2.6 NPPF (paragraph 74) states that “Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:-
- an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
 - the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
 - the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss”.
- 2.7 NPPG refers local authorities to Sport England’s guidance on how to assess the need for sports and recreation facilities.
- 2.8 The NPPF introduced a new local green space designation which enables local communities to identify green spaces that are of particular importance to them for special protection in Local Plans or Neighbourhood Plans. Local green space designation will rule out development on these sites other than in very special circumstances. Guidance for identifying sites for local green space designation is provided in NPPF (paragraphs 76-78), which clarifies that most green areas or open space will not be appropriate for local green space designation. Guidance for designating local green space is also included in NPPG and set out in section 8 of this paper.

3 Local Context

The Kirklees Unitary Development Plan 1999 (UDP)

- 3.1 Urban Green Space, amounting to about 1577 hectares, was identified for protection in the Kirklees UDP. These included areas of urban open land of 0.4 hectares or above in size identified as being particularly valuable for sport, recreation, amenity or wildlife. Urban Green Spaces in both public and private ownership were identified, including all areas of public open space and school grounds containing playing fields. Parks, recreation grounds, natural and semi-natural greenspace such as woodlands and nature areas, play areas, allotments, public and private playing pitches, education sites with playing fields, amenity greenspace, churchyards and cemeteries were included in this designation.

Everybody Active – Kirklees Physical Activity & Sports Strategy (2015-2020)

- 3.2 This strategy aims to encourage everyone to be active whether this is through work, playing sport, travel or leisure. Being more active leads to significant gains in physical and mental health, builds vibrant, stronger communities and can make an economic contribution through improving skills and attracting inward investment.
- 3.3 It is recognised that the environment is crucial in activity levels and that green spaces, playgrounds and cycle lanes have a big impact on health by encouraging people to be active every day,

The Kirklees Joint Health and Well-being Strategy (2014-2020)

- 3.4 The shared aim of this strategy is to combine great quality of life and a strong and sustainable economy – leading to thriving communities, growing businesses, high prosperity and low inequality and where people enjoy better health throughout their lives. Open spaces that encourage physical activity and support positive emotional well-being are a key factor in delivering this aim in Kirklees.
- 3.5 One of the outcomes identified in the strategy is that by 2020 Kirklees people and their communities should take up opportunities that have a positive impact on their health and well-being, including through:
- access to green and open spaces and leisure services; and
 - spatial planning supporting a place-based approach to improving health and well-being encouraging health promoting environments.

4 Evidence Base

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 A number of studies have been carried out to assess the supply and demand for open spaces and playing pitch provision in Kirklees. A comprehensive Open Space Study was undertaken by consultants Knight, Kavanagh & Page in 2007 and later revised in 2010. These studies included an assessment of the quantity, quality, value and accessibility of open spaces, as well as looking at future needs and demand. They also identified recommendations to address the deficits and surpluses in open space provision across the district. A Playing Pitch Strategy for Kirklees was published in 2006 providing an analysis of playing pitch provision for football, rugby union, rugby league and cricket and identified where surplus and deficits occurred for grass pitches.

4.1.2 In order to help inform the preparation of the Kirklees Local Plan, and comply with the requirements in NPPF (paragraph 73) that local plans should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of local needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision, the following studies have been undertaken to provide up-dated evidence:-

- Kirklees Open Space Study Assessment Report 2015 (Revised 2016) which includes a council audit of the supply of open spaces;
- Kirklees Open Space Demand Assessment (2015);
- Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment Report 2015;
- Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan (2015) ;
- Kirklees Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategic Framework (2015);
- Kirklees Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategic Framework (2015) – Golf Needs Assessment Report.

4.2 Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016)

4.2.1 The Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) replaces the Open Space Study (2010). It includes an audit of the supply of open space, sport and recreation sites in Kirklees and brings this together with the findings of the Open Space Demand Assessment (2015). It includes existing sites allocated as urban green space in the UDP, new open spaces and open spaces smaller than 0.4 hectares in size.

4.2.2 The Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) aims to:-

- Evaluate the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space and recreation sites;
- Identify and analyse the key findings about open space provision across Kirklees by comparing the supply of open spaces with the demand assessment;
- Set and apply minimum district-wide open space provision standards to identify shortfalls against the standards; and
- Provide a robust and comprehensive evidence base to inform the allocation of urban green space sites in the Local Plan and help develop and implement related open space planning policies.

Open Space Standards

4.2.3 Information from the audit of open space provision as set out in the Open Space Study Assessment Report 2015 (Revised 2016) and the Open Space Demand Assessment (2015) have been used to inform the development of minimum district-wide standards for the quantity, quality and accessibility of different types of open space across Kirklees. These are used as a minimum benchmark against which to assess the current standard of provision compared against the district-wide standard. The standards are set out in Table 2 and have been applied to identify areas where current provision falls short of the standard (which are therefore deemed deficient in provision) and where provision exceeds the standard.

Table 2: Kirklees Minimum District Wide Open Space Standards

Type of Open Space	Standard	Kirklees Minimum District-Wide Standard
Parks & Recreation Grounds	Quantity	0.8 ha per 1,000 population
	Quality	Green Flag Award or 'High' rating in open space site assessment
	Accessibility	15 mins walk (720m) and/or 30 mins travel time to a major park
Amenity Greenspace	Quantity	0.3 ha per 1,000 population
	Quality	'High' rating in open space site assessment
	Accessibility	10 mins walk (480m)
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspace	Quantity	2.0 ha per 1,000 population
	Quality	'High' rating in open space site assessment
	Accessibility	15 mins (720m) and 2km of 20ha site
Allotments	Quantity	0.5 ha per 1,000 households
	Quality	Score of 60% on open space assessment (quality) 'High' rating in open space site assessment
	Accessibility	15 mins walk (720m)
Children & Young People	Quantity	No standard proposed
	Quality	Minimum through age play opportunities (0-16 years) to be available within a 15 mins walk (720m) of home. Ideally the range of opportunities should be available at one site (destination play areas) and each new or newly refurbished play area in Kirklees should provide the minimum play opportunities.
	Accessibility	15 mins walk (720m) for children's provision and 2km for youth facilities
Sport	No standards set as the Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy identifies deficiencies or surplus provision through a supply and demand analysis following Sport England's playing pitch methodology.	
Cemeteries /Churchyards	No standards set as provision is based on burial demand.	
Green Corridors	No standards set as the nature of green corridors means it is inappropriate to measure the area compared to local need as provision of green corridors is demand led.	

4.2.4 In order to set district-wide standards for the quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces in Kirklees, a cross-service project team was set up to discuss the approach to standard setting and agree the standards relevant for Kirklees. This team consisted of council officers from the Planning Policy, Communities and Leisure, Streetscene and Public Health sections of the council. This team considered the following to help inform and develop the standards and further detail is set out in Appendix 7:-

- the current level of provision;
- the results of consultation undertaken as part of the Kirklees Open Space Demand Assessment (2015);
- benchmarking with other local authority standards; and
- national standards where relevant.

4.2.5 The quantity standards have been used as benchmarks against which to assess the level of provision of parks and recreation grounds, natural and semi-natural greenspace, allotments and amenity greenspace in the wards in Kirklees. Applying the standards to the population in each ward identifies those areas where current provision falls short of the standard and which are therefore deemed deficient in open space (highlighted in red in Table 3). It also identifies wards where current provision exceeds the standard (highlighted in green in Table 3).

Table 3: Current Provision of Open Spaces Compared to the Minimum District-Wide Quantity Standards

Area	Ward	Parks & Recreation Grounds (ha per 1,000 population)	Natural and Semi-natural Greenspace (ha per 1,000 population)	Allotments (ha per 1,000 households)	Amenity Greenspace (ha per 1,000 population)
Batley & Spen	Batley East	0.29	0.40	0.13	0.36
	Batley West	0.81	1.70	0.10	0.26
	Birstall & Birkenshaw	3.23	0.60	0.22	0.79
	Cleckheaton	0.65	2.86	0.12	0.08
	Heckmondwike	0.54	0.67	0.39	0.43
	Liversedge & Gomersal	1.02	0.17	0.09	0.33
	Area Totals	1.06	1.05	0.17	0.37
Dewsbury & Mirfield	Dewsbury East	1.00	0.74	0.19	0.58
	Dewsbury South	0.90	0.58	0.67	0.23
	Dewsbury West	0.80	4.16	1.13	0.27
	Mirfield	0.45	0.37	0.37	0.33
	Area Totals	0.78	1.50	0.56	0.35
Huddersfield	Almondbury	0.65	2.12	0.68	0.18
	Ashbrow	0.45	6.49	0.57	0.34
	Crosland Moor & Netherton	1.16	0.48	0.79	0.22
	Dalton	0.98	5.47	0.35	0.28
	Greenhead	0.88	1.22	0.87	0.13
	Lindley	1.15	1.74	0.68	0.20
	Newsome	0.35	4.56	0.78	0.36
	Area Totals	0.80	3.15	0.68	0.24
Kirklees Rural	Colne Valley	0.31	1.42	0.52	0.24
	Denby Dale	0.50	7.23	0.31	0.51
	Golcar	0.34	0.80	0.10	0.15
	Home Valley North	0.69	0.80	0.23	0.01
	Holme Valley South	0.72	1.51	0.16	0.05
	Kirkburton	0.50	0.95	0.52	0.41
	Area Totals	0.51	2.06	0.30	0.22

Source: Kirklees Open Space Study Assessment Report 2015 (Revised 2016)

- 4.2.6 The findings from the Open Space Study Assessment Report 2015 (Revised 2016) show that all wards across Kirklees are deficient in at least one type of open space and that the Golcar, Holme Valley North and Holme Valley South wards are deficient in all four types of open space. A summary of the main findings for each different type of open spaces is set out below.
- 4.2.7 **Parks & Recreation Grounds** - the main deficiencies are in the Kirklees Rural and Huddersfield areas. All wards in the Kirklees Rural area fall short of the standard with the exception of Denby Dale ward. Within Huddersfield, there is a shortfall of provision in the Almondbury, Ashbrow and Newsome wards. Overall provision in the Batley & Spen area is above the standard, largely due to Oakwell Hall Country Park. However, provision in the Batley East ward is significantly below the standard and has the greatest deficiency in parks and recreation grounds of all wards in Kirklees. Provision in the Dewsbury & Mirfield area is almost at the standard, although provision in the Mirfield ward is significantly below the minimum benchmark standard.
- 4.2.8 **Natural and Semi-natural Greenspace** - the main deficiencies are in the Batley & Spen and Dewsbury & Mirfield areas, whilst provision overall in the Huddersfield and Kirklees Rural area is above the minimum benchmark standard.
- 4.2.9 **Amenity Greenspace** - the overall provision in the Batley & Spen and Dewsbury & Mirfield areas is above the benchmark standard. The majority of the wards within these areas are relatively well provided for in terms of amenity greenspace, except the Cleckheaton ward where provision is significantly below the standard. The most notable deficiencies in amenity green space provision are in the Kirklees Rural and Huddersfield areas, particularly in the Holme Valley North and Holme Valley South wards.
- 4.2.10 **Allotments** – there are deficiencies in allotments across all wards in the Batley & Spen area and most wards in the Kirklees Rural area, except for the Colne Valley and Kirkburton wards. Under provision of allotments in these areas is also evident from the waiting lists for council allotments as shown in the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016). This shows a high number of people on the waiting lists in the Batley & Spen and Kirklees Rural areas, indicating a high level of demand for allotments in these areas.

