BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION NO. 1838\_

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The form must be completed and passed to the Chief Officer responsible for Legal and Democratic Services no later than NOON on the second working day after the day on which the decision is taken. No action may be taken to implement the decision(s) recorded on this form until 7 working days have passed and the Chief Officer responsible for Legal and Democratic Services has confirmed the decision has not been called in.

#### 1. Description of decision

The Council's current Borough of Bedford Green Space Strategy (GSS) which was approved in 2013 along with the Council's maintained sites, needs a full review and update as the borough has significantly grown with many more new sites being added since its adoption in 2013. The recommendation is for the Portfolio Holder for Environment to:

- i. To approve the review/ commencement of the new Green Infrastructure Strategy
- ii. To agree the updated areas of the Council maintained sites outlined in the report Appendix A.

#### 2. Date of decision

28 November 2025

#### 3. Reasons for decision

The production of a new Green Infrastructure Strategy (GIS) for the Borough will provide clear vision and action plan for the effective management, preservation and management of the Borough's parks and open spaces, as the population grows and the climate changes. It will provide a framework to address the community's needs while protecting these valuable spaces for future generations.

#### 4. Alternatives considered and rejected

To do nothing - This option is rejected. The Borough's open spaces will continue to face growing pressures from demographic and climate changes, and the proposed strategy and action plan provides a clear direction to support our Parks and Open Spaces in turn enhance public health and wellbeing and promote community cohesion and access to nature.

#### 5. How decision is to be funded

The costs are envisaged to be met through existing Council operational budgets supplemented by opportunities arising from bids to external funding sources, such as section 106 agreements, landfill tax and lottery programmes.

#### 6. Conflicts of interest

Name of all Executive members who were consulted AND declared a conflict of interest.	Nature of interest	Did Standards Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and date of dispensation)	Did the Chief Executive give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and the date of the dispensation).
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Signed Nicola Carlobec.	Date 28 November 2025	Name of Decision Taker Cllr Nico	ola Gribble
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Date decision can be implemented if not calle	d in:9December2025		
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# Agenda Item \*

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## **Bedford Borough Council – Portfolio Holder for Environment**

**Date of Report: 28 November 2025** 

Report by: Service Director for Public Realm, Highways and Waste Management

Subject: REVIEW OF GREEN SPACE STRATEGY AND SITES

#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council's current Borough of Bedford Green Space Strategy (GSS) which was approved in 2013 along with the Council's maintained sites, needs a full review and update as the borough has significantly grown with many more new sites being added since its adoption in 2013. This report details the work involved and estimates the timeline of undertaking a full review of the strategy and its adoption in 2026/27 and also focuses on updating the Council's maintained sites to give certainty to areas used in the Special Expense calculations.
- 1.2 The Borough is fortunate in having a rich supply of high quality, award winning, publicly accessible green space, ranging from Victorian urban parks and gardens, Country Parks and nature reserves, to public recreation grounds, cemeteries, allotments and outdoor play areas.
- 1.3 Such publicly accessible green space is vital to the health and wellbeing of all sections of the community, from the very young to the very old. It enriches peoples' daily lives by providing a venue for leisure, sport and recreational activities; for relaxation and contact with nature; and for participation in community celebrations and events. It contributes significantly to the identity and attractiveness of the Borough as a place to live, work and visit, and to invest in.

1.4 The Borough of Bedford future Green Infrastructure Strategy (GIS) will set out the Council's proposed vision and associated aims and objectives for the provision and management of publicly accessible green space in the Borough up to 2035/36. It will be used to guide planning and investment priorities and to increase community engagement in the management and development of our parks and green spaces

## 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 The Portfolio Holder for Environment is requested to consider, seek clarification and, if satisfied to:
  - i. To approve the review/ commencement of the new Green Infrastructure Strategy
  - ii. To agree the updated areas of the Council maintained sites outlined in the report in Appendix A.

