



# **Appendix 4**

## **Setting Local Quantity, Quality & Accessibility Standards**

## APPENDIX 4A: SETTING LOCALLY DERIVED PROVISION STANDARDS – QUANTITY

<b>Parks and Gardens</b>		
National Standards and/or benchmarks	No national standard	
Other Local Authority Standards	Mole Valley District Council: 0.3 ha/1,000 people (current provision).	Elmbridge Borough Council: 1.17 ha/1,000 people (current provision).
	Sevenoaks: 1ha/1,000 people for part of the District; no standard set for other areas.	Northampton Borough Council: 1.05 ha/1,000 people, reflecting current provision
Current Provision	Average across the Borough 0.49 ha/1,000 people. Extremely large variation across the Borough – no accessible parks in south. Extremely large variation at a Ward level. 3 of the 19 wards have publically accessible parks.	
Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall, 69% of respondents considered that the quantity of provision was 'about right.' However 27.5% indicated that there is too little provision.</li> <li>Large spatial variation in 'satisfaction' over parks, reflecting importance of Priory Park and the low provision elsewhere.</li> </ul>	
Proposed Local Standard	Maintain current parks and gardens. Provide the Park of 10 ha which is described in the Local Plan. Endeavour to increase provision of park and garden <i>function</i> in the north of the borough to approximately 3 ha, by enhancing the existing park and other open spaces to provide additional function.	
Justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will enable focus on providing parks and gardens in the south of the borough. This is currently being planned as part of the Horley Masterplan.</li> <li>In the north, this would enable a focus on increasing the scope of provision in existing sites to provide some additional park and garden function.</li> <li>In the central area focus would be on maintaining or improving quality and access.</li> </ul>	

<b>Natural and Semi-Natural Green Space</b>		
National Standards and/or benchmarks	One hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population. Additional standards are set as accessibility standards.	
Other Local Authority Standards	Mole Valley District Council: No standard set	Elmbridge Borough Council: 9.86 ha / 1,000 people
	Sevenoaks District Council: Retain current provision. No standard set.	Northampton Borough Council: 1.57 ha/1,000 people reflecting current provision.
Current Provision	10.4 ha of fully accessible natural and semi-natural green space per 1,000 people, as an average across the borough.	
Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall, provision of this typology is seen to be 'about right' by 68% of respondents. 30% perceive an undersupply.</li> <li>However there is considerable variation in views. 55% of the residents in the Horley area consider there is 'too little' within the borough, whereas 80% of respondents in the Reigate and Banstead areas consider provision to be about right.</li> </ul>	
Proposed Local Standard	<p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain current areas of NSN.</li> <li>Endeavour to increase NSN space in wards where provision is significant below average borough level.</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Major Developments</b></p> <p>Introduce NSN green space as part of developments so as to contribute towards meeting ANGSt standards where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternatively contribute to offsite NSN provision or to the enhancement of existing sites in line with GI Strategy (see accessibility standard).</li> </ul> <p><b>Rest of borough</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New NSN spaces should be introduced and existing areas improved as part of the Council's GI Strategy, in line with the local accessibility standard, focusing on the south of the borough and local areas of deficiency.</li> </ul>	
Justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whilst there is considerable NSN space, local areas of the borough are below ANGSt standards for accessible natural green space near homes.</li> <li>Local Authority Biodiversity Duty (NERC Act).</li> </ul>	

<b>Green Corridors</b>	
National Standards and/or benchmarks	No national standard
Existing Local Provision Standards	No current local standard
Proposed Local Standard	No standard is set. Green corridors will be identified as an integral part of developing the green infrastructure Strategy and incorporated into Development Plan Development.
Justification	The requirement to improve habitat resilience and to enhance access for residents within the urban area by sustainable means, and to enhance access to the countryside.