4.3 Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy (2015)

4.3.1 The Playing Pitch Strategy 2015 (PPS) sets out evidence and recommendations about the supply and demand of playing pitch provision across Kirklees. The scope of the strategy includes football, cricket, rugby union and rugby league pitches as well as artificial grass pitches. Crown green bowling and outdoor tennis are also included in the strategy.

4.3.2 The strategy has been developed in accordance with Sport England's approved methodology set out in the "Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An Approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy (2013)". The strategy is the result of collaboration between representatives from Kirklees Council, Sport England, West Yorkshire Sport and the National Governing Bodies of Football, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby League and Rugby Union. Consultation has taken place with stakeholders from all seven sports covered in the strategy.

4.3.3 The aims of the strategy are to provide:

- A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitches;
- A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock;
- A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision; and
- A prioritised area-by-area action plan to address key issues.

4.3.4 The findings from the PPS are drawn from a detailed assessment of the current and projected supply of and demand for playing pitches and a technical analysis of pitch quality and usage levels. The findings of these assessments provide the evidence of where provision needs further consideration and/or to be protected/ enhanced. This has informed the development of both strategic and sport-specific recommendations. The strategy also sets out site-by-site recommendations.

4.3.5 The quantitative headline findings from the Kirklees Playing Pitch Assessment Report, which forms part of the Playing Pitch Strategy (2015), are highlighted in Appendix 4 and show significant shortfalls in playing pitch provision for all pitch sports across Kirklees. The main shortfalls in meeting current demand are:-

- adult football (21.5 match equivalent sessions) and youth football (27.5 11v11 and 36.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions);
- 3G pitches across the district;
- cricket provision (235 match sessions per season); and
- senior rugby league pitches (shortfall of 80.5 match equivalent sessions) and junior (27.5 match equivalent sessions) and primary rugby league pitches (7.5 match equivalent sessions).

- 4.3.6 The PPS also identifies that playing pitch stock in Kirklees suffers from issues linked to poor quality and overuse, which are at risk of being exacerbated if cuts impact on site maintenance regimes.
- 4.3.7 The strategy looks at ways to reduce the identified shortfalls through a variety of recommendations and actions. In accordance with Sport England’s methodology, strategic recommendations are provided and designed to meet one of 3 key objectives. Each objective therefore comes with a series of recommendations as set out in Table 4.

Table 4: Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy Objectives and Recommendations

Playing Pitch Strategy Objective	Playing Pitch Strategy Recommendations
<p>Objective 1 To protect the existing supply of sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs</p>	<p>a. Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch Strategy, that sports facilities are protected through the implementation of policy. b. Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements. c. Maximise community use of outdoor sports facilities where there is a need to do so.</p>
<p>Objective 2 To enhance outdoor sports facilities through improving quality and management of sites</p>	<p>d. Improve pitch quality on poor quality sites. e. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites. f. Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding g. Secure developer contributions.</p>
<p>Objective 3 To provide new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.</p>	<p>h. Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current pitch stock. i. Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.</p>

Source: Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan 2015

4.3.8 The strategic recommendations set out in the PPS are supplemented by the sport-specific recommendations shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy Sport-Specific Recommendations

Sport	Playing Pitch Strategy Recommendation
Football	Seek to focus future investment in key football hub sites, to include improvement of changing facilities and creation of new 3G Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) to serve the game for training, affiliated match play and recreational football.
Cricket	Protect all current provision, including local authority pitches for Sunday cricket, and work to reduce overplay on club sites.
Rugby Union	Work towards reducing overplay at club sites and increase the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities as required.
Rugby League	Protect current provision and work towards improving quality and reducing overplay.
Hockey	Protect current provision and improve pitch quality where possible and appropriate.
Bowls	Maximise access to existing provision.
Tennis	Maximise access to existing provision and work towards improving the quality of provision.

Source: Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan (2015)

4.4 Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategic Framework (2015)

4.4.1 The Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategic Framework (2015) has been carried out by consultants and sets out evidence and recommendations about the supply and demand of built leisure and sports facilities across Kirklees. The scope of the strategy includes sports halls, swimming pools, health and fitness, gymnastic and dance, squash, indoor bowls, indoor tennis, table tennis, athletics, cycling, golf, combat sports, snow and ice.

4.4.2 The framework has been developed in accordance with Sport England's guidance "Assessing Needs and Opportunities" (April 2014). The aims of the framework are to:-

- provide an evidence base which can be used to inform capital spending decisions or support future funding bids to external agencies in light of the significant financial pressures faced by the council and other providers;
- support bids by local clubs and organisations to external funding opportunities;
- provide an up-to-date analysis of leisure and sports provision in Kirklees;
- help inform the development of a new Local Plan for Kirklees.

5 Urban Green Space Review: Assessment and Allocation of Urban Green Space

5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 The purpose of the Urban Green Space review is to:-

- assess existing urban green space sites as shown on the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (UDP) 1999, including a review of the boundaries;
- identify and assess potential new sites for allocation as urban green space in the Local Plan identified through the council's Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016);
- assess sites put forward for allocation as urban green space through the Call-for-Sites and Local Plan process;
- assess requests to remove land from urban green space allocation put forward through the Local Plan process.

5.1.2 These sites have been assessed to determine their qualities and suitability for allocation as urban green space. The assessment has involved the following stages:-

- identification of sites;
- a technical assessment; and
- an overall conclusion about the importance of a site as an open space, sport or recreation facility requiring protection and allocation as urban green space.

5.2 Identification of sites

Sources of sites

5.2.1 The following sources of sites have been included in the urban green space review:-

- existing urban green spaces identified in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan 1999;
- open space sites of 0.4 hectares or above in size identified in the Kirklees Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) and Playing Pitch Strategy (2015); and
- sites submitted to the council to be considered for allocation as urban green space in the Local Plan.

5.2.2 A review of urban green space boundaries has also been undertaken to exclude areas not in open space, sport or recreation use, including areas of built development and private gardens where these do not perform or contribute to an urban green space function.

Site Size

5.2.3 The size limit for the allocation of sites as urban green space has been set at 0.4 hectares. There are, however, sites below this size limit which the council recognises provide valuable green space within the town and villages. Sites below 0.4 hectares are included in the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) and sites assessed as having high or medium value as open space or recommended to be retained as open space are given the same level of protection as urban green space through the Local Plan Urban Green Space Policy (policy PLP61).

5.3 Technical Assessment

5.3.1 The technical assessment of existing and potential urban green space sites has been informed by the following evidence:-

- The Kirklees Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016);
- The Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy (2015);
- The Kirklees Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategy Framework (2015);
- The Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network (2015);
- The Kirklees Joint Health and Well-being Strategy (2014-2020).

Kirklees Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016)

5.3.2 The findings of the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) have been used to help inform the allocation of sites as urban green space. The following types of open space classifications have been identified where they occur within each site included in the study and some sites may contain more than one type of open space:-

- Parks and recreation grounds
- Natural and semi-natural greenspace
- Amenity greenspace
- Allotments and community food growing
- Cemeteries and churchyards
- Provision for children and young people
- Outdoor sports facilities, including playing pitches and education sites
- Green corridor

5.3.3 The types of open spaces present on each urban green space option are identified in Appendix 1 (Accepted Urban Green Space Sites) and Appendix 2 (Rejected Urban Green Space Sites). Some urban green space sites contain more than one type of open space. Where this is the case, these sites have been split into the different types of open space classification present on the site and each classification has been considered on its individual merits. Each site has an overall open space reference number and a separate open space classification number(s) relating to the different types of open space present on the site.

- 5.3.4 As part of the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) not all types of open space have been subject to an open space assessment. This is explained in the Open Space Study Assessment Report and paragraphs 5.4.2 to 5.4.7 of this paper. Open space site assessments have been carried out for parks and recreation grounds, natural and semi-natural greenspace (except woodlands), amenity greenspaces and allotments. Each open space assessment has been given a high, medium or low rating based on the evaluation of their physical, social, environmental and visual qualities to determine their relative public value.
- 5.3.5 The results of the open space assessments have been considered in determining the allocation of sites as urban green space. Where only one open space assessment is relevant to the urban green space, this assessment rating has been recorded as the open space assessment shown in Appendices 1 and 2. For example, the types of open spaces identified on site UGS1114 Greenhead Park, Huddersfield (Open Space Site Ref 608) are park, outdoor sport and equipped play (see Appendix 1). Only the land classified as a park has been subject to an open space assessment in accordance with the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) methodology. This assessment is shown in the Open Space Study Assessment Report 2015 (Revised 2016) at Appendix 6 as open space site ref 608 (class number 621) and is rated as a high value open space. As such, this high open space assessment rating is recorded in the technical assessment of the Urban Green Space Review for site UGS1114 as shown in Appendix 1.
- 5.3.6 Some urban green space sites will have more than one open space assessment where the types of open space present on the site have been classified as a park or recreation ground, natural and semi-natural greenspace (except woodlands), amenity greenspace or allotments. Where this is the case, sites have been given an overall open space assessment for the purposes of the Urban Green Space Review. The outcomes of the open space assessments for the individual classifications of sites have been combined to provide an overall open space site assessment to take account of the qualities and relative value of the urban green space as a whole. For example, two types of open space on site UGS1204 (Open Space Ref 700) Hawkroyd Bank Recreation Ground and Allotments have an open space assessment: the land classified as recreation ground and the land classified as allotments. The open space assessment rating for the recreation ground is shown in the Open Space Study Assessment Report 2015 (Revised 2016) at Appendix 6 for Open Space Ref 700 (class number 606) as medium. Whereas, the open space assessment rating for the allotments is shown in the Open Space Study Assessment Report 2015 (Revised 2016) at Appendix 9 for Open Space Ref 700 (class number 605) as high but quality condition poor. Taking account of the qualities and value of the urban green space as a whole, the overall open space site assessment for this site has therefore been recorded as medium.

5.3.7 The overall open space assessment is set out in Table 6 and shown as the open space assessment in the technical assessment of sites in Appendix 1 and 2.

