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1. Introduction

Open space, sport and recreation facilities, if well located, accessible, well designed and maintained, can make a positive contribution to ensuring that villages, towns and cities are attractive places in which to live, work and visit and that people have adequate opportunities to maintain healthy lifestyles.

In today's society the need to provide a range of different types of quality accessible green space is increasingly important. The provision of areas for organised sports, children's play and passive recreation pursuits can improve and maintain physical and mental health and well being, provide areas for socialising as well as contributing to the quality of the environment.

The aims of the study are to provide a robust assessment of needs and deficiencies in open spaces in order to provide an up to date evidence base which can be maintained to aid implementation of the policies and the provision of open spaces during the Local Plan period. This will provide the framework to enable the positive planning of accessible open space in order to meet the needs of local communities and visitors to the District. This evidence will be used as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan Allocations document.

This report provides:

- An audit and assessment of a variety open spaces typologies;
- Assesses the long term requirements in terms of the quantity and quality of the various types of open spaces for future provision to meet local need where appropriate, and through establishing minimum standards to be achieved; and
- Analyses open space in terms of the existing situation and identifies areas with deficiencies and surpluses.

The Lichfield District Local Plan (consisting of the adopted Local Plan Strategy and forthcoming Local Plan Allocations) covers the period 2008-2029. With this in mind, and to ensure that planning policy delivers the open space requirements to meet the existing need as well as forecasted population growth, both the Local Plan Strategy and Local Plan Allocations policies will need to be sufficiently flexible and subject to review, as the evidence is updated and monitored throughout the plan period.

2. Methodology

2.1 Overall Aim of the Study

The aims of this assessment is to provide a robust assessment of needs and deficiencies in open spaces in order to establish local provision standards and create an up to date evidence base which can be maintained to aid implementation of the policies and the provision of open spaces during the Local Plan period. This study will:

- Provide a clear picture of the existing situation in relation to open space, in terms of provision both in quantity and quality;
- Identify existing deficiencies/surpluses;
- Consider the standards to be achieved in new developments; and
- Set out other mechanisms and ways of improving the quantity and quality of open space within areas shown to be deficient.

2.2 Structure of the Study

The approach to carrying out the assessment builds upon the methodology used within the Open Space Assessment 2012 (which at the time was derived from 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities,' the companion guide to PPG17). Whilst PPG17 has been replaced by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) the accompanying companion guide has not been superseded and still provides the best guidance on the carrying out of local open space assessments. The methodology for assessing the different type of open spaces, sport and recreation varies slightly dependant on the typology being assessed in order to best obtain relevant accurate information. Summaries of the methodology undertaken can be found at the start of each section. Overall the methodology broadly follows the steps set out below:

Methodology	
Step 1: Identifying Local Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing strategies, guidance and their impact. • Review existing policies, standards and their effectiveness.
Step 2: Audit of Local Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and undertake audit of open spaces, sport and recreational facilities.
Step 3: Set Provision Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine quantity, quality and accessibility standards. • Determine minimum acceptable size and design standards. • Determine hierarchy of open space provision. • Determine normalised costs.
Step 4: Apply the Provision Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify deficiencies against quality and accessibility standards. • Identify deficiencies against quality standards. • Identify local opportunities for improved sport and recreation.
Step 5: Recommendations	

Table 2.1 Methodology

2.2.1 Step 1: Identifying Local Needs

Policy Context: The initial starting point in undertaking this assessment is to consider the broad policy framework within which open space is set, and to this end national through to district wide plans and strategies have been reviewed.

Consultation: In order to assess local needs, a variety of methods were used. In 2011 extensive studies were undertaken including local surveys, consultation with Parish Councils, organised local groups/clubs, external consultants, as well as utilising local knowledge and information from a variety of officers within the District Council.

2.2.2 Step 2: Audit of Local Provision

In order to build up an accurate picture of the current open space and play provision in Lichfield District, an initial desktop audit of the open space assets was carried out, this included:

- Analysis of existing GIS data held by Lichfield District Council; and
- Desktop mapping of open space from aerial photography.

A number of site visits have been undertaken over a number of years. Information was also collected through the use of a number of questionnaires and postal surveys targeting local residents, together with information from providers, land owners and Parish Councils. The information collected has resulted in audits which have assessed the quantity, quality and the accessibility of the different types of open space.

This study covers all forms of public open space (not including playing pitches which are considered in a separate document). Indoor Facilities are not included. Indoor sports facilities and outdoor sports and playing pitches are covered in two separate reports:

- Playing Pitch, Tennis and Bowls Strategy was published in 2012 and provides a detailed position of the outdoor playing pitch, bowling green and tennis court provision across the District; and
- A Swimming Pool and Sports Hall Feasibility Study (2013) was produced as a result of the Facilities Planning Model (January 2010) to update the assessment of the current supply of indoor sports provision and the supply required in the future.

These two studies along with this Open Space Assessment will combine to provide a detailed picture of the open space, sport and recreation provision within Lichfield District.

Open Space covered by this Study: The Open Space categories within this study are shown in the list below. Each category below has their own chapter and detailed definitions are included in the relevant chapters. Briefly they include the following:

- **Natural and semi-natural greenspaces** – for wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education awareness;
- **Amenity greenspace** – for informal activities close to home or work, and which enhance the appearance of an area;

- **Green corridors** – for walking, cycling or riding for leisure and travel and as wildlife corridors;
- **Urban Fringe** – accessible open areas on the edge of Lichfield, Burntwood and large settlements;
- **Provision for children's play and young people** – for play and social interaction such as equipped play, ball courts, skateparks;
- **Allotments** – for growing own produce;
- **Parks and Gardens** – provide high quality opportunities for informal recreational and community events;
- **Cemeteries and churchyards** – provide quiet areas and for wildlife conservation;
- **Civic spaces** – provide a setting/settings for civic buildings for public and community events; and
- **Water spaces** - lakes, ponds, rivers and canals.

There is no minimum size threshold for site inclusion within the audit as it is recognised that even relatively small spaces can serve a practical and valuable function within a community. These can include a range of green infrastructure functions which meet wider sustainability objectives such as mitigating the causes of and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Sites with clear evidence of frequent public use, regardless of whether there are formal access arrangements are included in the audit.

Sites without public access are included where they are deemed to make an important and identifiable contribution in terms of their size and character to the settlement form or an important contribution to one or a number of wider benefits that open spaces are recognised to entail. Inclusion of these sites should not however be interpreted to imply that the Council endorses the recreational use of such sites.

2.2.3 Step 3 and Step 4: Setting and Applying Provision Standards

Local provision standards have been set, with three components, embracing:

- Quantity;
- Accessibility; and
- Quality.

Quantity: The GIS database and mapping has been used to assess the existing provision of open space across the study area. The existing levels of provision are considered alongside findings of previous studies, the local needs assessment and consideration of existing and national standards or benchmarks. The key to developing robust local quantity standards is that they are locally derived, based on evidence and most importantly achievable. Typically, standards are expressed as hectares per 1000 people. The recommended standards are then used to assess the supply of each type of open space across the study area.

Key changes between the 2012 and this (2016) audit owe primarily to the audit having been updated to reflect:

- Previous omissions which have since come to light;
- New sites delivered as part of or alongside new developments within the District;

- New sites or enhancements to existing sites resulting from planned investment;
- Updated Ordnance Survey information which has enabled more accurate plotting; and
- Sites which are known to have been lost to development or other uses; or changed circumstances for a given site where known.

Accessibility: Evidence from previous studies, the needs assessment and consideration of national benchmarks are used to develop access standards for open space. Typically, standards are expressed as straight line walk times. A series of maps assessing access for different typologies are presented in the report.

Quality: Quality standards have been developed drawing on previous studies, national benchmarks and good practice, evidence from the consultation and the findings of the quality audits.

As a result of the detailed assessments in relation to quality, quantity and accessibility of the various types of open space, locally based recommendations have been set for equipped children's playspace, amenity greenspace, parks and gardens, natural and semi natural greenspaces and allotments.

Further work has been carried out in relation to qualitative assessments of equipped children's play areas aimed more specifically at assessing 'quality of the play experience' and the equipment and type of play areas available. This was initially conducted during 2011/12 and uses criteria to base qualitative assessments that have arisen from engaging young people and others directly involved in play provision. The qualitative assessment has been updated in this Open Space Assessment.

It has not been possible or practicable to set standards for all types of open space, for example green corridors, cemeteries and churchyards. These typologies contribute to the overall framework of open space and this does not exclude their significance when considering proposals for development or improvement within the District.

It should be noted that there are other types of open space that cannot be categorised but are still significant in terms of accessibility and community use. An example of such sites would be Curborough Sprint Course. The importance of such facilities should be recognised where there is clear evidence of local support and usage of such sites.

Standards suggested in this assessment reflect the existing provision and consideration of views gathered. Settlement summaries within the Appendices set out the existing situation in relation to the various types of open space facilities.

Step 5: Recommendations

This section outlines higher level strategic options which address five key areas:

- Existing provision to be protected;
- Existing provision to be enhanced;
- Opportunities for re-location/re-designation of open space;

- Identification of areas for new provision; and
- Facilities that may be surplus to requirement.

3. Policy Context

This section sets out a brief review of the most relevant national and local policies related to the study, which have been considered in developing the methodology and findings of the study. Policies and strategies are subject to regular change, therefore the summary provided in this section was correct at the time of writing. Lichfield District Council reserve the right to change and update this section as policies change.

This policy overview considers the District Council's existing strategies and policies. It also includes a review of other strategies of relevance at national and local levels and their implications for the provision of open space.

3.1 National Strategic Context

3.1.1 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how they should be applied and replaced all national planning policy guidance (including PPG17: Open Space, Sport and Recreation). This new planning framework places emphasis on Local Planning Authorities to provide robust assessments of the needs and opportunities for open spaces which will inform planning policies. The NPPF states that local audits of open space should consider both the quantitative and qualitative aspects of open space provision so that local standards may be set.

The NPPF identifies the importance that open spaces and opportunities for sports and recreation have in contributing to the health and well being of communities in paragraphs 58, 73, 75, 109 and 114.

3.1.2 Green Infrastructure

In 2009 Natural England produced their Green Infrastructure Guidance which identifies Natural England's position in relation to green infrastructure planning and delivery, which is recognised as an essential part of sustainable spatial planning. Despite this study being surpassed by the NPPF, Natural England's definition of Green Infrastructure remains relevant:

“Green Infrastructure is a strategically planned and delivered network comprising the broadest range of high quality green spaces and other environmental features. It should be designed and managed as a multifunctional resource capable of delivering those ecological services and quality of life benefits required by the communities it serves and needed to underpin sustainability. Its design and management should also respect and enhance the character and distinctiveness of an area with regard to habitats and landscape types.

Green Infrastructure includes established green spaces and new sites and should thread through and surround the built environment and connect the urban area to its wider rural hinterland. Consequently it needs to be delivered at all spatial scales from sub-regional to local neighbourhood levels, accommodating both accessible natural green spaces within local communities and often much larger sites in the urban fringe and wider countryside.’

3.2 Local Policy

3.2.1 Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029

The Lichfield Local Plan Strategy was adopted on 17th February 2015 and covers the period 2008-2029 and along with saved policies from the previous constitutes the development plan for Lichfield. The saved policies as listed in Appendix J of the Local Plan Strategy will be replaced by the Local Plan Allocations document.

The Local Plan Strategy includes policies to direct development and identify areas of protection within the District to 2029. These policies draw from the evidence and recommendations contained within the 2012 Open Space Assessment along with the Playing Pitch Strategy and other relevant evidence, plans and strategies. This updated Open Space Assessment will help to inform the Local Plan Allocations document.

The following Local Plan Strategy policies are relevant to the provision of open spaces and opportunities for participation in sport:

- **Policy HSC1: Open Space Standards** supports proposals which improve the quantity, quality and accessibility of green spaces especially where deficiencies have been identified. This policy also protects existing open space and sets minimum standards.;
- **Core Policy 10: Healthy and Safe Lifestyles** seeks to enable people to lead a healthy lifestyle by facilitating access to a range of high quality and well maintained open spaces, playing pitches, sport and recreation, play facilities and cultural assets which are relevant to and meet the needs of local communities; and
- **Core Policy 11: Participation in Sport and Physical Activity** whereby the Council seeks to encourage, protect and enhance existing sport facilities and other assets which encourage participation in physical activity, safeguarding sites for the benefit of local communities.

The saved policies from the 1998 Local Plan which are relevant to open space are as follows and include a number of policies relating to particular sites. These policies are however due to be replaced by the Local Plan Allocations document:

- R1 – Open Space Provision;
- R3 – Recreational Buildings;
- R4 - Sports playing fields;
- R5 – Loss of Sports pitches/Recreation grounds;
- L35, L36, B22 – Recreation Zones;
- L37 - Lichfield Linear Park;
- B24 - Chasewater Country Park;
- L49 – Framework Open Space;
- L50 – Landscape Improvements in Framework Open Space;
- EA14 – Tame and Trent Valley; and
- Emp11 – Wyrley and Essington Canal.

3.2.2 Infrastructure Delivery Plan

The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) is designed to support the Lichfield Local Plan to ensure the Plan is robust and deliverable and support the requirements that are needed to make places function in a way that creates sustainable communities. The IDP is split into 3 sections, physical, green and social and community with the infrastructure requirements also being divided into strategic (facilities serving a wide area i.e. improvements to trunk roads, water, sewerage, gas etc.) and local (services essential in meeting the day to day needs of the population i.e. local green spaces).

3.2.3 Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008 and came into force on 6th April 2010 through the 'Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010'. The District Council adopted the CIL on 19th April 2016 and commenced charging on 13th June 2016. CIL is a charge levied on certain new buildings and extensions to buildings according to their floor area (per square meter). In this way money is raised from development to help the Council contribute towards the infrastructure required to ensure the District grows sustainably.

As part of the administration of CIL, Regulation 123 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) sets out the requirement for the CIL Charging Authority to publish a list of the infrastructure which may in whole or in part be funded through the CIL. This list prevents double funding, as items on this list cannot be funded through S106 agreements. Open Space has been included in the Regulation 123 list to enable funding through CIL. On site open space requirements for new development continue to be delivered through Section 106 agreements or planning conditions.

3.2.4 Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document

The Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document was adopted on 17th May 2016. This details the relationship between CIL and Section 106, and where obligations may be required for playing pitches, open space standards, Cannock Chase SAC and sports facilities.

3.2.5 Lichfield District Council Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Lichfield District Council Strategic Plan 2016-2020 seeks to contribute to three priorities:

- A vibrant and prosperous economy
- Healthy and safe communities
- Clean, green and welcoming places to live

The Strategic Plan under the 'Clean green and welcoming place to live' priority aims to implement the Local Plan to ensure controlled and balanced growth, maintain parks and open spaces and encourage residents to enjoy the outdoors, restore historic open spaces and consider the best way to manage open spaces into the future by working with partner organisations. This also complements the 'Healthy and safe communities' priority which seeks to increase the number of physically active people and encouraging the development of clubs to increase leisure opportunities across the District.

3.2.6 Open Space Assessment 2012

The 2012 Open Space Assessment built on the assessment in the 2008 Open Space Assessment which provided the evidence which led to the standard recommended walking distances to open space of 10 minutes or 480 metres. These standards are now enshrined in the Local Plan Strategy Policy HSC1: Open Space Standards.

The 2012 Open Space Assessment undertook a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis to examine the views on open space provision in Lichfield. Some of the key conclusions are set out below:

An Overview of Open Space Provision	
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good level of infrastructure has been secured in new development areas; • The District has a well-established and tested system of securing provision in conjunction with major development sites – good experience of using Section 106 Agreements; • The District has several valuable parks; • The District has a good number and range of accessible open spaces; and • High level of biodiversity in open spaces.
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a deficiency of open space in most parts of the District but particularly in terms of children’s equipped play provision; • Poor perception of open spaces; • Limited resources for example developer contributions towards open space maintenance have affected the quality of maintenance of new open space; • The overall quality of open space has suffered due to a lack of resources; • Lack of communication, coordination and promotion for open spaces; • Lack of specific facilities such as skate parks and equipped play areas; • Narrowly focussed Local Plan Policy has limited the opportunity for appropriate developer contributions towards open space; and • There is a lack of assessment of needs and opportunities for open space, sport and recreation and a lack of an overarching strategy.
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy access to high quality countryside around the urban centres; • Potential economic, social and health benefits from improving open spaces; • Range of funding opportunities including developer, lottery etc.; • Potential for innovative approaches to managing open spaces by working with other organisations; • Increased community involvement; • New spaces with different purposes, i.e. new public squares in the urban areas; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced biodiversity.
Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism; • Perceived fear of crime; • Development on open spaces; • Lack of funding; • Lack of political priority; and • Pressure to use previously developed land.

Table 3.1 SWOT overview of Open Space Provision

Monies have been secured via external grants and other sources to improve open spaces, such as ERDF, Heritage Lottery Fund as well as developer contributions. Work is ongoing to improve open spaces through these means.

With regard to new open spaces provided as part of new development, the District Council is no longer adopting these spaces. As part of a Section 106 agreements, the Council requires the developer to provide a management company to take on the management of these area in perpetuity.

3.2.7 Greens and Open Spaces Strategy (2008)

The Greens and Open Spaces Strategy sets out the District Council's vision for the District including the provision and enhancement of the parks and green public spaces within the area, along with an action plan, methods and time needed to meet this vision. In order to ensure that the strategy is delivered, the vision is translated into a series of aims and objectives set within an action plan which can then be monitored. The Strategy is outcome focused with identified actions and milestones. It also forms part of a wider consideration on how Lichfield District develops within the Local Plan period.

4. Setting Local Standards and Local Evidence

4.1 Setting Local Standards

Open space standards are best set locally to reflect local circumstances such as differing demographic profiles, popular local/regional activities and the extent of existing built development in an area. The NPPF states that policies should be based on robust and up to date assessments of the need for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision.

Having carried out an assessment of local needs and an audit of existing provision and opportunities it is then possible to set locally derived standards for the provision of open space. Local standards should include:

- A local quantity standard for each typology (how much new provision may be needed);
- A local quality standard or vision against which to measure the need for enhancement of existing facilities, including a standard to which new facilities should be built. Some typologies are more difficult to assess and to set specific standards such as natural and semi natural spaces and cemeteries or churchyards. In some instances a descriptive quality standard is set out to which sites should aspire; and
- A local accessibility standard including distance thresholds. This considers how far residents should be expected to travel to the variety of typologies together with consideration of the cost of using a facility.

Setting robust local standards based on assessments of need and audits of existing facilities will form the basis for redressing the quantitative and qualitative deficiencies through the planning process.

4.2 Open Space Assessment 5 Step Process:

Whilst PPG17 has now been superseded, the accompanying companion guide "Assessing Needs and Opportunities" still remains relevant. The companion guide sets out the principle that Local Authorities should set standards for open space, sport and recreational needs, and provide good practice guidance on producing robust Open Space Assessments. The guidance states that standards should be informed by robust assessment of needs and opportunities. Specifically, standards should cover the accessibility and quality of open space and facilities as well as the quantity. In line with this guidance, a comprehensive audit and assessment of open space and sport and recreational facilities has been undertaken to inform and support local planning policy.

As such the 5 step process outlined in the companion guide is still considered to be best practice in producing robust local open space assessments and is shown at Table 2.1 and summarised in Chapter 2. It was this process previously used in earlier open space assessments upon which this study builds.

The three components quantity, accessibility and quality standards have been set but are not without issue and a number of assumptions have been made:

Quantity: assessing what is the appropriate quantity for different types of open space is not simple as some typologies are easier to define in terms of quantity than others as this may be over simplistic. Quantitative need can also vary between settlements due to the nature, size, historic provision and locations as well as parish/community involvement. These variations can result in some settlements having higher quantities of some open spaces/recreational facilities than others.

In some instances certain categories are easier to quantify and set standards such as children's equipped play and amenity open space. Whereas standards for civic spaces, allotments, green corridors and churchyards are more difficult to quantify and may in some instances result in no standard being set. For the purposes of this study and depending on the open space category, some standards may vary across the District between the urban areas of Lichfield and Burntwood and between the key rural settlements and the smaller rural settlements. Whilst setting minimum standards it is important that they are flexible enough to reflect different local circumstances that may exist or be identified when evidence is updated throughout the plan period.

Quality: the quality of open spaces depends on many factors, its fitness for purpose in terms of its design, management, maintenance as well as the expectations of the end users. Qualitative information has been gathered from users of certain spaces such as equipped play areas, amenity open spaces and parks and gardens. Information gathering will be an ongoing process with a need to update qualitative information already gathered as well as programming resources to enable the collection of information from site users.

The approach to establishing and setting the qualitative criteria against which to assess and set standards varies. The qualitative approach to amenity green space and in part to children's equipped play spaces considers and scores the quality of elements such as surfaces and boundary treatments (both hard and soft), accessibility within the site, street furniture including seating, lighting, bins, car parking, toilets, interpretation and cleanliness.

In scoring the quality of children's equipped play, the quality of the play experience was also scored. Details of the criteria used to score this element of quality is set out in the equipped play chapter.

Other typologies are more difficult to assess including natural and semi natural green spaces (many of which are important for biodiversity), green corridors and water spaces. In terms of quality many of the typologies are subject to a variety of complex external influences as a result of their nature, ownership and/or specific management requirements or plans.

Accessibility: It is important to ensure that residents are able to access open spaces within a reasonable distance of their home. Appropriate thresholds should relate to the particular type of open space. In assessing appropriate accessibility thresholds, consideration has been given to published guidance together with feedback from community and residents' information gathering exercises. This approach will mean that different types of open space may have different thresholds. It is more likely that shorter distances and times would be appropriate in accessing amenity green spaces and children's equipped play areas as they

are far more likely to be visited on foot, whereas other types of open space may have a larger catchment as they are visited by car or other forms of transport.

Accessibility thresholds are based on straight line distances and it is recognised that barriers may exist which impair accessibility such as roads, railway lines and canals. To this end accessibility distances have been measured using a GIS map based system within which it has been possible to gauge accessibility to different types of open space. This also therefore identifies those areas which are not within a reasonable distance. These areas outside the accessibility thresholds for a particular type of open space are considered to be deficient¹.

In general, feedback from residents has indicated that in most instances a 10 minute walk time, which roughly equates to around 480 metres is considered acceptable in accessing most types of open space where access is on foot.

4.3 Local Needs

Key to producing a robust local assessment is the emphasis that is placed on reflecting and taking into account local needs in the process of assessing the quantity and quality of open spaces. This forms a key element of the evidence to underpin any related strategies and importantly reflect the standards set.

In order to assist in assessing local needs, various methods were used to engage residents, organisations, users and owners involved in or having an interest in open space within the District. These have been enshrined in Policy HSC 1: Open Space Standards in the adopted Local Plan Strategy. This document is therefore an update to the previous Open Space Assessment which was used to set the standards within the adopted Local Plan Strategy. Any standards referred to in this document were previously considered through the Open Space Assessment 2012.

¹ The maps contained within this assessment display the accessibility buffer around each type of open space. However the buffers shown do not take into account any barriers that may restrict access such as major roads and railways. It is important that such barriers are considered when applying any policies.

5. Natural and Semi Natural Greenspace

5.1 Definition

Natural and semi natural greenspaces have a primary purpose of wildlife conservation and biodiversity. This type of open space includes woodlands, urban forestry, scrubland, grasslands (eg downlands, commons and meadows), wetlands, open and running water, nature reserves and wastelands.

All those sites identified within this assessment are managed to some degree through both formal agreements and informally.

Sites of semi-natural greenspace include sites of European, National, County and Local significance for wildlife. In terms of designations of landscape significance which fall within the definition of Natural and Semi Natural Greenspace, these included within this calculation are:

- Local/National Nature Reserves;
- Biodiversity Alert Sites (BAS);
- Sites of Biological Interest (SBI);
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB);
- Ancient and Semi natural Woodland;
- Woodland Trust sites;
- Trent and Mersey Conservation Area;
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI);
- National Forest Sites; and
- Special Areas of Conservation (SAC).

Opportunities for assessing natural and semi natural greenspaces can only be identified on a site by site basis, through Phase 1 habitat surveys and biodiversity audits. Phase 1 surveys carried out in the 1990's were reviewed in 2003. In 2009 an Ecological Assessment was carried out by Staffordshire Ecological Services as part of the evidence gathering for the Local Plan, and concentrated primarily on potential growth locations.

Whilst the primary purpose of natural and semi natural greenspaces is their importance in terms of their biodiversity value, the recreational opportunities provided by these spaces are also important. Such spaces also contribute to the health and well-being of the population that lives near to or use these spaces as well as having a positive impact on the visual amenity of the locality.

Natural and semi natural greenspaces also play a positive role as 'green infrastructure'. The District Council's partners, including Natural England, the National Forest, the Forest of Mercia, Woodland Trust and Wildlife Trust are working towards creating a greener environment which includes a multi-functional and linked network of green spaces within the District.

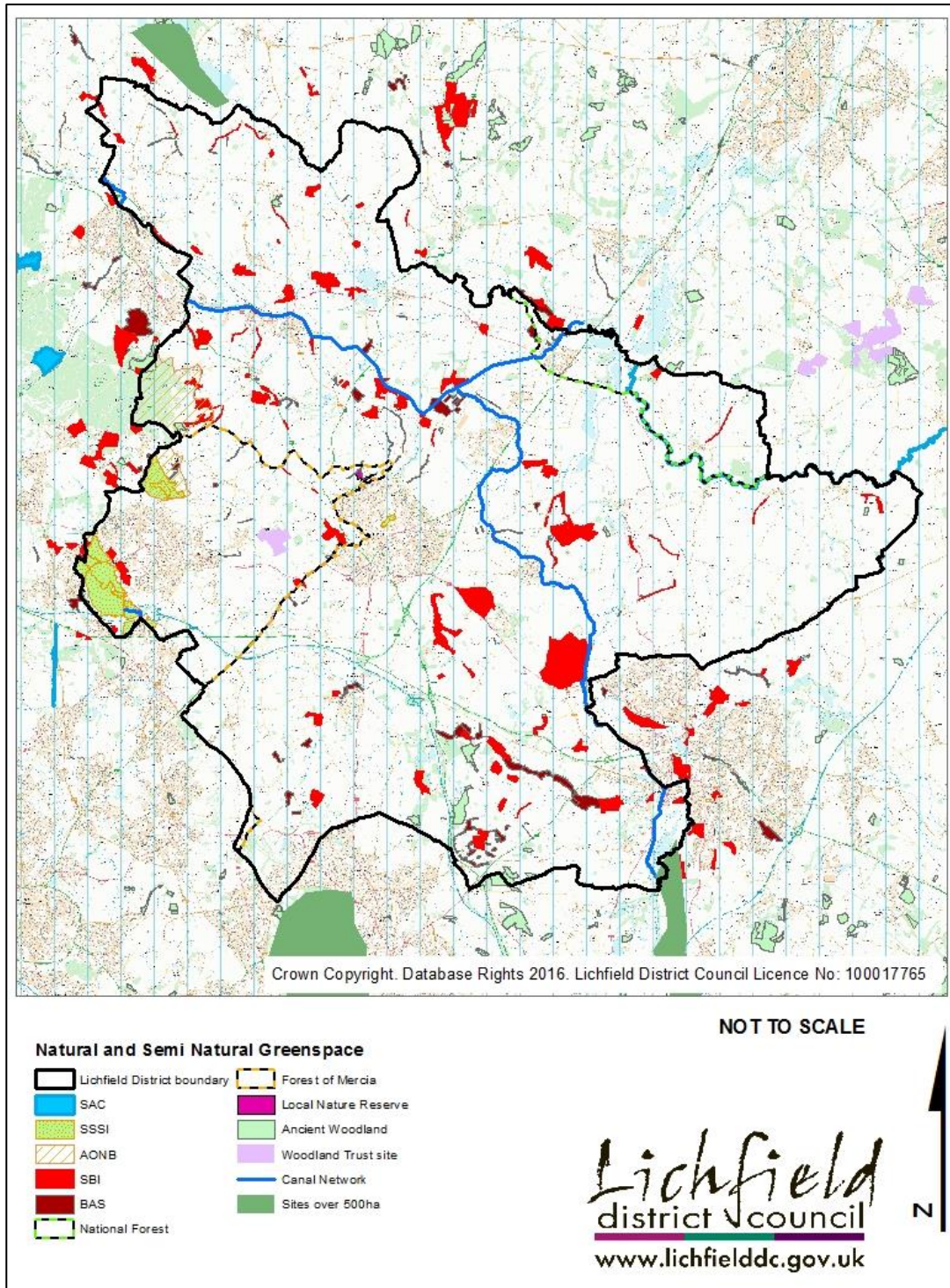
5.2 Assessment of Quantity:

The total amount of natural and semi natural greenspace throughout the District is 2,039.22 hectares (ha) giving a provision of 19.97 ha per 1,000 head of population. This has reduced marginally since the previous 2012 Open Space Assessment due to the growth of the Districts population. Designations included in the calculation are noted in 5.2 above.

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that all such spaces are identified it must be recognised that not all privately or publicly owned land is included. Due to the nature of the District there are likely to be large areas of land that are publicly accessible but whose primary use is not that of open space e.g. accessible farmland. In addition there are other areas that have known biodiversity value such as churchyards.

Natural and semi natural open space can frequently be found within other open space types, and in some instances there may be some sites classified as amenity green space or parks that have a secondary function as natural and semi natural open space sites. This serves to highlight the overlap between typologies. Natural open spaces also fulfil similar roles to parks.

As Map 5.1 below shows, there is a wide spread of sites identified as semi natural greenspace within the District of varying types and sizes. Some part of the District have more than others with the eastern area having fewer greenspaces, but those greenspaces are of a larger size.



Map 5.1 District wide Natural and Semi Natural Green Space

5.3 National Standards

For Natural Green Space, there are a number of national standards recommended by Natural England and the Woodland Trust, which are summarised below.

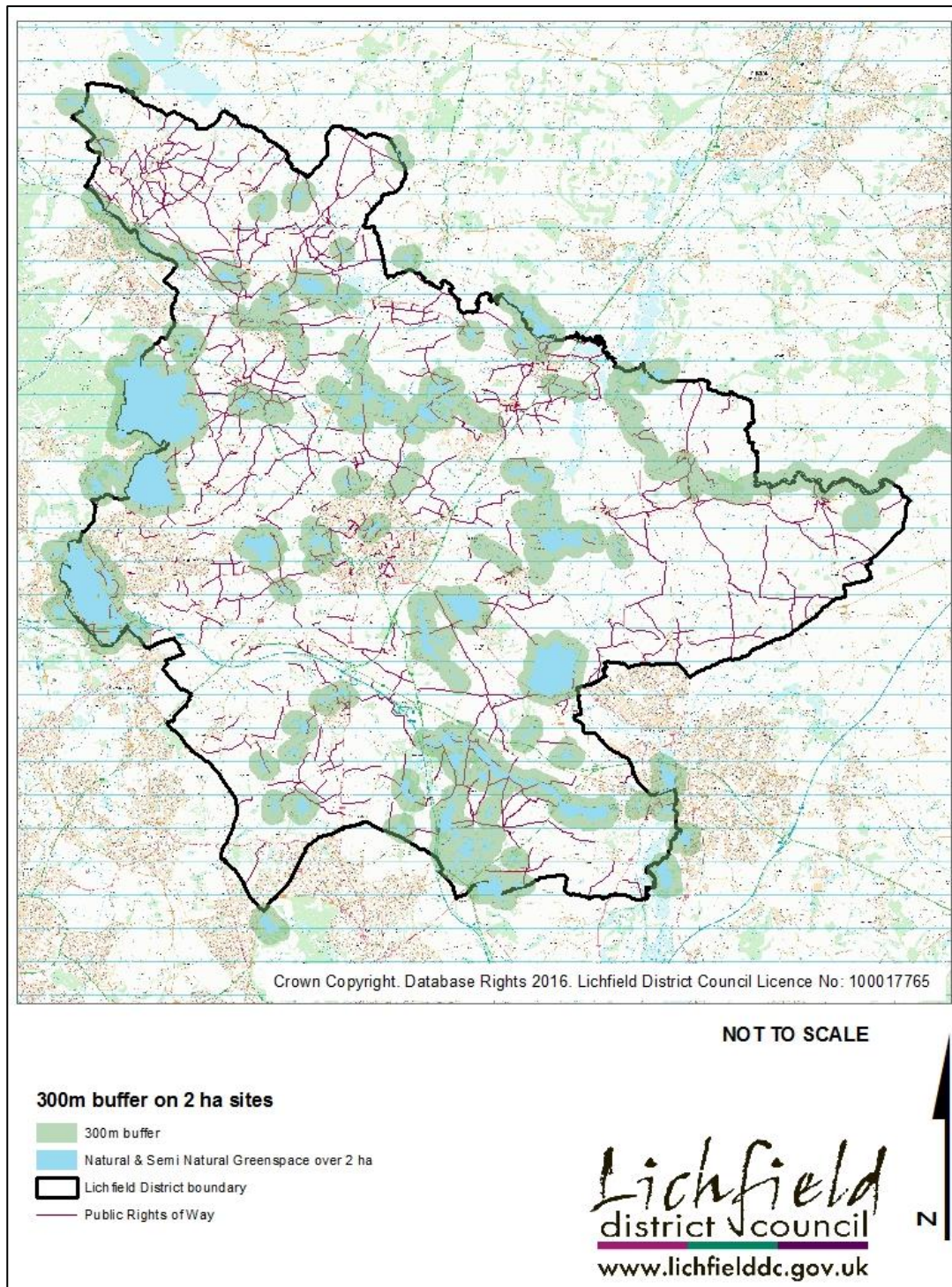
For this purpose of this study, it is recognised that the analysis should include both the Natural England ANGSt and the Woodland Trust standards to identify current levels of provision and gaps.

5.3.1 Natural England Accessible Natural Green Space Standards (ANGSt)

Key standards relating to the provision of natural and semi-natural greenspace have been developed by Natural England and focused on urban greenspaces. The Natural England standards are set out below. It is accepted that such measures are not likely to be achieved in the short term but that they should be included as a long term aim. The Natural England standards suggest that there should be at least:

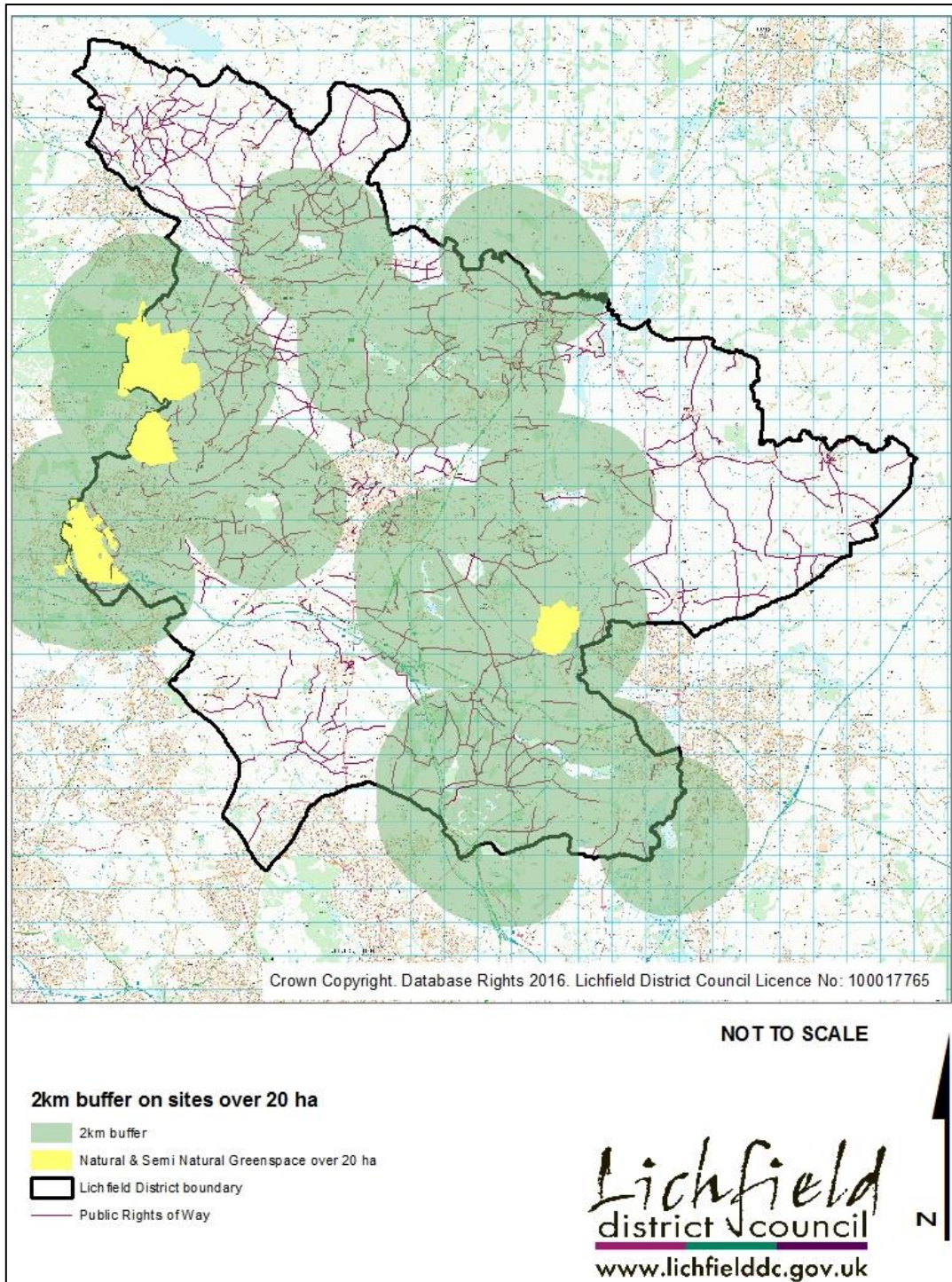
- One accessible 20ha site within 2km of home;
- One accessible 100ha site within 5km of home;
- One accessible 500ha site within 10km of home;
- 2 ha of accessible natural greenspace no more than 300m (5 minutes' walk) from home; and
- A statutory Local Nature Reserve at a minimum level of 1ha per 1000 population.

