

Open Space Strategy

Area Priorities and Actions

Northern 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 Northern Area 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 Northern Committee area is made up of three wards; the University, Orchard Park and Greenwood, and Beverley wards. It has a population of around 32,000. The area is a mix of housing types, with council-owned properties dominating the Greenwood and Orchard Park ward, and privately owned houses with larger gardens elsewhere in the committee areas. At the heart of the University Ward is the University of Hull campus, and although the area is rich in open space provision, accessibility is a problem across the whole of the committee area.

There are poor levels of access to parks within the northern area and therefore the quality of sites must be prioritised and emphasis should therefore be placed on maintaining and enhancing the quality of sites where possible. Semi-natural open spaces are predominantly located to the east within the Beverley ward and there are several residents in the University and Orchard Park and Greenwood wards that do not have appropriate access to natural open space within the city boundary, however, access outside the city boundary is exceptional with accessible, high quality and varied provision in the East Riding. Current strategies to enhance links to the nearby countryside should be continued.

Resident's accessibility to amenity space provision within the committee boundary is good, however, quality of these sites varies significantly and priority should therefore be given to ensuring that all sites are of sufficient quality to meet local need. Although the number of amenity sites are plentiful, their size is small and the quantity of provision is insufficient to meet the local standard; new provision should therefore be provided as the population grows

The Northern Area is well connected to the Green Network with the River Hull running north to south through the Beverley ward, and the Beverley and Barmston drain forming a boundary with the Beverley ward, Orchard Park and Greenwood and the University ward. The Orchard Park and Greenwood ward forms the city's north-western boundary and is well connected to the green infrastructure of the East Riding's boundaries.

Accessibility

Current accessibility standards Northern Area (see table 1) shows that a very large proportion of green space within the University Ward is not accessible to the public cause by the domination of educational establishments in the area.

Table 1: Mid 2014 Accessibility Standards in the Northern Area Committee

| Ward | Total (hectares) | Publicly accessible (hectares) | Publicly accessible (percentage) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Beverley | 58.21 | 36.90 | 63% |
| Orchard Park & Greenwood | 34.47 | 24.61 | 71% |
| University | 61.28 | 7.35 | 12% |

Current deficiencies

Deficiencies identified in the 2014 open space audit are shown in Table X. 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.

Deficiencies in Allotments should be assessed concurrently with current waiting lists in order to assess current demand in an area; with regards to Park Area Allotments there are currently vacant plots, therefore, additional allotment provision is a low priority and investment should be directed at improving the quality of current provision in the neighbourhood area.

Open space within the Northern Neighbourhood Area is dominated by outdoor facilities and educational facilities leading to deficiencies in natural and semi-natural green space and parks. The accessibility of natural green spaces outside of the city boundary partially off-set this deficiency.

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

| Open Space Typology | Existing open space (hectares) | Open space provision (hectares / 1000 people) | Hull Standard | Open space surplus ha/1000 |
|--|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Agricultural | 0.00 | 0.00 | n/a | |
| Allotments | 5.76 | 0.18 | 0.24 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m) | -2.04 DEFICIENCY (No waiting list) |
| Amenity Green Space | 25.61 | 0.79 | 0.67 ha / 1000 people within a 10 minute walk (480m). | 3.83 SURPLUS |
| Cemetery / churchyard | 0.22 | 0.01 | | |
| Children's play facility | 0.88 | 0.03 | 0.030 ha / 1000 people within a 10 minute walk (480m). | -0.10 SLIGHT DEFICIENCY |
| Civic space | 0.00 | 0.00 | n/a | |
| Educational grounds | 52.15 | 1.60 | n/a | |
| Green corridor | 2.58 | 0.08 | n/a | |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | 9.13 | 0.28 | 0.62 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m). | -11.03 DEFICIENCY |
| Outdoor Sports Facility | 41.32 | 1.27 | | |
| Park / garden | 8.87 | 0.27 | 0.50 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m). | -7.39 DEFICIENCY |
| Private grounds | 5.87 | 0.18 | n/a | |
| Unclassified | 1.25 | 0.04 | n/a | |
| Young people's facility | 0.33 | 0.01 | 0.023 ha / 1000 people within a 15 minute walk (720m). | -0.41 SLIGHT DEFICIENCY |
| Golf | 0.00 | 0.00 | n/a | |
| Outdoor Sports Facility (excl golf) + Educational grounds | 93.47 | 2.88 | 1.68 ha / 1000 people, excluding golf courses | 38.86 LARGE SURPLUS |

Community Infrastructure Levy Projects



Oppy Wood and surrounding land, Dane Park Road

These Hull City Council owned sites form the bulk of the green space provision on the edge of Orchard Park and Greenwood area but lies within the East Riding of Yorkshire. Due to the quantity and accessibility of these semi-natural habitats and sports pitches they are of importance to local residents.

Oppy Wood planted by the Woodland Trust in 2004 covers just over 10 hectares. The woodland is seasonally wet and is maturing well the site supports a variety of wildlife including a variety of bird species, toads, common newt and deer. The site is often difficult to access in winter and the woodland is in need of targeted management.

