

Open Space Strategy

Area Priorities and Actions

North Carr Area



Introduction

This document is one of seven area priority and action plans which support the Open Space Strategy and should be read alongside the main document. The strategy sets standards for different types of open space, estimates needs for certain types of open space and proposes sites which could help address those needs.

This document sets out details of actions within the North Carr Neighbourhood Committee area which will help to address those needs specific to this area. The plan contains actions to improve the green network and proposes sites for potential open space use where there is a deficit and methods to rationalise current provision in order to attain the highest possible quality provision within the area. Actions will be carried out by the Council and developers. The actions represent medium and longer term aspirations. Progress will be dependent on the rate at which development proposals come forward and are approved and implemented and the availability of Council resources to invest in open space. The strategy and action plans will be reviewed and updated every five years.

General Description

The North Carr Committee area is made up of three wards; the Bransholme East, Bransholme West and Kings Park wards. The area is situated in the northeast of the city. The Kings Park Area includes new housing development in the Kingswood Area which is predominantly privately owned or privately rented and slightly older properties in the Sutton Park ward; green space provision in the ward has an uneven distribution being predominantly situated to the south with Bude Road, Midmerdales and Foredyke forming a strong green link east to west, joining up with the River Hull. In contrast, the majority of properties in Bransholme East and Bransholme West wards are rented from either the council or housing associations. Although rich in open space provision, accessibility is a problem as much of the land is currently in agricultural production. Key open space sites within the ward include Noddle Hill, Lambwath Playing Fields and Heartlands Park with several well-equipped play areas scattered across the area. Resident's accessibility to amenity space provision within the committee boundary is exceptional, however, quality of these sites vary significantly and priority should therefore be given to ensuring that all sites are of sufficient quality to meet local need.

The North Carr Area is well connected to both the Hull and East Riding green network with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust designated 'Hull Green Arc' spanning across the committee area with the River Hull runs north to south to the west of the committee area and Holderness Drain to the east. Parts of the committee area have features dating back as far back as the Domesday Book and the historic settlement of Waghon (Wawne). Several watercourses criss-cross the land, dating back to the drainage of the marsh lands; the Sutton Cross Drain, Old Main Drain, Foredyke Drain and Engine Drain still remain. Some

of the field systems and hedgerows date back to pre-enclosure times making them of local landscape value. Being on the boundary of the city there is easy access to the wider countryside for the majority of the committee area.

Accessibility

Current accessibility standards North Carr Area (see Table 1) shows that a large quantity of green space within the Bransholme East, Bransholme West and Kings Park wards are publically accessible

Table 1: Mid 2014 Accessibility Standards in the North Carr Area Committee

Ward	Total (hectares)	Publicly accessible (hectares)	Publicly accessible (percentage)
Bransholme East	273.79	92.96	33.95
Bransholme West	41.04	29.86	55.70
Kings Park	100.09	85.32	85.24

Current deficiencies

Deficiencies identified in the 2014 open space audit are shown in Table 2. It shows that there is a deficiency in several of the typologies. This needs to be taken into account when planning future investment in open spaces infrastructure.

Table 2: Mid 2014 Deficiencies in Provision within the North Carr Area Committee

Open Space Typology	Existing open space (hectares)	Open space provision (hectares / 1000 people)	Hull Standard	Open space surplus ha/1000
Agricultural	161.49		n/a	
Allotments	4.08	0.14	0.24 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m)	-3.02 SLIGHT DEFICIENCY
Amenity Green Space	45.62	1.54	0.67 ha / 1000 people within a 10 minute walk (480m).	25.81 SURPLUS
Cemetery / churchyard	0.00	0.00		
Children's play facility	1.72	0.06	0.030 ha / 1000 people within a 10 minute walk (480m).	0.83 SLIGHT SURPLUS
Civic space	0.00	0.00	n/a	
Educational grounds	19.64	0.66	n/a	
Green corridor	11.39	0.39	n/a	
Natural / semi-natural greenspace	127.47	4.31	0.62 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m).	109.13 LARGE SURPLUS
Outdoor Sports Facility	29.45	1.00		
Park / garden	13.11	0.44	0.50 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m).	-1.67 SLIGHT DEFICIENCY
Private grounds	0.35	0.01	n/a	
Unclassified	0.00	0.00	n/a	
Young people's facility	0.60	0.02	0.023 ha / 1000 people within a 15 minute walk (720m).	-0.08 SLIGHT DEFICIENCY
Golf		0.00	n/a	
Outdoor Sports Facility (excl golf) + Educational grounds	49.10	1.66	1.68 ha / 1000 people, excluding golf courses	-0.58 SLIGHT DEFICIENCY

Site Specific Strategic Actions

Inclusion of Sites within the Action Plan.