Maps 5.2 to 5.4 show the above Natural England Standards when applied to areas of natural and semi natural greenspace across Lichfield District.



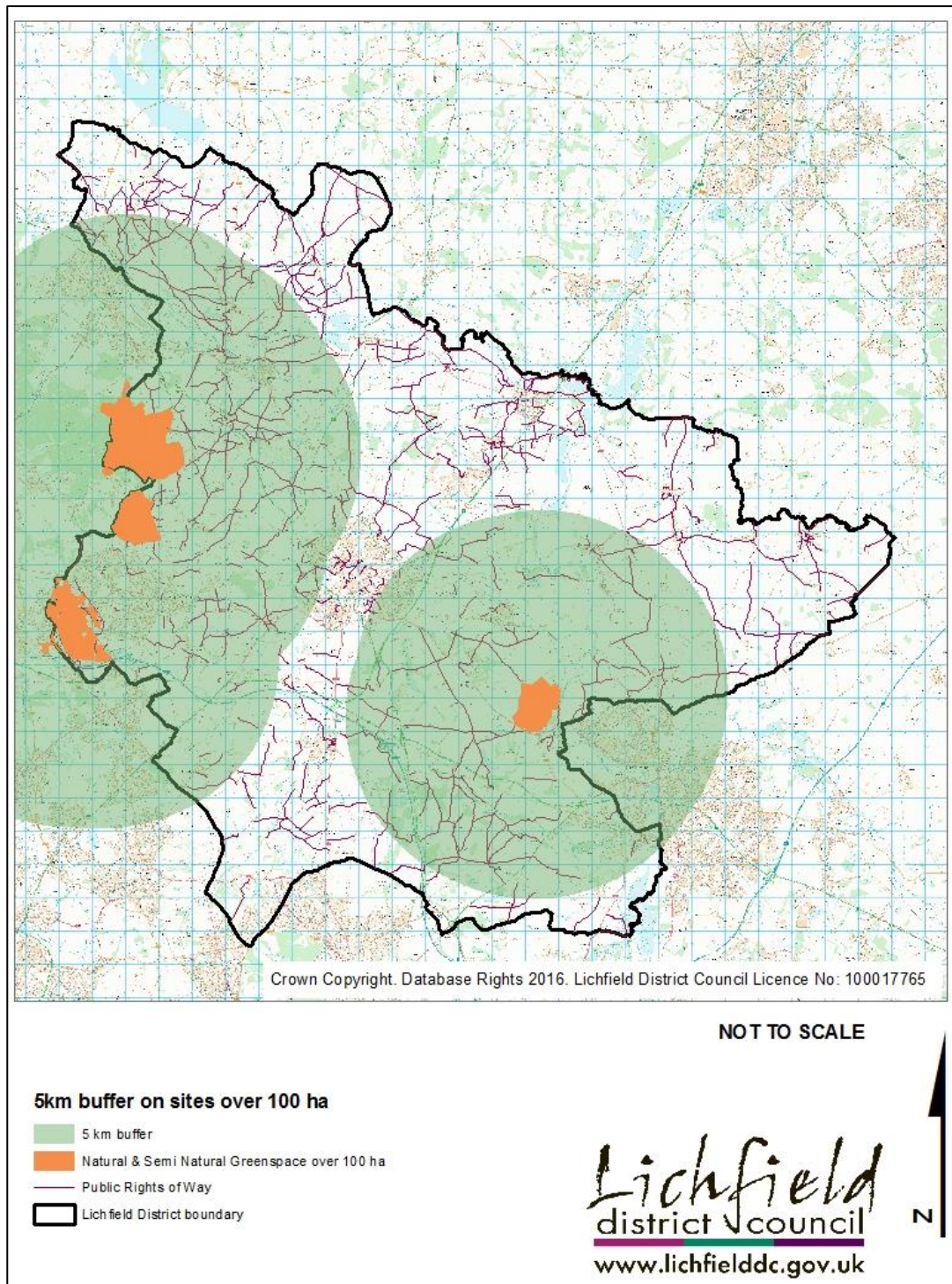
Map 5.2 Natural and Semi Natural Green Space over 2ha with 300m buffer

Large areas of the District have limited accessibility to natural and semi natural greenspace of 2 ha or more. This is evident when a 300m accessibility buffer is applied.



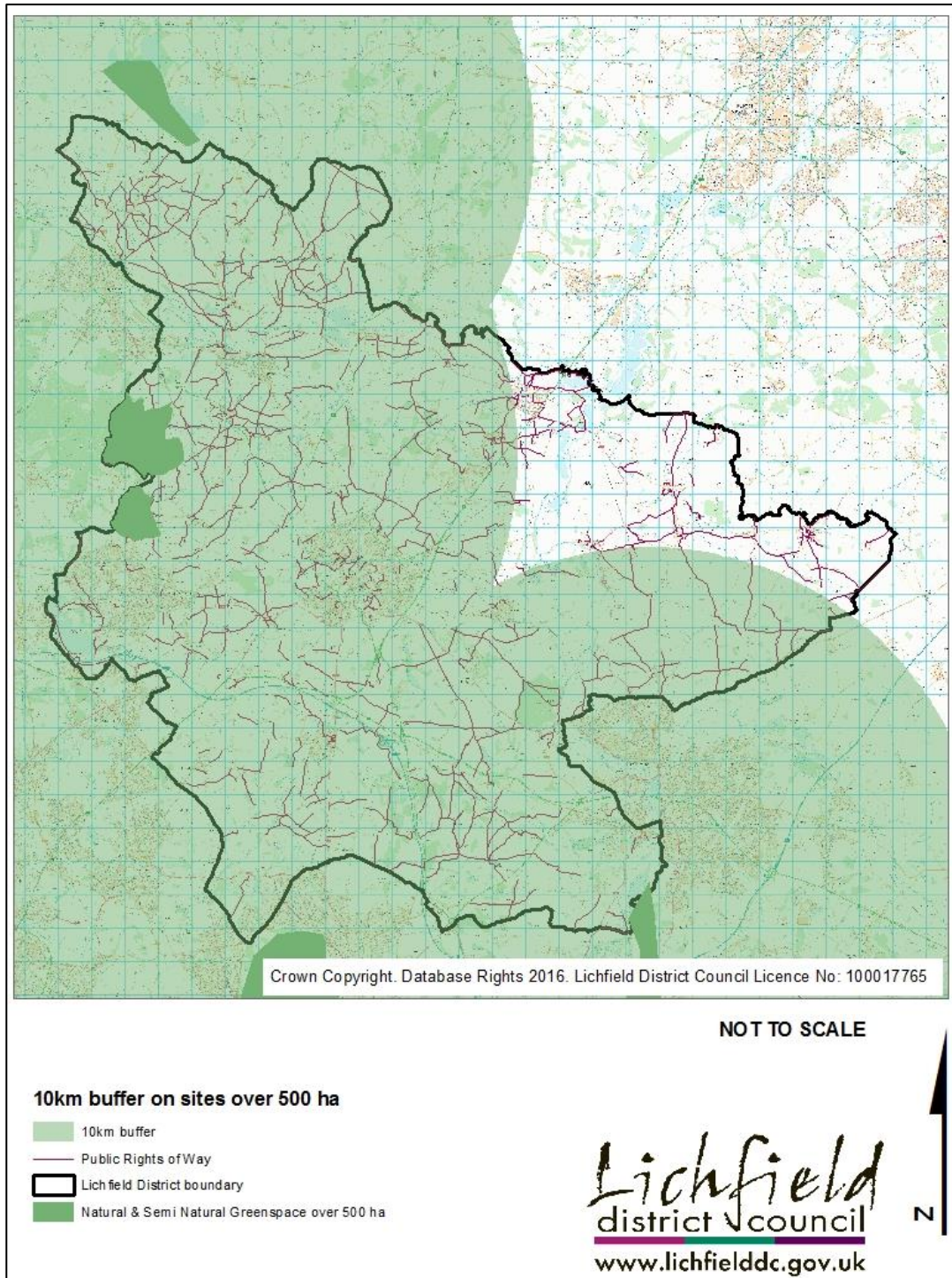
Map 5.3 Natural and Semi Natural Green Space over 20ha with 2km buffer

There are 17 sites identified within the District that are 20 ha or more. When the 2km buffer is applied to existing sites, a large proportion of the District’s population has access to this size of natural and semi natural greenspace with the exception of areas around Shenstone and Stonnall to the south, the rural eastern part of the District and areas to the north around Colton and Hamstall Ridware.



Map 5.4 Natural and Semi Natural Green Space over 100ha with 5km buffer

There are 4 sites identified within the District that are 100 ha or more and comprise Hopwas Wood, Gentleshaw Common, Chasewater and parts of Cannock Chase. When mapped alongside a 5 km (5,000m) buffer there are distinct areas with no access. These include most of the north and eastern area together with a large swathe to the south west of the District. There are 3 further sites which exceed 100 ha but are outside the District boundary: Sutton Park, Blithfield Reservoir and Kingsbury Water Park which are accessible from some areas of the District and provide access for populations residing in the north and south of the District. There is however still a gap in provision in the east of the District.



Map 5.5 Natural and Semi Natural Green Space over 500ha with 10km buffer

There are four sites of 500ha or more that impact on the District, Cannock Chase straddling the western boundary of Lichfield District with the other three located outside the District boundary. The four sites being Sutton Park, Blithfield Reservoir and Kingsbury Water Park and Cannock Chase.

When mapped alongside a 10km the majority of the District has access to 500ha sites, with the exception of a small area to the east of the District.

5.3.2 Woodland Trust

To complement the Natural England Standards, separate standards for woodland have been developed by the Woodland Trust². These are:

- No person should live more than 500m from at least one area of accessible woodland of less than 2 ha in size.
- There should also be at least one area of accessible woodland of no less than 20 ha within 4 km of a home.

While a range of different types of accessible greenspace is valuable, the Woodland Trust believes woods are of particular value. In urban areas in particular, their visual prominence can create a balance between the built and natural environment. Data from the Woodland Trust³ illustrates how Lichfield District fares in comparison to county and national levels of accessibility. Basic levels are:

	Lichfield District	Staffordshire County	England
% of population with access to a 2ha+ wood within 500m	10.2	14.3	16.8
% of population with access to a 20ha+ wood within 4km	84.5	57.9	65.8
% extra population with access to a 2ha+ wood within 500m if existing woods opened	29.9	37.3	34.3
% extra population with access to a 20ha+ wood within 4km if existing woods opened	14.3	39.1	22.4
% population requiring new woodland to be able to access a 2ha+ wood within 500m	59.9	48.3	48.8
% population requiring new woodland to be able to access a 20ha+ wood within 4km	1.3	4.0	11.9
Total area of new 2ha+ woods needed to meet 500m access standard (hectares)	136	956	41523
Total area of new 20ha+ woods needed to meet 4km access standard (hectares)	40	200	15265

Table 5.1 Woodland Trust: Woodland Access and Targets

Table 5.1 shows that as a District, Lichfield residents have low availability of 2ha+ woodlands within 500m however they have substantially higher levels of accessibility to larger woodland (20ha +) within 4km than at either county or national levels with almost 85% of the population being able to access woodlands of this scale.

5.4 Establishing a Local Standard for Natural and Semi Natural Greenspace

5.4.1 Quantity

In terms of considering a quantity standard approach to Lichfield District the starting point should be that there is no loss in the overall amount of natural and semi natural greenspace

² Space for People. Targeting action for woodland access. Woodland Trust 2010.

³ Woodland Trust Policy Paper Space for People, Targeting action for woodland access. January 2015

as identified within this assessment. In addition opportunities that arise to increase provision through creating new public access to areas not currently accessible should be considered with each site being considered in relation to the type of natural and semi natural greenspace. It is unlikely that large areas of natural and semi natural greenspace will be created close to existing built up areas, however the District Council will seek to encourage additional natural and semi natural greenspace and improve the quality and accessibility of existing natural and semi natural greenspaces where opportunities arise. Projects that the District Council are involved in include:

- Creation of Local Nature Reserves (such as Christian Fields, Lichfield);
- Heathland creation; and
- Biodiversity offsetting.

There may be further opportunities to contribute to this objective through a number of partnership projects within the District such as the Central Rivers Initiative, National Forest and Forest of Mercia.

5.4.2 Quality

In terms of quality and in view of the variety of criteria needed to assess all different types of natural and semi natural greenspace it is not possible to set a single quality standard.

Quality of natural and semi natural greenspace is important and assessments can potentially highlight areas that people are not using or areas of overuse and thus can influence changes to existing management practises to improve the quality of areas. Examples of where semi natural greenspaces are carefully managed include Chasewater and Gentleshaw Common SSSIs both of are managed within Environmental Stewardship Schemes and utilising sustainable management policies.

Whilst there are no national standards for the quality of natural and semi natural greenspace, it is expected that land should be managed to conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity and local heritage. The majority of sites included within this designation are either owned, influenced, protected or managed by organisations whose role it is to safeguard such sites.

Given the difficulty in setting a detailed standard that encompasses the various types of natural and semi natural greenspaces a broad qualitative standard is considered appropriate. Quality of natural and semi natural greenspaces should be gauged taking account of:

- **High value aesthetics** – clean, no litter, no vandalism, with opportunities for seating, footpaths signage and interpretation.
- **Habitat** – protect and encourage biodiversity and links between sites.
- **Sustainable Management** – where appropriate sites should be managed.

5.4.3 Accessibility

The 2011 Citizens survey identifies that 66.25% of respondents stated that there was either 'more than enough' or 'about right' amount of natural greenspaces within the District, with residents of both Lichfield and Burntwood being slightly less satisfied with the level of natural greenspace than their counterparts in the rural areas.

There are also issues relevant to the District in terms of managing the impact that local communities have whilst visiting certain natural and semi natural greenspaces. In particular the harmful effect on the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation which lies within the wider Cannock Chase AONB. Work by the various organisations involved in the management of Cannock Chase is ongoing, with the formation of a Cannock Chase SAC Partnership to deal with effects of additional visitors generated through planned residential development as contained within the Local Plans of authorities within a defined zone of influence. The results of this work will need to be taken into account when considering future protection, management and improvements.

Where possible opportunities to increase access to existing natural and semi natural greenspaces should be encouraged, especially by sustainable methods. Access to areas of significant biodiversity importance should be carefully managed and monitored to avoid any potential conflicts.

5.4.4 Setting the Standard

By the very nature of the different types of greenspace included in this typology there are a number which are sensitive in terms of biodiversity and therefore it is difficult to set rigid standards. It is accepted that certain parts of the District (especially the east) have few sites and thus reflect poor accessibility levels. However this is a rural area and there is access to the wider countryside on the doorstep via the public rights of way network. Importantly all natural and semi natural greenspaces identified should be protected and opportunities for increasing provision in areas where which are underprovided should be encouraged, in particular sites that are within reasonable walking distance of residential areas.

It is important to take into account a variety of issues in developing a standard for natural and semi natural greenspace. There are many types of accessible natural and semi natural greenspaces spread throughout the District, however there are areas where there is low accessibility (particularly in the east) when using the standards set by Natural England. When using those advocated by the Woodland Trust in terms of access to existing woodland, the population of the District has little access to woodland sites of 2 ha or more within a 500 metres when compared to both County and National figures. The data in Table 5.1 shows that the District would need to provide an additional 136 ha of new woodland to achieve access for residents within 500m and an additional 40ha of woodland to achieve accessibility within 4km.

5.4.5 Priorities

All identified natural and semi natural greenspaces should be safeguarded and opportunities to increase the provision of accessible natural and semi natural greenspace should be encouraged. In addition, links between natural and semi natural greenspaces should be considered.

The current quantity of 2,039.22 hectares of natural and semi natural greenspace should be protected and natural and semi natural greenspaces the current amount of 20 ha per 1000 head of population should be maintained.

The District Council should continue to work with other organisations in improving and increasing the provision of natural and semi natural greenspaces in the District.

Ensure that where development takes place which would impact on existing natural and semi natural greenspaces, that measures are in place to ensure that appropriate planning conditions and/or planning contributions are made to improve, maintain and protect natural and semi natural greenspaces likely to be affected.

6. Amenity Greenspace

6.1 Definition

Amenity Greenspace is mainly found in housing areas where it is used to enhance the appearance of an area and provide opportunities for informal activities such as jogging, dog walking and children's play space close to home. This type of open space is also present in town and city centres where they are used by workers and visitors for informal recreation and relaxation.

Amenity greenspaces provide an important feature within the local environment, they are often multi-functional. Their function may be dependent on their size, location and how they are laid out. They are commonly used for informal recreation including children's play and other passive pursuits such as walking. Typically these areas have no physical boundary, and comprise of mown grass, occasional planted areas and trees. Amenity greenspace is a key feature within the built environment and as well as being used and enjoyed by those who work and visit these areas, contribute to the overall visual amenity of an area.

The distribution of amenity greenspaces mapped within the District's settlements are shown on Map 6.1. It shows that with only a few exceptions most settlements within the District contain amenity greenspace, often combined with other more formal uses such as play or sporting facilities.

6.2 Assessment of Quantity

There are 242 sites spread throughout the District which have been surveyed as part of the assessment. These sites total 161.5 ha and range from 0.02 ha to 11.02 ha and gives an average existing provision of 1.57 ha per 1000 head of population in 2016 based on a District population of 102,500. This is higher than the National Playing Fields Association recommended minimum standard⁴ for children's play spaces of 0.6 ha per 1000 head of population. Map 6.1 shows all amenity greenspaces within the District are located within settlements. The majority of the District settlements have some amenity greenspace, however those with no such space include Hamstall Ridware, Wigginton and Little Aston.

By 2029 it is estimated that the population of the District will be 107,762⁵ which at current levels of amenity greenspace results in 1.49 ha per 1000 head of population. It is considered that in the creation of new amenity greenspaces and identification of areas which are deficient, accessibility to existing spaces should also be considered. Some settlements that have generous amounts of existing amenity greenspace may have very poor accessibility for large parts of the community where it is concentrated in one location, such is the case in Alrewas and Shenstone.

Ideally there should be a range of amenity greenspaces that contribute to the overall aesthetic quality of an area. The presence, location and type of amenity greenspace is largely

⁴ Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play: Beyond the Six Acre Standard – Fields in Trust October 2015

⁵ ONS 2014 SNPP Projected Population, 2014-based Subnational Population Projections

governed by historic development patterns, most being found within and as a result of residential development.

It is important therefore that sufficient amounts of accessible amenity greenspaces are provided particularly within new developments and that opportunities to increase amenity greenspaces in areas where there are existing identified deficiencies are explored.

6.3 Assessment of Quality

Quality amenity greenspace should be located close to housing and be easily accessible, clear of dog fouling and containing appropriate ancillary accommodation such as benches and litter bins. There should be varied vegetation including trees and shrubs with grassed areas being well kept and large enough to accommodate informal play.

Details of assessments are listed in Appendix A and shows the overall score for each amenity open space. Sites were scored in relation to a number of elements, namely the quality of:

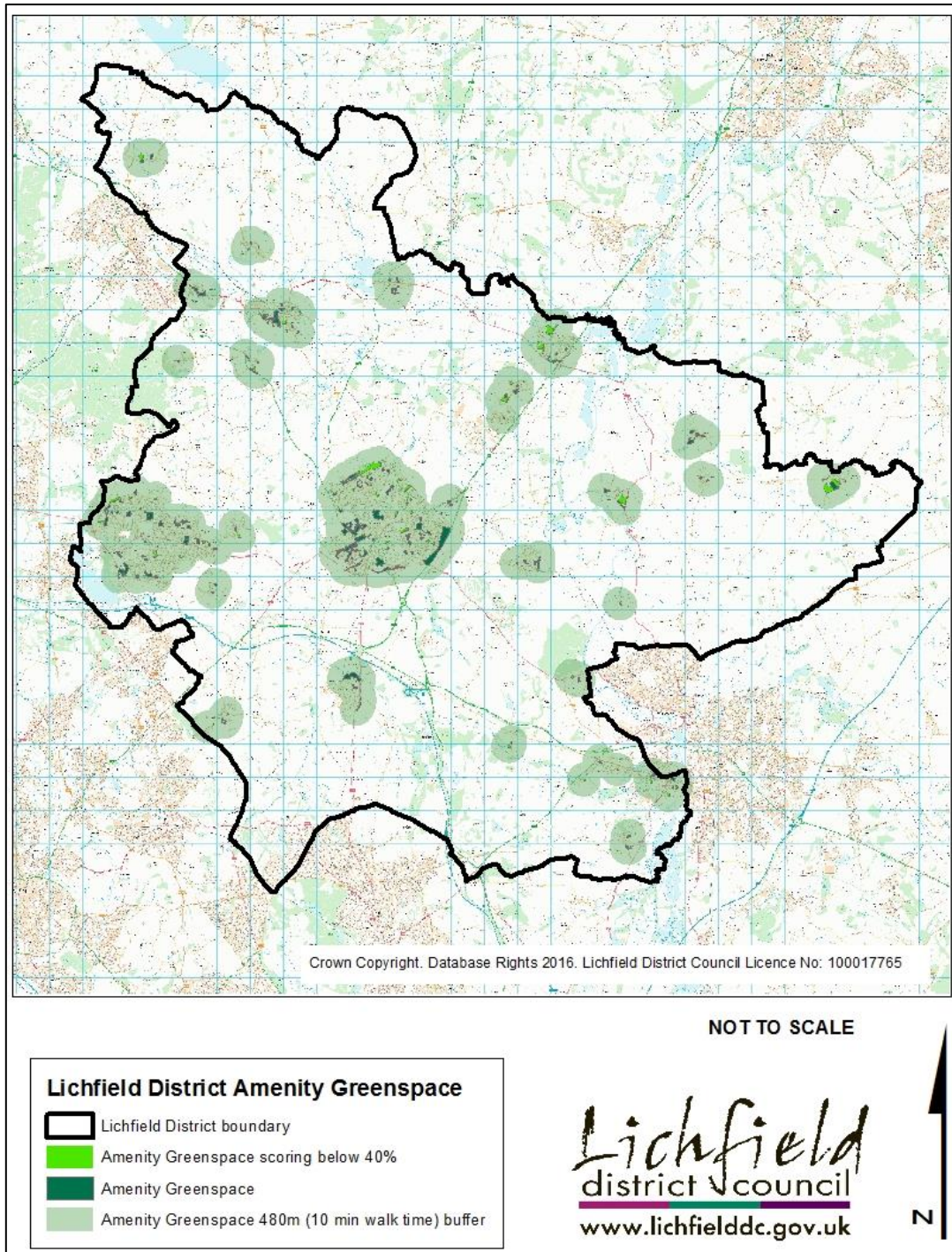
- Boundaries;
- Roads and paths;
- Planted and grassed areas;
- Presence of bins and seats;
- Parking, toilets, lighting and cleanliness; and
- Information and events programming.

Each amenity open space was given a maximum total score as many open spaces may not have been suitable for features such as toilets, parking and events programming. As such these features have been removed from the assessment for certain sites and an overall percentage score has been calculated for each site.

The 2011 Citizens survey showed that across the District 58% of respondents felt that access to amenity greenspace is acceptable. Those living in rural areas and Lichfield City are more satisfied than those living in Burntwood.

The quality of amenity greenspace varies considerably throughout the District. Areas with poor assessment scores, ie below 40%, include sites within Lichfield, Burntwood and Fazeley. Areas of high scoring open space are also found within Lichfield and Burntwood along with some of the rural settlements in the north of the District.

Map 6.1 illustrates the distribution of amenity greenspace across the District as well as identifying those which scored below 40%. This demonstrates that the quality of greenspace varies across the District with concentrations of poorer quality spaces found within Lichfield, Burntwood, Fazeley, Alrewas, Armitage with Handsacre and Fradley.



Map 6.1 Lichfield District Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

6.4 Assessment of Accessibility

The Local Plan Strategy in Policy HSC1: Open Space Standards of the Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029 adopted in February 2015, requires a 480m/10 minute walk time to amenity greenspace. Map 6.1 also shows the location of existing amenity greenspace throughout the District together with a 480m/10 minute walk time buffer. This accords with the recommendations in the Fields in Trust 'Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play: Beyond the Six Acre Standard' 2015 which recommends a minimum of 0.6ha per 1000 head of population with 480m walking distance from residential dwellings.

Using the 480m/10 minute walk time around existing amenity greenspaces within settlement boundaries, it shows that only small areas are not accessible. Hamstall Ridware and Wigginton have no amenity greenspace along with parts of Lichfield, Shenstone, Little Aston, Armitage with Handsacre, Burntwood and areas within some of the smaller rural settlements. These areas can be seen in more detail in Sections 6.5 and 6.6 below.

6.5 Provision by Settlement

6.5.1 Burntwood

Quantity: Within Burntwood there is approximately 30 ha of amenity greenspace on 49 sites, ranging in size from 0.05 ha to 3.6 ha at Church Street. Using 1.43 ha as a minimum standard for amenity greenspace as contained in Policy HSC1 of the Local Plan Strategy, and the census 2011 population for Burntwood of 26,049, an additional 7.2 ha of amenity greenspace would be required.

It should be noted however that immediately to the south of the Burntwood Bypass lies Chasewater Country Park covering 360 ha, and categorised as natural and semi natural green space, however this site also functions as a destination for amenity recreation. Equally to the north lies Gentleshaw Common and the wider Cannock Chase AONB both of which also fall within the natural and semi natural green space category but also fulfils an amenity recreation role.

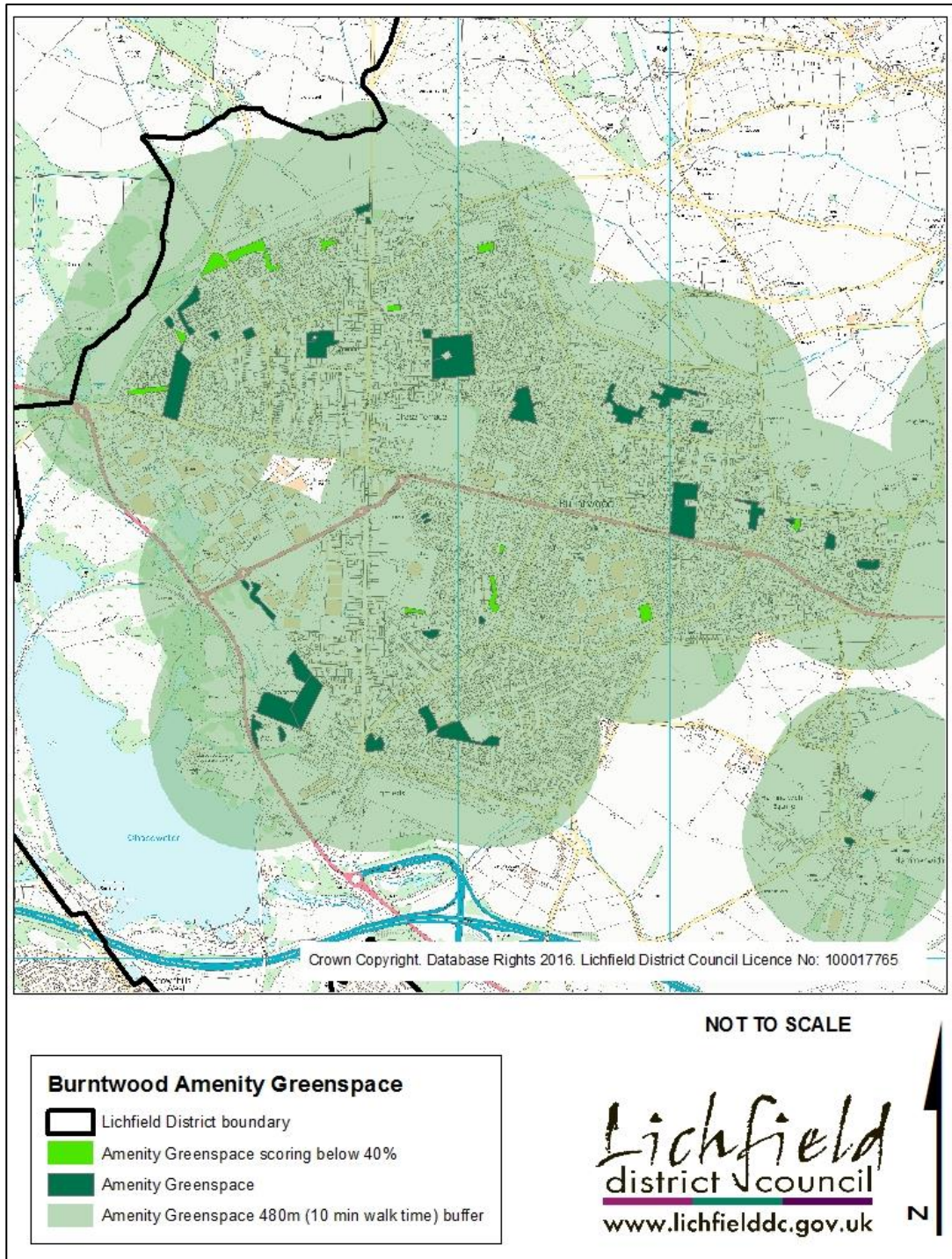
Quality: Of the 49 amenity greenspace sites within Burntwood, 15 sites score below 40%, with 55% of the sites scoring between 40% and 55%. Those of the poorest quality include New Road, and land at Pooles Way, which whilst generally clean reflect the poor scoring against entrances, paths and boundaries, bins and seating.

Those that record higher scores include Church Street, land around Chasetown Football Club and Burntwood Park. These scores reflect a mixture of good quality planted and grassed areas, availability of parking along with bins and seating.

In general the quality of grass, planted areas and cleanliness within Burntwood amenity greenspace appears to be good, however the quality of boundaries and paths was more variable. There appears to be a lack of bins and seats present however this is often dependent on the location and size of greenspace.

Opportunities to improve the quality of any site scoring below 40% should be explored whilst any additional potential to improve other sites through the addition of seating and bins should also be encouraged.

Accessibility: In terms of accessibility to amenity greenspace the majority of Burntwood residents have access to some form of amenity greenspace within 480m/10 minute walk time, as shown on Map 6.2. However this map also demonstrates that fewer and smaller areas of amenity greenspace are located within the south of the settlement especially to the south of the Cannock Road (A5190).

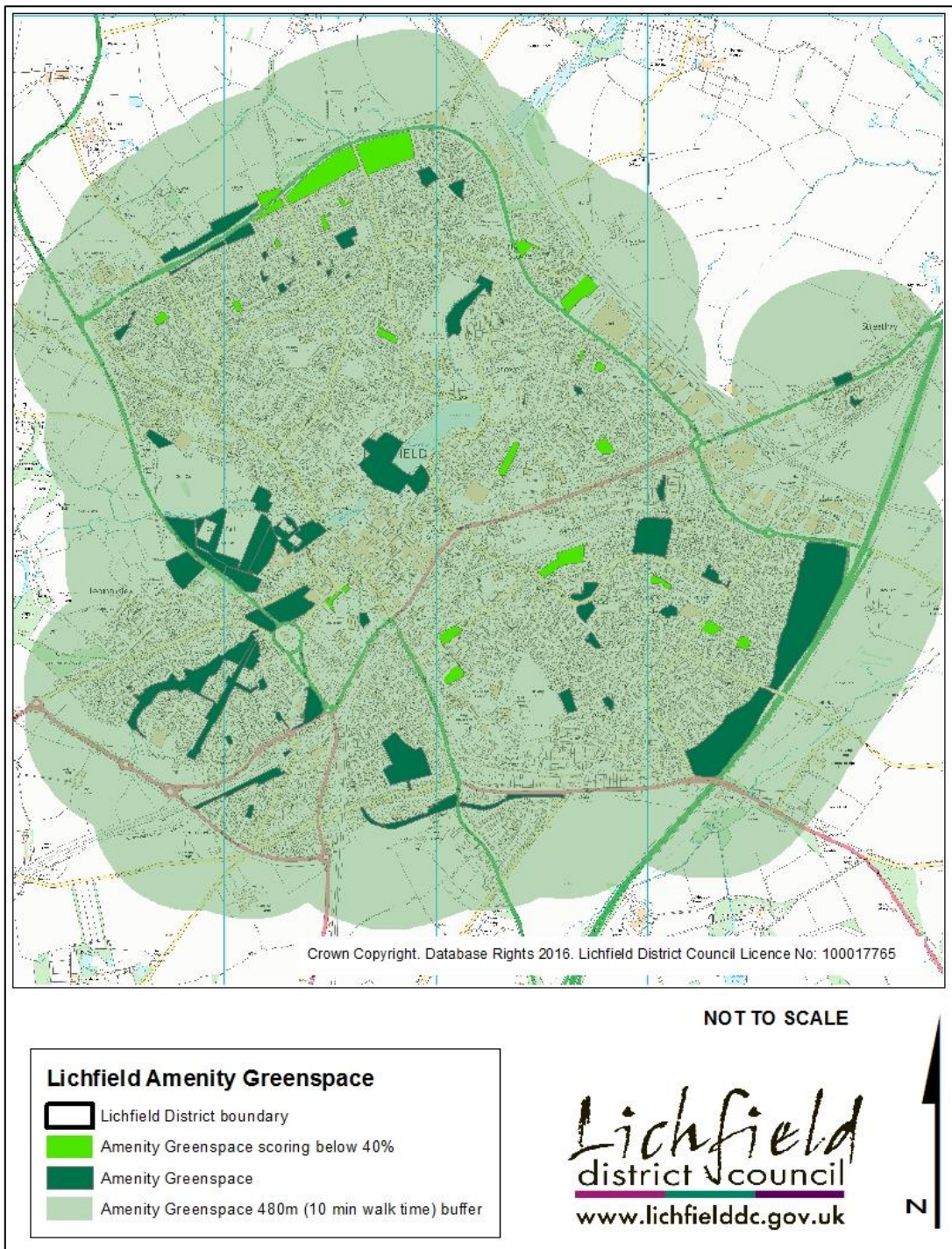


Map 6.2 Burntwood Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

Priorities for Action: Priorities include:

- Addressing those lower scoring sites by focussing on the individual elements which are causing the lower scores such as benches and bins;
- Exploring opportunities for additional sites within the settlement particularly in the south of the Cannock Road; and
- Whilst most of Burntwood is within 480m/10 minute walk time of an amenity greenspace, there are a number of busy roads which may impair accessibility therefore consideration should be given to opportunities to improve pedestrian access.

