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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This technical paper provides the context for the protection and allocation of sites as Urban Green Space and Local Green Space in the Kirklees Draft Local Plan. It provides background information to the allocations, policies and policy justification in the Draft Local Plan.
- 1.2 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, providing 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.

Urban Green Space

- 1.3 National planning policy, as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012, gives priority to the protection of open space, sport and recreation facilities. In Kirklees this is reflected through the allocation of valuable urban open spaces as Urban Green Space in the Kirklees Local Plan. Urban Green Spaces are areas of open land within or adjoining urban areas identified as being particularly valuable for sport, recreation, amenity or wildlife.
- 1.4 The council has undertaken a review of Urban Green Space in Kirklees as part of the preparation for the Local Plan. This has identified the important green spaces requiring protection from development and meriting allocation as Urban Green Space.
- 1.5 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. This review has involved the following:-
 - An assessment of existing Urban Green Space as identified on the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan 1999 (UDP) and potential new Urban Green Space;
 - An assessment of sites put forward for allocation as Urban Green Space in the Local Plan; and
 - An assessment of proposals put forward to remove land from Urban Green Space allocations in the Local Plan.
- 1.6 The Draft Local Plan protects and allocates 500 open space, sport and recreation sites as Urban Green Space. These are allocated on the Policies Map and are listed in Appendix 1. This represents an overall increase in the amount of Urban Green Space compared to the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (UDP). The additional green space includes new open spaces and some existing

open space sites not previously identified and protected as Urban Green Space in the UDP.

Local Green Space

- 1.7 NPPF has 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 in the Draft Kirklees Local Plan have been put forward by the local community. An assessment of these proposals has been undertaken against the Local Green Space criteria set out in National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). The process for Local Green Space designation and the outcomes of these assessments are also included in this paper.

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 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.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Paragraph 74 of NPPF 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".
- 2.5 NPPG refers local authorities to Sport England's guidance on how to assess the need for sports and recreation facilities to undertake up-to-date assessments.
- 2.6 The NPPF has 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

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

- 3.1 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.

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

- 3.2 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.

The Kirklees Unitary Development Plan 1999 (UDP)

- 3.3 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.

4 Evidence Base

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 Previous 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 first published 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:-

- The Open Space Study (2015) including a council audit of supply and an Open Space Demand Assessment (2015)
- The Playing Pitch Strategy (2015)
- The Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategic Framework (2015)

4.2 Open Space Study (2015)

4.2.1 The Open Space Study (2015) replaces the Open Space Study (2010) and brings together the council's audit of open space, sport and recreation sites with the findings of the Open Space Demand Assessment (2015). It includes existing sites allocated as Urban Green Space in the UDP and smaller open space, sport or recreation sites.

4.2.2 The Open Space Study (2015) 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 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 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 provision and the demand assessment as set out in the Open Space Study (2015) has been used to inform the development of district-wide standards for the quantity, quality and accessibility of different types of open space across Kirklees. These are used as a benchmark against which to assess the current standard of provision compared against the district wide standard. The standards are set out in table 1 and have been applied to identify areas where current provision falls short of the standard and are deemed deficient in provision and where provision exceeds the standard.
- 4.2.4 In setting standards for the quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces in Kirklees, the Council considered the following to help inform and develop the standards (see 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.

Table 1: Kirklees District Wide Open Space Standards

Type of Open Space	Standard	Kirklees 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	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 yrs) to be available within a 15 mins walk (720m) of home (listed in Appendix 2). 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.

4.2.5 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 are therefore deemed deficient in open space (highlighted in red in table 2). It also identifies wards where current provision exceeds the standard (highlighted green in table 2).

Table 2: Current Provision of Open Spaces Compared to the 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	0.30	0.39	0.13	0.36
	Batley West	0.81	1.69	0.10	0.26
	Birstall & Birkenshaw	3.23	0.60	0.22	0.79
	Cleckheaton	0.65	2.87	0.12	0.09
	Heckmondwike	0.54	0.72	0.39	0.39
	Liversedge & Gomersal	1.01	0.16	0.09	0.33
	Area Totals	1.06	1.06	0.17	0.36
Dewsbury & Mirfield	Dewsbury East	1.00	0.74	0.19	0.58
	Dewsbury South	0.90	0.58	0.67	0.23
	Dewsbury West	0.79	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	0.64	2.12	0.69	0.18
	Ashbrow	0.45	6.11	0.57	0.33
	Crosland Moor & Netherton	1.15	0.37	0.79	0.22
	Dalton	0.98	5.38	0.35	0.28
	Greenhead	0.88	1.22	0.87	0.12
	Lindley	1.11	1.74	0.68	0.20
	Newsome	0.35	4.56	0.78	0.36
	Area Totals	0.79	3.06	0.68	0.24
Kirklees Rural	Colne Valley	0.31	1.40	0.54	0.24
	Denby Dale	0.50	7.20	0.31	0.50
	Golcar	0.33	0.80	0.09	0.15
	Home Valley North	0.69	0.78	0.21	0.01
	Holme Valley South	0.72	1.50	0.16	0.05
	Kirkburton	0.50	0.95	0.53	0.41
	Area Totals	0.51	2.06	0.30	0.16

4.2.9 The findings from the Open Space Study (2015) show that all wards across Kirklees are deficient in at least one type of open space and the Golcar, Holme Valley North and Holme Valley South wards are deficient in all four types of open space. The main findings for different types of open spaces are set out below.

- 4.2.10 **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 standard.
- 4.2.11 **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 standard.
- 4.2.12 **Amenity greenspace** - the provision in the Batley & Spen and Dewsbury & Mirfield areas is above the 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 are in the Kirklees Rural and Huddersfield areas.
- 4.2.11 **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. This shows a high level of numbers 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)”. It 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
 - 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 to accommodate current demand are for :-
- 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.
- 4.3.6 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 3.

Table 3: 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.</p> <p>b. Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites.</p> <p>f. Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding</p> <p>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.</p> <p>i. Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.</p>

4.3.7 The strategic recommendations set out in the PPS are supplemented by the sport-specific recommendations shown in table 4.

Table 4: 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 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 over play on club sites.
Rugby Union	Work towards reducing over play 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.

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 identified in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (UDP) 1999, including a review of the boundaries; and
- identify and assess potential new sites for allocation as Urban Green Space in the Kirklees Local Plan.