## 3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 The production of a new Green Infrastructure Strategy (GIS) for the Borough will provide clear vision and action plan for the effective management, preservation and management of the Borough's parks and open spaces, as the population grows and the climate changes. It will provide a framework to address the community's needs while protecting these valuable spaces for future generations.

# 4. THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Parks and open spaces are fundamental to the health, well-being, and quality of life of any community. These green spaces act as vital havens amid a rapidly urbanising landscape, offering residents and visitors opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and connection with nature. From well-maintained local parks to tranquil nature reserves and green corridors, the borough is home to a diverse range of open spaces that support both environmental sustainability and the social fabric of the community.
- 4.2 Several services play a role in the functioning of the borough's parks or have a stake in how they are used, including infrastructure, grounds maintenance, planning policy, community engagement, public health, corporate estate, sports and leisure, events, community safety, climate change and nature recovery.

4.3 Severe funding shortfalls for local authorities mean spending on acute services, such as children and social care, is putting pressures on other areas and services, so prioritisation of funding and reducing spend down to a statutory level in areas will need to be fully considered in the future strategy.

#### 5. <u>DETAILS</u>

5.1 As the borough continues to grow now and more so in the future the demand for accessible, high-quality outdoor spaces will become increasingly critical. The proposed Green Infrastructure Strategy will be a comprehensive document aimed at protecting, enhancing, and expanding these valuable green spaces to meet the evolving needs of our growing population covering health, environmental and social challenges.

The new Strategy will also focus on adapting to the impacts of climate change, particularly in managing the risk of flooding, heatwaves, and other extreme weather events. By creating more green spaces and increasing tree canopies, the strategy helps cool the urban environment and provide shade, which is increasingly important in the face of rising temperatures. Additionally, parks and open spaces offer a buffer to manage stormwater runoff, reducing the risk of local flooding. The strategy will incorporate climate-resilient plants and design features to ensure parks can withstand changing weather patterns and continue to provide vital services to the community.

The strategy will help maintain the existing Green Flag Awards within our parks and continue to develop management and maintenance plans for greenspaces improving biodiversity and accessibility to greenspace.

## Next Steps to develop the Strategy

5.2 The following section outlines the processes and draft timescales to undertake a full review and put in place a new strategy:

## Phase 1: Scoping and Preparation (3-4 months)

- Review of Natural England's guidance and relevant local/national policies.
- Identify objectives.
- Initial stakeholder mapping, meeting and agreed governance arrangements.
- Secure funding, arrange procurement, select and appoint consultants where required.

## Phase 2: Baseline Evidence Gathering (2–3 months)

- Desk top study and physical audit and assessment of green spaces and water bodies (including reference to access, connectivity, flooding, biodiversity, eco-system services, etc.)
- Update GIS Mapping (existing assets and add new) and adapt to follow Natural England's national model with customisation to reflect local differences.
- Assess needs and deficits.

## Phase 3: Stakeholder Engagement and Visioning (2–3 months, may overlap with above)

- Conduct workshops and consultations.
- Develop a shared vision and strategic goals. Agree quality, quantity and accessibility standards
- Community engagement.

## Phase 4: Strategy Development (3–4 months)

- Identify strategic priorities and opportunity areas.
- Integrate evidence into a spatial framework (strategic corridors, multifunctional networks).
- Define delivery mechanisms and governance structures.
- Draft the strategy document.

#### Phase 5: Consultation, Finalisation, and Adoption (2–4 months)

- Public/stakeholder consultation on the draft strategy.
- Revise and refine based on feedback.
- Seek formal adoption by local authority and partnership

## 6. <u>ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u>

# 6.1 Do Nothing

This option is rejected. The Borough's open spaces will continue to face growing pressures from demographic and climate changes, and the proposed strategy and action plan provides a clear direction to support our Parks and Open Spaces in turn enhance public health and wellbeing and promote community cohesion and access to nature.

## 7. **KEY IMPLICATIONS**

# 7.1 Legal Issues – relevant legal power

The legislation explained below demonstrates how the implementation of a Green Space Strategy can support the Council's other statutory functions.

