Broxtowe Borough Council Play Strategy 2017 – 2025

A strategy to shape the future of children and young people's play throughout Broxtowe

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1 Setting the Scene

1.1 Understanding play

There are many definitions of what play is but the general definition within the play industry is that it can be best described as follows:

'Play can be fun or serious. Through play children explore social, material and imaginary worlds and their relationship with them, elaborating all the while a flexible range of responses to the challenges they encounter. By playing, children learn and develop as individuals and as members of the community'.

1.11 Types of play

There are many types of play identified, the most common of which are

- Exploratory play, which can be handling, throwing, banging or mouthing objects an example of this can be stacking bricks.
- Fantasy play is play that rearranges the world from the child's perspective in a way that is unlikely to occur an example of which is to pretend at being an airplane pilot or racing driver.
- Imaginative play, where conventional rules do not apply for example imagining you are an object, a tree or a ship or patting a pet.
- Locomotor play where movement is applied for example chase, tag, hide and seek etc.
- Mastery play which is using the physical ingredients of our natural environment for example digging holes, altering the course of streams, constructing shelters and building fires.
- Object play uses an infinite and interesting sequence of hand-eye manipulations and movements which could be examining and use of any object for example a cloth, paintbrush or cup.
- Role play explores ways of being for example brushing with a broom, dialing with a telephone or driving a car.

1.12 Who is play for?

Play is not only for the young, play is a natural process that should take place at all ages. Playfulness in adulthood can enable love and affection, it can facilitate creativeness and lateral thinking. Learning to play as a child can engender in adults a work hard and play hard philosophy.

In the context of young people, as opposed to children, the word play has a different meaning. Young people identify this more as positive activities, challenge and/or the enjoyment of recreation provision where this is appropriate.

1.13 Where does play take place?

Play is not just about 'swings and roundabouts' at the Local Park or open space it can and does take place anywhere. An illustration of this can be seen in the research undertaken by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation into children's play in 1997 which revealed amongst other things: -

- Children's needs are diverse including places for physically active play and quiet games, places which encourage social contact and places which allow them to be mobile whether on foot or by bicycle.
- Children stay at each individual attraction for a relatively short time. They enjoy being mobile, travelling from one location to another, their access to as large an outdoor environment as possible was best served by the incorporation of footpath networks and cul-de-sac layouts.
- Children enjoy socialising and want to play 'where it's at'. These are places where there are strong possibilities of interaction with other people, i.e. junctions of paths, by shops and in front gardens.
- Most children play where they can 'see and be seen'. This suggests that parks and formal and informal open spaces are best located along the footpath network or adjacent to well-used pedestrian routes.

Play happens when young people "hang out", even if it is in places where adults do not want them e.g. village greens, shopping precincts, which young people are likely to see as 'play provision'. This is in line with the definitions in 'Getting Serious about Play', play is what children and young people do when they follow their own ideas and interests, in their own way and for their own reasons.

1.14 What are the barriers to play?

There are a number of perceived barriers preventing children's play some of which are identified as follows: -

- Children are restricted in their freedom to choose how and when they play and especially in their opportunities to play without adult supervision.
- Children's play is restricted by a lack of access to good quality play opportunities.
- Lack of suitable play environments for disabled children.
- Until now a failure of central and local government to recognise the importance of play and to allocate sufficient financial resources to improve opportunities for play.
- Restriction on children's freedom of movement leading to decreased physical fitness, fewer social contacts and increased levels of stress and frustration.
- Limiting factors of discrimination, poverty, disability and special needs, lack of available space and other environmental factors.
- A lack of understanding of the issues, needs and aspirations of children's play.
- Society's perceptions of the risks and levels of safety attached to play.

1.15 Is play safe, what are the risks?

First and foremost children and young people's needs for care, nurturing and learning are paramount and can often only be met by indulging in activities which will include some dangers and hazards. As the adage suggests 'we fall over in life so that we can learn to get up again'.

The following text draws on extracts from the National Play Safety Forum's position on managing dangers and hazards in play provision.

Children need and want to take risks when they play. Play provision aims to respond to

these needs and wishes by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, play provision must manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks.

Risk-taking is an essential feature of play provision, and of all environments in which children and young people legitimately spend time at play. Play provision aims to offer children and young people the chance to access stimulating, challenging and controlled learning environments whilst ensuring that the risks associated with those environments are identified assessed and managed. The Best Play publication points out that play provision should aim to manage the balance between the need to offer challenge and the need to keep children and young people safe from harm. Robust risk management principles and strategies therefore need to lie at the heart of any play strategy and the provision delivered under it.

It is acceptable that in play provision children and young people may be exposed to the risk of minor and easily healed injuries such as bruises, grazes or sprains. On the other hand, play provision should not expose children and young people to significant likelihood of permanent disability or life-threatening injuries. However, it may on occasions be unavoidable that play provision exposes children and young people to the risk - the very low risk - of serious injury or even death. But this would only be tolerable in the following conditions:

- The likelihood was extremely low.
- The hazards were clear to users.
- There were obvious benefits.
- Further reduction of the risk would remove the benefits
- There were no reasonably practicable ways to manage the risk.

1.16 Where does play sit?

Community Play - delivers the needs of children and their families in local neighbourhood communities in facilitating and developing play initiatives that build on and supplement existing ones already being undertaken in the home and at school.

Environmental play - relates to structured and unstructured play in parks, formal and informal open spaces

Formal Play Provision - these can be specific play sites as part of parks and open spaces and school playgrounds.

Parenting - need to inform, encourage, and support parents in encouraging and providing play opportunities and activities for their children.

1.2 Making the Case for Play

What are the benefits and importance of play?

There are numerous benefits deriving from the act of play as defined in Best Play and the Charter for Children's Play, these include: -

- Play is enjoyable.
- Play promotes children's development, learning, creativity, independence, self-esteem, knowledge and understanding.
- Play keeps children healthy and active and active children become active adults.

- Play fosters social inclusion and helps children understand the people and places in their lives and also to learn about their environment and develop their sense of community involvement.
- Play is therapeutic and helps children to deal with difficult and or painful circumstances such as emotional stress or medical treatment.
- Play gives children the chance to let off steam and have fun.
- Play provides children with opportunities to enjoy freedom and exercise choice and control over their actions.
- Play offers children opportunities for testing boundaries and exploring risk.
- Play also helps reduce the involvement of children and young people in anti-social behaviour and plays a part in social cohesion.
- Play supports families and communities by providing a focus for informal networks of family support.
- Play also provides a focus for tackling social exclusion through community development.

Very often we only understand the inherent value of something once it has been taken away, without the ability and opportunity to play, children's very lives and development would be adversely affected in a way that would inevitably have a significant impact on them in their later adult life.

1.3 How the Strategy has been developed

This Play Strategy was developed through use of the following framework:

- 1. A review of the previous Strategy 2007 2012 using the key strategic elements as the base for the new strategy.
- 2. Identifying the purpose and scope of the Play Strategy.
- 3. Identifying the key national and local policies and practices that influence and have an impact on the development of play.
- 4. Undertaking an audit of play facilities across the area to determine whether any gaps exist.
- 5. Undertaking new consultation exercises with children and young people and other stakeholders seeking their views on the play facilities within Broxtowe Borough.
- 6. Identifying the resulting key issues, needs and aspirations for play.
- 7. Establishing a vision and set of objectives in which to shape play during the period of the Play Strategy.
- 8. Producing an action plan and list of priorities for the Play Strategy to addre

2 Purpose and Scope of the Strategy

2.1 Why do we need a new Children's Play Strategy?

There are a number of reasons why Broxtowe needs a new children's play strategy

- Broxtowe Borough Council produced a now out of date Play Strategy covering the period 2007 to 2012, a new Play Strategy is required to re-prioritise the needs and aspirations of play throughout the Borough.
- A continued belief in the need to commit to Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which states 'Children have the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to their age and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts'.
- There are several other articles that are important including the right to express a view and be heard, right to freedom of expression, right to access to a wide range of information, right of disabled children to take a full and active part in everyday life and the right to be healthy.
- The play strategy will give focus to the needs of children and young people throughout Broxtowe which in itself should bring about change, innovation and the longer term development of play.
- The new play strategy will continue to coordinate the needs of children's play in a consistent way.
- The new play strategy aims to get more children to play and be active.
- The new play strategy aims to create facilities where disabled and non-disabled children can play together.

2.2 Who is the Play Strategy for?

First and foremost the play strategy is intended to ensure the development and sustainability of play facilities for children and young people in Broxtowe regardless of their race, colour, religion, disability or background.

As mentioned earlier in the document the word play takes on a different meaning for older children/young people who identify play more as adventure, leisure and recreation or simply 'hanging out'.

The play strategy can be used by any organisation or individual throughout the Borough of Broxtowe concerned, interested and able to initiate or influence the development of play opportunities for children and young people.

2.3 How will the Play Strategy be used?

The play strategy identifies a range of key issues, needs and aspirations for play across the Borough of Broxtowe. These have led to the development of an action plan and list of key priorities to address the issues and needs over the period of the strategy.

It is inevitable that there will be 'more need' than available resources hence the need to prioritise any internal and external funding sources.

In addition the various funding partners and other stakeholders will clearly be able to

identify the various actions and priorities for funding within the strategy.

3 The Strategic Context Influencing Play Development

3.1 National Policies and Practices

There are a number of key national policies, strategies and legislation frameworks that have had a significant influence and impact on shaping the development of play.

Three of the most relevant to the strategy are detailed below. Whilst these are old documents they are still very relevant and include important principles for the development of play.

3.11 Charter for Children's Play – Play England (2004)

- 1. Children have the right to play
 - All children and young people have the right to play and need to play: free to choose what they do lively or relaxed, noisy or quiet with the chance to stretch and challenge themselves, take risks and enjoy freedom. The right to play is enshrined in Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 2. Every child needs time and space to play
 All children and young people disabled and non-disabled whatever their age,
 culture, ethnicity or social and economic background, need time and space to play
 freely and confidently with their peers, free of charge, indoors and outdoors,
 somewhere they feel safe. Play provision should actively include the widest range of
 children and seek to engage with those from minority groups.
- 3. Adults should let children play Parents, carers and other adults can support children and young people's play by respecting the value and importance of all types of play, playing with their children and by creating opportunities and allowing time for children to play independently with their friends, inside and outside the home.
- 4. Children should be able to play freely in their local areas
 Children have the same right to use and enjoy public space as others. Local streets,
 estates, green spaces, parks and town centres should be accessible for children and
 young people to move around in safety and offer places where they can play freely,
 experience nature, explore their environment and be with their friends.
- 5. Children value and benefit from staffed play provision Children should have access to a choice of staffed facilities where children's play rights and needs are the first priority, such as adventure playgrounds, play centres, holiday play schemes, afterschool play clubs, breakfast play clubs, toy libraries, play buses and play ranger services.
- 6. Children's play is enriched by skilled playworkers Qualified, skilled playworkers are trained to put children's play needs at the centre of their work in a variety of settings, enhancing the range and quality of play experiences for all children. They are the best people to run staffed play provision for school-aged children. The role of the playworker is as important as that of any skilled professional working with children and should be respected and rewarded accordingly.
- 7. Children need time and space to play at school
 The school day should allow time for children to relax and play freely with their
 friends. Young children learn best through play and, as they get older, play supports
 and enriches their learning. Children learn best if teaching is creative and enjoyable.
 In school, time and space for play and outdoor learning is as important as formal

- teaching. School grounds should be good places to play.
- 8. Children sometimes need extra support to enjoy their right to play Children and young people living away from home or visiting unfamiliar or controlled environments such as hospital, prison, immigration centres, and residential homes and schools, sometimes experience fear, anxiety and discomfort. For these children it is especially important to ensure they have good play opportunities facilitated by trained staff and volunteers.

3.12 Every Child Matters

Every Child Matters – Green Paper (2003), published in September 2003, the basis and aim of the Government's Green paper was to ensure that every child has the chance to fulfil their potential by reducing levels of educational failure, ill health, substance misuse, teenage pregnancy, abuse and neglect, crime and anti-social behaviour among children and young people.

From the initial consultation phase with children, young people and their families five key outcomes were identified as underpinning the need for change, these were identified as:

- 1. Being healthy: enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle;
- 2. Staying safe: being protected from harm and neglect;
- 3. Enjoying and achieving: getting the most out of life and developing the skills for adulthood;
- 4. Making a positive contribution: being involved with the community and society and not engaging in anti-social or offending behaviour;
- 5. Economic well-being: not being prevented by economic disadvantage from achieving their full potential in life.

The outcomes of the above became the driving force within the Every Child Matters - The Next Steps published in 2004.

There is a lot of research evidence to support the positive impact that play has on achieving the above five outcomes which is set out in the following text.

3.13 Play's Impact on the Five Key Outcomes

1. Being Healthy

- Play provides opportunities for physical activity. This encourages the development
 of fine and gross motor skills, hand-eye co-ordination, balance, and
 understanding of a body's ability to take risks and establish limits. Children who
 are physically active have a healthier cardiovascular system and are less likely to
 become obese
- Play contributes to emotional development and well-being, can reduce symptoms
 of depression and anxiety, increase self-confidence and self-esteem and improve
 mental health.
- Play facilitates strategies and activities to avoid engagement in personally threatening activities e.g. drug use, involvement in crime/ anti-social behaviour, through practising problem solving, role playing and developing ways of positive

- challenging.
- Research into brain activity suggests there may be a link between brain development and play i.e. that play activates higher cognitive processes.
- Play allows children to take risks and use their own initiative, giving them independence, a concept of boundaries and their own limitations as well as an ability to stretch these limits.
- Play gives opportunities to practice making and consolidating friendships, deal with conflict, develop social skills and refine communication, becoming 'emotionally literate' which contributes to resilience to mental health problems.
- Families benefit from happier and healthier children there is less stress and strain on parents and carers when their children are meaningfully occupied.
- Where children are in a safe environment, parents are reassured and less likely to become anxious and agitated, particularly valuable for families living in poverty or at risk of social exclusion.

2. Staying Safe

- Through play children learn to manage risk; quality play provision contributes to increased awareness and a reduced likelihood of accidental injury in a child.
- Development of self-confidence and self-esteem through play and the learning of new skills give children a greater awareness off self-protection.
- Research suggests that parents, who allow their children to play out, have around five times more people they can turn to for support than those who do not. They and their children have more friends, and thus more people who can 'look out for them' in a locality.

3. Enjoying and Achieving

- Children and young people consistently put play or more/ better things to do as their top priority, as well as having somewhere to meet with their friends.
- The educational benefits of play are widely documented, especially social and emotional learning – much focuses on peer relationships and the learning of social skills. It fosters emotional well-being.
- Play promotes learning through giving the child control over their choices and activities i.e. experience, repetition, rehearsal, and problem-solving in their own way at their own pace.
- Play offers children the chance to experiment, mix with others from different backgrounds, understand and appreciate diversity and learn new skills.
- Play offers opportunities for marginalised children and young people to achieve a sense of belonging and inclusion (e.g. disabled children and young people, travelling children, children from minority ethnic groups).

4. Making a Positive Contribution

- Play is a key way that children develop their social skills, learn to make friends and build their sense of community and justice.
- Play is often the medium for children and young people to achieve a sense of belonging and inclusion, particularly those who are marginalised (e.g. Disabled children, travelling children, children from minority ethnic groups), facilitating their ability to make a contribution.

5. Achieving Economic Well-Being

- Play provision is often free of charge, and therefore promotes opportunities for all regardless of economic status.
- Play's ability to raise self-esteem and confidence may lead to better achievement and problem-solving abilities and therefore increased possibilities for future employment.
- Child development supported by play increases the potential for achieving and becoming an independent adult.

2.14 Design for Play – A Guide to Creating Successful Play Spaces (2008)

Creating inspiring play spaces that will please, excite, challenge and satisfy children requires knowledge of play, technical skill, an understanding of children and, above all, imagination.

The 10 principles for designing successful play spaces

Successful play spaces ...

- are 'bespoke'
- are well located
- make use of natural elements
- provide a wide range of play experiences
- are accessible to both disabled and non-disabled children
- meet community needs
- allow children of different ages to play together
- build opportunities to experience risk and challenge
- are sustainable and appropriately maintained
- allow for change and evolution

3.2 Play Standards.

3.21 Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play Beyond the Six Acre Standard England – 2015

Fields in Trust is the operating name of the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA), and has been protecting outdoor space for sport and recreation since 1925. Its mission is to safeguard and improve protected space for future generations. Fields in Trust currently safeguards over 2,500 sites, a total of 28,000 acres of land (11,331ha.) including playgrounds, playing fields, and formal and informal parkland across the UK.

3.22 Fields in Trust Policy Framework

Good planning and design is central to the philosophy and objectives of Fields in Trust and adds value to the overall quality of an area, helping to create a sense of place and space as well as contributing to the health and wellbeing of residents.

The Fields in Trust policy framework seeks the protection, provision and improvement of outdoor spaces for sport and play as part of the provision of sustainable communities.

Policies are kept under review to ensure that they remain relevant and proportionate. Current land-use policies include:

Policy 1 – Promoting Healthy Communities; As its core principle Fields in Trust protects the legacy of high quality outdoor spaces to facilitate opportunities for sport, play and recreation.

Policy 2 – Protection of Open Space Fields in Trust seeks to contractually protect individual outdoor spaces for sport, play and recreation in perpetuity via deed of dedication. Fields in Trust does not look to own or manage sites but to work with all recreational landowners to secure the future of their local spaces for recreation.

Policy 3 – Safeguarding of Facilities Fields in Trust objects to the loss of existing open space for sport play and recreation unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The development of community playing fields and school playing fields should be refused unless replacement facilities of equal quality and quantity can be provided to serve the same catchment area to meet the need of both new and existing communities.

Policy 4 – Town and Village Greens; Whilst noting that recreational use of land may meet the criteria for registration of land as a town and village green, Fields in Trust prefers that such space be protected by deeds of dedication to ensure that an appropriate balance is struck between protection and flexibility to improve the space.

Policy 5 – Green Belt Development Fields in Trust supports the provision of playing fields and other appropriate recreational facilities in the Green Belt consistent with policy for Green Belt development.

Policy 6 – Sustainable Development Fields in Trust supports sustainability benefits arising from outdoor spaces including energy use and generation, carbon reduction, conservation of natural resources such as air, water, soil and biodiversity, sustainable consumption and production.

Policy 7 – Telecommunications Fields in Trust does not normally support telecommunications apparatus and structures on playing fields if they conflict with the primary purpose of the land. Any such cases will be considered on individual merit.

Policy 8 – Planning and Design Fields in Trust attaches great importance to the planning and design of facilities for communities. Good planning will achieve the provision of open spaces (formal and informal). Designated spaces (LAPs, LEAPs, NEAPs and MUGAs) should be provided on all developments in line with the guidance set out in this document.

Policy 9 – Planning Agreements Fields in Trust seeks to secure the provision and protection of spaces for outdoor sport, play and recreation through planning conditions or obligations.

Policy 10 – National Planning Policies Fields in Trust seeks to support national guidance

and policies geared towards the protection of outdoor space for sport, play and recreation.