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
- Technical assessment
- Conclusion

5.2 Identification of sites

Sources of sites

5.2.2 The following sources of sites have been included in the Urban Green Space review:-

- Existing Urban Green Space 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) and Playing Pitch Strategy (2015); and
- Sites submitted to the council for consideration to be allocated as Urban Green Space in the Draft Local Plan.

5.2.3 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

5.2.4 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 urban areas of Kirklees. These sites are identified in the Open Space Study (2015) and are given the same protection as Urban Green Space in the Draft Local Plan and are protected from development in policy DLP 63.

5.3 Technical Assessment

5.3.1 The technical assessment of existing and potential Urban Green Space sites has been based on the following evidence used to assess and inform the allocation of sites as Urban Green Space in the Draft Local Plan:-

- The Kirklees Open Space Study (2015)
- 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)
- Open space deficiencies identified in the Kirklees Open Space Study (2015)

Open Space Study (2015)

5.3.2 The findings of the Open Space Study (2015) have been used to help inform the allocation of sites as Urban Green Space. As part of the study, assessments of open spaces have been undertaken to help determine their value to the local community as open space, sport or recreation sites. The site assessments are based on the types of open space listed below where they are present within the site:-

- 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 education sites
- Green corridor

5.3.3 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 value to local communities. The results of the assessments have been considered in determining the allocation of sites as Urban Green Space.

5.3.4 Some sites contain more than one type of open space and will therefore have a number of individual site assessments. In these instances, and for the purposes of the Urban Green Space review and allocations process, the outcomes of the individual assessments are combined to provide an overall open space site assessment. This is to indicate the qualities and relative value of the Urban Green Space as a whole. Sites have been given an overall open space assessment as set out in table 5 and shown in the assessment of sites in Appendix 1 (accepted Urban Green Space sites) and 2 (rejected Urban Green Space sites).

Table 5: Overall Open Space Site Assessment

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

Playing Pitch Strategy (2015)

5.3.5 The site specific recommendations of the Playing Pitch Strategy (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. Where existing and potential Urban Green Spaces have been recommended for protection in the PPS, this has 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) and provides significant justification for the allocation of sites as Urban Green Space.

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. Where existing and potential urban green space sites are 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.

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. Any ward within Kirklees that ranked within the top 5 on any of the indicators below or ranked within the top 5 of the Index of Multiple Deprivation, has been assessed by health colleagues. 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 The above indicators have been recorded against Urban Green Space option and sites have been given a green or red rating dependant on the level of health inequalities in the ward. As shown in table 6, sites have been given a green rating where they are located in a ward with significant health inequalities. 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 6: Public Health Assessment

Public Health Indicators	Significant degree of health inequalities have been identified in the ward
	No significant health inequalities identified in the ward

Open Space Deficiencies

5.3.11 District-wide standards for the quantity of different types of open space have been set in the Open Space Study (2015). These have been used as a benchmark 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 7 and shown in Appendix 1 and 2.

Table 7: Open Space Deficiencies

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
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Open Space Conclusion

5.3.12 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 8 below and the outcome for each site is shown in Appendix 1 (accepted Urban Green Space sites) and Appendix 2 (rejected Urban Green Space sites).

Table 8: Summary Conclusion

Conclusion	Important open space, sport or recreation site required to meet local needs and meriting designation as urban green space. Includes sites recommended for protection in the 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) and is not required to meet local needs. Includes sites identified as potentially surplus to requirements in the 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 Draft Local Plan has been based on the technical assessment and overall conclusion 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 overall open space conclusion having sufficient justification for allocation as Urban Green Space.
Reject	<p>Sites rated with a red overall open space conclusion.</p> <p>Sites rated with an amber overall open space conclusion having insufficient justification as allocation as Urban Green Space.</p>

Sites rated with a green overall open space conclusion, providing replacement provision or mitigation measures.

Site Specific Issues

5.4.2 Not all types of open space have been formally assessed as part of this Open Space Study (2015). These include the following uses: sites in educational use, woodlands, cemeteries and churchyards and green corridors. In the built up areas of Kirklees (not in the green belt), these sites have been allocated as Urban Green Space in the Draft Local Plan and the justification for the approach taken is set out below.

Site in educational use

5.4.3 Sites in educational use, including 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 and the quality of these sites and their contribution to playing pitch provision across the district has been assessed as part of the PPS. The evidence and site specific recommendations from the PPS support the allocation of sites in educational use as Urban Green Space where they are recommended for protection in the PPS.

Woodlands

5.4.5 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 and habitat value.

Cemeteries and churchyards

5.4.6 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

5.4.7 Some open spaces are identified as green corridors in the Open Space Study (2015) which includes greenways, cycleways and pedestrian routes as well as opportunities for the movement of wildlife. 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.

Outcomes of the Urban Green Space Assessment

5.4.8 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 almost 1614 hectares are allocated as Urban Green Space in the Draft Local Plan.
- Additional Urban Green Space not previously identified in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (UDP), including new sites such as recreation grounds, new areas of public open space provided through recent housing developments, new allotment sites and community gardens. This also includes some established open spaces not previously protected as Urban Green Space in the UDP.
- A small number of sites have been identified as no longer meriting designation as Urban Green Space, e.g. sites now developed, sites no longer required as open space and identified as surplus to requirements, sites not in an open space use, sites too small for urban green space allocation.
- The review has also resulted in some changes to Urban Green Space boundaries, particularly where the site or parts of the site are no longer open space and do not perform an urban green space function.

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 to be considered for allocation as Urban Green Space in the Draft 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 above.

6.2.1 Sites accepted for allocation as Urban Green Space are shown in Appendix 1 and rejected sites in Appendix 2.

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

- 7.1 As part of the council's call for sites process, proposals have been submitted to the council for consideration to remove sites from Urban Green Space or for an adjustment to the boundary of an urban green space site, for example to remove a garden that does not perform an urban green space function. These proposals have been assessed as options through the Local Plan process and evaluated as 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. It could therefore be removed from the Urban Green Space allocation.
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. It should therefore not be removed from the Urban Green Space allocation.

- 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 has 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 and it is clear that 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).

