

OUTER SOUTH EAST HOUSING MARKET CHARACTERISTIC AREA

Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Outer South East Housing Market Characteristic Area and Wards

- 1.1 Plan 1 shows the boundaries of the wards that fall, to a greater or lesser extent, within Outer south east Housing Market Characteristic Area (HMCA). The plan also shows the areas of greenspace by type that fall in the area. Copies of plans are available upon request. Please e-mail ldf@leeds.gov.uk.
- 1.2 The greenspace sites shown on the plan and used in the following assessment are those which were identified and surveyed during the citywide Open Space, Sport and Recreation Assessment (referred to as the Open Space Audit) in 2008 and not the allocated greenspace (N1, N1a, N5 and N6) identified in the UDP Review 2006. Many sites are in both but there are variations which must be noted: 1) some allocated sites are not included (where they have been developed); 2) others appear with amended boundaries; and 3) there are additional sites which are not currently allocated but have been identified through the audit as functioning as greenspace. Plan 2 overlays the existing UDP allocations with the boundaries of the Open Space Audit sites and thereby clearly shows the differences between the two. Appendix 1 contains a list of those allocated sites which do not appear on the plan and the reasons why they are not shown. It is proposed to delete these sites, revise the boundaries of some sites to reflect what is currently on the ground and designate the new sites identified through the Open Space Audit. Housing Market Characteristic Areas are sub-areas recognising the diverse nature and characteristics of market areas across the City. These areas take account of topographical and settlement spatial definitions as well as operational housing markets in terms of house prices and land values. They reflect geographical areas that people tend to associate with finding properties to live in.
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- 1.4 Whilst other subjects have been considered on an HMCA basis, the quantity of greenspace has been analysed according to wards because this allowed a more accurate analysis by ward population figures. The quality and accessibility of greenspace is assessed on an HMCA basis.
- 1.5 There are 2 wards that fall to a greater or lesser extent within the Outer South East Housing Market Characteristic Area (HMCA). The majority of Garforth and Swillington Ward falls within the area along with a significant part of Kippax and Methley Ward.
- 1.6 Where an area of greenspace falls across the boundary of the ward then only the part of the greenspace that falls within the ward has been included in the analysis. Care has been taken to check this would not result in the division of a facility.

2.0 Total Greenspace in both Wards

2.1 Total greenspace in Garforth & Swillington and Kippax and Methley is **473.621ha** on **117** greenspace sites. Excluding green corridors, cemeteries and golf courses the total is **447.936ha** which relates to **101** sites.

3.0 Core Strategy Policy G3: Standards for Open Space, Sport and Recreation

3.1 Policy G3 sets out standards for the following types of greenspace:

- Parks and Gardens
- Outdoor Sports Provision - excludes MUGAs, single goal ends and golf courses. Includes tennis courts, bowling greens, athletics tracks, synthetic pitches, adult pitches, junior pitches (football, rugby, cricket)
- Amenity greenspace – excludes cemeteries.
- Children and young people's equipped play facilities – includes MUGAs skate parks, teen shelters, play facilities.
- Allotments – both used and unused.
- Natural greenspace - excludes green corridors.

3.2 There are no standards in the Core Strategy for cemeteries, green corridors and golf courses (but these are shown on Plan 1 for completeness).

QUANTITY OF GREENSPACE

4.0 Methodology

4.1 The tables below show the breakdown of provision, or **quantity**, for each of the 6 types of greenspace defined in Policy G3 in the Core Strategy. The quantities have been divided by the total population of each ward to give a standard which can be compared against the standards in Policy G3.

4.2 The ward population is taken from the ONS Population Census 2011. Ward Populations are as follows:

Ward	Population
Garforth & Swillington	19,811
Kippax & Methley	21,116

4.3 Child populations are taken from the ONS Population Census 2011 and the 2007 mid year estimates. The 2011 census figures are grouped in 5 year categories so there are accurate figures for 0 - 4, 5 – 9 and 10 – 14 year olds. The next category is 15 – 19 year olds so the 2007 mid year estimates have been used to estimate the number of 15 and 16 year olds. These estimates are broken down to individual years so the number of 11 and 12 year olds in 2007 (15 and 16 year olds in 2011) has been added to the 2011 population figures to give an estimate of children and young people by ward. This is set out below:

