

Open Space Strategy

Area Priorities and Actions

Park Area



Introduction

This plan is one of 7 area 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 Action Plan sets out details of actions within the Park 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 Park Area Committee area is made up of four wards; the Holderness, Marfleet, Southcoates East and Southcoates West wards. The area is situated in the southeast of the city and has a population of 43,152. The area is an equal mix of housing, found mainly to the north, and commercial and industrial properties that are concentrated within the Marfleet ward to the south. This functional split has resulted in bias of open space provision to the residential areas and East Park, one of Hull's traditional Victorian parks, is located towards the centre of the Holderness ward. East Park is one of the most popular sites in the region attracting visitors from the wider region. East Park is a regional visitor attraction, especially in summer, when it holds a number of events and opens up the boating lake.

Despite the presence of East Park, there is low accessibility for some households to nearby facilities. Local amenity green spaces are often small and of low quality and do not provide the facilities to meet residents' needs.

The Park Area, is well connected to the Green Network with both the River Hull and Hull to Hornsea railway line running north to south through the Holderness ward, the Humber Estuary bounds the committee area to and the Hull to Withernsea disused railway line in the Marfleet ward and the Holderness Drain running through Marfleet and Southcoates east wards.

Accessibility

Current accessibility standards Park Area (see table 1) shows that a large proportion of green space within Marfleet, Southcoates East and Southcoates West wards is not accessible to the public. The problem is further increased by the lack of availability of land to turn into a public open space.

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

Ward	Total (hectares)	Publicly accessible (hectares)	Publicly accessible (percentage)
Holderness	89.43	70.65	79%
Marfleet	131.64	43.79	33%
Southcoates East	31.42	13.67	44%
Southcoates West	6.19	1.58	26%

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.

The deficiencies in amenity green space are off-set by the presence of East Park and Pelican Park at the centre of the Neighbourhood Area, however.

There is an almost even distribution of natural and semi natural open space in the Park Area, however some residents in the Southcoates area of the city do not have ready access to sites of this nature. East Park, however, is readily accessible to residents in this area and it contains natural areas highlighting the importance of high quality multi-functional sites. The designation of Rockford Fields as a Local Nature Reserve and wildlife area supports this provision, however, emphasis should be on enhancing the quality and maintenance of the existing sites. Support should be given to the creation of new sites where possible.

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

Open Space Typology	Existing open space (hectares)	Open space provision (hectares / 1000 people)	Hull Standard	Open space surplus ha/1000
Agricultural	38.24		n/a	
Allotments	9.72	0.23	0.24 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m)	-0.632 SLIGHT DEFICIENCY NO WAITING LIST
Amenity Green Space	19.60	0.45	0.67 ha / 1000 people within a 10 minute walk (480m).	-9.316 DEFICIENCY
Cemetery / churchyard	22.02	0.51		
Children's play facility	1.05	0.024	0.030 ha / 1000 people within a 10 minute walk (480m).	-0.2442489 SLIGHT DEFICIENCY
Civic space	0.00		n/a	
Educational grounds	37.65	0.87	n/a	
Green corridor	20.73	0.48	n/a	
Natural / semi-natural greenspace	23.14	0.54	0.62 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m).	-3.614 DEFICIENCY
Outdoor Sports Facility	29.92	0.69		
Park / garden	43.74	1.01	0.50 ha / 1000 people within a 20 minute walk (960m).	22.164 LARGE SURPLUS
Private grounds	2.89	0.07	n/a	
Unclassified	7.51	0.17	n/a	
Young people's facility	2.47	0.06	0.023 ha / 1000 people within a 15 minute walk (720m).	1.478 SURPLUS
Golf		0	n/a	0
Outdoor Sports Facility (excl golf) + Educational grounds	67.57	1.57	1.68 ha / 1000 people, excluding golf courses	-4.930 DEFICIENCY

Site Specific Strategic Actions

Hedon Road Memorial Gardens

The Hedon Road memorial Gardens, also known as the Humbrol Memorial Gardens was opened in 2011. The gardens are part of a wider Village Park that offers the local community a both a place for quiet contemplation and play facilities for children.

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
PK8	Installation of street furniture, i.e. benches, litter bins and planters. Additional fencing and improved landscaping	General enhancements	£15,000	No	£15,000		Marfleet

Mayville Avenue

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
PK5	Reinstatement of children's play area		£40,000	No	£40,000		Holderness

Lindengate Avenue

Lindengate Avenue is a community play facility serving the needs of residents in the Stoneferry area. The park was built with the estate in the 1990s but has since had little investment and has become run down and play equipment is now failing. Current provision on site includes swings, climbing frames and a basket ball hoop.