3.23 The National Playing Fields Association - Six Acre Standard (2001)

The Six Acre Standard published by the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) sets out the minimum standards for outdoor playing space and is the standard intended for use by developers and Local Authorities who have a statutory duty to implement a Local Plan which makes appropriate recreational policies for such provision in the community.

The NPFA recommends a minimum standard for outdoor playing space of 2.43 hectares per 1000 population which comprises of 1.6 to 1.8 hectares for youth and adult sport and 0.6 and 0.8 hectares for children's play places. The standard for play areas is 0.2 to 0.3 hectares for equipped playgrounds and 0.4 and 0.5 hectares for casual/informed play within housing areas.

In accordance with the Fields in Trust (FIT) Design for Outdoor Sport and Play the following buffer zones or catchment areas have been established for the play areas in Broxtowe.

	<u>Distance</u>	Walking Time
NEAP – Neighbourhood Equipped Play Area	1200m	15 minutes
LEAP – Local Equipped Play Area	400m	5 minutes
LAP – Local Area for Play	80m	1 minute

The distances are based on an easy walking pace of: 12.5 minutes for 1000m or 1 minute for 80m.

These rates are from the Very well website: www.verywell.com https://www.verywell.com/convert-kilometers-to-miles-and-walking-time-3876607

AREA	LAP	LEAP	NEAP
Age group	Up to 6 years.	4-8 years.	Predominantly for older children.
Walking time from home	1 minute.	5 minutes.	15 minutes.
Location	Adjacent to a well-used pathway, on a well-used route overlooked by houses and on a flat site that is well drained.	Adjacent to a well-used pathway, on a well-used route overlooked by houses and on a flat site that is well drained. Preferably the play equipment should not overlook nearby gardens.	Adjacent to a well-used pathway, on a well-used route overlooked by houses and on a flat site that is well drained. Preferably the play equipment should not overlook nearby gardens.
Minimum activity zone	Minimum of 100m ² .	Minimum of 400m ² .	Minimum of 1000 m2 that is divided into two parts, one containing a range of playground equipment and the other having a hard surface of at least 465 m2 (the minimum area needed to play five-a-side football).

AREA	LAP	LEAP	NEAP
No. and type of play equipment	Contains features that enable children to identify the space as their own domain, e.g. low key games such as hopscotch, a foot print trail, mushroom style seating etc.	Contains at least 5 types of play equipment, of which at least 2 are individual pieces, rather than part of a combination multi-play unit. Each type of play equipment should be designed to stimulate balancing, rocking, climbing/Agility, sliding and social play. Additional items may focus upon rotating, swinging, jumping, crawling, viewing, counting or touching.	Contains at least 8 types of play equipment comprising at least 1 item to stimulate rocking, touch, social or developmental play among younger children. At least 2 items to facilitate sliding, swinging or moderate climbing; -at least 5 items to encourage either moreadventurous climbing, single point swinging, balancing, rotating or gliding (e.g. cableway). At least 3 of these items should be individual play items rather than part of a combination multi-play unit.
Buffer zone	Has a buffer zone of 5 m minimum depth between the activity zone and the nearest dwelling that faces the LAP. This should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture.	Has a buffer zone of not less than 10 m in depth between the edge of the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest dwelling and a minimum of 20 m between the activity zone and the habitable room facade of the dwelling. This zone should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture.	Has a buffer zone of not less than 30 m in depth between the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest dwelling. A greater distance may be needed where purpose-built skateboarding facilities are provided. This zone should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture.

3.24 Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) 17 Planning for Open Space, Sport & Recreation (2006)

3.25 Play provision

PPG 17 provides a definition of open space, the various typologies illustrates a broad range of open spaces that have a public amenity value. In the category entitled 'provision for children and teenagers' is included play areas, skateboard parks, outdoor basketball hoops, and other informal areas e.g. hanging out /meeting areas (teenage shelters). Whilst there is no further explicit mention of children's play provision within the guidance the term 'open space' includes children's play areas as well as other types of open space included within the overall typology.

PPG 17 states that well designed and implemented planning policies for open space, sport and recreation are fundamental to delivering the following broader Government objectives:

- Supporting an urban renaissance, helping to create attractive, clean and safe urban environments,
- Supporting a rural renewal, contributing to the economy, quality of life and well-being of rural areas,
- Promoting social inclusion and community cohesion, bringing together communities and providing opportunities for individuals,
- Health and well-being, promoting healthy living and social development.
- Promoting sustainable development, served by local transport and easily accessible by walking and cycling.

Paragraph 3 of PPG 17 states that: Local Authorities should audit their existing facilities to identify the use that is made of them.

- Consider access to them in terms of location and costs.
- Consider opportunities for providing new open spaces and facilities.

Both quantitative and qualitative elements of open space, sports and recreational facilities should be considered within the audits.

Paragraph 5 states that: Good quality assessments and audits, leading to clear strategies supported by effective planning polices, will provide vital tools for resolving potential conflicts that arise between different uses and users of open space, sports and recreational facilities'. Good practice guidance 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A companion guide to PPG17' is identified within the PPG as providing 'more detailed guidance on how to undertake these assessments and audits'.

Paragraph 7 states that: Local authorities should use the information from their audits and assessments of needs and opportunities to set locally derived standards for the provision of open space, sports and recreational facilities in their areas'. It goes onto to state that 'Local standards should include:

- Quantitative elements (how much new provision may be needed).
- A qualitative component (against which to measure the need for enhancement of existing facilities).
- Accessibility (including distance thresholds and consideration of the cost of using a facility).

Paragraph 12 indicates that: The development of open space, sports or recreational facilities, may remedy deficiencies in provision. For example, where there is an identified surplus in one type and a deficiency in an another planning conditions or obligations may be used to secure part of the development site for the type of open space, sports or recreational facility that is in deficit.

Paragraph 23 states that: Local Authorities should ensure that provision is made for local sports and recreational facilities, either through an increase in the number of facilities or through improvements to existing facilities, where planning permission is granted for new development particularly housing. In planning for new open spaces and in assessing planning applications for development, local authorities should seek opportunities to improve the local open space network, create open space from vacant land, and incorporate open space within new development on previously used land.

3.26 Fields in Trust - Play Value Assessment for Playgrounds

This method can be used to score play value in existing, or proposed, playgrounds. However the score is not intended to pass or fail the playground instead the purpose is to produce a relative score that can be compared with other playgrounds. Play value scores can usefully assist a site provider to:

- Assess the varied merits of different sites to allow better decision-making, particularly when they are looking to improve play areas.
- Make a useful assessment of provision in relation to other providers.
- Assess areas subject to existing or potential vandalism.
- Assess varying designs by different manufacturers and designers.
- Assess the relative values of tenders, and to compare the play value offered by various tender proposals. Schemes offering similar play value can then be further considered against personal preferences.

Three distinct areas are addressed to cover site and equipment features, as well as play

cooperation. These include a wide range of play, learning, social and developmental opportunities together with safety, supervision and environmental aspects. The list is not exhaustive and may be further tuned and developed to the needs of the operator.

Where an item does not meet the appropriate standards of safety (e.g. no impact absorbing surface), the item should still be scored and the number of non-compliant items recorded together with the final play value score. An illustration of the three areas and detailed interpretation can be seen as follows:

3.27 Site Features

The scores are for the overall playground except where the maximum scores allow separate marking where there are additional or distinct playground sections such as those for toddlers, and for seating, footpaths, lighting, fencing and pedestrian gates. Score one point per item or group of items:

SITE FEATURES	MAX	SCORE
Informal supervision	4	
Ground contouring	2	
Planting	1	
Child seating (or 1 per Toddler/Junior/Senior)	1/3	
Adult seating (or 1 per Toddler/Junior/Senior)	1/3	
Internal paths (or 1 per Toddler/Junior/Senior)	1/3	
Lighting (or 1 per Toddler/Junior/Senior)	1/3	
Fencing (or 1 per Toddler/Junior/Senior)	1/3	
Pedestrian self-closing gates (or 1 per	1/3	
Toddler/Junior/Senior)		
Vehicle maintenance gate	1	
Signs advising on management and dogs	2	
Cycle stands	2	
Litter bins	2	
Shelter	1	
Layout	2	
Visual appeal	2	
Site Features Total for the playground	25/37	

3.28 Equipment Features

The maximum scores are for each playground, or if the sections are sufficiently distinct for toddler, junior or main-sections for the playground. Items that directly link, for example, a series of balance beams, or a series of items that effectively form one activity (such as stepping logs) should be treated as one item. Multi-use or combination equipment such as a play structure containing a slide, fireman's pole, or Clatter Bridge should be split up and treated as individual items.

Features providing an access route such as a ladder or stairs are not counted. Score one point per item or group of items:

EQUIPMENT FEATURES	MAX	SCORE
Rocking	3	
Gliding	3	
Rotating (single or twin user)	2	

EQUIPMENT FEATURES	MAX	SCORE
Rotating (multi user)	2	
Sliding (conventional)	3	
Sliding (handgrip)	2	
Swinging (per set)	2	
Swinging (SPSS)	3	
Balancing	1	
Jumping	1	
Climbing	1	
Agility bridges (e.g. clatter or suspension)	1	
Crawling	1	
Viewing platform	1	
Ball play area	2	
Wheeled play area	3	
Equipment Features Total for the playground	31	

3.29 Play Co-operation

The maximum scores are for the overall playground score 1 point per item or group of items.

PLAY CO-OPERATION	MAX	SCORE
Sand pit/box	2	
Sand play table/item to assist sand play	3	
Water play	3	
Social play	2	
Educational or learning features	2	
Special needs	2	
Ground graphics	2	
Sounding items	2	
Play challenge	3	
Play co-operation Total for the playground:	21	

The score for the three elements of site features, equipment features and play cooperation are then totaled to produce the playground's overall play value score as follows:

OVERALL PLAYGROUND TOTAL (3 Scores) 77/89

Broxtowe's NPFA Playground results for the District, Parish and Town Council managed sites can be seen in the following tables.

Location	Site Features	Equipment Features	Play Co- operation	Overall Total	Refurbished in last 8 years	Classification
Coronation Park, Eastwood	18	21	15	54	✓	NE
Bramcote Hills Park, Bramcote	15	21	7	43	х	NE
The Stag Recreation Ground, Kimberley	19	19	5	43	✓	NE
Basil Russell Playing Fields, Nuthall	15	17	8	40	✓	NE
Manor Farm, Toton	16	19	5	40	✓	NE
Hall om Wong, Kimberley	17	18	5	40	✓	NE
Dovecote Lane, Beeston	14	19	6	39	✓	NE
The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth	15	19	5	39	✓	NE

Location	Site Features	Equipment Features	Play Co- operation	Overall Total	Refurbished in last 8	Classification
					years	
Queen Elizabeth Park, Stapleford	13	19	3	35	✓	NE
Beeston Fields, Beeston	14	17	3	35	✓	LE
Banks Road, Toton	14	14	5	33	✓	LE
Cator Lane, Chilwell	13	15	5	33	✓	LE
Sherman Drive, Chilwell	14	14	4	32	✓	LE
Long Lane, Attenborough	14	14	4	32	✓	LE
Brinsley Recreation Ground, Brinsley	16	14	2	32	✓	NE
Ilkeston Road, Stapleford	13	14	4	31	✓	LE
College Way, Nuthall	13	13	3	29	✓	LE
Hickings Lane, Stapleford	12	16	1	29	х	NE
Beauvale Park, Greasley	12	13	3	28	✓	LE
Broadgate Park, Beeston	12	14	2	28	х	NE
Hetley Pearson, Beeston	14	11	3	28	✓	LE
Eastcote Avenue, Bramcote	11	14	2	27	✓	LE
Chetwynd Road, Chilwell	11	13	3	27	✓	LE
Jubilee Park, Eastwood	12	11	3	26	✓	LE
Flixton Road, Kimberley	12	11	3	26	✓	LA
Leyton Crescent, Beeston	12	12	2	26	х	LE
Sandgate, Bramcote	9	13	4	26	✓	LE
Pasture Road, Stapleford	9	12	4	25	х	LE
Trowell Parish Hall, Trowell	13	11	1	25	✓	LE
Shilo Recreation Ground, Awsworth	12	11	2	25	✓	LE
Knowle Park, Kimberley	13	10	2	25	✓	LE
Mansfield Road, Eastwood	11	11	3	25	✓	LE
Salcey Drive, Trowell **	11	9	3	23	✓	LA
Smithurst Road, Giltbrook	8	12	2	22	х	LE
Redbridge Drive, Nuthall	13	8	1	22	х	LE
Swiney Way, Chilwell	10	10	2	22	х	LA
The Spinney, Nuthall **	13	8	1	22	✓	LA
Millfield Road, Kimberley **	10	10	1	21	✓	LA
Central Avenue, Stapleford **	9	8	3	20	✓	LA
Judson Avenue, Stapleford	9	6	2	17	Х	LA
King George's Park, Bramcote	7	9	0	16	Х	LE
			Total	1253		-
Average			Average	29.83		
**Junior Play Area						
LA Overall Play value target score - 20	and above					

LE Overall Play value target score - 25 and above

3.3 Inclusive for all

Successful play spaces offer enjoyable play experiences for disabled children and young people, and those who are not disabled, whilst accepting that not all elements of the play space can be accessible to everyone. Children with different abilities can play together in well-designed play spaces, and parents and carers should be able to gain access to play spaces if they are to accompany their children.

NE Overall Play value target score - 35 and above

Though many play providers focus on equipment that is wheelchair-accessible, it is important to recognise that there are many different types of disability or special need. Non-prescriptive equipment, which can be used flexibly such as a 'nest' swing, which would be interesting to large numbers of children with different needs and abilities.

Consultation with disabled children are their carers has identified the following:

- Play areas should allow for accompanying adults and carers with the provision of appropriate seating.
- Equipment that can accommodate a companion such as wide slides, bigger platforms on climbing structures, accessible roundabouts should be included.
- Alternatives to traditional swings that can support children in different ways should be included.
- Physical barriers should be avoided wherever possible.
- Locate accessible equipment close to entrance points.
- Where children may not be able to access a challenging climbing unit, ensure they can get close, ideally with a route that allows them to be in the heart of the action if they so choose.
- Sensory experiences are vital. All children love sound, touch and visual stimulation.
- Quiet areas should also be included to benefit young children or children who need time out away from high tempo action.

The process of creating successful play spaces, that meet the needs of children and the communities they live in, will almost always need prospective users (and neighbours of the scheme) to articulate their concerns as well as their needs and aspirations. A successful community engagement process will help create a site that the community likes and which meets its needs.

3.4 Funding Opportunities

Big Lottery Fund funding streams identified as suitable for play facility improvements as follows:

3.41 Reaching Communities England

The aim of Reaching Communities is to fund projects that can help meet Big Lottery's aim of improving communities and the lives of people most in need. A community can be people living in a local area or those with similar interests or needs.

The Reaching Communities programme has two strands:

- Reaching Communities funding is for projects that help people and communities
 most in need. Grants are available from £10,000 upwards and funding can last for
 up to 5 years. Funding through this strand is up to £100,000 for land, buildings or
 refurbishment capital costs.
- If project needs more than £100,000 for a land and/or buildings project, apply through the Reaching Communities buildings strand.

Applications can be submitted by:

- An unincorporated association, incorporated association, trust or company set up and registered as a charity.
- An unincorporated association set up as a voluntary and community group.
- A community interest company.
- A not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.
- A community benefit society.
- A town or parish council.
- A statutory body, including schools.

Applications are strongly encouraged from partnerships between the voluntary and community sector and the statutory sector. Funding process is two stage.

3.42 Community Landfill Funding

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) is an innovative tax credit scheme enabling operators of landfill sites to contribute money to organisations enrolled with ENTRUST as Environmental Bodies (EBs). EBs carry out projects that comply with the objectives (Objects) set out in The Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 (Regulations).

LCF projects focus upon community or environmental physical work at a single identified site in the vicinity of a landfill site. There are five main objects that can be undertaken when utilising LCF monies:

- Object A: The reclamation, remediation or restoration of land which cannot currently be used.
- Object B: The prevention of potential for pollution or the remediation of the effects of pollution.
- Object D: The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity.
- Object DA: The conservation or promotion of biodiversity.
- Object E: The restoration of a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest.

LCF operators applicable to Broxtowe Borough Council as follows:

3.43 WREN FCC Community Action Fund

A one stage application process for grants up to £50,000 with a maximum total project cost of £500,000.

Grants of £50,000 require a minimum of 10% match funding.

Projects must lie within 10 miles of a landfill site in WREN's operating area.

Projects to meet Object D.

Projects must be open and accessible for the general public without limit or restrictions of use being in place.

Projects must demonstrate clear and genuine need, have relevant and appropriate consultation evidence, the ability to keep in good order and well maintained when project is complete, value for money, deliverable on time and to budget and project outcomes must benefit the natural, social or built environment and make a positive impact on local communities.

All projects to be delivered within 12 months of funding decision.

Funding requires a contributing third party payment of 10.75% of the total fund applied for, this payment does not form part of the project costs.

3.44 Biffa Award

Applicant organisation must be not for profit and are required to register with the community landfill funding regulator ENTRUST as an Environmental Body. Organisations such as Groundwork can apply for this funding stream working in partnership with the Borough Council.

Biffa Award provides funding to community projects under three different themes:

Rebuilding biodiversity: projects must lead to a direct improvement to a habitat or species particularly those identified as apriority in Biodiversity Action Plans. Projects must lie within 15 miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of a licensed landfill site.

Community buildings: projects must be within 5 miles of a Biffa operation or 10 miles of an active Biffa landfill site.

Recreation: projects that transform open spaces for the benefit of the community, providing them with more opportunities to become involved in recreational activity. Projects must be based within 5 miles of a Biffa Operation or 10 miles of an active Biffa landfill site.

Biffa main grants scheme provides grants of between £10,000 and £75,000.

Third party payment contribution required of 10% of grant applying for.

Projects must establish need through community consultation evidence.

Funding application is a two stage process; an expression of interest followed by full application.

There are four funding rounds per year.

3.45 VEOLIA Environmental Trust

Applicant organisation must be not for profit and are required to register with the community landfill funding regulator ENTRUST as an Environmental Body. Organisations such as Groundwork can apply for this funding stream working in partnership with the Borough Council.

Veolia Environmental Trust provides funding to community projects under three different categories:

- Community buildings and rooms
- Outdoor spaces
- Play and recreation

Projects must be open to the wider general public for at least 104 days a year without any limit or unreasonable restrictions of use.

Total project costs must be under £250,000 (including VAT and professional fees).

Projects must have already secured at least 20% of total costs in match funding.

Awards between £5,000 and £50,000 (projects of £40,000 and above require third

party contribution of 10% of total project cost).

There are four funding rounds per year.

Funding is a three stage process; postcode checker (confirms project is within proximity of a qualifying Veolia site), stage 1 expression of interest followed by stage 2 full application.

Project applications must demonstrate benefits to wide range of users, meet a need evidenced through community consultation, involve volunteers, use environmentally friendly solutions, achieve value for money and demonstrate innovation, imagination and excellence.