Ward	Population aged 0 -16 years
Garforth & Swillington	3,689
Kippax & Methley	4,393

4.4.1 Core Strategy policy G3 identifies the following standards for quantity of greenspace:

Greenspace type	Quantity per 1000 population
Parks and Gardens	1 hectare
Outdoor sports provision	1.2 hectares (excluding education provision)
Amenity greenspace	0.45 hectares
Children and young people's equipped play facilities	2 facilities per 1,000 children (excluding education provision)
Allotments	0.24 hectares
Natural Greenspace	0.7 hectares (main urban area and major settlements, 2 ha other areas)

5.0 Quantities by types and Wards

5.1 The quantities of greenspace types compared to the Core Strategy standards are as follows for each of the three wards in the Outer south east HMCA.

Parks and Gardens:

5.2 *Parks and Gardens Garforth & Swillington Ward*

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
51	Glebelands Recreation Ground	4.245
23	Barley Hill Park	3.161
1319	Valley Drive Playground	0.370
1232	Goose Fields	1.065
97	Temple Newsam Estate	1.495
	Total	10.336

5.2.1 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $10.336 \div 19.811 = 0.52$ hectares

5.2.2 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 1 hectare per 1000 population, Garforth & Swillington ward falls short of the recommended Core Strategy standard and so is deficient in terms of the quantity of Parks and Gardens.

5.3 *Parks and Gardens Kippax & Methley Ward*

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1276	Allerton Bywater Playground	0.358
1247	Kippax Sports Centre	1.512
20	Allerton Bywater Sport Ground	5.455
151	Saville Road Recreation Ground	1.375
1234	Kippax Common	5.111
1392	Vandicourt Recreation Ground	0.501
	TOTAL	14.312

5.3.1 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $14.312 \div 21.116 = 0.68$ hectares

5.4.2 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 1 hectare per 1000 population, Kippax and Methley Ward falls significantly short of the recommended Core Strategy standard and so is deficient in the quantity of Parks and Gardens.

5.5 Parks and Gardens - Overall Conclusions

If the totals for both wards are added together it creates an overall average standard of **0.847 hectares per 1,000 population**. This is below the Core Strategy standard.

Outdoor Sports Provision

5.6 Methodology

5.6.1 Outdoor sports facilities in educational use have been excluded as it cannot be assumed that these are available for the public to use. Golf courses have also been excluded.

5.6.2 There are instances where outdoor sports provision occurs within other primary typologies. We have identified these and used the Sport England Comparison Standards to extract out the size of facilities as follows:

- Playing pitch (adult) = 1.2ha
- Junior pitch = 0.5ha
- Bowling green = 0.14ha
- Tennis court = 0.0742
- Cricket pitch = 1.37ha
- Synthetic turf pitch = 0.7ha

5.7 Outdoor Sports Provision Garforth & Swillington Ward

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME
1333	Berry Road Playing Field
1334	Berry Lane Cricket Pitch
1124	Wheatley Park Football Ground
1125	Brierlands Lane Pitches
51	Glebelands Recreation Ground
23	Barley Hill Park
1319	Valley Drive Playground
1015	Firthfields POS
1854	Garforth and Swillington Bowling Club
1725	Swillington Minors Welfare Club
1013	Ash Lane Pitch
1228	Green Lane Cricket Club
1232	Goose Fields

5.7.1 The quantity of outdoor sports provision on the above sites is as follows:

Type	No.	Area (ha)
Adult Pitches	12	14.4
Junior Pitches	10	5
Cricket Pitches	2	2.74
Tennis Courts	2	0.1484
Bowling Green	4	0.56
Synthetic Pitches	0	0
Total		22.85

5.7.2 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $22.85 \div 19.811 = 1.15$ hectares

5.8.3 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 1.2 hectares per 1000 population, Garforth & Swillington Ward falls below the recommended Core Strategy standard and so is has a deficiency in terms of the quantity of outdoor sports provision.