Table 6: Overall Open Space Site Assessment

Overall Open Space Site Assessment	Site assessed as having high value as open space in terms of its physical, social, environmental or visual qualities. Includes sites rated high overall with more than one open space assessment.
	Site assessed as having medium value as open space in terms of its physical, social, environmental or visual qualities. Includes sites rated medium overall with more than one open space assessment.
	Sites assessed as having low value as open space in terms of its physical, social, environmental or visual qualities.

Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy (2015)

5.3.5 Site specific recommendations set out in the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan (2015) have also been used to help inform the allocation of sites as urban green space. Specific recommendations and actions are provided for each site included in the PPS as follows:-

- **Protect** playing pitch provision irrespective of ownership and degree of community access and use;
- **Enhance** existing provision to make the best use of existing provision through improved quality of the playing surface and ancillary facilities, securing community uses and better management arrangements; and
- **Provide** possible solutions to help provide new playing pitch provision.

5.3.6 Due to the significant shortfalls in playing pitch provision across Kirklees almost all sites in the PPS are recommended to be protected. The recommendations from the PPS have been recorded in the urban green space assessment as shown in Appendix 1 (Accepted Urban Green Space Sites) and Appendix 2 (Rejected Urban Green Space Sites). Sites identified with a green PPS rating in the urban green space assessments have been recommended for protection in the PPS, whereas sites with a red PPS flag have been identified as potentially surplus. For example, site UGS544 Gomersal Cricket Club (Open Space Site Ref 544) is identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan (2015) as a cricket pitch (Open Space Site Ref OLS544) with the recommendation to protect it on the basis it is an important site for cricket in the area.

Kirklees Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategic Framework (2015)

5.3.7 The overall implications of the Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategic Framework (2015) have been noted in the assessment of urban green spaces where these are relevant to the site. However, in many cases their built form would not be appropriate for urban green space allocation.

Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network (2015)

5.3.8 West Yorkshire Ecology has identified the Wildlife Habitat Network in Kirklees which connects designated sites of biodiversity and geological importance and notable habitat links. It is intended to protect and strengthen ecological links within the district and to adjoining authorities. Further detail about the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network is included in the Environmental Designations Technical Paper. Where an existing and potential urban green space sites is identified as being within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network, this is noted in the Urban Green Space Assessment and is shown in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

Kirklees Public Health Assessment

5.3.9 Kirklees Public Health has provided ward data from the evidence base for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2014-2020) regarding five indicators of public health where land use planning could have an influence. These indicators are:-

- levels of obesity (adults and children);
- physical activity levels;
- rates of emergency admission due to respiratory disease;
- rates of adults feeling lonely or isolated in the over 65's;
- rates of adults feeling lonely or isolated in the under 65's.

5.3.10 Health issues have been identified for any ward within Kirklees that ranked within the top 5 on any of the above indicators or ranked within the top 5 of the Index of Multiple Deprivation. These wards, together with the associated public health indicators, are shown in Table 7.

Table 7: Public Health Indicators

Ward	Levels of Obesity	Physical Activity Levels	Rates of Emergency Admission due to Respiratory Disease	Rates of Adults Feeling Lonely or Isolated
Ashbrow	Higher than the Kirklees average.			In the under 65's are higher than the Kirklees average.
Batley East			Higher than the Kirklees average.	
Batley West	Higher than the Kirklees average.			In the under 65s are higher than the Kirklees average.
Cleckheaton			Higher than the Kirklees average.	
Colne Valley		Lower than the Kirklees average.		
Crosland Moor & Netherton	Higher than the Kirklees average.			In the under and over 65s are higher than the Kirklees average.
Dalton			Higher than the Kirklees average.	In the under and over 65s are higher than the Kirklees average.
Dewsbury East	Higher than the Kirklees average.		Higher than the Kirklees average.	In the over 65s are higher than the Kirklees average.
Dewsbury West	Higher than the Kirklees average.	Lower than the Kirklees average.	The highest in the district.	In the under 65s are higher than the Kirklees average.
Heckmondwike	Higher than the Kirklees average.			
Mirfield		Lower than the Kirklees average.		
Holme Valley North		Lower than the Kirklees average.		
Holme Valley South		Lower than the Kirklees average.		

5.3.11 The specific public health indicators which have been identified in these wards have been recorded against the urban green space options. Sites have been given a green public health rating, as indicated in Table 8, where they are located in a ward with significant health inequalities and this is shown in the urban green space assessments set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. Where this is the case, green spaces can help reduce health inequalities through their availability as opportunities for physical activity and a healthier lifestyle.

Table 8: Public Health Assessment

Public Health Indicators	Significant degree of health inequalities have been identified in the ward
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Open Space Deficiencies

5.3.12 District-wide standards for the quantity of different types of open space have been set in the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016). These have been used as minimum benchmark standards against which to assess the current standard of open space provision. The standards have been applied at a ward level to identify areas where the current quantity of open space falls short of the standard and are therefore deemed deficient in open space. Where relevant, this ward information has been recorded against urban green space options as set out below in Table 9 and shown in Appendix 1 and 2.

Table 9: Open Space Deficiencies Assessments

Open Space Deficiencies	Quantity of open space in the ward is below the district-wide standard for one or more types of open space present on the site.
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Technical Assessment Conclusion

5.3.13 The technical assessment of sites has been taken into account in determining an overall conclusion about the importance of each site as an open space, sport or recreation facility. The conclusion for each site has been categorised as set out in Table 9 below and shown as the summary outcome for each site is shown in Appendix 1 (Accepted Urban Green Space sites) and Appendix 2 (Rejected Urban Green Space sites).

Table 10: Technical Assessment Summary Outcome

Conclusion	Important open space, sport or recreation site required to meet local needs and meriting allocation as urban green space. Includes sites recommended for protection in the Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy (2015).
	Open space, sport or recreation site may be required to meet local needs or help address open space deficiencies or health inequalities in the area.
	Site is not considered to be in open space, sport or recreation use or has been assessed as low value in the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) and is not required to meet local needs. Includes sites identified as potentially surplus to requirements in the Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy (2015).

5.4 Allocation as Urban Green Space

5.4.1 The decision to accept or reject sites for allocation as urban green space in the Local Plan has been based on the technical assessment and overall summary outcome for the site. The decision to accept or reject an urban green space option is based on the following:

Accept	Sites rated with a green or amber summary outcome in the technical assessment having sufficient justification for allocation as urban green space.
Reject	<p>Sites rated with a red summary outcome in the technical assessment. Sites rated with an amber summary outcome in the technical assessment having insufficient justification as allocation as urban green space.</p> <p>Sites rated with a green summary outcome in the technical assessment but accepted as a development option requiring replacement pitch provision or proposed mitigation measures.</p> <p>Sites rated with a green summary outcome in the technical assessment for which an overlapping urban green space option has been accepted on a larger site area.</p>

Site Specific Issues

5.4.2 Not all types of open space have been formally assessed as part of the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016). These include the following uses: sites in educational use, woodlands, cemeteries and churchyards and green corridors. In the towns and villages, these sites have been allocated as urban green space in the Local Plan and the justification for this approach is set out below.

Site in educational use

5.4.3 Sites in educational use, such as the grounds of schools and colleges, have been allocated as urban green space where they contain playing fields and sports pitches. This is because they represent an extensive and valuable open space asset important for meeting both educational and outdoor sport needs, particularly where playing pitches are available for community use outside school hours.

5.4.4 The Playing Pitch Strategy 2015 (PPS) includes sites in educational use where they contain football, rugby, cricket or hockey pitches which are used or available for use by the community. The quality of these sites and their contribution to playing pitch provision across the district has been assessed as part of the PPS.

5.4.5 The evidence and site specific recommendations from the PPS support the allocation of sites in educational use as urban green space. For example, a number of football pitches are identified at Nether Hall High School (Open Space Site Ref 644) in the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan (2015) with the recommendation to protect the site for school use and community use. As such, this recommendation to protect the playing pitches on this site is recognised as a green rating for the PPS in the technical assessment of the Urban Green Space Review for site UGS1149.

Woodlands

5.4.6 Woodlands form an important habitat and in many cases provide important areas for recreational activities. Many of the woodlands allocated as urban green space are protected by tree preservation orders; some are areas of ancient woodland and in many cases form part of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. These sites are significant in terms of their visual amenity, recreational use and habitat value.

Cemeteries and churchyards

5.4.7 Cemeteries and churchyards are often established uses of land and are deemed to merit designation as Urban Green Space based on their amenity, historic and cultural value.

Green corridors

5.4.8 Some open spaces are identified as green corridors in the Open Space Study 2015 (Revised 2016) including greenways, cycleways and pedestrian routes. Where these form part of the core walking and cycling network or the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network, these sites have been protected as urban green space.

5.4.9 The green corridor designation shown on the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan has been replaced by two separate designations in the Local Plan: the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network and the Core Walking and Cycling Network. Further detail about the Wildlife Habitat Network is set out in the Environmental Designations Technical Paper.

Outcomes of the Urban Green Space Assessment

5.4.10 The outcome of each urban green space assessment is shown in Appendix 1 (Accepted Urban Green Space Sites) and Appendix 2 (Rejected Urban Green Space sites). The Urban Green Space Review has resulted in:-

- 500 sites, covering over 1631 hectares, are allocated as urban green space in the Local Plan.
- Allocation of new urban green space sites not previously identified in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (UDP), e.g. new recreation grounds, new areas of public open space provided through recent housing developments, new allotment sites and community gardens. These also include some established open spaces not previously protected as urban green space in the UDP.
- Rejection of some sites as unsuitable or unjustified for allocation as urban green space, including sites now developed, sites with planning permission for development, sites no longer required as open space and identified as surplus to requirements, sites not in an open space use and sites too small for urban green space allocation.
- The review has also resulted in changes to some urban green space boundaries, particularly where parts of a site are no longer open space and/or do not perform an urban green space function.
- Allocation of a small number of new urban green space sites which are proposed to be removed from the green belt as a consequence of accepting development options in the green belt. This has resulted in the following valuable open space, sport and recreation facilities being removed from the green belt which have been assessed and are considered to merit allocation as urban green space to ensure their continued protection:-
 - UGS3333 Liversedge Cricket Ground, Roberttown Lane, Roberttown
 - UGS2724 Land adjacent 165 Barnsley Road, Denby Dale
 - UGS3332 Whitechapel Church of England Primary School, Whitechapel Road, Cleckheaton
 - UGS2489 East Bierley Recreation Ground, Hunsworth Lane, East Bierley
 - UGS3370 Broad Oak Bowling Green, Cowersley Lane, Linthwaite
 - UGS3320 Park Hill Wood, Park Hill, Bradley

6 Urban Green Space Review: Options Submitted for Allocation as Urban Green Space

- 6.1. The council has received sites put forward through the Call for Sites process and the Draft Local Plan consultation to be considered for allocation as urban green space in the Local Plan. These sites have been assessed as options through the Local Plan process and a technical assessment undertaken in accordance with section 5.3.
- 6.2 Sites accepted for allocation as urban green space in the Local Plan are shown in Appendix 1 and rejected sites in Appendix 2.