6.5.2 Lichfield



Map 6.3 Lichfield Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

Quantity: Within Lichfield there is approximately 82ha of open space on 81 sites ranging from 0.02ha to 11ha at Darnford Park. Using 1.43ha as a minimum standard for amenity greenspace as contained in Policy HSC1 of the Local Plan Strategy, and the census 2011 population of Lichfield at 32,219, Lichfield exceeds this minimum standard, in fact providing 2.5 ha of amenity greenspace per 1000 head of population. There are several large areas of amenity greenspace within Lichfield which results in the higher levels of provision. As can be

seen from Map 6.2 there are large sites around Beacon Park, Eastern Avenue within Lichfield. Although not yet built and as such not considered in this assessment, 3 of the 4 Strategic Development Allocations within Lichfield as contained within the Local Plan Strategy concept statements contain substantial areas of greenspace.

Quality: The quality of the 82 sites within Lichfield varies considerably. It is important that the quality of sites is raised above 40%. The improvement of grassed and planted areas, bins and seats which can typically influence the attractiveness and usability of sites should be considered.

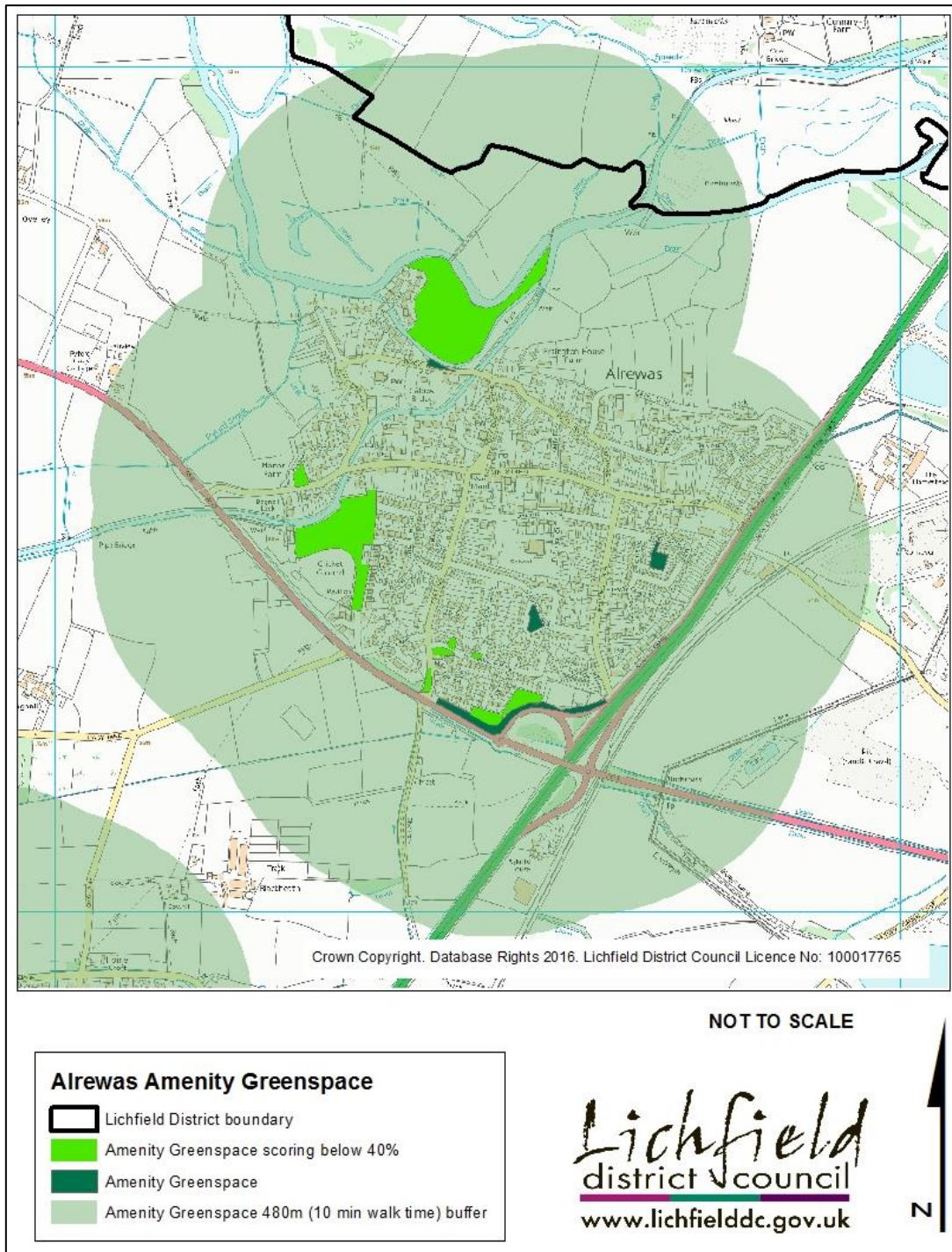
Accessibility: Lichfield City has a total coverage within the 480m/10 minute walk time. Map 6.2 illustrates the wide range in size of amenity greenspace within the City with a number of larger sites being located on the edges of the settlement. The major priority for Lichfield City will be to ensure that future development continues to provide complete coverage in terms of accessibility. As noted above the large development sites within Lichfield City as contained within the Local Plan Strategy have substantial areas of open space.

It should be recognised that as is the case with most large settlements there are a number of obstacles such as busy roads and railway lines which can prove barriers to access. As such any opportunities to improve pedestrian links to amenity greenspace should be considered.

Priorities for Action: Priorities include:

- opportunities to improve pedestrian links to amenity greenspace should be considered; and
- Ensure future development continues to provide complete coverage in terms of accessibility.

6.5.3 Key Rural Settlement: Alrewas



Map 6.4 Alrewas Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

Quantity: In total there are 12 sites within Alrewas covering 7.4ha, with sites ranging in size from 0.02 ha to 3.5ha. The majority of amenity greenspace located within Alrewas is around the edges of the settlement with the largest being largely rough grassland to the north and in the south land adjacent to the cricket ground.

Quality: In qualitative terms the scores range from 29% up to 46% however as the majority of these sites are confined to grassed areas with little or no infrastructure, this has influenced

the scoring. In general the grass quality is good. Opportunities should be sought to implement improvements to existing sites where necessary particularly to those scoring below 40%.

Accessibility: Alrewas has complete coverage when the 480m/10 minute walk time buffer is applied to existing areas of greenspace. There is little greenspace in the north east quadrant of Alrewas.

Alrewas also has the benefit of a canal running through the settlement with accessible towpaths. Whilst not counted in the study of amenity greenspace, the canal and its towpath act as a valuable walkway and green corridor.

Priorities for Action: Priorities include:

- Opportunities for additional spaces should be explored where possible or in response to an identified need such within the northeast of Alrewas; and
- Consideration of safe crossing points across Main Street to enable safer links between north and south.

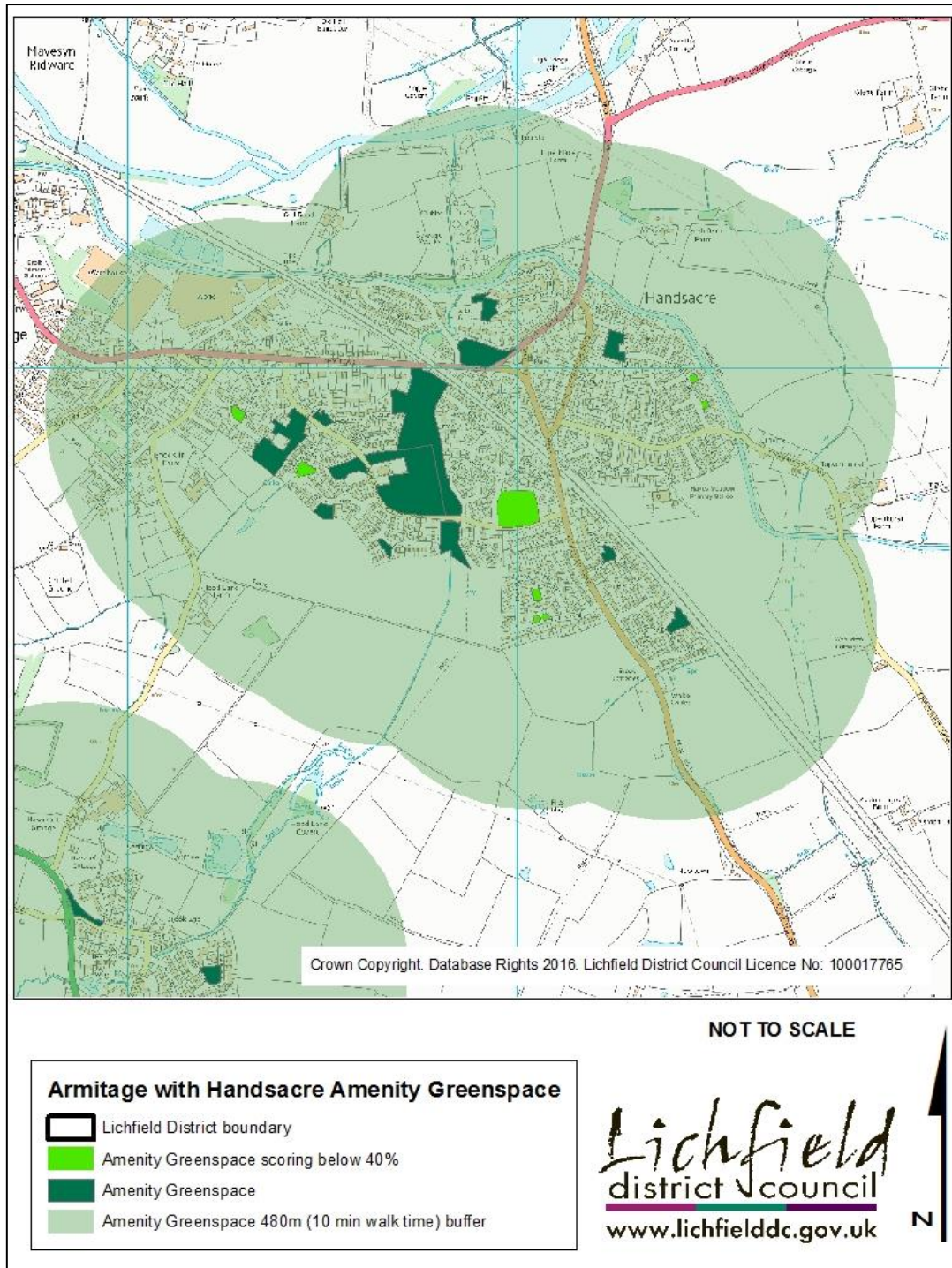
6.5.4 Key Rural Settlement: Armitage with Handsacre

Quantity: In total there are 23 sites within Armitage with Handsacre covering 12.2ha, with sites ranging in size from 0.02ha to 4.6ha. Armitage with Handsacre has the largest amount of amenity greenspace within any of the key rural settlement, thanks largely to the 4.6ha of greenspace concentrated at Shropshire Brook Road. There is however no greenspace in the west of the settlement until Hawksyard development is reached which is outside the settlement boundary.

Armitage with Handsacre also has the benefit of a canal running through the settlement. However the towpath is on the north side of the canal and as such is only accessible at select points where the canal is bridged. Whilst not counted in the study of amenity greenspace, the canal and its towpath act as a valuable walkway and green corridor.

Quality: In qualitative terms the scores range from 23% up to 62% with the lower scoring sites confined to smaller pockets of amenity greenspace within residential areas. These areas were on the whole low scoring in cleanliness as well as the lack of benches and bins, although these may not necessarily be appropriate on some of these smaller sites. The higher scoring sites are generally the larger sites such as Shropshire Brook Road, Millmoor Avenue and the relatively newly constructed Hawksyard amenity greenspace.

Accessibility: Armitage with Handsacre has almost a complete coverage for the 480m/10 minute walk time. The exception to this is to the west of the settlement around Chapel Road, Church Lane and Upper Lodge Road. Although outside the settlement boundary, a Residential Mobile Home Park exists and this has no coverage either by the Hawksyard development to the west or the main settlement of Armitage to the east.



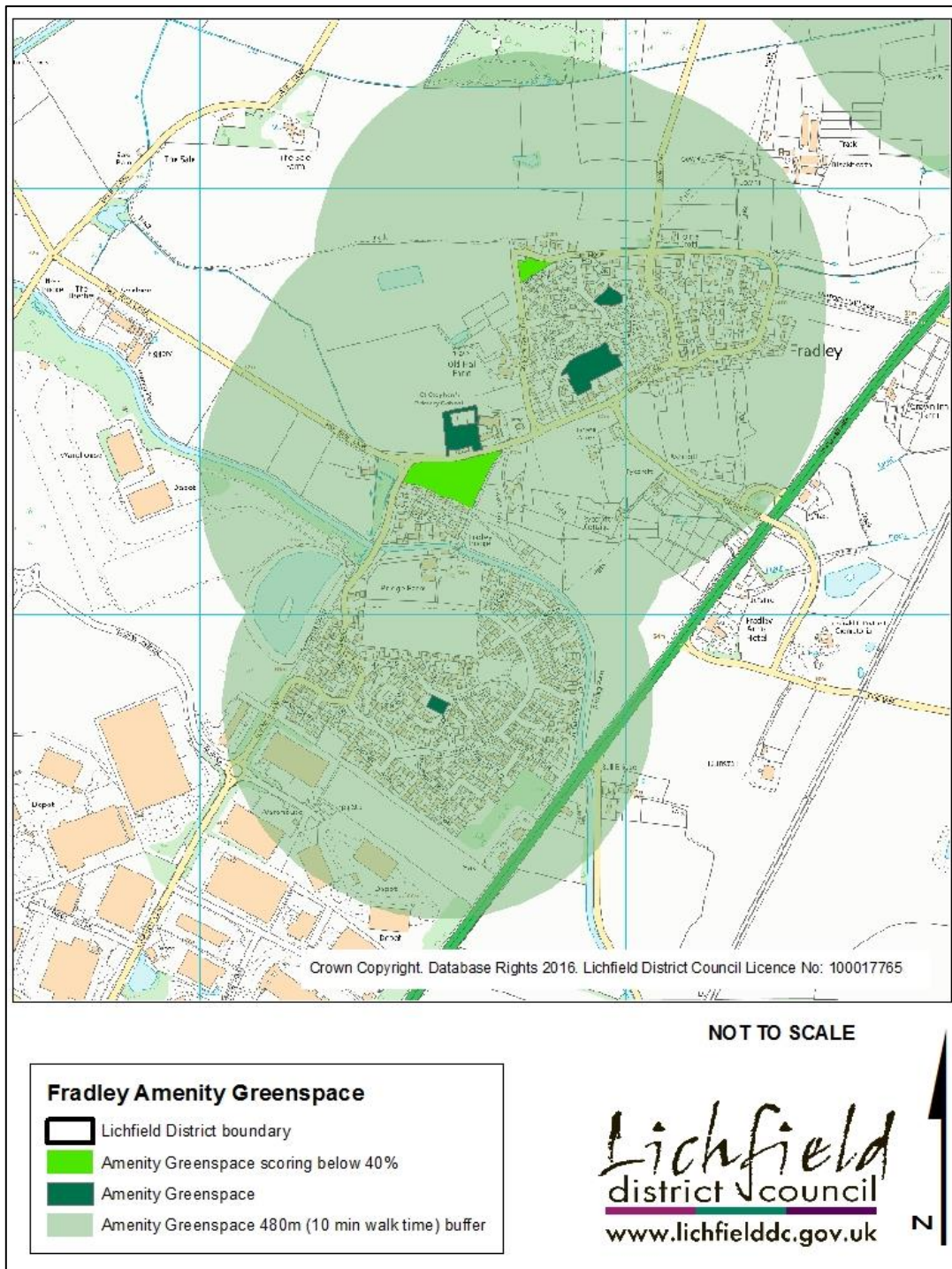
Map 6.5 Armitage with Handsacre Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

Priorities for Action: Priorities include:

- Opportunities for additional amenity greenspace should be explored where possible or in response to an identified need such within the west of Armitage with Handsacre;
- Consideration of safe crossing points across Main Street to enable safer links from the north; and

- Opportunities to improve the quality of the smaller greenspaces in the east of the settlement should be considered if opportunities arise.

6.5.5 Key Rural Settlement: Fradley



Map 6.6 Fradley Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

Quantity: In total there are 6 sites within Fradley covering 3.5ha, with sites ranging in size from 0.01 ha to 1.5ha and concentrated in the north of the settlement. The Worthington Road site is considered to fall within the equipped play category and is therefore not considered in the amenity greenspace typology.

Fradley is another key rural settlement serviced by a canal and links Fradley and Fradley Junction with other settlements such as Whittington. Whilst not counted in this instance, as amenity greenspace, the towpath nevertheless acts to provide valuable linkages and a green corridor. The Fradley Strategic Development Allocation concept statement contained within the Local Plan Strategy seeks to provide accessible open space as part of this new development of circa 1,250 dwellings.

Quality: In qualitative terms the scores range from 32 to 72%. The amenity space around Hay End Lane scores highly due to the infrastructure provided. Those low scoring sites are generally due to the lack of infrastructure although the quality of the grass and cleanliness are high scoring.

Accessibility: Fradley has complete coverage for the 480m/10 minute walk time. The larger amenity greenspace are on the whole centrally located and therefore provide convenient access for most of Fradley residents. However in this situation, as opposed to other settlements, the two canal bridges provide the barrier to accessing these larger sites from the south of the settlement.

Priorities for Action

Priorities include:

- Opportunities for additional amenity greenspace should be explored where possible or in response to an identified need; and
- Improvement to elements of the greenspaces should be considered if opportunities arise.

6.5.6 Key Rural Settlement: Fazeley, Mile Oak & Bonehill

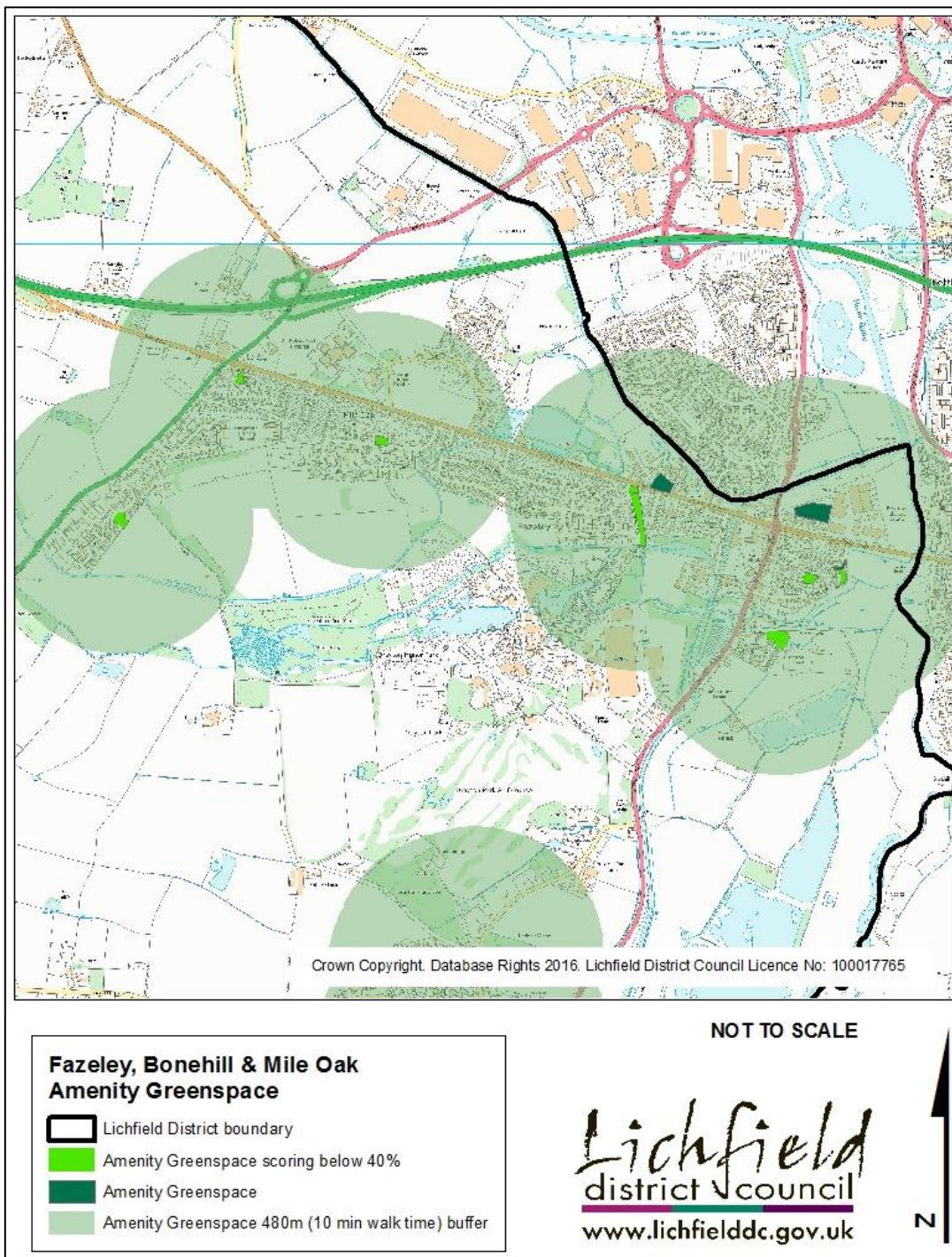
Quantity: Despite being the largest of the District's rural settlements in terms of population, Fazeley has few amenity greenspaces. In total there are 11 sites within Fazeley covering 2.7 ha in total, all below 1 ha in size, the largest being 0.7 ha. The majority of which are concentrated in Fazeley with less provision in Mile Oak or Bonehill.

Like many of the 6 key rural settlements in Lichfield District, Fazeley has canals. It is in fact the junction of the Coventry Canal with the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal both of which have towpaths which provide links to the northwest, northeast and south of the settlement. Whilst not counted as amenity greenspace these canals act as valuable linkages and green corridors.

Quality: Scores range from 23% to 73% with the highest scoring site being the relatively recently constructed Laurel House open space. On the whole the greenspaces are limited in size, number and are relatively low scoring.

Accessibility: Largely due to the linear form of Fazeley, Bonehill and Mile Oak, the settlement has almost complete coverage when the 480m/10 minute walk time buffer is applied. In terms of accessibility to the larger spaces, namely Laurel House, Mayfair Drive and Victory Terrace these are located in the east of the settlement and as such are not easily accessible by residents of Mile Oak. Additionally the greenspace to the rear of Victory Terrace is not

easily accessible as it is separated from the majority of the settlement by busy road, and it is also hidden from view leading to concerns about natural surveillance and safety.



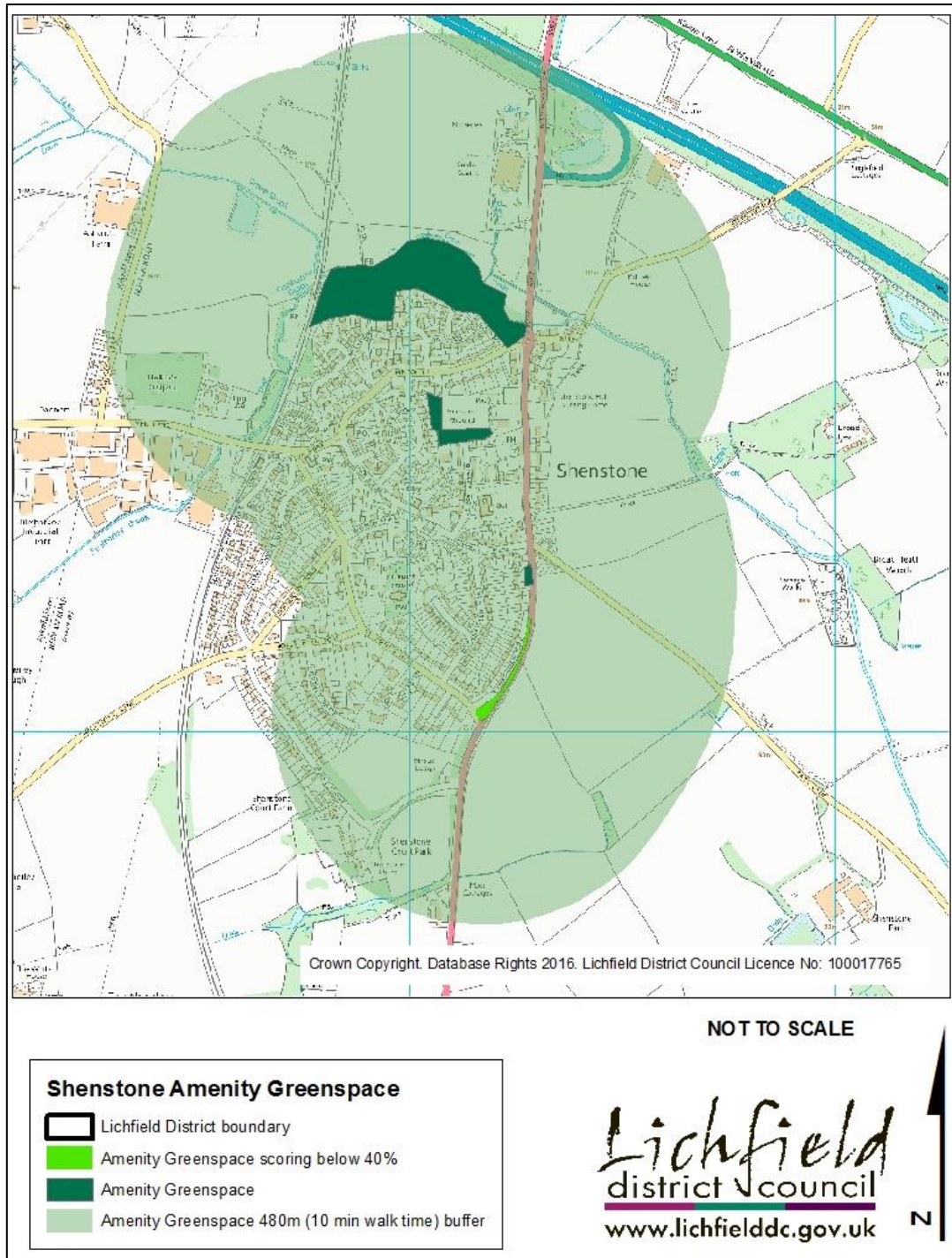
Map 6.7 Fazeley, Mile Oak & Bonehill Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

Priorities for Action: there is scope to provide additional good quality multifunctional amenity greenspace particularly located in the centre of the settlement for accessibility. Priorities should include:

- Improve provision of greenspace accessible to Bonehill and Reindeer Road residents;

- Improvement to elements of the greenspaces should be considered if opportunities arise; and
- Provision of safe routes to existing spaces particularly those in the east of the settlement.

6.5.7 Key Rural Settlement: Shenstone



Map 6.8 Shenstone Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

Quantity: In terms of its size, Shenstone has only 4 amenity greenspaces, much less than the other key rural settlements. These 4 spaces covering 6.4ha, the largest at 5.6 ha being the

Lammas Land to the north. This space provides a large accessible area of amenity greenspace. Two of the other areas of greenspace are also alongside the village boundary forming primarily a linear visual and physical buffer between the Birmingham Road and adjacent residential area. There is a clear lack of accessible greenspace within the bulk of the settlement, except for the Recreation Grounds which also contributes to equipped play.

Quality: Three of the four amenity greenspaces score above 40%. The two spaces alongside the Birmingham Road score 39% and 42% and due to their visual amenity and physical buffering function it may not be possible to increase these scores as the provision of bins, seating and pathways is likely to be inappropriate.

Accessibility: Despite the lack of existing amenity greenspace the overall perception of Shenstone is one of a high quality settlement with areas of established tree coverage. There is a small area to the south west of the settlement which does not have a 480m/10 minutes walk time access to amenity greenspace. As the two areas of greenspace alongside the Birmingham Road are purely buffering function it could be inferred that access to amenity greenspace by residents in the south of Shenstone is limited.

Priorities for Action: In terms of opportunities and potential improvements:

- The provision of additional spaces should be explored where possible to accommodate a variety of informal uses particularly within the south of the settlement; and
- Any future development should contribute towards providing amenity greenspace.

6.5.8 Key Rural Settlement: Whittington

Quantity: There are six amenity greenspaces located within Whittington covering around 1.9ha with the largest being 1.4ha which is located around Peregrine Close created as part of a residential development on a former Severn Trent Water site. The remaining 4 greenspaces are centrally located within existing residential areas, with no amenity greenspace within the north and south of the settlement. There are however other types of open spaces within these areas including 2 equipped play areas, the canal which skirts the east and north of the settlement, and playing fields to the south.

Whittington as with many of the key rural settlement is accessible to the canal network, bordered by the Coventry Canal. The towpath allows access to Fradley and Fradley junction to the north and south to Hopwas.

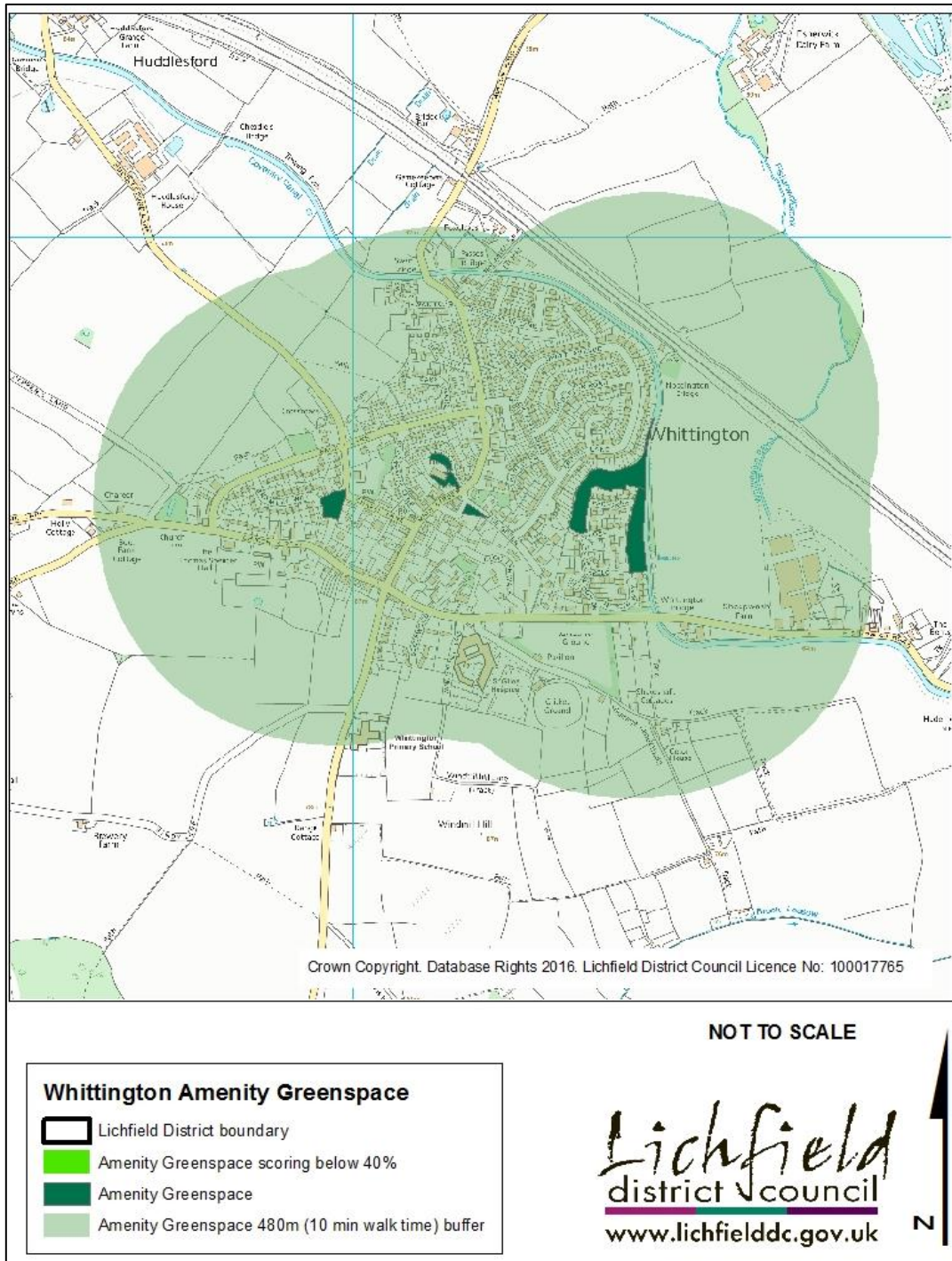
Quality: Overall the quality of the amenity greenspaces in Whittington is good with no sites scoring below 40% due in part to grass and planted areas generally being of good quality. Benches and bins could be provided in appropriate spaces to improve their scoring.

Accessibility: The entirety of Whittington falls within the 480m/10 minute walk time.

Priorities for Action:

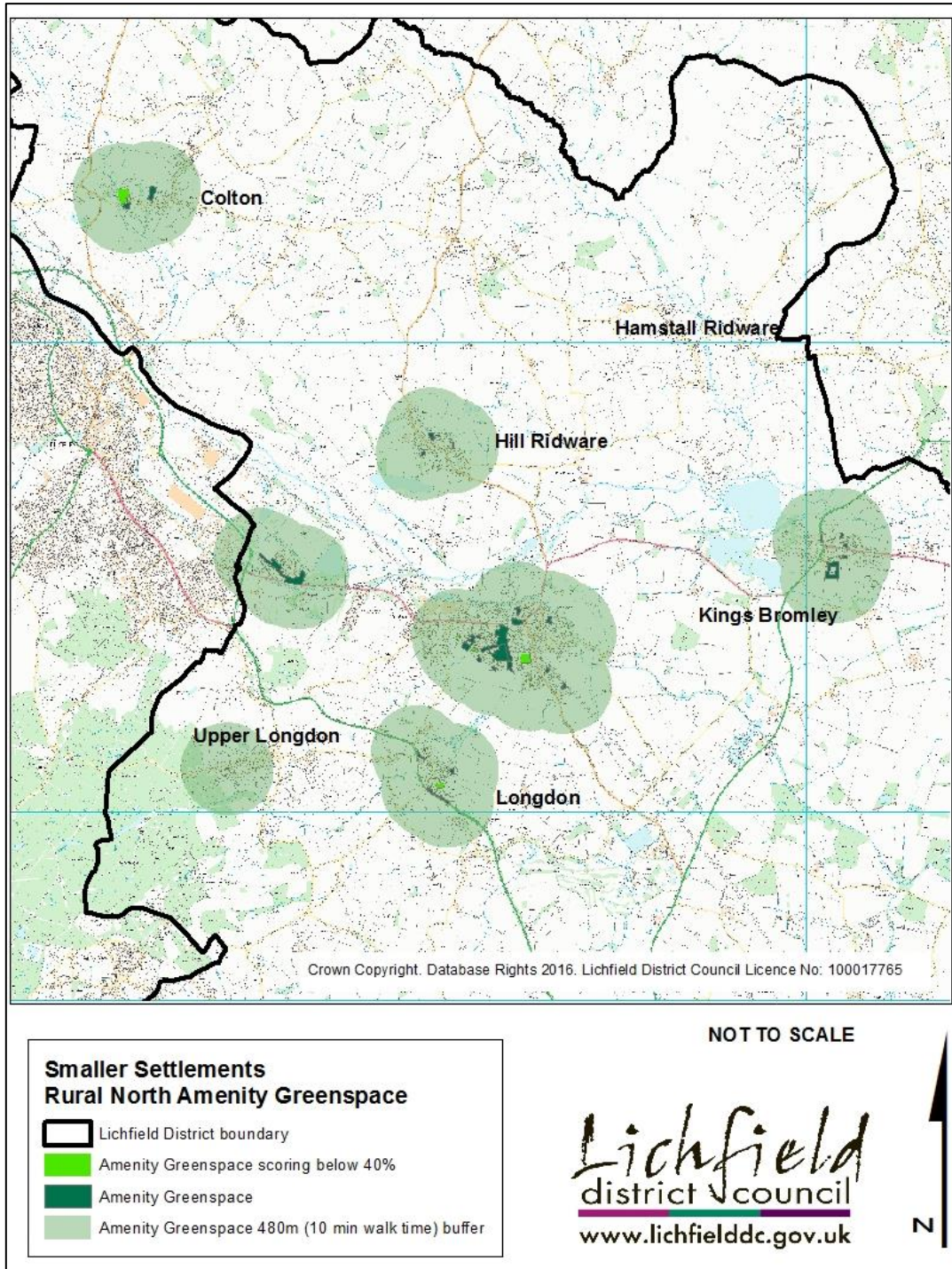
- Opportunities for additional greenspaces accessible to the northern part of the settlement; and

- Opportunities for improvement of existing sites through benches and bins where appropriate.