5.8 **Outdoor Sports Provision Kippax and Methley Ward**

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME
1276	Allerton Bywater Playground
1385	Ninevah Playing Fields
1350	Allerton Bywater Youth and Adult Centre
20	Allerton Bywater Sport Ground
1188	Methley Warriors Rugby Ground
1202	Methley Cricket Ground
151	Saville Road Recreation Ground
1211	Ledsham Cricket Ground
1213	Micklefield Miners Welfare Rec Ground
1234	Kippax Common
1244	Kippax Welfare Rugby Club
68	Kippax Meadows

5.9.1 The quantity of outdoor sports provision on the above sites is as follows:

Type	No.	Area (ha)
Adult Pitches	10	12
Junior Pitches	8	4
Cricket Pitches	5	6.85
Tennis Courts	4	0.3
Bowling Green	6	0.84
Synthetic Pitches	0	0
Total		23.99

5.9.2 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $23.99 \div 21.116 = 1.13$ hectares

5.9.3 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 1.2 hectares per 1000 population, Kippax and Methley Ward falls short of the recommended Core Strategy standard and so is deficient in terms of the quantity of outdoor sports provision.

5.8.3 **Outdoor Sports Provision – Overall Conclusions**

5.8.4 If the totals for all wards are added together it creates an overall average standard of **1.14 hectares per 1,000 population**, and all of the wards are deficient in outdoor sports provision, falling below the standard of 1.2ha per 1000 population.

5.12 **Amenity Greenspace Garforth & Swillington Ward**

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1017	Inverness Road POS	0.347
1018	New Sturton Bus Turnaround POS	0.249
1726	Swillington Recreation Ground	0.673
1231	Long Meadows	1.204
1487	East Garforth Field	0.737
	Total	3.210

5.12.1 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $3.210 \div 19.811 = 0.16$ hectares

5.12.2 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 0.45 hectares per 1000 population, Garforth & Swillington ward falls below the recommended Core Strategy standard and so has deficiency in provision in terms of the quantity of amenity greenspace.

Amenity Greenspace Kippax and Methley Ward

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1346	The Staithes	0.905
1348	Millennium Village Flood Area	0.774
1186	Barnsdale Road POS	0.601
1204	Wood Row Rec Ground	0.498
1343	The Staithes	0.803
1176	Hazel House Rec	0.258
1239	Billys Field	0.817
1311	The Square	0.420
TOTAL		5.076

5.13.1 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $5.076 \div 21.116 = 0.24$ hectares

5.13.2 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 0.45 hectares per 1000 population, Kippax and Methley ward falls short of the recommended Core Strategy standard and so is deficient in the quantity of amenity greenspace.

5.14 **Amenity Greenspace – Overall Conclusions**

5.14.1 If the totals for both wards are added together it creates an overall average standard of **0.202 hectares per 1,000 population**. This falls below the Core Strategy standard however this figure.

Children and Young People’s equipped play facilities:

5.15 **Methodology**

5.15.1 The population figures used for children and young people are an estimate using the 2011 Census figures and the 2007 mid-year estimates. See paragraph 4.3 for a fuller explanation.

5.15.2 The lists below exclude play facilities that are in educational use, since these are only available during the school day and by the children attending that particular school.

5.17 **Childrens & Young Peoples Equipped Play Facilities Garforth and Swillington Ward**

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME
51	Glebelands Recreation Ground
23	Barley Hill Park
1319	Valley Drive Playground
1015	Firthfields POS
1726	Swillington Recreation Ground

Type of Facility	Number
MUGA	1
Child Play Area	5
Skate Park	1
Teen Shelter	0
TOTAL	7

5.17.1 **Requirement and provision** – $2 \times 10 = 20$ facilities are required to meet the Core Strategy standard of 2 facilities per 1,000 children. Therefore Ardsley and Robin Hood Ward is slightly deficient in terms of Children and Young People’s Equipped Play provision as it has 7 facilities.

5.18 **Children & Young Peoples Equipped Play Facilities Kippax and Methley Ward**

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1276	Allerton Bywater Playground	0.358
1350	Allerton Bywater Youth and Adult Centre	0.366
20	Allerton Bywater Sport Ground	5.455
1186	Barnsdale Road POS	0.601
1181	Coney Moor Rec ground	0.278
151	Saville Road Recreation Ground	1.375
1185	Longbow Avenue Playgroup	0.476
1309	Roman Road Recreation Ground	0.577
1788	Woodside Playground	0.341
1392	Vandicourt Recreation Ground	0.501
1789	Millennium Village Playground	0.523
1244	Kippax Welfare Rugby Club	4.573
	TOTAL	15.424

Type of Facility	Number
MUGA	3
Child Play Area	13
Skate Park	1
Teen Shelter	1
TOTAL	18

5.18.1 **Requirement and provision** - $4.393 \times 2 = 8.8$ facilities are required to meet the Core Strategy standard of 2 facilities per 1,000 children. Therefore Kippax and Methley Ward is very well provided for in terms of Children and Young People’s Equipped Play provision as it has 18 facilities.