The following criteria have been used to identify priorities and justify the inclusion of sites within the action plan.

- The ward area is deficient in the specified typology.
- The site suffers from accessibility issues (i.e. safety, poor signage and poor disability provision)
- A project is already underway to enhance the site and/or funding has been secured.
- An evaluation of the site's use is required as it is of poor quality and is underused.
- The action is small scale, short term and will enhance the quality of current provision, whilst aiding community ownership.
- The importance of the site is identified in other strategies.

Management and Development

The following issues should be considered when undertaking site development or enhancement.

- Financial viability.
- Security of tenure.
- Planning permission requirements and any foreseen difficulties in securing permission.
- Achieving revenue funding from planning contributions in order to maintain existing sites.
- Gaining contributions in the form of planning, which assist with the creation of new provision where need has been identified.
- Explore opportunities for shared/community site management opportunities.
- Opportunities to lease site to external organisations(s).
- Assisting community groups/ward areas to gain funding to enhance existing provision.
- Negotiation with landowners to increase access to private strategic sites.

The Action Plan has been created to be undertaken over a ten-year timescale. The information within the Assessment Report, Strategy and Action Plan will require updating as developments occur. It is not feasible to include all sites with identified development issues in the Strategy and Action Plan. Only key sites, which meet the criteria listed above have, therefore, been included.

Actions will be carried out by the Council and developers. The actions represent short (1-2 years) medium (3 – 5 years) and longer term (over six years) aspirations. Progress will be dependent on the rate at which development proposals come forward and are approved and implemented and the availability of Council resources to invest in open space.

The strategy and action plans will be reviewed and updated every five years.

Bude Park

Bude Park and surrounding area offer a wide range of facilities for the local area. The park offers facilities for both children and young people and a number of football team use the sports facilities. The western part of the park acts as a wildlife area and winter wetlands that offers a significant water storage capacity. There are opportunities to improve access and facilities in this community green space.

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
CIL NC15	Wildlife habitat improvements	the western fields to be improved to increase the biodiversity of the fields through water retention and informal pathways	£150,000	No	£150,000	Kingswood developer contributions	Kings Park
CIL NC16	New skate /BMX park	to the side of the sewage works road opposite side to Asda away from residential areas to better engage and occupy youths	£180,000	No	£180,000	Kingswood developer contributions	Kings Park
KAAP IA5	Improvements to Bude Park	Improved sports facilities; changing facilities and pitches.	£650,000	Remaining S106 from 2004 outline	£300,000	CIL and alternative finding to be secured	

ASDA spine path

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
CIL NC17	2 play area enhancements	to improve and enhance tow existing play areas at Hemble Way and Hartsholme Park	£100,000	No	£100,000	Kingswood developer contributions	Kings Park

Bude Park and rear of Asda

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
CIL NC12	Improvements to paths across greenspaces	to improve pedestrian access over Bude Park to encourage healthier lifestyles	£190,000	No		Kingswood developer contributions	Kings Park

Wilberforce Wood

This semi-natural green space is still in development and young tree plantings are maturing to offer good woodland cover and the seasonal wetlands are maturing well. Drainage improvement works to the site have enhanced to ecological resource. Investment in the site by the Kingswood Residents Association and the ward councillors aims to make this area a multi-functioning resource for the local community.

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
CIL NC14	New car parking	To remove the bus turning circle on Kesteven as no longer required and to redesign the space for car parking for those accessing Wilberforce Woods	£160,000	No	£160,000	Kingswood developer contributions	Kings Park
KAAP IA4	Improvements to Wilberforce Wood/Foredyke Green	Including new cycle path and perimeter all weather pedestrian paths.	£650,000	Remaining \$106 from 2004 outline,	£550,000	CIL and alternative finding to be secured	Kings Park

Noddle Hill LNR

Designated as Local Nature Reserve , Noddle Hill is one of the city's largest public green spaces. A broad array of habitats makes this one of the city's most ecological rich resources. The Nature Reserve is home to a number of rare and protected species including great crested newts, water voles and grass snakes. Noddle hill Nature Resource offers a rich educational and recreational resource for the people of both North Carr area and Hull.