Map 6.9 Whittington Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

6.5.9 Northern Rural Settlements



Map 6.10 Rural North Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

Quantity: The quantity of amenity greenspace varies across the smaller rural settlements in terms of the number and size of the sites. The only settlement with no amenity greenspace is Hamstall Ridware. Upper Longdon has one very small space (0.02 ha) with Longdon having 2 amenity greenspaces within the settlement the largest being 0.04ha, with 4 smaller greenspaces on the outskirts bordering the A51. Kings Bromley has 5 amenity greenspaces the largest being on the football grounds of almost 1.5ha, with the remaining 5 scattered throughout the settlement but generally east of the A515. Colton has 3 amenity greenspaces

all of which are relatively large but are located around the church and school which when applying the 480 m/10 minute walk time buffer results in a lack of provision in the north of the settlement.

Quality: The majority of sites within the rural north score relatively well, with only 2 sites, one in Longdon and one in Colton scoring below 40%. The site in Colton scores relatively poorly as this is a field with no provision for public access but is considered to contribute positively to the character of the village. The other 2 sites in Colton scored well along with sites in Kings Bromley.

Accessibility: There are only areas in the north of Colton, and Upper Longdon which are not within the 480 m/10 minute walk time from an amenity greenspace, although it must be noted that the site in Upper Longdon is particularly small.

Priorities for Action:

- Opportunities to increase provision where there is an identified need to ensure all residents have access to amenity greenspace.
- Ensure amenity greenspace is not lost especially where it provides a setting for village character.

6.5.10 Eastern Rural Settlements

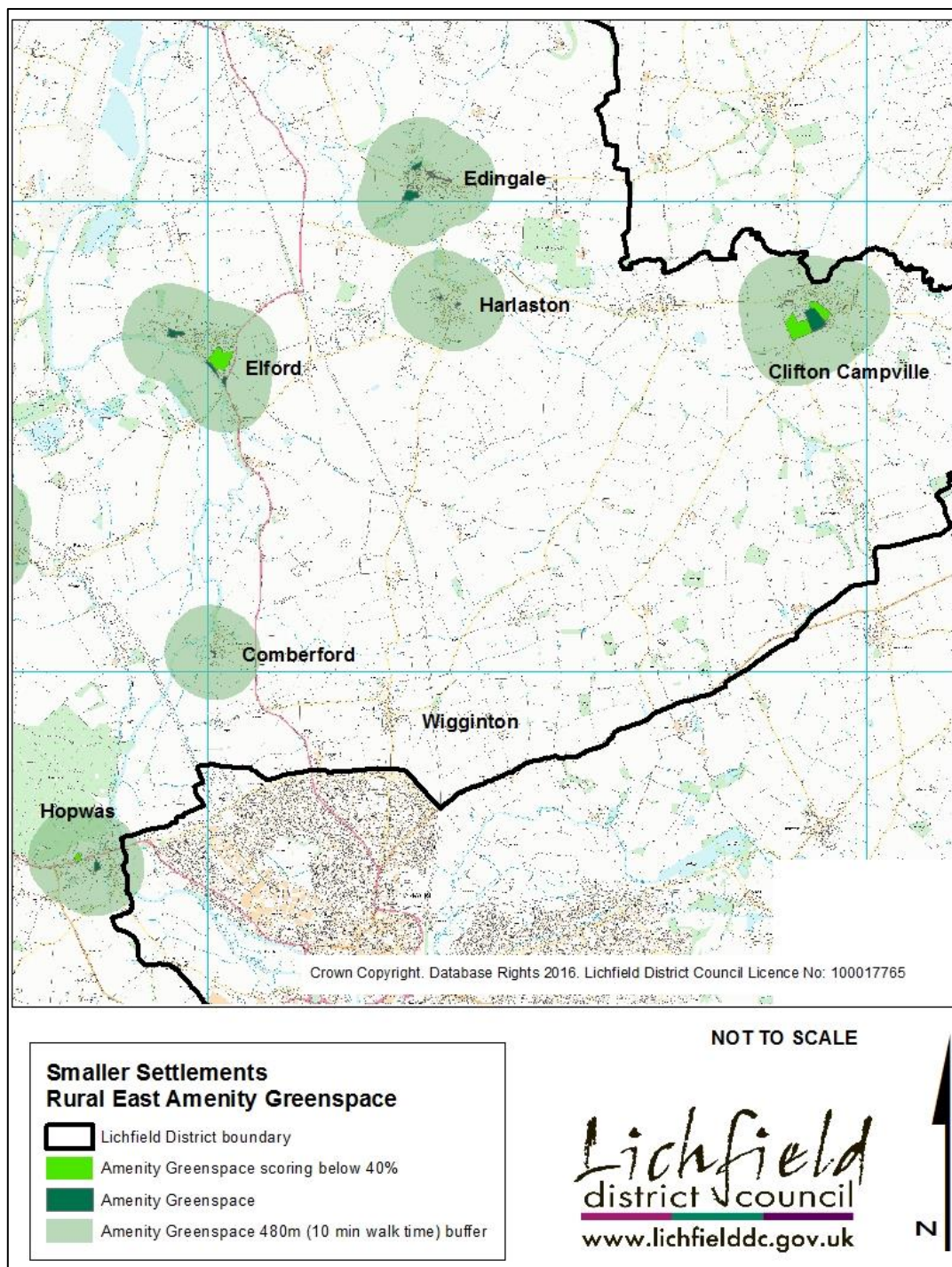
Quantity: Within the rural east of the District only Wigginton has no amenity greenspace. Hopwas and Harlaston have 2 spaces, Elford and Clifton Campville have 3, and Edingale 9 of varying size. Clifton Campville has the largest greenspace provision with a block of 9.4ha to the south of the village which although outside the village boundary helps to provide total coverage.

Quality: The majority of sites across the rural east of the District score above 40% with many scoring between 50% and 65%. Large area of amenity greenspace in Clifton Campville and Elford score relatively poorly as these are fields crossed by public footpaths but with no infrastructure provision. However these area of amenity greenspace are considered important due to their positive contribution to the character and setting of these villages. Similarly the same situation also applies to the field fronting the church in Hopwas.

Accessibility: With the exception of Wigginton residents and residents to the far west of Hopwas, there is almost complete 480 m/10 minute walk time coverage. In addition pedestrian movement around and within these settlements is generally good.

Priorities for Action:

- Opportunities to increase provision where there is an identified need to ensure all residents have access to amenity greenspace; and
- Ensure amenity greenspace is not lost especially where it provides a setting for village character.



Map 6.11 Rural East Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

6.5.11 Southern Rural Settlements

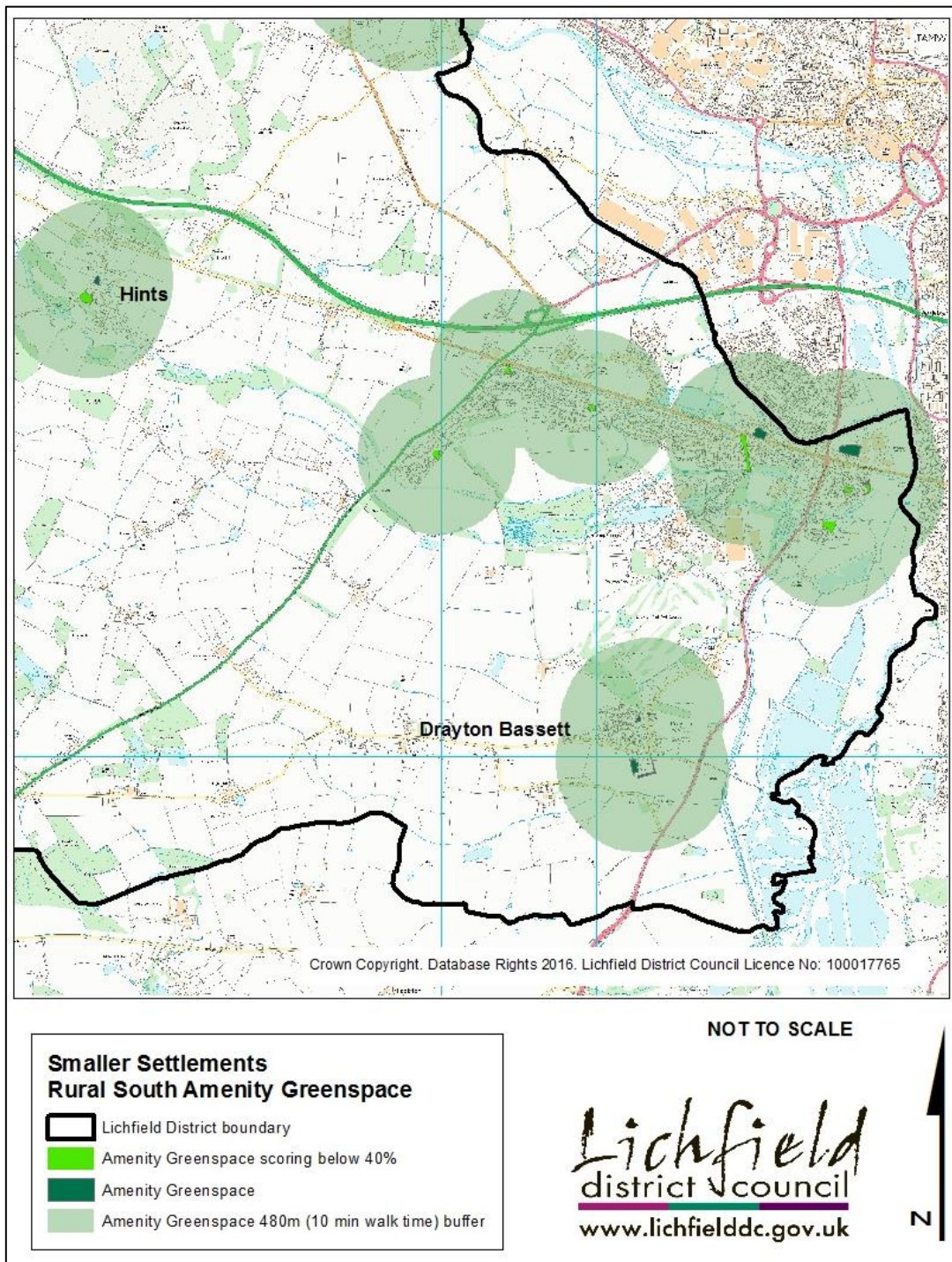
Quantity: The only rural settlements located within the south of the District are Drayton Bassett and Hints. Drayton Bassett has 3 areas of amenity greenspace and Hints two spaces.

Quality: the only site scoring below 40% is found in Hints and is a large wooded area to the rear of the church. The quality of the remaining sites is generally good.

Accessibility: Both settlements has full 480 m/10 minutes walk time coverage.

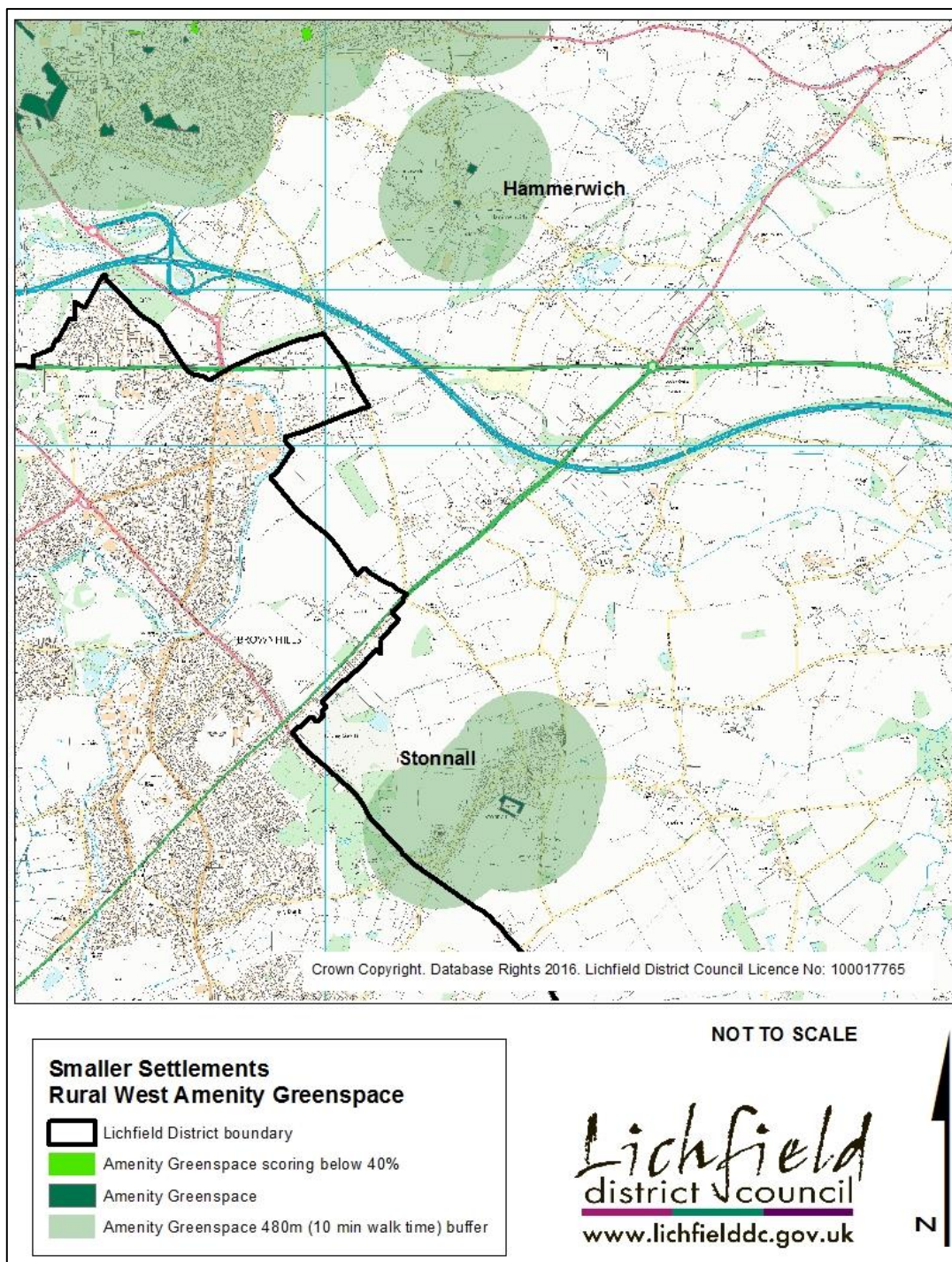
Priorities for Action:

- Opportunities for improvement of existing sites through benches and bins where appropriate.



Map 6.12 Rural South Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer.

6.5.12 Western Rural Settlements



Map 6.13 Rural West Amenity Greenspace with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

Quantity: Within this area there are only 2 settlements, Hammerwich and Stonnall with 2 and 3 areas of amenity greenspace respectively. The largest site being around the Playing Fields at Stonnall and providing 0.6 ha.

Quality: The sites within these 2 villages all score over 40% with the Playing Fields at Stonnall scoring the highest at 52%.

Accessibility: Stonnall has complete 480 m/10 minute walk time coverage despite the linear form of the settlement although 2 of the amenity areas are very small. The Playing Fields at Stonnall are centrally located and easily accessible to most of the village. Hammerwich also has complete 480m/10 minute walk time coverage.

Priorities for Action:

- Opportunities for improvement of existing sites through benches and bins where appropriate.

6.6 Standards for Amenity Greenspace

Due to the nature of this typology and its usual location within residential developments, it is difficult to set rigid standards. Where locations do not currently have access to amenity greenspace it may not be possible to create new spaces due to the built up nature of an area. Ideally residents should have access to a variety of types of good quality amenity greenspaces of various sizes which can be accessed safely within 480 m/10 minute walk time from home, which can accommodate a range of informal uses.

It is important that existing amenity greenspaces are protected and any loss compensated for within a suitable area. In some cases where these amenity greenspaces form a setting for a village or conservation area their loss should be resisted. Any opportunities to increase the quantity of provision particularly in areas where a deficiency has been identified should be encouraged.

Regarding the quality of amenity greenspace sites should aim to achieve as high a score as possible given the nature of the site although it must be recognised that improvements such as benches, paths and bins may not be suitable for all amenity greenspace sites. The qualitative criteria for scoring amenity greenspaces should be considered and monitored so that spaces able to be improved will score higher. Those scoring under 40% should be assessed for suitability for improvement.

At a local level it is important for local communities to influence amenity greenspace provision as needs will vary between communities.

7. Green Corridors

7.1 Definition

This type of open space is mainly used for environmentally sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling. It provides linkages between housing areas and makes use of linear routes such as public rights of way using bridleways, cycle routes, disused railway lines, roads, canals and river banks.

Green corridors provide opportunities for walking, cycling or horse riding for leisure or travel purposes and offering routes for wildlife migration. Such corridors are important as they promote environmentally friendly means of travelling through the District. It was suggested through the Companion Guide to PPG17 that planning policies promote the use of green corridors to link housing to areas to the national cycle network, towns and city centres, places of employment and community facilities.

Such corridors contribute to delivering sustainable transport links connecting towns and villages with community facilities, employment locations, shops and a wider range of assets. It is important where opportunities to improve these links are maximised.

Long distance footpaths, bridleways and cycleways can also provide recreational opportunities and activities as well as important social, health and economic benefits. There is substantial evidence that links the natural environment with good physical, emotional and mental health.

Within the District there are also opportunities for green corridors to link areas of wildlife importance to reduce fragmentation of habitats. This is recognised and addressed in Policies NR3 and NR6 of the Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029.

Green corridors forms part of the Green Infrastructure chapter within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which looks at large strategic green infrastructure and how this will be delivered into the future.

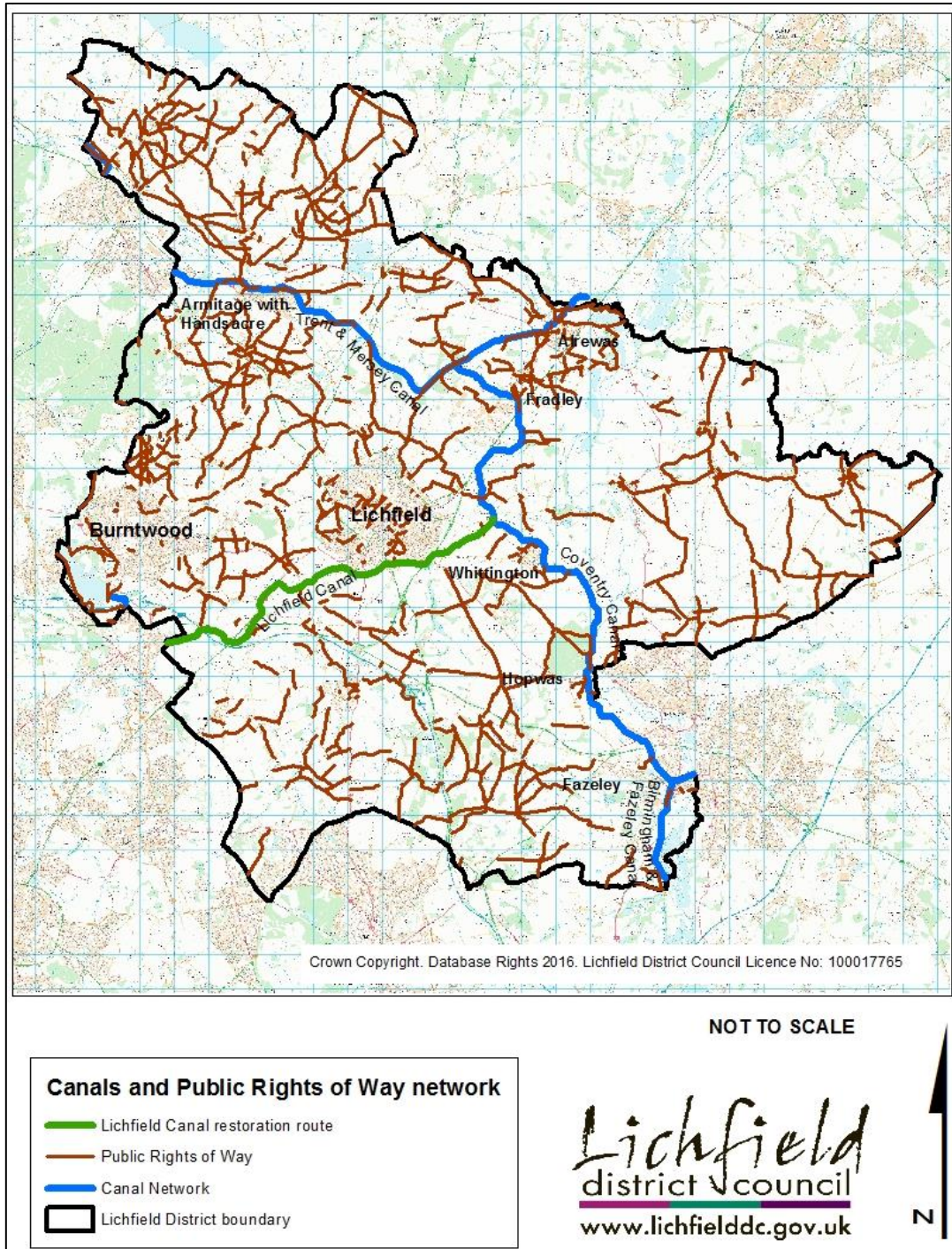
7.2 Public Rights of Way

There are currently 1145 rights of way in Lichfield District totalling 460km. In addition there are also 190 km of cycle routes within the District which connect the main urban settlements of Lichfield and Burntwood and to settlements outside of Lichfield District such as Cannock, Rugeley and Tamworth. Notable and well known long distance routes which cross Lichfield District being the Heart of England Way, the Staffordshire Way and National Cycle Route 54.

Staffordshire County Council under Section 60 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act publish a [Rights of Way Improvement Plan \(ROWIP\)](#). The ROWIP establishes a framework for managing the rights of way network and sets out priorities for improving it to meet the needs of users. The plan proposes a series of actions to help achieve priorities and guides the targeting of resources in future. Funding as always remains the main obstacle and the ROWIP recommends continuing existing and increasing partnership working along with the involvement of local people and communities to harness their resources and knowledge.

7.2 Canals

Lichfield District is crossed by three canals, namely the Coventry Canal, Birmingham and Fazeley Canal and the Trent and Mersey Canal. Whilst initially constructed for the transportation of goods, the canals in more recent years have become a destination for leisure boaters, walkers and cyclists as well as operating as efficient green corridors.



Map 7.1 Canal and Public Rights of Way Network within Lichfield District

Several settlements within the District are situated along these canals and include Armitage with Handsacre, Fradley, Alrewas, Whittington, Hopwas and Fazeley. In addition there is also extensive ongoing work to restore and reopen the Lichfield Canal by the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Trust.

Within Staffordshire canal towpaths have been linked to the footpath network to deliver 2 long distance routes:

- Millennium Way; and
- Staffordshire Way.

Many of the canals run by the Canal and River Trust are open to cyclists, however within Lichfield there are no formal cycle routes running along existing canal towpaths.

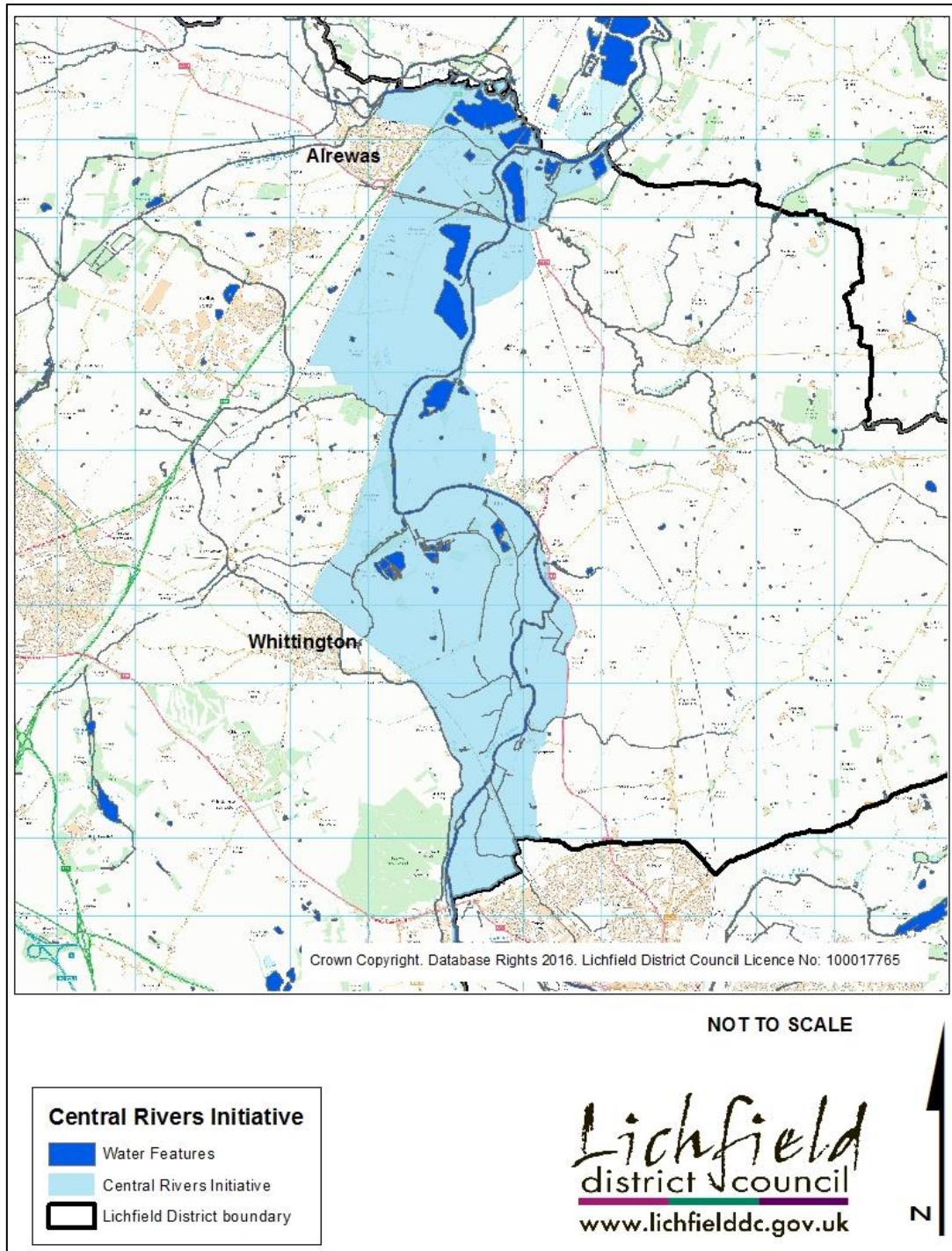
Continued support and promotion of the canal network should be maintained in order to raise their profile in terms of their importance in contributing to the sustainable transport network as well as in providing efficient and effective green corridors.

7.3 Rivers

Lichfield District is crossed by the rivers Tame and Trent, both of which are part of the wider Central Rivers Initiative (CRI) area and which also stretches across Tamworth Borough and East Staffordshire District.

The CRI is a rural regeneration project seeking to secure the multi-functional end use for post sand and gravel extraction sites. In May 2016, the CRI partnership submitted a £3 million funding application 'Transforming the Trent Valley' to the Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake a wide range of environmental, cultural and community-led projects within the Trent valley over a 5 year period. In October 2016 development the first stage of the grant has been approved providing funding to support the development of a larger proposal to be submitted for approval in 2018. This project will:

- Create a more robust and attractive landscape for local people and for visiting tourists to enjoy with access to sites of wildlife and cultural interest.
- Reveal the archaeological and industrial heritage that has shaped the river valley landscape
- Restore characteristic river valley landscape features such as meandering river channels, water meadows and waterside trees
- Create new and improved wildlife habitats such as reed beds, wet pastures and woodland encouraging species such as bittern, osprey and waders on land formerly quarried for sand and gravel
- Improve accessibility on foot, cycle and horseback with new opportunities for recreation and sport.



Map 7.2 Central Rivers Initiative

7.4 Cycleways, Walkways and Bridleways.

Cycling and walking are critical in creating an integral and balanced transport network. As well as providing a healthy and sustainable mode of transport they also help to reduce pollution and congestion.

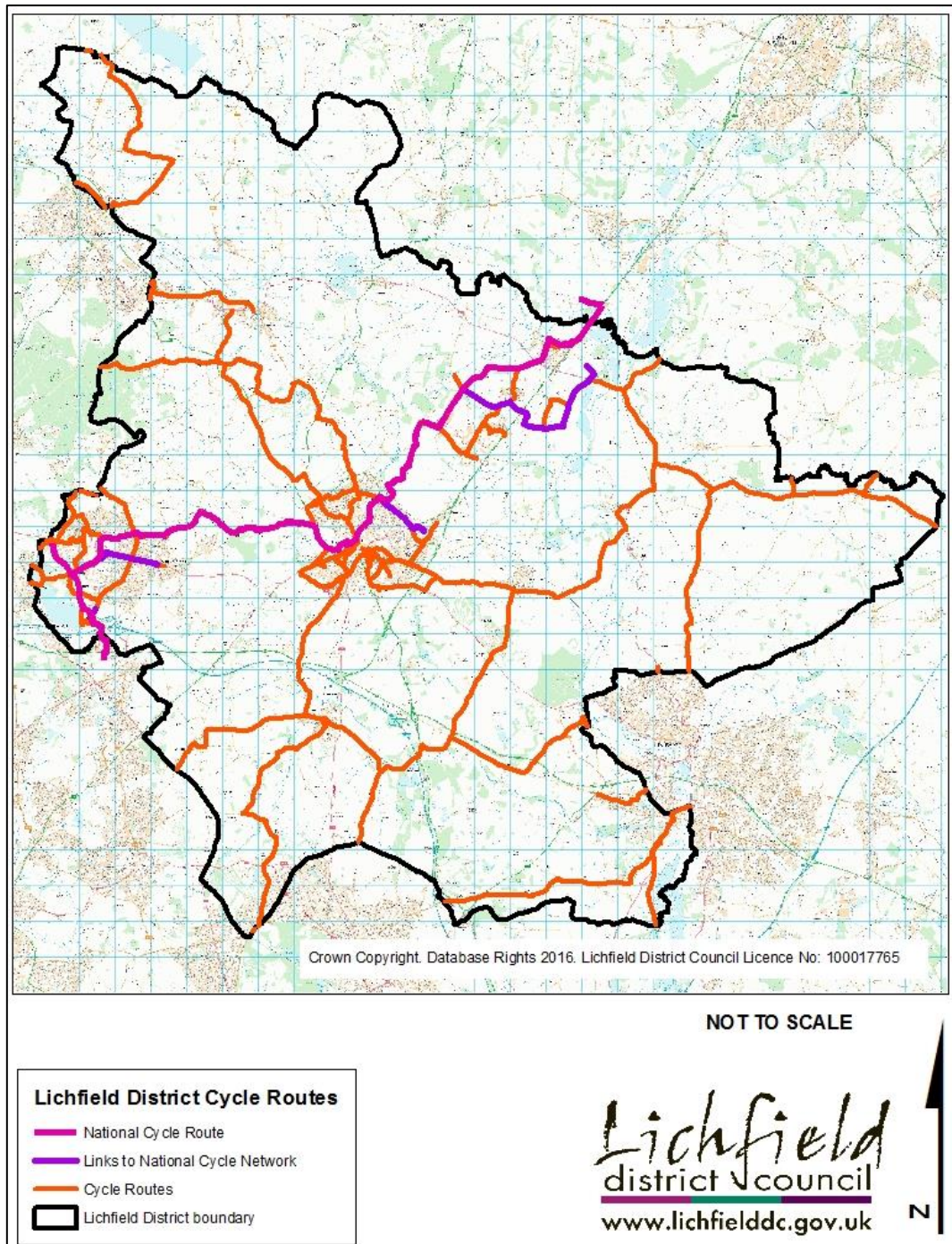
Two important cycle routes pass through the District:

- Cycle Route 5 – An 8 mile route connecting Lichfield to Chasewater via Burntwood.

- Cycle Route 54 – An 18 mile route connecting Lichfield north into Derbyshire via Fradley, Alrewas and Barton under Needwood.

The Lichfield District Council Integrated Transport Strategy 2011-2026 published by Staffordshire County Council places emphasises the promotion of sustainable links to encourage residents of the District to use alternative forms of transport.

Existing canals are important sustainable transport corridors however within Lichfield District there are no towpath cycle routes at present. Should this be considered it could provide links between settlements located along the canal routes.



Map 7.3 Cycle Network

7.5 Summary

7.5.1 Quantity

There are inherent difficulties in setting standards for green corridors, not least because of the variety of types and end users of these corridors. It is therefore recommended that no provision standard should be set. Corridors such as those described above are important for many reasons and whilst no quantitative standard is recommended good maintenance and management of routes is important. Green corridors are most likely to be demand-led and a result of the planning process. Developments need to be designed to integrate with the existing network and to take account of implications for biodiversity.

7.5.2 Quality

While it is inappropriate to measure the area of green corridors, quality is central to their use and value both as a recreational resource and also as a means of enhancing wildlife. Similarly to quantity standards, it is not considered appropriate to set a definitive quality standard due to the diversity of type and uses of green corridors together with the ownership and maintenance being in the hands of other organisations and private owners.

Whilst no quality standard is to be set it is envisaged that they should be clean and well managed and maintained based on the type of green corridor. Popular corridors regularly used by the public should be safe and accessible in particular those which link other areas of green infrastructure. Where appropriate additional infrastructure such as signage, bins, benches and lighting should be provided.

7.5.3 Accessibility

No accessibility standard will be set in relation to this typology given the varied nature of green corridors. Planning policy should aim to facilitate the delivery of an integrated network of high quality green corridors linking open spaces and communities together, providing opportunities for informal recreation and means of sustainable transport. Consideration should also be given to the provision of effective wildlife corridors, enabling the migration of species across the landscape.