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
PK7	To add to, improve/upgrade existing play facilities in the children's play area on Lindengate Ave	Well used equipment needs replacing	£40,000	No	£40,000		Holderness

East Park

East Park is one of the city's most popular visitor destinations and offers a broad range of facilities including bowling greens, football and rugby pitches, children's play facilities, skate park and youth shelters and a large lake that offers year round fishing and boating in summer. The wider park landscape provides excellent amenity as well as supporting wilder area for adventure play and nature. The park had several million pounds worth of heritage lottery investment between 1999 and 2011 which included a new animal facility with deer paddock and a walk-through aviary. The park is home to an award winning adapted cycling scheme that has served as the template for schemes nation-wide. The park provides a venue for local festivals and events including the annual Veterans' Weekend and Hull Motor Show.

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
PK6	To add to, improve/upgrade existing play facilities in the children's play area in East Park	Well used equipment needs replacing	£35,000	No	£35,000		Holderness

John Hadland Park

John Hadland Park on Cambridge Grove is a relatively small but multifunctional greenspace serving the local community. The play provision on site is varied and includes climbing frames, roundabout, swings, tyre swing, tunnel and seesaw Provision for young people includes a MUGA with basketball hoops and football goals and a shelter. The site, however, is in a poor state of repair and there are few pieces of play equipment that remain undamaged.



REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
PK10	Enhancement of additional play equipment.		TBC		TBC		Southcoates East

Marfleet ward

There is a deficit of open space in the Marfleet ward and a clear need has been identified in the area. The exact locations of new parks still needs to be confirmed but priority should be given to investigating the potential to use demolition sites to create small pocket parks in heavily populated areas to provide additional amenities for young children.

REF	Description	Justification	Total Cost	Existing Commitment	Funding gap	Potential alternative funding	Ward
PK9	Create of pocket parks across Marfleet ward		TBC				Marfleet

Infrastructure Improvements

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.

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

Holderness Ward

Open Space	Quality Score	CIL Ref	Improvements Required	Open Space Objectives
Parks				
East Park				
Green Corridors				
Foredyke stream cycle track - north of Chamberlain Road				
Former Hornsea railway, between Sutton Road & Chamberlain Road				
Former Hornsea railway, between Tweendykes Road & Sutton Road				
Foredyke stream cycle track - north of Leads Road				
River Hull			Flood Defence improvement works EA	
Amenity				
AGS off Ullswater Drive				
AGS east of Hathersage road				
Land north of Rix Road				
AGS south of Cullen Close				
AGS north of Mayville Avenue		PK5	Reinstatement of children's play area	
AGS south of Woodleigh Drive				
AGS north of Whitethorn Way				
AGS, Carnoustie Close				
AGS, Repton Drive and Woodleigh Drive				
AGS south of Mayville Avenue				
AGS, Dornoch Drive				
Allotments				
Lamorna Avenue Allotments				
Leads Road / Sutton Road allotments				
Children's Play Facilities				
Play equipment, Lindengate Avenue		PK7	To add to, improve/upgrade existing play facilities	

Play equipment, East Park		PK6	To add to, improve/upgrade existing play facilities	
Play equipment, Cullen Close				
Play equipment, Ullswater Drive				
Young People's Facilities				
East Park Youth Zone				
Basketball court, Pelican Recreation Ground				
Basketball hoop, Lindengate Avenue				
Semi-natural Habitats				
Land to the S of Thamesbrook				
Buffer strip V of Lindengate Ave				
Rockford Fields				
Cemeteries				
None				
Private Grounds				
The Willows Sports and Social Club, Holderness Road				
Outdoor Sports Facilities				
Pelican Recreation Ground			Site under community management and being maintained to a high standard. Support new initiatives where possible; changing facility upgrades required	
Tennis courts, Pelican RG			Well supported and popular facility	
Bowling greens, East Park			Maintained to a high standard.	
Playing pitches, East Park				
Outdoor gym, East Park				
Basketball court, East Park				
Schools				
Cavendish / Gillshill Primary School				
Westcott Primary School				
Malet Lambert School				
Malet Lambert School, STP				
Malet Lambert School, MUGA				