7 Urban Green Space Review: Options to Remove Land from Urban Green Space

- 7.1 The council has received a number of sites for consideration to remove land from urban green space allocations, including amendments to urban green space boundaries. These proposals have been assessed as options through the Local Plan process and where appropriate these changes have been made if the land does not perform an urban green space function. The evaluation used is set out below:

Accept	The land is not in open space, sport or recreation use performing an urban green space function or does not form an integral part of a wider urban green space.
Reject	The land forms part of an open space, sport or recreation use performing an urban green space function or is an integral part of a wider urban green space.

- 7.2 Accepted requests to remove land from allocation as urban green space, including boundary changes, are shown Appendix 3 and rejected options shown in Appendix 4.

8 Local Green Space

8.1 Introduction

8.1.1 The NPPF introduced a new local green space designation which enables local communities to identify green spaces that are of particular importance to them for special protection in Local Plans or Neighbourhood Plans. In accordance with national planning policy, the local green space designation will rule out development on these sites other than in very special circumstances.

8.2 National Planning Context

8.2.1 The NPPF (paragraph 76) states that “Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Space should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the plan period”.

8.2.2 NPPF (paragraph 77) states that “The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.”

8.2.3 Local policy for managing development within a local green space should be consistent with policy for Green Belts (NPPF, paragraph 78).

8.2.4 Additional guidance is provided in the National Planning Practice Guidance. This states that “Local green space designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Exceptions could be where the development would be compatible with the reasons for designation.”

8.2.5 Designating any local green space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in sustainable locations to meet identified development need and the local green space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making (NPPG).

8.2.6 NPPG states that sites nominated by the public for local green space need to meet the criteria set out in NPPF (paragraph 77) and the decision whether to designate land as local green space is a matter of local discretion.

8.2.7 Provided the site can meet the criteria of paragraph 77 in NPPF, there is no lower size limit for a local green space.

8.2.8 NPPG states that different types of designation are intended to achieve different purposes. If land is already protected by designation, then consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as local green space.

8.3 Local Green Space Assessment

8.3.1 The council has received a number of requests, including through the Local Plan consultation process, proposing land for designation as local green space in the Local Plan. These sites have been assessed against the local green space criteria set out in the NPPF (paragraphs 76-78) and guidance in NPPG.

8.3.2 The council has used the following methodology in compliance with national policy to determine the suitability of designating land as local green space.

8.3.3 Land with planning permission for development will rarely be designated as local green space unless the local green space can be accommodated within the site as part of the development or where the planning permission is no longer capable of being implemented. Similarly, the site should not be allocated for development in a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan unless the local green space can be accommodated within the site as part of the development. The local green space should be capable of enduring beyond the plan period.

8.3.4 A local green space should meet the criteria listed below:-

- The local green space should be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves, usually within easy walking distance.
- The local green space should be local in character and not an extensive tract of land. Blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements is not appropriate.

8.3.5 In addition, a local green space must be demonstrably special and hold a particular local significance and should therefore also meet **at least one** of the following criteria:-

- Beauty – the site makes a significant visual contribution to the street scene or visual attractiveness of the area;
- Historic significance – the site makes a significant contribution to the setting of a locally valued landmark or has significant cultural value;
- Recreational value – the site provides an important asset for the wider community for a particular sport or recreational purpose;

- Tranquillity – the site provides a specifically peaceful and tranquil space within a settlement;
- Richness of its wildlife – the site is recognised as a priority habitat with a reasonable species diversity or harbours priority species (listed in the UK priority habitats and species list or Kirklees Biodiversity Action Plan) and is managed to benefit the ecological interests; or
- Other significant community value relating to the unique and special qualities of the site, such as a role in bringing the local community together and providing community cohesion, or its role as an asset of community value.

8.3.6 The approach to local green space designation has been reviewed since the Draft Local Plan. Local green space is considered to be a high test designation which recognises sites that have unique special qualities compared to the allocation of urban green space which protects open spaces that are of public value to the local community.

8.3.7 The designation approach has been amended to ensure consistency with NPPF and soundness to more robustly and effectively reflect the aims of local green space designation to protect green spaces that have unique qualities which are demonstrably special. In particular the criteria ‘other reason’ relating to the ‘demonstrably special and particular local significance’ test has been strengthened to recognise sites that have significant local community value in terms of their unique special qualities e.g. role in providing community cohesion or status as an asset of community value.

8.3.8 Some of the sites put forward for local green space designation are already protected through other allocations or policy designations, such as urban green space allocation or green belt policy. Where sites are already protected the council has considered whether any additional benefit would be gained by designation as local green space.

8.3.9 Sites already subject to statutory designation, such as Historic Parks & Gardens or Scheduled Ancient Monuments, have high levels of protection and would not necessarily benefit from an additional local designation. Similarly, sites within the curtilage of a listed building or conservation area or subject to a tree preservation order do not necessarily need additional protection as local green space as their importance and contribution to the area must be considered if a planning application is submitted within or near these sites.

8.3.10 The outcome of the local green space assessment is shown in Appendix 5. The results of the revised assessment are that 3 sites meet the local green space criteria and have therefore been accepted for designation as local green space in the Local Plan. These are:-

- LocGS2124 Highfields Community Orchard;
- LocGS2669 Shepley Village Green; and
- LocGS3334 Savoy Square, Cleckheaton.

8.3.11 22 sites do not meet the local green space criteria, as shown in Appendix 5, and have therefore been rejected for designation as local green space in the Local Plan. These include 17 sites put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan process.

Appendix 1: Accepted Urban Green Space sites

Local Plan Ref	Open Space Ref	Site Area (Ha)	Address	Type of open space							Technical Assessment				
				Parks and Recreation Grounds	Natural/semi natural GS	Amenity green space	Allotments	Green corridor	Outdoor sports	Play	Education	Churchyards/Cemeteries	Woodland	Open Space Assessment	Playing pitch strategy
Batley and Spen			Batley East												
UGS1003a	496	0.66	Carlton J&I School Playing Fields & Batley Carr Community Green, Upper Road, Dewsbury												
UGS1255	755	0.86	All Saints Church, Stock Lane, Batley												
UGS1256	756	0.55	Bath Street Play Area, Batley												
UGS1295	797	0.6	Carr House Park, Rock House Drive, Dewsbury												
UGS1432	160	0.45	West Street Recreation Ground, Soothill												
UGS1462	269	1.41	Zakaria Muslim Girls High School & Grafton St Open Space, Batley												
UGS1476	947	0.55	Land off Oxford Terrace, Batley												
UGS1478	954	1.13	Land rear of Broomwalk, Soothill												
UGS972	465	13.57	Batley Business & Enterprise College, Batley												
UGS975	468	2.16	Batley Field Hill Open Space, Batley												
UGS979	472	0.43	Mayman Lane Play Area, Batley												
UGS980	473	0.42	Batley Memorial Park, Cambridge Street, Batley												
UGS982	475	2.21	Lydgate Junior & Infant School, Soothill												
UGS984	477	1.32	Victoria Avenue Open Space, Batley												
UGS985	478	0.47	Albion Street Playing Field, Albion Street, Batley												
UGS986	479	0.6	Soothill Open Space & Soothill Bowling Club, France Street, Soothill												
UGS990	483	5.19	Hyrtlands Park & Cricket Ground, Staincliffe												
UGS991	484	14.88	Mount Pleasant Stadium, Hyrtmount School, Batley Cricket Club & Hyrtmount STP, Mount Pleasant												
Batley and Spen			Batley West												
UGS1000	493	2.78	St Josephs Catholic Primary School, Dewsbury												
UGS1257	757	1.72	Jessop Park, Batley												
UGS1258	758	0.47	Open Space, Bunkers lane, Staincliffe												
UGS1259	759	0.44	Manor Way Open Space, Staincliffe												
UGS1523	1178	0.55	The Crossings, Church Road, Birstall												
UGS2917	83	0.65	Woodlands Road Allotments & Little Wood, Woodlands Road, Batley												

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Batley and Spen			Liversedge & Gomersal																	
UGS1049	542	3.66	Shirley Recreation Ground, Shirley Road, Gomersal										y	y						
UGS1050	543	0.91	Gomersal St Mary's Primary School, Shirley Avenue, Gomersal																	
UGS1051	544	1.24	Gomersal Cricket Club, Oxford Road, Gomersal																	
UGS1052	545	2.58	Sugden Park Recreation Ground, Upper Lane, Gomersal										y							
UGS1069	562	1.57	Lynfield Recreation Ground, Hightown Heights										y							
UGS1070	563	1.49	High Bank F & N School & Windy Bank Lane Play Area, Hightown											y						
UGS1072	565	1.55	Miry Lane Recreation Ground, Miry Lane, Hightown											y						
UGS1073	566	1.71	Headlands Junior, Infant & Nursery School, Liversedge																	
UGS1074	567	1.32	Millbridge Park, Sampson Street, Heckmondwike										y							
UGS1076	569	2.07	Spen Valley High School, Roberttown Lane, Roberttown																	
UGS1078	571	0.47	Liversedge Tennis Club, Huddersfield Road, Roberttown																	
UGS1081	574	1.97	Hartshead Recreation Ground, School Lane, Hartshead										y							
UGS1098	592	0.95	Firthcliffe Recreation Ground, Off Firthcliffe Road, Littleton										y							
UGS1099	593	0.85	Firthcliffe Road Recreation Ground, Firthcliffe Road, Littleton										y	y						
UGS1268	768	0.7	St Mary's Church, Shirley Road, Gomersal																	
UGS1275	775	1.81	Christ Church, Church Lane, Millbridge																	
UGS1479	955	1.08	Land at Fearnley Croft, Gomersal											y						
UGS3333	112	1.92	Liversedge Cricket Ground, Roberttown Lane, Roberttown																	
Dewsbury and Mirfield			Dewsbury East																	
UGS1004	497	2.45	Rock House Park, Rock House Drive, Dewsbury										y							
UGS1005	498	6.64	Bywell Junior School & Bywell Playing Fields, Dewsbury																	
UGS1009	502	0.78	Caulms Wood Recreation Ground, Dewsbury										y							
UGS1010	503	7.64	Manor Croft Academy, Old Bank Road, Earlsheaton																	
UGS1012	505	2.15	Woodland Adjacent Eastfield Mills, Sands Lane, Dewsbury																	
UGS1013	506	8.49	Earlsheaton Park, Cross Park Street, Earlsheaton										y							
UGS1014	507	7.27	Earlsheaton Cemetery & Wakefield Road Playing Fields, Earlsheaton										y							