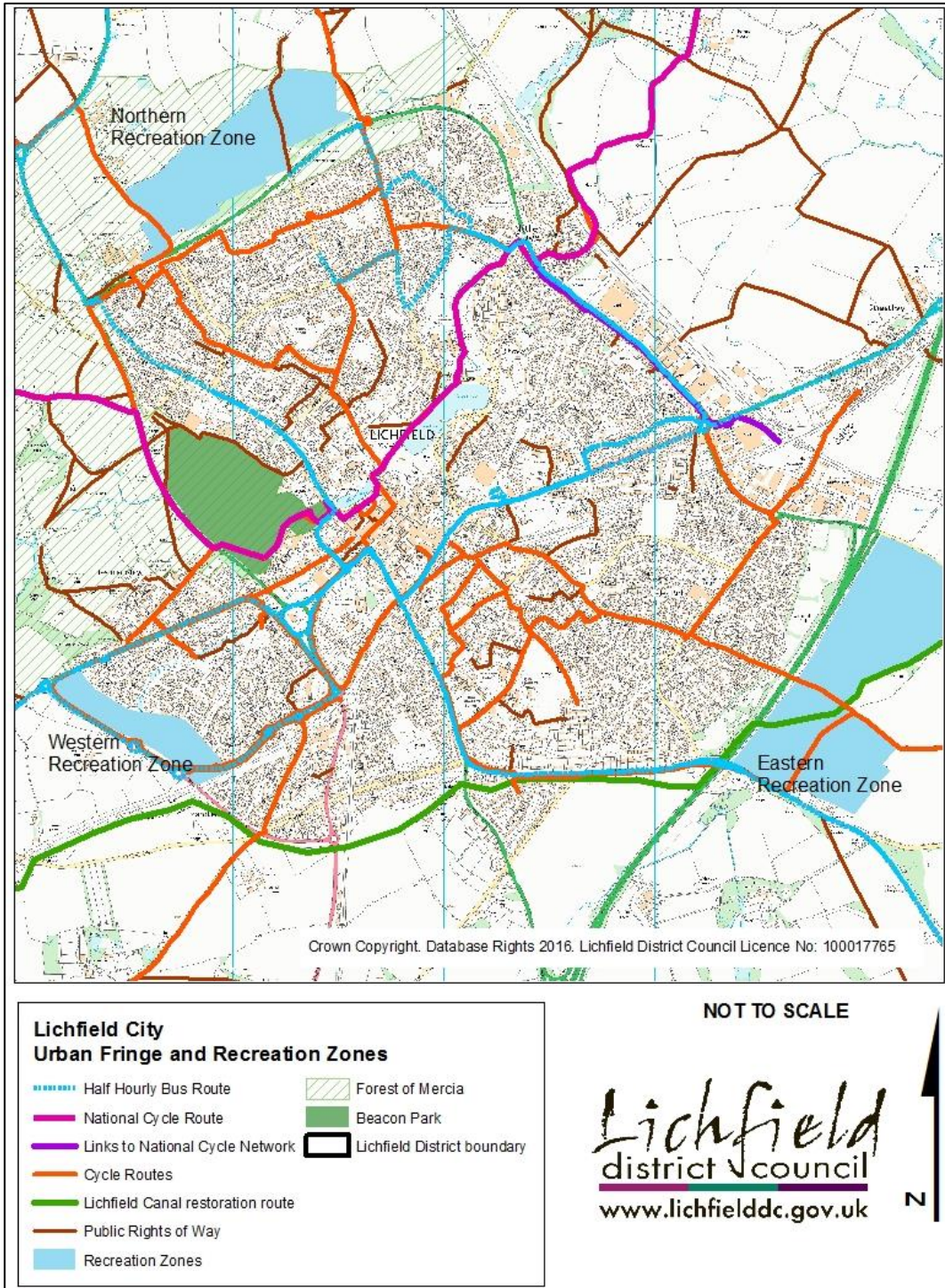
It is important that routes are well maintained to ensure there are no obstructions which limit accessibility, such as the A38 preventing National Cycle Route 54 accessing the National Memorial Arboretum.

8. Urban Fringe

8.1 Definition

Urban fringes are areas of countryside around towns which can be a valuable resource for sport and recreation. Local authorities should encourage the creation of sports and recreational facilities in such areas.

8.2 Lichfield Recreation Zones



Map 8.1 Lichfield City Urban Fringe

On the periphery of Lichfield there are a number of urban fringe spaces including three areas designated within the 1998 Lichfield Local Plan as recreation zones. Two of these areas have been developed for recreation and sport, namely the Northern and Eastern Recreation Grounds. The Western Recreation Zones currently remains as agricultural land, this has the benefit of extant planning permission for residential development. The future of this recreation zone will be considered through the Local Plan Allocation process.

The two functioning recreation zones around Lichfield City contain the following uses:

- Eastern Recreation Zone: Lichfield Rugby Club, Tennis Club, 9 and 18 hole golf course and driving range.
- Northern Recreation Zone: Lichfield Cricket and Hockey Club, and Lichfield Archery Club. Christian Fields Local Nature Reserve is also found within this zone.

8.3 Burntwood Recreation Zones

Three recreation zones have been designated around Burntwood in the Local Plan. Only the Hospital Road site has been developed for recreation, through the provision of facilities for football. Farewell Lane and Wharf Lane zones remain in agricultural use. The future designation of these recreation zones will be considered through the Local Plan Allocation document.

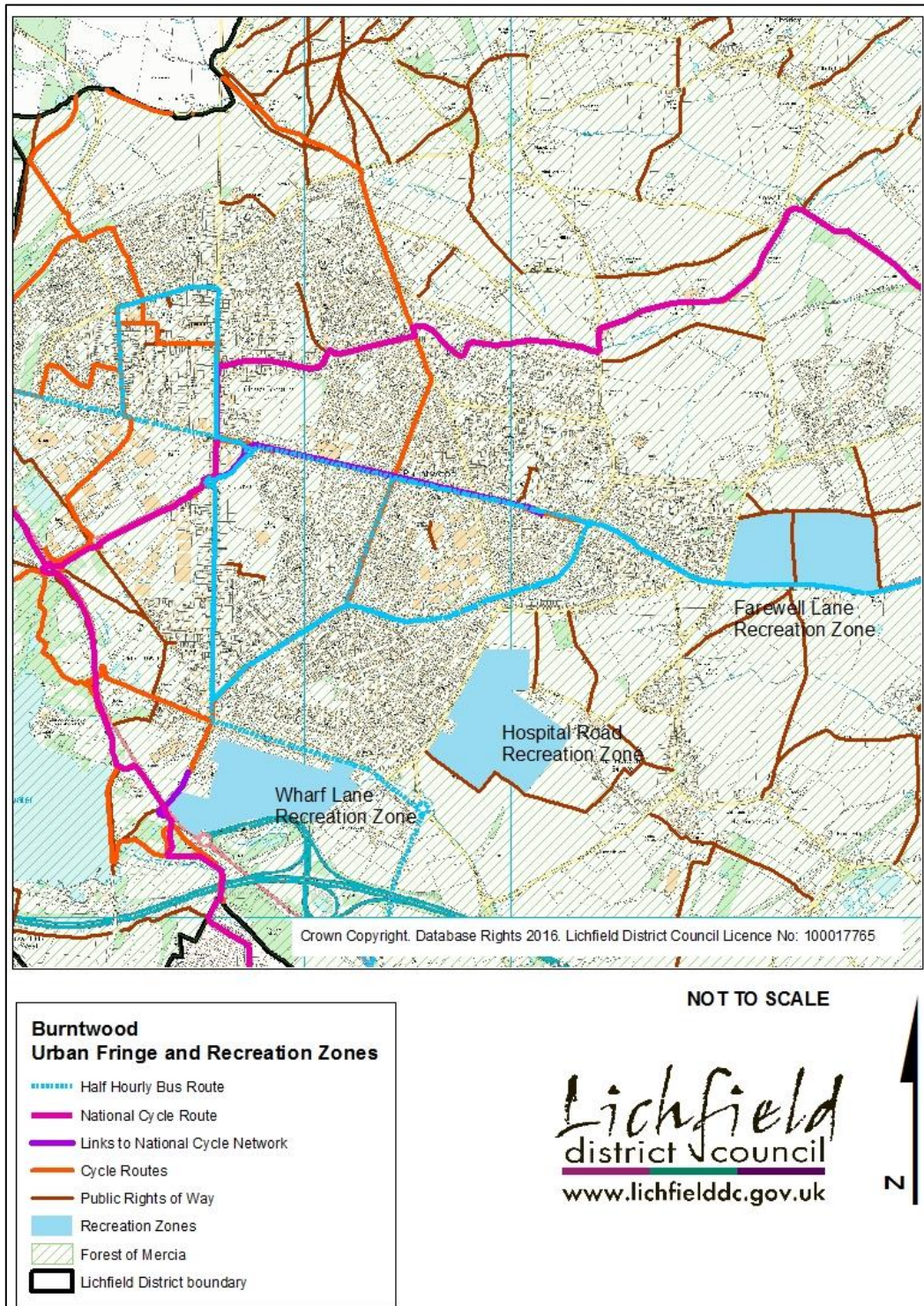
There remains a need to consider the relevance of recreation zone designations for the delivery of outdoor sport and recreation, either existing sites identified in the 1998 Local Plan or new/ additional sites. Several factors need to be considered including:

- Is there a need for further pitch and outdoor recreation provision?;
- Can they help deliver outdoor sport and recreation facilities where no specific designation exists?;
- Are the recreation zones in the best locations;
- Consideration in terms of planning policy – these uses are already acceptable within the countryside without the need for specific policies; and
- The recommendations of the Playing Pitch Strategy (2012).

The emphasis of the promotion of these urban fringe sites relates to the fact that they provide valuable and accessible (by foot, bike and public transport) open areas in sustainable locations for those living within adjacent urban areas and more importantly they can provide a valuable resource for sport and recreation particularly where there are limited opportunities in the urban areas themselves. Outdoor sports facilities are often a focal point of a local community, functioning as a recreational and amenity resource in addition to a formal sports facility.

However these designated zones in which sport and recreation uses have been located were all home to an existing sport/recreation use prior to designation. It is challenging to deliver sports/recreation facilities where the landowner or interested parties are pursuing different forms of development. The strategic locations for built development have been set out in the Local Plan Strategy with additional sites to be identified through the Local Plan Allocations process.

All of the recreation zones are located within the Green Belt. In terms of sport and recreation uses together with essential facilities are acceptable forms of development in the countryside and Green Belt. Potentially by supporting such uses in urban fringe locations accessible by public transport, on foot, bicycle and car and resisting other uses this may bring forward additional facilities.



Map 8.2 Burntwood Urban Fringe

8.4 Recommendations

Recreation zones are no longer considered to be an appropriate mechanism in delivering outdoor sport and recreation on the fringes of Lichfield and Burntwood. The Playing Pitch Strategy recognises the success of some of the existing recreation zones and can see the potential to deliver further or improved facilities particularly those that incorporate existing successful sports clubs and through co-location of such facilities. The recreation zones are located within the Green Belt where proposals for sport and recreation are considered to be appropriate development (provided they maintain the openness of the Green Belt).

Other smaller settlements may also have suitable sites for such development, with this in mind it is recommended that outside the strategic development locations as identified within the Local Plan Strategy, support for outdoor sport and recreation should be given on the fringes of settlements. A key consideration should be ease of access of the sites by foot, cycle, public transport and car.

9. Provision for Children and Young People

9.1 Definition

Areas specifically for children and young people to ensure that they have opportunities to interact with their peers and learn social and movement skills within their home environment.

This typology encompasses a vast range of provision, from small areas of green space with a single piece of equipment (similar to the typology of amenity greenspace) to large, multi-purpose play areas. It considers equipped provision only.

Ideally a variety of good quality spaces/facilities should be well located in order to maximise access from within local communities.

The following table provides definitions for the different types of site which provide for children and young people and based on the National Playing Fields Association categories.

Type of Play	Definition	Minimum Size
Local Areas of Play (LAP)	Sites designed specifically for younger children (up to the age of around 6).	100 sq m
Local Equipped Areas of Play (LEAP)	Play areas which are designed for children between 4 and 8 years old.	400 sq m
Neighbourhood Equipped Areas of Play (NEAP)	Sites to serve older children.	1000 sq m
Other Outdoor Provision	This will catch any site which is not defined above such as skateparks, stand along MUGAs and bmx tracks.	800 sq m

The assessment of existing equipment will identify areas where there are deficiencies in the provision, quality and accessibility of play spaces and that standards are set where appropriate to assist in addressing these deficiencies. In addition it will set minimum requirements which should be specified when creating new play spaces.

It must be noted that although this section refers specifically to equipped play, the role of amenity greenspace must be recognised which when combined with equipped play can result in a larger open space offering a more varied play experience. It is also acknowledged that some play spaces contain more than one type of play and or open space. Where this is the case the play area has been included into the designation it closely matches.

9.2 Context

From the 2011 Census, within Lichfield District there were 16,419 children (16%) 14 years old and younger. Of these 32% are 0-4 years, 19% 5-7 years, 13% 8-9 years and 35% 10-14 years. This is a slight decrease from 2001 but is projected to rise by 2028 to 18,000. The number of 15-19 year olds was 5888 a fall of around 1000 since 2001.

Notwithstanding the provision of a variety of types of equipped play, it must be noted that children often play where there is space which does not necessarily contain formal equipment.

9.3 Survey Findings and Views of Users

In addition to residents and children who use spaces, information has been sought regarding local deficiencies in quality, quantity and accessibility from Parish Councils, who have particular local knowledge of their individual areas. In the past residents' surveys were carried out as part of the Household Survey, Omnibus, Best Value Performance and the Place Survey with the Fit for the Future consultation of 2104 providing evidence that managing parks and open spaces was important to the respondents. Those aged 55 and above were more keen to stop managing development projects such as play areas than their younger counterparts.

A consistent theme of various surveys carried out over the years is the need for facilities for teenagers. The 2011 Citizens survey clearly demonstrated 54% across the District felt that there was either 'nearly enough' or 'not enough' provision for young people and teenagers. The conclusions of the Play Strategy 2007-2012 although now out of date are still pertinent in that local play areas are very important to local communities, and whilst access to equipped play areas is desirable, access to larger more informal outdoor spaces is equally important enabling opportunities for a more varied and better quality of play experience.

In order to provide attractive equipped play spaces it is important that sites specifically aimed at children and young people contain elements which they consider contribute to the quality of play. Views from children were sought during the production of the Play Strategy along with other representations which have been used as the basis to set criteria against which to score the play value of equipped play spaces. A survey of the more physical elements of these sites has also been undertaken which in combination with the quality scoring provide an overall picture of each site.

The Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029 reinforces this position with its Open Space Standards in Policy HSC1, whereby all residents living within the District's settlements should be within 480m/10 minutes' walk time of an equipped play facility.

9.4 Assessment of Quantity

There are a total of 66 equipped play spaces throughout the District ranging in size from small play areas in rural villages to large areas with numerous facilities such as Beacon Park. Due to the classification of play areas, there may be more than one type on each open space. In total there is approximately 12.7 ha of equipped play space within the District. The accuracy of measuring the size of equipped play areas is not straightforward as the boundaries of some sites are not clearly defined, this is especially the case where the sites can be categorised as 'natural play' or when the range of equipment is spread across a larger greenspace.

It is possible for smaller sites to score highly where there is a variety of good quality equipment set in a well-designed and maintained environment which is conducive to physical and imaginative play.

In the past assessment of quantity has had regard to a variety of published sources including the NPFA 'Six Acre Standard' (2001) using Locally Equipped Areas for Play (LEAPs) and Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAPs).

The NPFA has now produced 'Beyond the Six Acre Standard (2015) and provides a useful starting point when considering the standards. The standard for equipped children's play space being 0.25 ha per 1000 population. Lichfield District does not reach this standard with concern expressed regarding the lack of provision in some of the rural villages and within the urban areas of Lichfield and Burntwood. As previously noted surveys have consistently highlighted the need for additional facilities for teenagers.

Working to the standard of 0.25 ha per 1000 population, the District should have 25.5 ha of equipped children's play space. Lichfield currently has 0.126 ha per 1000 population, virtually half of the amount recommended by the NPFA. However from survey work, the general consensus of feedback is that there is sufficient children's play space although there are issues surrounding the accessibility of certain play spaces in Lichfield and Burntwood.

The traditional square metre per head of population is a generalist approach and is not considered to be the best in delivering the right amount of equipped space in the right locations as it does not reflect local circumstances or aspirations. It is considered that a more appropriate way forward is to deliver those aspects that children consider important namely play value and physical quality. This moves the focus away from a purely 'equipped play area of a particular size which could potentially offer a poor quality of experience to a more flexible approach which can allow equipped play areas of a range of sizes where the focus is high quality play. This together with providing emphasis on accessible play spaces within a 480 m/10 minute walk time would deliver a better end result.

An approach that focuses on ensuring that sufficient spaces are delivered in the most appropriate locations to maximise accessibility is preferred. In addition, applying the qualitative standards in conjunction with local community involvement it is envisaged would lead to better equipped play space provision and this could enable some equipped play spaces to be set within or adjacent to less formal amenity greenspaces which allow for non equipped play.

9.5 Assessment of Quality

The quality of play spaces is dependent on a number of factors including the layout, design, surfacing, planting, type and amount of play equipment, degree and perception of safety, management, maintenance and the local environment. These all contribute to the play value users place on spaces. To this end two separate qualitative surveys have been undertaken, one relating to more physical appearance, presence of street furniture and maintenance and the second relating to play value from a user's perspective. Together, surveys undertaken of existing equipped areas will assist in establishing a qualitative standard for equipped play areas. In addressing quality two factors were assessed: play value; and physical quality.

9.5.1 Quality – Play Value

In terms of scoring 'play,' seven themes were identified to be assessed through the Open Space Assessment 2012 (listed below). These themes were derived through combining local knowledge from individuals, groups and other organisations involved in the provision and design of equipped play areas (often involving consultation with local communities), the District Councils Play Leaders involved in community play schemes and, importantly, the views of local children. The seven themes which effect the qualities of 'playability' have been used to give a percentage score to existing equipped play sites. These are:

- **Degree to which the site is overlooked:** there is the perception of safety from a child's point of view from having a play location that is near to and clearly visible from residential or other properties such as community buildings, even regularly used footpaths or from passing traffic on low speed residential streets. Conversely from a parent/guardian point of view the more visible and less isolated the play site the more likely they are to let children play;
- **Degree to which the site is inclusive:** this includes elements such as whether the site is open/accessible during daylight hours, whether movement within the site is not hampered by poor surfaces particularly for push chairs and wheelchair users, whether there is sufficient seating both formal and informal (informal includes boulders, grass mounds etc.);
- **Proximity to other services/facilities:** potential to encourage opportunities to visit play areas en route to other destinations such as shops, community buildings, schools and other leisure uses;
- **Catchment:** amount of residential coverage that falls within a 480m /10 minute walk time buffer of an equipped play area;
- **Accessibility:** whether there are any physical barriers which impede safe access, such as busy roads with fast traffic speeds and/or no safe crossing points, railways, lack of footpaths radiating from equipped play areas to surrounding residential areas;
- **Play Value Children's Criteria:** (must have at least 5 to score 100%)
 1. somewhere for running and walking;
 2. opportunities to play ball games such as football/cricket;
 3. Hard surface to play basketball, cycle, roller skate/skateboard;
 4. somewhere to sit and 'hang out;'
 5. older children (8+) - risky play -climbing, jumping from high up, swinging high, balancing, dens;
 6. younger children - swings and slides;
 7. natural features - grass, trees, flowers;
 8. looked after properly, bins for rubbish that are regularly emptied; and
- **Equipment:** good quality play equipment that it is full working order.

Also highlighted in the Play Strategy in relation to quality is the concept of 'risk'. Play providers often feel that health and safety considerations are more important than the needs and aspirations of children and young people. It is the job of play providers to look at and manage the level of risk so that children and young people can be given the chance to challenge themselves and test and develop their abilities.

In addition there is a need to consider whether play encompasses 'inclusive play', in terms of meeting the needs of children of differing physical and intellectual abilities.

These qualitative elements within equipped children's play sites have been scored by percentages, with a total score being derived for each site.

Whilst 'on site' surveys have been used to assess existing equipped play areas, the individual criteria and elements scored are also useful when considering new schemes where new equipped play areas are being provided as well as improvements to existing sites. In addition sites will need to be monitored on a regular basis as some of the 'Play Value' elements assessed may change from year to year (assessment carried out 2016).

9.5.1 Quality – Physical Elements

A detailed assessment of quality has been carried out of all equipped play and children's open play spaces and their quality has been scored against set criteria, the result for individual sites and the detailed assessment form are set out within the Appendices. This qualitative assessment involved scoring particular elements of equipped play spaces, including:

- Quality of boundaries;
- Surfacing and maintenance;
- Provision of furniture such as bins, seating;
- Interpretation and information points, toilets on or near to site;
- Availability of parking and street lighting; and
- Cleanliness.

Physical elements of the quality scoring uses the same scoring criteria used for Amenity Green Spaces. It is felt that this will combine with the play value score to provide a detailed assessment of the quality of the District's play areas. Each site is given a maximum score which the site could achieve. This allows a final percentage to be calculated and provides an indication of the potential for improvements at sites.

Whilst there is no particular emphasis in terms of individual elements and order of importance, some may have a more direct and obvious impact and influence on perceived quality of an equipped playspace, such as the presence and quality of seating, grassed areas, paths and bins etc. Maintenance also influences quality and enjoyment of equipped playspaces. It is considered that maintenance of sites is reflected in these scores but it is also important to remember that the surveys are a snapshot in time and may not necessarily reflect the maintenance regime or timetable of works. It is also important to note that seasonal changes can also affect the overall appearance and thus quality scores.

It is envisaged that, in terms of the overall physical elements, the District Council needs to aspire to serve the needs of the District and to ensure quality and safety are maintained a regular monitoring system will help to assess the condition of equipped play sites.

9.6 Improvements to Equipped Play Areas

A number of specific spaces have been targeted for a variety of improvements over recent years by the District Council including sites associated with residential development. Sites

improved include; Stowe Croft, Lichfield; Laurel House, Fazeley; Shropshire Brook Road and Millmoor Road, Armitage; and Burntwood Leisure Centre with new facilities associated with new development being provided at Hawksyard, Armitage.

9.7 Accessibility

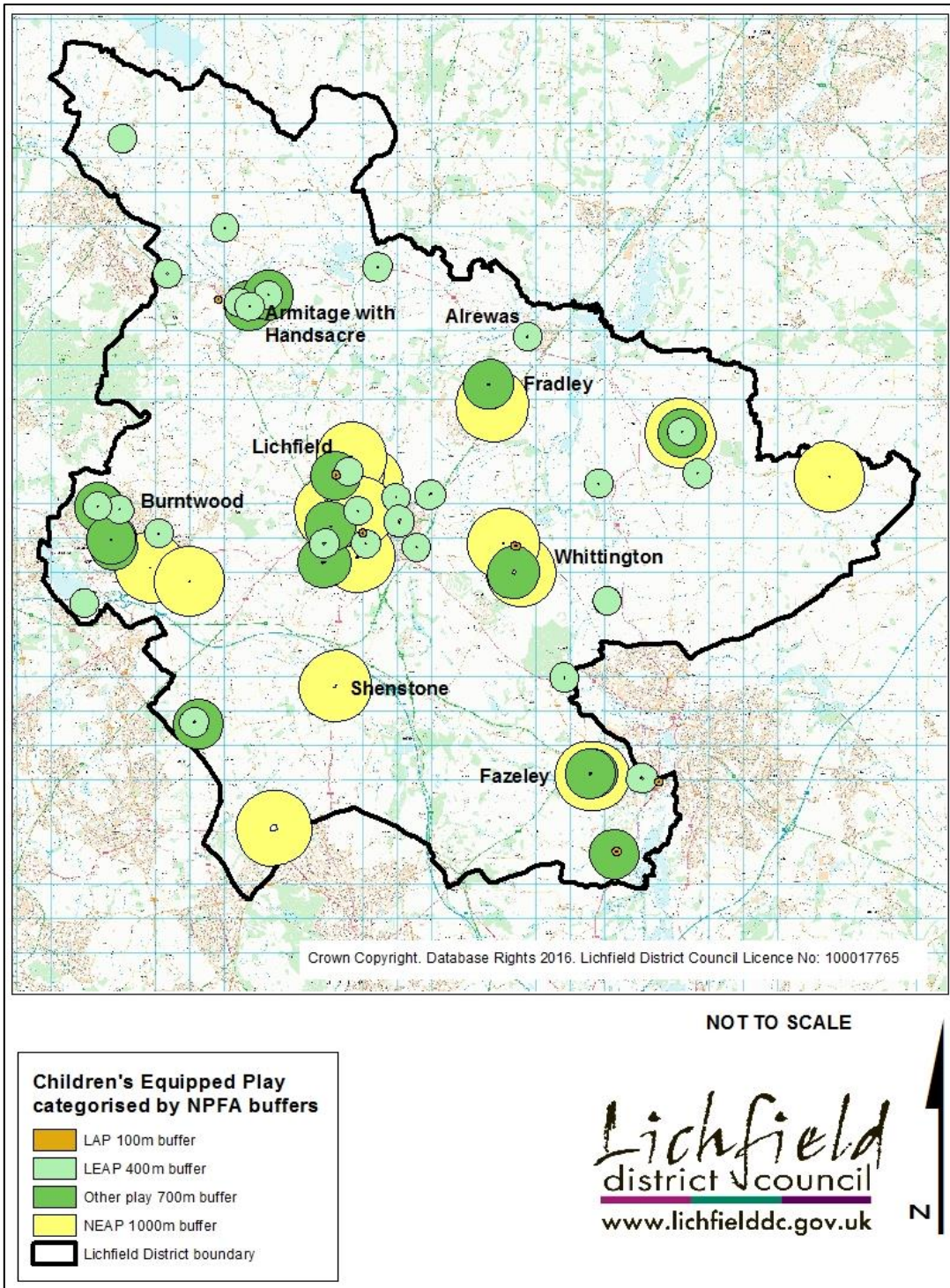
Accessibility to open spaces used for play by children and young people is particularly important, influencing the amount of use these spaces receive. Along with design, accessibility can influence the perception of whether play areas are safe. Irrespective of its quality, a poorly located playspace may not be used to its full potential if children cannot, or are not allowed, to play there.

The degree to which a site is accessible is not only influenced by its location but can be affected by the availability of pedestrian safe routes and physical barriers which in turn impact on the distances which can be travelled/time taken. Ideally play spaces aimed at very young children need to be within a short walking distance of their home, however, it is most likely that they would be accompanied by an adult. It is reasonable to assume that play areas aimed at older children and teenagers can involve longer walking distances, often without adult supervision. Ideally, the best solution would be to ensure that residents are able to safely and conveniently access equipped playspaces within a reasonable distance of their home

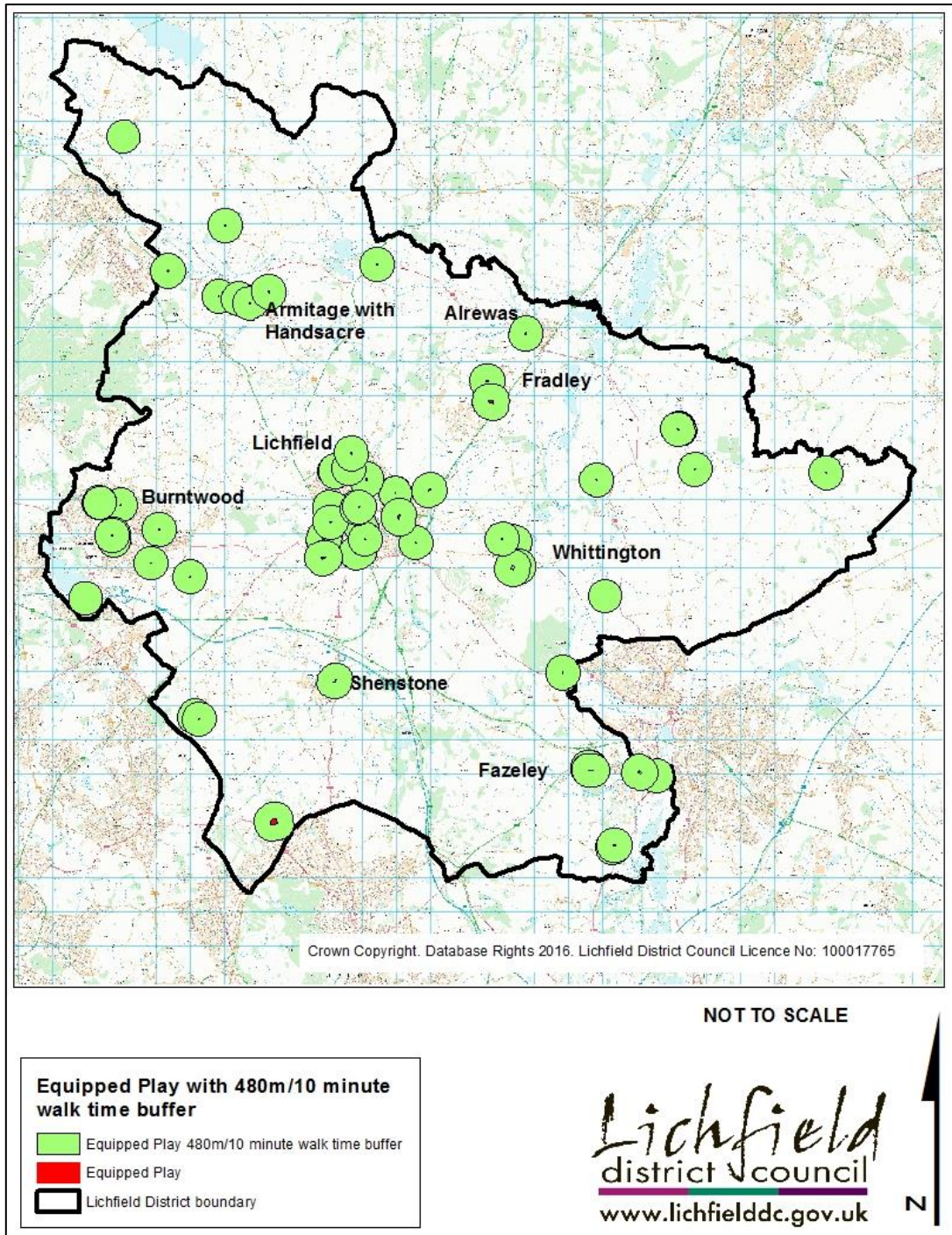
When looking at accessibility, and in applying the NPFA standards LAPs (100m), LEAPs (400m) and NEAPs (1000m) and Other Play Spaces (skateparks, MUGAs) 700m, the Map 9.1 shows the extent of coverage of the District's play areas (shown in more detail for Lichfield, Burntwood and Key Rural Settlements later on within the relevant sections).

9.8 Funding

For larger developments, the provision of onsite play spaces will be funded through legal agreements to make the development acceptable in planning terms. Offsite provision and the improvement of existing spaces will be funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy.



Map 9.1 Children's Equipped Play categorised by NPFA Buffers



Map 9.2 Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

In the Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029, accessibility of equipped play spaces is set at 480m/10 minutes' walk time. This has been derived from consideration of both national standards and survey responses by residents. Most equipped play spaces within the smaller rural settlements can be accessed within a 10 minutes' walk time.

In summary and shown on Map 9.2, whilst not all areas have access to existing play spaces (480m/10 minute walk time), Lichfield City has a greater coverage than Burntwood. Within the key rural settlements (Armitage with Handsacre, Alrewas, Fradley, Fazeley, Shenstone

and Whittington), Map 9.2 shows not all areas are within a 480m buffer of equipped play space.

Due to a number of variables including the form and scale of smaller rural settlements it is inappropriate to apply the 80m/ 10 minute walk time buffer. Alternatively play provision is best tailored to the individual requirements of each settlement. Many existing play areas within rural settlements are the responsibility of the Parish Councils and as such, any future provision should include consultation with the Parish Councils and local communities. With this in mind it should be noted that the Play Strategy recommended that all rural settlements should have at least one children's play area.

9.9 Lichfield City

9.9.1 Quantity

Within Lichfield City recent improvement schemes and new sites have increased the total amount of equipped play space. In 2012 there were 19 equipped play spaces on 15 sites totalling 4 ha. The increase from 2012 can be accounted for through the delivery of a new skatepark at Beacon Park, and a linear play space at Stowe Croft.

As noted earlier, some equipped play spaces are not easily defined with equipment sited within a much larger open space and differing types of play on the same site. Table 9.1 shows the best fit.

As previously stated, the question of relating quantity solely in relation of square metres per 1000 population may not lead to the best results in terms of provision. A large play space in one area may not be readily accessible to a large proportion of residents and therefore a mixture of play spaces spread across the wider area is preferable. In Lichfield the play areas vary considerably in size, however it does not always equate that a small site provides a poorer quality play experience. The size of play spaces should be based on the need to provide good quality play value and through community involvement.

Lichfield City Equipped Play Quantity Recommendation

In terms of quantity, measures to improve existing sites should continue alongside exploring opportunities for additional sites within those areas with no access to an existing site within 480m/10 minute walk time.

9.9.2 Quality

The overall quality of play spaces within Lichfield City is good with a number of sites having benefitted from improvements in recent years. There is a wide range of sites which on the whole offer a good range of play sites which on the whole offer a good range of play opportunities from formal to natural play.

Play Value: The sites which scored lowest with regard to play value are Darnford Park and Beech Gardens. Darnford Park has old and outdated play equipment although well maintained, and would benefit from redesign and replacement. The low score also stems from its location on the edge of the settlement. Beech Gardens is a small play area and situated within an area of open space in the centre of a residential crescent. Although scoring relatively well due to its location and other facilities available, as these facilities are at a

community centre, David Garrick Gardens would also benefit from the provision of additional play equipment.

Physical Quality: The standards vary considerably from 38% and 39% for Darnford Park and Beech Gardens respectively to 96% for Beacon Park. Darnford Park suffers from being on the edge of the settlement and therefore its catchment is limited and although well maintained, the equipment is old and in need of replacement. Beech Gardens is a small local play area in greenspace within a residential crescent which therefore has limited capacity for expansion. At the other end of the spectrum, Beacon Park is a large flagship site for the District, having attained a GreenFlag for the past 6 years and has a large regional catchment.

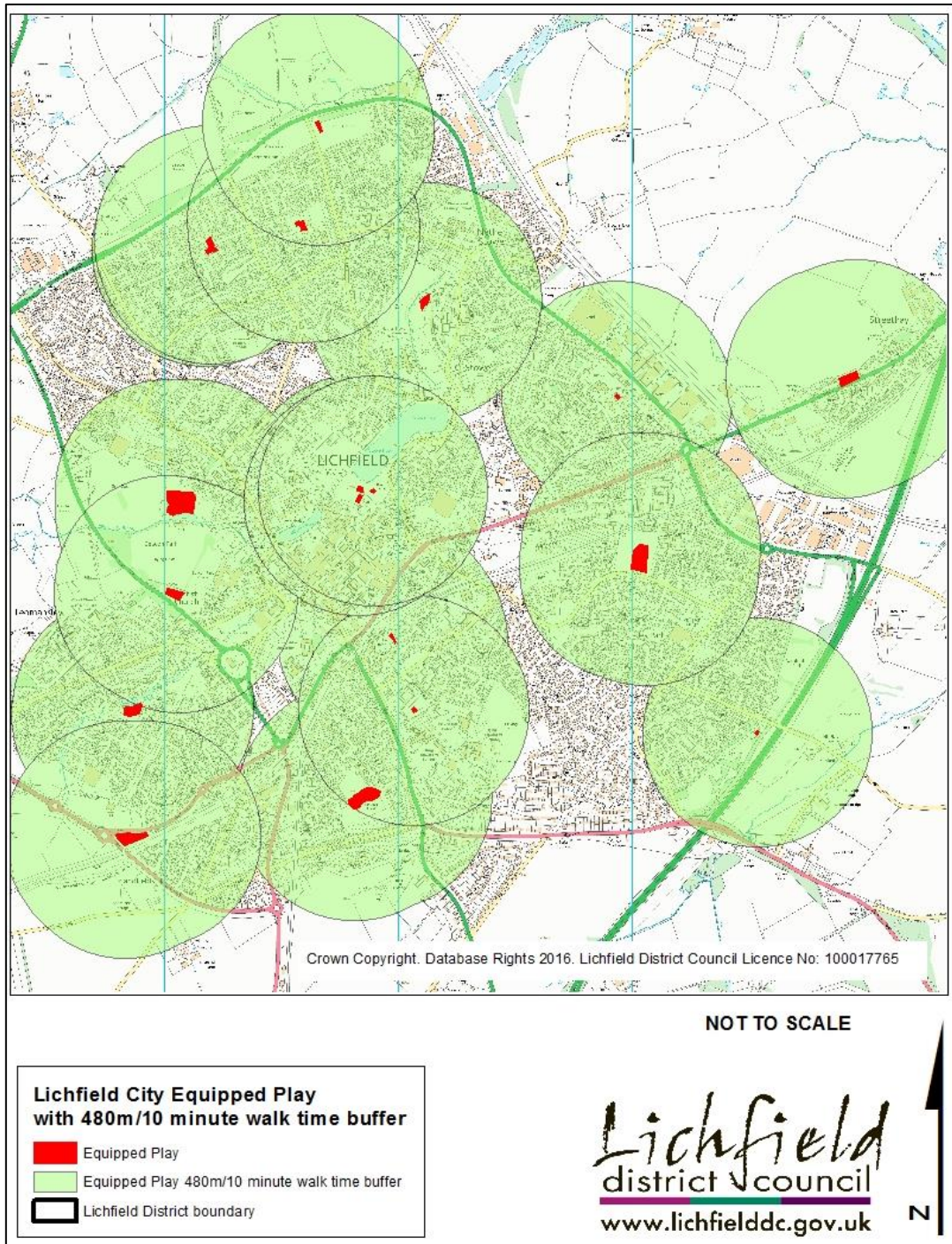
Table 9.1 Lichfield City Equipped Play.

