

Public Open Space Strategy Action Plan – Review, August 2021

Objective	Action	Lead Team	Outcome/ measure, if required	Timescale
Priority 1. Appropriate distribution and linkages of green space and facilities across the District				
Ensure all residents can access a range of green spaces and facilities within a reasonable distance	1.1 Identify opportunities for upgrading sites/ providing additional facilities / landscape features to meet and improve standards	PW / NE	Gaps in provision reduced	2016-25
	1.2 Identify and develop new sites to meet the standards	PW / NE	Gaps in provision addressed	2016-25
	1.3 Undertake assessment of catchment areas for play and young people’s areas to establish whether there are any gaps in provision and any overprovision	PW	Gaps in provision/ overprovision addressed	2016-25
	1.4 Develop and improve green routes/ links (footpaths, cycleways and bridleways) within the Green Infrastructure network	PW	Linear metres of routes created/ improved	2016-25
	1.5 Update redundant plot list. Bring disused allotment plots back into use	NE	Number of plots brought into use	2016-25
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<p>1.1 Over 32 projects have been completed and 30 sites upgraded between 2016 and 2021: Examples include; Play area, skate park and fitness areas across Jacksdale, Selston and Underwood / Play areas fitness areas, flood defence and art projects in Hucknall / Play areas, footpath & habitat improvements in Sutton / Play area, footpath & cycle network and ecology improvements in Kirkby.</p> <p>1.2 Ongoing through the development process: Hornbeam Park, Kirkby, Harrier Park, Hucknall. Huthwaite Welfare park Sutton and Selston Country Park.</p> <p>1.3 Play areas at Orchid Close, Forster Street, Kirkby, Pye Hill, Jacksdale, Charnwood Street, Sutton and Brand Lane, Sutton removed due to over-supply within catchment areas.</p> <p>1.4 Over 4.8km of footpath and cycle route improvements including: Middle lane to Lindrick Road & West Park Kirkby, Ashfields Estate & Kings Mill and A38, Sutton,</p> <p>1.5 Occupancy rates have increased and as of August 2021 vacant plots have reduced to 13 from 19.</p>				
Priority 2. Improving the quality of public spaces				
Improve quality of green spaces and civic spaces	2.1 Implement projects and deliver improvement in accordance with the site management plans.	PW / NE	No. Green Flag Awards No. spaces achieving good standard	2016-25
Improve quality of play and young people’s facilities on green spaces	2.2 Implement projects	PW	No. of areas achieving good standard	2016-25

Improve quality of sports provision on green spaces	2.3 Implement projects identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy and Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP)	PW	No. of facilities achieving good standard	2016-25
Improve quality of allotment sites	2.4 Review policy and facilitate support for allotment societies	PW / NE	Number of sites self-managing	2016-25
	2.5 Undertake rolling programme of site quality audits for all sites	PW / NE	Improvements for all sites identified	2016-25
	2.6 Develop management plan for allotment sites – display management plan maps on sites.	PW / NE	Plan developed and installed.	2022-25
	2.7 Implement projects, including accessible allotment areas with raised beds	PW / NE	Number of sites improved	2022-25
Improve quality of cemetery sites	2.8 Undertake site quality audits for all sites	PW / NE	Improvements for all sites identified	2021-25
	2.9 Implement improvements to Sutton Cemetery including north boundary wall and access to cemetery extension.	PW / NE	Number of cemeteries improved	2016-25
Promote good design and management	2.10 Develop management plans for main sites and sites for nature conservation. Develop generic management plans for cemeteries, allotments and smaller green spaces. Display management plan maps/signs on cemetery grounds.	PW / NE	Site specific management plans updated bi-annually	2022-25
	2.11 Undertake quality audit every 5 years	NE	All public spaces to be rated as good	2020-25
<p>August 2021</p> <p>2.1 and 2.2 - 32 projects implemented, investment of over: £4.3 million between 2016 and 2021</p> <p>2.3 Projects identified within the LFFP due to be developed for Kingsway Park, Kirkby and Sutton Lawn through the Towns Fund Programme / Football Foundation c.£4m of investment. Working with the Lawn Tennis Association on an app based system to increase tennis participation. Improvements to tennis courts included in Sutton Lawn Towns Fund project and bowls pavilion within Kingsway project.</p> <p>2.4 One allotment society has been established providing a structure to replicate at other allotments</p> <p>2.5 Six sites are audited for the green flag assessments each year. A seventh site is bringing reviewed for a Green Flag submission in 2022.</p> <p>2.6 A new approach to be taken to display management plan maps on site from 2022 which will help visitors and delivery teams engage with the management of the sites.</p> <p>2.7 An audit to be undertaken autumn 2021 to inform further requirements.</p>				

2.8 and 2.11 Quality audit due to be undertaken in summer 2022
 2.9 Improvement and cemetery extension project completed at Sutton Cemetery
 2.10 A new approach to be taken to display management plan maps on site from 2022 which will help visitors and delivery teams engage with the management of the sites.
 2.11 Annual inspections of allotments take place to ensure that tenants are adhering to conditions of their tenancy agreement and the condition of the site is of acceptable standard.