5.19 Children and Young People’s Equipped Play Facilities – overall conclusions

5.19.1 If the totals for both wards are added together it creates an overall requirement for 19 facilities and an actual provision of 26.8 facilities. This exceeds the Core Strategy standard however this figure is an average so whilst there is a surplus of provision in Kippax & Methley, Ward, there is a slight under provision in Garforth & Swillington Ward.

Allotments:

5.21 Allotments Garforth & Swillington Ward

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1432	Swillington Common Allotments.	2.215
1377	Hollinhurst Allotments	0.339
1016	Firthfields Allotments	0.557
1012	Bank Row Allotments	0.401
1227	Church Lane Allotments	1.433
1723	Preston View Allotments	0.301
1376	Whitehouse Ave Allotments	1.721
464	Primrose Allotments	0.207
	Total	7.174

5.21.1 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $7.174 \div 19.811 = 0.36$ hectares

5.21.2 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 0.24 hectares per 1000 population, Garforth & Swillington Ward exceeds the recommended standard and so has surplus provision in terms of the quantity of allotments.

Allotments Kippax and Methley Ward

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1242	Carters Field Allotments	1.348
1248	Kippax Allotments	1.413
1347	Parklane Allotments	2.159
1701	Pondfields Drive Allotments	0.951
1315	Millennium Village allotments	1.176
1366	Crescent Allotments	0.786
1831	Summer Hill Allotments Methley	0.961
1203	Wood Row Allotments	0.773
1702	Pondfields Drive (East View) Allotments	0.927
1389	Station Allotments	2.237
1520	Butt Hill Allotments	0.873
1243	Gibson Lane allotments	2.782
	TOTAL	16.386

5.22.1 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $16.386 \div 21.116 = 0.77$ hectares

5.22.2 **Conclusions** -Compared against the standard of 0.24 hectares per 1000 population, Kippax and Methley Ward exceeds the recommended standard and so has surplus provision in terms of the quantity of allotments.

5.23 Allotments – overall conclusions

5.23.1 If the totals for both wards are added together it creates an overall average standard of **0.575 hectares per 1,000 population** which exceeds the Core Strategy standard.

Natural Greenspace

5.24 *Natural Greenspace Garforth & Swillington ward*

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1383	Peascroft Wood	3.266
1384	Peascroft Wood (Adjacent to)	1.155
1378	Lower North (Lake)	26.705
101	Town Close Hills	0.184
1830	Skelton Lane	54.423
1727	Wakefield Road	3.694
1379	Preston Hill	9.090
1014	Hawkes Nest Wood Garforth	5.634
57	Hollinhurst Wood	13.118
1724	Primrose Hill Drive	0.993
1229	Kennet Lane Meadows	3.185
1137	Leventhorpe Lagoon and Ings	41.183
1885	Land off Preston Lane	0.400
	Total	163.030

5.25.1 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $163.030 \div 19.811 = 8.22$ hectares

5.25.2 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 2 hectares per 1000 population, Garforth & Swillington Ward significantly exceeds the recommended standard and so has surplus provision in terms of the quantity of natural greenspace.

5.25 *Natural Greenspace Kippax and Methely Ward*

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1351	Station Road	0.619
1378	Lower North (Lake)	5.631
101	Town Close Hills	25.167
72	Letchmire Pastures	11.275
1237	Berryleighs Wood	0.467
1236	Shuttocks Wood	0.580
1209	Sheldon Hill Wood	4.741
1210	Back Newton Lane Wood	2.037
114	Castlehill Woods	23.129
1215	Owl Wood	4.330
1214	Pit Plantation	3.536
1205	Mickletown Ings SSSI	34.095
1249	Bula Close/Sandgate Drive	7.962
1257	Roach Lane Hills	4.709
1307	Ledston Luck	17.612
1308	Ling Close Wood	4.040
1309	Roman Road Recreation Ground	0.577
42	Fairburn Ings Nature Reserve	102.125