<b>Outdoor Sports</b>	
National Standards and/or benchmarks	FiT sets a guideline of 1.6 ha per 1000 people for outdoor facilities (including 1.2 ha of pitch sports). Football Assoc: 1 pitch/1,000 people
Other Local Authority Standards	Mole Valley District Council: 1.8 ha/1,000 people (current provision).
	Elmbridge Borough Council: 7.58 ha/1,000 people incl. golf
	Sevenoaks District Council: 2.6 ha/1,000 urban areas, 3.7 ha/1,000 rural. excl golf courses
	Northampton Borough Council: 1.61 ha per 1,000 people. Increase from current 1.51 ha/1,000. Excl golf.
Current provision	1.04 ha fully accessible/restricted access sports/1,000 people excl golf. 0.88 ha fully accessible or restricted access pitches/1,000 people.
Consultation	Residents responding to the residents and club survey, and sports associations consider there is a need for increased sports provision. In line with the Community Strategy, the Council is committed to encouraging participation in sports groups.
Proposed Local Standard	<b>Development Standard (for new developments)</b> 1.6 ha/1,000 people full /restricted public access (the range of sport reflecting local needs) for new housing growth in the Borough after 2010 (excl. golf). 1.2 ha/1,000 people of pitch sport. <b>Borough Standard (guidance for remainder of borough):</b> 1.37 ha/1,000 people full/restricted public provision.. If this provision were met, in combination with the Development Standard, this would enable the overall borough level to reach 1.4 ha/1,000 people by 2027.
Justification	Consultation demonstrates the need for increased sports provision. The Council is committed to encouraging participation in sports. This standard ensures that sports provision in areas of new growth meets the FiT standards, and that provision of additional sports is encouraged throughout the borough, especially where provision is relatively low, to make up for existing deficiencies. Due to the broad nature of this typology, the Development Standard should be applied as a planning tool only rather than specifying a provision standard for individual sports. The range of sport should reflect local needs, but as a guide should include 1.2 ha/1,000 people of pitch sport. For specialist sports provision levels should follow available guidance.

<b>Indoor Sports</b>	
National Standards and/or benchmarks	Analysis of demand and supply (Sport England Calculator)
Current Provision	21 Sports halls, 13 swimming pools, 15 Health and Fitness centres (442 stations).
Consultation	Relatively high proportion of sites are not fully accessible to public as they are located in schools.
Proposed Local Standard	Demand/Supply assessment was undertaken in accordance with Sport England model.
Justification	Sport England model

<b>Amenity Green Space</b>	
National Standards and/or benchmarks	No national standard. Provision can range from 0.5 to 2 ha per 1,000 (LA Average)
Other Local Authority Standards	Mole Valley District Council: 0.7 ha/1,000 people reflecting current provision
	Elmbridge Borough Council: 1.81 ha/1,000 people reflecting current provision
Current Provision	Sevenoaks District Council: No standard set
	Northampton Borough Council: 1.37 ha/1,000 people reflecting current provision.
Current Provision	0.72ha accessible amenity space/1,000 people
Consultation	<p>Consultations indicated the high value of amenity green spaces to residents.</p> <p>The majority of residents (60%) considered that the amount of amenity green space was 'about right.'</p> <p>There was some variation across the Borough, with Redhill and Horley residents being less satisfied with the quantity (around 50% responding that provision was 'too much/about right') than Banstead and Reigate residents (approximately 64%).</p>
Proposed Local Standard	<p><b>For new developments:</b></p> <p>0.72 ha/1,000 people reflecting current provision. This would incorporate 0.55ha/1000 people of space suitable for informal play in line with the requirements of Fields in Trust.</p> <p><b>Elsewhere in the borough:</b></p> <p>Seek opportunities to increase amenity green space in areas of deficiency against borough average through Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>Standard to be applied at an approximate ward level to ensure sufficient local amenity green space.</p>
Justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultations indicated the high value of amenity green spaces to residents.</li> <li>• Setting the standard at the current level of provision will provide the opportunity to maintain the current provision with projected population growth and to look for opportunities to increase provision where it is currently low against borough average.</li> <li>• The standard for the provision of informal play space has been included within the amenity green space standard because the two typologies area often indistinguishable and the sites often multi-functional.</li> </ul>