3.5 The Broxtowe Context

3.51 Corporate Plan 2016-2020

The overarching policy within the Broxtowe context is that of the Corporate Plan 2016 – 2020. The plan sets out Broxtowe Borough Council's priorities over the next four years to make Broxtowe a great place where people enjoy living, working and spending leisure time. The views of residents, elected members and council officers have all shaped the new streamlined plan to reflect the ambitions for the Borough.

The plan has prioritised local community needs:

Housing – A good quality affordable home for all residents of Broxtowe

Business Growth – New and growing businesses providing more jobs for people in Broxtowe and improved town centres.

Environment – the environment within Broxtowe will be protected and enhanced for future generations.

Health – People in Broxtowe enjoy longer active and healthy lives.

Community Safety – Broxtowe will be a place where people feel safe and secure in their communities.

Two of the top five objectives, identified through the consultation process with all Broxtowe residents, with relevance to children's play facilities are:

Reducing the amount of anti-social behaviour in Broxtowe.

Maintain and improve the green infrastructure of Broxtowe.

3.52 Other Policies and Practices

There are also a number of other internal partnerships, policies and documents that have an influence on and or overlap with the provision of children's play facilities.

The key policies are identified as follows: -

The Broxtowe Aligned Core Strategy 2014 – 2028
Broxtowe Local Plan (2004)
Broxtowe Sports Strategy 2013 and beyond
Green Spaces Strategy 2009 – 2019

Green Infrastructure Strategy 2015 - 2030

4 The Broxtowe Profile

4.1 Location

The Borough of Broxtowe is situated in the south of Nottinghamshire in the East Midlands region. Covering an area of 80.3 square kilometres, it forms the western edge of the Greater Nottingham conurbation, with the City of Nottingham bordering much of the Eastern boundary. To the north is the Nottinghamshire borough of Ashfield, while to the west lay the Derbyshire boroughs of Erewash and Amber Valley. The Borough comprises 9 Parish and Town Councils together with the unparished areas of Beeston, Chilwell, Attenborough and Toton.

In the Parished areas, the Town and Parish Councils manage and maintain their own play areas, the exceptions being in Stapleford and Eastwood where they are managed by Broxtowe Borough Council. There are play areas in all parishes except Cossall. The play areas in the unparished areas are managed and maintained by Broxtowe Borough Council.

Attenborough & Chilwell East Awsworth, Cossall & Trowell **Beeston Central** Beeston North Beeston Rylands **Beeston West** Bramcote **Brinsley** Chilwell West Eastwood Hall Eastwood Hilltop Eastwood St Mary's Greasley Kimberley Nuthall East & Strelley Stapleford South West Stapleford South East Stapleford North **Toton & Chilwell Meadows** Watnall & Nuthall West

4.2 Social and Economic Factors

Population

The resident population of Broxtowe, as measured in the 2011 Census, is 109,487. The Southern area is mainly urban with the separate settlements of Beeston, Chilwell, Bramcote, Stapleford, Attenborough, Toton and part of Trowell comprising over 60% of the borough's population and forming the western side of the built up area of Greater Nottingham. The north of the borough is more rural, with the largest settlements being the towns of Eastwood and Kimberley. Smaller settlements include Awsworth, Brinsley, Cossall, Greasley and Nuthall.

Gender

The total population of the borough is made up of 49.4% male and 50.6% female.

Population Growth and Density

The borough's population is projected to increase by 7.6% between 2011 and 2021. Broxtowe has the highest population density in the county, excluding the city of Nottingham, with an average 1,350 people per square kilometre, which contrasts quite markedly from the regional figure of 270 per square kilometre and 380 per square kilometre for England overall.

The projected population increases will present challenges in terms of play facility provision. Significant increases can be identified in the school years age groups of 5-9 and 10-14. These are the age groups that traditionally use children's play areas on the parks and open spaces.

Broxtowe Populations Projections 2011 – 2021, for 0 to 19 years

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

Age Profile

The average age of Broxtowe's population is 41.4 years, compared to an average age of 39.3 years across England and Wales. The table below provides a breakdown of the children and young people population by age category.

Age Range	Males	Females	TOTALS
0 -4	3,190	2,973	6,163
5 – 9	2,674	2,627	5,301
10 – 14	2,979	2,869	5,848
15 – 19	3,366	3,089	6,455
TOTALS	12,209	11,558	23,767

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

Population Aged 0 – 14 Years

In 2011, 15.81% of the borough's population was aged 0-14. This was very low by national standards. By comparison, the Nottinghamshire figure was 16.89%. The Stapleford area has the highest proportion of 0-14 year olds in Broxtowe. Toton and Chilwell Meadows and Nuthall East and Strelley areas also contain a relatively high proportion of 0-14 year olds. By contrast, Beeston Central area has a significantly low proportion of 0-14 year olds.

Population Aged 15 – 24 Years

In Broxtowe, 12.04% of the population were aged 15 – 24 at the time of the 2011 census. However, there are wide variations in the proportion of the population from this age group in different areas of Broxtowe. In the central area of Beeston, 20.80% of the population are from this age group. The second largest percentage is 17.30% in north Beeston area. The proximity of these areas to Nottingham University inevitably contributes to these relatively high proportions.

By contrast, just 8.89% of those living in the Attenborough area and 9.09% of the Bramcote population are aged 15 – 24.

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

Marital Status

According to the 2011 Census, 50.62% of Broxtowe's population is married, compared with 46.59% for England and Wales. 30.92% is single, compared with 34.64% for England and Wales.

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

Ethnicity

Some 90.58% of Broxtowe's population is either White British or White Irish, with 2.60% classified as White Other. This means that just 6.83% of Broxtowe's population is from a non-white Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) group. This contrasts quite significantly with the population of England and Wales where an estimated 14.59% of the population comes from a non-white or mixed ethnic background.

Groups	Ethnic Group	Broxtowe	East Midlands	England & Wales
	British	90.01	85.40	79.75
White	Irish	0.57	0.63	0.98
	Other	2.60	3.16	4.58
	White & Black Caribbean	0.77	0.89	0.78
	White and Black African	0.13	0.19	0.31
Mixed	White & Asian	0.44	0.48	0.63
	Other Mixed	0.28	0.34	0.53
	Caribbean	0.36	0.64	1.12
Black or Black British	African	0.39	0.92	1.84
	Other Black Background	0.06	0.24	0.52
	Indian	1.45	3.37	2.63
Asian or Asian British	Pakistani	0.64	1.08	2.10
	Bangladeshi	0.08	0.29	0.82
	Other Asian Background	0.66	0.84	1.55
Chinese or Other Ethnic	Chinese	0.96	0.54	0.72
Group	Other Ethnic Group	0.39	0.22	0.42

Source: Census 2011, ONS

4.3 Deprivation Factors

The Indices of Multiple Deprivation combines information relating to income, employment, education, health, skills and training, barriers to housing and services and crime into an overall measure of deprivation. According to the 2015 English Indices of Multiple Deprivation, Broxtowe has an overall rank of 219 out of 326 authorities (where 1 is the most deprived). The following map illustrates the national ranking of

Broxtowe's LSOA's.

The most deprived wards within Broxtowe are Eastwood St Marys, Eastwood Hilltop and Chilwell West. High deprivation also occurs within the wards Eastwood Hall, Kimberley, Stapleford, Beeston North and Beeston Rylands.

4.4 Health Factors.

Obesity Trends in Children and Young People

The Health Survey for England (2014) identified the following key factors and observations around obesity in children and young people.

In 2014, 17% of children aged 2–15 were obese, and an additional 14% were overweight. The proportions were similar for boys and girls.

The prevalence of obesity has increased since 1995, when 11% of boys and 12% of girls aged 2–15 were obese. There was a steady increase up to around 2004 and 2005, where obesity peaked. Levels have been slightly lower than this peak in the last few years. In 2014, obesity among boys aged 2-15 reached the peak level of 19% again, while for girls obesity was at a lower level, 16%.

Health & Social Care Information Centre statistics on obesity, physical activity and diet England 2016 reveal that in 2014/15, more than 1 in 5 children in Reception, and 1 in 3 children in Year 6 were measured as obese or overweight. Children in most deprived areas are twice as likely to be obese than children in least deprived areas.

Results from the Health Survey for England 2012 & 2008 show physical activity levels amongst 5-15 year olds are falling. The proportion of boys who met the weekly physical activity guidelines (60 minutes or more on all 7 days) fell from 28% in 2008 to 21% in 2012. The proportion of girls who met the weekly physical activity guidelines fell from 19% in 2008 to 16% in 2012.

Physical Activity Levels amongst 5-15 year olds

The proportion of children meeting the physical activity guidelines decreases with age.

Children trying to change weight

Among children aged 8-15, 22% of boys and 28% of girls said they were trying to lose weight. Most of these children were overweight or obese (69%), but nearly a third of those trying to lose weight were neither overweight nor obese (31%).

Most children aged 8-15 were not trying to change their weight (71% of boys, 68% of girls).

To help reduce weight medical experts say that children need 60 minutes physical exercise every day. This can be achieved in many ways but a key element is simply running, playing and enjoying outdoor recreational and play facilities. Well-equipped and stimulating children's play areas provide the ideal opportunity for this activity.

5 Consultation on Play Needs in Broxtowe

5.1 Consultation Approach

The methodology used in undertaking the consultation on Children's Play in Broxtowe was primarily that of an online questionnaire aimed at the following areas.

5-9 year olds

An online questionnaire was specifically designed for school children of 5 to 9 years of age. A letter with a web address link to the survey was sent to the head teachers of 36 schools across Broxtowe asking for their support in facilitating the completion of the questionnaires. Emails and phone calls were made to school 'friends' groups with links to the surveys. Emails and phone calls were made to 25 Guide, Brownies, Scouts and Boys Brigade groups with links to the surveys. A poster with a QR code linking to the on-line questionnaire was displayed at each play facility within the Borough.

A copy of the questionnaire and covering letter to the schools can be seen in Appendix 1.

<u>10-16 year olds</u>

An online questionnaire was specifically designed for school children of 10 to 16 years of age. A letter with a web address link to the survey was sent to the head teachers of 43 schools across Broxtowe asking for their support in facilitating the completion of the questionnaires. Emails and phone calls were made to school 'friends' groups with links to the surveys. Emails and phone calls were made to 25 Guide, Brownies, Scouts and Boys Brigade groups with links to the surveys. A poster with a QR code linking to the on-line questionnaire was displayed at each play facility within the Borough.

A copy of the questionnaire can be seen in Appendix 1.

In addition a specific letter was sent to Foxwood Academy, a school specialising in serving the educational needs of children with disabilities. This talked about specific issues relating to children with special needs including facilities for adults and carers within play areas, equipment that could accommodate a companion, alternatives to traditional swings that were more inclusive and the avoidance of physical barriers.

5.2 Consultation Responses

A summary of the consultation responses from each of the target groups is as follows:

5-9 year olds

Which area do you live in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Awsworth Attenborough	8.8% 0.5%	33 2
How old are you?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
5	27.1%	101
Are you a Boy or a Girl?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Boy	55.8%	208
Girl	44.2%	165
	answered question	373
Toton	skipped question 3.2%	0 12
Trowell	0.5%	2
Watnall	2.7%	10
	answered question	373
	skipped question	0

Which is your school?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Albany Infant and Nursery School	2.4%	9
Albany Junior School	1.6%	6
Alderman Pounder Infant School	0.8%	3
Awsworth Primary and Nursery School	15.3%	57
Banks Road Infant School	0.5%	2
Beeston Fields Primary and Nursery School	7.8%	29
Beeston Rylands Junior School	0.0%	0
Bramcote CofE School	4.3%	16
Bramcote Hills Primary School	7.0%	26
Brinsley Primary School	0.3%	1
Brookhill Leys Primary and Nursery School	1.9%	7
Chetwynd Primary Academy	7.0%	26
College House Junior School	1.1%	4
Eskdale Junior School	0.8%	3
Fairfield Primary School	7.5%	28
Foxwood Academy	0.5%	2
Gilthill Primary School	1.6%	6
Greasley Beauvale Primary School	1.1%	4
Hollywell Primary School	1.3%	5
Horsendale Primary School	0.8%	3
John Clifford Primary School	1.3%	5

Kimberley Primary School	1.1%	4
Larkfields Infant School	1.3%	5
Larkfields junior School	7.5%	28
Lynncroft Primary School	0.8%	3
Meadow Lane Infant School	1.6%	6
Mornington Primary School	8.0%	30
Round Hill Primary School	5.6%	21
Springbank Primary School	0.3%	1
St John's CofE Primary School	2.4%	9
Sunnyside Spencer Academy	0.0%	0
The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy	1.1%	4
Toton Bispham Drive Junior School	0.3%	1
Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School	0.8%	3
Trowell CofE Primary School	0.5%	2
Wadsworth Fields Primary School	2.7%	10
William Lilley Infant and Nursery School	1.1%	4
á	answered question	373
	skipped question	0

What kind of play spaces do you like to use? You can choose up to 3 answers only.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Local Park	64.9%	242
Play area with swings, climbing frames, slides and roundabouts	83.6%	312
At home / garden	50.7%	189
Sports facilities on the park	31.9%	119
Woodlands	43.4%	162
	answered question	373
	skipped question	0

What are your favourite activities in the play area/park? You can choose up to 3 answers only.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Play on the swings, seesaws, slides and roundabouts	71.3%	266
Run around	50.7%	189
Explore	52.3%	195
Climb trees and climbing frames	63.5%	237
Sit and talk with friends and family	9.7%	36
Sports activities	29.5%	110
	answered question	373
	skipped question	0

<u>Attenborough</u>

Attenbore	Attenborough - which open and play spaces do you visit?				
Do you v	Do you visit this place?				
Answer Yes No Response Count					
Long Lane	182				

How often do you visit this place?

Answer Options	EVANY day FAW times a WAAK		Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Long Lane	1	3	9	55	68

What do you like about this place?						
Answer Options	I like the play equipment.	I like to play with my friends here.	I live near by.	I feel safe here.	I don't like this place.	Response Count
Long Lane	21	11	7	8	5	52

What do	What don't you like about this place?							
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring, nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	l like everything	Response Count
Long Lane	5	1	11	1	1	3	22	44

<u>Awsworth</u>

Awsworth- which open and play spaces do you visit?								
Do you visit this place?								
Answer Options Yes No Response Count								
Shilo Recreation Ground	30	154	184					
The Lane Recreation Ground	41 142 183							

How often do you visit this place?							
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count		
Shilo Recreation Ground	0	5	2	27	34		
The Lane Recreation Ground	1	7	5	30	43		

What do you like about this place?								
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	l feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count		
Shilo Recreation Ground	15	7	4	4	2	32		
The Lane Recreation Ground	15	11	7	3	2	38		

What don't y	What don't you like about this place?							
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count
Shilo Recreation Ground	4	0	4	1	4	2	14	29
The Lane Recreation Ground	2	4	3	1	6	1	18	35

Beeston

Beeston- which open and play spaces do you visit?								
Do you visit this place?								
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count					
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	43	117	160					
Broadgate Park	84	88	172					
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground	55	111	166					
Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground	7	134	141					
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground	12	130	142					

How often do you visit this place?					
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	6	4	7	25	42
Broadgate Park	0	12	11	59	82
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground	0	6	16	32	54
Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground	0	1	2	4	7
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground	0	3	2	3	8

What do you like about this place?						
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	12	9	8	4	1	34
Broadgate Park	32	13	7	2	4	58
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground	25	6	6	4	0	41
Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground	2	2	1	2	0	7
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground	2	0	3	0	3	9

Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	2	6	3	4	2	3	10	30
Broadgate Park	5	11	12	0	5	3	15	51
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground	2	10	5	0	0	3	14	34
Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	7
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground	1	5	1	0	0	0	3	10

<u>Bramcote</u>

Bramcote- which open and play spaces do you visit?								
Do you visit this place?								
Answer Options Yes No Response Count								
Bramcote Hills Park	183	34	217					
Eastcote Avenue Open Space	12	124	136					
King George's Park	38	108	146					
Sandgate Open Space	6	126	132					

How often do you visit this place?								
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count			
Bramcote Hills Park	1	23	41	112	177			
Eastcote Avenue Open Space	0	5	1	6	12			
King George's Park	0	8	4	26	38			
Sandgate Open Space	0	0	0	5	5			

What do you like about this	s place?					
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	l live near by	l feel safe here.	I don't like this place.	Response Count

Bramcote Hills Park	93	11	12	7	3	126
Eastcote Avenue Open Space	2	1	3	1	0	7
King George's Park	4	6	7	5	3	25
Sandgate Open Space	4	0	0	0	1	5

What don't	at don't you like about this place?									
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	l like everything	Response Count		
Bramcote Hills Park	3	4	10	1	9	11	73	111		
Eastcote Avenue Open Space	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	6		
King George's Park	2	6	7	1	0	0	7	23		
Sandgate Open Space	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5		

Brinsley

Brinsley- which open and play spaces do you visit?							
Do you visit this place?							
Answer Options Yes No Response Count							
Brinsley Recreation Ground	20	123	143				

How often do you visit this place?								
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count			
Brinsley Recreation Ground	0	4	2	14	20			

What do you like about this place?								
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count		
Brinsley Recreation Ground	13	1	0	1	1	16		

What don't you like about this place?								
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count

Brinsley Recreation	1	1	3	0	0	1	8	14
Ground								

<u>Chilwell</u>

Chilwell - which open and play spaces do you visit?								
Do you visit this place?								
Answer Options Yes No Response Count								
Inham Nook Recreation Ground	33	114	147					
Cator Lane Recreation Ground	39	112	151					
Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground	19	117	136					
Sherman Drive Open Space	18	119	137					

How often do you visit this place?					
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Inham Nook Recreation Ground	1	5	6	21	33
Cator Lane Recreation Ground	1	7	10	20	38
Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground	2	0	1	16	19
Sherman Drive Open Space	2	5	0	8	15

What do you like about this place?									
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count			
Inham Nook Recreation Ground	17	2	4	2	1	26			
Cator Lane Recreation Ground	13	6	9	1	0	29			
Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground	4	0	2	6	1	13			
Sherman Drive Open Space	2	3	5	2	1	13			

What don't yo	What don't you like about this place?								
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count	
Inham Nook Recreation Ground	0	0	0	0	4	6	13	23	
Cator Lane Recreation Ground	0	0	9	0	1	0	16	26	

Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground	0	3	1	1	2	0	4	11
Sherman Drive Open Space	1	5	1	0	1	0	3	11

<u>Eastwood</u>

Eastwood - which open and play spaces do you visit?								
7Do you visit this place?								
Answer Options Yes No Response Count								
Coronation Park	33	110	143					
Jubilee Park 16 119 135								
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground	12	122	134					

How often do you visit this place?					
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Coronation Park	1	5	5	22	33
Jubilee Park	0	2	1	13	16
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground	0	1	1	10	12