- Town and Country Planning Act 1990: The Council can ensure that green space provisions are incorporated into local development plans through the strategy. This helps to secure public parks and recreational areas through Section 106 agreements, ensuring that new developments meet legal requirements for green space provision.
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): The strategy aligns with the NPPF's focus on green infrastructure, ensuring that the Council's parks and open spaces meet the health and well-being needs of the community in line with national policy, thus supporting the Council's commitment to accessible and quality green spaces.
- **Public Health Act 1875**: The strategy supports the Council's efforts to provide parks as assets for public health. By ensuring that green spaces are well-maintained and designed for physical and mental well-being, the Council fulfils its legal obligation to offer spaces that promote public health.
- Open Spaces Act 1906: The strategy ensures that the Council's protects and enhances existing open spaces, fulfilling its
  duty to preserve public land designated for recreation and meeting the legal requirements for managing and maintaining
  parks.
- Local Government Act 1972: The Council can use the strategy to manage and maintain public parks and gardens effectively. By developing a clear framework, the Council meets its legal responsibilities to oversee and protect these public spaces for community benefit.
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CRoW Act): The strategy ensures that green spaces in across the borough are accessible to the public while also protecting the natural environment. It helps the Council comply with access rights and conservation duties by providing designated spaces for recreation and preserving natural areas.
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: The strategy helps the Council manage green spaces in a way that protects local
  wildlife and habitats, ensuring compliance with this Act by prioritising biodiversity and sustainable management of the
  borough's parks.

• **Environment Act 2021**: The strategy allows the Council to focus on creating sustainable green infrastructure, contributing to the Council's climate goals and biodiversity targets. It ensures that the management of parks and open spaces aligns with the environmental duties outlined in the Act.

## 7.2 Policy Issues

The development of a new Green Infrastructure Strategy aligns with the Council's Corporate Plan 2024/5 – 2027/8 priority: 'Protecting the Environment.' This states that 'we are committed to delivering a cleaner, greener and safer place for urban and rural communities.'

#### 7.3 Resource Issues

The cost of delivering the new strategy is estimated to cost £40,000 - £60,000 depending on how much external support the Council requires or whether resources within the council can found and used. The costs are envisaged to be met through existing Council operational budgets supplemented by opportunities arising from bids to external funding sources, such as section 106 agreements, landfill tax and lottery programmes. An assessment of the resourcing needs of each individual action will be included in the GIS's rolling action plan. In regard to maintaining the green open spaces, due to severe funding shortfalls for local authorities meaning spending on acute services, such as children and social care, this is putting pressures on other areas and services, so prioritisation of funding and reducing spend down to a statutory level in areas will need to be fully considered in the future strategy.

By adopting the future new strategy, it is hoped this will enable the Council to enhance its ability to attract future external investment.

#### 7.4 Risks

Any failure to produce and adopt a new revised strategy will leave the Council with a gap in its supporting technical evidence base around defining the Borough's publicly accessible green space needs and investment priorities. This would make it more difficult for the Council to secure future necessary developer contributions towards both on and off-site publicly accessible green space provision/ enhancement. It would also weaken the Council's ability to use its green space estate to take forward other supporting plans/ proposals around green infrastructure, sustainable transport and public health and well-being in a more strategic, joined up and resource efficient way. There is also a risk that due to the current financial challenges that the funding may be prioritised

elsewhere to other more critical services, thus increasing the timescales to deliver the new strategy.

## 7.5 Environmental Implications

The new strategy will result in publicly accessible green space being managed more sustainably. It will deliver increased sustainable access (on foot, by cycle) to attractive, affordable, high quality publicly accessible green spaces close to where people live, thereby reducing vehicle movements and associated carbon emissions. It will also deliver improvements in the environmental performance of the Council's parks, countryside and grounds maintenance services, including increased protection and enhancement of the associated nature conservation, from flooding events, historic environment and landscape value.