8.2.5 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 sites from the local community proposing land for designation as Local Green Space in the Draft 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. Local Green Spaces should therefore also meet at **least one** of the following criteria and be of a particular local significance because of its:-

- Beauty – the site makes a significant visual contribution to the street scene or visual attractiveness of the area;

- Historic significance – the site includes or provides a setting for a locally valued landmark or is of cultural value;
- Recreational value – the site is used for sport or recreation activities or used by the local community for informal recreation;
- Tranquility – the site provides a peaceful and tranquil space within a settlement;
- Richness of its wildlife – this site is recognisable 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.
- Other reason, including community value where the site is used by the wider community.

8.3.6 Sites already subject to statutory designation, such as Historic Parks & Gardens or Scheduled Ancient Monuments, have high levels of protection and would not 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.

8.3.7 Where sites are already protected as Urban Green Space, the council will need to consider whether any additional benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

8.3.8 The outcome of the Local Green Space assessment is shown in Appendix 5. The results of the assessment are that 3 sites meet the Local Green Space criteria and have therefore been accepted for designation as Local Green Space in the Draft Local Plan.

8.3.9 Four sites are not considered to meet the Local Green Space criteria and have therefore been rejected for designation as Local Green Space in the Draft Local Plan. These are also shown in Appendix 5.

Appendix 1: Accepted Urban Green Space sites

Local Plan Ref	Open Land Ref	Address	Type of open space							Technical Assessment							
			Parks	Natural/semi natural GS	Amenity green space	Allotments	Green corridor	Outdoor sports	Education Play	Cemeteries	Woodland	Open Space Audit	Playing pitch strategy	Wildlife Habitat Network	Public Health	Open Space Deficiencies	Summary Outcome
Batley and Spen			Birstall and Birkenshaw														
UGS1316	1144	Open Space between Middlegate & High Street, Birstall		y													
UGS1477	953	Victoria Street Allotments, Birstall		y	y												
UGS1804	1437	Land south of The Beeches, Birkenshaw		y													
UGS2489	106	East Bierley Recreation Ground, East Bierley	y						y								
UGS963	456	Fieldhead Primary Academy, Charlotte Close, Birstall							y	y							
UGS964	457	Nova Lane Recreation Ground, Birstall	y														
UGS965	458	St Peters School, Field Head Lane, Birstall							y	y							
UGS966	459	Raikes Lane Open Space, Birstall			y				y								
UGS967	460	Carr Street Playing Fields, Birstall		y													
UGS968	461	Birstall Cricket Ground, Leeds Road, Birstall							y								
UGS969	462	Howden Clough Recreation Ground, Leeds Road, Birstall	y							y							
UGS970	463	Batley Girls High School & St Saviours School, Windmill Lane, Birstall							y	y							
Batley and Spen			Cleckheaton														
UGS1067	560	The Pavillion, Cleckheaton Sports Club, Chain Bar							y								
UGS1068	561	Springfield Farm, Lower Blacup Farm & Upper Blacup Farm, Cleckheaton		y													
UGS1261	761	King Edward VII Memorial Park, Greenside, Cleckheaton	y														
UGS1262	762	Bridon Way Play Area, Marsh			y				y		y						
UGS1263	763	Cleckheaton Cemetery (Old) & Peaseland Road Open Space, Cleckheaton			y					y							
UGS1264	764	Spens Bottom Recreation Ground, Cleckheaton	y						y	y							
UGS1265	765	Whitechapel Parish Church, Cleckheaton															
UGS2156	900	Land at junction of Prospect Road/Whitcliffe Road, Cleckheaton		y													
UGS993	486	Scholes Primary School, Recreation Ground & Westfield Lane Allotments, Scholes	y		y				y	y	y						
UGS994	487	Moorend Recreation Ground, Exchange Street, Cleckheaton	y							y							

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Batley and Spen Cleckheaton																	
UGS995	488	Scholes Cricket & Athletic Club, New Popplewell Lane, Scholes		y				y									
UGS996	489	West End Park & Cleckheaton Bowling Club, Park View, Cleckheaton	y						y								
UGS997	490	Hartshead Moor Cricket Club, Highmoor Lane, Hartshead Moor							y								
Batley and Spen Heckmondwike																	
UGS1053	546	White Lee Playing Fields, Leaside & Fairfield Schools, Heckmondwike						y		y							
UGS1054	547	Leyburn Avenue Recreation Ground, Heckmondwike			y												
UGS1055	548	Dale Lane Playing Fields, Heckmondwike	y						y		y						
UGS1056	549	Heckmondwike Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Heckmondwike			y						y						
UGS1057	550	Vernon Road Playing Field, New North Rd Allotments, New North Road Pocket Park & Priestley Gardens, Heckmondwike	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y							
UGS1058	551	Heckmondwike Sports, Cricket & Bowling Clubs, Heckmondwike						y									
UGS1059	552	Former Heckmondwike & Carlinghow Cricket Ground, Heckmondwike		y													
UGS1060	553	Firth Park, Westgate, Heckmondwike	y					y	y								
UGS1061	554	Holy Spirit Primary School Playing Field, Bath Road, Heckmondwike						y		y							
UGS1062	555	Heckmondwike Grammar School Playing Field, Heckmondwike							y		y						
UGS1063	556	Heckmondwike Primary School, Cawley Lane, Heckmondwike							y		y						
UGS1064	557	Heckmondwike Grammar School & Cawley Lane Recreation Ground, Heckmondwike	y					y	y	y		y					
UGS1065	558	Bower Lane Recreation Ground, Bower Lane, Dewsbury Moor			y												
UGS1075	568	Union Road Recreation Ground, Heckmondwike			y						y						
UGS1077	570	Rear of 15-45, Cornmill Lane, Norristhorpe			y		y										
UGS1079	572	Milton Road Recreation Ground, Norristhorpe	y					y									
UGS1080	573	Norristhorpe J & I School Playing Fields, School Street, Norristhorpe						y		y							
UGS1082	575	Millbridge Junior, Infant & Nursery School, Vernon Road, Liversedge						y		y							