<b>Children and Young People Space</b>	
National Standards and/or benchmarks	0.8 ha/1,000 (FiT standard) of children and young people play areas. Of the 0.8 ha/1000, FiT break this down to a recommended 0.25ha/1,000 people designated/formal provision and 0.5ha/1,000 people informal.
Other Local Authority Standards	Mole Valley District Council:0.3 ha/1,000 (current provision is 0.04 ha/1000)
	Elmbridge Borough Council: 0.03 ha/1000 people reflecting current provision
	Sevenoaks District Council: 0.1 ha/1,000 people
	Northampton Borough Council:0.04 ha/1,000 people
Current Provision	0.037 ha/1000 population designated (equipped and un-equipped, formal and informal) play areas for children and young people
Consultation	48% of the respondents considered that there was too little of this typology. This is the lowest level of satisfaction of all the typologies.
Proposed Local Standard	<p><b>For new population growth (FiT requirements):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated formal/equipped playing space: 0.25 ha/1,000 people.</li> <li>• Informal playing space: 0.55 ha/1,000 people to be provided as part of the amenity green space provision</li> <li>• FiT standards for the provision of buffer areas around these sites, should also be met.</li> </ul> <p><b>For rest of borough:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.07 ha/1,000 designated (primarily equipped) children/young people provision. Applied at approximately ward level to ensure appropriate local provision.</li> <li>• Focus on young people provision.</li> <li>• FiT standards for the provision of buffer areas around these sites, should also be met.</li> </ul>
	<p>Provision to the above standard will ensure that for new development, children's and young people provision will comply with national guidance.</p> <p>By applying these standards, provision would still fall short of the FiT requirements for equipped play at a borough level. A lower standard was selected for the remainder of the borough because it has been considered by officers and some local residents, that whilst adherence to the FiT guidelines may be appropriate in urban areas, such a high level may not be so appropriate in a borough such as Reigate &amp; Banstead with its wide choice of public open spaces and facilities. The emphasis will be on selecting the appropriate scope of provision, particularly taking into account the needs of young people.</p> <p>The standard also takes account of the provision of amenity green space within the Borough which contributes to the overall provision for children and young people in the Borough. This standard should be considered indicative so as to be able to fit local circumstances.</p>

<b>Allotments</b>	
National Standards and/or benchmarks	National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners – 20 allotment plots per 1,000 households (with 2.2 people per household this is 20 plots per 2,200 people or 9 plots per 1000 people..
Other Local Authority Standards	Mole Valley District Council: 0.26 ha per 1,000 people (current provision).
	Elmbridge Borough Council: 0.32 ha per 1,000 people (current provision)
	Sevenoaks District Council: 0.1 to 0.51 ha per 1,000 people depending on analysis area.
	Northampton Borough Council: 0.42 ha per 1,000 people (current provision).
Current Provision	8 plots per 1,000 people. 400-500 people on the waiting list. This will increase with population growth due to regeneration. No vacant plots. The Council has been addressing demand by providing new plots and planning additional sites associated with areas of housing growth. The Council has subdivided plots in order to satisfy both the demand for plots and to meet tenant requests for smaller more manageable units.
Consultation	The high demand for allotments within Reigate & Banstead is shown by the long and increasing waiting lists for plots.
Proposed Local Standard	10 plots/1,000 people. Location of allotments to be focused on proximity to housing with small or no gardens.
Justification	The proposed provision standard is established with a view to ensuring that at a minimum, provision is maintained across the borough with projected population growth.

<b>Cemeteries and Churchyards</b>	
National Standards and/or benchmarks	No standard
	PPG17 does not recommend a quantity standard

<b>Civic Spaces</b>	
National Standards and/or benchmarks	No standard
	PPG17 does not recommend a quantity standard

## APPENDIX 4B: SETTING LOCALLY DERIVED PROVISION STANDARDS - ACCESSIBILITY

In order to be able to transfer the distance people are prepared to travel to access an open space into a distance that can be mapped, it was necessary to allow for the fact that routes to open spaces are not straight line distances but are more complex. National Guidelines reduce the actual distances into straight line distances by a 40% reduction. The 40% reduction is based on research undertaken by the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA), now Fields In Trust (FiT) in numerous areas using a representative sample of pedestrians. The Council has applied this approach to the determination of travel catchments, but allowing flexibility where appropriate to take account of local considerations. Walking speed to all areas is at the average of 3mph. These distances are as follows:

### Conversion of walking time to distance (FiT Standard)

Times (mins)	Miles	Metres	Factor Reduction	Metres (NPFA standard)
5	0.25	400	40%	240
10	0.5	800	40%	480
15	0.75	1200	40%	720
20	1	1600	40%	960
25	1.25	2000	40%	1200
30	1.5	2400	40%	1440

### Conversion of driving time to distance (FiT Standard)

The local accessibility standard is set to take account of local congestion issues. All distances are in terms of straight line distances.