Location	Type	Area (ha)	Play Value		Physical Score	Comments
			Score	Est Max Score		
Darnford Park	LEAP	0.02	440	550	38% 18/47	Play area is old and is need of replacement.
David Garrick Gardens	LEAP	0.03	710	750	53% 30/57	Well maintained and well used. Large space with potential for more equipment for older children.
Curborough	NEAP	0.08				
Saddlers Wood Park	LEAP	0.68	630	710	41% 18/44	Improve footpaths for comfort to wheeled users. Lack of seating and bins around the MUGA. A crossing over Roman Way would improve the site's accessibility.
Heather Close	Other	0.03	590	730	57% 25/44	Potential for adjacent green space to have some equipped play
Oakenfield / James Greenway	LAP	0.14	740	800	43% 20/47	Despite small site play equipment to suit all ages. Equipment in need of refurbishment.
Thomas Greenway	Other	0.04				
Stowe Field	NEAP	0.07	510	760	42% 20/47	Equipment old and in need of replacement. Potential to improve access and play opportunities within the wider greenspace.
Stowe Field	LEAP	0.03				
Beech Gardens	LEAP	0.03	615	750	39% 13/33	Good condition however offers little play opportunity. Potential for additional equipment.
Stychbrook Park	NEAP	0.06	520	580	57% 27/47	Excellent condition. Potential to increase further play opportunities within the wider green space.
Shortbutts Park	NEAP	0.67	800	800	71% 37/52	Range of play opportunities for all ages. Excellent site with good maintenance.
Stowe Croft Linear Play	NEAP	0.14	760	760	53% 25/47	Well located and provides natural play opportunities. Limited variety within the site.

City Wharf	LAP	0.04	700	700	57% 27/47	Site is good quality but small so limited in its potential to offer further play opportunities.
Beacon Park Skate Park	Other	0.22	740	740	96% 55/57	Excellent park which offers a wide variety of play opportunities
Beacon Park	NEAP	1.06				
Sante Foy Av Darwin Park	Other	0.44	590	690	63% 28/44	Excellent facility to the area, particularly for older children. Would benefit from seating.
Lightwood Rd, Darwin Park	LEAP	0.28	790	800	74% 35/47	Excellent site for younger children.
Burton Road, Streethay	LEAP	0.29	465	540	55% 24/44	Important facility to the residents of Streethay. Good range of equipment for a small site. Potential to improve the visibility into site by reducing the hedge height.

	Good site
	Good site but could be improved
	Site needs improving

Lichfield City Equipped Play Quality Recommendation
 The District Council aims to encourage the provision of good quality equipped play sites. Sites should seek to achieve their maximum potential score for both play value and physical quality, with an aim of reaching a minimum 50% score for physical quality.



Map 9.3 Lichfield City Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

9.9.3 Accessibility

Accessibility to equipped play areas in Lichfield City is shown on Map 9.3 and demonstrates that there are areas of the City most notably in the north east and south that are not within 480m/10 minute walk time of an equipped play area. There are also other areas which are unable to reach a play area within this timeframe due to physical barriers such as railway lines and busy roads with no safe crossing points. In those areas where there is no access or restricted access to play space, consideration should be given to the provision of new facilities or making access easier to existing spaces.

It is noted that Beacon Park acts as a destination equipped play space serving a much wider area beyond the City itself and where distances travelled are far in excess of the 480m/10 minute walk time assumed for other play spaces.

Lichfield City Equipped Play Accessibility Recommendation

Where possible opportunities should be sought to create new play spaces where development opportunities arise, particularly in areas not within 480m/10 minute walk time buffer. Given the existing built form and limited opportunities for new sites arising in these areas consideration should be given to provide equipment on other suitable greenspaces.

9.10 Burntwood

9.10.1 Quantity

Within Burntwood there are seven areas of equipped play space (including a site at Chasewater) totalling 0.57ha. This is about a third of the number of sites within Lichfield City and a 7th of the area despite having a similar population. The site at Chasewater is set apart from the main town and is considered a destination play area specifically for users visiting Chasewater and not within 480m/10 minute walk time of Burntwood residents. There has however been a number of improvements and additions to Burntwood play facilities over last few years, including the provision of Parkour equipment at the Youth Centre next to the Burntwood Leisure Centre.

As demonstrated by Map 9.4, there are in fact large areas of Burntwood which do not have access to play spaces within 480m/10 minute walk time from home. The majority of the play facilities are found to the north of the settlement with only the Leisure Centre/youth Centre provision to the south. The play facilities on site are limited for younger children with better availability of play experience via the skatepark and parkour for older age groups.

Whilst sites should not necessarily be measured in terms of square metres per head of population it is important that there are a sufficient number of sites available and accessible to local communities. A priority in Burntwood therefore is to increase the number and variety of equipped play spaces within those areas with no access to an existing site within 480m/10 minute walk time, particularly in the southern part of the settlement. Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan currently in an early stage of development recognises the need for play spaces within new residential development.

Burntwood Equipped Play Quantity Recommendation

The size of new play spaces should be derived from the need to provide good quality sites and through community involvement. Additional play spaces are required to address the shortage of equipped play spaces in Burntwood and ideally located within those areas with no access within the 480m/10 minute walk time buffer. Consideration should be given to facilities for all age groups. Opportunities for new sites should be explored including consideration of the potential for co-locating with other amenity greenspace where appropriate.

9.10.2 Quality

Table 9.2 Burntwood Equipped Play.

Location	Type	Area (ha)	Play Value		Physical Score	Comments
			Score	Est Max Score		
Redwood Park	LEAP	0.10	710	770	40% (19/47)	Good site, providing a range of equipment, for a range of ages. Overall setting could be enhanced.
Chase Terrace Park	LEAP	0.03	735	735	47% (22/47)	Excellent site - provides play opportunities for range of ages. Potential to increase natural play and informal seating.
Chase Terrace Park	Other	0.03				
Youth Centre Skatepark	Other	0.17	740	770	40% (19/47)	Good site offering facilities for older children and teenagers.
Youth Centre Parkour	Other	0.09				
Chasewater	LEAP	0.06	320	320	70% (40/57)	This site scores well, however due to its location certain aspects are limited (e.g. catchment).
Burntwood Leisure Centre	LEAP	0.02	660	800	75% (43/57)	Children's play area is small given the size of the leisure centre site. Potential to fence play area.
Burntwood Park	LEAP	0.07	645	700	39% (22/57)	Somewhat hidden from view which may affect perceptions of safety. Lack of footpath through site.

	Good site
	Good site but could be improved
	Site needs improving

Play Value: Within Burntwood itself the play value at Chase Terrace Park, Chasewater and the Youth Centre for older children is good. Opportunities to improve existing sites should be explored given the lack of sites throughout the town.

As shown in Table 9.2 there are opportunities to improve the play quality and setting of a number of sites, most notably Burntwood Park which whilst it is within a residential area suffers from old equipment, and is relatively isolated being in the centre of the park which can contribute to poor perceptions of safety.

Physical Quality: All sites score well for cleanliness, with the lower scoring sites generally due to issues relating to boundaries and pathways. The physical quality scores are comparable

with those from Lichfield City. One of the two higher scoring sites, namely Chasewater is outside Burntwood conurbation itself and serves those using the Country Park as opposed to residents local to the site.

Burntwood Equipped Play Quality Recommendation

The District Council aims to encourage the provision of good quality equipped play sites. Sites should seek to achieve their maximum potential score for both play value and physical quality, with an aim of reaching a minimum 50% score for physical quality

Qualitative improvements are needed to improve the physical and play value of certain sites as identified in Table 9.2.

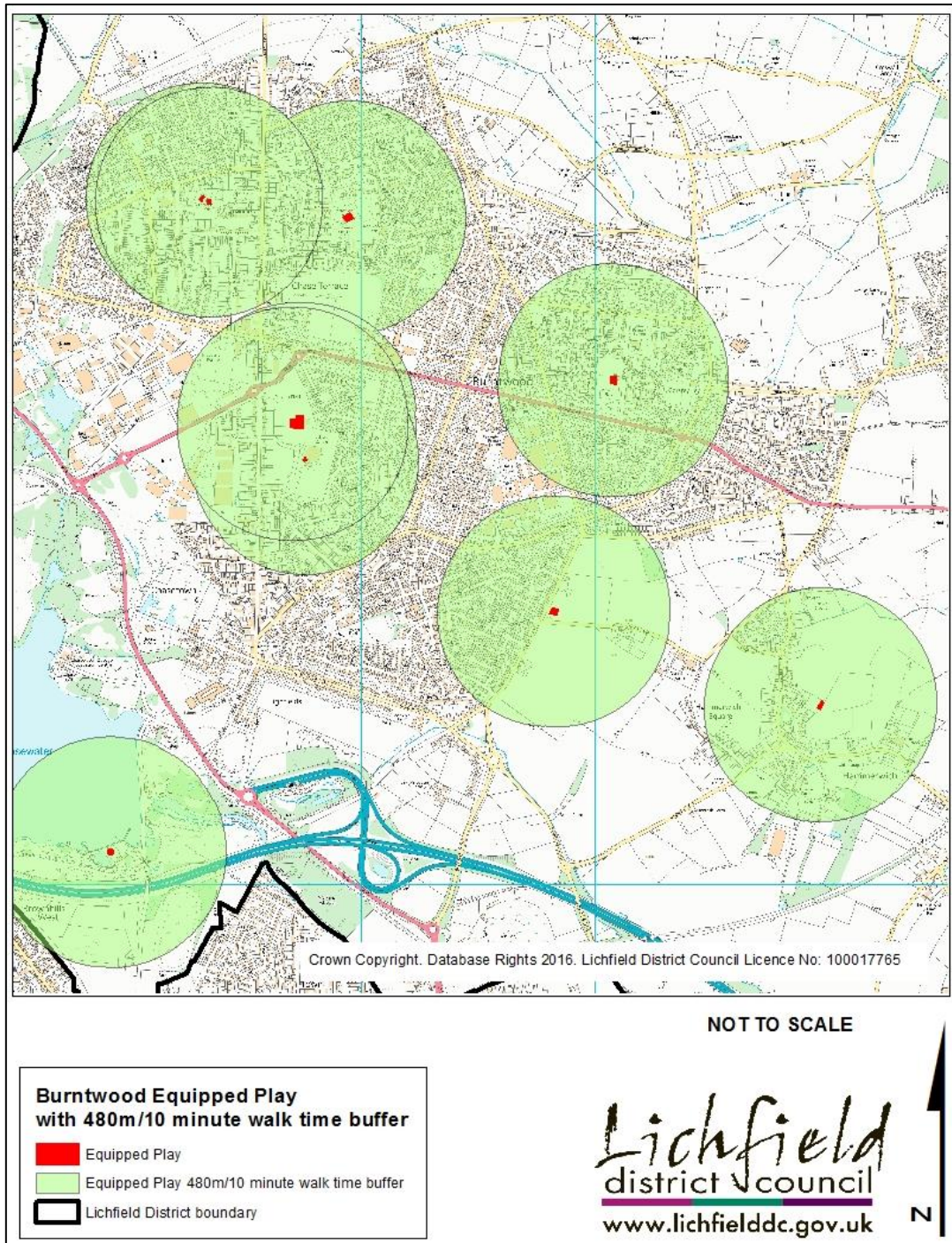
9.10.3 Accessibility

In applying the 480m/10 minute walk time and factoring that there are only 5 equipped sites within Burntwood itself, this is a third of the amount available in Lichfield City and around a 7th of the area available. The proportion of the settlement having access to a play space within 480m/10 minute walk time is also low.

Large densely developed residential areas in the east and a ribbon from north to south of Burntwood have no access to an equipped play space. Within the southern half of the settlement only the Leisure Centre and neighbouring Youth Centre provide play opportunities, with a large play area within Hammerwich Parish also helping to provide some coverage.

Burntwood Equipped Play Accessibility Recommendation

There are too few equipped play space locations within Burntwood, resulting in a substantial percentage of the settlement lying outside 480m/10 minute walk time to an equipped play space. Opportunities to create new play spaces should be sought where development opportunities arise particularly in area where there is no access within 480m/10 minute walk time.



Map 9.4 Burntwood Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

9.11 Rural Areas

The rural areas of Lichfield District are home to a number of settlements ranging in size and function and the provision of equipped play also varies across the settlements. The Local Plan Strategy identifies Key Rural Settlements, which are the focus of growth within the rural areas, with other settlements considered to be smaller ‘other’ rural settlements. The Key Rural Settlements are: Alrewas, Armitage with Handsacre, Fradley, Fazeley, Shenstone and Whittington.

Whilst most settlements have at least one equipped play space, there are settlements with no provision. It may be the case that some of the smaller rural settlements due to their demographics or physical size have little or no demand. Settlements with no provision include Hamstall Ridware, Longdon, Upper Longdon, Hints, Canwell, Chorley and Wall. In consultation with Parish Council's Wall and Canwell have confirmed no provision is required however Shenstone Woodend has been highlighted as having an identified need for children's play. These situations are fluid and this may change in the future which highlights the need to liaise with Parish Council's and the local community.

Table 9.3 Key Rural Settlements Equipped Play.

Key Rural	Name	Type	Area (ha)	Play Value		Physical Score	Comments
				Score	Est Max Score		
Alrewas	Chaseview Road	LEAP	0.07	620	630	73% (29/40)	Well maintained. Provides a range of play facilities but only for part of the village due to its edge of settlement location. Explore potential for another play area in the east of village
Armitage with Handsacre	Village Hall, Shropshire Brook Road	Other	0.14	670	800	66% (31/47)	Recently improved but scope to extend site further. Lack of bins and seating.
		LEAP	0.08				
Armitage with Handsacre	Upper Lodge Road	LAP	0.02	310	710	48% (20/42)	Site is in very poor condition, appears unused and not maintained.
Armitage with Handsacre	St Barbara's Road	Other	0.18	700	800	65% (26/40)	Good site. Needs seating.
		LEAP	0.07				
Armitage with Handsacre	Hawksyard	LEAP	0.12	700	700	83% (33/40)	New site which provides great play opportunities for the new housing estate.
Armitage with Handsacre	Millmoor Avenue	LEAP	0.09	640	720	64% (27/42)	Good condition offering good play value. potential to increase the size of this play area
Fazeley	Laurel House	LEAP	0.41	590	740	73% (27/37)	New play area. Well maintained. Appearance that it is within a gated settlement.
Fazeley	Victory Terrace (Off Tamworth Road)	LAP	0.08	630	710	40% (16/40)	Poor site hidden behind adjacent flats and separated from the wider residential area. Equipment is in poor repair and need of replacing.
Fazeley	Mile Oak Recreation Ground	NEAP	0.17	570	680	62% (32/52)	Well located close to other facilities and serves a significant residential area. Much of play equipment broken and maintenance poor, with uneven ground, long grass and no footpath. MUGA and BMX track are in excellent condition.
		Other	0.11				
		Other	0.04				

Fradley	Worthington Road	NEAP	0.71	670	720	93% (39/42)	Excellent site in very good condition. Potential to reduce hedgerow in the centre of the site to increase visibility.
Fradley	Hay End Lane	Other	0.18	610	650	60% (27/45)	Good quality site which provides a different type of recreation. Potential to introduce other types of play and benches/bins.
Whittington	Jubilee Park	Other	0.78	550	550	95% (42/44)	An excellent site, which offers a unique facility within the village, and the District. Beautifully maintained.
Whittington	Noddington Lane	LAP	0.15	630	700	60% (27/45)	Good site mainly targeted at small children with court for older children. Some maintenance required.
Whittington	Swan Road	NEAP	0.17	580	790	91% (40/44)	Very good play area offering play opportunities to different ages. The site is well maintained but on the edge of the settlement.
Whittington	Football Ground	NEAP	0.05	470	600	50% (21/42)	Equipment is limited and in poor condition. Potential to improve/relocate play facility.
Shenstone	Recreation Ground	NEAP	0.21	670	740	61% (33/54)	Good site offering play opportunities for a range of ages. Potential to introduce natural play, also to expand play areas within the wider green space.

Good site
Good site but could be improved
Site needs improving

9.11.1 Quantity

It is expected that in these larger rural settlements, there is likely to be a requirement for more than one equipped play space. Typically due to their size and/or form, they need more than one play space to achieve full 480/10 minute walk time coverage. Key rural settlements have the largest population with regard to rural settlements. Alrewas and Shenstone only have one equipped play space each, whereas at the other end of the scale Whittington has 4 and Armitage 5.

The Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029 recognises the inequality of play provision in key rural settlements and to this end has provided policies to address these issues:

Policy	Wording
Shen2	'Provision of additional equipped play and amenity greenspace, space for informal play and sport ... particularly in the southern part of Shenstone'.

Faz 2	'Improvements to the range and quality of equipped play facilities will be supported particularly around Bonehill and Deer Park and to the south west of Mile Oak along Sutton Road'.
Arm2	'Initiatives to improve or provide new equipped play will be supported, particularly relating to the areas around Upper Lodge Road and Millmoor Avenue and including the relocation and subsequent improvement of the Upper Lodge Road play area'.
Alr2	'Initiatives to improve the amount of equipped play spaces and amenity green space in the village particularly to the north to increase local accessibility will be supported where this does not conflict with other policies in the Local Plan'.

9.11.2 Quality

The quality of equipped play within the key settlements varies between sites and settlements. Those that scored highly in terms of play value and physical scores being the more recently installed sites such as Laurel House, Fazeley; Jubilee Park, Whittington; Hawksyard, Armitage and Worthington Road, Fradley. Additional improvements have also been undertaken to Millmoor Avenue and the Village Hall site in Armitage with Handsacre

There remain two sites as shown in Table 9.3 which are poor scoring sites in terms of both play value and physical condition namely Upper Lodge Road, Armitage and Victory Terrace, Fazeley.

In terms of maintenance this is key to creating and sustaining high quality sites. Problems in relation to physical quality are often easier to identify that play quality although it must be noted that one can affect the other.

Key Rural Equipped Play Quality Recommendation

The District Council aims to encourage the provision of good quality equipped play sites. Sites should seek to achieve their maximum potential score for both play value and physical quality, with an aim of reaching a minimum 50% score for physical quality.

Qualitative improvements are needed to improve the physical and play value of certain sites as identified in Table 9.3.

9.11.3 Accessibility

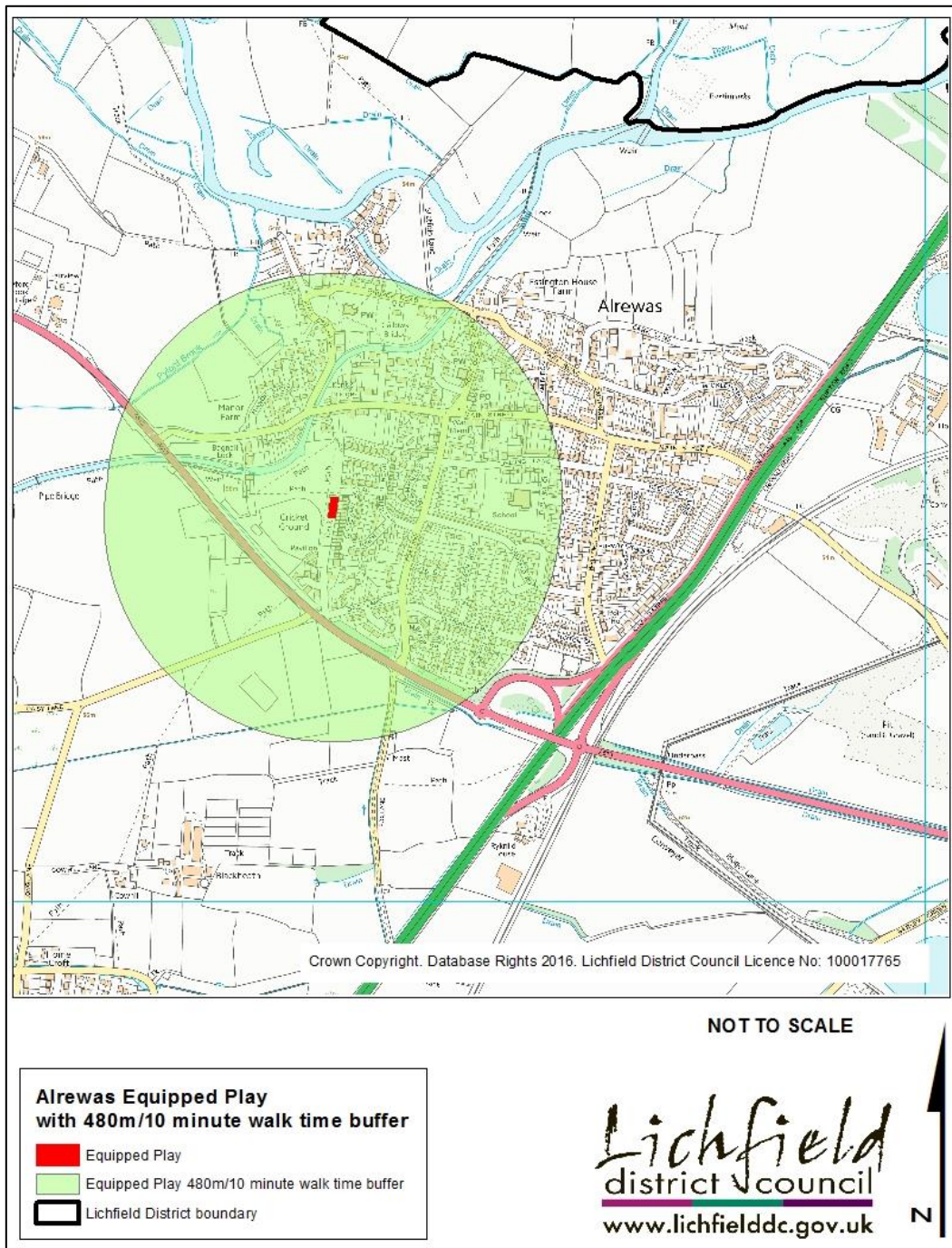
All of the key rural settlements have areas which do not have access to equipped play spaces within 480m/10 minute walk time however the extent of accessibility varies significantly with the most deprived being Alrewas and Shenstone.

Key Rural Equipped Play Accessibility Recommendation

Opportunities to create new play spaces should be sought where development opportunities arise particularly in area where there is no access within 480m/10 minute walk time.

9.11.4 Settlement Summaries

Alrewas

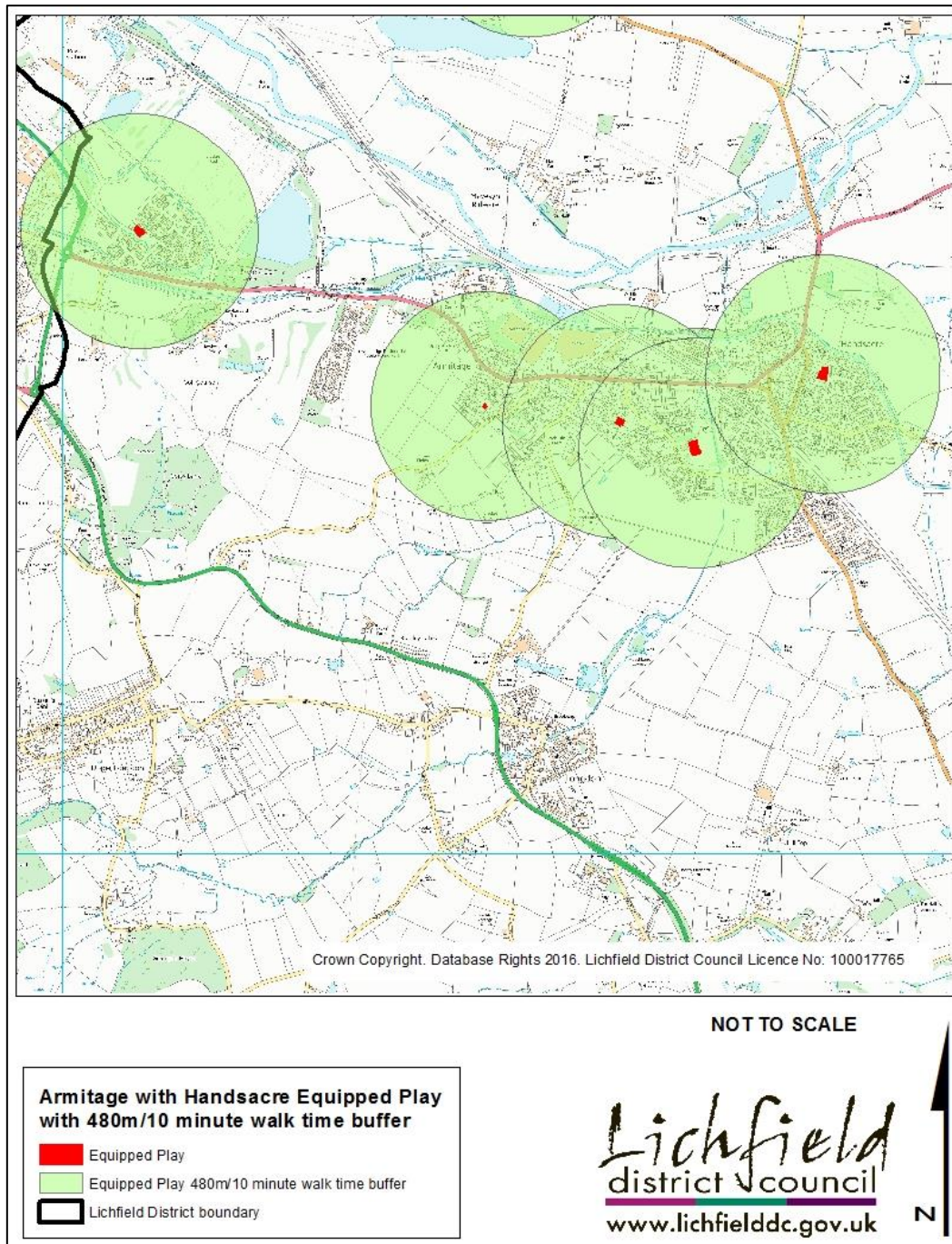


Map 9.5 Alrewas Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

Around 50% of Alrewas is outside the walk time buffer as the play space is found on the south western edge of the settlement.

Alrewas Play Recommendation
 Opportunities to locate an additional equipped play area within the eastern or north eastern half of the settlement should be considered. This may need to include the need to explore the co-location of existing amenity greenspace.

Armitage with Handsacre

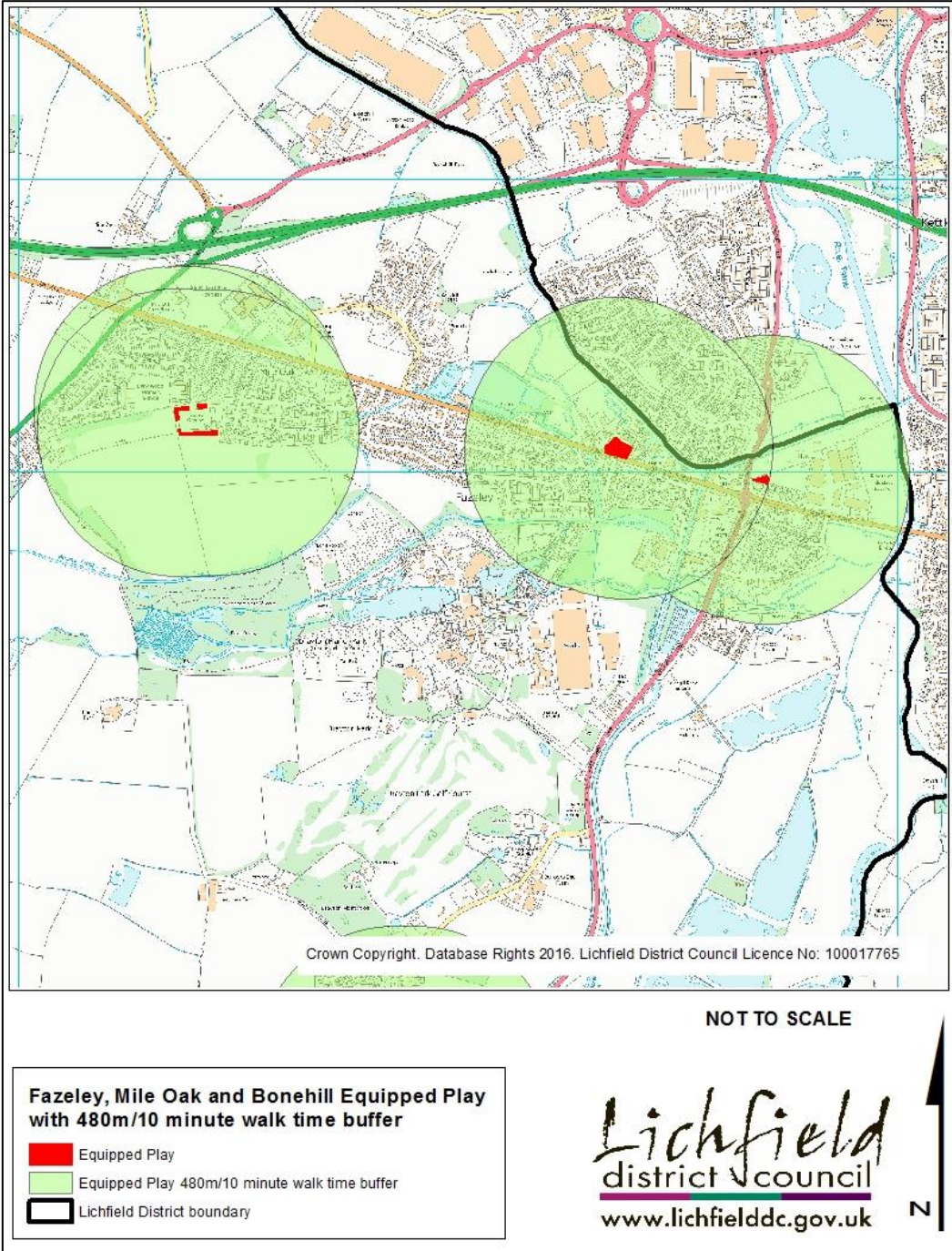


Map 9.6 Armitage with Handsacre Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

There are five equipped play spaces located within Armitage with Handsacre including the play space on the Hawksyard development which does not form part of the main village of Armitage with Handsacre. The smallest play space is at Upper Lodge Road at 0.02ha, it also poor in terms of both play value and physical quality. Consideration needs to be given to its future and this is highlighted in Policy Arm 2 of the Local Plan Strategy (see 9.11.1). Both Millmoor Avenue and the Village Hall play areas have been improved since the 2012 Open Space Assessment.

Armitage with Handsacre Play Recommendation
There is a need to consider the future of the Upper Lodge Road play space. It is also necessary to explore opportunities for additional play in the south east of the settlement which currently does not have access to a play space within 480m/10 minute walk time.

Fazeley, Mile Oak and Bonehill



Map 9.7 Fazeley, Mile Oak and Bonehill Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

There are three equipped play areas within Fazeley, Mile Oak and Bonehill. However due to the linear nature of the settlement this does not provide complete accessibility to play spaces for all areas of the settlement. Map 9.7 shows that an area in the centre of the

settlement which is area of higher density residential development space and the ribbon development along the A453 do not have access to a play space.

The site at Mile Oak Recreation Ground scores relatively well, however it is the facilities for older children which are in good repair with the children's play area having broken equipment and being poorly maintained. The play area to the rear of Victory Terrace is also in poor condition and is poorly located.

Fazeley, Mile Oak and Bonehill Play Recommendation

Improvements are required in terms of both quantity and quality, particularly to those existing sites which score poorly. A play area is required to address deficiencies in both the centre (Deer Park Road and Bonehill) and south west of the settlement.

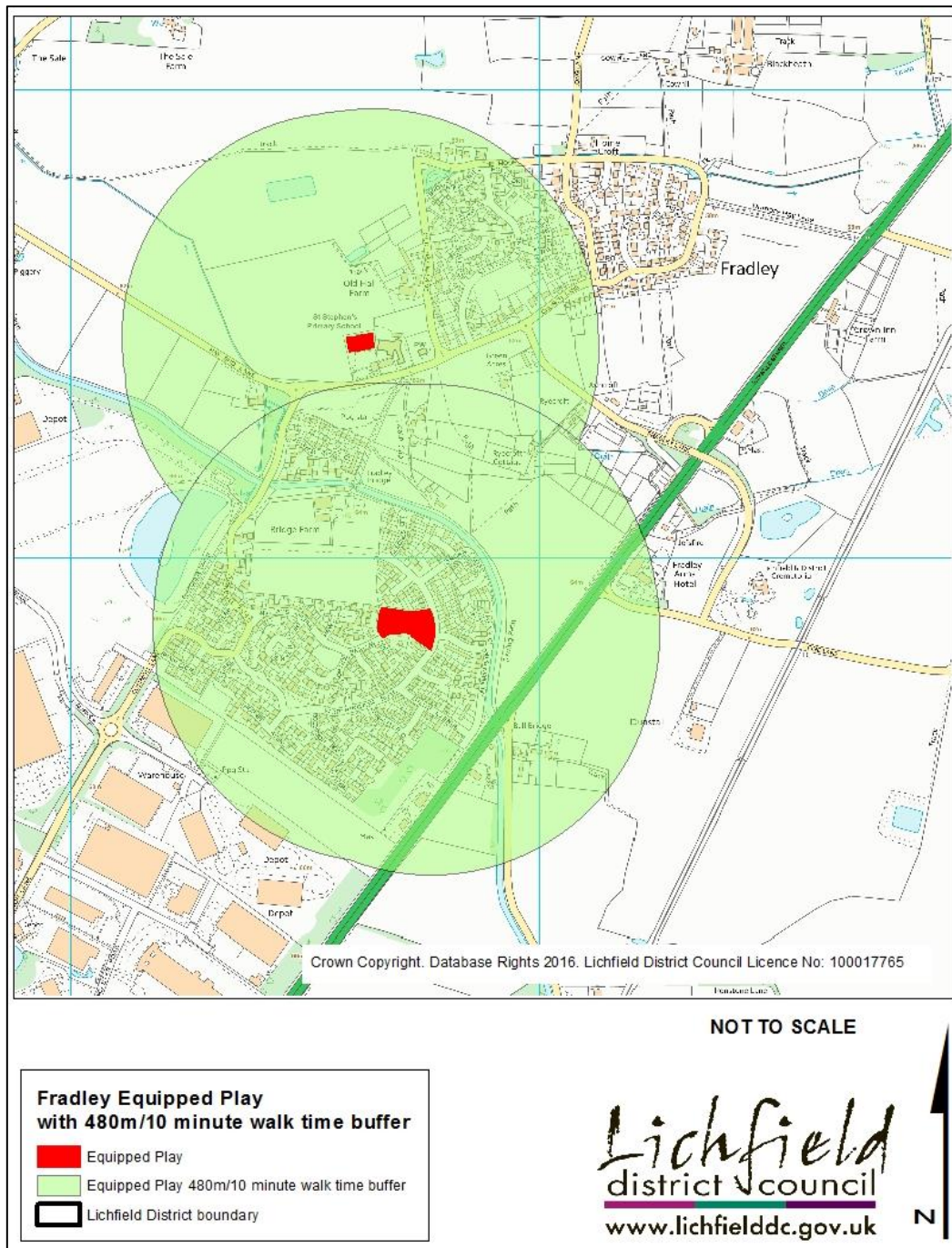
Fradley

New development in Fradley over the previous years has led to the creation of two new play areas at Hay End Lane and Worthington Road which provide opportunities for age appropriate play. Both score highly in terms of play value and physical quality. Fradley has two main centres split by the canal. Worthington Road provides full coverage for the southern part of the settlement with Hay End Lane providing some coverage for the northern part of the settlement. However this is a MUGA and skatepark, unsuitable for smaller children. As such there is no age appropriate play space in the northern part of Fradley for younger children. Added to this as shown on Map 9.8 there is the issue of the canal providing a barrier to accessing the Worthington Road play space.

It should be noted that the Fradley Strategic Development Allocation concept statement requires the provision of appropriate open space, including equipped play areas to be provided as part of the development.