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1255	Allerton Bywater Primary School (adj to)	0.317
68	Kippax Meadows	9.320
1386	Ninevah Playing Fields (Rear of)	25.985
	TOTAL	288.254

5.26.1 **Quantity (per thousand people)** $288.254 \div 21.116 = 13.65$ hectares

5.26.2 **Conclusions** - Compared against the standard of 2 hectares per 1000 population, Kippax and Methley Ward significantly exceeds recommended standard and so has surplus provision in terms of the quantity of natural greenspace.

5.27 Natural Greenspace – overall conclusions

5.27.1 Both wards have a significant surplus of natural greenspace provision, with the greatest amount lying within the Kippax & Methley ward. Across the wards there is an average of 11.02 ha of natural greenspace per 1000 population.

6.0 Overall summary

6.1 The table below summarises the analysis of quantity of provision by greenspace type and Ward.

	Parks and Gardens	Outdoor Sports (excluding education)	Amenity	Children & Young People Equipped Play	Allotments	Natural
Standard	1ha/1000 people	1.2ha/1000 people	0.45ha/1000 people	2 facilities/1000 children	0.24ha/1000 people	2ha/1000 people
Garforth & Swillington	Deficiency (-0.48ha)	Deficiency (-0.05ha)	Deficiency (-0.29ha)	Deficiency of 3 facilities	Surplus (0.53ha)	Surplus (6.22ha)
Kippax & Methley	Deficiency (-0.32ha)	Deficiency (-0.06ha)	Deficiency (-0.21ha)	Surplus of 9.2 facilities	Surplus (0.77ha)	Surplus (11.65)
Average	Deficiency (-0.153ha)	Deficiency (-0.06ha)	Deficiency (-0.248ha)	Surplus of 7.8 facilities	Surplus (0.355ha)	Surplus (9.02ha)

6.2 **Garforth & Swillington:** There are a mixture of surpluses and deficiencies across the various greenspace typologies and a considerable variation in the amount of surplus/deficient land per type. Again there is a noticeable surplus of natural greenspace. Some of this may be suitable for laying out as parks and gardens, amenity space or equipped play facilities using the potential methods highlighted above. A comprehensive assessment will be required to determine the most appropriate use of surplus natural greenspace, whether this be for alternative greenspace typologies or potential development which could generate the funds to lay out new areas of greenspace which is currently deficient.

6.3 **Kippax and Methley:** This ward is deficient in parks and gardens, outdoor sports and amenity though it has a large surplus of play facilities and natural greenspace, due in part to large sites such as Fairburn Ings Nature Reserve (102.125ha), Mickletown Ings SSSI (34.095ha) and Castlehill Woods (23.129ha). All of these except Mickletown Ings lie beyond the Outer South HMCA. Some of this surplus greenspace may be suitable for laying out as parks and gardens, outdoor sports or amenity provision using the potential methods outlined above. A comprehensive

assessment will be required to determine the most appropriate use of surplus natural greenspace, whether this be for alternative greenspace typologies or potential development which could generate the funds to lay out new areas of greenspace which is currently deficient.

QUALITY OF GREENSPACE.

7.0 Methodology

7.1 Core Strategy Policy G3 identifies the following standards for the quality of greenspace:

Greenspace type	Quality
Parks and Gardens	7
Outdoor sports provision	7
Amenity greenspace	7
Children and young people's equipped play facilities	7
allotments	7
Natural Greenspace	7

7.2 Each type of greenspace should meet a quality score of 7. This score is determined by assessing an area against a number of criteria, such as i) how welcoming; ii) level of health and safety; iii) cleanliness and maintenance; iv) conservation, habitats and heritage.

7.3 Plan 2 indicates whether the quality of each area of greenspace in the Outer south east HMCA meets the required standard (a score of 7 and above) or not (a score of 6.9 or below). This only shows those areas of greenspace within the Garforth & Swillington ward and Kippax & Methley which fall within the Outer South East HMCA boundary. Those areas within those Wards but outside the HMCA boundary are excluded.