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Batley and Spen Heckmondwike															
UGS1434	166	Land at Forge Lane, Norristhorpe			y										
UGS1435	167	Green Park, Westgate, Heckmondwike	y												
UGS1436	168	Public Open Space, Nunroyd, Heckmondwike			y			y							
UGS1437	169	Longfield Road Allotments, Heckmondwike				y									
UGS1438	171	Land Clarkson Close, Heckmondwike								y					
UGS2486	1462	The ABLE Project, Off Walkley Lane, Heckmondwike								y					
UGS848	229	Westfield Road Allotments, Heckmondwike				y									
Batley and Spen Liversedge & Gomersal															
UGS1048	541	Play Area adjacent Red House Museum, Oxford Road, Gomersal			y			y							
UGS1049	542	Shirley Recreation Ground, Shirley Road, Gomersal	y	y				y		y					
UGS1050	543	Gomersal St Mary's Primary School, Shirley Avenue, Gomersal						y		y					
UGS1051	544	Gomersal Cricket Club, Oxford Road, Gomersal						y							
UGS1052	545	Sugden Park Recreation Ground, Upper Lane, Gomersal	y												
UGS1069	562	Lynfield Recreation Ground, Hightown Heights	y					y							
UGS1070	563	High Bank F & N School & Windy Bank Lane Play Area, Hightown			y			y	y	y					
UGS1072	565	Miry Lane Recreation Ground, Miry Lane, Hightown			y										
UGS1073	566	Headlands Junior, Infant & Nursery School, Liversedge						y		y					
UGS1074	567	Millbridge Park, Sampson Street, Heckmondwike	y					y	y						
UGS1076	569	Spenn Valley High School, Roberttown Lane, Roberttown						y		y					
UGS1078	571	Liversedge Tennis Club, Huddersfield Road, Roberttown						y							
UGS1081	574	Hartshead Recreation Ground, School Lane, Hartshead	y						y						
UGS1098	592	Firthcliffe Recreation Ground, Off Firthcliffe Road, Littleton	y						y						
UGS1099	593	Firthcliffe Road Recreation Ground, Firthcliffe Road, Littleton	y	y				y							

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Dewsbury and Mirfield Dewsbury West															
UGS1308	841	Land adjacent Lower Spen LNR, Huddersfield Road, Ravensthorpe	y							y					
UGS1497	1048	Dewsbury Revival Centre, Dewsbury								y					
UGS1524	1180	Moorcroft Community Gardens, Dewsbury Moor			y										
UGS1532	1433	Caldermill Way Woodland, Savile Town								y					
UGS856	850	Caldermill Way Play Area, Saville Town							y	y					
UGS857	864	Chadwick Crescent Recreation Ground, Boothroyd			y			y							
UGS864	1369	Broomer Street Play Area, Ravensthorpe			y			y							
UGS865	1420	Field Lane Allotments, Ravensthorpe				y									
UGS998	491	Scarr End Lane Recreation Ground, Dewsbury Moor	y												
UGS999	492	Elliss Playing Fields & Green Lane Allotments, Westborough				y		y							
Dewsbury and Mirfield Mirfield															
UGS1066	559	Upper Hopton Cricket Ground, Recreation Gound & St John Church, Upper Hopton	y	y			y	y	y						
UGS1083	577	Old Bank Junior, Infant & Nursery School, Taylor Hall Lane, Mirfield						y	y						
UGS1084	578	Crossley Fields Junior & Infant School, Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield		y				y	y						
UGS1085	579	Old Bank Recreation Ground, Old Bank Road, Mirfield	y												
UGS1086	580	Mirfield Free Grammar School Fields, Kitson Hill Road, Mirfield			y			y	y						
UGS1087	581	Crossley Lane Recreation Ground, Northorpe	y						y						
UGS1088	582	West Field Mills Playing Fields, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield						y		y					
UGS1089	583	Church of the Resurrection, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield						y	y						
UGS1090	584	Stocksbank Recreation Ground, Mirfield		y					y						
UGS1091	585	Battieford Primary School, Nab Lane, Mirfield						y	y						
UGS1092	586	Mirfield Parish Cricket Club, Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield													
UGS1093	587	Castle Hall Academy Trust, Richard Thorpe Avenue, Mirfield						y	y						

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Huddersfield Dalton															
UGS1154	649	Round Wood, Woodedge Avenue, Dalton	y							y	Orange	Green	Green		Green
UGS1155	650	Land adjacent Round Wood Beck, Winsford Drive, Dalton	y			y				y	Green	Green	Green		Green
UGS1156	651	Wakefield Road Allotments, Dalton				y					Orange		Green	Green	Orange
UGS1157	652	Land west of 9-45, Cross Green Road, Dalton			y						Green		Green	Green	Green
UGS1158	653	Land adjacent Round Wood Beck, Waterloo Road, Waterloo			y						Red	Green	Green	Green	Orange
UGS1159	654	Land between Round Wood Beck & Ox Field Beck, Albany Road, Dalton		y							Green	Green			Green
UGS1310	867	Foxlow Avenue Recreation Ground, Rawthorpe	y					y			Orange		Green		Orange
UGS1468	915	Town Terrace Recreation Ground, Huddersfield	y		y			y			Green		Green	Green	Green
UGS1471	929	Wood Street Recreation Ground, Moldgreen	y	y				y		y	Green		Green		Green
UGS1529	1261	Carr Pitt Road Allotments, Moldgreen				y					Orange		Green	Green	Orange
UGS955	448	Kirkheaton Primary School, New Road, Kirkheaton						y	y				Green		Green
UGS956	449	Moorside Road Open Space, Moorside Road, Kirkheaton			y						Red		Green	Green	Orange
UGS957	450	Fields Rise Recreation Ground, Fields Rise, Kirkheaton	y					y			Orange		Green		Orange
UGS958	451	Town Road Allotments & Bowling Green, Town Road, Kirkheaton				y	y			y	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green
UGS959	452	Kirkheaton Cemetery, Lane Side, Kirkheaton								y			Green		Green
Huddersfield Greenhead															
UGS1105	599	St Patricks School, Cricket Club, Burial Ground & Clayton Fields Allotments, Birkby				y	y	y	y	y	Green	Green			Green
UGS1106	600	Land between Kaffir Road & Halifax Road, Edgerton								y		Green			Green
UGS1107	601	Cemetery, Tennis Club, Highfields Playing Fields, Osbourne Rd/Cemetery Rd Allotments, Highfields				y	y	y	y		Orange	Green			Green
UGS1112	606	Smiths Avenue Recreation Ground, Marsh	y					y	y		Orange				Orange
UGS1113	607	Jim Lane Recreation Ground, Meadow Street, Marsh	y					y			Green				Green
UGS1114	608	Greenhead Park, Park Drive, Greenhead	y					y	y		Green				Green
UGS1116	610	Dingle Rd Recreation Ground & Jim Lane Allotments, Gledholt	y		y					y	Green	Green			Green