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Dewsbury and Mirfield			Mirfield															
UGS1095	589	1.12	Ings Grove Park, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield	y	y	y				y								
UGS1096	590	4.62	Crowlees Junior & Infant School & Mirfield Showground, Mirfield			y		y		y								
UGS1097	591	5.3	Mirfield Memorial Ground, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield	y				y	y									
UGS1270	770	1.22	Nab Lane Allotments, Mirfield				y											
UGS1271	771	1.71	Francis Street Allotments & Adjacent Open Space, Mirfield			y	y											
UGS1272	772	1.76	Back Station Road Allotments, Lower Hopton				y											
UGS1273	773	2.01	Open land north of railway, Hurst Lane, Lowlands									y						
UGS1274	774	0.5	Public Open Space, Wilson Terrace, Mirfield			y												
UGS1303	805	1.07	Land at Jackroyd Lane, Mirfield		y													
UGS1531	1432	1.18	Wellhouse Lane Football Ground, Mirfield					y										
UGS2332	576	4.86	Mirfield Free Grammar School Playing Fields, Slipper Lane, Mirfield					y		y								
Huddersfield			Almondbury															
UGS1160	655	4.9	Ravensknowle Park, Wakefield Road, Moldgreen	y				y	y									
UGS1164	659	0.83	Ravensknowle Road Allotments & Bowling Green, Almondbury Bank			y	y	y										
UGS1165	660	1.13	Somerset Road Allotments, Almondbury				y					y						
UGS1166	661	0.43	Land to north of, 33-55, Forest Road, Moldgreen		y													
UGS1167	662	1.89	Kidroyd Recreation Ground, Somerset Road, Almondbury	y					y									
UGS1168	663	2.53	Almondbury Bank, Almondbury		y							y						
UGS1169	664	10.49	Land north of, Fernside Avenue, Almondbury		y							y						
UGS1170	665	2.04	Fleminghouse Lane Allotments, Fleminghouse Lane, Almondbury			y	y											
UGS1171	666	13.81	Almondbury Cricket Club, High School & Almondbury Sports Centre, Almondbury					y		y								
UGS1172	667	2.48	Land rear of Benomley Crescent, Almondbury		y													
UGS1173	668	3.12	Almondbury Junior School, Southfield Road, Almondbury					y		y								
UGS1174	669	3.08	Fernside Park, Southfield Rd, Almondbury	y				y	y									
UGS1175	670	2.1	Open Space adjacent 149, Fleminghouse Lane, Almondbury			y						y						

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				Parks and Recreation Grounds	Natural/semi natural GS	Amenity green space	Allotments	Green corridor	Outdoor sports	Play	Education	Churchyards/Cemeteries	Woodland	Open Space Assessment	Playing pitch strategy	Wildlife Habitat Network	Public Health	Open Space Deficiencies	Summary Outcome	
Huddersfield			Dalton																	
UGS1471	929	1.4	Wood Street Recreation Ground, Moldgreen	y	y						y									
UGS1529	1261	0.69	Carr Pitt Road Allotments, Moldgreen					y												
UGS955	448	1.48	Kirkheaton Primary School, New Road, Kirkheaton									y								
UGS956	449	0.74	Moorside Road Open Space, Moorside Road, Kirkheaton			y														
UGS957	450	0.55	Fields Rise Recreation Ground, Fields Rise, Kirkheaton	y						y										
UGS958	451	0.43	Town Road Allotments & Bowling Green, Town Road, Kirkheaton					y		y				y						
UGS959	452	1.37	Kirkheaton Cemetery, Lane Side, Kirkheaton											y						
Huddersfield			Greenhead																	
UGS1105	599	9	St Patrick's School, Cricket Club, Burial Ground & Clayton Fields Allotments, Birkby					y		y		y	y	y						
UGS1106	600	1.15	Land between Kaffir Road & Halifax Road, Edgerton											y						
UGS1107	601	15.9	Cemetery, Tennis Club, Highfield's Playing Fields, Osbourne Rd/Cemetery Rd Allotments, Highfield's					y		y		y	y							
UGS1112	606	0.58	Smiths Avenue Recreation Ground, Marsh	y						y	y									
UGS1113	607	0.87	Jim Lane Recreation Ground, Meadow Street, Marsh	y							y									
UGS1114	608	13.67	Greenhead Park, Park Drive, Greenhead	y						y	y									
UGS1116	610	4.8	Dingle Rd Recreation Ground & Jim Lane Allotments, Gledholt	y			y							y						
UGS1117	611	11.52	Gledholt Woods LNR & Branch Street Allotments, Huddersfield				y	y		y				y						
UGS1118	612	2.46	Greenhead College, Greenhead Road, Huddersfield							y		y								
UGS1120	614	1.88	Paddock Cricket Ground & Bowling Club, Church Street, Paddock			y				y										
UGS1121	615	3.05	Land off Gledholt Bank, Gledholt Bank			y								y						
UGS1122	616	0.45	Dingle Road Open Space, Paddock			y								y						
UGS1132	626	7.47	Fartown Arena, York Ave Rec Ground & Scale Hill Allotments, Fartown	y		y	y			y	y									
UGS1134	628	1.54	Norman Park, Norman Road, Birkby	y							y									
UGS1135	629	0.75	Jack Hill Park, Jack Hill, Birkby	y						y										
UGS1445	188	0.41	Brayside Avenue Allotments, Cowcliffe			y	y													
UGS1446	189	1.92	Woodland, Ashleigh Dale, Birkby											y						

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				Parks and Recreation Grounds	Natural/semi natural GS	Amenity green space	Allotments	Green corridor	Outdoor sports	Play	Education	Churchyards/Cemeteries	Woodland	Open Space Assessment	Playing pitch strategy
Kirklees Rural			Golcar												
UGS1208	704	0.82	Former St. Lukes Church, Manchester Road, Milnsbridge												
UGS1210	706	1.27	Cowlersley Primary School, Cowlersley												
UGS1211	707	0.93	Jubilee Recreation Ground, Cowlersley												
UGS1212	708	0.99	Leymoor Cricket Club, Golcar												
UGS1213	709	1.74	Golcar Cricket & Athletic Club, Golcar												
UGS1214	710	11.14	Golcar Flatts, Golcar Schools, Recreation Ground & Moorcroft Ave Allotments, Golcar												
UGS1215	711	4.2	Beech County Junior & Infant School & Longfield Avenue Rec Ground, Golcar												
UGS1216	712	0.84	St John's Church, Church St, Golcar												
UGS1217	713	3.45	Longwood Edge, Longwood												
UGS1218	714	2.29	Land to the north of Longwood Gate, Longwood Edge												
UGS1220	716	0.57	Spark Street Recreation Ground, Longwood												
UGS1221	717	0.48	Longwood Gate Allotments, Prospect Road, Longwood												
UGS1222	718	1.95	Land between Prospect Road & Grove Street, Longwood												
UGS1457	204	0.42	Hexham Green, Glastonbury Drive, Milnsbridge												
Kirklees Rural			Holme Valley North												
UGS1248	748	1.22	Hey Door Step Green, Sunny Heys Road Allotments & Churchyard, Meltham												
UGS1249	749	3.2	Land adjacent Meltham Dike, Mill Moor Road, Meltham												
UGS1250	750	0.4	Meltham Methodist Church Graveyard, Westgate, Meltham												
UGS1251	751	3.63	Meltham Pleasure Grounds, Mill Bank Road, Meltham												
UGS2334	369	1.19	Meltham Moor Primary School, Meltham												
UGS879	370	6.74	Broadland Recreation Ground & Meltham Sports Centre, Meltham												
UGS880	371	2.17	Land adjacent Meltham Dyke, Huddersfield Road, Meltham												
UGS881	372	5.13	Meltham Park, St James's Church & Allotments, Meltham												
UGS882	373	2.82	Meltham CE Primary School, Meltham												
UGS883	374	1.62	Calmlands Road Allotments & Open Space, Meltham												
UGS903	394	6.73	Honley Park, Jagger Lane Recreation Ground & Honley Junior School, Honley												

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Kirklees Rural			Kirkburton																				
UGS923	414	5.18	Kirkburton Middle School, Turnshaws Avenue, Kirkburton																				
UGS924	415	1.58	Kirkburton First School, School Hill, Kirkburton																				
UGS925	416	2.09	Queensway Allotments & Queensway Recreation Ground, Kirkburton											y	y	y	y			y			
UGS926	417	0.78	Land at Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland												y								
UGS927	418	0.71	Shepley First School, Firth Street, Shepley																	y			
UGS928	419	0.78	Sycamore Farm & Farnley Tyas Bowling Club, Farnley Tyas												y								
UGS929	420	1.38	Kirkburton Cricket Club, Riley Lane, Kirkburton																				
UGS960	453	4	Shelley First School, School Terrace, Shelley												y	y							
UGS961	454	0.5	Emmanuel Church, Huddersfield Road, Shelley																				
UGS962	455	13.22	Shelley College, Huddersfield Road, Shelley																				

Open Space Deficiencies - Green indicates the site is in a ward deficient in one or more types of open space present on the site
 Public Health - Green indicates the site is in a ward where significant health inequalities are identified

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				Parks and Recreation Grounds	Natural/semi natural GS	Amenity green space	Allotments	Green corridor	Outdoor sports Play	Education	Churchyards/Cemeteries	Woodland	Open Space Assessment		Wildlife Habitat Network	Public Health	Open Space Deficiencies	Summary Conclusion
Batley and Spen			Cleckheaton															
UGS2157	1458	1.62	Former Hartshead Moor Junior School, Hartshead Moor	y														Education site no longer required. There is insufficient justification for the allocation of this site as urban green space.
UGS2618	1250	0.12	Savoy Square, Cleckheaton															Site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for allocation as urban green space. However, the site is proposed as an accepted Local Green Space designation (site LocGS3334).
UGS2680		2.11	Land off, Valley Road, Cleckheaton															This land is proposed to be within the green belt and is therefore proposed to be adequately protected through green belt policy. The urban green space methodology does not allow for urban green space to be designated in the green belt.
Batley and Spen			Liversedge & Gomersal															
UGS1071	564	2.13	Former RM Grylls Middle School, Second Avenue, Hightown								y							Education site no longer required. Insufficient justification for allocation as urban green space.
UGS1503	1086	0.37	Gomersal Methodist Church, Latham Lane, Gomersal									y						The site boundary has been corrected to exclude land in the green belt. As a consequence, the site is now below 0.4 hectares in size and is therefore too small for allocation as urban green space.
Dewsbury and Mirfield			Dewsbury South															
UGS1026	519	1.33	Car Park, Thornhill Street, Savile Town															The site is an existing car park not suitable for allocation as urban green space.
UGS1493	1027	1.53	Former Railway Line, The Sidings, Dewsbury							y								This site has been partly developed and has planning permission for 27 dwellings. The principle of development has therefore been established and allocation as urban green space is not justified.
UGS2153	1456	0.52	Land adjacent The Coombs, Hall Lane, Thornhill	y														Unused land assessed as having low value as open space with no scarcity value. Site not required as open space. There is insufficient justification for allocation of this site as urban green space.
UGS858	906	0.41	Morton House Allotments, Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees					y										Replacement allotment and open space provision of equivalent or better quantity and quality is required as part of proposed accepted housing allocation H2089.
Dewsbury and Mirfield			Dewsbury West															