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
CIL NC1	Footbridge to improve access COMPLETE	Water crossing needed to link North Bransholme through to the Nature Reserve. Location is the rear of Kingswood Academy, pathways will need to be created to create the link and would see the scheme costing nearer £50k	£25,000	No	£25,000	Community Budget	Bransholme East
CIL NC2	Creation of maze	located to land rear of Nature Reserve, land owned by HCC but let for farming, budget would include for a building on the site to provide shelter and office space	£50,000	No	£50,000	Riverside Housing Group	Bransholme East

Cumbrian Way

This semi-natural habitat has great potential to be enhanced for nature and people. Changes in the management regime have resulted in less frequent cutting of the grassland and a more naturalistic appearance. Enhancement of the area will make it more attractive and usable for local residents.

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap (£)	Potential alternative funding	Ward
NC4	Frontage improvement scheme Partly Complete	land east of Cambrian Way currently un-kept needs to landscaped to suit the community needs	£150,000	No	£150,000	Riverside Housing Group	Bransholme East

Heartlands Park, Minehead Road

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
NC18	Play area enhancements	to improve and enhance the existing play space	£50,000	No	£50,000	Community budget	Bransholme West

Stroud Crescent drain bank area

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
NC9	Adventure play area for older children	to extend and enhance the existing adventure play area to the southern end of the former culvert drain	£75,000	No	£75,000	Community Budget	Bransholme West

Stroud Crescent area / Honiton Road adjacent to Selworthy

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
NC8	Creation of cycleways	to extend the cycleways to link wider areas to the town's cycle network	£350,000	No	£350,000	None identified	Bransholme West

Wawne View

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
KAAP DA1	Creation of public open space at Wawne View		£2,490,000	Developer	None	n/a	Kings Park

Riverbank

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
KAAP DA3	Public open space at Riverbank including aquagreens and greenways		£663,000	Developer	None	n/a	Kings Park

Infrastructure Improvements

Bransholme East

Open Space	Quality Score	CIL Ref	Improvements Required	Open Space Objectives
Parks				
Lambwath Playing Fields				
Green Corridors				
Foredyke Stream				
Former Castlehill Road, east of Wawne Road				
Amenity				
AGS between Manston Garth and Biggin Avenue				
AGS east of Biggin Hill Primary School				
AGS north of Noddle Hill Way				
AGS south of Aberdovey Close				
AGS south of Colwyn Close				
AGS south of Grampian Way shopping centre				
AGS south of Leadhills Way				
AGS west of Leitholm Close				
AGS west of Upavon Garth				
AGS west of Waseley Hill Way				
AGS, Castlehill Road				
AGS, opposite Noddle Hill Way				
AGS, Zeals Garth				
Land to the west of Kingswood School				
Pennine Way Park AGS				
Allotments				
Noddle Hill Way allotments				
Children's Play Facilities				
Play equipment, Aberdovey Close				
Play equipment, Castlehill Road				
Play equipment, Lambwath Playing Fields				
Play equipment, Noddle Hill playing fields				

Play equipment, Pennine Way Park AGS				
Play equipment, Zeals Garth			Improvements to play equipment	CYP1
Young People's Facilities				
Basketball hoop, Bransholme North Playground, east of Kinderscout Close				
MUGA, AGS, Castlehill Road				
MUGA, Lambwath Playing Fields				
Semi-natural Habitats				
Ash Plantation, Lothian Way				
Bransholme Nature Reserve and Fishing Lakes		NC1	Footbridge to improve access	NSN10
		NC2	Creation of maze	NSN10
Land east and south of Cumbrian Way (including Old Main Drain)		NC4	Frontage improvement scheme	
Cemeteries				
None				
Private Grounds				
None				
Outdoor Sports Facilities				
The Dales Fitness Centre, Snowdon Way				
Hockey pitches, The Dales Fitness Centre, Snowdon Way				
Noddle Hill playing fields, Noddle Hill Way				
Rockford Rangers playing fields				
Highlands Playing Field				
Agricultural				
Fields north of Foredyke Stream				
Land south of Bransholme Road				
Schools				
Biggin Hill Primary School				
Biggin Hill Primary School, MUGA				
Highlands Primary School				
Kingswood School				
Kingswood School, MUGA				
Kingswood School, STP				