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Huddersfield Greenhead														
UGS1117	611	Gledholt Woods LNR & Branch Street Allotments, Huddersfield		y	y	y			y					
UGS1118	612	Greenhead College, Greenhead Road, Huddersfield				y		y						
UGS1120	614	Paddock Cricket Ground & Bowling Club, Church Street, Paddock		y		y								
UGS1121	615	Land off Gledholt Bank, Gledholt Bank		y					y					
UGS1122	616	Dingle Road Open Space, Paddock			y				y					
UGS1132	626	Fartown Arena, York Ave Rec Ground & Scale Hill Allotments, Fartown	y	y	y	y	y							
UGS1134	628	Norman Park, Norman Road, Birkby	y				y							
UGS1135	629	Jack Hill Park, Jack Hill, Birkby	y			y								
UGS1445	188	Brayside Avenue Allotments, Cowcliffe		y	y									
UGS1446	189	Woodland, Ashleigh Dale, Birkby							y					
UGS2118	1449	Land off Clare Hill, Huddersfield		y										
Huddersfield Lindley														
UGS1108	602	Willwood Avenue Allotments, Lindley			y									
UGS1109	603	Reinwood Recreation Ground, New Hey Road, Lindley	y				y							
UGS1110	604	Burfitts Road Recreational Ground, Burfitts Road, Oakes			y									
UGS1111	605	Reinwood Community Junior, Infant and Nursery School, Oakes		y		y	y	y						
UGS1115	609	Royds Hall School, Douglas Avenue Rec Ground & Luck Lane Allotments, Paddock	y		y	y	y	y	y					
UGS1219	715	Ballroyd Clough & Cliffe Road Recreation Ground, Quarmby		y	y				y	y				
UGS1223	719	Ainley Top Recreation Ground, Birchencliffe	y				y		y					
UGS1224	720	Land south of Birchington Avenue, Lindley							y					
UGS1225	721	Heatherleigh Recreation Ground, Lindley	y				y							
UGS1226	722	Birchencliffe Cricket Club, Halifax Road, Lindley					y		y					
UGS1227	723	Birchencliffe Recreation Ground & Yew Tree Road Allotments, Birchencliffe	y		y		y		y					

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Huddersfield Lindley																	
UGS1228	724	Mount Recreation Ground, Roman Close, Salendine Nook	y									y					
UGS1229	725	YMCA Sports Club, Moorlands Primary School & Hubert Street Open Space, Mount	y					y	y	y							
UGS1230	726	Open Space, Crosland Road, Lindley	y								y						
UGS1231	727	Fearnlea Recreation Ground, Lindley	y						y		y						
UGS1232	728	Hopkinson Recreation Ground & Lindley Methodist Churchyard, Lindley	y	y							y	y					
UGS1233	729	Lindley Junior School, Lindley							y		y						
UGS1234	730	Crosland Road Allotments, Lindley															
UGS1235	731	Daisy Lea Recreation Ground, Lindley	y						y								
UGS1236	732	Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Salendine Nook									y						
UGS1237	733	Goldington Avenue Recreation Ground, Lindley	y						y								
UGS1238	734	Plover Road Dam, Lindley	y														
UGS1239	735	St Stephen's Church & Plover Road Allotments, Lindley									y						
UGS1240	736	Salendine Nook High School, New College, Celandine Avenue Recreation Ground & Allotments, New Hey Road, Salendine Nook	y		y			y	y	y							
UGS1441	181	Chesil Bank Amenity Space, Chesil Bank, Quarmby				y											
UGS1459	209	Lindley Bowling Club & Occupation Road Allotments, Lindley				y		y									
UGS1460	211	Low Hills Open Space, Brecon Avenue, Lindley				y					y						
UGS862	1225	Public Open Space, Reinwood Road, Reinwood				y					y						
Huddersfield Newsome																	
UGS1161	656	Longley Park Golf Course, Longley Woods & Longley School, Lower Houses		y	y			y	y	y		y					
UGS1162	657	Martin Bank Wood, Dog Kennel Bank, Lower Houses									y						
UGS1163	658	Martin Bank Wood, Somerset Road, Almondbury									y						
UGS1178	674	Victoria Road Allotments & Rashcliffe Recreation Ground, Huddersfield	y		y			y	y		y						

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Kirklees Rural Denby Dale																
UGS939	431	Holmfield Road Recreation Ground & Kayes First School, Clayton West	y						y	y	y					
UGS940	433	Skelmanthorpe First & Nursery School, Skelmanthorpe							y		y					
UGS941	434	Scisset Middle School, Scisset First School & St Augustines Church, Scisset							y		y	y				
UGS942	435	Skelmanthorpe Recreation Ground, Commercial Road, Skelmanthorpe	y							y						
UGS943	436	St Aidens First School, Smithy Close, Skelmanthorpe							y		y					
UGS944	437	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club Ground, Lidgett Lane, Skelmanthorpe							y							
UGS946	439	Gilthwaites Recreation Ground & Gilthwaites First School, Gilthwaites Lane, Denby Dale	y						y	y	y					
UGS947	440	St Nicholas Church, Balk Lane, Upper Cumberworth										y				
UGS948	441	East Hill Wood, Wood Lane, Denby Dale										y				
UGS949	442	Denby Dale Cricket Ground & Bowling Club, Cuckstool Road, Denby Dale							y			y				
UGS951	444	Land to west of Barnsley Road, Denby Dale			y											
UGS952	445	Haley Well Beck Woodland, Dearnside Road, Denby Dale										y				
UGS953	446	Upper Denby Recreation Ground, Fairfields, Upper Denby	y							y						
UGS954	447	St John's Church & Denby First School, Denby Lane, Upper Denby							y		y	y				
Kirklees Rural Golcar																
UGS1119	613	Land south of 19-65, Lower Gate, Paddock										y				
UGS1205	701	Botham Hall Recreation Ground, Golcar	y							y						
UGS1206	702	Sycamore Avenue Open Space, Golcar			y											
UGS1207	703	Crow Lane Primary & Foundation School & Crow Lane Recreation Grd, Milnsbridge	y						y	y	y					
UGS1208	704	Former St. Lukes Church, Manchester Road, Milnsbridge										y				
UGS1210	706	Cowlersley Primary School, Cowlersley							y		y					
UGS1211	707	Jubilee Recreation Ground, Cowlersley	y							y						
UGS1212	708	Leymoor Cricket Club, Golcar							y							