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Dewsbury and Mirfield			Dewsbury West																
UGS1001		0.58	Former Birkdale High School, Wheelwright Drive, Dewsbury														Former education site no longer required. Insufficient justification for allocation as urban green space.		
UGS1294	796	0.45	Land at the junction of Craven Road/Mavis Street, Scout Hill	y														This site has planning permission for the erection of a sports centre (application 2013/92649). Therefore, the principle for the development of this site has been established and allocation as urban green space is not justified.	
Dewsbury and Mirfield			Mirfield																
UGS2743	1466	6.91	Land to the north of Hepworth Lane, Mirfield	y															Site assessed as having low value as open space and no scarcity value. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space
Huddersfield			Almondbury																
UGS1977	320	0.43	Southfield Road Open Space, Almondbury									y						The area of the site covered by trees is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares for allocation as urban green space. The remainder of site includes a number of garages which do not perform an urban green space function. Therefore, there is insufficient justification for allocation of this site as urban green space.	
UGS2009		0.65	Land at Holme Avenue, Dalton															The site has outline planning permission for residential development (application 2014/92369) and therefore the principle for the development of this site has been established. There is therefore no justification for the allocation of this site as urban green space.	
UGS2010	1447	1.12	Land at Bank End Lane, Dalton	y														The site has the benefit of outline planning permission for residential development (application 2014/90160). Therefore the principle of the development of the site has been established and allocation as urban green space is not justified.	
Huddersfield			Ashbrow																
UGS1143	638	0.52	Former Allotments, Bracken Hall Road, Sheepridge				y											Disused allotment site no longer required. There is insufficient justification for the allocation of this site as urban green space.	
UGS1981		3.11	Russell House Children's Hospice, Huddersfield															This site has been developed as children's hospice and is not therefore suitable for allocation as urban green space.	

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Huddersfield Newsome																		
UGS1508	1098	1.53	Taylor Hill Road Allotments, Newsome		y	y				y					There is insufficient justification for the allocation of the whole of this site as urban green space. The area of allotments is below the site limit of 0.4 hectares and therefore too small to allocate as urban green space.			
UGS1976	683	1.13	Lockwood Village Green, Lockwood			y	y			y	y					Proposed accepted urban green space allocation UGS1187 has been extended to include Lockwood Village Green.		
UGS1980	199	0.66	Land at the junction of Newsome Road/Hart Street, Newsome		y										The site includes two mill tanks and a small area of former allotments now unused. There is insufficient justification for allocation of the whole of this site as urban green space.			
UGS1999	236	1.77	Land at Bankfield Park Avenue, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield		y					y					The site comprises a large area of natural/semi-natural greenspace comprising mainly rough grassland with small treed areas. There is insufficient justification for allocation of this site as urban green space.			
UGS849	234	0.63	Fanny Moor Lane Open Space, Lowerhouses	y							y					This site is proposed as an accepted add land to the green belt option AGB2074.		
Kirklees Rural Colne Valley																		
UGS1305	807	0.44	Land west of Binn Road, Marsden		y													The majority of the site is in use as private gardens, remainder is overgrown and unused. There is insufficient justification for the allocation of this site as urban green space.
UGS871	361	3.32	Land west of Broad Oak, Linthwaite		y													Part of open valley slope indistinguishable from adjacent land and no definable boundaries. There is insufficient justification for allocation of this site as urban green space.
UGS873	363	1.14	Linthwaite Hall WMC Bowling Club, Linfit Lane, Linthwaite		y			y										The bowling green is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares for allocation as urban green space and there is insufficient justification for the allocation of remainder of site.
Kirklees Rural Denby Dale																		
UGS2000	226	3.44	Land at Leak Hall Lane, Denby Dale		y					y							Large area of natural/semi-natural greenspace. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space in an area where the needs for this type of open space are already being met.	

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				Parks and Recreation Grounds	Natural/semi natural GS	Amenity green space	Allotments	Green corridor	Outdoor sports	Play	Education	Churchyards/Cemeteries	Woodland		Open Space Assessment	Wildlife Habitat Network	Public Health
Kirklees Rural				Kirkburton													
UGS1287	789	0.17	Graveyard, Barnsley Road, Flockton														Site is below the 0.4 hectares size threshold and therefore too small for allocation as urban green space.
UGS1319	1206	0.21	Shepley Tennis Club, Firth Street, Shepley														The Playing Pitch Strategy indicates this site should be protected. However, the site is below the 0.4 hectares size threshold and therefore too small for allocation as urban green space.
UGS2005	879	4.13	Land at Burton Acres Lane, Highburton			y											Site assessed as having low value as open space and no scarcity value. There is insufficient justification for allocation as urban green space.
UGS2006	883	2.8	Land at Turnshaw Road, Kirkburton			y	y										Large area of mainly unused land assessed as having low value as open space. Not required to meet open space needs or meet deficiencies. There is insufficient justification to allocate this site as urban green space.
UGS2007		0.73	Land at Riley Lane, Kirkburton														The site comprises a private garden and curtilage not suitable for allocation as urban green space.
UGS2631	33	1.93	Farnley Tyas Recreation Ground, Thurstonland Road, Farnley Tyas	y													The recreation ground is proposed within the green belt and therefore already proposed to be adequately protected through green belt policy.
UGS3415		0.04	Shepley Village Green, Shepley														Site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for allocation as urban green space. However, the site is proposed as an accepted Local Green Space designation LocGS2669.
UGS3416		0.04	Land at Manor Grange, Shepley														Site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for allocation as urban green space.
UGS3417		0.05	Land at Stonebridge Walk, Shepley														Site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for allocation as urban green space.
UGS3418		0.03	Land at Well Ings Close, Shepley														Site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for allocation as urban green space.
UGS3419		0.02	Land at the junction of Field Way and Jos Lane, Shepley														Site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for allocation as urban green space.
UGS3420		0.02	Land at the junction of Field Way and Jos Lane, Shepley														Sites are below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for allocation as urban green space.

Appendix 3: Accepted Requests to Remove Land Allocated as Urban Green Space

Site Number	Ward	Address	Comments
RUGS2514	Liversedge & Gomersal	Land adjacent 5 Hartshead Court, Hightown, Liversedge	Boundary of option UGS1071 changed to remove garden. Site not suitable for allocation as urban green space.
RUGS2515	Heckmondwike	Land adjacent 78 Leeds Old Road, Heckmondwike	Boundary of option UGS1053 changed to exclude land sold off now in residential use. Site not suitable for allocation as urban green space.
RUGS2516	Holme Valley South	Shaleycrest, Upperthong Lane, Holmfirth	Boundary of option UGS895 changed to exclude a residential property and curtilage. Site not suitable for allocation as urban green space.
RUGS2497	Greenhead	Land adjacent 6 Branch Street, Paddock, Huddersfield	Garage site removed from option UGS1117. Site not suitable for allocation as urban green space.
RUGS2506	Kirkburton	4 Back Lane, Grange Moor	Boundary of option UGS910 changed to remove land to west physically separated from school by footpath. Site not suitable for allocation as urban green space.
RUGS2502	Batley West	24-26 Thorncliffe Road, Batley	Urban green space designation removed. Less than 0.4 hectares in size, this site is too small for allocation as urban green space.
RUGS2507	Liversedge & Gomersal	537 Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge	Boundary of option UGS1069 changed to remove residential curtilage. Site not suitable for allocation as urban green space.
RUGS2493	Dalton	484 Kilner Bank, Dalton, Huddersfield	Boundary of option UGS1103 changed to remove land used for storage and access road. Site not suitable for allocation as urban green space.

Appendix 4: Rejected Requests to Remove Land Allocated as Urban Green Space

Site Number	Ward	Address	Comments
RUGS2615	Golcar	Land rear of 82 7 84 Longwood Gate, Longwood	Removal of this land from urban green space was proposed through the Local Plan consultation process on the basis that it offers very little in terms of amenity, there are no public footpaths across it and no trees worthy of protection. Assessed through the Local Plan Site Allocation Methodology, the council considers this site is an integral part of Longwood Edge and the wider urban green space allocation UGS1218. There are existing open space deficiencies in the ward, particularly natural and semi-natural greenspace. It is therefore considered that allocation as urban green space is justified based on evidence from the Kirklees Open Land Study 2015 (Revised 2016) and Kirklees Urban Green Space Review.
RUGS2614	Batley West	Dryfield Edge, 203A Healey Lane, Batley	Removal of this land from urban green space was proposed through the Local Plan consultation process on the basis it is a domestic curtilage and does not perform an urban green space function. Merits urban green space allocation as an integral part of the wider urban green space allocation. Its allocation is considered consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2496	Batley East	Land rear of 2 & 4, Warwick Mount, Batley	Merits urban green space allocation an integral part of a larger area of natural/semi-natural green space. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2492	Birtsall & Birkenshaw	Land adjacent 64, Brow Wood Road, Birstall, Batley,	Merits urban green space allocation. The site is within the grounds of Batley Girls High School and its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2107	Cleckheaton	49 Moorside, Cleckheaton	Merits urban green space allocation as part of wider of natural/semi-natural greenspace which performs a strategic open space function. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.

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RUGS2503	Cleckheaton	Land rear of 778, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge,	Merits urban green space allocation as part of wider of natural/semi-natural greenspace which performs a strategic open space function and has been assessed as having high value as open space. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2495	Colne Valley	Land east of 1 Clough Hey, Manchester Road, Marsden, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space allocation. Predominantly open land with number of mature trees, performs an urban green space function in relation to adjacent woodland and is identified as part of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2498	Colne Valley	Land rear of 1-27 Slant Gate, Linthwaite, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space allocation as part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2500	Dalton	Land east of 11A, Sunny Mead, Waterloo, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space allocation. Land used for horse grazing, performs an urban green space function. The site is part of a larger area of natural/semi-natural greenspace which includes Round Wood designated as a Local Wildlife Site. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2499	Denby Dale	3 Miller Hill, Denby Dale, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space allocation as part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace corridor adjoining the River Dearne and identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2513	Denby Dale	Land east of 30 Cuckstool Road, Denby Dale, Huddersfield	Merits urban green space allocation as an intrinsic part of a wider natural/semi-natural greenspace which is a prominent woodland hillside forming a backdrop to Denby Dale Cricket Ground and is identified as part of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2491	Golcar	Land adjacent 1, Cow Gate, Longwood, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space allocation as an integral part of the wider area of natural/semi-natural greenspace of Longwood Edge, which is a prominent and mainly well treed quarry edge and is identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.