## 7.6 Equalities Impact

Equality Act 2010: The Council's strategy will ensure that parks and open spaces are accessible to all members of the community, including people with disabilities. The strategy will allow the Council to plan for inclusive facilities, such as wheelchair-friendly pathways and accessible amenities, meeting the legal requirements of equality and accessibility.

#### 7.7 Impact on Families

Green open spaces positively impact families by fostering mental and physical health through stress reduction and increased physical activity, improving children's neurocognitive and academic development, and enhancing social connections through community interaction. Proximity to green spaces also encourages resilience in children, helping them cope with adversity.

# 7.8 Community Safety and Resilience

Green open spaces can enhance community safety and resilience by promoting social connection and improving perceptions of safety, but their effectiveness depends on quality, design, and maintenance.

#### 7.9 Impact on Health and Wellbeing

The strategy will continue to positively support the Council's efforts to provide parks as assets for public health by ensuring that green spaces are well-maintained and designed for physical and mental well-being.

# 8. SUMMARY OF CONSULTATIONS AND OUTCOME

8.1 The following Councillors, Council units, Officers and/or other organisations have been consulted in preparing this report:

Cllr Gribble Portfolio Holder for Environment
Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director of Environment
Service Director Governance
Service Director for Finance
Manager for Modelling/Financial Strategy
Manager for Assets & Development
Service Director Regulation, Housing & Customer Contact

# 9. WARD COUNCILLOR VIEWS

9.1 No specific Ward Councillor views have been sought at this stage.

# 10. CONTACTS AND REFERENCES

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Background Papers:	Borough of Bedford Green Space Strategy. Decision 1095 published 19 February 2013.
Appendices:	Appendix A – Updated Site Areas.

# Appendix A

AREA (ha)	TYPOLOGY	SITE
1.64	Accessible Natural Green Space	Land Fronting Bromham Road and Deep Spinney
31.25	Accessible Natural Green Space	A6 Branston Way (///circles.almost.reinstate)
8.37	Accessible Natural Green Space	A6 Branston Way (///circles.almost.reinstate) south of Cemetery Rd
2.62	Accessible Natural Green Space	A6 Branston Way (///frightens.mailing.class)
8.49	Accessible Natural Green Space	A6 Branston Way north of Ridge Road to Cemetery Rd
1.87	Accessible Natural Green Space	Adj. to Card Rd Tesco
11.89	Accessible Natural Green Space	Bedford Borough Council Woodland - Claphampark Wood
40.94	Accessible Natural Green Space	Berry Wood
5.39	Accessible Natural Green Space	Biddenham Loop CP
4.80	Accessible Natural Green Space	Biddenham Loop CP
3.76	Accessible Natural Green Space	Biddenham Loop CP
1.81	Accessible Natural Green Space	Biddenham Loop CP
1.52	Accessible Natural Green Space	Bromham Mill
12.04	Accessible Natural Green Space	Brown's Wood
8.75	Accessible Natural Green Space	Community Woodland
5.56	Accessible Natural Green Space	Community Woodland site nr Clapham Park
26.83	Accessible Natural Green Space	Country Park, Woodlands
0.00	Accessible Natural Green Space	Country Park, Woodlands
5.60	Accessible Natural Green Space	Dog Field, Cople
6.86	Accessible Natural Green Space	Everards Meadow
0.85	Accessible Natural Green Space	Falcon Avenue
0.25	Accessible Natural Green Space	Falcon Avenue
0.31	Accessible Natural Green Space	Falcon Road
32.41	Accessible Natural Green Space	Fenlake Meadows