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			Parks	Natural/semi natural GS	Amenity green space Allotments	Green corridor	Outdoor sports	Play	Education	Cemeteries	Woodland	Open Space Audit	Playing pitch strategy	Wildlife Habitat Network	Public Health	Open Space Deficiencies
Kirklees Rural			Holme Valley North													
UGS906	397	Brockholes Junior & Infant School, Brockholes Lane, Brockholes					y	y								
UGS907	398	Brockholes Recreation Ground, Brockholes Lane, Brockholes	y					y								
UGS908	399	Scar Wood, Oakes Avenue Recreation Ground & Oakes Avenue Allotments, Brockholes	y		y		y		y							
UGS909	400	Land south of, Lancaster Lane, Brockholes		y												
Kirklees Rural			Holme Valley South													
UGS1242	739	All Saint's Church, Town Gate, Netherthong														
UGS1243	740	Christ Church, Sude Hill, New Mill														
UGS1244	741	Crow Wood, Holmfirth														
UGS1245	742	St John's Church, Upperrthong Lane, Holmfirth														
UGS1246	743	Land rear of Shawfield Avenue, Holmfirth		y												
UGS1247	744	Former Mill Pond, Paris Road, Scholes		y												
UGS1278	778	Dean Brook Woodland, St Marys Road, Netherthong														
UGS1279	779	Spring Wood & Adjacent Land, Springwood Road, Thongsbridge		y												
UGS1307	824	Holy Trinity Church, Butt Lane, Hepworth														
UGS2150	1453	Mill Pond, Wickleden Gate, Scholes														
UGS861	1201	Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club, New Mill Road, Wooldale		y			y									
UGS884	375	Netherthong Primary School, Netherthong			y		y	y	y							
UGS885	376	The Oval Playing Field, New Road, Netherthong		y				y								
UGS886	377	Sands Recreation Ground, Holmfirth		y	y		y	y		y						
UGS887	378	Sycamore Recreation Ground & Holmfirth High School, Thongsbridge		y				y	y	y						
UGS888	379	Holmfirth High School Playing Fields, Thongsbridge														
UGS889	380	Land between Stoney Bank Lane & Holmfirth Road, Thongsbridge		y												
UGS890	381	Kirkroyds Infants & Lydgate Schools, New Mill						y	y	y						

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Kirklees Rural			Kirkburton																			
UGS1312	881	Burton Dean Quarry, North Road, Kirkburton													y							
UGS1318	1205	Grange Moor Recreation Ground, Liley Lane, Grange Moor	y	y			y	y														
UGS1319	1206	Shepley Tennis Club, Firth Street, Shepley								y												
UGS853	780	Canary Hall Allotments, Back Lane, Grange Moor							y													
UGS910	401	Grange Moor Primary School, Liley Lane, Grange Moor								y												
UGS911	402	Denby Lane Crescent Allotments, Steeple Avenue, Grange Moor							y	y												
UGS914	405	Flockton Recreation Ground, Park Side, Flockton	y	y						y	y											
UGS915	406	St James Church & Flockton First School, Barnsley Road, Flockton									y	y										
UGS922	413	Hallas Road Recreation Ground & Gregory Fields Tennis Club, Kirkburton	y							y	y											
UGS923	414	Kirkburton Middle School, Turnshaws Avenue, Kirkburton									y											
UGS924	415	Kirkburton First School, School Hill, Kirkburton									y											
UGS925	416	Queensway Allotments & Queensway Recreation Ground, Kirkburton	y	y	y	y					y											
UGS926	417	Land at Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland				y																
UGS927	418	Shepley First School, Firth Street, Shepley									y											
UGS928	419	Sycamore Farm & Farnley Tyas Bowling Club, Farnley Tyas				y					y											
UGS929	420	Kirkburton Cricket Club, Riley Lane, Kirkburton									y											
UGS960	453	Shelley First School, School Terrace, Shelley				y	y				y											
UGS961	454	Emmanuel Church, Huddersfield Road, Shelley																				
UGS962	455	Shelley College, Huddersfield Road, Shelley																				

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Public Health - Green indicates the site is in a ward where significant health inequalities are identified

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			Parks	Natural/semi natural GS	Amenity green space	Allotments	Green corridor	Outdoor sports	Play	Education	Cemeteries	Woodland		Open Space Audit	Playing pitch strategy	Wildlife Habitat Network	Public Health	Open Space Deficiencies
Batley and Spen		Batley East																
UGS981		Former Soothill Cricket Club, Grace Leather Lane, Batley																Site has the benefit of full planning permission for 34 dwellings and 4 apartments (application 2014/90037) granted 08/10/2014. 2015 development.
Batley and Spen		Batley West																
UGS2145	1451	Land adjacent Healey Lane Junior, Infant & Nursery School, Healey	y															Former education site no longer in use. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
Batley and Spen		Birstall and Birkenshaw																
UGS1820		Birkenshaw Park & St Paul & St Luke Church, Birkenshaw																Birkenshaw Park and St Paul & St Luke Church accepted as urban green space options UGS1045 and UGS1804. Change made on policies map to exclude house and curtilage from boundary. Insufficient justification for designation of whole site as urban green space.
UGS1822	1448	St Patrick's Sports Club & Smithies Moor, Birstall	y															Accepted housing option H138 on this site requires replacement playing pitch provision.
UGS1934	1431	St Patrick's Sports Club, Mill Street, Birstall																Accepted housing option H138 on this site requires replacement playing pitch provision.
Batley and Spen		Cleckheaton																
UGS2147	1452	Cleckheaton Bowling Club, Park View, Cleckheaton																Bowling club site no longer in use. Site has resolution to grant full planning permission for the erection of 23 dwellings subject to a Section 106 agreement (application 2015/90022).
UGS2157	1458	Former Hartshead Moor Junior School, Hartshead Moor	y															Education site no longer required. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
Batley and Spen		Liversedge & Gomersal																
UGS1071	564	Former RM Grylls Middle School, Second Avenue, Hightown																Education site no longer required. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
Dewsbury and Mirfield		Dewsbury South																