RUGS2501	Golcar	Land rear of The Slip Inn, Longwood Gate, Longwood, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space allocation as part of a larger area of woodland, includes some protected trees and is identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2104	Heckmondwike	Heckmondwike Bowling Club, Green Avenue, Heckmondwike	Merits urban green space allocation as the site is within the curtilage of Heckmondwike Bowling Club and adjoins the existing bowling green. It merits urban green space allocation as part of the bowling club which is recommended to be protected in the council's Playing Pitch Strategy 2015. Its allocation is considered consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2490	Holme Valley South	Land rear of 13, Paris Road, Scholes, Holmfirth,	Merits urban green space allocation as an integral part of a wider of natural/semi-natural greenspace assessed as having high value as open space in the council's Open Space Study based on ecological benefits and scarcity value. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2494	Holme Valley South	Land adjacent 509, New Mill Road, Brockholes, Holmfirth	Merits urban green space allocation an integral part of Scar Wood comprising protected trees and is identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2504	Holme Valley North	Land adjacent Meltham Dike, Meltham, Holmfirth,	Merits urban green space allocation as part of the natural/semi-natural corridor adjacent Meltham Dike, identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2103	Kirkburton	Land rear of Springfield Mills, Springfield Lane, Kirkburton	Merits urban green space allocation as a well established natural/semi-natural greenspace, contiguous with adjoining protected trees, identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network and is an integral part of the wider green space. Its allocation is considered consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
RUGS2105	Lindley	Land rear of Armitages Garden Centre, Birchencliffe Hill Road, Birchencliffe	Merits urban green space allocation as area of woodland, used for informal recreation and identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.

RUGS2106	Newsome	Land adjacent Ashenhurst Student Accommodation, Athene Drive, Huddersfield	Merits urban green space allocation as part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace covering Ashenburst Plantation and Oaken Bank Plantation, identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Its allocation as urban green space is considered to be consistent with the council's site allocation methodology.
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Appendix 5: Local green space Assessments

Site Ref	Site Address	Land without planning permission for development	Land is not allocated for development	Close to community	Local in character and not an extensive tract of land	Demonstrably Special & Of Particular Local Significance						Designate as Local Green Space
						Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation value	Tranquil	Wildlife	Other significant community value	
LocGS2124	Highfields Community Orchard, Wentworth Street, Huddersfield	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
		<p>Comments: This site has been put forward for local green space designation on the basis of its importance as a community green space. The site comprises a small community orchard with fruit trees and planting, supported by the Friends of Highfields Community Orchard, and is used for local community events. Assessed against the local green space criteria, the site is demonstrably special and of particular local significance based on its significant local community value as a community orchard and its use by the community as a green space. As such the site meets the criteria for designation as local green space.</p>										
LocGS2125	George's Community Orchard, Cambridge Road, Huddersfield	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: This site has been put forward for Local green space designation as the local community are developing the site as a community orchard. The site was accepted for local green space designation in the Draft Local Plan but rejected for Local green space designation in the Publication Draft Local Plan following a review of the methodology and criteria used to designate local green spaces which has been amended to ensure consistency with NPPF and soundness to more robustly and effectively reflect the aims of the designation to protect the unique qualities of land designated as local green space compared to land allocated as urban green space.</p> <p>The site is newly planted with a small number of trees but does not have sufficient unique qualities to be considered demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria. As such, the site does not meet the criteria for designation as local green space. The site is proposed to be allocated as urban green space (as part of site UGS1107) and this is considered to be a more appropriate allocation of this land.</p>										
LocGS2126	Cemetery Road Community Orchard, Huddersfield	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: This site has been put forward for local green space designation as the local community are developing the site as a community orchard. The site was accepted for local green space designation in the Draft Local Plan but rejected for local green space designation in the Publication Draft Local Plan following a review of the methodology and criteria used to designate Local Green Spaces which has been amended to ensure consistency with NPPF and soundness to more robustly and</p>										

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						Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation value	Tranquil	Wildlife	Other significant community value	
		effectively reflect the aims of the designation to protect the unique qualities of land designated as local green space compared to land allocated as urban green space. The site is a recently planted community orchard which is beginning to mature but does not have sufficient unique qualities to be considered demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria. As such, the site does not meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space. The site is proposed to be allocated as urban green space as part of site UGS1107 and this is considered to be a more appropriate allocation of this land.										
LocGS2127	Land at Queen's Road/ Murray Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: This site has been put forward for consideration for local green space designation as a road island in the middle of a junction. The site comprises a small grass highway verge with mature trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order and is within a conservation area. It is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for designation as local green space.</p>										
LocGS2129	Clayton Fields Allotments & Land adjacent Clayton Dike, Edgerton, Huddersfield	Part	Part	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: Note that LocGS2083 has been archived as this was a duplicate of LocGS2129 This site was put forward for local green space designation on the basis of its importance to the local community as allotments and as a woodland walk.</p> <p>The majority of the site located to the north of Clayton Dike comprises Clayton Fields Allotments and the site is dissected by Clayton Dike. A large part of the site, including land to the south of Clayton Dike comprises an area of mixed deciduous and evergreen woodland protected as a Tree Preservation Area (TPO 01/15/w1) and has informal footpath access.</p> <p>Land to the south of Clayton Dike extends into land known as Clayton Fields which has the benefit of outline planning permission for residential development comprising 41 new build houses (application 2014/93014) granted on appeal on 11/09/2015. This land to the south of Clayton Dike is allocated for housing in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan and is proposed to continue to be allocated for housing in the Local Plan (site H215). Designation of this part of the site as local green space would not be compatible with the intended housing development as the layout for the scheme has yet to be finalised through a reserved matters application.</p> <p>The site does not meet the criteria for local green space designation on the basis part of the land has planning permission for housing development and the site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria. Land north of Clayton Dike is proposed to be allocated as urban green space in the</p>										

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		Local Plan as part of the larger urban green space site UGS1105 and this is considered to be a more appropriate allocation of this land.										
LocGS2128	Land at Queen's Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: This site has been put forward for consideration for local green space designation as a road island in the middle of a junction. The site comprises a small grass highway verge with mature trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order and is within a conservation area. It is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for designation as local green space.</p>										
LocGS2130	Land adjacent Clayton Dike, Clayton Fields, Edgerton	Part	Part	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: Land adjacent to the stream, Clayton Dike, was put forward for local green space designation on the basis that it should be made available for open space as part of the development of adjoining land known as Clayton Fields.</p> <p>The site comprises an area of mixed deciduous and evergreen woodland, dissected by Clayton Dike, which is mostly protected as a Tree Preservation Area (TPO 01/15/w1) and has informal footpath access. Land to the south of Clayton Dike extends into the Clayton Fields site which has the benefit of outline planning permission for residential development comprising 41 new build houses (application 2014/93014) granted on appeal on 11/09/2015. This land to the south of Clayton Dike is allocated for housing in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan and is proposed to continue to be allocated for housing in the Local Plan (site H215). Designation of this part of the site as local green space would not be compatible with the intended housing development as the layout for the scheme has yet to be finalised through a reserved matters application.</p> <p>The site does not meet the criteria for local green space designation on the basis part of the land has planning permission for housing development and the overall the site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria.</p> <p>Land to the north of Clayton Dike is proposed to be allocated as urban green space in the Local Plan as part of the larger urban green space site UGS1105 and this is considered to be a more appropriate allocation of this land.</p>										
LocGS2316	Land at Sunningdale Road,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis of its wildlife habitat value and the variety of trees</p>										

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	Crosland Moor	and plants present on the site. The site forms a semi-natural area which is part of a larger recreation ground. It is well treed and vegetated with a public footpath through the site linking Moor End Road to Dryclough Road. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for designation as local green space. The site is proposed to be allocated as urban green space (as part of the wider site UGS1199) and this is considered to be a more appropriate allocation of this land. There is no additional local benefit to be gained by local green space designation.										
LocGS2619	Land at Elm Street/Manor Road, Newsome	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis it is the only place that local people can use for community activity. The site comprises a small grassed open space at the junction of Elm Street and Manor Street. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for designation as local green space.										
LocGS2679	Land at Jackroyd Lane, Newsome	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis it is valuable grazing and farming land currently leased to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. The site is allocated as Provisional Open Land in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan and proposed as a housing allocation (site H101) in the Local Plan. The site is predominantly an area of undeveloped gently sloping grassland with a public footpath through the site linking Newsome Road and Jackroyd Lane. It is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space.										
LocGS2668	Graveyard of the former Shepley New Connexion Church	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation. It comprises a local burial ground but is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for designation as local green space. The site is proposed to be allocated as urban green space (as part of a larger site UGS1285) and this is considered to be a more appropriate allocation of this land. There is no additional local benefit to be gained by local green space designation.										
LocGS2669	Shepley Village Green, Marsh Lane, Shepley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis it was undergoing the process for designation as a village green. The site comprises a village green within the centre of Shepley, used for local community events and was registered as a village green in April 2016.										