TIME (MINS)	URBAN		RURAL	
	MILES	KILOMETRES	MILES	KILOMETRES
5	1.25	2.0	1.7	2.7
10	2.5	4.0	3.3	5.3
11	2.75	4.4	3.6	5.82
12	3.0	4.8	4.0	6.34
13	3.25	5.2	4.3	6.86
14	3.5	5.6	4.6	7.38
15	3.75	6.0	5.0	8.0
18	4.5	7.2	6.0	9.46
20	5.0	8.0	6.7	10.7
25	6.25	10.0	8.3	13.3



<b>Parks and Gardens</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	No national standards
<b>Other Local Authority Standards</b>	Mole Valley DC – 10 min walk approx 550m
	Elmbridge BC – 10 min walk 480m
<b>Other Local Authority Standards</b>	Sevenoaks DC – 15 min walk 1.2km
	Northampton BC – 10 min walk – 480 m
<b>Consultation</b>	<p><b>Resident Survey:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48% of respondents walk to the park or garden they use most often, 45.6% use a car.</li> <li>However, the proportions varied considerably with the area. Use of the car for travel to a Park was significantly lower for residents in Reigate (31% by car) than other areas of the Borough (Banstead 67% by car). This reflects the popularity of Priory Park.</li> <li>75<sup>th</sup> centile 14 mins for walkers, 13.3 mins for car users.</li> </ul> <p><b>School Survey of Priory Park:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>35% of children walked to the park, 21% arrived by car (21%) and 16% used a scooter.</li> <li>75<sup>th</sup> percentile: 75% threshold was 10-14 minute walk</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Hierarchy 1 (Priory Park): 2.5 km straight line distance Other parks and gardens: 1km straight line distance
<b>Justification</b>	<p>Whilst there is a small majority in favour of walking to parks and gardens, the mode of travel depended on where the respondent lived which itself demonstrated the draw of Reigate Priory Park, the most often visited park. The 75th centiles were similar at 13 minutes car and 14 minutes walking, and the mode was 10-14 mins for both.</p> <p>The standard set for Priory Park is a balance between the distance which someone would be expected to walk in 10-14 minutes (700m straight line distance) and the distance that could be driven in the same time (5-8 km). The longer travel distance reflects the importance of the park, and recognises that although the majority of visitors will travel on foot, it is likely that a high proportion of visitors to Priory Park will come from further afield and by car.</p> <p>The standard for the other parks is a balance between the distances that people expect to walk and drive but weighted in favour of walking as the preferred mode as evidenced by the data set.</p>

<b>Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspaces</b>					
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	<p>English Nature Accessible Natural Green space Standard (ANGSt) recommends at least 2ha of accessible natural green space per 1,000 people based on no-one living more than 300m from nearest natural green space / 2km from a site of 20ha / 5km from a site of 100ha / 10km from a site of 500ha.</p> <p>Woodland Trust Access Standard recommend that no person should live more than 500m from at least one area of accessible woodland of no less than 2ha in size and that there should also be at least one area of accessible woodland of no less than 20ha within 4km (8km round-trip) of people's homes.</p>				
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<b>Consultation</b>	<p><b>Resident Survey:</b></p> <p>56.7% of respondents walk to natural and semi-natural green spaces and 37% use the car. 74.2% of respondents expect to travel less than 14 minutes to reach a park. The largest proportion of respondents expected to travel 10 - 14 minutes to a natural and semi-natural green space (35.8%).</p>				
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	<p>Sites of National/County significance: standard depends on local condition</p> <p>Sites of borough significance: 800m where appropriate.</p> <p>Sites of neighbourhood significance: 600m</p>				
<b>Justification</b>	<p>These standards are guidelines which need to be adapted depending on local conditions.</p> <p>The residents survey demonstrated the importance of NSN areas to residents, and residents clear preference for walking to these areas.</p> <p>This accessibility standard would enable the built up area of the borough to be within reasonable range of accessible NSN green space.</p>				

<b>Green Corridors</b>
<p>No requirement in PPG17 to set a target as it can not be easily influenced through planning policy and implementation.</p> <p>As part of the Green Infrastructure Strategy, the Council will identify areas of the borough which are poorly served by green infrastructure including green corridors and put in place a programme for improvements in line with the objectives of the Strategy and where appropriate, as an integral part of development plans and projects.</p>