Dane Park to the north is the subject of the Cottingham and Orchard Park Flood Alleviation Scheme that looks to create a bund system to provide a water holding resource for the immediate area. The scheme also includes the provision of a fishing pond on the pitch and putt site.

| REF | Description | Justification | Total Cost | Existing Commitment | Funding gap | Potential alternative funding | Ward |
|-----|--|---------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| N7 | Development of the North Moor Nature Area Includes fishing ponds, woodland management, natural play and better connectivity | | TBC | £39k from area budget | TBC | Lottery, Landfill tax, Trust funds, Arts Council | Orchard Park / Greenwood |

Various locations

| REF | Description | Justification | Total Cost | Existing Commitment | Funding gap | Potential alternative funding | Ward |
|-----|----------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| N5 | New allotments | Deficiency exists in ward | £50,000 | No | £50,000 | Community Budget | Orchard Park / Greenwood |

Dane Park playing fields

Playing pitch provision in the area is good but associated facilities are lacking.

| REF | Description | Justification | Total Cost | Existing Commitment | Funding gap | Potential alternative funding | Ward |
|-----|---|---------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| N11 | Development of sports facilities Changing rooms c.£150k Grounds improvements c.£80k | | £230k | £15k from area budget | £215,000 | Sport England | Orchard Park / Greenwood |

Near Parks Primary School off Hall Road

The provision of a new MUGA in this area would possibly result in improvements in the rate of anti-social behaviour on the streets and health in young people. A free and accessible facility in the area has the potential to be well used by the local community

| REF | Description | Justification | Total Cost | Existing Commitment | Funding gap | Potential alternative funding | Ward |
|-----|--------------------------|--|------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| N6 | New multi-use games area | Looks to remove the deficiency in Young People's provision within the ward | £100,000 | No | £100,000 | Community Budget | Orchard Park / Greenwood |

King George V Playing Field

| REF | Description | Justification | Total Cost | Existing Commitment | Funding gap | Potential alternative funding | Ward |
|-----|--|---------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| N8 | Children's play provision enhancements | | £63,000 | No | £63,000 | None identified | University |

Two areas, exact locations to be confirmed

| REF | Description | Justification | Total Cost | Existing Commitment | Funding gap | Potential alternative funding | Ward |
|-----|------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| N10 | New skatebowl facility | | £50,000 | No | £50,000 | None identified | University |

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/parish councils 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.

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Beverley Ward

| Open Space | Quality Score | CIL Ref | Improvements Required | Open Space Objectives |
|--|---------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Parks | | | | |
| Oak Road Park | | | | |
| Green Corridors | | | | |
| River Hull | | | | |
| Beverley and Barmston Drain | | | | |
| Amenity | | | | |
| AGS north of Coronet Close | | | | |
| AGS north of Evergreen Drive | | | | |
| AGS north of Wadsworth Avenue | | | | |
| AGS rear of Oxenhope Road | | | | |
| AGS, south of Evergreen Drive | | | | |
| AGS north and south of Marsden Landing | | | | |
| Allotments | | | | |
| Oak Road / Clough Road allotments | | | | |
| Children's Play Facilities | | | | |
| Tudor Drive play park | | | | |
| Play equipment, Oak Road Park | | | | |
| Young People's Facilities | | | | |
| Play equipment, Tudor Drive | | | | |
| Skateboard park, Oak Road Park | | | | |
| Semi-natural Habitats | | | | |
| NSN Oak Road, CRODA | | | | |
| Land south of Sutton Road | | | | |
| Land to the rear of Wadsworth | | | | |

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| Avenue | | | | |
| Green trail between Train and Tarran Avenues | | | | |
| Cycle path, Oak Road | | | | |
| Cemeteries | | | | |
| Cemetery, St John's Church | | | | |
| Private Grounds | | | | |
| Haworth Hall grounds, Wadsworth Avenue | | | | |
| Outdoor Sports Facilities | | | | |
| Oak Road Playing Fields | | | | |
| Playing fields south of Newland St. John's C.E. Primary School | | | | |
| Haworth Park playing fields, Wadsworth Avenue | | | | |
| Schools | | | | |
| Parkstone Primary School | | | | |
| Newland St. John's C.E. Primary School | | | | |

Orchard Park and Greenwood

| Open Space | Quality Score | CIL Ref | Improvements Required | Open Space Objectives |
|--|---------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Parks | | | | |
| Shaw Park | | | | |
| Amenity | | | | |
| AGS east of Axdane, Bondane, Caldane, and Dibsdane | | | | |
| AGS, north of 38th Avenue | | | | |
| Green Close Park | | | | |
| AGS around the Courts, Orchard Park | | | | |
| AGS south of Isledane | | | | |
| AGS north of Palmcourt | | | | |
| AGS east of Isledane | | | | |
| AGS, 33rd Avenue | | | | |
| AGS south of Ashthorpe | | | | |
| Ada Holmes Circle, north side | | | | |
| AGS east of Bradshaw | | | | |
| AGS west of Isledane | | | | |
| Princess Elizabeth Playing Fields | | | | |
| Endike Playing Field | | | | |
| AGS, 1st Avenue | | | | |
| AGS west of Kinthorpe | | | | |
| AGS east of Gildane | | | | |
| AGS west of Hardane | | | | |
| AGS south of Dodthorpe | | | | |
| AGS south of Extra Care Facility, Hall Road | | | | |
| AGS east of Hardane | | | | |