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						Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation value	Tranquil	Wildlife	Other significant community value	
		Assessed against the local green space criteria as demonstrably special and of particular local significance based on its significant community value, the site meets the criteria for designation as local green space.										
LocGS2670	Land at Manor Grange, Shepley	Yes	Built*	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis it was provided as an open space when the land was developed. It comprises a small area of amenity green space provided as public open space to serve a new housing development. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for local green space designation.										
LocGS2671	Land at Stonebridge Walk, Shepley	Yes	Built*	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis it was provided as an open space when the land was developed. Part of the site is used as domestic curtilage and the remainder comprises a small area of amenity greenspace. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for local green space designation.										
LocGS2672	Land at Well Ings Close, Shepley	Yes	Built*	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis it was provided as an open space when the land was developed. It comprises a small area of maintained amenity green space provided as public open space to serve a new housing development. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for local green space designation.										
LocGS2673	Land at the junction of Field Way & Field Head, Shepley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation. It comprises a small maintained grassed area with a British Legion memorial tree. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for local green space designation.										
LocGS2674	Land at the junction of Field Way & Jos Lane,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: Two small sites put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation, comprising small areas of maintained amenity green space with seating, trees and planting. Not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and do not therefore meet the criteria for local										

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	Shepley	green space designation.										
LocGS2675	Land adjacent Shepley Health Centre, Jos Lane, Shepley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation. It forms a small grass highway verge. The majority of the land is proposed to be protected by green belt policy and it is considered that no additional local benefit would be gained by designation as local green space. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for local green space designation.										
LocGS2676	Land at the junction of North Row and Cliffe Road, Shepley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis that it was thought to be part of the original village green. The site comprises a small area of maintained amenity green space close to the registered Village Green. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for local green space designation.										
LocGS2677	Land adjacent to 9 Cliffe Road, Shepley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation as it is known as the Sledge Field in the village. The site comprises a small undeveloped field sloping steeply down from south to north. The northern end of the site is at a higher level than Cliffe Road and is marked by stone retaining wall. Although the site is known locally as the Sledge Field, it is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for local green space designation.										
LocGS2689	Land north of Lancaster Lane, Brockholes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis that its allocation as urban greenspace in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan has not been carried forward into the Local Plan and the Council and Planning Inspectorate have rejected a planning application on this site. Outline planning permission for the erection of residential development (application 2016/90138) has recently been granted and as such the site does not meet the criteria for designation as local green space. It is a former allotments site which has been disused for over 15 years and the land has now reverted to an open area of natural/semi-natural greenspace, comprising overgrown scrub land and brambles. The site is not demonstrably special when assessed against the										

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						Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation value	Tranquil	Wildlife	Other significant community value		
		local green space criteria.											
LocGS2721	Land east of Ryecroft Lane, Scholes, Holmfirth	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis of its importance to the local community as a valuable visual amenity and is use for local agriculture. The site comprises a number of fields divided by stone boundary walls located on the edge of Scholes village. The majority of the land is proposed to be allocated for housing in the Local Plan (sites H597 and H297) and safeguarded land (site SL3359). A planning application for the erection of 4 dwellings on part of site (2016/90864) has been withdrawn. Assessed against the local green space criteria the site does not meet the criteria for local green space designation and is not considered to be demonstrably special.</p>											
LocGS2722	Meltham Road Recreation Ground, Honley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan as a recreation ground and whilst the land is within the green belt it merits designation and protection as local green space. The site comprises a local recreation ground located on the edge of Honley village and includes an adult football pitch and equipped children's play area. It is proposed that this site is continued to be included within the green belt in the Local Plan and therefore protected by green belt policy. Sport and recreation facilities are also protected through the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 74) and proposed to be protected by the Sport and Physical Activity policy in the Local Plan (policy PLP47). Whilst it is acknowledged that the recreation ground is demonstrably special and of local significance due to its recreation value, it considered that no additional local benefit would be gained by designation as local green space.</p>											
LocGS2723	Woodland area of Clayton Fields Allotments & Land south of Clayton Dike, Edgerton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		<p>Comments: This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation on the basis it is extensively walked by local people and for its habitat value as part of Clayton Dike corridor. Comments indicate the importance of this land is demonstrated by the inclusion of a Woodland Walk in the planning permission granted to the south. The majority of the site comprises an area of woodland protected as part of a larger Tree Preservation Area (TPO 01/15/w1) but this is not demonstrably special when assessed against the local green space criteria and does not therefore meet the criteria for designation as Local Green Space. The majority of the land is proposed as urban green space in the Local Plan as part of a larger urban green space allocation (site UGS1105). The council considers that the woodland area is appropriately allocated as urban green space and there is no additional local benefit to be gained by local green space designation.</p>											
LocGS3334	Savoy Square,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
		<p>Comments:</p>											

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						Beauty	Historic significance	Recreation value	Tranquil	Wildlife	
	Bradford Road, Cleckheaton	This site was put forward for local green space designation through the Draft Local Plan consultation as a well-used amenity which contributes to the character of the town. The site comprises an attractive public open space within the centre of Cleckheaton, is used for a variety of local community events and fun days and has a strong association with local community groups. The site was listed as an Asset of Community Value in May 2015 in recognition of its value to the local community. Assessed against the local green space criteria it is demonstrably special and of particular local significance based on its significant community value as a civic space and meets the criteria for designation as local green space.									

* Site not proposed for allocation in the Publication Draft Local Plan. However, the site was shown as part of a housing allocation on the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (1990) which has now been developed.

Appendix 6: Findings from the Playing Pitch Strategy (2015)

Sport	Analysis Area	Current shortfalls	Future shortfalls (2037)	Future spare capacity	Potential actions
Football (grass pitches)	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 19.5 adult, 6 youth 11v11 and 7 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 20.5 adult, 9 youth 11v11 and 9 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalents on 7v7 pitches and 2.5 on 5v5 pitches.	Consideration should be given to the role that AGPs could play in reducing shortfalls alongside enhanced/increased/ reconfigured grass provision.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 2 youth 11v11 and 2.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 4 youth 11v11 and 3.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 5 match equivalents on adult pitches, 1 on 7v7 and 0.5 on 5v5.	Quality improvements and reconfiguration likely to accommodate most shortfalls.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 5.5 youth 11v11 and 8.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 9.5 youth 11v11 and 10.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 6 match equivalents on adult pitches, 1 on 5v5.	Quality improvements and reconfiguration likely to accommodate youth 11v11 shortfalls but additional 9v9 pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.
	Rural East	Shortfall of 9 youth 9v9 and 5 7v7 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 10.5 youth 9v9 and 7 7v7 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalents on adult pitches.	Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls but likely that additional pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 11.5 adult, 2 youth 11v11 and 2 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 13 adult, 3.5 youth 11v11 and 3 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalents on 7v7 pitches.	Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls but likely that additional pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could

Sport	Analysis Area	Current shortfalls	Future shortfalls (2037)	Future spare capacity	Potential actions
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Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
Football (3G AGPs)	Batley & Spennethorpe	Shortfall of 2 3G pitches based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 1 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Rural East	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Rural West	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
Cricket	Batley & Spennethorpe	Shortfall of 31 matches per season	Shortfall of 31.5 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 22 matches per season	Shortfall of 22.5 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 95 matches per season	Shortfall of 96 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Rural East	No current shortfalls	Shortfall of 0.5 matches per season	Current supply likely to accommodate demand, some quality improvements may be required.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 84 matches per season	Shortfall of 84.5 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
Rugby union	Batley & Spennethorpe	Shortfall of 3 match equivalent sessions	Will increase further if clubs grow as predicted.	Majority of current shortfall can be accommodated with pitch improvements and additional floodlighting.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	No current demand for	No demand expected.	N/A

Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
	Mirfield	pitches		
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 7 match equivalent sessions	Will increase further if clubs grow as predicted.	Majority of current shortfall can be accommodated with pitch improvements and floodlighting but additional pitches are likely to be needed in the future.
	Rural East	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	Rural West	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
Rugby league	Batley & Spennethorpe	Shortfall of 5 senior, 8.5 junior and 1 primary match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.5 senior, 9 junior and 2 primary match equivalent sessions	Priority on improving quality to reduce shortfalls.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 27.75 senior, 4 junior and 1 primary match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 29.25 senior, 5 junior and 2.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 19 senior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 19 senior, 0.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
	Rural East	Shortfall of 5.75 senior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Priority on improving quality to reduce shortfalls.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 20.5 senior and 3 junior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 21 senior and 2 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
Hockey (Sand)	Batley & Spennethorpe	Current demand being met.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Quality improvements as and when required.

Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
AGPs)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	Huddersfield	Current demand being met.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Quality improvements as and when required.
	Rural East	Unmet demand from Storthes Hall conversion	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Transfer play
	Rural West	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A

Appendix 7: Setting District Wide Open Space Standards

Quantity Standards – Benchmarking with Other Local Authorities

Note that in some cases different authorities use different categories to classify their open space.

Open Space Type	Local Authority Benchmarking		Kirklees District Wide Standard (ha per 1,000 population)
	Local Authority	Standard (ha per 1,000 population)	
Parks & Recreation Grounds	Bradford	No standard	0.8 ha
	Calderdale	0.24-4.10 (subject to settlement)	
	Leeds	1.0	
	Oldham	0.26	
	Barnsley	No standard	
	York	0.18	
Sport, recreation & play	Wakefield	2.4	
Natural & semi-natural	Bradford	No standard	2.0
	Calderdale	4.54-271.87 (subject to settlement)	
	Leeds	0.7 (urban areas) 2.0 (other areas)	
	Wakefield	No standard	
	Oldham	1.95	
	Barnsley	No standard	
	York	2.13	
Amenity greenspace	Bradford	No standard	0.3
	Calderdale	No standard	
	Leeds	0.45	
	Wakefield	See sports, recreation & play	
	Oldham	0.46	
	Barnsley	No standard	
	York	1.45	
Allotments	Bradford	No standard	0.5 ha per 1,000 households
	Calderdale	No standard	
	Leeds	0.24	
	Wakefield	0.2-0.25	
	Oldham	No standard	
	Barnsley	15 plots per 1,000 homes	
	York	0.29	
Children & young	Bradford	No standard	

people	Calderdale	0.03-0.08 (<i>subject to settlement</i>)	No quantity standard
	Leeds	2 facilities	
	Wakefield	0.3-0.4	
	Oldham	0.37 (<i>children</i>) 0.10 (<i>young people</i>)	
	Barnsley	No standard	
	York	0.48 (<i>children</i>) 0.21 (<i>young people</i>)	

Setting Quantity Standards

Existing Kirklees 2013 population (2012 based sub-national projections)	428,100	Existing no. of households (2013) (based on 2012 sub-national projections)	176,152
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Type of Open Space	National Standard (ha per 1,000 pop)	Kirklees UDP 1999 Standard (ha per 1,000 pop)	Kirklees Open Space Study 2010 Standard (ha per 1,000 pop)	Amount of Existing Provision (Ha)	Standard of Existing Provision (ha per 1,000 pop)	OS Demand Assessment Findings 2015 – Satisfaction with availability	Recommended Kirklees Local Standard (ha per 1,000 pop)
Parks & recreation grounds	No	No	0.09 - 1.25	338.66	0.79	81% very or quite satisfied 11.1% neither satisfied or dissatisfied	0.8
Amenity greenspace	No	0.2-0.3	0.33 - 0.74	124.09	0.29	41.7% very or quite satisfied 21% no opinion	0.3
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	2.0	No	0.78 – 8.10	876.11	2.05	75.5% very or quite satisfied	2.0
Allotments	0.5 ha per 1,000 households or 20 plots per 1,000 population	No	0.09 - 0.34	76.38	0.43 per 1,000 households	51.4% don't know/no opinion	0.5 ha per 1,000 households