2.33	Accessible Natural Green Space	Goldington Green
9.64	Accessible Natural Green Space	Greenway B, Wixams
1.70	Accessible Natural Green Space	Gudgeons Meadow
		Harrold Odell Country Park ( MTB trail, kickwall and basket ball hoop have been
58.20	Accessible Natural Green Space	added by Harrold PC. Skate park subject to negotiation).
24.05	Accessible Natural Green Space	Hillgrounds
14.50	Accessible Natural Green Space	Jackmans Farm
1.64	Accessible Natural Green Space	Judges Spinney, Oakley
0.10	Accessible Natural Green Space	Kempston Mill
13.07	Accessible Natural Green Space	Maskell Drive POS
0.60	Accessible Natural Green Space	Meadow Lane, adj to water treatment plan
12.28	Accessible Natural Green Space	Mowbray Walk
12.28	Accessible Natural Green Space	Mowbray Walk
7.11	Accessible Natural Green Space	Natural Green Space west of A6 Clapham Bypass
1.30	Accessible Natural Green Space	New Cut adj Aspects car park
7.03	Accessible Natural Green Space	Northern Ponds, Wixams
2.92	Accessible Natural Green Space	Oasis
2.45	Accessible Natural Green Space	Osier Bed Woodland, Cardington
5.65	Accessible Natural Green Space	Parkwood LNR
0.25	Accessible Natural Green Space	Priory Business Park
0.30	Accessible Natural Green Space	Priory Country Park
0.13	Accessible Natural Green Space	Priory Country Park
0.16	Accessible Natural Green Space	Priory Country Park
10.20	Accessible Natural Green Space	Putnoe Wood
	Accessible Natural Green Space	Reservoir Adjoining Branston Way
16.75	Accessible Natural Green Space	Riverfield Meadows
0.81	Accessible Natural Green Space	South of Brown's Wood
	Accessible Natural Green Space	The Brewery Field, behind Brewery site
0.59	Accessible Natural Green Space	The Bury Tree B, Pavenham
0.99	Accessible Natural Green Space	Wixams Village 1 : Dry Pond 5 (southern pond & wedge)

1.19	Accessible Natural Green Space	Wixams Village 1 : Pond 3 South Pond
19.00	Accessible Natural Green Space	Yelnow new wood, Odell
3.84	Allotments	Newnham avenue
2.61	Allotments	Barkers Lane North
1.80	Allotments	Barkers Lane south
8.10	Allotments	Mile Road Allotments
2.39	Allotments	Allen Park
5.78	Informal and Amenity Green Space	A6 Landscape Buffer , wixams
3.32	Informal and Amenity Green Space	A600 / bypass
5.26	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Allen Park
1.31	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Asgard Drive
6.43	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Asgard drive (section missing)
6.43	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Asgard Road
2.04	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Asgard Road C
0.19	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Asgard Road E
1.07	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Aspen Avenue
0.75	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Aylesbury Road
15.27	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Bedford Cemetery
0.23	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Bowhill
0.07	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Bradgate road
1.75	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Brickhill Drive
0.01	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Broad Mead Avenue, Great Denham
0.48	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Bunyans Mead
0.77	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Charnwood avenue
0.32	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Chillingham Green
3.35	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Chiltern Ave Open Space
0.06	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Chistlehurst Place
0.03	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Cnr Saxon Way and Wayland Road
0.37	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Duchess Close
2.16	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Durler Ave

1.66	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Elstow A & B
0.06	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Fetlock Close, Clapham
0.41	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Flint Way
0.36	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Foxlease
0.41	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Goldington Green Road
0.10	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Goldington Green Road
0.21	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Gostwick Road
0.12	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Great Denham Country Park
53.27	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Great Denham Country Park
0.07	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Great Portway POS adj to play area
0.49	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Harlequin Cres, Wixams
0.19	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Hartland Avenue
0.32	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Hartop Close
0.19	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Haylands Way Open Space
80.0	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Haynes Road, Bedford
0.89	Informal and Amenity Green Space	High View
0.02	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Kathie Road adj to MUGA
0.14	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Kenilworth Walk
0.27	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Land Adjacent to Eastcotts road and Bamford road
0.90	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Land north of Stanton Road
1.76	Informal and Amenity Green Space	land south of Wilkinson Road, Kempston
2.44	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Longholme Way
10.42	Informal and Amenity Green Space	LWOK POS (martell dr)
1.24	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Merlin Gardens
1.17	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Miller Road Open Space
0.97	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Moot Hall, Elstow
4.60	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Mowbray Road
0.50	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Mowbray Road
0.43	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Normandy Close
4.11	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Norse Road