Priority 3. Increasing public satisfaction and use of public space

Continue to address anti-social behaviour in public spaces; vandalism, dog fouling and littering	3.1 Undertake regular patrols	CP		2016-25
	3.2 Enforce Public Space Protection Orders	CP		2016-25
	3.3 Increase awareness and undertake initiatives, for example litter picks	CP		2016-25
Monitor and increase public satisfaction with green space	3.4 Undertake public survey every 5 years and or monitor usage of main parks and open spaces.	PW	Percentage increase in satisfaction and or use	2020-25
Support and develop volunteering and engagement	3.5 Ongoing referrals to support Environment Volunteers initiative	PW	No. of active volunteers	2016-25
	3.6 Promote Green Buddy scheme with local schools / groups through spring clean events etc.	PW / NE	No. of schools actively involved	2016-25
	3.7 Promote capacity for Friends groups to take active role in management tasks and events	PW / NE	No. active volunteers working on green spaces	2016-25
	3.8 Promote capacity for Corporate volunteering programme on parks and green spaces	PW / NE	No. of business involved and events held	2016-25
Raise the profile of public space and facilities through improved marketing	3.9 Develop events programme for public spaces	PW / NE	Calendar of events developed	2016-25
	3.10 Encourage and support groups to hold events/ festivals etc.	PW	Use of public space increased	2016-25
	3.11 Promote sites for commercial uses	PW / NE	Income increased	2016-25
	3.12 Rationalise and provide signage at all sites	PW		2017- 25
Develop educational opportunities	3.13 Support Forest Schools initiative at main sites	PW / NE	No. of Forest Schools established	2016-25

Develop sport and health activities and initiatives	3.14 Provide events, e.g. Tri 123, Xplore orienteering sessions, Push 4 Fitness group for parents with push chairs etc	PW	No. activities per year	2016-25
	3.15 Develop running and walking routes on parks, focusing on health inequality areas, including park run, cycle events etc.	PW	Number of routes developed / events held	2016-25
Improve accessibility to public spaces and green links/ ensure new spaces are fully accessible	3.16 Develop design codes for green space, civic space, play and young people's areas	PW	Codes developed and in use	2016-25
	3.17 Undertake access audits to public spaces and prioritise site improvements	PW		2016-25
	3.18 Remove remaining 'A' frames from sites	PW	All 'A' frame barriers removed	2016-25
	3.19 Develop access standards for public space	PW		2016-18
<p>August 2021 review</p> <p>3.1-3.3 actions ongoing, PSPO reviewed and being updated in September</p> <p>3.4 Place Survey due to be undertaken in 2021/22</p> <p>3.5. 173 Environment Volunteers registered up to 2020 – Website and available resources are being update autumn 2021.</p> <p>3.9 Develop events programme for public spaces – events programme now focussed on supporting town centres</p> <p>3.14/ 3.15 Weekly parkrun events (Brierley, Titchfield Park Hucknall and Sutton Lawn), Feel Good Family trails (Brierley, Titchfield Park Hucknall, Kingsway, Sutton Lawn), Learn to cycle sessions (Sutton Lawn, Kingsway Park, Titchfield Park Hucknall), Leamington Goalz football project to start on Sutton Lawn soon. Routes marked out on parks including Kingsway Park, Titchfield Park and Sutton Lawn.</p> <p>3.16 To be reviewed Spring 2022</p> <p>3.17 Audits to be undertaken Spring 2022</p> <p>3.18 Continue removal / upgrading of access barriers</p> <p>3.19 To be reviewed Spring 2022</p>				
Priority 4. Ensuring sustainable and effective management of public spaces				
Increase income generation/ reduce costs	4.1 Review and align Section 106 maintenance contributions	PW / NE	Increased income for maintenance	2016-25
	4.2 Analyse areas of high cost and identify potential savings	NE	Reduced costs	2016-25

	4.3 Review and improve income and outputs from open space assets	NE	Reduced costs/ increased income / sustainability	2017-25
	4.4 Explore potential for sports clubs to self-manage/ lease facilities	NE	Reduced costs/ potential grant funding	2017 -25
Identify, manage and enhance key sites of ecological value	4.5 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Local Nature Reserves, sites identified through Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping (BOM)	NE / PW		2016-25
<p>August 2021 review</p> <p>4.1 Section 106 maintenance contributions – the monitoring process for S106 income for public open space (S106) and active travel (TR6) to be update autumn 2021.</p> <p>4.2 and 4.3 Park Buildings & Sports Pitches review starting in September</p> <p>4.4 Progress has been made supporting clubs to have licence and management agreements.</p> <p>4.5 Project development is progressing on Portland Park, Kirkby. Mapping of tree planting opportunities has been completed and funding opportunities have been identified.</p>				