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| AGS west of Feldane | | | | |
| AGS east of Feldane | | | | |
| Allotments | | | | |
| None | | | Provide new allotment sites/ investigate potential to provide allotment provision in ward | Meet identified demand in the area. |
| Green Corridor | | | | |
| Green corridor along Beverley Road, north of Greenwood Avenue | | | | |
| Children's Play Facilities | | | | |
| Play equipment, 1st Avenue | | | | |
| Play equipment, Princess Elizabeth Playing Fields | | | | |
| Play equipment, Quillcourt | | | | |
| Play equipment, Shaw Park | | | | |
| Young People's Facilities | | | | |
| MUGA, Shaw Park | | | | |
| Skateboard park, Shaw Park | | | | |
| n/a | | | investigate potential to provide MUGA elsewhere in ward area | |
| Semi-natural Habitats | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Cemeteries | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Private Grounds | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Outdoor Sports Facilities | | | | |
| Outdoor gym, Shaw Park | | | | |
| Bowling greens, Princess Elizabeth Playing Fields | | | | |
| Playing fields, Shaw Park | | | | |

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| Schools | | | | |
| Thorpepark Primary School | | | | |
| The Parks Primary School | | | | |
| St Anthony's Catholic Primary School | | | | |
| Thomas Ferens Academy | | | | |
| Endike Primary School | | | | |
| Endike Primary School, MUGA | | | | |
| Thomas Ferens Academy, MUGA | | | | |
| Thomas Ferens Academy, STP | | | | |
| Unclassified | | | | |
| Former Danepark Primary School | | | | |

University

| Open Space | Quality Score | CIL Ref | Improvements Required | Open Space Objectives |
|---|---------------|---------|--|-----------------------|
| Parks | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Amenity | | | | |
| AGS, Marton Grove / The Quadrant | | | | |
| AGS, Dingley Close | | | | |
| AGS, Newbald Grove | | | | |
| Philip Larkin Close AGS | | | | |
| Oakfield Court AGS | | | | |
| AGS north of Green Way School | | | | |
| Ada Holmes Circle, south side | | | | |
| Allotments | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Green Corridor | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Children's Play Facilities | | | | |
| Play equipment, King George's playing field, Cottingham Road | | N8 | Children's play provision enhancements | |
| Play equipment, north of Green Way School | | | | |
| Young People's Facilities | | | | |
| BMX / Skatepark, King George's playing field, Cottingham Road | | | | |
| New skateboard facilities | | N10 | New skatebowl facility | |
| Semi-natural Habitats | | | | |
| King George V Playing Fields, NSN boundary | | | | |
| Cemeteries | | | | |
| None | | | | |

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| Private Grounds | | | | |
| University of Hull gardens | | | | |
| Newland Homes grounds | | | | |
| Endsleigh Convent grounds | | | | |
| Land north of New Hall Surgery, Oakfield Court | | | | |
| Outdoor Sports Facilities | | | | |
| King George V Playing Fields, Cottingham Road | | | | |
| Marist playing fields | | | | |
| Humberside Police sports ground | | | | |
| Bowling greens, Humberside Police sports ground | | | | |
| MUGA, Humberside Police sports ground | | | | |
| Outdoor gym, King George's playing field, Cottingham Road | | | | |
| Schools | | | | |
| University playing fields west of Newland Girls School | | | | |
| University of Hull sports grounds, south of Inglemire Lane | | | | |
| University of Hull Sports Ground, north of Inglemire Lane | | | | |
| Newland High School | | | | |
| Frederick Holmes School | | | | |
| St Nicholas Primary School | | | | |
| MUGA, St Mary's College playing fields | | | | |
| STPs, University of Hull Sports Ground, north of Inglemire Lane | | | | |
| University of Hull Sports Ground, north of Inglemire Lane | | | | |
| MUGA, University of Hull Sports Ground, | | | | |

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| north of Inglemire Lane | | | | |
| Green Way Academy Primary School | | | | |
| Hall Road School | | | | |
| Endsleigh Primary School | | | | |
| St Mary's College playing fields | | | | |
| Land at former University of Humberside | | | | |
| Newland High School, MUGA | | | | |
| St Nicholas Primary School, MUGA | | | | |

Outside

| Open Space | Quality Score | CIL Ref | Improvements Required | Open Space Objectives |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Semi-natural Habitats | | | | |
| Oppy Wood | | | | |
| Former Nursery Land | | | | |
| Outdoor Sports Facilities | | | | |
| Dane Park Playing Pitches | | | | |
| Sir Henry Cooper Park | | | | |
| John Fisher Field | | | | |
| Children's Play Facilities | | | | |
| Courtpark Children's Play Equipment | | | | |