Outdoor Sports			
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	Organisation	Guideline	
	Fields in Trust (FiT) Pitch sports	No more than 1.2km walk from pitch 20min drive (8 km)	sports
	Synthetic pitches Athletics(NPFA)	20 min drive (8 km).One synthetic track with flood lighting per 250,000 people within 30 min drive (12 km)	
	Bowling green	1 green in 20 minute walk	
	Sport England-General Synthetic pitches	Sports – 20 min drive Synthetic pitches – 20 minute catchment area (8 km)	
	FA Synthetic pitches	Prime catchment area for a 3G pitch is 5 miles (8 Km)	
	Community tennis	Community tennis 20 minute walk	
	UK Athletics Strategy 2002-6	An 8 lane track per County A 6 lane track with floodlights per 250,000 people in a 30 min drive time Local athletics grounds for training purposes.	
<b>Other Local Authority Standards</b>	Mole Valley DC – 10 min drive approx 4km	Elmbridge BC – 15 min drive 6km	
	Sevenoaks DC – 15 min walk 1.2km	Northampton BC – 15 min walk	
<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Resident Survey:</b> 58.1% of respondents expected to drive to use outdoor sports facilities and the majority expect to travel for less than 14 minutes to reach a facility. 75 <sup>th</sup> centile – 15 mins		
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Pitches and tennis: 1.2 km straight line distance(20-25 min walk) Synthetic pitches 8 km, 8 lane athletics tracks 12 km (20-30 min drive). Golf: 5 km drive.		
<b>Justification</b>	The majority of respondents said that they drive to sport facilities. But the proportion cycling/walking or driving varied across the borough, possibly reflecting the distances they have to travel to pitches, rather than their preferred means of travel. A standard based on driving will exclude no car owners or children whose parents are not able to drive them to facilities, from active participation.		

Indoor Sports	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	Varies with the sport
<b>Consultation</b>	Most residents travel to indoor facilities by car.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Borough level or specialises facilities – 5km Local Level facilities – 3 km Village halls, church halls, community centres – 800m
<b>Justification</b>	Consultation

Amenity Greenspace														
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	No national standards													
<b>Other Local Authority Standards</b>	Mole Valley DC – 10 min walk approx 550m	Elmbridge BC – 10 min walk 480m												
	Sevenoaks DC – 10 min walk 800m	Northampton BC – 5 min walk 240m												
<b>Consultation</b>	<p><b>Resident Survey:</b> 58% of respondents walk and 34% use a car. This varied across the Borough, with a higher proportion of Reigate residents choosing to use the car than other areas.</p> <p>The largest proportion of respondents expect to walk 5-9 minutes to amenity space (33.1%), with the majority expecting to travel no more than 14 minutes.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Means of travel</th> <th>75<sup>th</sup> centile (mins)</th> <th>Mode (mins)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Overall</td> <td>14</td> <td>5-9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Car users</td> <td>14</td> <td>10-14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walkers</td> <td>13</td> <td>5-9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Means of travel	75 <sup>th</sup> centile (mins)	Mode (mins)	Overall	14	5-9	Car users	14	10-14	Walkers	13	5-9
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<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Hierarchy 1 (the recreation grounds): 600m straight line distance (10-12 min walk) Hierarchy 2 (informal recreation areas): 500m (10 min walk)													
<b>Justification</b>	The residents provided a clear preference for walking to amenity green space. This standard will ensure that the built up areas continue to be within a reasonable range of accessible amenity green space. The standard is based on a walking distance to reflect the views of respondents, that this is a local typology and should be located close to housing.													