What do you like about this place?						
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count
Coronation Park	16	4	3	0	0	23
Jubilee Park	4	2	3	2	3	14
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground	3	0	2	1	3	9

What don't you like about this place?										
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	l like everything	Response Count		
Coronation Park	0	1	0	0	3	5	12	21		
Jubilee Park	0	2	2	2	2	3	3	14		
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground	0	3	0	1	1	0	2	7		

<u>Giltbrook</u>

Giltbrook- which open and play spaces do you visit?								
Do you visit this space?								
Answer Options Yes No Response Count								
Smithurst Road Open Space 19 112 131								

How often do you visit this place?								
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count			
Smithurst Road Open Space	0	3	2	14	19			

What do you like about this place?									
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	l live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count			
Smithurst Road Open Space	3	1	4	0	4	12			

What don't	you like abοι	it this place?						
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count
Smithurst Road Open Space	1	5	0	1	2	0	1	10

Greasley

Greasley- which open and play spaces do you visit?							
Do you visit this space?							
Answer Options Yes No Response Count							
Beauvale Park (Dovecote Lane) 18 115 133							

How often do you visit this place?					
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Beauvale Park (Dovecote Lane)	0	0	5	13	18

What do you like about this place?						
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count

Beauvale Park (Dovecote Lane)	6	1	2	4	0	13
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What don't yo	ou like about	this place?						
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count
Beauvale Park (Dovecote Lane)	0	2	4	0	1	0	3	10

<u>Kimberley</u>

Kimberley- which open and play spaces do you visit? Do you visit this place?								
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count					
Flixton Road Open Space	25	110	135					
Hall-Om-Wong	44	99	143					
Knowle Park	31	101	132					
Millfield Road Open Space	17	112	129					
The Stag Recreation Ground	33	102	135					

How often do you visit this place?					
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Flixton Road Open Space	0	3	5	16	24
Hall-Om-Wong	0	4	12	28	44
Knowle Park	0	6	5	20	31
Millfield Road Open Space	1	1	4	10	16
The Stag Recreation Ground	0	4	9	18	31

What do you like about this place?									
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count			
Flixton Road Open Space	5	3	5	1	1	15			
Hall-Om-Wong	13	4	7	1	0	25			
Knowle Park	6	6	5	0	2	19			
Millfield Road Open Space	3	0	4	3	2	12			
The Stag Recreation Ground	8	3	4	1	1	17			

What don't y	What don't you like about this place?								
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	l like everything	Response Count	
Flixton Road Open Space	0	0	5	0	2	1	4	12	
Hall-Om- Wong	0	2	6	0	6	3	6	23	
Knowle Park	1	1	6	0	0	0	9	17	
Millfield Road Open Space	1	1	4	0	0	0	5	11	
The Stag Recreation Ground	0	0	0	0	2	5	8	15	

<u>Nuthall</u>

Nuthall- which open and play spaces do you visit?								
Do you visit this place?								
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count					
Basil Russell Playing Field	58	91	149					
College Way Open Space	6	114	120					
Redbridge Drive Open Space	21	108	129					
The Spinney Open Space	18	104	122					

How often do you visit this place?								
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count			
Basil Russell Playing Field	1	10	14	31	56			
College Way Open Space	0	0	2	4	6			
Redbridge Drive Open Space	1	6	7	7	21			
The Spinney Open Space	0	1	5	11	17			

What do you like about this place?									
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count			
Basil Russell Playing Field	15	5	9	4	0	33			
College Way Open Space	0	1	2	1	1	5			
Redbridge Drive Open Space	2	3	7	0	4	16			
The Spinney Open Space	1	3	4	0	3	11			

What don't ye	ou like abou	t this place?						
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count
Basil Russell Playing Field	2	3	6	1	0	1	16	29
College Way Open Space	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	4
Redbridge Drive Open Space	1	4	8	0	2	0	0	15
The Spinney Open Space	0	1	4	1	1	1	2	10

<u>Stapleford</u>

Stapleford- which open and play spaces do you visit?								
Do you visit this place?								
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count					
Central Avenue Recreation Ground	27	104	131					
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground	51	91	142					
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground	33	99	132					
Judson Avenue Open Space	4	114	118					
Pasture Road Recreation Ground	18	107	125					
Queen Elizabeth Park	37	93	130					

How often do you visit this place?					
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Central Avenue Recreation Ground	0	6	3	17	26
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground	2	14	8	27	51
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground	0	3	4	23	30
Judson Avenue Open Space	0	0	2	2	4
Pasture Road Recreation Ground	0	2	1	15	18
Queen Elizabeth Park	7	11	3	16	37

What do you like about this place?						
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	l don't like this place	Response Count
Central Avenue Recreation Ground	4	3	7	0	5	19

Hickings Lane Recreation Ground	7	5	16	0	2	30
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground	5	3	5	2	0	15
Judson Avenue Open Space	1	0	0	1	1	3
Pasture Road Recreation Ground	0	3	3	1	2	9
Queen Elizabeth Park	11	3	8	1	1	24

What don't yo		this place?			_			
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	l like everything	Response Count
Central Avenue Recreation Ground	0	6	5	1	1	4	2	19
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground	2	7	5	0	3	6	5	28
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground	1	3	3	0	1	0	6	14
Judson Avenue Open Space	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
Pasture Road Recreation Ground	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	7
Queen Elizabeth Park	1	4	7	0	0	2	8	22

<u>Toton</u>

Toton- which open and play spaces do you visit?									
Do you visit this place?									
Answer Options Yes No Response Count									
Banks Road Open Space	12	106	118						
Manor Farm Recreation Ground 30 93 123									
Swiney Way Open Space	20	101	121						

How often do you visit this place?					
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Banks Road Open Space	1	0	1	11	13
Manor Farm Recreation Ground	3	0	9	18	30

What do you like about this place?										
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count				
Banks Road Open Space	4	2	3	0	1	10				
Manor Farm Recreation Ground	10	5	2	2	1	20				
Swiney Way Open Space	1	1	3	2	5	12				

What don't you like about this place?											
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count			
Banks Road Open Space	1	0	2	1	2	0	3	9			
Manor Farm Recreation Ground	0	1	1	0	4	1	11	18			
Swiney Way Open Space	0	2	6	1	1	0	1	11			

<u>Trowell</u>

Trowell- which open and play spaces do you visit?									
Do you visit this place?									
Answer Options Yes No Response Count									
Salcey Drive Open Space 7 109 116									
Trowell Parish Hall 5 111 116									

How often do you visit this place?										
Answer Options	Every day	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count					
Salcey Drive Open Space	1	1	1	5	8					
Trowell Parish Hall	0	0	1	5	6					

What do you like about this place?										
Answer Options	I like the play equipment	I like to play with my friends here	I live near by	I feel safe here	I don't like this place	Response Count				
Salcey Drive Open Space	2	0	3	1	1	7				
Trowell Parish Hall	3	0	1	1	1	6				

What don	What don't you like about this place?											
Answer Options	No equipment for under 5's	Equipment is old and not exciting	Not enough equipment	Boring nothing to do	Too many older children	Behaviour of other people	I like everything	Response Count				
Salcey Drive Open Space	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	7				
Trowell Parish Hall	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	5				

10-16 year olds

Which area do you live in?								
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count						
Awsworth	1.82%	3						
Attenborough	1.2%	2						
Beeston	33.3%	56						
Bramcote	7.7%	13						
Brinsley	0.0%	0						
Broxtowe	1.8%	3						
Chilwell	8.3%	14						
Cossall	0.0%	0						
Eastwood	2.4%	4						
Giltbrook	0.6%	1						
Ilkeston	0.0%	0						
Kimberley	3.0%	5						
Newthorpe	0.0%	0						
Nuthall	6.5%	11						
Rylands	0.6%	1						
Stapleford	23.8%	40						
Toton	4.2%	7						
Trowell	1.2%	2						
Watnall	3.6%	6						
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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count				
10	53.6%	90				
11	14.3%	24				
12	7.1%	12				
13	10.1%	17				
14	1.8%	3				
15	7.1%	12				
16	6.0%	10				
	answered question	168				
skipped question						

Are you male or Female?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male Female	50.0% 50.0%	84 84
	answered question skipped question	168 0

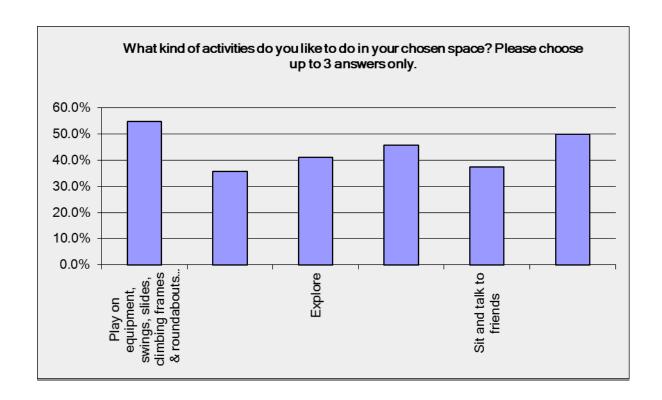
Which is your school? Primary schools are listed first alphabetically followed by Secondary schools.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Albany Junior School	2.4%	4
Awsworth Primary and Nursery School	1.2%	2
Beeston Fields Primary and Nursery School	27.4%	46
Beeston Rylands Junior School	0.6%	1
Bramcote CofE Primary School	2.4%	4
Bramcote Hills Primary School	2.4%	4
Brinsley Primary School	0.0%	0
Brookhill Leys Primary & Nursery School	0.6%	1
Chetwynd Primary Academy	1.8%	3
College House Junior School	2.4%	4
Eskdale Junior School	1.2%	2
Fairfield Primary Academy	4.8%	8
Foxwood Academy	0.0%	0
Gilthill Primary School	0.6%	1
Greasley Beauvale Primary School	0.0%	0
Hollywell Primary School	1.2%	2
Horsendale Primary School	1.2%	2
John Clifford Primary School	0.0%	0
Kimberley Primary School	0.6%	1
Larkfields Junior School	5.4%	9
Lynncroft Primary School	0.0%	0
Mornington Primary School	1.8%	3
Round Hill Primary School	0.0%	0
Springbank Primary School	0.6%	1
St John's CofE Primary School	0.6%	1
Sunnyside Spencer Academy	0.0%	0
The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy	0.6%	1
Toton Bispham Drive Junior School	0.6%	1
Trowell CofE Primary School	0.0%	0
Wadsworth Fields Primary School	1.2%	2
Alderman White School	4.8%	8
Chilwell School	3.6%	6
George Spencer Academy and Technical College	19.0%	32
Hall Park Academy	1.2%	2
The Bramcote School	7.1%	12
The Kimberley School	3.0%	5
•	nswered question	168
	skipped question	0

What kind of outdoor space do you like to use? Please choose up to 3 answers only.							
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count					
Play areas with swings, climbing frames, slides etc.	64.9%	109					
Woodlands	44.0%	74					
Playing on the street	24.4%	41					
Local park	56.0%	94					
Local town/high street	10.7%	18					
Shops	20.2%	34					
Sports facilities on the park	47.0%	79					
	answered question	168					
	skinned auestion	0					



What kind of activities do you like to do in your chosen space only.	e? Please choose u	p to 3 answers
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Play on equipment, swings, slides, climbing frames & roundabouts etc.	54.8%	92
Run around	35.7%	60
Explore	41.1%	69
Climb trees and climbing frames	45.8%	77
Sit and talk to friends	37.5%	63
Sport activities	50.0%	84
a a	answered question	168
	skipped question	0



<u>Attenborough</u>

Attenborough - which Open & Play spaces do you visit?						
Do you visit this space?						
Answer Options	No	Response Count				
Long Lane	20	55	75			

How often do you visit this space?								
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count		
Long Lane	0	2	1	2	20	25		

What do	What do you like about this space?										
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	I don't like this place	Response Count	
Long Lane	7	3	0	4	1	4	0	0	4	23	

Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter, rubbish, broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count
Long Lane	1	0	3	3	3	0	1	4	2	6	23

<u>Awsworth</u>

Awsworth - Which Open & Play spaces do you visit?							
Do you visit this place?							
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count				
Shilo Recreation Ground	7	55	62				
The Lane Recreation Ground	9	46	55				

How often do you visit this place	How often do you visit this place?										
Answer Options	Everyday	Few times a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count						
Shilo Recreation Ground	1	0	0	9	10						
The Lane Recreation Ground	0	2	1	9	12						

What do yo	u like abo	ut this pla	ace?							
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/ BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	don't like this space	Response Count
Shilo Recreation Ground	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	9
The Lane Recreation Ground	2	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	11

What don't	you like abo	ut this pl	ace?								
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring, nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter, rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	l like everything	Response Count
Shilo Recreation Ground	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	8
The Lane Recreation Ground	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	4	11

Beeston

Beeston - which Open & Play spaces do you visit?

Do you use this space?

Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground	25	39	64
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	27	43	70
Broadgate Park	37	33	70
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground	13	46	59
Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground	11	46	57
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How often do you visit?		'	<u>'</u>	-		
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground	3	1	0	2	21	27
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	5	5	1	2	14	27
Broadgate Park	3	1	3	2	26	35
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground	0	1	1	0	12	14
Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground	0	1	2	1	9	13

What do you	u like abo	ut this s	pace?							
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/ BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	I don't like this space	Response Count
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground	2	1	0	5	4	1	2	3	4	22
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	4	3	0	4	6	1	1	3	4	26
Broadgate Park	9	2	1	3	7	2	0	5	4	33
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	5	4	14
Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	4	11

What don't you like about this space?											
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground	2	0	1	2	1	0	5	2	2	7	22
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	2	3	1	0	4	1	1	0	2	11	25
Broadgate Park	2	0	3	2	3	2	0	5	3	12	32
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	1	1	4	14

Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	2	10	
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<u>Bramcote</u>

Bramcote - which Open & P	lay spaces do	you visit?								
Do you use this space?										
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count							
King George's Park	19	38	57							
Bramcote Hills Park	67	16	83							
Eastcote Avenue Open Space	4	49	53							
Sandgate Open Space	3	48	51							

How often Do you visit?						
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
King George's Park	1	2	1	3	13	20
Bramcote Hills Park	1	11	7	15	31	65
Eastcote Avenue Open Space	1	0	1	0	3	5
Sandgate Open Space	0	1	1	0	2	4

What do y	What do you like about this space?										
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	l don't like this space	Response Count	
King George's Park	2	0	0	4	5	0	0	1	2	14	
Bramcote Hills Park	12	2	0	18	5	4	3	1	1	46	
Eastcote Avenue Open Space	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	5	
Sandgate Open Space	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	

What don't y	What don't you like about this space?										
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count
King George's Park	1	2	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	3	13
Bramcote Hills Park	7	2	2	5	2	1	5	3	0	19	46

Eastcote Avenue Open Space	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	5
Sandgate Open Space	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4

<u>Brinsley</u>

Brinsley - which Open & Play spaces do you visit?										
Do you use this space?										
Answer Options Yes No Response Count										
Brinsley Recreation Ground 10 46 56										

How often do you visit?						
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Brinsley Recreation Ground	0	1	2	1	6	10

What do you	What do you like about this space?											
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	I don't like this space	Response Count		
Brinsley Recreation Ground	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	8		

What don't	you like at	out this	space?								
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count
Brinsley Recreation Ground	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	7

<u>Chilwell</u>

Chilwell - which Open & Play spaces do you visit?									
Do you use this space?									
Answer Options Yes No Response Count									
Inham Nook Recreation Ground	18	42	60						
Cator Lane Recreation Ground	Cator Lane Recreation Ground 13 43 56								
Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground 10 44 54									
Sherman Drive Open Space	6	45	51						

How often do you visit						
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Inham Nook Recreation Ground	0	5	2	4	7	18

Cator Lane Recreation Ground	0	3	2	4	4	13
Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground	1	0	0	1	8	10
Sherman Drive Open Space	1	0	1	1	4	7

What do yo	ou like al	bout this s	pace?							
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	l don't like this space	Response Count
Inham Nook Recreation Ground	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	11
Cator Lane Recreation Ground	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	1	0	9
Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	7
Sherman Drive Open Space	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	7

What don't	you like ab	out this	space?								
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	l like everything	Response Count
Inham Nook Recreation Ground	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	11
Cator Lane Recreation Ground	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	4	9
Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	6
Sherman Drive Open Space	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	7

<u>Eastwood</u>

Eastwood - which Open and play spaces do you visit?									
Do you use this space?									
Answer Options Yes No Response Count									
Coronation Park 13 43 56									
Jubilee Park94756									
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground	7	47	54						

How often do you visit?									
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count			
Coronation Park	2	2	0	1	8	13			
Jubilee Park	1	0	0	1	7	9			
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground	0	0	0	1	6	7			

What do you	ı like abo	out this spac	e?							
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	l don't like this space	Response Count
Coronation Park	1	2	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	10
Jubilee Park	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	8
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	6

What don't	you like ab	out this	space?								
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count
Coronation Park	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	10
Jubilee Park	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	9
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	6

<u>Giltbrook</u>

Giltbrook - which Open ar	nd play spaces d	o you visit?							
Do you use this space?									
Answer Options	Response								
Smithurst Road Open Space	Smithurst Road Open 6 47 53								

How often do you visit?	•					
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Smithurst Road Open Space	0	0	1	1	5	7

What do yo	ou like ab	out this spa	ace?							
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	I don't like this space	Response Count
Smithurst Road Open Space	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	6

What don't	you like al	oout this	space?								
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count
Smithurst Road Open Space	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5

<u>Greasley</u>

Greasley - which Open and play s	paces do you visi	t?	
Do you use this space?			
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count
Beauvale Park (Dovecote Lane)	8	43	51

How often do you	How often do you use this space?											
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count						
Beauvale Park (Dovecote Lane)	0	0	0	1	7	8						

What do yo	What do you like about this space?										
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	I don't like this space	Response Count	
Beauvale Park (Dovecote Lane)	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	6	

What don't	you like abo	out this	space?								
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	l like everything	Response Count
Beauvale Park (Dovecote Lane)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	5

<u>Kimberley</u>

Kimberley - which Open and play sp	aces do you visit?		
Do you use this space? Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count
Knowle Park	8	43	51
The Stag Recreation Ground	7	44	51
Flixton Road Open Space	5	45	50
Millfield Road Open Space	2	46	48
Hall-Om-Wong	11	41	52

How often do you visit this spa	How often do you visit this space?										
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count					
Knowle Park	1	2	1	1	4	9					
The Stag Recreation Ground	0	0	2	2	5	9					
Flixton Road Open Space	0	0	2	1	3	6					
Millfield Road Open Space	0	0	0	1	3	4					
Hall-Om-Wong	0	0	1	1	10	12					

What do you	What do you like about this space?											
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	l don't like this space	Response Count		
Knowle Park	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	8		
The Stag Recreation Ground	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	7		
Flixton Road Open Space	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	6		
Millfield Road Open Space	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4		
Hall-Om- Wong	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	10		

What don't y	What don't you like about this space?											
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count	
Knowle Park	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	8	
The Stag Recreation Ground	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	7	