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Dewsbury and Mirfield		Dewsbury South															
UGS1026	519	Car Park, Thornhill Street, Savile Town															Existing car park not suitable for designation as urban green space.
UGS2153	1456	Land adjacent The Coombs, Hall Lane, Thornhill	y														Site not required. No scarcity value. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
Dewsbury and Mirfield		Dewsbury West															
UGS1294	796	Land at the junction of Craven Road/Mavis Street, Scout Hill	y														Site has planning permission for erection of sports centre (application 2013/92649).
Huddersfield		Almondbury															
UGS1977	320	Southfield Road Open Space, Almondbury								y							Area of trees is below the size limit for designation. Remainder of site includes a number of garages and does not perform an urban green space function. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
UGS2009		Land at Holme Avenue, Dalton															Site has the benefit of outline planning permission for residential development (application 2014/92369).
UGS2010	1447	Land at Bank End Lane, Dalton	y														Site has the benefit of outline planning permission for residential development (application 2014/90160).
Huddersfield		Ashbrow															
UGS1143	638	Former Allotments, Bracken Hall Road, Sheepridge			y												Disused allotment site no longer required. Now informal natural/semi-natural amenity space. Provision of natural/semi-natural greenspace in the ward is above the standard. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
UGS1981		Russell House Children's Hospice, Huddersfield															Site now developed as children's hospice and no longer performs an urban green space function.
Huddersfield		Greenhead															

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Huddersfield			Lindley															
UGS1735		Land off Hood Street/Lady House Lane, Berry Brow																Intended as site for replacement pitch for loss of associated with adjoining with housing option H1734. The housing option is rejected and therefore consideration of this site as urban greenspace is no longer relevant.
Huddersfield			Newsome															
UGS1508	1098	Taylor Hill Road Allotments, Newsome	y	y						y								Insufficient justification for designation of whole area as urban green space. Area of allotments is below the site limit of 0.4 hectares and therefore too small to designate.
UGS1980	199	Land at the junction of Newsome Road/Hart Street, Newsome	y															Site includes two mill tanks and area of former allotments now unused. Insufficient justification for designation of whole site as urban green space.
UGS1999	236	Land at Bankfield Park Avenue, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield	y							y								Large area of natural/semi-natural greenspace comprising mainly rough grassland with small treed areas. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space in an area where the needs for this type of open space are already being met.
UGS849	234	Fanny Moor Lane Open Space, Lowerhouses	y								y							Accepted as add land to the green belt option AGB2074.
Huddersfield			Ashbrow															
UGS2508		Land rear of Whitacre Street, Deighton																Site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for designation as urban green space.
Kirkees Rural			Holme Valley North															
UGS2334	369	Meltham Moor Primary School, Meltham								y	y							School building not suitable for designation as urban green space.
Kirklees Rural			Colne Valley															




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Kirklees Rural			Colne Valley														
UGS1305	807	Land west of Binn Road, Marsden	y														Majority of the site is in use as private gardens, remainder is overgrown and unused. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
UGS871	361	Land west of Broad Oak, Linthwaite	y														Part of hillside but is no different in character to adjoining unallocated land. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
UGS873	363	Linthwaite Hall WMC Bowling Club, Linfit Lane, Linthwaite	y														Bowling green is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares for designation as urban green space. Insufficient justification for designation of remainder of site.
Kirklees Rural			Denby Dale														
UGS2000	226	Land at Leak Hall Lane, Denby Dale	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.
UGS2001		Land adjacent River Dearne, Off Wakefield Road, Denby Dale															Site includes private gardens not suitable for urban green space designation. Remainder of site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and therefore too small for designation as urban green space.
UGS2511		Land at Back Lane, Upper Denby															Site is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and is therefore too small for designation as urban green space.
Kirklees Rural			Golcar														
UGS1998	1446	Land at Hollin Hall Lane, Golcar	y														Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
Kirklees Rural			Holme Valley North														
UGS1277	777	land north of Lancaster Lane, Brockholes	y														Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.

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Kirklees Rural			Holme Valley North													
UGS905	396	Former Carters Playing Fields, New Mill Road, Brockholes	y													Former playing fields, lapsed and disused for a number of years. No reasonable prospect of this site coming forward to deliver playing pitch capacity to meet local needs.
Kirklees Rural			Holme Valley South													
UGS2004	1163	Land at Dunford Road, Holmfirth	y													Embankment with some protected trees along Dunford Road frontage and across the site. Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space. Site more appropriately identified as part of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
UGS2011		Tenter Hill, Tenter Hill Road, New Mill														School playing fields and land off Stoney Bank Lane are accepted as urban green space options UGS888 and UGS889. Site includes accepted housing options H729 and H555 with part having planning permission for the erection of 29 dwellings (application 2013/93193) now started. Insufficient justification for the designation of the whole area as urban green space.
UGS855	835	Kirkroyds Lane Allotments, New Mill				y										Allotments. Site is below the site limit of 0.4 hectares and therefore too small for designation as urban green space.
Kirklees Rural			Kirkburton													
UGS2005	879	Land at Burton Acres Lane, Highburton	y													Insufficient justification for designation as urban green space.
UGS2006	883	Land at Turnshaw Road, Kirkburton	y	y												Insufficient justification to designate site as urban green space.
UGS2007		Land at Riley Lane, Kirkburton														Private garden and curtilage not suitable for designation as urban green space.

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Kirklees Rural		Kirkburton																		
UGS913	404	Land at Barnsley Road, Flockton	y	y																Insufficient justification for designation of land used for horse grazing as urban green space. Remainder of site comprising protected trees is below the size limit of 0.4 hectares and therefore too small for designation as urban green space.

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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 urban green space designation.
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 urban green space designation.
RUGS2516	Holme Valley South	Shaleycreech, Upperthong Lane, Holmfirth	Boundary of option UGS895 changed to exclude property and curtilage. Site not suitable for urban green space designation.
RUGS2497	Greenhead	Land adjacent 6 Branch Street, Paddock, Huddersfield	Garage site removed from option UGS1117. Site not suitable for urban green space designation.
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 urban green space designation.
RUGS2502	Batley West	24-26 Thorncliffe Road, Batley	Urban green space designation removed. Less than 0.4 hectares in size, site is too small for designation.
RUGS2507	Liversedge & Gomersal	537 Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge	Boundary of option UGS1069 changed to remove residential curtilage. Site not suitable for urban green space designation.
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 urban green space designation.