7.4 The table below summarises key information about each typology.

	Parks and Gardens	Outdoor Sports	Amenity Greenspace	Children and Young People	Allotments	Natural Greenspace
Number of sites	10	22	9	13	18	31
Number scoring 7 and above	1	2	2	3	0	1
Number scoring below 7	9	20	7	10	18	30
Highest score	7.33	8.5	7.81	8.45	6.9	7.46
Lowest score	4	0	3.75	4	1.3	1.41
Average score	6.12	5.56	5.82	5.89	4.34	5.12

7.5 **Conclusions:** Overall, the plan and table show a predominance of sites (94 out of 103) which fall below the required quality standard of 7, which indicates an issue of substandard greenspace provision in the Outer south east HMCA across all typologies. The lack of good quality natural greenspace and allotment provision is particularly noticeable, even though there is a surplus of natural greenspace provision across both wards within the HMCA.

ACCESSIBILITY OF GREENSPACE

- 8.1 Core Strategy Policy G3 identifies the following standards for accessibility of greenspace. Each type of greenspace should be within the distance specified.

Greenspace type	Accessibility distance
Parks and Gardens	720m
Outdoor sports provision	Tennis courts – 720m Bowling greens and grass playing pitches – 3.2km Athletics tracks and synthetic pitches – 6.4km
Amenity greenspace	480m
Children and young people's equipped play facilities	720m
Allotments	960m
Natural Greenspace	720m

- 8.2 Plans which show the required buffers as set out above, for each greenspace type are available. Please contact Leeds City Council directly at ldf@leeds.gov.uk. Some conclusions are drawn out below:

8.2.1 Parks and Gardens

- 8.2.2 Accessibility to Parks and Gardens across the Outer South HMCA is generally good, with the majority of residents in Kippax, Allerton Bywater and Garforth lying within the 720m (a 10 minute walking distance) standard. Though lying within the East Leeds HMCA, Temple Newsam country park is within 720m of parts of Swillington.

8.2.2 Outdoor Sports Provision

The whole HMCA area is within the required accessibility distance (3.2km) for grass playing pitches, including bowling greens. A good number of residents in Garforth, Kippax and Allerton Bywater lie within a 720m (a 10 minute walk) distance of Tennis facilities, with a good proportion of the remaining properties within the HMCA lying just beyond the 720m standard.

8.2.3 Amenity Greenspace

- 8.2.4 The Outer South East HMCA is generally poorly served in terms of accessibility to amenity greenspace. Large parts of the built up areas lie beyond the 480m buffer and Micklefield to the east is a substantial distance from the nearest amenity greenspace. Garforth is best served in terms of accessibility to amenity greenspace with over half of the built up area within a 480m buffer.

8.2.4 Children and Young People's Equipped Play Facilities

Most of the built up area of the HMCA is within 720m of play facilities. Of all the main built up areas, only the northern part of Kippax and a small part of Micklewood lie just beyond the 720m buffer.

8.2.5 Allotments

The majority of the Outer south east HMCA is within the 960m threshold for allotments with only few of the populated areas lying fractionally beyond the 960m threshold.

8.2.6 **Natural Greenspace**

The overwhelming majority of the Outer North West HMCA lies within 720m of natural greenspace, with only the western edge of Garforth and the northern part of Micklefield beyond the 720m buffer.

8.3 **Conclusions:** Accessibility to greenspace across the HMCA is generally very good, with most areas lying within the accepted accessibility buffers contained within Policy G3. Though the HMCA is generally well served in terms of accessibility there is a need to improve provision in some parts, including to the north of Micklefield. Increased provision could ensure that these deficient areas gain a good level of accessibility to all types of greenspace.

9.0 **OVERALL CONCLUSIONS FROM THE GREENSPACE ANALYSIS IN OUTER SOUTH EAST:**

9.1 **Quantity**

9.1.1 The Outer south east HMCA scores fairly well in terms of quantity across the various greenspace typologies. However there is a lack of Park & Garden provision and Amenity greenspace across both wards.

9.1.2 Although both wards score poorly in terms of quantity of parks and gardens and amenity greenspace it is important to note that this under provision is very slight in both cases and it would not take a large increase in provision to achieve the targets set out in Policy G3.