Flixton Road Open Space	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	6
Millfield Road Open Space	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	4
Hall-Om- Wong	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	2	10

<u>Nuthall</u>

Nuthall - which Open and play spaces do you visit?											
Do you use this space?											
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count								
Basil Russell Playing Fields	16	39	55								
Redbridge Drive Open Space	7	43	50								
College Way Open Space	5	44	49								
The Spinney Open Space	6	44	50								

How often do you v	How often do you visit this space?											
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count						
Basil Russell Playing Fields	0	3	3	4	7	17						
Redbridge Drive Open Space	0	1	1	1	4	7						
College Way Open Space	0	1	0	0	3	4						
The Spinney Open Space	0	0	0	1	6	7						

What do you	What do you like about this space?											
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	I don't like this space	Response Count		
Basil Russell Playing Fields	2	0	3	2	0	1	3	1	0	12		
Redbridge Drive Open Space	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	6		
College Way Open Space	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4		

The Spinney Open Space	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	5	
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What don't you like about this space?												
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	l like everything	Response Count	
Basil Russell Playing Fields	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	8	12	
Redbridge Drive Open Space	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	
College Way Open Space	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	
The Spinney Open Space	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	5	

<u>Stapleford</u>

Stapleford - which Open and play spa	aces do you visit	?									
Do you use this space?											
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count								
Judson Avenue Open Space	9	41	50								
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground	33	33	66								
Pasture Road Recreation Ground	11	39	50								
Central Avenue Recreation Ground	13	40	53								
Queen Elizabeth Park	22	37	59								
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground	19	37	56								

How often do you visit this space?						
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count
Judson Avenue Open Space	0	2	1	1	4	8
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground	5	5	4	5	13	32
Pasture Road Recreation Ground	0	4	0	1	7	12
Central Avenue Recreation Ground	0	2	1	1	9	13
Queen Elizabeth Park	4	5	1	2	9	21
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground	3	5	2	3	5	18

What do you like about this space?											
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	don't like this space	Response Count	
Judson Avenue Open Space	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	7	
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground	2	6	5	1	5	0	4	1	1	25	
Pasture Road Recreation Ground	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	6	
Central Avenue Recreation Ground	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	9	
Queen Elizabeth Park	3	1	0	1	5	0	1	4	0	15	
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	2	1	10	

What don't y	ou like abo	out this	space?								
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count
Judson Avenue Open Space	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	7
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground	6	2	5	2	4	1	0	2	0	2	24
Pasture Road Recreation Ground	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
Central Avenue Recreation Ground	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	9
Queen Elizabeth Park	3	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	3	13

Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	9	
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<u>Toton</u>

Toton - which Open and play spaces do you use? Do you use this space?								
Answer Options	No	Response Count						
Swiney Way Open Space	10	41	51					
Manor Farm Recreation Ground	15	36	51					
Banks Road Open Space	10	42	52					

How often do you visit this space?									
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count			
Swiney Way Open Space	1	0	1	2	6	10			
Manor Farm Recreation Ground	0	2	3	6	5	16			
Banks Road Open Space	1	1	0	2	6	10			

What do you	What do you like about this space?									
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	I don't like this space	Response Count
Swiney Way Open Space	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	6
Manor Farm Recreation Ground	5	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	11
Banks Road Open Space	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	6

What don't y	ou like abo	out this	space?								
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count
Swiney Way Open Space	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
Manor Farm Recreation Ground	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	3	11
Banks Road Open Space	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	6

Trowell

Trowell - which Open and play spaces do you use?								
Do you use this space?								
Answer Options Yes No Response Count								
Trowell Parish Hall	3	44	47					
Salcey Drive Open Space	3	45	48					

How often do you use this space?									
Answer Options	Daily	Few times a week	Once a week	Weekends	Sometimes	Response Count			
Trowell Parish Hall	0	0	1	2	1	4			
Salcey Drive Open Space	1	0	1	0	2	4			

What do	you like	about this s	space?							
Answer Options	Place to meet friends	Ride my bike/BMX	Skate boarding	Play equipment	Live nearby	Feel safe there	Fitness equipment	Sports equipment	l don't like this space	Response Count
Trowell Parish Hall	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	4
Salcey Drive Open Space	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4

What do	What don't you like about this space?											
Answer Options	Behaviour of other people	Risk of being bullied	Boring nothing to do	No equipment for young people my age	Litter rubbish broken glass	Graffiti & vandalism	Dogs and dog mess	Equipment is only for very young children	Don't feel safe	I like everything	Response Count	
Trowell Parish Hall	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	
Salcey Drive Open Space	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	

5.3 Key Issues, Aspirations and Need

The consultation responses from children and young people, assisted and influenced by parents and carers, have been analysed to inform the priorities for play facilities and the needs for each of the play spaces.

Survey responses have been received from across the borough; numbers largely reflect population densities with higher figures from children and young people living in Beeston, Stapleford, Awsworth, Bramcote, Chilwell, Kimberley and Nuthall.

Surveys have been received from the full age range of children and young people from 5 to 16 years; however the 5 to 10 age range returned 86% of the total responses, compared to 14% for the 11 to 16 age range.

The responses from boys and girls was representative of the population, with 56% boys and 44% girls for the 5 to 9 age range and 50% each for the 10 to 16 age range.

Generally the 5 to 9 age range prefer to play in play areas with a range of play equipment (84%), however playing in local parks and at home/garden were also identified by over 50% of respondents. For the 10 to 16 age range again the top answers were play areas with a range of play equipment and local parks (scoring over 50%), sports facilities in parks and woodlands (scoring over 40%).

The 5 to 9 years age group preferred playing on swings, slides and see-saws (71%) followed by climbing trees and frames (63%), running around and exploring also scored highly (50%); however sports (29%) and lastly sitting and talking (10%) were least popular. Similarly, the 10-16 age group preferred playing on typical play equipment (55%) however they also expressed a high preference for taking part in sporting activities (50%). All other activities; running around, exploring, climbing and sitting and talking to friends were also popular (36% - 46%).

Most respondents of all ages reported visits to the various play facilities as 'sometimes' as opposed to more frequent timescales. The frequency of visits may have been influenced by the time of year the surveys were undertaken, i.e. from September to January.

5.4 Summary of Responses and Action Plan

These comments need to be read in conjunction with the detailed findings from the consultation in section 5.2 of the Strategy. When the actions identified below are implemented, further reference will be made back to the site specific issues raised to ensure these are taken into account as part of the design process.

In terms of priority the target actions have been classified accordingly:

- 1. Very high within the first year of the strategy
- 2. High within the first 3 years of the strategy
- 3. Medium within the first 6 years of the strategy
- 4. Low within the last 3 years of the strategy
- 5. Beyond 2025 beyond the period covered by the strategy

It is accepted that priorities may change during the period of the strategy due to increased usage of play areas, vandalism, equipment failure etc. This will be monitored as part of the weekly detailed inspection of play areas, observations by the Council's parks management team and comments from

users of the facilities.

It should also be noted that the capacity to undertake these works is dependent on the availability of capital resources, the success of external funding applications or the use of Section 106 contributions from future developments.

Responsibility for undertaking the actions identified will vary between the Borough Council and the relevant Town and Parish Council's depending on the ownership of the sites.

ATTENBOROUGH

Long Lane

5-9 years – A well-used site but less popular for regular visits perhaps due to its slightly remote location. Nothing was really disliked but additional equipment was mentioned.

10-16 years – Very similar use as to the 5-9 year age group. It was seen as a safe site and popular place to meet with well-liked play equipment. Reference was made to some issues that were not liked but overall most responses commented that it was a well-liked site.

Conclusion

Recently refurbished play area that is proving to be popular.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the	2025
site will be required in the long term.	

AWSWORTH

Shilo Recreation Ground

5-9 years – A well-used site but less popular for regular visits, again perhaps due to its more remote location. The play equipment was well received with some requests for additional equipment for under 5's.

10-16 years – Less well-used by this older age group but seen as a place to meet friends. Reference to safety was made and this could be down to the somewhat remote location within a woodland copse.

Conclusion

Relatively new play that has developed over time with additional items of equipment provided.

Actions	Priority
Consider additional equipment for younger children	Medium

The Lane Recreation Ground

5-9 years - A well-used and well received play area. Comments that there

were too many older children using the play facilities.

10-16 years – The play equipment and skate facilities were liked but once again there was a reference to not feeling safe.

Conclusion

A play area that, whilst popular, will in the latter part of the strategy need to be included in a refurbishment programme. In the short term there is a priority to review the play area fencing and look at some additional equipment.

Actions	Priority
Review fence around play area with the possibility of	High
some additional equipment	
Full review of play area and refurbishment of the site	Low

BEESTON

Beeston Fields Recreation Ground

5-9 years – A popular site used on a regular basis. Given the location of the park within a high residential area this is not surprising. The play equipment was very popular and it was seen as a safe place to play with friends. A number of references were made to some older equipment.

10-16 years – As with the younger age group it is used on a regular basis with references made to its location and a place to meet friends. The most common response that everything was liked with a few issues related to litter.

Conclusion

Large play area that had some new equipment added in 2016. Well received and serves a large local catchment area.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the	Beyond 2025
site will be required in the long term.	2023

Broadgate Park

5-9 years – High number of responses but perhaps surprising that it is not as well-used as would be expected for a town centre play area. There was a strong reference to not enough equipment with reference to it not being exciting and there being not enough equipment for the under 5's.

10-16 years – Again a high number of responses but as with the younger age group surprising that the play area is not well-used on a regular basis. It is notable that the play equipment does not feature highly on the things that are liked about the play area. There were mixed responses on issues not liked but there was a reference to equipment only being suitable for very young children.

Conclusion

A lot of responses to the questionnaire but the play area is not used on a regular basis by either age group. The play area is very dated and has seen no improvements for a considerable period of time. This is reflected in the responses.

Actions	Priority
Full refurbishment of the play area and surfacing with a full range of equipment for all ages including under 5's,	High
young children and teenagers	

Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground

5-9 years – Good response rate with this play area used on a regular basis. The play area was well liked and the area was popular with local children as a place to play with friends. Whilst there was a strong feeling that everything was liked there is a need to review the age of some of the equipment with responses indicating it was old and not exciting.

10-16 years – Again a good response from the older age group with some children visiting on a daily basis. The play equipment was popular and again as with the younger age group it is attracting children who live close to the site. The only real issue identified with the older age group was a problem of dogs and dog mess on the park.

Conclusion

One of the flagship play areas for Broxtowe when it was first upgraded. It has over the years seen new equipment added and replaced and continues to be a popular area. It is in a high profile location adjacent to Queens Road and attracts both local users and those from a wider catchment area. The issue of dog fouling is a concern and probably reflects its very popular use as a site for dog walkers. This will be addressed with the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Whilst some of the equipment has been in service for a long time the play area continues to be popular. However, it will need updating during the period of the strategy.

Actions	Priority
Review issues with dogs and dog fouling	Very high
Full review of play equipment/surfacing and	Medium
refurbishment of site to include additional equipment for	
younger children	

Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground

5-9 years – Fewer number of responses compared to other sites with the highest responses indicating a dislike for the play area with the reason being equipment being old and not exciting.

10-16 years – The pattern of results was very similar for this age range with the sports equipment on the site being much more popular than the play area.

Conclusion

An older and dated play area that given its location in the centre of a highly populated residential area is not getting the level of use that would be expected.

Actions	Priority
Full refurbishment of the play area/surfacing with a mix	High
of equipment for all ages	

Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground

6-9 years – Limited number of mixed responses. The site is relatively new and was built and funded by a housing developer to serve a new housing development.

10-16 years – As with the younger age group a broad spectrum of results that do not indicate any really strong preferences.

Conclusion

A new play area that serves a local area. Its value is perhaps not appreciated by the wider community.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the site will be required in the long term.	Beyond 2025

BRAMCOTE

Bramcote Hills Park

6-9 years – The Council's most popular play area and this is reflected in the number of responses received. A significant percentage liked the play equipment with only a few references to there not being enough equipment. The biggest issues were perhaps a reference to the play area success, with too many older children and behaviour of other people being the most common.

10-16 years – A very similar set of results to the younger age range but it is interesting to note that the site is nearly as popular as a meeting place as it is to use the play equipment. The issue of dog fouling is a concern and this is a result of the popularity of the park for dog walking. This will be addressed with the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Conclusion

Whilst the play area was refurbished in 2007 it still has a strong appeal demonstrating that if the scheme is well designed with a good range of

equipment it will have lasting value. Some of the equipment is however starting to show its age and a gradual replacement programme will have to be implemented.

Actions	Priority
Review issues with dogs and dog fouling	Very high
Gradual replacement of certain items of equipment as they reach a point of "beyond economical repair". This priority may need to be raised if, given the sustained level of use for this play area; issues of deterioration become more apparent.	Medium

Eastcote Avenue Open Space

6-9 years – Limited number of responses but the area is generally well received and was designed to serve local catchment areas within the centre of a housing estate.

10-16 years – Very similar to the younger age group with no real strong preferences for change.

Recommendation

Play area has been refurbished and it well placed to serve the local catchment area. Given that the number of responses for both age groups were low, the results may not be as reliable as for some other sites.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the	2025
site will be required in the long term.	

King George's Park

6-9 years – Good number of responses but with most children using on an infrequent basis. The biggest issues were not enough equipment and the equipment being old and not exciting.

10-16 years – As with the younger age most of the children who used this site did so only on an infrequent basis with the most popular reason being no equipment for this age range.

Conclusion

A very dated play area that has lost its appeal and is in need of refurbishment. Consideration should be given to moving it to a more central and visible location within the park.

Actions	Priority
An old and dated play area that whilst having no	High
immediate safety concerns does not have a strong	
appeal for local children. Full review of the site and	

Actions	Priority
surfacing is needed	

Sandgate Open Space

6-9 years – Low level response but generally a popular play area. No real issues of concern identified.

10-16 years – Very similar to the younger age range with no strong theme of concerns.

Conclusion

A small play area on the edge of a housing estate and part of a local nature reserve. It has been renovated and is to a good standard. Given that the number of responses for both age groups were low, the results may not be as reliable as for some other sites.

Actions	Priority
Full review of play equipment and refurbishment of site	Low

BRINSLEY

Brinsley Recreation Ground

6-9 years – Popular play area that is well received by this age group.

10-16 years – Similar responses to the younger age group but reference to need for more equipment for this older age group.

Conclusion

A play area that has been refurbished but would benefit from some additional play surfacing, equipment for older children and a review of the outdoor fitness equipment.

Actions	Priority
Additional play surfacing, equipment for older children	High
and a review of outdoor fitness equipment	
Full review of play equipment and refurbishment of site	Low

CHILWELL

Inham Nook Recreation Ground

5-9 years – A well-used and popular site with very positive feedback on the play equipment. This play area was relocated and had a major redesign when the tram route was built through the park so the comments are as expected. A few concerns about the behaviour of older children but hopefully this will be addressed through new CCTV which was installed in Spring 2017.

10-16 years – As with the younger age group a well-used and popular area. Given the wide range of facilities on the site it attracts young people for a wide variety of reasons. Again the only concerns relate to behaviour of other people and the risk of being bullied.

Conclusion

A very popular play area with the recent improvements well received. Some concerns about behaviour of older children and risk of bullying.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the	2025
site will be required in the long term.	

Cator Lane Recreation Ground

5-9 years – Another popular play area in the Chilwell area that attracts children from the local area. The equipment is well like but with comments that additional equipment for the younger children would be beneficial.

10-16 years – As with the younger age range the play area is popular and used on a regular basis. The play equipment is well like with no real concerns identified.

Conclusion

A popular local play area. This area was recently relocated and renovated following funding from Severn Trent who were undertaking major works on the park.

Actions	Priority
Increase the equipment for younger children. This would involve an extension for the play area	Low
No other short term or medium term issues but fundamental review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the site will be required in the long term.	Beyond 2025

Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground

6-9 years – Fewer responses relating to this site and used on a less frequent basis. Those using the site felt safe and generally liked the equipment.

10-16 years – Very similar comments to the younger age range with no real issues or concerns raised.

Conclusion

Small facility that serves a local area. No real issues identified.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the	2025

Actions	Priority
site will be required in the long term.	

Sherman Drive Open Space

6-9 years – Again fewer responses relating to this site but given its location in the centre of a housing development it is not surprising that it is popular due to its location. It is noted that there was a strong reference to the equipment being old and unexciting.

10-16 years – Limited response but those responding raised issues with the type of equipment and lack of equipment for older children as the issues.

Conclusion

This play area was built by the developers of the housing estate around the year 2000 and is now showing its age. It needs redeveloping and new equipment adding. It is in a very attractive setting serving a large catchment area and at present does not fulfil its potential.

Actions	Priority
Major overhaul of the play area/surfacing and equipment	High

EASTWOOD

Coronation Park

6-9 years – Good level of response at this popular and well-used play area. Very strong support for the play equipment with the only concern relating to the behaviour of older children.

10-16 years – As with the younger age group the area is well-used with a spread of reasons for using the site due to the range of facilities available for older children. Behaviour of older children was again referenced as an issue.

Conclusion

The play area had a major redevelopment in 2012 with a new fenced area for young children created with both sand/water play and traditional play equipment. There is a wide range of play equipment and sports facilities for older children with a new concrete skate park built in 2016.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the	2025
site will be required in the long term.	

Jubilee Park

6-9 years – Lower number of responses relating to this play area with a diverse range of reasons for visiting. There were clearly some issues with the

age and type of equipment and also concerns about behaviour of other people.

10-16 years – As with the younger age range fewer responses at this site with mixed feelings about the play area. Diverse spread of reasons for not liking the site indicating that the area is approaching an age when renovation work will be required.

Conclusion

The play area was renovated in 2007 and is approaching a time when it will need more major works.

Actions	Priority
Pressure jet wash of rubber surfacing and general clean	High
of equipment to improve the visual appeal of the area	
Full review of play area and refurbishment of site	Medium

Mansfield Road Recreation Ground

6-9 years – Fewer response for this less well-used play area. Mixture of responses with some children liking all the equipment and others feeling it is dated.

10-16 years – A very similar set of results to the younger age range with the majority indicating the need for additional equipment.

Conclusion

The play area was originally redesigned in the early 2000's with a more recent upgrade in 2010. It is fairly small in size but located on a popular pedestrian school route for children.

Actions	Priority
General clean of the equipment to improve the visual appeal of the area	High
Fundamental review of play equipment/surfacing	Medium

GILTBROOK

Smithurst Road Open Space

6-9 years – Good range of responses but play area underused given its central location within a very large housing estate. The feedback was critical as to the old and unexciting equipment.

10-16 years – Limited number of responses and again the area is underused by this age group. Once again the feedback was divided at lack of equipment or equipment not for the older age group.

Conclusion

A play area serving a large catchment area that is underused given its central location. This relates to the lack of and out-dated equipment. The play area

is due to be redeveloped in Summer 2017 using Section 106 funding from the adjacent new housing development.

Actions	Priority
Full upgrade of play area	Very high

GREASLEY

Beauvale Park

6-9 years – a site where children feel safe and like the range of play equipment. Some comments that they would like to see more equipment.