Fradley Play Recommendation

The provision of an additional equipped play space for younger children should be considered in the north of Fradley.



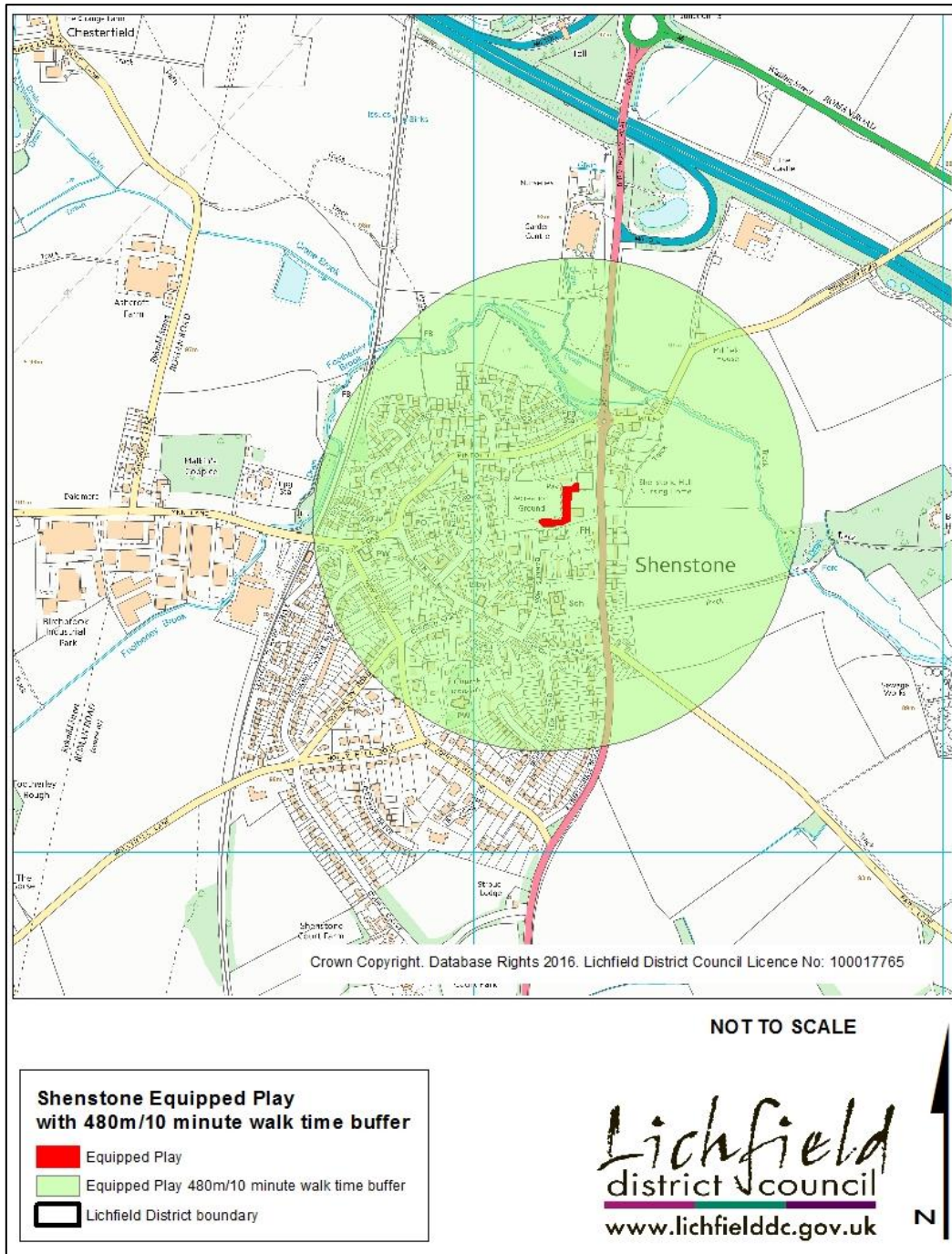
Map 9.8 Fradley Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

Shenstone

There is only one equipped play space within Shenstone, located on the east of the Recreation Ground. This is a small play space considering the size of the settlement. It is also located to the north east of the settlement as such a large area of southern Shenstone does not have access to a play space within 480m/10 minute walk time.

There is very little amenity greenspace within southern Shenstone which combined with the lack of equipped play shows there is little opportunity for play. The lack of amenity greenspace also reduces the opportunities for the provision of new play facilities.

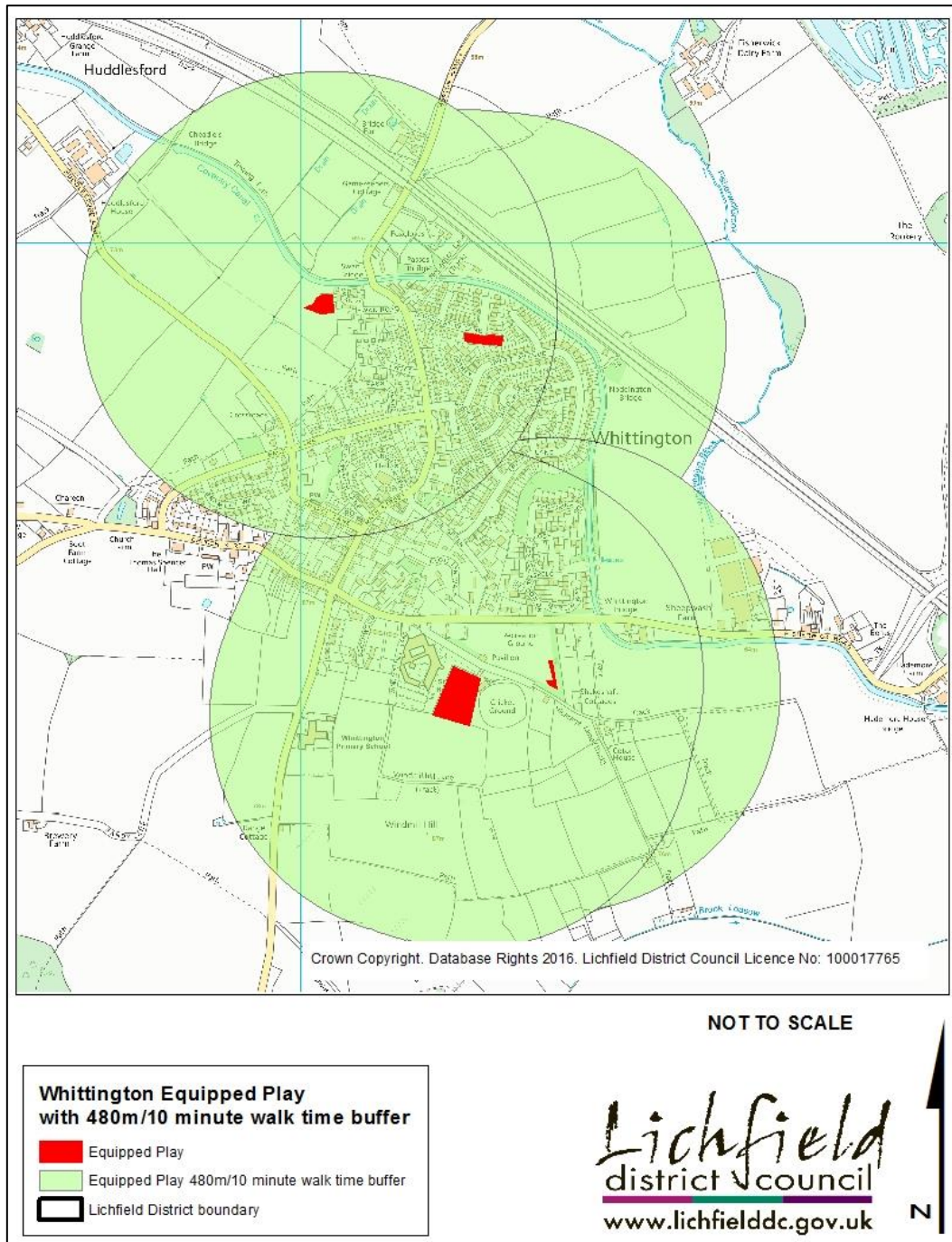
Shenstone Play Recommendation
 Opportunities for the provision of additional equipped play in the southern half of Shenstone should be explored along with consideration of further possibilities to increase the play value of the existing play at the Recreation Grounds.



Map 9.9 Shenstone Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

Whittington

There are four play spaces within Whittington with coverage of the majority of the settlement. The quality of the play on the Football/Cricket Ground is poor however the remaining three play spaces, two of which are new, provide a varied and high quality play provision.



Map 9.10 Whittington Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

Whittington Play Recommendation
 Reconsideration of the provision at the cricket/football ground is required. Explore opportunities to provide an additional play space to serve the far west of the village.

9.12 Other Smaller Rural Settlements

In most cases equipped play spaces within rural settlements are owned and managed by the local Parish Council. Many improvements to such spaces have been the result of local community involvement alongside the work of the Parish Councils. This approach is supported as it allows changes to be made at local level to reflect local needs.

9.12.1 Quality

Table 9.4 Smaller Rural Settlements Equipped Play.

Key Rural	Name	Type	Area (ha)	Play Value		Physical Score	Comments
				Score	Est Max Score		
Clifton Campville	Millennium Green	NEAP	0.06	77%	580	640	Good green space which is excellently maintained. Equipped play element limited but potential to extend.
Colton	Village Hall, Bellamour Way	LEAP	0.03	82%	620	670	Caters mainly for younger children. Some equipment old and in need of replacement. Potential to increase play value through natural play.
Comberford	Millenium Green	LEAP	0.11	85%	490	600	Potential to improve this site by increasing the amount of equipment.
Drayton Bassett	off Rectory Close	Other	0.05	75%	650	740	Site which offers a good play value and is well located within the settlement. MUGA and some equipment requires some maintenance.
Drayton Bassett	off Rectory Close	LAP	0.12				
Edingale	Moores Croft	LEAP	0.02	73%	650	760	Well maintained site, offering play opportunities for a range of ages. Footpath through the site would make it more accessible for wheeled users.
Edingale	Moores Croft	Other	0.01				
Edingale	Adventure Park	NEAP	0.10				
Elford	Brickhouse Lane	LEAP	0.08	67%	665	700	Not ideally located within the settlement, however it provides an excellent facility to the village. Well maintained.
Gentleshaw	No equipped play areas						
Hammerwich	Mansion Drive	NEAP	0.06	76%	540	600	Relaxed, quiet play area with wooden equipment providing mainly natural play. Well maintained. Potential to extend the play and provide seating.
Hammerwich	Hospital Road	NEAP	0.08	76%	625	800	Site offers lots of play equipment for a range of ages, all equipment is in excellent condition.
Hamstall Ridware	No equipped play areas						

Harlaston	Manor Lane	LEAP	0.06	67%	540	670	Site could be significantly improved though the refurbishment of equipment and the addition of seating.
Hill Ridware	Uttoxeter Road	LEAP	0.04	66%	740	760	Good play opportunities to village. Equipment in need of refurbishment.
Hopwas	Nurse Lane	LEAP	0.08	67%	580	640	Well positioned site, well maintained but majority of the equipment is in need for refurbishment.
Kings Bromley	Village Hall	LEAP	0.11	71%	695	775	A good site with equipment in good condition. Small site with limited potential to further improve this site with additional play equipment
Little Aston	Forge Lane	NEAP	2.89	100%	500	510	Excellent site offering a range of play opportunities. Well maintained. Potential to create an additional play area located more centrally within the settlement to improve accessibility
Longdon	No equipped play areas						
Stonnall	Playing fields	Other	0.09	74%	650	720	Good site offering play opportunities for a range of ages. Some pieces of equipment need refurbishing. Potential to introduce natural play.
Stonnall	Playing fields	LEAP	0.14				
Upper Longdon	No equipped play areas						

9.12.1 Quantity

The majority of the smaller rural settlements across the District have some form of equipped play space of varying sizes and type. In most instances this is a reflection of local circumstances and local community involvement. Some settlements have a dedicated play space whilst others have play equipment associated with green space and/or village halls.

There are a few settlements that have no equipped play spaces including:

- Hamstall Ridware;
- Gentleshaw;
- Longdon;
- Shenstone Wood End; and
- Upper Longdon.

Some settlements however have indicated that there is no demand for an equipped play space whilst other others such as Longdon, and Shenstone Wood End have expressed a need

for such space. The Longdon Parish Pre-submission neighbourhood plan includes a policy dedicated to the provision of a children's playground within the Parish.

Other Rural Equipped Play Quantity Recommendation

The Council should seek to encourage the provision of at least one equipped children's play space within each rural settlement.

9.12.2 Quality

The size of the play spaces within the rural settlements occupy varying sizes, from 0.03 in Colton to almost 3ha in Little Aston, however size is no necessarily a gauge for play value or quality. Some settlements have combined their play spaces with a wider recreational facility such as playing pitches, green space and MUGAs. Such settlements include Stonnall and Drayton Bassett.

Other Rural Equipped Play Quality Recommendation

The District Council aims to encourage the provision of good quality equipped play sites. Sites should seek to achieve their maximum potential score for both play value and physical quality, with an aim of reaching a minimum 50% score for physical quality.

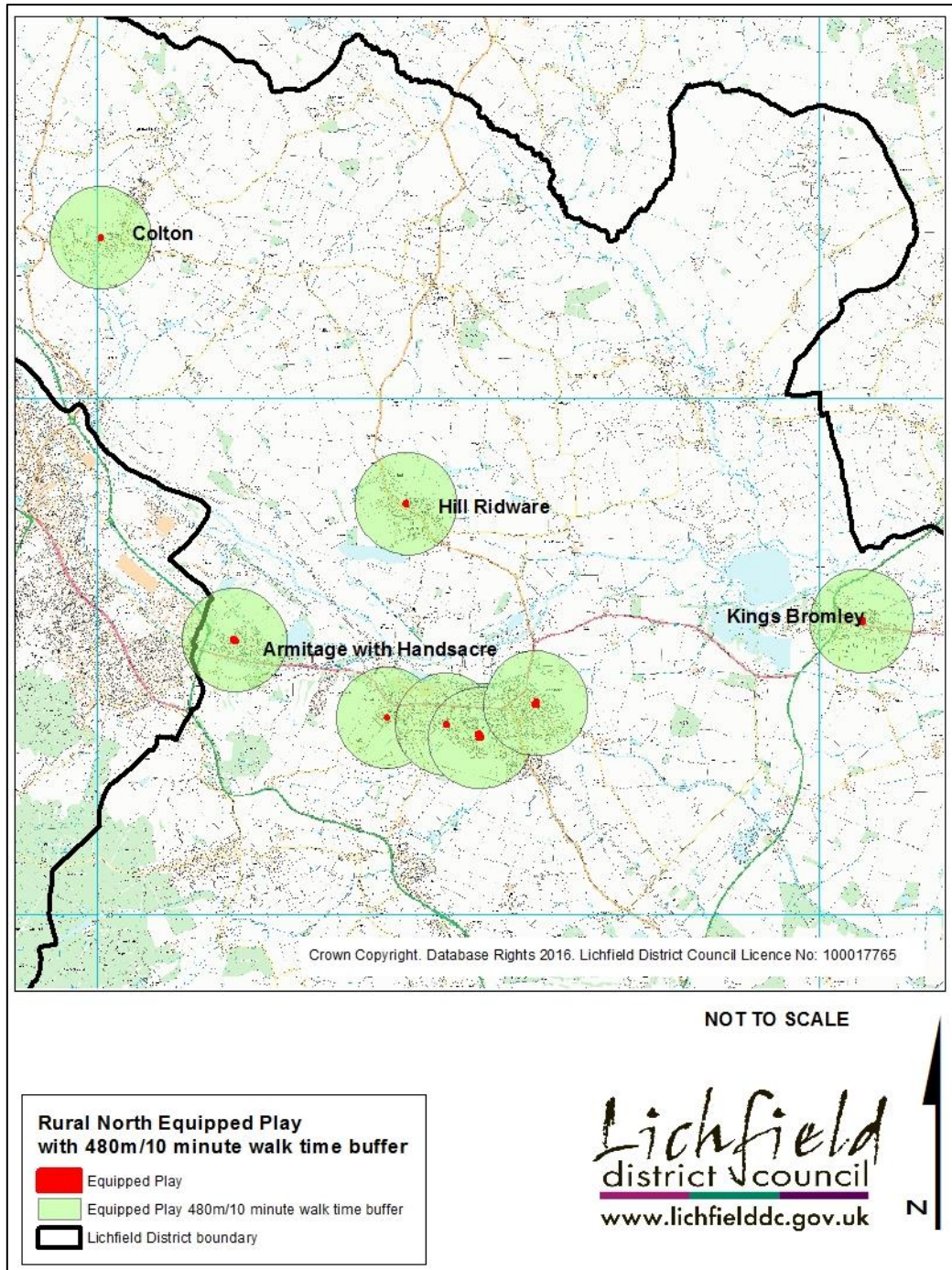
9.12.3 Accessibility

The following maps show the distribution of equipped play spaces across the rural district split by rural north, south and east. Together then show the District wide distribution of play provision as well as the proportion of each settlement covered by the 480m/10 minute walk time buffer. Almost all of the settlements with play areas fall within the 480m/10 minute walk time buffer, except small parts of Colton, Kings Bromley, Stonnall and Drayton Bassett.

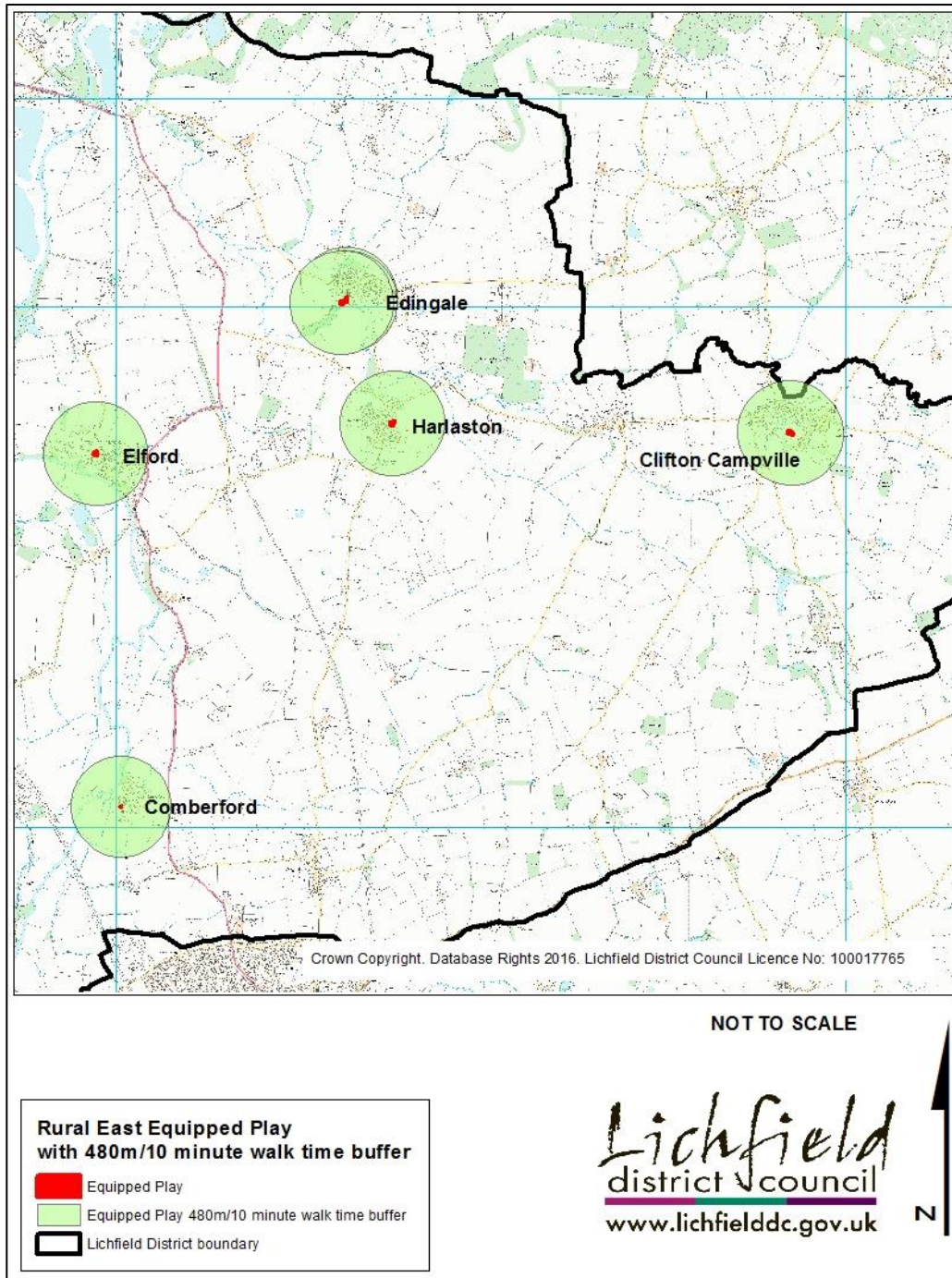
The location of play spaces varies within rural settlements and as such the access routes to these facilities also varies and issues arise which are generally not found within larger settlements such as lack of pavements and crossings. Elford for example has in part, no pavements, and many rural settlements also rely on public footpaths to reach the play areas. Settlements with heavier traffic such as Kings Bromley and Hopwas tend to have pedestrian crossings. Accessibility to Little Aston play area is poor despite the good quality of the play area. However within Little Aston there is little prospect of a better located site coming forwards.

Other Rural Equipped Accessibility Recommendation

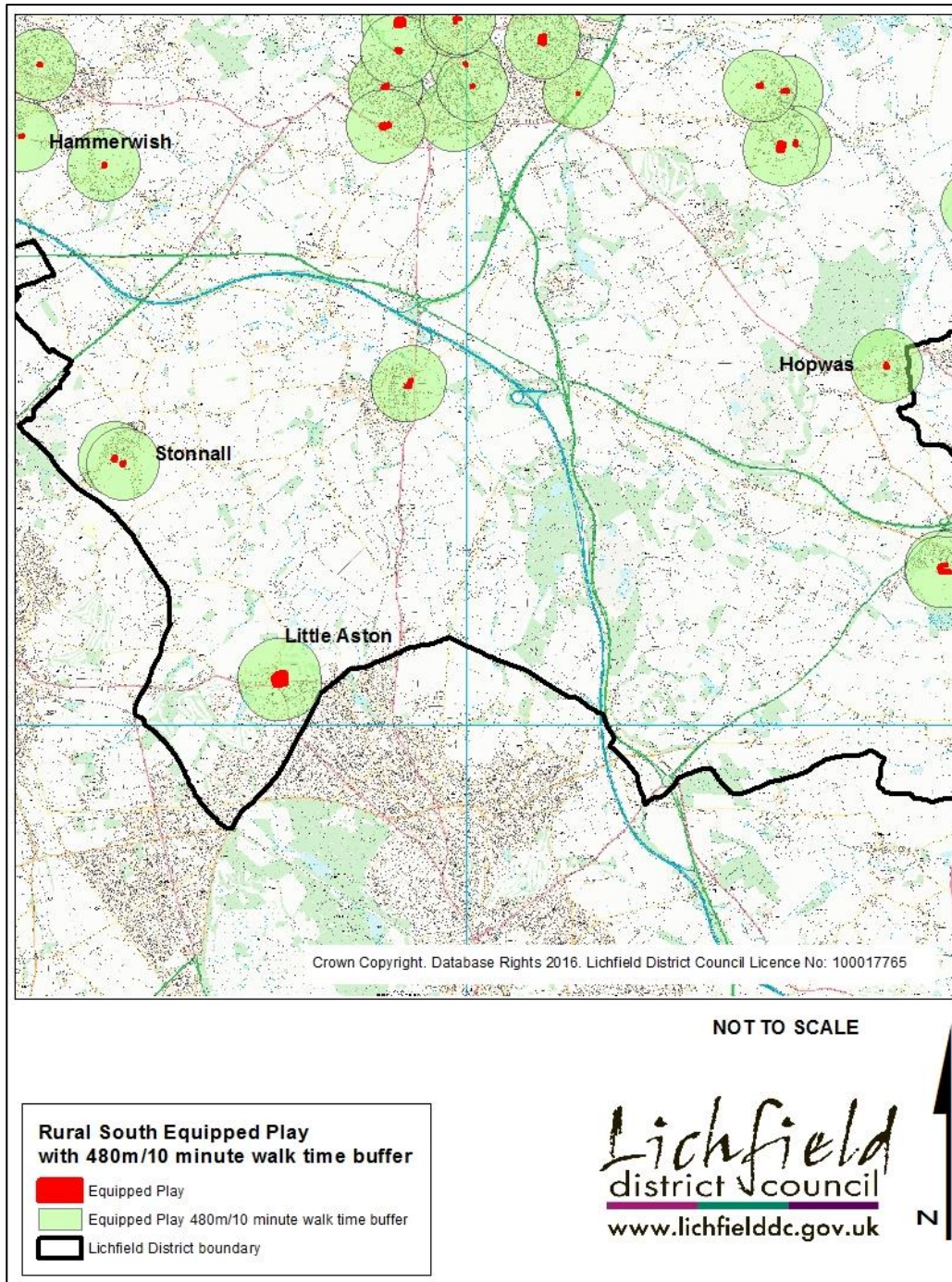
Explore opportunities for the provision of safe pedestrian access to equipped play spaces whether creating more direct access routes from existing or new residential areas.



Map 9.11 Rural North Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer



Map 9.12 Rural East Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer



Map 9.13 Rural South Equipped Play with 480m/10 minute walk time buffer

9.13 Conclusion

Ideally there should be sufficient good quality children’s play spaces that are well located to maximise coverage of local communities, are accessible by safe pedestrian routes and that meet the play needs of children and young persons in the local community.

In delivering play spaces it is important that local communities including local children work with those involved in play provision to deliver equipped play spaces that reflect local requirements.

10. Civic Spaces

10.1 Introduction

Civic spaces are the formal areas of open space such as squares or promenades which create the setting for civic buildings such as town halls, and can be used as outdoor markets and public events. Civic spaces are normally provided on an opportunistic and urban design led basis and it is desirable therefore for planning authorities to promote urban design frameworks for town and city centre areas.

Research carried out by Commission for the Built Environment (CABE) showed that 85% of people surveyed felt that the quality of public space and the built environment has a direct impact on their lives and the way they feel. Having access to public space is not all that matters, just as important are the planning, design and management of these spaces. In 'Better Civic Buildings and Spaces' CABE also emphasises that the drive towards better civic buildings and spaces must be understood in the context of attempts to revitalise our towns and cities with good design being high on the agenda.

Many people visit the District's civic spaces however due to their location it is likely that they are visited as part of an associated trip, such as to visit the District's heritage assets, use the shops and services, eat out, socialise or take part in another leisure activity.

10.1.1 Quantity

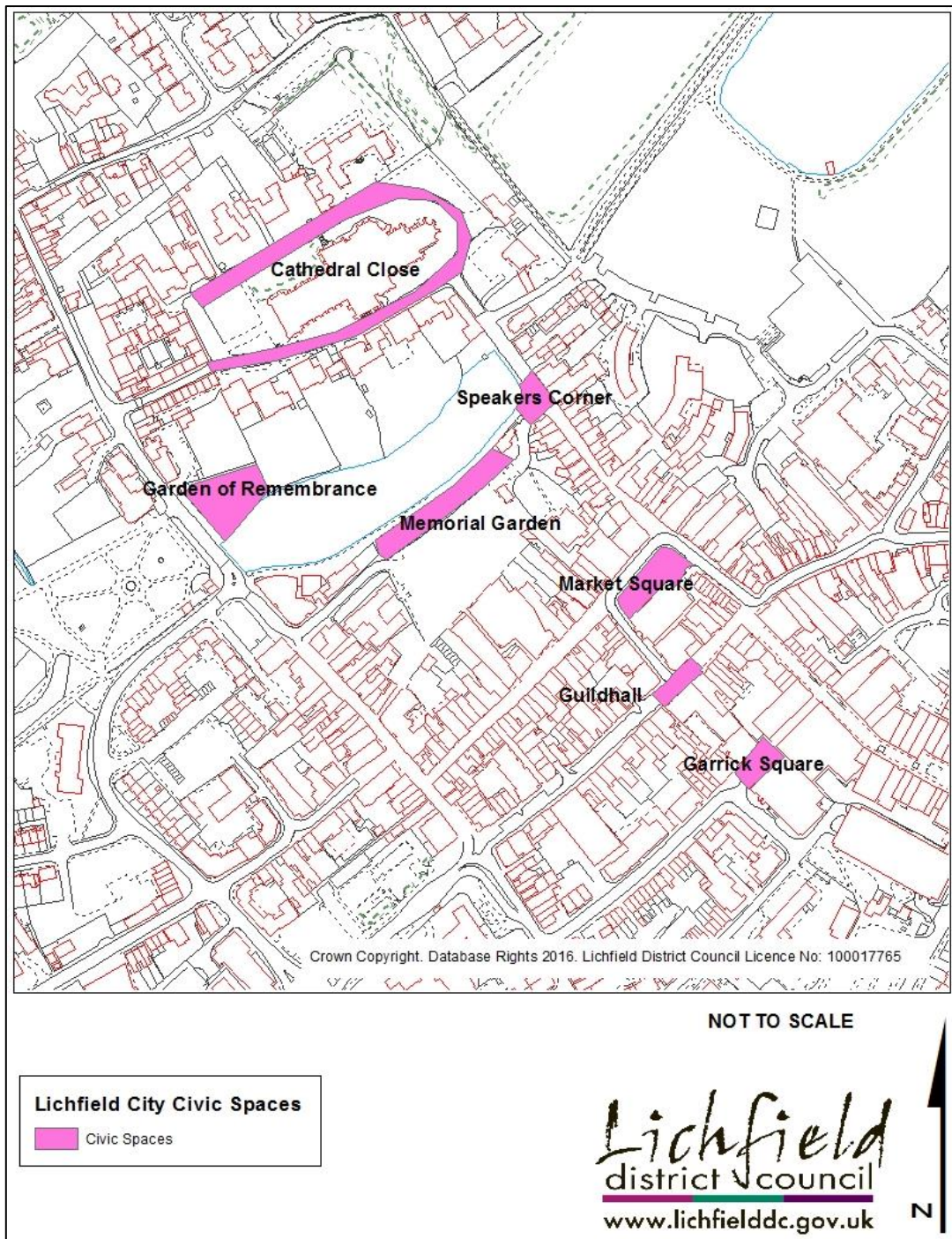
The only identified civic spaces within the District are:

- Market Square outside St Mary's Church, Lichfield
- Part of Bore Street outside the Guildhall, Lichfield
- Garden of Remembrance, Lichfield
- Memorial Gardens, Minster Pool Walk, Lichfield
- Speakers Corner, Dam Street/Minster Pool Walk, Lichfield
- Cathedral Close, Lichfield
- Garrick Square, Lichfield
- Square fronting Fazeley Town Hall, Fazeley.

With the creation of the new Friarsgate development in Lichfield additional new civic space will be provided.

There are no civic spaces identified in Burntwood however support should be given to the creation of new civic spaces as part of the creation of an enlarged town centre should the opportunity arise.

It is noted that within many of the District's other settlements that village greens, village centres, war memorials and other key spaces within settlements play an important role in bringing communities together. The importance of such spaces should be recognised and local communities may wish to define their own civic spaces within community-led plans.



Map 10.1 Lichfield City Civic Spaces

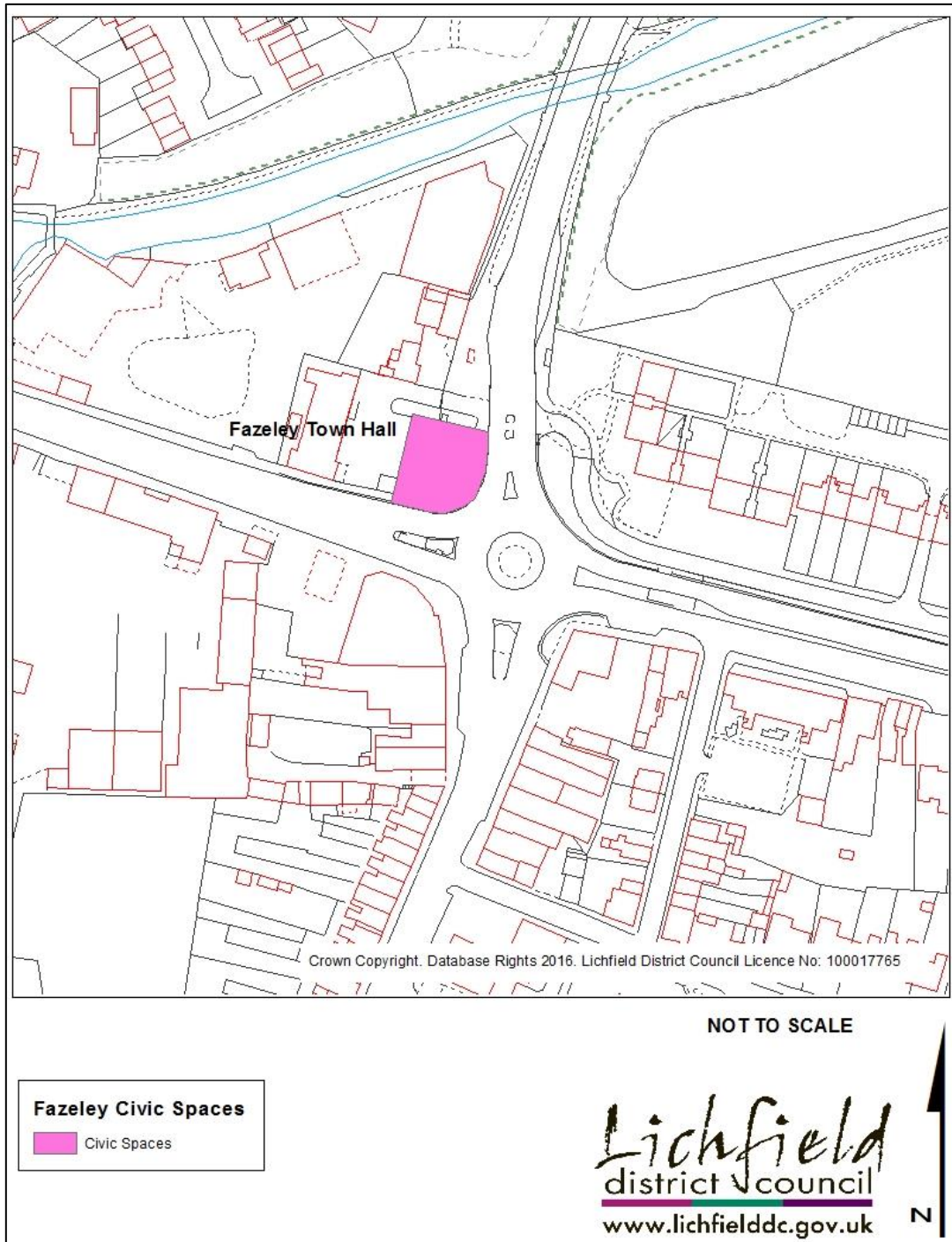
10.1.2 Quality

The quality of civic spaces in Lichfield City have been greatly improved through a repaving scheme in the City Centre and a Heritage Lottery Fund/Big Lottery funded Historic Parks Project which refurbished Minster Pool Walk and the Garden of Remembrance. The square at Fazeley has also received improvement through Section 106 funding.

10.1.3 Accessibility

Due to the rural nature of Lichfield District, civic spaces are confined to Lichfield City Centre and Fazeley. It is notable that no civic spaces have been identified in Burntwood which is a town of similar size to Lichfield. Accessibility to civic spaces in Lichfield City is good with bus

and train stations in close proximity and limited traffic through the city centre enhanced through a paving scheme. Fazeley is also served well by bus routes between Tamworth and Birmingham and Tamworth Railway Station is accessible by bus.



Map 10.2 Fazeley City Civic Spaces

10.1.4 Standards

No specific standards are to be set with respect to civic spaces, however periodic reviews of existing spaces should be undertaken to ensure that they continue to be improved and maintained to a high standard. Opportunities to create new civic space in Burntwood through the creation of an enlarged town centre should be considered.