Marfleet Ward

Open Space	Quality Score	CIL Ref	Improvements Required	Open Space Objectives
Parks				
Humbrol Memorial Garden				
Various Locations		PK9	Create of pocket parks across Marfleet ward	
Green Corridors				
Cycle track between Great Field Lane and Poorhouse Lane				
Old Fleet Drain				
Former Withernsea railway line				
Holderness Drain				
Amenity				
Stonebridge Recreation Ground				
AGS north of Hedon Road				
AGS north of Anson Road				
AGS east of Lingdale Road				
AGS surrounded by Burdale Close				
AGS, south of Wingfield Road				
AGS, north of Lingdale Road				
AGS, Brandsby Grove				
AGS, Welbury Grove				
AGS, Bexhill Avenue				
Allotments				
Marfleet Lane allotments				
Children's Play Facilities				
Play equipment, Brandsby Grove				
Play equipment, Falkland Road				
Play equipment, Humbrol Memorial Garden, Church Lane				
Play equipment, Stonebridge Recreation Ground				
Young People's Facilities				
Skate park, Stonebridge RG				

MUGA, Stonebridge RG				
Semi-natural Habitats				
Land south of former Withernsea railway line				
Land east of Falkland Road				
Land to the south of Preston Road				
Cemeteries				
Hedon Road Cemetery				
Jewish Burial Ground, Delhi Street				
Eastern Cemetery				
St. Giles Burial Ground				
Private Grounds				
Hull KR Stadium, Craven Park				
Land adjacent to Bilton Grange Community Centre				
Unclassified				
Former Playing fields south of Annandale Road				
Former Archbishop Thurstan School				
Former tennis and netball courts, Waundby Centre				
Outdoor Sports Facilities				
Fenners recreation ground, Marfleet Lane				
Hull KR training ground, Poorhouse Lane				
Sutton Trust Sports Ground, Shelley Avenue				
Fenners recreation ground bowling green				
Soccer Sensations, Poorhouse Lane				
Grass pitches, Stonebridge Recreation Ground				
Outdoor gym, Waundby Centre				
Schools				

St Richards RC Primary School				
Stockwell Primary School				
Griffin Primary School				
Oldfleet Primary School				
Marfleet Primary School				
Oakfield Special School				
Agricultural				
Land east of Greatfield Estate				

Southcoates East Ward

Open Space	Quality Score	CIL Ref	Improvements Required	Open Space Objectives
Parks				
John Hadland Park, Cambridge Grove		PK10	Enhancement of additional play equipment.	
Green Corridors				
Holderness Drain				
Former Withernsea railway line				
Amenity				
AGS north and south of Glaisdale Grove				
Lorenzo Park, south of Lorenzo Way				
AGS north of Lorenzo Way				
AGS north of Kilnsea Grove				
Wansford Green, Wansford Grove				
AGS south of College Grove				
AGS, rear of Westerdale Grove				
Allotments				
Bilton Grove Allotments				
Portobello Street Allotments				
Children's Play Facilities				
Play equipment, St. John's Grove				
Play equipment, John Hadland Park				
Natural Play area, Lorenzo Park				
Young People's Facilities				
BMX Track, south of Foredyke School				
MUGA, John Hadland Park				
MUGA, Foredyke Primary School				
Teen Shelter, Lorenzo Park				
Teen shelter, John Hadland Park				
Semi-natural Habitats				
The Lozenge, south of Bilsdale Grove				
Land south of St John's Grove				
Bilton Grove Habitat Area (Marfleet Lane				

Wildlife Area)				
Cemeteries				
None				
Private Grounds				
Communal gardens, Broadway Manor, The Broadway				
Outdoor Sports Facilities				
Mappleton playing fields				
Flinton Fields				
Unclassified				
Former David Lister School				
Schools				
Alderman Cogan Primary School				
Archbishop Sentamu Academy				
Foredyke Primary School				
Archbishop Sentamu Academy, STP				

Southcoates West Ward

Open Space	Quality Score	CIL Ref	Improvements Required	Open Space Objectives
Parks				
None				
Green Corridors				
None				
Amenity				
AGS east Newbridge Road				
AGS, Rosmead Street				
Allotments				
Allotments to the south of Sweet Dews Grove				
Children's Play Facilities				
Play equipment, Rosmead Street				
Young People's Facilities				
Basketball hoop and basketball court, Rosmead Street				
Teen shelter, Rosmead Street				
Semi-natural Habitats				
None				
Cemeteries				
None				
Private Grounds				
Sacred Heart Convent, Southcoates Lane				
Unclassified				
Former David Lister School				
Outdoor Sports Facilities				
East Hull Amateur Rugby League Ground, Rosmead Street				
Outdoor gym, Rosmead Street				

Schools				
Estcourt Primary School				