10-16 years – Similar comments as with the younger age range but a clear indication that more equipment is needed for this older age range.

Conclusion

A play area that has seen new equipment added on a piecemeal basis over the last 5 years. There is still scope for more equipment, internal paths and improvements to the fencing surrounding the area.

Actions	Priority
Additional play equipment, new rubber play surfacing,	High
improve paths and refurbish fencing surrounding area.	

KIMBERLEY

Flixton Road Open Space

6-9 years – This site was well received being popular because of the play equipment and a place to meet friends. Whilst the equipment was well received more equipment was also referenced.

10-16 years – Fewer responses from the older age range and again the site was well received with no issues identified.

Conclusion

The play area was renovated in 2014 and extended in size. Given the size of the open space there is little scope to extend any further.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the	2025
site will be required in the long term.	

Hall om Wong Open Space

6-9 years – Large number of responses with the play area being used on a regular basis. The play equipment was well received but there were some comments about the equipment being old and not enough equipment for this younger age range.

10-16 years – The biggest number of responses for the play area in Kimberley came from this site with a broad range of reasons for visiting the park. This is not surprising given the skate park, MUGA and good range of equipment for older children. Some concerns about litter and broken glass.

Conclusion

A play area that provides a lot for older children but less so for the younger age range. It was renovated around 8 years ago and some of the items are starting to show their age.

Actions	Priority
Work with Neighbourhood Wardens to address the issues	Very high
of litter and broken glass	
Extend the provision for younger age range	High
Full review and refurbishment of site	Medium

Knowle Park

6-9 years – Good level of response with the play area getting a high level of use. Popular because of the equipment and also because of its location on the edge of a large housing area. Generally most children like everything but there was also a strong request for additional equipment.

10-16 years – Not as popular as with the younger age range but with no strong trend for things that were either liked or disliked.

Conclusion

This play area has been extended and updated over a period of 6 years and is much improved.

Actions	Priority
Potential to extend the range of equipment for younger	High
children and include a new basket swing	
Full review of play equipment and refurbishment of site	Low

Millfield Road Open Space

6-9 years – Only a small play area and this is perhaps reflected in the reduced number of responses. The area was felt to be safe and the equipment liked. Responses indicated a need for additional equipment.

10-16 years – This play area is only for very young children. The few responses received reflect this.

Conclusion

A play area designed exclusively for young children due to its location close to houses on a small area of open space. There is equipment for older children at Hall om Wong Open Space which is close to this site. The play area was renovated around 2008 and is now showing its age.

Actions	Priority
Pressure jet wash rubber surfacing and general clean of	High
equipment to improve visual appeal of the area	
Refurbishment of site.	Medium

The Stag Recreation Ground

6-9 years – good number of responses from this well-used and popular play area. Very positive response with the play equipment being particularly popular. Generally everything was liked about the area with a few comments about the behaviour of other children.

10-16 years – The play was also well received by the older age range but with a few comments that the equipment was more suited to younger children.

Conclusion

The play area was extended and improved with a major redevelopment in 2014. This has transformed the area into a very popular and attractive play space.

Actions	Priority
Additional play equipment not included in original play area refurbishment.	High
No other short term or medium term issues but fundamental review of all play equipment and refurbishment of the site will be required in the long term.	Beyond 2025

NUTHALL

Basil Russell Playing Fields

6-9 years – Very high level of responses with many children using the play area on a very regular basis. The equipment was popular with no children disliking the area. The overall trend was that everything was liked but with a view that there was still scope for more equipment.

10-6 years – Still a good number of responses but not as high as the younger age range. Again the area was popular and used for a diverse range of reasons. As with the younger children the majority feeling was that everything was liked.

Conclusion

A play area that has been updated and extended over the last 10 years and its popularity reflects this.

Actions	Priority
No short term issues but a fundamental review of all play	Medium
equipment and refurbishment of the site will be required	
in the medium term including extending the range of	
equipment for young children.	

College Way Open Space

6-9 years – Fewer responses which is perhaps not surprising given that this play area serves only a relatively new and medium sized housing development. Some concerns that the area was used by older children.

10-16 years – As with the younger age fewer responses for this play area but no strong trend of likes or dislikes.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment/surfacing and	2025
refurbishment of the site will be required in the long	
term.	

Redbridge Drive Open Space

6-9 years – Good number of responses with the play area being used on a regular basis. Clear pattern of responses which indicated that the equipment was old and not exciting and there was not enough equipment.

10-16 years – Much fewer responses with feeling that the area is not as well-used as would be expected given its central location within a large housing development.

Conclusion

Whilst the play area was renovated less than 10 years ago there is a clear indication that there is a need for additional equipment for the younger age range. Scope at this site is limited due to its relatively small size and the proximity of adjacent housing.

Actions	Priority
Extend the range of equipment with a focus on the	High
younger age range and a full review of surfacing	
Full review of play equipment/surfacing and provision	Low

The Spinney Open Space

6-9 years – Diverse range of responses relating to this small play area with indications that it is used by local children. Feeling that the area would benefit from more equipment.

10-16 years – The play area is only for very young children. The few responses received reflect this.

Conclusion

A play area designed exclusively for younger children due to its location close to houses and Elderly Persons accommodation. There is equipment for older children at Basil Russell Playing Fields which is close to this site. The play area was renovated around 2008 and is now showing its age.

Actions	Priority
Full review of play equipment/surfacing and	Medium
refurbishment of the site	

STAPLEFORD

Central Avenue Recreation Ground

6-9 years –Good number of responses with the play area being used on a regular basis. The play equipment was well received and one of the reasons for its popularity was its location within the centre of a large area of housing. 10-16 years – Limited number of responses. This was to be expected given that the play area is only designed for very young children. There is equipment for older children at Hickings Lane Recreation Ground which is close to this site.

Conclusion

The play area was renovated exclusively for younger children with modern equipment. The results from the younger age range about there not being enough equipment and it being old and unexciting are therefore surprising.

Actions	Priority
Pressure jet wash of rubber surfacing and general clean	High
of equipment to improve the visual appeal of the area	
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment/surfacing and refurbishment	2025
of the site will be required in the long term.	

Hickings Lane Recreation Ground

6-9 years – Very good number of responses with the area being used on a regular basis. Strong pattern that there is not enough equipment and the equipment is old and not exciting.

10-16 years – As with the younger age range there was a high level of feedback for this site. The reasons for use were very diverse which is to be expected given the extensive range of sports, skate and play facilities on the park. There was also a very mixed range of reasons for not liking the space with the need for more things to do and behaviour of other people the major concerns.

Conclusion

This play area has not been renovated in the last 15 years and whilst a very popular site it is clearly showing its age. There is a need for more equipment for the younger age range and more exciting equipment for older children.

Actions	Priority
Full review and redevelopment of the play area/surfacing	High
to increase the play value and to try design out issues	
that could	

Actions	Priority
result in anti-social behaviour	

Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground

6-9 years – Good number of positive responses which is not surprising given that this play area was extended and redeveloped in 2016. Most children liked everything about the play area.

10-16 years – Very similar comments to the younger age range again with most children liking everything about the play area.

Conclusion

Play area was redeveloped and extended in 2016 and the very positive results reflect this.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment/surfacing and refurbishment	2025
of the site will be required in the long term.	

Judson Avenue

6-9 years – Low number of responses but those who did reply commented that the equipment was old and there was nothing for under 5's. Since the survey was undertaken a residents group has been formed who are looking to work with the Council to secure additional funding for the play area.

10-16 years – Limited number of responses which was to be expected given that the play area is only designed for very young children. There is equipment for older children at Queen Elizabeth Park which is close to this site.

Conclusion

Although only limited feedback from the consultation, subsequent work with the residents group has identified that the area lacks equipment for children under 5 years of age and also in the 6-9 range. The equipment that is provided is old and out-dated and has seen no changes since its introduction around 15 years ago.

Actions	Priority
Full redevelopment and refurbishment of the site	High
working with residents group	

Pasture Road Recreation Ground

6-9 years – Used by local children and popular as a place to meet. Strong feeling that there wasn't enough equipment and the equipment that was there was old and not exciting.

10-16 years – As with the younger age range the pattern of responses identified a need for more and new equipment.

Conclusion

The play area was last renovated in 2003 and is now showing its age. It offers limited play value for younger children.

Actions	Priority
Full review of play equipment/surfacing and	Medium
refurbishment of site	

Queen Elizabeth Park

6-9 years – High level of responses for a park that is very popular and used on a regular basis. The play equipment was well received with the most popular response that everything was liked.

10-16 years – A very similar pattern of results to the younger age range with a diverse range of reasons for liking the area which reflects the range of facilities provided.

Conclusion

A play area that has seen some fundamental changes and improvements in recent years and is clearly well-used and very popular.

Actions	Priority
Provide additional equipment for younger age range	Low
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment/surfacing and refurbishment	2025
of the site will be required in the long term.	

TOTON

Banks Road Open Space

6-9 years – No real concerns identified with the equipment being popular. Scope to increase the range of equipment for this age range and under 5's.

10-16 years – The play equipment was well received with no real issues identified.

Conclusion

The play area was extended and redeveloped around 8 years ago and this work has been well received.

Actions	Priority
Provide additional equipment and surfacing for younger	Medium
age range.	
No other short term or medium term issues but	Beyond
fundamental review of all play equipment/surfacing and	2025
refurbishment of the site will be required in the long	
term.	

Manor Farm Recreation Ground

6-9 years – Good number of responses with the area being used on a regular basis. The play equipment was very popular with the only issues relating to older children using the area.

10-16 years – Very similar comments to the younger age range with very popular equipment and no real concerns.

Conclusion

The play area was fully redesigned and renovated in 2013 and the positive feedback reflects this.

Actions	Priority
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental	Beyond
review of all play equipment/surfacing and refurbishment	2025
of the site will be required in the long term.	

Swiney Way Open Space

6-9 years – From the consultation responses it would appear that this play area is not particularly well-used and not very popular. Comments that there is not enough equipment and that it is old and unexciting.

10-16 years – Limited number of responses which was to be expected given that this play area is only designed for very young children. It is very close to neighbouring properties. There is equipment for older children at Sherman Drive Open Space which is close to this site.

Conclusion

A play area for young children serving a relatively small catchment area.

Actions	Priority
Whilst the play area is in need of refurbishment	Medium
consideration should be given as to whether this area is	
needed or if it would be better to extend the range of	
equipment at Sherman Drive Open Space to include	
more equipment for 6-9 years and under 5's.	

TROWELL

Salcey Drive

6-9 years – Although the responses were limited the play area was well liked with no real issues identified.

10-16 years – Limited number of responses. Play area is only designed for very young children given its close proximity to nearby housing.

Conclusion

Play area completely refurbished and has been very well received.

Actions	Priority
Pressure jet wash of rubber surfaces and general clean of equipment to improve the visual appearance of the	High
area.	
No short term or medium term issues but fundamental review of all play equipment/surfacing and refurbishment of the site will be required in the long term.	Beyond 2025

Trowell Parish Hall

6-9 years – Whilst only limited responses the equipment provided was liked but there was support for additional play equipment at the site.

10-16 years – Very similar responses to the younger age range, again with an emphasis on more equipment.

Conclusion

This play area was upgraded 10 years ago and whilst still in good condition and attractive it would benefit from additional equipment.

Actions	Priority
Additional equipment for both younger and older	Medium
children	

ACTION PLAN TARGET PRIORITIES

Very High (within the first year of the strategy)

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
Dovecote Lane	Broxtowe	Work with Neighbourhood Wardens to address issues of dogs/dog fouling	Within
Recreation	Borough		existing
Ground, Beeston	Council		budget
Bramcote Hills Park, Bramcote	Broxtowe Borough Council	Work with Neighbourhood Wardens to address issues of dogs/dog fouling	Within existing budget
Smithurst Road	Broxtowe	Full upgrade of play area. Work in progress	£36,000
Open Space,	Borough		Budget
Giltbrook	Council		allocated
Hall om Wong	Broxtowe	Work with Neighbourhood Wardens to address issues of litter and broken glass	Within
Open Space,	Borough		existing
Kimberley	Council		budget

TOTAL £36,000

High (within the first 3 years of the strategy)

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth	Awsworth Parish Council	Review fence around play area and the possibility of some additional equipment	£20,000
Broadgate Park, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full refurbishment of the play area and surfacing with a full range of equipment for all ages including under 5's and young teenagers	£80,000
Leyton Crescent Recreation	Broxtowe Borough	Full refurbishment of the play area/surfacing with a mix of equipment for all ages	£100,000

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
Ground, Beeston	Council		
King George's Park, Bramcote	Broxtowe Borough Council	An old and dated play area that whilst having no immediate safety concerns does not have a strong appeal for older children. Full review of site and surfacing needed	£70,000
Brinsley Recreation Ground, Brinsley	Brinsley Parish Council	Additional play surfacing, equipment for older children and a review of outdoor fitness equipment	£30,000
Sherman Drive Open Space, Chilwell	Broxtowe Borough Council	Major overhaul of the play area/surfacing and equipment	£40,000
Jubilee Park, Eastwood	Broxtowe Borough Council	Pressure jet wash of rubber surfacing and general clean of equipment to improve the visual appeal of the area	£1,000
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground, Eastwood	Broxtowe Borough Council	General clean of the equipment to improve the visual appeal of the area	£1,000
Beauvale Park, Greasley	Greasley Parish Council	Additional play equipment, new rubber play surfacing, improve paths and refurbish fencing surrounding the area	£60,000
Hall om Wong Open Space , Kimberley	Broxtowe Borough Council	Extend the provision for younger age range	£20,000
Knowle Park, Kimberley	Kimberley Town Council	Potential to extend the range of equipment for younger children and include new basket swing	£20,000
Millfield Road Open Space , Kimberley	Broxtowe Borough Council	Pressure jet wash of rubber surfacing and general clean of equipment to improve the visual appeal of the area	£1,000
Stag Recreation Ground,	Kimberley Town	Additional play equipment not included in the original refurbishment	£5,000

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
Kimberley	Council		
Redbridge Drive Open Space, Nuthall	Broxtowe Borough Council	Extend the range of equipment with a focus on the younger age range and a full review of play surfacing	£40,000
Central Avenue Recreation Ground, Stapleford	Broxtowe Borough Council	Pressure jet wash of rubber surfacing and general clean of equipment to improve the visual appeal of the area	£1,000
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground, Stapleford	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full review and redevelopment of the play area/surfacing to increase the play value and to try design out issues that could result in antisocial behaviour	£100,000
Judson Avenue, Stapleford	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full redevelopment and refurbishment of the site working the residents group	£25,000
Salcey Drive, Trowell	Broxtowe Borough Council	Pressure jet wash of rubber surfaces and general clean of equipment to improve visual appearance of the area	£1,000

TOTAL £615,000

<u>Medium</u> (within the first 6 years of the strategy)

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
Shilo Recreation Ground, Awsworth	Awsworth Parish Council	Consider additional equipment for younger children	£25,000
Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full review of play equipment/surfacing and refurbishment of site to include additional equipment for younger children	£60,000

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
Bramcote Hills Park, Bramcote	Broxtowe Borough Council	Gradual replacement of certain items of equipment as they reach a point of "beyond economical repair". This priority may need to be raised if given the sustained level of use issues of deterioration become more apparent.	£75,000
Jubilee Park, Eastwood	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full review of play equipment and refurbishment of site	£40,000
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground, Eastwood	Broxtowe Borough Council	Fundamental review of play equipment/surfacing	£40,000
Hall om Wong, Kimberley	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full review of and refurbish site	£50,000
Millfield Road Open Space, Kimberley	Broxtowe Borough Council	Refurbishment of site	£25,000
Basil Russell Playing Fields, Nuthall	Nuthall Parish Council	No short term issues but a fundamental review of the play equipment will be required in the medium term including extending the range of equipment for young children	£50,000
The Spinney Open Space, Nuthall	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full review of play equipment/surfacing and refurbishment of the site	£25,000
Pasture Road Recreation Ground, Stapleford	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full review of play equipment/surfacing and refurbishment of site	£75,000
Banks Road Open Space, Toton	Broxtowe Borough Council	Provide additional equipment and surfacing for younger age range	£40,000

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
Swiney Way Open Space, Toton	Broxtowe Borough Council	Whilst the play area is in need of refurbishment, consideration should be given as to whether this area is needed or if it would be better to extend the range of equipment at Sherman Drive Open Space to include more equipment for 6-9 years and under 5s	£20,000
Trowell Parish Hall, Trowell	Trowell Parish Council	Additional equipment for both younger and older children	£60,000

TOTAL £585,000

<u>Low</u> (within the last 3 years of the strategy)

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth	Awsworth Parish Council	Full review of play equipment and refurbishment of site	£40,000
Sandgate Open Space, Bramcote	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full review of play equipment and refurbishment of site	£40,000
Brinsley Recreation Ground, Brinsley	Brinsley Parish Council	Full review of play equipment and refurbishment of site	£40,000
Cator Lane Recreation Ground, Chilwell	Broxtowe Borough Council	Increase the equipment for younger children. This would involve an extension for the play area	£20,000
Knowle Park, Kimberley	Kimberley Town	Full review of play equipment and refurbishment of site	£30,000

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	COMMENTS	ESTIMATED COST
	Council		
Redbridge Drive Open Space, Nuthall	Broxtowe Borough Council	Full review of play equipment/surfacing and provision	£30,000
Queen Elizabeth Park, Stapleford	Broxtowe Borough Council	Provide additional equipment for younger age range	£20,000

TOTAL £220,000

Beyond the period covered by the Strategy

The following sites have recently been refurbished or identified as a very low priority for improvement works. No costs have been shown but all sites will be ready for a fundamental review of all the play equipment and a refurbishment of the site beyond 2025 the end date of the strategy. Costs and timescales will vary per site but each site if requiring a fundamental review is likely to cost in excess of £50,000.

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP
Long Lane, Attenborough	Broxtowe Borough Council
Beeston Fields Recreation Ground	Broxtowe Borough Council
Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council
Eastcote Avenue Open Space, Bramcote	Broxtowe Borough Council
Inham Nook Recreation Ground, Chilwell	Broxtowe Borough Council
Cator Lane Recreation Ground, Chilwell	Broxtowe Borough Council
Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground, Chilwell	Broxtowe Borough Council
Coronation Park, Eastwood	Broxtowe Borough Council
Flixton Road Open Space, Kimberley	Broxtowe Borough Council
The Stag Recreation Ground, Kimberley	Kimberley Town Council
College Way Open Space	Broxtowe Borough Council
Central Avenue Recreation Ground, Stapleford	Broxtowe Borough Council
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, Stapleford	Broxtowe Borough Council

LOCATION	OWNERSHIP
Queen Elizabeth Park, Stapleford	Broxtowe Borough Council
Banks Road Open Space, Toton	Broxtowe Borough Council
Manor Farm Recreation Ground, Toton	Broxtowe Borough Council
Salcey Drive, Trowell	Broxtowe Borough Council

6 Audit of Services and Provision of Play

6.1 Parks and Open Spaces

Broxtowe Borough Council provides a number of parks and open spaces ranging from large parks such as Bramcote Hills Park to small grassed areas in which both formal and informal ball games and other play activities takes place. In addition there are a number of equipped playgrounds, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA's) and dedicated youth areas providing e.g. skate parks and youth shelters.