9.1.3 Whilst both wards suffer deficiencies in parks and gardens and amenity space, they each have a significant surplus in terms of natural greenspace. In order to rectify some of the deficiencies, the laying out of some of the surplus areas of alternative greenspace types found across both wards to parks and gardens and amenity could be one way which would solve the existing deficiencies. Alternatively new areas which aren't greenspace currently could be laid out to improve quantity of provision. This could be delivered by a developer as a requirement on new residential development or by the Council following the payment of commuted sums. If the typology of an area of greenspace is to be changed, it will need to be carefully assessed to ensure it is suitable and appropriate for the new type and not a well used and valued area of the original typology.

9.2 **Quality**

9.2.1 Across the Outer south east HMCA, the majority of sites (94 out of 103) are below the required quality standard of 7, which indicates an issue of substandard greenspace provision across all typologies in the area. The quality of allotments, amenity space and natural greenspace areas are particularly poor.

9.3 **Accessibility**

9.3.1 Accessibility to all types of greenspace is generally very good across all of the populated areas within the Outer south east HMCA.

10.0 QUESTIONS FOR ISSUES AND OPTIONS

QUESTIONS ABOUT GREENSPACE PROVISION IN OUTER SOUTH EAST

General

- G1. Do you have any comments on the proposed boundary amendments, additions and deletions to the greenspace provision in the area as shown on greenspace plan A?**
- G2. Do you think the Council should consider changing the type of greenspace where that type of greenspace is in surplus (ie more than meets the standard) to another type of greenspace that falls short of the standards?**
- G3. Do you think the Council should consider allowing development of any of the greenspace sites where that type of greenspace is in surplus (ie more than meets the standard)? If so, which sites?**
- G4. The quality of many existing greenspace sites in the area falls below the required standard. Do you agree that resources (including commuted sums obtained from planning permissions and legal agreements) should be channelled to improving quality of existing sites?**
- G5. Alternatively, if a site is of poor quality and/or disused, do you think it is better to consider allowing development of that site to generate resources to invest in greenspace elsewhere?**
- G6. Do you agree that, where opportunities arise, new greenspace provision should be provided in areas that fall below accessibility distance standards, to ensure residents have adequate access to different types of greenspace?**
- G7. Have you any other comments/suggestions about greenspace provision in the area?**

Specific to Outer South East

- G8 The existing UDP N1 greenspace designation at Kennet Lane, Garforth and the open space to the north identified as natural greenspace in the Open Space Audit, has been put forward as a possible housing site (SHLAA ref 1004, see page 9 of Issues and Options). Do you think this land should be retained as greenspace (in one of the identified typologies) or released for housing?**
- G9 Part of the existing UDP N5 (proposed greenspace) designation at land to the east of Brigshaw Lane, Kippax has been put forward as a possible housing site (SHLAA ref 1175A, see page 11 of Issues and Options). It was not identified as in a greenspace use in the Open Space Audit therefore it is proposed to amend the boundary of the allocation to exclude this land. Do you agree this land could be developed for housing rather than being left as a possible future greenspace opportunity?**

- G10** Part of the existing UDP N1a (allotments) allocation at Moorleigh Drive, Kippax has been put forward as a possible housing site (SHLAA ref 1321, see page 12 of Issues and Options). Do you think this land should be retained as greenspace (in one of the identified typologies) or released for housing?
- G11** Land identified for outdoor sport in the Open Space Audit at Aberford Road, Garforth has been put forward as a possible housing site (SHLAA ref 2091 (see page 13 of Issues and Options). Do you think this land should be retained as greenspace (in one of the identified typologies) or released for housing?
- G12** Part of the existing UDP N1a (allotments) allocation and additional land identified as allotments in the Open Space Audit at Sandgate Lane, Kippax has been put forward as a possible housing site (SHLAA ref 3105, see page 15 of Issues and Options). Do you think this land should be retained as greenspace (in one of the identified typologies) or released for housing?

Appendix 1

UDP designated greenspace sites not identified as greenspace in the Open Space Audit – proposed to be deleted

Open Space type	Ref number	Address	Reasons for proposed deletion
N5 (proposed open space)	3/28x	Great North Road, Micklefield	In an agricultural rather than a greenspace use.
N5 (proposed open space)	3/22X	Allerton Bywater Sports Ground, Station Road, Allerton Bywater	Partly rough ground not in a greenspace use