4.51	Informal and Amenity Green Space	north of Great Denham
0.42	Informal and Amenity Green Space	off Avon Drive next to play area
0.39	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Plover Way
0.39	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Plover Way
0.68	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Putnoe Lane
0.16	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Putnoe lane adjacent to Putnoe Primary Academy
0.63	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Putnoe Lane B
1.90	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Putnoe Lower School
0.68	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Putnoe Street
0.34	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Queens Drive
10.54	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Queens Park Riverside
4.53	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Regency Place
0.48	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Robin Hill
2.41	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Robin Hill / cemetery
1.02	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Rooksmead
0.13	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Roundmead
0.17	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Roundmead
0.68	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Savernake Walk
0.80	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Saxon Way, Greenkeepers Road, Great Denham
1.11	Informal and Amenity Green Space	South of Ashmead Road, Woodlands Park
80.0	Informal and Amenity Green Space	south of Great Portway
2.39	Informal and Amenity Green Space	St.Marys Garden
0.70	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Stainmore Road
1.19	Informal and Amenity Green Space	The Causeway, Wixams
0.38	Informal and Amenity Green Space	The Spinney (windmill close)
0.03	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Titchfield Drive, Abbeyfields
0.23	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Uplands, Putnoe St
2.00	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Wentworth Drive
1.48	Informal and Amenity Green Space	west side of A6, Wixams
0.32	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Westbourne Gardens

0.66	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Westdale Walk
4.97	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Woodlands Park
0.13	Informal and Amenity Green Space	Woodlands Park
0.06	Outdoor Sports	Addison Howard Park
0.05	Outdoor Sports	Addison Howard Park
0.18	Outdoor Sports	Addison Howard Park
0.25	Outdoor Sports	Addison Howard Park 9v9 Pitch 1
0.25	Outdoor Sports	Addison Howard Park 9v9 Pitch 2
0.34	Outdoor Sports	Addison Howard Park Junior Pitch 1
0.63	Outdoor Sports	Addison Howard Park Senior Pitch 1
0.16	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park
0.04	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park
0.15	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park
0.05	Outdoor Sports	ALLEN PARK
0.60	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park Junior Pitch 1
0.14	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park Mini Pitch 5v5
0.26	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park Mini Pitch 7v7
0.51	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park Pitch 9v9
0.53	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park Senior Pitch 1
0.52	Outdoor Sports	Allen Park Senior Pitch 2
0.01	Outdoor Sports	Asgard basketball
1.89	Outdoor Sports	Barkers Lane
0.60	Outdoor Sports	Barkers lane
0.73	Outdoor Sports	Barkers Lane
6.14	Outdoor Sports	Barkers Lane - area around athletics stadium
0.49	Outdoor Sports	Bedford Park
0.04	Outdoor Sports	Bedford Park
0.04	Outdoor Sports	Bedford Park
0.05	Outdoor Sports	Bedford Park

0.36	Outdoor Sports	Bedford Park Junior Pitch 1
0.29	Outdoor Sports	Bedford Park Pitch 1 9v9
0.41	Outdoor Sports	Bedford Park Pitch 2 9v9
0.50	Outdoor Sports	Bedford Park Senior Pitch 1
0.17	Outdoor Sports	Bowling green Bedford Park
0.26	Outdoor Sports	Bunyan Sports Centre
0.02	Outdoor Sports	Goldington Green
0.60	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds
0.84	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds
0.32	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds Junior Pitch 1
0.34	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds Junior Pitch 2
0.15	Outdoor Sports	HILLGROUNDS Mini Pitch 1 7v7
0.16	Outdoor Sports	HILLGROUNDS Mini Pitch 2 7v7
0.14	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds Mini Pitch 3 7v7
0.15	Outdoor Sports	HILLGROUNDS Mini Pitch 4 5v5
0.14	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds Reserve Pitch 7v7
0.73	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds Senior Pitch 1
0.70	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds Senior Pitch 2
0.71	Outdoor Sports	Hillgrounds Senior Pitch 3
0.72	Outdoor Sports	HILLGROUNDS Senior Pitch 4
2.67	Outdoor Sports	Jubilee Park
0.22	Outdoor Sports	Jubilee Park
0.58	Outdoor Sports	Jubilee Park
0.01	Outdoor Sports	Jubilee Park
0.05	Outdoor Sports	Jubilee Park
0.60	Outdoor Sports	Jubillee Park
0.57	Outdoor Sports	Jubillee Park
0.56	Outdoor Sports	Moor Lane Senior Pitch 1
0.54	Outdoor Sports	Moor Lane Senior Pitch 2
53.63	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Golf Course