Parks and open spaces play an important role in the provision of 'Free Play' facilities throughout the Borough which are free and accessible from dawn to dusk 7 days a week.

Lighting and CCTV has already been introduced into a number of the Borough's parks and it is acknowledged that there is scope for further developments. The Council also employees a team of Neighbourhood Wardens who are responsible for and deal with the issues of controlling dogs and enforcing the Council's dog fouling bye-laws.

The Council's Green Spaces Strategy 2009 – 2019 and Green Infrastructure Strategy 2015 – 2030 aim to raise the standards of the Borough's parks and open spaces to ensure that amongst other things they are welcoming, safe, well maintained and more accessible to everyone including children and young people. This, in turn, will increase their ability to be used more, not only for play, but by the whole community.

6.2 Play Sites

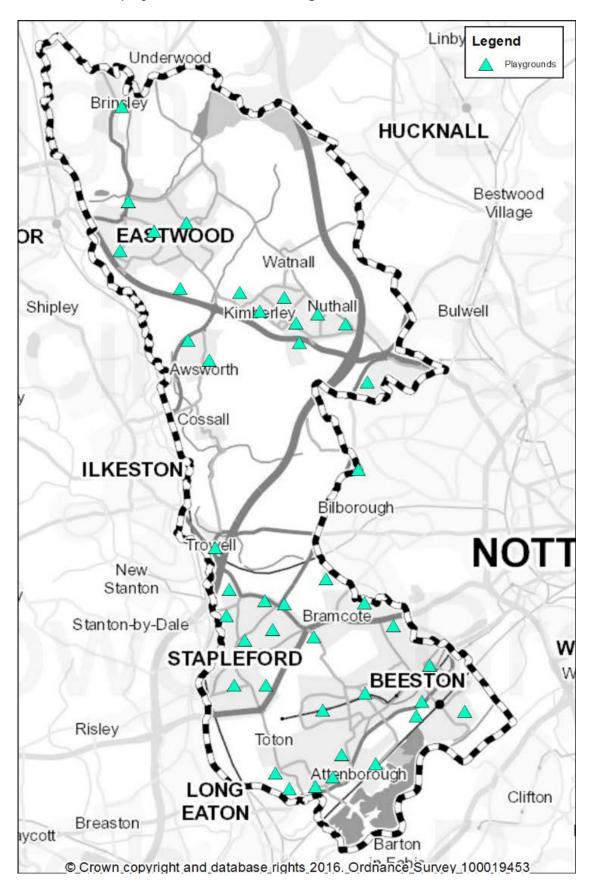
Broxtowe Borough Council

The Council currently owns and manages 34 play areas all of which are inspected on a weekly basis to ensure they are safe for children and young people to use and fit for purpose. Safer surfacing is provided on all the Borough Council's play areas. This is a mix of loose fill bark and rubber surfacing. As play areas are upgraded and improved the intention is to extend the amount of rubber surfacing, particularly around young children's equipment and swings. This will be dependent on budget availability. A small number of sites have rubber matting with grass allowed to grow through the matting. In addition most play areas across the Borough are fenced to maximise safety and security. Any damaged play equipment is repaired as part of the weekly inspection programme on the Council's play sites. The play areas are cleansed either weekly or twice weekly depending on their level of use.

Parish and Town Councils

There are currently 8 play areas that are provided and managed by the respective Parish and Town Councils throughout Broxtowe. These are very similar to the Borough Council sites in terms of maintenance and surfacing.

There has been a gradual replacement of old and obsolete play equipment on both the Borough, Parish and Town Council play sites which needs to continue. Location of all play sites within the borough.



PLAY AREAS ON PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND OPEN SPACES

	SITES (RANKED IN ORDER OF PLAY VALUE SCORE) TOGETHER WITH SITE OWNERS RESPOSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AREA	TOTAL PLAY VALUE SCORE	ACHIEVED BROXTOWE TARGET PLAY VALUE SCORE	CLASSIFICATIO N
1	Coronation Park, Eastwood. Broxtowe Borough Council. A large modern play area with separate facilities for young children. Mix of rubber, sand and grass surfacing. Young children's area. Fenced area	54	Yes	NE
2	Bramcote Hills Park, Bramcote. Broxtowe Borough Council. A large and very popular play area that is now 9 years old. Mix of rubber, and bark surfacing. Fenced area	43	Yes	NE
3	The Stag Recreation Ground, Kimberley. Broxtowe Borough Council. A very large play area with a good mix of equipment for both young and older children. Extensive refurbishment 2 years ago. Rubber surfacing, fenced area	43	Yes	NE
4	Inham Nook Recreation Ground, Chilwell. Broxtowe Borough Council. A modern play area provided as part of the Tram Development on the park. Mix of rubber and bark surfacing. Fenced area	42	Yes	NE
5	Basil Russell Playing Field, Nuthall. Nuthall Parish Council. A good sized play area that has had improvement work undertaken over a number of years. Mix of rubber and grass surfacing. Fenced area.	40	Yes	NE
6	Manor Farm Recreation Ground, Toton. Broxtowe Borough Council. Recently upgraded with funding from the Armed Forces Community Covenant. Mix of rubber and bark surfacing. Fenced area	40	Yes	NE
7	Hall Om Wong Open Space, Kimberley. Broxtowe Borough Council. Play area located on fringe of woodland. Bark surfacing. Fenced area.	40	Yes	NE
8	Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground, Beeston. Broxtowe Borough Council. Popular site that has been extended over the years. Some equipment starting to look dated. Bark surfacing. Fenced area.	39	Yes	NE
9	The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth. Awsworth Parish Council. Full refurbishment a few years ago with Big Lottery Funding. Rubber surfacing. Fenced area.	39	Yes	NE
10	Queen Elizabeth Park, Stapleford. Broxtowe Borough Council. Large play area. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	35	Yes	NE
11	Beeston Fields Recreation Ground,	35	Yes	LE

	SITES (RANKED IN ORDER OF PLAY VALUE SCORE) TOGETHER WITH SITE OWNERS RESPOSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AREA Beeston. Broxtowe Borough Council.	TOTAL PLAY VALUE SCORE	ACHIEVED BROXTOWE TARGET PLAY VALUE SCORE	CLASSIFICATIO N
	Large area that has recently had additional equipment. Bark surfacing. Fenced area.			
12	Banks Road Open Space, Toton. Broxtowe Borough Council. At the top end of the open space, has a good range of equipment. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	33	Yes	LE
13	Cator Lane Recreation Ground, Chilwell. Broxtowe Borough Council. Recent renovation. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	33	Yes	LE
14	Sherman Drive Open Space, Chilwell. Broxtowe Borough Council. Large popular area but starting to look dated. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	32	Yes	LE
15	Long Lane Recreation Ground, Attenborough. Broxtowe Borough Council. Latest play area to be refurbished following a successful bid to WREN. Mix of rubber and bark surfacing. Fenced area.	32	Yes	LE
16	Brinsley Recreation Ground, Brinsley. Brinsley Parish Council. Full refurbishment a few years ago with Big Lottery Funding. Is limited in terms of equipment for older children. Mix of rubber and grass surfacing. Fenced area	32	No	NE
17	Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, Stapleford. Broxtowe Borough Council. Upgraded in Spring 2016 following funding from WREN. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	31	Yes	LE
18	College Way Open Space, Nuthall. Broxtowe Borough Council. Play area serving the adjacent housing estate. Provided by the housing developers. Bark surfacing. Fenced area.	29	Yes	LE
19	Hickings Lane Recreation Ground, Stapleford. Broxtowe Borough Council. Will soon need refurbishing as a lot of the equipment will be beyond economical repair. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	29	No	NE
20	Beauvale Park, Greasley. Greasley Parish Council. Gradual refurbishment in recent years utilising Section 106 funding. Has scope for further upgrades. Mix of rubber and grass surfacing. Fenced area	28	Yes	LE
21	Broadgate Park, Beeston. Broxtowe Borough Council. Very popular town centre location. In real need of upgrading as the equipment is beyond economical repair. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	28	No	NE
22	Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground, Beeston. Broxtowe Borough Council. Modern play area provided by developers of adjacent housing estate. Rubber surfacing.	28	Yes	LE

	SITES (RANKED IN ORDER OF PLAY VALUE SCORE) TOGETHER WITH SITE OWNERS RESPOSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AREA	TOTAL PLAY VALUE SCORE	ACHIEVED BROXTOWE TARGET PLAY VALUE SCORE	CLASSIFICATIO N
3	Eastcote Avenue Open Space, Bramcote. Broxtowe Borough Council. Open plan play area serving the local housing area. Bark surfacing. No fencing.	27	Yes	LE
24	Chetwynd Road Recreation Ground, Chilwell. Broxtowe Borough Council. Recently refurbished using housing Section 106 money. Bark surfacing. Fenced area.	27	Yes	LE
25	Jubilee Park, Eastwood. Broxtowe Borough Council. Relatively new play area provided with Big Lottery funding. Rubber surfacing. Fenced area	26	Yes	LE
26	Flixton Road Open Space, Kimberley. Broxtowe Borough Council. Fully refurbished 2 years ago. Popular local play area. Mix of rubber and bark surfacing. Fenced area	26	Yes	LE
27	Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground, Beeston. Broxtowe Borough Council. Area that has out-dated play equipment that will soon be beyond economical repair. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	26	Yes	LE
28	Sandgate Open Space, Bramcote. Broxtowe Borough Council. Small play area on edge of woodland in open space. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	26	Yes	LE
29	Pasture Road Recreation Ground, Stapleford. Broxtowe Borough Council. Somewhat dated area that has seen no new equipment for over 10 years. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	25	Yes	LE
30	Trowell Parish Hall, Trowell. Trowell Parish Council. Refurbishment a few years ago with Big Lottery Funding. Has scope for additional equipment. Grass surfacing. Fenced area	25	Yes	LE
31	Shilo Recreation Ground, Awsworth. Awsworth Parish Council. Attractive play area set in woodland glade. Has scope to be extended. Mixture of bark and grass surfacing. Open plan no fencing	25	Yes	LE
32	Knowle Park, Kimberley. Kimberley Parish Council. Gradual refurbishment in recent years. Has scope for further upgrade. Mixture of bark and grass surface. Open plan no fencing.	25	Yes	LE
33	Mansfield Road Recreation Ground, Eastwood. Broxtowe Borough Council. Previous refurbishment as part of overall park improvement package. Bark surfacing. Fenced	25	Yes	LE

	SITES (RANKED IN ORDER OF PLAY VALUE SCORE) TOGETHER WITH SITE OWNERS RESPOSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AREA	TOTAL PLAY VALUE SCORE	ACHIEVED BROXTOWE TARGET PLAY VALUE SCORE	CLASSIFICATIO N
34	Salcey Drive Open Space, Trowell. Broxtowe Borough Council. Refurbished as a designated area for younger children. Serves local housing development. The lower scores reflect that it is only for younger children. Rubber surfacing. Fenced area	23	Yes	LA
35	Smithurst Road Open Space, Giltbrook. Broxtowe Borough Council. Serving a very large catchment area but lacking in the number of items of play equipment. Additional equipment needed. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	22	No	LE
36			No	LE
37	Swiney Way Open Space, Chilwell. Broxtowe Borough Council. Relatively small area serving a local catchment area. Starting to look a little dated. Bark surfacing. Open plan not fenced	22	Yes	LA
38	The Spinney Open Space, Nuthall. Broxtowe Borough Council. Small area for younger children, serving a local catchment area. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	22	Yes	LA
39	Millfield Road Open Space, Kimberley. Broxtowe Borough Council. Play area specifically for younger children and this is reflected in the lower play value score. Bark surfacing. Fenced area	21	Yes	LA
40	Central Avenue Recreation Ground, Stapleford. Broxtowe Borough Council. Modern equipment. Lower score as a result of play area specifically designed for younger children. Rubber surfacing. Fenced area	20	Yes	LA
41	Judson Avenue Open Space, Stapleford. Broxtowe Borough Council. Area provided by developers over 15 years ago and now in need of a refurbishment. Bark surfacing. Open plan not fenced	17	No	LA
42	King George's Park, Bramcote. Broxtowe Borough Council. Relatively small and outdated area with a series of old items of equipment. Bark surfacing. Fenced area.	16	No	LE

There are 6 skate parks throughout the borough. The list shows information relating to the Skate Park facilities available.

<u>Location</u> <u>Facilities</u>

Basil Russell Playing Fields, Free Outdoor Facility

Nuthall Equipment – small number of wooden ramps, tarmac surface,

enclosed by fencing

Additional services - car park, adjacent play area, toilets

Usage – popular site Supervision – no

Managed by Nuthall Parish Council

Beeston Fields Recreation Free Outdoor Facility

Ground, Beeston Equipment - 1 small ramp and grind rails 'Skate Lite' type surface

surrounded by tarmac

Additional services - car park, teen shelter, combined

football/basketball unit

Usage - limited Supervision - no

Managed by Broxtowe Borough Council

Coronation Park, Eastwood Free Outdoor Facility

Equipment – large modern concrete skate bowl installed in 2016 Additional services – car park, teen shelter, adjacent multi use ball

court

Usage - very popular site

Supervision – no

Managed by Broxtowe Borough Council

Hall Om Wong Open Space

Kimberley

Free Outdoor Facility

Equipment – 2 concrete ramps and funbox with grind rails. Concrete

surface

Additional services - play area, multi-use games area

Usage – very popular site

Supervision – no

Managed by Broxtowe Borough Council

Hickings Lane Recreation

Ground, Stapleford

Free Outdoor Facility

Equipment - series of wooden ramps, funboxes and grind rails,

tarmac surfacing, enclosed by fencing

Additional services - car park, adjacent multi use area with

football/basketball Usage – very popular site

Supervision – no

Managed by Broxtowe Borough Council

Inham Nook Recreation

Ground, Chilwell

Free Outdoor Facility

Equipment – series of wooden ramps, tarmac surfacing, enclosed by

fencing

Additional services - car park, adjacent multi use area with

football/basketball Usage – popular site Supervision – no

Managed by Broxtowe Borough Council

6.4 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA'S)

There are various MUGA's within the Borough. These are all on tarmac surfaces with relevant pitch markings. They are all free to use. They are often located adjacent to a Children's Play Area. They provide opportunities for football and basketball. Some sites also have cricket stumps as part of the fencing.

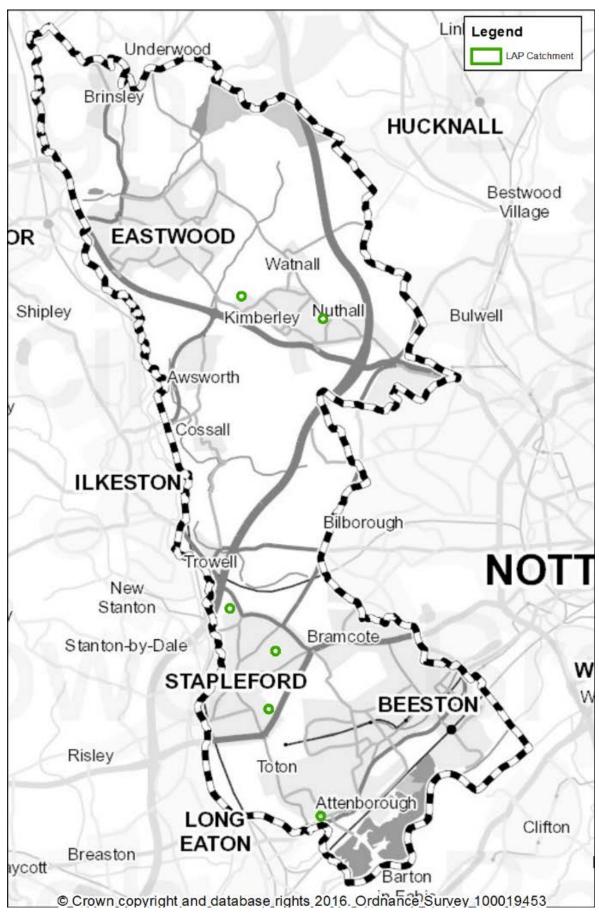
- Archers Field Recreation Ground, Stapleford Single goal
- Banks Road Open Space, Toton Single goal
- Beeston Fields Recreation Ground, Beeston Single goal
- Brinsley Recreation Ground Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- Broadgate Recreation Ground, Beeston Single goal
- Cator Lane Recreation Ground, Chilwell Single goal
- Coronation Park, Eastwood Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- Hall Om Wong Open Space, Kimberley Single goal
- Hickings Lane Recreation Ground, Stapleford Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- Inham Nook Recreation Ground, Chilwell Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground, Beeston Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- Manor Farm Recreation Ground, Toton Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- Queen Elizabeth Park, Stapleford Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- Sherman Drive Open Space, Chilwell Single goal
- The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- The Stag Recreation Ground, Kimberley Double goal and enclosed fenced area
- Trowell Parish Hall Single goal

6.5 Catchment Areas

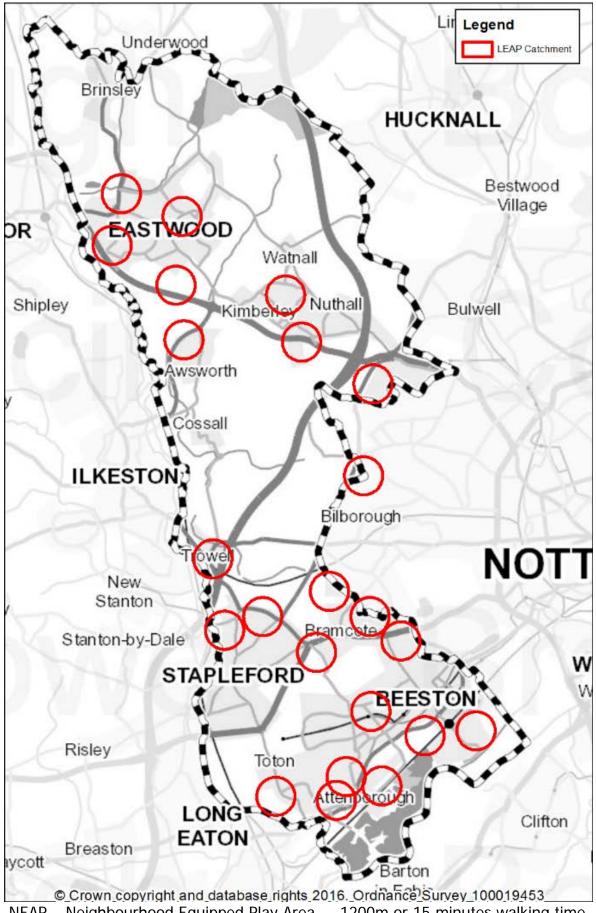
Type of Area	Size of Catchment Area	Walking Time
LAP	80m	1 minute
LEAP	400m	5 minutes
NEAP	1200m	15 minutes