<b>Provision for Children &amp; Young People</b>					
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	<p>1) LAPs – aged 4-6; 1 min walk or 100m (60m in a straight line); minimum area size 100sqm; LAPS typically have no play equipment and therefore could be considered amenity greenspace</p> <p>2) LEAPs – aged min 5; minimum area size 400sqm; should be located 400 metres or 5 mins walking time along pedestrian routes (240m in a straight line)</p> <p>3) NEAPs aged min 8; minimum area size 1,000sqm; should be located 1,000 m or 15 min walking time along pedestrian route (600 metres in a straight line).</p>				
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<b>Consultation</b>	<p><b>Resident Survey:</b></p> <p>Overall, walking is the preferred transport to provision for young people and children (50.1%) although there is variation in these results across the Borough.</p> <p>83.2% of respondents expect to travel less than 14 minutes and the largest proportion expect to travel for 5 - 9 minutes.</p> <p>75<sup>th</sup> centile – 13.2min.</p>				
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	<p><b>New housing: (approximate FiT requirements)</b></p> <p>Childrens play: 240m straight line distance (5 min walk)</p> <p>Young people provision 600m straight line distance (10-12 min walk)</p> <p><b>Rest of borough:</b> Children's play: 500m (10 min walk)</p> <p>Young People provision: 600m (10-12 min walk)</p>				
<b>Justification</b>	<p>The standard has been based on the FiT standards and on people walking. Some flexibility is required in implementing the standard to accommodate local needs.</p>				

<b>Allotments</b>		
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	No standard	
<b>Existing Local Accessibility Standards</b>	PPG17 2008: driving 3km	
<b>Other Local Authority Standards</b>	Mole Valley DC – 10 min drive approx 4km	Elmbridge BC – 10 min walk 480m
	Sevenoaks DC – 10 min walk 0.8m	Northampton BC – 15 min walk (720m)
<b>Consultation</b>	<p><b>Resident Survey:</b> Of those respondents that stated they most frequently use allotments (low response rate), the majority use the car (50.2%) than walk (32.9%). The majority expect to travel up to 14 minutes to use a site (69.9%).</p> <p><b>Survey of Council Allotment Holders:</b> The majority (63.1%) use a car to travel to their allotment and travel up to 9 minutes (80.6%). 75<sup>th</sup> percentile: Resident survey 15 – 19 minutes by car. Survey of Allotment Holders 5 – 9 minutes by car.</p> <p>Whilst driving was the preferred method of transport, walking was also an important preference. There were a number of responses stating that they would walk if there were suitable facilities for leaving equipment on site.</p>	
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	10 minute drive / 3.5 km	
<b>Justification</b>	The Local standard, which is based on the distance travelled by a 10-14 minute drive, covers the majority of the Borough. All areas are easily accessible to allotments. The key concern with regard allotments is the quantity rather than accessibility.	

#### **Cemeteries and Churchyards**

As per PPG17, no realistic requirement to set catchments for this typology as it cannot be easily influenced through planning policy and implementation.

#### **Civic Spaces**

As per PPG17, no realistic requirement to set catchments for this typology as it cannot be easily influenced through planning policy and implementation.

## APPENDIX 4C: SETTING LOCALLY DERIVED PROVISION STANDARDS - QUALITY

<b>Parks and Gardens</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	Green Flag criteria – welcoming place, healthy, safe and secure, clean and well –maintained, sustainable, conservation and heritage, community involvement, marketing and management.
<b>Consultation</b>	<p>Findings from the Residents Survey on Quality and Accessibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks were rated by 71% of respondents as good/very good</li> <li>• Ideal features of a public park: clean, litter free; flowers, shrubs, hedges; toilets; nature conservation and features to encourage wildlife, well maintained grass.</li> <li>• Concerns noted which could be improved at some sites: litter, dog fouling, parking, anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Some reasons for bypassing their local site in favour of another: parking, certain features to be inferior to those elsewhere, safety or anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Very high satisfaction with entrances and opening times(over 98%), walking to and pushchair and wheelchair access (90%)</li> <li>• Satisfaction with public transport and cycle access were lower at 76% and 73% respectively.</li> </ul>
<b>General findings from site audits</b>	All parks scored high in all 4 key issues covered by the quality and value audits, supporting the findings of the consultation. But Priory Park stands out as being an extremely high quality in all aspects. The high quality of this Park and its recent improvement have encouraged many visitors who may otherwise have visited their more local park, which are also of good quality.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Parks should be welcoming, clean, safe, quality landscaped open spaces that encourage community activities and a range of recreational and leisure uses for all ages. Good signage both to and within parks should be catered for with safe, well lit footpaths. Parks and gardens should be provided with sufficient seating and toilet facilities.
<b>Justification</b>	Aim for Green Flag; consultation response and site audit.
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	45 and 60 respectively
<b>Benchmark</b>	70% (The quality of Redhill Memorial Park)