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1.34	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Golf driving range
0.16	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.07	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.42	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.06	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.07	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.22	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.07	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.21	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.19	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park
0.33	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Junior Pitch 1
0.35	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Junior Pitch 5
0.34	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Senior Pitch 2
0.39	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Senior Pitch 3
0.46	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Senior Pitch 4
0.37	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Senior Pitch 6
0.54	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Senior Pitch 7
0.57	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Senior Pitch 8
0.46	Outdoor Sports	Mowsbury Park Senior Pitch 9
2.75	Outdoor Sports	off Harrier Leys, Wixams
0.17	Outdoor Sports	Priory Bowls
0.16	Outdoor Sports	Russell Park
0.52	Outdoor Sports	Russell Park
0.53	Outdoor Sports	Russell Park
0.16	Outdoor Sports	Russell Park
0.19	Outdoor Sports	Southfields
0.43	Outdoor Sports	Southfields
0.06	Outdoor Sports	Southfields
0.11	Outdoor Sports	Southfields
0.11	Outdoor Sports	Tennis courts, Dynevor Road

2.74	Outdoor Sports	Wixams 3G pitch and pavilion
0.30	Outdoor Sports	Woodlands
0.55	Outdoor Sports	Woodlands
0.34	Outdoor Sports	Woodlands 9v9 Pitch
0.11	Outdoor Sports	Woodlands Mini 1 7v7
0.09	Outdoor Sports	Woodlands Mini 2 5v5
0.65	Parks and Gardens	Abbey Bridge
13.54	Parks and Gardens	Addison Howard Park
23.75	Parks and Gardens	Bedford Park
0.05	Parks and Gardens	Brooklands Av, adj to Lakeview VIllage Hall, Wixams
1.12	Parks and Gardens	Castle Close
1.50	Parks and Gardens	Castle Mound
0.24	Parks and Gardens	Dynevor Road
3.15	Parks and Gardens	Embankment
7.49	Parks and Gardens	Goldington Green
10.41	Parks and Gardens	Hillgrounds
17.77	Parks and Gardens	Jubilee Park
0.16	Parks and Gardens	Lancaster avenue
2.65	Parks and Gardens	Longholme Island
2.71	Parks and Gardens	Mill Meadows
0.48	Parks and Gardens	Mill Meadows
22.78	Parks and Gardens	Moswbury Park
60.19	Parks and Gardens	Priory Country Park
6.89	Parks and Gardens	Putnoe Park
8.31	Parks and Gardens	Russell Park
4.42	Parks and Gardens	Southfields Open Space
0.21	Parks and Gardens	St Peter's Green
4.21	Parks and Gardens	Waveney green (leased out)
2.11	Parks and Gardens	Wixams Greenway
0.07	Play	Abbey Field