6.6 Maps showing catchment areas for borough play areas

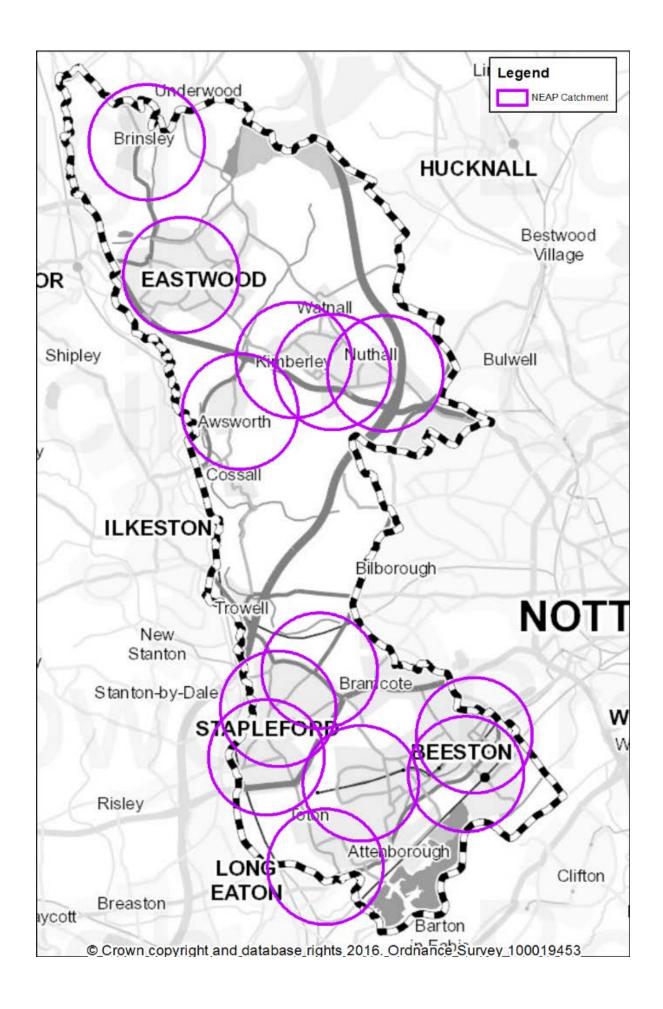
LAP – Local Area for Play 80m or 1 minute walking time

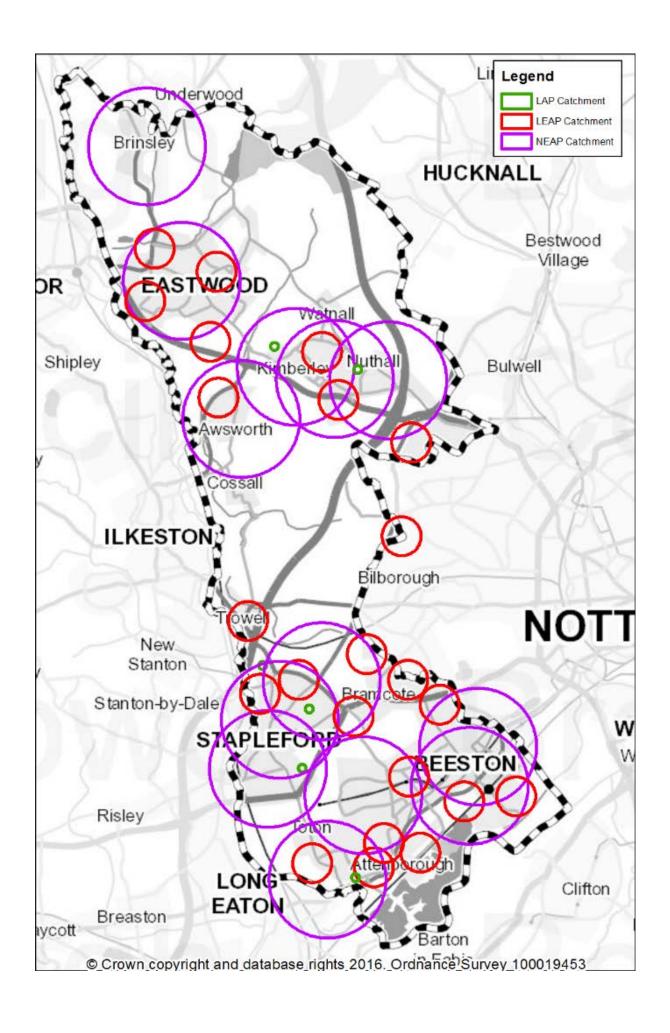


LEAP – Local Equipped Play Area 400m or 5 minutes walking time



NEAP – Neighbourhood Equipped Play Area 1200m or 15 minutes walking time





7 How We Will Develop Play in Broxtowe

7.1 Vision For Play

Every Child and Young Person in Broxtowe has the right to be able to play and be given every opportunity to do so in an inclusive way and in a safe and stimulating environment without compromising enjoyment and fun.

This should happen through provision of quality play opportunities which are age, and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to their needs. Through use of these opportunities to play, children and young people should fulfill their physical and mental health development and be able to maximise their potential development.

7.2 Values and Underpinning Principles For Children's Play

- Children and young people must be central to the process, and their needs, opinions and reactions taken into account. There must be consistency and clarity in the strategic values and children and young people must see the connection between this Strategy and what is actually going to happen in practice.
- Children and young people's control of his or her own play activity is a crucial factor in enriching his or her experience and enhancing their development. Play provision will be based on the principle of empowering children and increasing their choices.
- Play empowers children and young people; it affirms and supports their right to make choices, allowing them to discover their own solutions and to allow them to develop at their own pace.
- All children and young people have a right to be able to have access to secure play facilities that are free of unacceptable risk but that still stimulates their needs and allows them to express themselves.
- Play should offer children and young people opportunities to extend their exploration and understanding of the wider world and therefore physical, social and cultural settings beyond their immediate experience.
- The individuality and diversity of every child is to be respected and valued.
- Play opportunities should always be provided within the current legislative framework relevant to children and young people's rights, their health, safety and wellbeing.

7.3 Play Objectives

The identified key issues and needs from the consultation exercise have been categorised into 4 key themes:

- 1. Need for well-maintained parks and play spaces.
- 2. Need for more areas in which to play.
- 3. Need for more equipped play provision and youth areas.
- 4. Need for children and young people to feel safe and secure.

From these identified themes, 4 key objectives emerged to develop and implement the needs and aspirations of children and young people's play across Broxtowe. These are:

- Objective 1 Promote the new Strategy.
- Objective 2 Improving the Quality of Play Provision
- Objective 3 Increasing the Quality and Range of Equipped Play and Recreational Provision
- Objective 4 Providing the necessary resources to improve and develop play and recreational opportunities.

Objective 1 – Promote the new Strategy

No	What We Need To Do	Specific Actions & Priorities	Performance Measure	Target Date	Resource Allocation	Lead Partner/ Other Partners	Outcome / Success Criteria
1.1	 Promote the new strategy 	Organise launch event for the new strategy	• Launch in Summer 2017	Year 1	Existing resources	Broxtowe BC	Successful launch
1.2	 Build on and improve links with other organisations, departments, and stakeholders with an interest in play to avoid fragmentation and duplication. 	 Ensure that the Play Strategy links with other overlapping policies, strategies and agreements. Work with other sections in the Council and external agencies. 	Links createdPartnerships created	Years 1-9 Years 1-9	Existing resources Existing resources		Closer integration of policies and actions lead to improved delivery and avoidance of duplication. Play becomes integral to overlapping leisure provision.
1.3	 Consulting with children, young people, parents & guardians. 	 Undertake ongoing consultation with children & young people and their parent(s)/guardian(s) and carer(s) across the Borough as part of play events/play schemes/schools. 	 Carry out annual consultation exercise with all target groups. Link consultation with other play providers to avoid duplication. 	Years 1-9 Years 1-9	Existing resources Existing resources		Joined up approach to consultation with children and young people, parents & guardians.
1.4	 Involving children and young people in decision making. 	 Involve children and young people in the planning aspects of play across the Borough. Encourage children and young people to be part of specifying and commissioning play sites and skate parks. 	 Link planning and future play initiatives to children and young people's groups. Borough, Town & Parish councils involve children and young people in all schemes. 	Years 1-9 Years 1-9	Existing resources Existing resources		Children and young people are heavily involved in the planning of play provision leading to increased satisfaction and use of provision.

Objective 2 - Improving the Quality of Play Provision

No	What We Need To Do	Specific Actions & Priorities	Performance Measure	Target Date	Resource Allocation	Lead Partner/ Other Partners	Outcome / Success Criteria
2.1	 Ensure that play opportunities are accessible to all children and young people throughout the Borough. 	 As part of ongoing audits assess the numbers of children and young people with 'special needs of play'. Engage with Special Needs Development Officers. 	 Undertake annual review with other agencies and consult with special needs groups. Make initial contact and establish periodic meetings. 	Years 2-9 Years 2-9	Existing Resources Existing Resources	Broxtowe BC Broxtowe BC	Accurate data and assessment of needs to plan future play provision. Closer working, identification of needs and delivering joint actions.
2.2	 Balancing the safety and risks associated with play without compromising the learning experience and creativity and stimulation that play offers to children and young people. 	Undertake ongoing risk assessments and regular inspections of equipped play provision and other play environments.	Borough/Town and Parish Councils continue to undertake programme of assessments.	Years 1-9	Existing Resources	Broxtowe BC Town Councils Parish Councils	Continued improvement in play provision.
2.3	 Improve the safety of play facilities across the Borough. 	 Ensure that play spaces are a key element of community safety initiatives. Make use of 'Friends of Groups' to help improve safety and security of play spaces. 	 Increase the number of site visits and monitoring. Investigate use of additional CCTV Cameras. Raising awareness of needs of play with groups. 	Years 1-9 Years 2-9 Years 1-9	Existing Resources Bids for external funding Existing resources	Broxtowe BC Broxtowe BC Town Councils Parish Councils	Children and young people, parents and carers making greater use of play facilities. Increased use of provision and improved sense of security. Increased use of play facilities.

2.4	•	Ensure that play provision and other play opportunities are safe and fit for the purpose in which they are intended and of a good quality.	•	Undertaking regular inspections and assessments of equipped play sites. Maintaining, repairing, replacing and updating play equipment.	•	Play equipment meets the requirements of RoSPA and insurance inspections. Play equipment is procured following consultation with children and young people, allowing them to be part of the decision making process.	Years 1-9 Years 1-9	Existing resources Existing resources. Bids for External Funding. Section 106 funding. BBC Capital Programme.	Broxtowe BC Town Councils Parish Councils Broxtowe BC Town Councils Parish Councils	Equipped play areas are well maintained, fit for purpose and easily accessible. Equipped play provision is provided as part of consultation programmes/decision making by children and young people.
2.5	•	Ensure that play surfacing is safe and fit for the purpose in which it is intended and is of a good quality.	•	Upgrade safety surfacing at play areas introducing rubber surfacing to replace bark as funding and budget allocations allow.	•	Surfacing meets the requirements of RoSPA and insurance inspections	Years 1-9	Existing resources. Bids for external funding. Section 106 funding. BBC Capital Programme.	Broxtowe BC Town Councils Parish Councils	Equipped play areas are well maintained, fit for purpose and easily accessible.

Objective 3 - Increasing the Quantity and Range of Equipped Play and Recreational Provision

No	What We Need To Do	Specific Actions & Priorities	Performance Measure	Target Date	Resource Allocation	Lead Partner/ Other Partners	Outcome / Success Criteria
3.1	Ensuring a range of accessible play opportunities are available across the Borough that are community based and appropriate to children and young people of all age groups.	Continuing to provide and recognise the value of existing levels of play provision across the Borough. Mapping of all play spaces and provision (equipped or otherwise) across the Borough.	 All providers continue to maintain current level of play provision. All play provision mapped as part of the Council's Open Spaces Strategy. 	Years 1-9 Ongoing	Existing Resources Existing Resources	Broxtowe BC Parish Councils Town Councils Broxtowe BC	Levels of play provision maintained. All play provision, population, deprivation factors and gaps illustrated on maps.
3.2	 Providing a range of new play and youth provision throughout the Borough. The Strategy recognises a broad need for: New and refurbished play areas 	Establish a list of Equipped Play Provision needs and prioritise the order of development over the period of the Strategy through use of assessment criteria. Following consultation update the priority order of new play developments on an annual basis.	 Maximise the number of new play areas across the period of the strategy. Update priority needs by September of each year. 	Years 1-9 Years 2-9	BBC Capital Programme. Bids for external funding. Section 106 funding. Existing resources	Broxtowe BC Broxtowe BC	Increased range of play and youth provision over the period of the strategy. Identified list of needs for new and refurbished play provision.

3.3	Create a range of innovative and inspiring play environments throughout the Borough.	 Undertake ongoing consultation with children and young people to ascertain what they find inspiring and how their needs change over the period of the strategy. Through children and young people's consultation exercises and examples of best practice, consider developing 'flagship' play environments e.g. adventure play areas. 	 One consultation exercise takes place each year. Development of 1 flagship Play Site during period of strategy. 	Years 2-9 Years 1-9	Existing resources BBC Capital Programme. Bids for external funding. Section 106 funding.	Broxtowe BC Parish Councils Town Councils Broxtowe BC Parish Councils Town Councils	Children and Young People decide what it is that they want. Flag ship play site developed over the period of the strategy.
3.4	Create play facilit that are accessible and inclusive		The selection process for new equipment includes provision to ensure the play area is inclusive and accessible.	Years 1-9	Existing resources, BBC capital programme, Bids for external funding, Section 106 funding.	Broxtowe BC Parish Councils Town Councils	Level of accessible and inclusive play facilities increases.

Objective 4 - Providing the Necessary Resources to Improve and Develop Play and Recreational Opportunities

No	What We Need To Do	Specific Actions & Priorities	Performance Measure	Target Date	Resource Allocation	Lead Partner/ Other Partners	Outcome / Success Criteria
4.1	Providing the necessary capital funding to develop new play sites.	 Use the needs of the Play Strategy to highlight key priorities and actions to secure external funding and other match funding. Continue to make use of Section 106 Agreements with Housing developers. 	 Successful application to draw down funding. Provide new open spaces & play areas in negotiation with Parish & Town Councils where appropriate. 	Year 1 Years 1-9	BBC Capital Programme. Bids for external funding. Section 106 funding	Broxtowe BC Broxtowe BC	External funding is used to contribute to and maximise the greatest needs of the play strategy. Increase in the contribution towards open spaces and play areas.
4.2	Providing the necessary revenue funding to maintain equipped play sites and the ongoing management and development of play facilities.	 Continue to develop commuted sums with developers to enable play areas to be sustainable for at least 10 years. Make use of third party funding to further develop play provision e.g. WREN. Identify and obtain other Partnership Funding to finance the identified needs and actions of the strategy. 	 All new play sites to have 10 years funding. Maximise available funding towards needs of strategy. Maximise available funding towards needs of strategy. 	Years 1-9 Years 1-9 Years 1-9	Section 106 funding Bids for external funding Other funding	Broxtowe BC Broxtowe BC Broxtowe BC	All new play sites are maintained for the maximum period. Third party and other funding contributions are used to contribute to the wide range of priorities identified within the strategy.

8 How We Will Make it Happen and Work

8.1 Priorities for Play

The Strategy has identified a number of key actions and priorities in which to improve the opportunities for Children and Young Peoples Play. The action plan sets out these priorities and how they will be achieved over the 7 year period of the strategy.

8.2 Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

Like all strategies their success very much depends on the ongoing monitoring and review to ensure that the intended outcomes are successfully achieved and that the strategy is regularly reviewed and adjusted in the light of changing developments and needs.

It is envisaged that throughout the period of the strategy the following will be undertaken regularly:

- 1. Implement the actions contained within the Strategy.
- 2. Management, monitoring and evaluation of the Strategy's success.
- 3. Reviewing and revising the strategy and its action plan.
- 4. Reporting on and celebrating success.

8.3 Action Plan

The Strategy culminates in the development of a comprehensive action plan that demonstrates:

- What needs to be done
- Specific actions required and level of priority.
- Performance measures.
- Target dates.
- Resource allocations.
- Lead partner/other partners.
- Outcomes/success criteria.

The action plan sets out where resources can be found from existing or external funding resources. There are actions that, although being recognised as being important, do require external funding bids which cannot be guaranteed during the life of this strategy.

Appendix 1 - Schools Consultation Exercise

Letter to Head Teachers

Dear Head Teacher,

In 2007 Broxtowe Borough Council produced its first Play Strategy which was used to shape the future of children and young people's play throughout Broxtowe.

The strategy now requires a review and Groundwork Greater Nottingham, working in partnership with Broxtowe Borough Council are undertaking this work.

In order to provide the best play facilities and meet the needs of the children and young people of Broxtowe, we need to undertake a consultation exercise. This will enable Broxtowe Borough Council to identify and implement a range of priorities around the identified issues, needs and aspirations for play.

We need your help to make this happen with the completion of an online questionnaire by the children and young people in the school/class room environment.

We have two online surveys:

- 5-9 year olds.
- 10-16 year olds.

The links to these surveys are:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Broxtoweplaystrategy5-9 https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Broxtoweplaystrategy10-16_

We understand that the demands on time are always a challenge but we would really appreciate it if as many classes as possible are encouraged to take part.

An update on your participation and any correspondence or queries should be emailed to:

<u>Jeremy.linden@groundworknottingham.org.uk</u>

Telephone: 0115 9788212

Broxtowe Borough Council would like to take this opportunity of thanking you in anticipation of your assistance in helping us to shape the future of play for the children and young people of Broxtowe.

Yours sincerely,

Consultation Questionnaire for 5 to 9 year olds

* 1. Which area do you live in?
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* 2. Which is your school?
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* 3. How old are you?
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* 4. Are you a Boy or a Girl?
Boy Girl
* 5. What kind of play spaces do you like to use? You can choose up to 3 answers only.
Local Park
Play area with swings, climbing frames, slides and roundabouts
At home / garden
Sports facilities on the park
Woodlands
* 6. What are your favourite activities in the play area/park? You can choose up to 3 answers only.
Play on the swings, seesaws, slides and roundabouts
Run around
Explore
Climb trees and
climbing frames Sit and talk
with friends and family
Sports activities

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Broxtowe Play & Open Space Questionnaire
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* 2. Which is your school? Primary schools are listed first alphabetically followed by secondary schools.
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* 3. Male or Female?
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* 4. Your age?
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* 5. What kind of outdoor space do you like to use? Please choose up to 3 answers only.
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Woodlands
Playing on the street
Local park
Local town/high street
Shops
Sports facilities on the park
* 6. What kind of activities do you like to do in your chosen space? Please choose up to 3 answers only.
Play on equipment, swings, slides, climbing frames & roundabouts etc
Run around
Explore
Climb trees and climbing
frames Sit and talk to friends
Sports activities

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Trowell Parish Hall

Thank you for filling out the questionnaire