<b>Natural and Semi Natural Greenspace</b>	
<b>National and Regional Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	<p>Countryside Agency: land should be managed to conserve or enhance its rich landscape, biodiversity, heritage and local customs.</p> <p>Natural England:</p> <p>Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan:</p>
<b>Consultation</b>	<p>Findings from the Residents Survey on Quality and Accessibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These site were rated as good/very good by 77% of respondents</li> <li>• Ideal features of a natural and semi-natural green space: Clean, litter free; nature conservation and features to encourage wildlife, clear footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths; flowers, shrubs, trees or hedges; dog walking facilities bins for dog waste).</li> <li>• Concerns noted in some of the sites (from consultations): litter and dog fouling. 75% and 81% perceive these as problems.</li> <li>• Comments on accessibility were mixed, with a very high satisfaction with ease of finding the site and with walking to the site. Satisfaction with wheelchair/pushchair access (reflecting the terrain) was lower and was satisfaction with public transport.</li> </ul>
<b>General findings from Site audits</b>	<p>The sites audited were generally of good quality and value. The focus for improvement would be to put in place measures to reduce dog mess and litter, and to encourage educational awareness of the biodiversity value of the sites.</p>
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	<p>A clean and litter free site, with high quality natural features that encourage wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education, provide opportunities for exercise and links with the wider Green Infrastructure Network. The site should be well-maintained to preserve the natural elements of the site, and with sufficient seating, signage and bins where appropriate with clear footpaths and information boards.</p>
<b>Justification</b>	<p>Site assessments, consultation.</p>
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	<p>45 and 60 respectively</p>
<b>Benchmark</b>	<p>63 (quality of Wray Common)</p> <p>On the whole there are less facilities on the natural and semi-natural sites than others. Whilst allowance has been made for this in the scoring, by selecting criteria for quality assessment, these sites will, none-the-less, have lower scores than other typologies. This is not a reflection of their quality.</p> <p>Comparisons are intended to be within typologies rather than between.</p>



<b>Green Corridors</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	Findings from the Residents Survey on Quality and Accessibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 53% of respondents considered the quality to be good or very good.</li> <li>• Ideal features of a Green Corridor: clean/litter free; nature conservation and features to encourage wildlife; clear footpaths, bridleways, cycle paths; flowers, trees, shrubs, hedges; dog walking facilities e.g. dog waste bins.</li> <li>• Comments include the need for more corridors</li> </ul>
<b>General findings from Site audits</b>	Individual sites not audited. The Borough has a long network of public rights of way. However there are needs and opportunities to extend and to enhance the quality and value of the network to encourage bio-diversity migration between sites, as well as recreational and other uses as appropriate.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	A clean, well-maintained, natural corridor which links together areas of green infrastructure. The characteristics of green corridors linking areas of biodiversity importance will vary from corridor to corridor with the common aim being to enable species movement and maximise ecological connectivity so as to reduce fragmentation of habitats and improve climate change resilience. Major Green Corridor routes for public access should be safe, appropriately signed, adequately signed and publicised, and where appropriate, have litter and dog bins and adequate lighting.
<b>Justification</b>	Site assessments, consultation.
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	Not assessed
<b>Benchmark</b>	Not assessed

<b>Outdoor Sport</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	Quality standards provided in the FiT publication 2008.
<b>Consultation</b>	The quality of outdoor sports facilities was perceived as good or very good by 42% of the respondents. Reigate residents were more satisfied than other areas of the Borough. 60% considered the sports were good or very good in Reigate, whereas in Redhill the corresponding figure is 32%.
<b>General findings from Site audits</b>	The site audits classified the sites as good or reasonable.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	A clean, litter free sports site which is fit for the purpose for which it was designed. The site should have level and well-drained good quality surfaces, appropriate changing rooms, toilets, parking, bins and seating. The sites should be well-managed, with links with the community where possible.
<b>Justification</b>	Site assessment and consultation
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	45 and 60
<b>Benchmark</b>	60 (quality of Reigate park tennis courts)

<b>Indoor Sport</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	Sport England requirements
<b>Consultation</b>	
<b>General findings from Site audits</b>	Not audited
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Quality was not assessed