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

Site Number	Ward	Address	Comments
RUGS2494	Holme Valley South	Land adjacent 509, New Mill Road, Brockholes, Holmfirth	Merits urban green space designation as part of Scar Wood comprising protected trees and identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2105	Lindley	Land rear of Armitages Garden Centre, Birchencliffe Hill Road, Birchencliffe	Merits urban green space designation as area of woodland, used for informal recreation and identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2106	Newsome	Land adjacent Ashenhurst Student Accommodation, Athene Drive, Huddersfield	Merits urban green space designation as part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace covering Ashenburst Plantation and Oaken Bank Plantation, identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2490	Holme Valley South	Land rear of 13, Paris Road, Scholes, Holmfirth,	Merits urban green space designation as integral part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace.
RUGS2491	Golcar	Land adjacent 1, Cow Gate, Longwood, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space designation as part of the wider natural/semi-natural greenspace of Longwood quarry edge, identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2492	Birtsall & Birkenshaw	Land adjacent 64, Brow Wood Road, Birstall, Batley,	Merits urban green space designation. Within the grounds of Batley Girls High School.
RUGS2499	Denby Dale	3 Miller Hill, Denby Dale, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space designation as part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace corridor adjoining the River Dearne and identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2104	Heckmondwike	Heckmondwike Bowling Club, Green Avenue, Heckmondwike	Merits urban green space designation as part of bowling club, closely associated with existing bowling greens.

RUGS2103	Kirkburton	Land rear of Springfield Mills, Springfield Lane, Kirkburton	Merits urban green space designation as well established natural/semi-natural greenspace, contiguous with adjoining protected trees and identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2500	Dalton	Land east of 11A, Sunny Mead, Waterloo, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space designation. Land used for horse grazing, performs an urban green space function.
RUGS2495	Colne Valley	Land east of 1 Clough Hey, Manchester Road, Marsden, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space designation. 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.
RUGS2496	Batley East	Land rear of 2 & 4, Warwick Mount, Batley	Merits urban green space designation as part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace.
RUGS2498	Colne Valley	Land rear of 1-27 Slant Gate, Linthwaite, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space designation as part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2501	Golcar	Land rear of The Slip Inn, Longwood Gate, Longwood, Huddersfield,	Merits urban green space designation as part of larger area of woodland, including protected trees, and identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2503	Cleckheaton	Land rear of 778, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge,	Merits urban green space designation as part of wider of natural/semi-natural greenspace which performs a strategic open space function.
RUGS2504	Holme Valley North	Land adjacent Meltham Dike, Meltham, Holmfirth,	Merits urban green space designation as part of the natural/semi-natural corridor adjacent Meltham Dike, identified within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.
RUGS2513	Denby Dale	Land east of 30 Cuckstool Road, Denby Dale, Huddersfield	Merits urban green space designation as part of wider natural/semi-natural greenspace.
RUGS2107	Cleckheaton	49 Moorside, Cleckheaton	Merits urban green space designation as part of wider of natural/semi-natural greenspace which performs a strategic open space function.

Appendix 5: Local Green Space Assessments

Site Ref	Site Address	Size (ha)	Planning permission granted	Allocated for development	Close to community	Extensive tract of land	Demonstrably Special						Designate as LGS	Comments
							Beauty	Historic significance	Recreatio value	Tranquility	Wildlife	Other (community value)		
LGS2124	Highfields Community Orchard, Wentworth Street, Huddersfield	0.4	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Demonstrably special used by the wider community as a local community orchard.
LGS2125	George's Community Orchard, Cambridge Road, Huddersfield	0.19	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Demonstrably special used by the wider community as a local community orchard.
LGS2126	Cemetery Road Community Orchard, Huddersfield	0.31	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Demonstrably special used by the wider community as a local community orchard.
LGS2127	Land at Queen's Road/ Murray Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield	0.06	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Not demonstrably special. Small grass highway verge already protected by a Tree Preservation Order and within a conservation area. No additional benefit to be gained by Local Green Space designation. Not a suitable asset for

														designation as Local Green Space.
LGS2083	Land adjacent Clayton Dike, Edgerton, Huddersfield	1.15	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Extends into Clayton Fields site which has outline planning permission for residential development (application 2014/93014). Designation as proposed would not be compatible with the intended development as the layout for the scheme has yet to be finalised through a reserved matters application.
LGS2129	Clayton Fields Allotments & Land adjacent Clayton Dike, Edgerton, Huddersfield	2.1	Part	Part	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Allotments site already protected as urban green space. Remainder of site extends into Clayton Fields site which has outline planning permission for residential development. Designation as proposed would not be compatible with the intended development as the layout for the scheme has yet to be finalised through a reserved matters application.
LGS2128	Land at Queen's Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield	0.05	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Not demonstrably special. Small grass highway verge already protected by a Tree Preservation Order and within a conservation area. No additional benefit to be gained by Local Green Space designation. Not a suitable asset for designation as Local Green Space.

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	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

Sport	Analysis Area	Current shortfalls	Future shortfalls (2037)	Future spare capacity	Potential actions
		sessions.			required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.

Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
Football (3G AGPs)	Batley & Spennings	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 & Spennings	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.

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Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
Rugby union	Batley & Spennings	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 pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	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 & Spennings	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	Shortfall of 21 senior and 2	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could

Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
		and 3 junior match equivalent sessions	primary match equivalent sessions	accommodate some shortfalls.
Hockey (Sand AGPs)	Batley & Spen	Current demand being met.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Quality improvements as and when required.
	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 case 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 <i>(2012 based sub-national projections)</i>	428,100	Existing no. of households (2013) <i>(based on 2012 sub-national projections)</i>	176,152
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Type of Open Space	National Standard <i>(ha per 1,000 pop)</i>	Kirklees UDP 1999 Standard <i>(ha per 1,000 pop)</i>	Kirklees Open Space Study 2010 Standard <i>(ha per 1,000 pop)</i>	Amount of Existing Provision <i>(Ha)</i>	Standard of Existing Provision <i>(ha per 1,000 pop)</i>	OS Demand Assessment Findings 2015 – Satisfaction with availability	Recommended Kirklees Local Standard <i>(ha per 1,000 pop)</i>
Parks & recreation grounds	No	No	0.09 - 1.25	337.35	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	123.42	0.29	41.7% very or quite satisfied 21% no opinion	0.3
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	2.0	No	0.78 – 8.10	863.8	2.02	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	76.42	0.43 per 1,000 households	51.4% don't know/no opinion	0.5 ha per 1,000 households