Bransholme West

Open Space	Quality Score	CIL Ref	Improvements Required	Open Space Objectives
Parks				
Heartlands Park		NC18	Play area enhancements	CYP1; CYP2; CYP3
Green Corridors				
None				
Amenity				
AGS adjacent to Alf Marshall Centre, Goodhart Road				
AGS between Holwell Road and Stroud Crescent East				
AGS east of Bude Road				
AGS east of North Point Shopping Centre				
AGS north and west of Cleeve Primary School				
AGS north of Bodmin Close				
AGS south of Cambeak Close				
AGS south of Padstow Close				
AGS south-west of Sutton Gardens, Barnstaple Road				
AGS west of Holwell Road				
AGS west of Padstow Close				
AGS west of Whitstone Close				
Former Foredyke Stream, adjacent to Stroud Crescent		NC9	Adventure play area for older children	CYP5
Former Foredyke Stream, west of Holwell Road				
Mini-football pitch, AGS adjacent to Alf Marshall Centre, Goodhart Road				
Allotments				
None				
Children's Play Facilities				
Play equipment, adjacent to Stroud Crescent				
Play equipment, Heartlands Park				

Young People's Facilities				
MUGA and teen shelter, Heartlands Park				
Semi-natural Habitats				
Bransholme Community Woodland, Noddle Hill Way				
Bude Road Primary School, nature boundary				
Foredyke Green				
Cemeteries				
None				
Private Grounds				
Highfield House grounds, Wawne Road, Sutton				
Outdoor Sports Facilities				
Isberg Rugby Ground				
Sutton Cricket Club				
Agricultural				
None				
Schools				
Bude Road Primary School				
Cleeve Primary School				
Northcott Special School				
St Mary Queen Of Martyrs RC Primary School				

Kings Park

Open Space	Quality Score	CIL Ref	Improvements Required	Open Space Objectives
Parks				
Bude Park		NC15	Wildlife habitat improvements	NSN6; NSN9
		NC16	New skate / bmx park	
		NC12	Improvements to paths across greenspaces	
		KAAP	IA5Sports improvements	OSF1
Wawne View			Creation of public open space	P1; P5; P7; OSS3; OSS10; CYP9
Green Corridors				
Cycle path south of Broadacre School				
Green corridor south of Gibraltar Road				
Green screen between Kingswood retail park and housing				
Green screen west of Runnymede Way				
Wawne Drain				
River Hull		KAAP	DA3 - Public open space at Riverbank including aquagreens and greenways	OSS3; GC2
Amenity				
AGS between Runnymede Lane and Engine Drain				
AGS between Selset Way and River Hull				
AGS east of Chevening Park				
AGS north of John Newton Way				
AGS north of Loseley Park				
AGS south of Bushey Park				
AGS to the east of Kingswood Parks Primary School				
AGS to west of School Lane				
AGS, Selset Way				
AGS, Selset Way				
Engine Drain (south), Kingswood				
Kingsbury Way AGS				
Play equipment, west of School Lane				

Allotments				
Bude Road allotments				
Children's Play Facilities				
Play equipment, Bude Park				
Play equipment, Hartsholme Park		NC17	Play area enhancements	CYP1
Play equipment, Hemble Way		NC17	Play area enhancements	CYP1
Play equipment, Kingsbury Way				
Play equipment, Marbury Park				
Play equipment, Selset Way				
Young People's Facilities				
MUGA, Bude Park				
Semi-natural Habitats				
Ings Plantation, Kingswood				
Land around Ennerdale Leisure Centre				
Land east of Ennerdale Link road				
NSN west of Bude Park				
Poplar Plantation, south of Gibraltar Way				
Water Vole Habitat, Kingswood				
Wilberforce Wood including Wawne Drain		NC14	New car parking	NSN10; OSS1
		KAAP IA4	Improvements to Wilberforce Wood/Foredyke Green	NSN10
Yorkshire Water balancing reservoir				
Cemeteries				
None				
Private Grounds				
None				
Outdoor Sports Facilities				
Outdoor gym, Bude Park				
Bude Park playing fields				
Agricultural				
n/a				
Schools				
Broadacre Primary School				
St Andrews C.E. Primary School				