<b>Amenity</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	<p>Findings from the Residents Survey on Quality and Accessibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48.5% considered the quality of the sites to be average. 38% considered them good.</li> <li>• Residents of Redhill and Horley were less satisfied than those in Banstead and Reigate.</li> <li>• There is a high level of satisfaction with accessibility for wheelchair/pushchair, quality of routes to and from the sites and across site.</li> <li>• Some dissatisfaction noted with seating/benches, vandalism and graffiti, litter, dog fouling and anti social behaviour.</li> </ul>
<b>General findings from site audit</b>	The key finding from the site audits was the range of scores of quality and value. The main recreation grounds scored highly on many of the attributes. Site specific issues are noted in Appendix 5.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Amenity green spaces should be clean and litter free, well maintained with good foot and cycle paths linking the site to the residential areas. It should provide a welcoming and attractive environment with planting of flowers, hedges, trees and shrubs that encourage nature conservation and wildlife. Sufficient bins for litter and dog fouling should be fully integrated into the site, and ancillary facilities should as seating provided where appropriate.
<b>Justification</b>	Site assessment and consultation
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	45 and 60
<b>Benchmark</b>	64 (quality of Chipstead Meads Recreation Ground).

<b>Children and Young People Play</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	FiT: Quality aspirations for specific play/young people provision.
<b>Consultation</b>	Findings from Residents Survey on Quality and Accessibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% rate the areas as good or very good.</li> <li>• Lower satisfaction was noted in Horley and Banstead.</li> </ul>
<b>General findings from site audit</b>	Sites scored as good /reasonable.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	<p><b>Children 's Play:</b> A site providing a safe, clean, well-maintained play environment which is free from litter, dog mess and vandalism. The site should contain a variety of equipment and should be in a safe and secure location. Seating for supervising adults should be provided. The sites should be easily accessible on foot or from a nearby car park. A mix of play areas should be provided, including secure locations near housing and provision on multi-purpose 'destination' sites.</p> <p><b>Young People's provision:</b> A site providing a safe, clean, well-maintained play environment, which is free from litter, dog mess and vandalism. The site should contain a variety of equipment and shelters tailored to the needs of young people of a range of ages, and should be in a safe and secure location. The sites should be easily accessible on foot from housing areas. A mix of facilities should be provided, including secure locations near housing and provision on multi-purpose 'destination' sites. The design and management of the sites should involve young people wherever possible.</p>
<b>Justification</b>	Site assessments and residents survey
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	45 and 60
<b>Benchmark</b>	Provisionally 62 (the quality of Southern Playground).

<b>Allotments</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	Residents Survey: Respondents generally content with quality. 35% rated them good or very good.
<b>General findings from site audit</b>	Allotments scored as good. Site specific improvements could be made as noted in Appendix 5 but the key issue was that more sites were needed.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Allotments should be clean/litter free, with good drainage and access to a good water supply. Sites should be well maintained particularly in terms of boundary fences, entrances and pathways and should encourage biodiversity. Where possible, sufficient parking and toilets.
<b>Justification</b>	The proposed standard reflects local priorities expressed at consultation, by current allotment holders.
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	45 and 60
<b>Benchmark</b>	Provisionally 60.

<b>Cemeteries and Churchyards</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	Residents were generally satisfied with quality of cemeteries and churchyards. 42% rated them good/very good.
<b>General findings from site audit</b>	All sites scored as reasonable or good.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Cemeteries should be well maintained, clean and litter free. They should contain an appropriate mix of flowers, trees and shrubs to provide a pleasant and peaceful setting for those using the sites and to encourage a sanctuary for wildlife. Bins should be provided to reduce the occurrence of litter and dog fouling problems. Sites should be accessible to people with mobility problems, with sufficient seating and where appropriate lighting to enhance security.
<b>Justification</b>	Site assessment and consultation
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	45 and 60
<b>Benchmark</b>	66, as Reigate Cemetery.

<b>Civic Spaces</b>	
<b>National Standards and/or benchmarks</b>	None
<b>Existing Local Quality Standards</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	Only 33% considered the sites were good or very good quality. This was particularly low in Horley and Redhill.
<b>Proposed Local Standard</b>	Civic spaces must be clean, attractive, well lit and well maintained places that feel safe to those wishing to use them. The spaces should contain seating and bins, and where appropriate they should feature planting to improve their attractiveness and encourage wildlife. Footpaths and cycle routes should be maintained and access to toilets should be provided where appropriate.
<b>Justification</b>	
<b>Reasonable/Good Quality thresholds</b>	Not assessed
<b>Benchmark</b>	Not assessed