0.09	Play	Acorn Road
0.05	Play	Addison Howard Park
0.43	Play	Addison Howard Park
0.05	Play	Alburgh Close
0.12	Play	Allen Park
0.03	Play	Althorpe Street
0.02	Play	Asgard Road A
0.01	Play	Asgard Road B
0.07	Play	Aylesbury Road
0.44	Play	Balliol Road
0.20	Play	Bedford Park
0.10	Play	Bedford Park (west end)
0.55	Play	Beech Walk
0.07	Play	Belvoir Walk (Woodside)
0.01	Play	Braod Mead Avenue
0.02	Play	Brise Green
0.02	Play	Cartmel Priory
0.06	Play	Chislehurst Place
0.03	Play	Crispin Drive
0.03	Play	Crispin Drive, Woodlands
0.09	Play	Downside
0.05	Play	Dynevor Road
0.05	Play	end of Pedley Way
0.06	Play	Ettrick Drive
0.34	Play	Faraday Square
0.07	Play	Faraday Square
0.03	Play	Folly MUGA
0.01	Play	Folly play area
0.03	Play	Folly play area
0.02	Play	Folly play area

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0.18	Play	Fox Close, Clapham
0.02	Play	Foxglove Way 2
0.03	Play	Francis Grove
0.17	Play	Goldington Green
0.05	Play	Goldington Green
0.17	Play	Great Denham Country Park
0.08	Play	Great Denham Country Park
0.03	Play	Great Portway Junior
0.08	Play	Great Portway Senior
0.01	Play	Grenadier Close, Woodlands Park
0.08	Play	Harlequin Cres
0.16	Play	Hillgrounds Road
0.03	Play	Holt Row
0.19	Play	Jubilee Park
0.21	Play	Jubilee Park
0.14	Play	Jubilee Park
0.08	Play	Jubilee Park
0.01	Play	Kathie Road MUGA
0.01	Play	Kathie Road play area
0.28	Play	Kingfisher play area, Wixams
0.02	Play	Langlands Road
0.03	Play	Laxton Way
0.04	Play	Lovat Walk
0.10	Play	Maskell Drive
0.04	Play	Milburn Road
0.07	Play	Miller Road
0.09	Play	Mowbray Road
0.04	Play	Mowsbury Park
0.24	Play	Mowsbury Park
0.11	Play	Mowsbury Park

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0.02	Play	Norse Rd, end of Langlands road
0.05	Play	Norse Road
0.24	Play	north of Wilkinson Road, Kempston
0.22	Play	off Ashmead Rd, next to sports pitches, Woodlands Park
0.08	Play	off Bradgate Road
0.01	Play	off Tydeman Close, Woodlands Park
0.02	Play	Off Wildflower Way
0.09	Play	Offa Road
0.11	Play	Offa Road
0.03	Play	Pheasant Grove, Wixams
0.01	Play	Poppyfields 1
0.01	Play	Poppyfileds 2
0.05	Play	Priory (Greyfriars)
0.02	Play	Redwald Close
0.02	Play	Robins Heath, Wixams
0.41	Play	Russell Park
0.73	Play	RUSSELL PARK PUTTING GREEN
0.01	Play	Russet Close
0.13	Play	Sainsburys, Clapham Road
1.03	Play	Saxon Way, Great Denham
0.04	Play	School Lane, Wixams
0.07	Play	south of Wilkinson Rd, Kempston
0.05	Play	Southfields Open Space
0.09	Play	Southfields Open Space
0.14	Play	Sovereign's Quay
0.06	Play	Stainmore Road Young People's Area
0.01	Play	The Almonds
0.18	Play	the glebe play areas, clapham
0.05	Play	The Slipe
0.03	Play	Tichfield Drive

0.01 Play	Titchfield Drive, Abbeyfields	
0.05 Play	Tyne Cresent	
0.29 Play	Westbourne Gardens	
0.06 Play	Westdale Walk	
0.16 Play	Wixams Village 1 : Greenway A play area	
0.03 Play	Woodpecker Gardens, Wixams	

The above information is the current definitive list of the Council sites subject to confirmation of any changes which may come out of the final review:

- Includes land owned by the Council but may not be subject to maintenance by the Council
- Also includes land being maintained by the Council which the Council has received a commuted sum.

Areas by Typology	
Area Types	Sum of AREA (ha)
Accessible Natural Green Space	455.1
Allotments	18.7
Informal and Amenity Green Space	191.8
Outdoor Sports	97.8
Parks and Gardens	194.8
Play	10.6
Grand Total	968.8