11. Allotments

11.1 Introduction

In 2010 the LGA and CLG published 'A Place to grow' which sets out that allotments are considered as valuable green spaces offering opportunities for local people to grow their own produce and that there are benefits in terms of health and well-being. Allotments can benefit the environment, provide valuable green spaces particularly within towns and cities as well as contributing to biodiversity by providing varied and valued habitat for animals and plants.

Rising housing densities and the consequential reduction in size of many gardens together with growing interest in organic food production has contributed to an increase in the popularity and demand from people to grow their own produce in allotments. It is expected that allotments will continue to be popular and demand will remain strong. Since the 2012 Open Space Assessment, there has been an increase in the number of allotments within the District from 17 in 2012 to 21 in 2016.

The allotments within Lichfield District are concentrated mainly in Lichfield City and Armitage with Handsacre. The majority of the provision is found in the northern half of the District. With growing awareness of allotments there has been recent interest by a number of Parish Councils' in considering providing allotments within their Parishes. The practical value of an allotment stems from the direct benefits provided by access to affordable, fresh vegetables, physical exercise, fresh air and social activity.

11.2 Supply and Demand

Most allotments are well established and historically provided and managed by Parish Councils or the Local Authority. Allotments in Lichfield City are leased by Lichfield City Council to the Lichfield and District Allotment Society, and demand far outweighs supply. In other areas plot sizes have been reduced in an attempt to meet demand and there is a lengthy waiting list for plots within Lichfield.

In terms of identifying further demand elsewhere in the District there are no formal records available. More recently additional allotments sites have opened in Stonnall, Armitage with Handsacre and Alrewas which all appear to be fully let.

The 2011 Citizen's questionnaire highlighted that across all areas of the District there was a perceived shortfall in allotment provision with 79% of respondents believing there is insufficient provision.

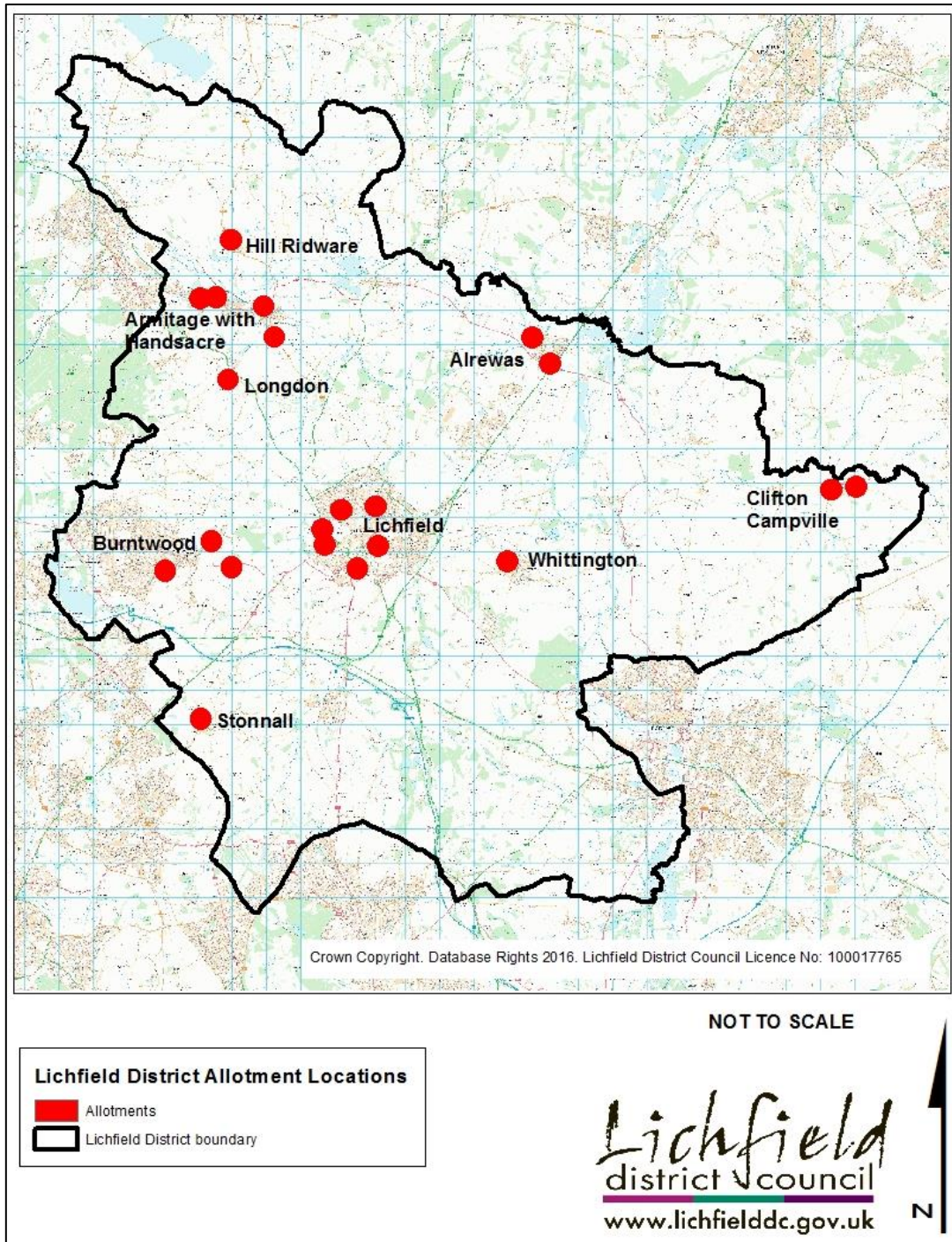
11.3 Quantity

There are currently 21 recorded allotment sites in Lichfield District ranging in size from 0.09 ha to 2.2 ha. These sites are found in the following locations:

Settlement	Name	Area (ha)
Alrewas	Mill End Lane	0.20
Alrewas	Somerville Road	0.30
Armitage	Old Road	0.40
Armitage	A513	0.59
Armitage	Rugeley Road	1.23
Armitage with Handsacre	Lichfield Road	0.41
Burntwood	Norton Lane	0.36
Burntwood	Coulter Lane	0.54
Burntwood	Peters Lane	0.54
Clifton Campville	Main Street	0.53
Clifton Campville	Netherseal Road	0.54
Hill Ridware	Oaklands Close	0.29
Lichfield	Cherry Orchard	0.36
Lichfield	Netherstowe	1.51
Lichfield	The Moggs	1.34
Lichfield	Christchurch	2.01
Lichfield	Dovehouse Fields	0.11
Lichfield	Beacon Walk	0.35
Longdon	Borough Lane	0.09
Stonall	Cartersfield Lane	0.73
Whittington	Whittington	2.24

Lichfield City has around 245 plots on 6 sites (as shown in Map 11.2) totalling 5.67 ha throughout the city. Lichfield and District Allotment Society run 5 of these sites and operate 205 allotments, with a around 40 let privately at a site off Christchurch Lane. In order to reduce waiting times, some allotments run by the Lichfield and District Allotment Society have been split and currently there is a waiting list of 40 with a waiting time of 12-18 months. Assuming a plot size of 150 sq m an additional 0.6 ha of allotment space would be required to deliver a total of 285 plots. This would equate to around 1 plot per 41 households.

Although the standard plot size is around 150 sq m, a number of plots are split to cater for demand and for clients who only have time or capability to cultivate a smaller site.



Map 12.1 Lichfield District Cemetery and Churchyard Locations

11.3 Quality

There are currently no definitive local or national quality standards for the provision for allotments or community gardens. ‘A Place to Grow’ published by the LGA considers a variety of issues that relate to allotments including design and layout, and managing waiting lists. Almost all the allotments within the District appear to be well used and maintained. Lichfield District Allotment Society apply certain criteria to maintain the appearance of all plots, to

ensure that they are not neglected and that the amenity of adjacent users is not adversely affected.

It is important that existing and new sites are managed and maintained and strict control is maintained to ensure that the erection of small buildings and sheds which are often contrary to development policies including Green Belt do not occur within allotment sites.

11.4 Accessibility

In terms of distribution, Lichfield City has the most sites followed by Burntwood and Armitage. As Map 11.1 shows there is not an even spread of allotments, with the majority being in the northern half of the District. Allotments are a demand led facility and there is little value in applying a district wide standard which could provide allotments in an area where there is little or no demand. New sites will be supported throughout the District particularly in area poorly served and where there is a demand. Where possible allotments should aim to be accessible to wheelchair users.

Due to the nature of allotments, journeys are generally made by car (carrying tools, supplies etc). Ideally new sites should be well located to existing settlements to provide opportunities for shorter car journeys or access by foot, however it is accepted this is not always possible.

11.5 New Sites

The provision of new sites is covered by specific Allotment Acts as well as planning law, whilst the change of use of agricultural land to allotment use will not necessarily require planning permission, car parking, access arrangements and other physical structures such as sheds or fencing may require permission where they constitute development. Being demand led and thus subject to potential fluctuations makes setting rigid district wide standards challenging. It is considered therefore that it is important to balance the need to set standards as well as being sufficiently flexible that they may be reviewed as circumstances change.

It is also important that waiting lists are reviewed regularly to gauge demand.

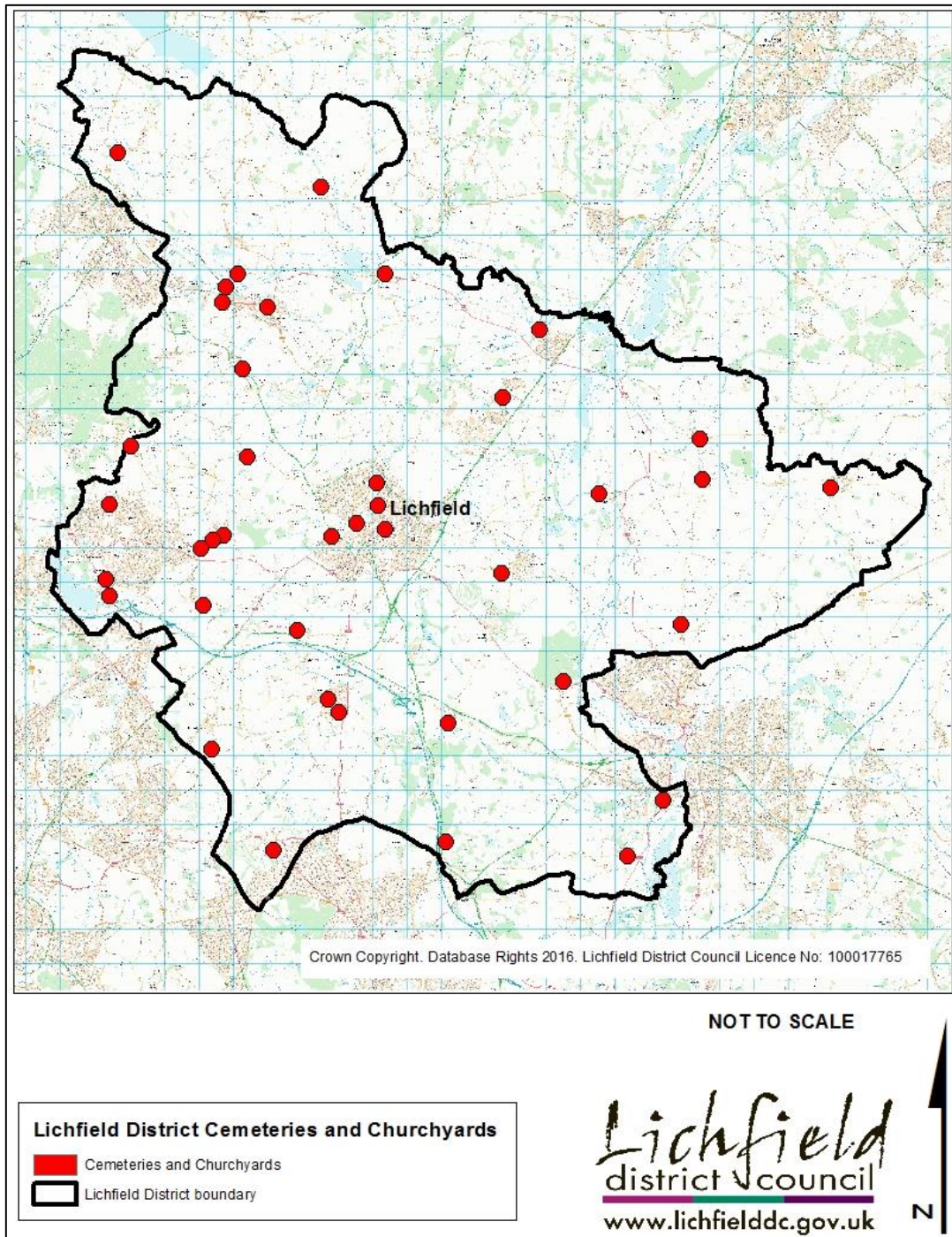
11.6 Standards

The District Council is supportive of additional allotment provision and considers that a demand led approach is generally the most appropriate way forward in delivering additional plots where they are needed. It is acknowledged that there is an identified demand which exceeds supply within Lichfield City and it is considered appropriate to address this matter through the establishment of new allotment standard to serve Lichfield City. In addition where new strategic development is proposed within Lichfield City, the provision of new allotments should be provided as proven need exists and thus land should be identified.

12. Cemeteries and Churchyards

12.1 Introduction

Cemeteries and churchyards have an amenity value as people will use them to walk through as well as the peaceful nature and minimal disruption not only benefits people but also wildlife. Often flora and fauna can flourish in these conditions as they are relatively undisturbed compared to more intensively used environments.



Map 12.1 Lichfield District Cemetery and Churchyard Locations

12.2 Quantity

There are 40 recorded churchyards within Lichfield District ranging in size from 0.07 ha to 3.83 ha and in total 38.5 ha. There are no crematoria recorded within the District.

The need for burial grounds and new burial spaces is dependent on site capacity and the gradual need for more space when the capacity of remaining sites becomes exhausted. The need to monitor population estimates is necessary as this could give an indication of demand depending on whether an area has an ageing population. In the case of Lichfield District population forecasts show there is likely to be a significant rise in the number of older people over the next 20 years.

12.3 Quality

There are currently no national or local standards for the provision of cemeteries and churchyards. Aside from their main purpose it is also important to note that cemeteries and churchyards bring wider benefits to local areas including cultural and landscape value as greenspaces as well as ecological diversity.

12.4 Accessibility

There are no definitive local or national standards for accessibility.

12.5 Summary

There are no specific plans to identify additional churchyards and cemeteries within the District and a demand led approach will be followed. The District Council should continue to support acceptable proposals in suitable locations where demand is identified.

13. Water Based Recreation

13.1 Introduction

Alongside traditional open spaces, areas of water such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs offer important opportunities for sport and recreation can also act as a visual amenity.

There are a number of key water spaces located within the District and include:

- Rivers: Tame, Trent and Mease;
- Canals: Trent and Mersey, Coventry and Birmingham and Fazeley;
- Lakes at Kings Bromley, Hamstall Ridware, Fisherwick/Elford, east of Alrewas;
- Reservoirs: Chasewater; and
- Smaller Water Areas such as Stowe and Minster Pools, and several pools and brook throughout the District.

Some of these water spaces and the land around them are also considered under the open space categories such as green corridors. They are considered separately here in relation to how the water areas themselves are used and valued whether for sport, recreation/leisure, biodiversity or a combination of these.

13.2 Rivers

In terms of rivers areas of public accessibility varies and in some cases formal arrangements exist for fishing. The River Mease has been designated as both a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation for 2 fish species, namely Bullhead and Spined Loach along with Water Crowfoot. However the two dominant rivers within the District that have the most significant landscape impact are the Rivers Trent and Tame.

Within the corridors of the Tame and Trent several water bodies have been created following extraction of sand and gravel such as at Kings Bromley Lake which is used for sailing and fishing, and other lakes within the Tame valley such as those at Alrewas, Elford and Whittington/Fisherwick. With the exception of Kings Bromley, there lakes all fall within the Central Rivers Initiative (CRI) area (Map 7.2) which follows the Tame through Lichfield District from East Staffordshire and into Tamworth Borough. Lichfield District Council is a partner in this rural regeneration initiative.

Some lakes within the CRI are formally used for fishing and through the CRI the aspirations of landowners for the use of other lakes for water based recreation and leisure are emerging.

It is envisaged that the number of residents living within relatively easy access of the CRA area will increase over the coming years along with forecast growth in the need for and use of land and water for recreation and leisure. The CRI is seen as a key project area with potential to deliver leisure and recreational facilities within the District and could also relieve some of the potential pressure on existing more sensitive landscapes.

13.3 Chasewater Country Park

Chasewater is a key water feature which is of sub regional significance set within a developing country park run by Staffordshire County Council. As well as providing for passive recreational and leisure pursuits it also provides:

- The Midlands largest water ski lake at just over 200 acres of water and caters for 14ft sports boats and tournament ski boats. Facilities include 2 slipways and jetty mooring for 30+ crafts as well as a full slalom course and ski jump. Whilst no standard is set in relation to this activity its importance as a water ski venue is recognised.
- Chasewater sailing club caters for sailboards and all classes of sailing boats.
- Staffordshire County Council outdoor education facility: provides a wide range of activities including dinghy sailing, all terrain cycling, climbing, canoeing and archery which compliments an extensive choice of cross curricular environmental studies.
- Sub aqua facility
- Fishing

13.4 Other Pools and Lakes

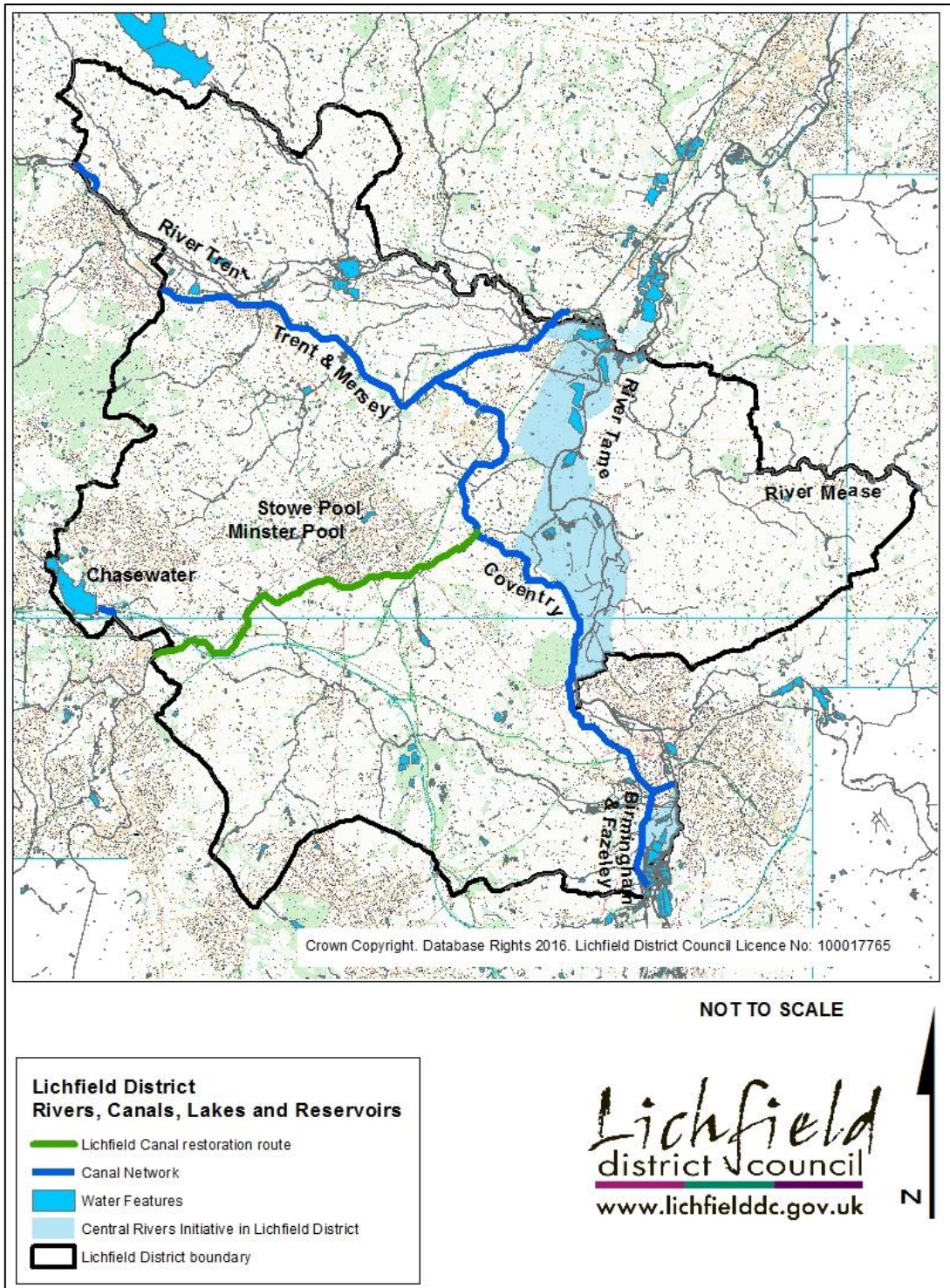
Kings Bromley Lake: comprises 2 pools one used by Manor Park Sailing Club and the other by a local angling club for fishing.

Stowe and Minster Pools: both these city centre pools are of significant local and historic value providing important water features within the heart of Lichfield City. Stowe Pool is used for fishing and whilst sailing is no longer permitted on Stowe Pool its reintroduction is under consideration. Stowe pool is a SSSI and as such any future use must be compatible with this designation.

13.5 Canals

Canals are also considered within the Green Corridors and Urban Fridge chapter. Lichfield District is crossed by 3 canals, namely the Coventy, Trent and Mersey and Birmingham and Fazeley Canals. Work is also underway to restore the Lichfield Canal. As well as providing towpaths alongside the canals, the canals themselves are also used for fishing and narrow boating. Use of canals is increasing both water and land based uses. The Canal and Rivers Trust aim to have enough moorings with ample 'breathing spaces' between groups of moored boats to protect the intrinsic value of waterways as tranquil places for enjoyment. This has led to the increased development of inland marinas. Within the District there are marinas at Fazeley, King Bromley and one with permission at Alrewas.

In addition to the 3 existing operational canals the restoration of the Lichfield Canal is underway along certain sections, being carried out by the Lichfield and Hatherton Canal Trust. The canal will eventually cover a 7 mile stretch from Huddlesford passing to the south of Lichfield City and Burntwood following its original route for the most part. This is a long term project which is recognised will benefit those living and visiting the District in the future, however there are many issues to be resolved before the restoration can be secured in full.



Map 13.1 Lichfield District Rivers, Canals, Lakes and Rivers

13.6 Conclusions

The District Council will continue to support current and future initiatives to improve existing and creation of new water bodies which seek to provide for a wide variety of uses for open space. However no standards are to be set for water sports and water based recreation due to the diversity of types, location and uses of existing sites. Proposals for new water sports

and recreational uses will be supported having regard to the particular circumstances of each individual proposal.

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1. Amenity Greenspace and Equipped Play Qualitative Scoring approach

1.1 Physical Quality Score

The following assessment score sheet is derived from 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities'. This scoring system has been used on previous versions of the Open Space Assessment, and is used again to provide continuity between the old and current Assessments. As was described within the main document each site is assessed against its maximum potential with a final score given as a percentage. This has made all sites comparable with sites not scoring poorly where certain elements of the scoring may not have been applicable.

Element		Score				
		1	2	3	4	5
Main entrance						
Boundary condition						
Roads, paths & access						
Planted areas						
Grassed areas						
Facilities						
	Bins					
	Seats					
	Toilets					
	Parking					
	Lighting					
	Information					
Cleanliness						
Events Programme						
Total Score (out of 62)						
Maximum Potential Score (site by site basis)						
Total score %						

Table 1.1 Physical Quality Score

Attributes	Description	Scores
Main entrance	Easy to find, with a welcome/ advisory sign appropriate size, clear, clean, tidy, well maintained and inviting	4
	Appropriate size, clear, clean, tidy, well maintained and inviting	3
	Obvious, open inviting and clean	2
	Apparent as an entrance and 1 clean	1
Boundaries (including hedges, gates etc)	All clearly defined and well maintained	3
	All clearly defined – maintenance 'patchy'	2
	All clearly defined – maintenance needed	1

Roads, Paths, cycle-ways and accesses	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free, good disabled access throughout	5
	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, disabled access in most areas	4
	Suitable materials, level for safe use, some disabled access	3
	Suitable materials but with some faults, disabled access poor	2
	Road/paths in correct place, but in need of obvious repair, disabled access poor and very restricted	1
Planted Areas (trees, shrubs, floral areas etc)	Numerous planting, with appropriate mix of plants, installed and maintained to a very high standard	5
	Numerous plants, with an appropriate mix of plants, installed and maintained to a reasonable standard	4
	Numerous plants, with an appropriate mix of plants and 'patchy' maintenance	3
	Limited range of plants, maintenance acceptable	2
	Limited planting with limited maintenance	1
Grass areas	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut	5
	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut, few weeds, grass cut frequently to keep length short	4
	Full grass cover throughout main area but some 'thin' patches evident; some bald areas discreet; grass cut frequently but length excessive between cuts, cut quality good (no tearing)	3
	General grass cover average and patchy with some bald patches, cut infrequently or at poor frequency, clippings obvious or cut quality poor	2
	General grass cover poor, wear has led to patchy and 1 poor cover with little or no serious attempts to correct the problem, clippings obvious and cut quality poor	1
Facilities: Bins	Numerous and in good condition	5
	Numerous and in average condition	4
	Adequate number in good/average condition	3
	Insufficient number but in good condition	2
	Insufficient number in poor condition	1
Seats	Numerous for the size of the site and in good condition	5
	Numerous for the size of the site and in average condition	4
	Adequate number in good/average condition	3
	Insufficient seats but in good condition	2
	Insufficient seats in poor condition	1

Toilets	Provided within the park, easy to access, signed and well maintained	5
	Provided within or adjacent to the park, difficult to find, maintenance/condition is average	4
	Provided within the park or adjacent to it and visible, but not well cared for and generally uninviting	3
	Provided within the park or adjacent to it, but in very poor condition and generally avoided by park users	2
	Temporary toilet provision for events only	1
Parking	Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, adequate spaces, site clean, tidy, in good condition and well signed	5
	Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, adequate spaces but maintenance could be better	4
	Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, limited spaces, maintenance good or reasonable	3
	Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, limited space, maintenance poor	2
	Parking provision very limited	1
Lighting	Good lighting scheme installed and well maintained	3
	Reasonable lighting scheme installed	2
	Poor lighting scheme	1
Information	Information available for locals and visitors (could be on boards or leaflet form) in some detail	2
	Limited information about the park made available	1
Cleanliness	No evidence of litter, dog fouling or graffiti	5
	Very limited evidence of litter, dog fouling or graffiti	4
	Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade B	3
	Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade C	2
	Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade D	1
Events programme	Full events programme with supporting leaflets	5
	Full events programme	4
	Events programme is in place which delivers at least one major event each year with some minor events	3
	Some events	2
	An event	1

Table 1.2 Scoring System

1.2 Play Value Score

The methodology for assessing the 'play value' of areas of equipped play is included within the Children & Young People's chapter of the main document. This element of quality scoring uses a series of criteria devised from the consultation for the play strategy and is designed to consider the quality of play at each site. In a similar manner to the physical quality scoring each site has been scored and given a potential maximum score to which the site should aspire. Each Criteria can score up to 100%, however where a certain criteria may not be 100% applicable to a particular site.

Degree to which play area is overlooked	Degree to which site is inclusive	Proximity to other services/ facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage (within 480m/10 min walk time)	Accessibility barriers		Play value – Children’s criteria	Equipment quality	Overall comment s/Final score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible from properties fronting onto the site • Visible by traffic (moderate residential volume and speed) • Visible from footpaths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open during daylight • Level, even surfaces for pushchairs/ wheelchairs • Seating opportunities (both formal and informal) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events/ facilities • Proximity to shops, community buildings and schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential areas within the 480m/10minute walk time buffer. 	Physical Barriers - Railways lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpaths	Social Barriers - Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opportunities to run/walk 2. Hard surface to cycle, roller-skate, basketball, skateboard 3. Ability to play ball games 4. Opportunities to sit/hang out. 5. Risky play - climbing, jumping, swinging 6. Natural play - hills, trees. 7. Well maintained - bins, rubbish 	Quality of equipment, presence of any broken equipment or equipment in need of repair	<p>Current Score = sum of all current scores</p> <p>Maximum Score = sum of all maximum scores</p>
100% = overlooked	100% = inclusive	100% = close to multiple facilities	100% = full residential coverage	100% = no barriers		100% = 5+ out of 7	100% = excellent condition	
0% = not overlooked	0% = not inclusive	0% = no facilities in close proximity	0% = no residential coverage	0% = barriers present		0% = 0 out of 7	0% = poor condition	

2. Amenity Greenspace Physical Quality Scoring

Name	Location	Area (m2)	Main Entrance	Boundary Condition	Road/Path	Planted Areas	Grass Area	Bin	Seats	Toilets	Parking	Lighting	Information	Cleanliness	Event Programme	Total	Max Score Possible	% score
Max Score per attribute			4	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	5	5		57	
Somerville Road - Corner	Alrewas	242	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	11	38	29%
Somerville Road	Alrewas	403	0	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	16	43	37%
Church Road	Alrewas	573	0	2	3	4	4	0	5	0	1	0	1	4	0	24	42	57%
Fox Lane	Alrewas	713	0	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	16	43	37%
Somerville Road/ Fox Lane	Alrewas	722	0	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	16	43	37%
Kings Bromley Road/ Manor Fields	Alrewas	1237	3	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	15	47	32%
Oakfield Road	Alrewas	1382	3	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	17	42	40%
Deepmore Close	Alrewas	1539	3	3	3	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	21	47	45%
Foxton Close	Alrewas	4535	2	2	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Landscape Buffer, Alrewas (approx 3000)	Alrewas	6050	0	2	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	14	32	44%
Chaseview Road	Alrewas	21250	3	2	2	0	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	18	52	35%
Land to north of Church Road, Alrewas	Alrewas	35863	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	9	32	28%
Hill Top View	Armitage with Handsacre	210	1	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	14	37	38%
Hill Top View	Armitage with Handsacre	235	1	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	14	62	23%
Harvey Road	Armitage with Handsacre	256	3	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	15	42	36%
Harvey Road	Armitage with Handsacre	291	3	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	15	42	36%
Hill Top View	Armitage with Handsacre	570	1	4	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	16	47	34%
Millmoor Avenue	Armitage with Handsacre	759	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Hazel Close	Armitage with Handsacre	771	3	3	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	21	47	45%
Shropshire Brook Road/ Chase View	Armitage with Handsacre	1069	3	3	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	22	47	47%
Warren Close	Armitage with Handsacre	1112	3	3	4	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	25	47	53%
Wordsworth	Armitage with Handsacre	1128	3	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	17	47	36%
Peak Close	Armitage with Handsacre	1535	3	3	3	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	22	47	47%
Chesnut Close	Armitage with Handsacre	1886	3	3	4	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	25	47	53%
Pinfold Drive	Armitage with Handsacre	2467	4	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	5	0	25	52	48%
St Barbara's Road	Armitage with Handsacre	2853	3	2	5	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	22	47	47%
Shropshire Brook Road	Armitage with Handsacre	3024	3	3	3	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	23	47	49%
Foxleigh Meadows	Armitage with Handsacre	4498	3	3	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	20	47	43%
New Road/ Old Road/ The Green	Armitage with Handsacre	6225	3	3	5	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	25	52	48%
Shropshire Brook Road/ Manor Court Drive	Armitage with Handsacre	8519	3	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	17	47	36%
Shropshire Brook/ Yeoman Way	Armitage with Handsacre	9849	3	3	5	3	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	4	2	28	52	54%
Hawksyard central green space	Armitage with Handsacre	11335	3	2	4	4	4	5	5	0	1	2	0	5	0	35	52	67%
Hawksyard Swale/lake	Armitage with Handsacre	17276	2	3	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	19	37	51%
Shropshire Brook Road	Armitage with Handsacre	22244	4	3	4	4	3	2	2	0	4	0	0	3	0	29	52	56%
Shropshire Brook Road	Armitage with Handsacre	24326	4	3	4	3	4	0	3	4	4	0	0	4	3	36	62	58%
Sycamore Road/ Lilac Grove	Burntwood	522	3	2	5	2	4	0	3	0	2	2	0	5	0	28	47	60%
Sycamore Road/ Lilac grove	Burntwood	544	3	2	5	2	4	0	3	0	2	2	0	4	0	27	47	57%
Rugeley Road/ Duke Road	Burntwood	645	3	3	4	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	24	47	51%
Cedar Road	Burntwood	656	2	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	14	42	33%
Birch Avenue/ Oakdene Road	Burntwood	780	2	3	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	20	47	43%
Scholars Gate	Burntwood	828	Fenced Off	3	0	4	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	19	38	50%
Burntwood SDA (west of entrance)	Burntwood	952	1	3	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	27	59%
Scholars Gate	Burntwood	1169	Fenced Off	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	15	38	39%
Spinney Lane	Burntwood	1197	1	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	3	0	18	47	38%
Fair Lady Drive	Burntwood	1305	3	3	3	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	24	47	51%
Chasetown Football Club	Burntwood	1486	4	3	5	4	5	0	5	0	4	0	2	5	0	37	62	60%
Fair Lady Drive	Burntwood	1503	3	2	3	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	21	47	45%
Baker Street	Burntwood	1514	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	12	42	29%
Robinson Road	Burntwood	1568	3	3	1	2	4	1	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	22	47	47%
Fair Lady Drive	Burntwood	1591	3	1	2	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	17	47	36%
Hawthorne Crescent	Burntwood	1805	2	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Hawthorne Crescent	Burntwood	2002	2	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	16	47	34%

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Max Score per attribute			4	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	5	5		57	
Rugeley Road/ Duke Road	Burntwood	2030	3	3	4	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	23	47	49%
Balmoral Way	Burntwood	2160	0	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	18	47	38%
School Lane	Burntwood	2236	2	2	3	4	4	0	0	4	4	1	0	4	0	28	57	49%
Viscount Road	Burntwood	2294	2	2	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Birch Avenue	Burntwood	2305	2	3	3	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	20	47	43%
Common View	Burntwood	2539	2	3	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	21	62	34%
Stour Close	Burntwood	3092	3	2	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	21	47	45%
Nightingale Walk	Burntwood	3634	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	20	47	43%
Derwent Grove/ Dove Close	Burntwood	3900	0	3	2	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	19	48	40%
Hilton Road	Burntwood	3940	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	37	32%
Chasetown Football Club	Burntwood	3987	4	3	5	4	5	0	5	0	4	0	2	5	0	37	62	60%
New Road	Burntwood	4123	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	47	19%
St Matthews Rd/ Glasscroft Cott	Burntwood	4256	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	11	32	34%
Keble Close	Burntwood	4456	1	2	2	4	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	20	47	43%
Burntwood SDA (east of entrance)	Burntwood	5116	1	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	19	37	51%
Chasetown Memorial Park	Burntwood	5523	4	3	5	3	4	2	3	2	2	0	1	5	0	34	57	60%
Adjacent to Ridgeway Primary School	Burntwood	5599	3	3	4	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	23	47	49%
Gorstey Ley	Burntwood	6568	3	1	3	1	2	1	1	0	5	2	1	4	0	24	52	46%
Ironstone Road	Burntwood	6628	2	2	3	2	4	0	0	4	4	1	0	4	0	26	47	55%
Coulson Close	Burntwood	7569	2	2	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	20	47	43%
Kingsdown Road	Burntwood	7890	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	10	47	21%
Chasewater Open Space	Burntwood	8881	1	2	1	5	3	3	3	0	4	0	2	3	4	31	57	54%
Hunslet Road/ Boulton Close	Burntwood	10351	2	2	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	19	47	40%
Hunslet Road	Burntwood	11025	2	3	3	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	23	47	49%
Adj Ridgeway Primary School	Burntwood	13187	3	3	4	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	24	47	51%
Chase Terrace Park	Burntwood	14101	4	3	5	4	4	1	5	0	3	1	2	5	0	37	57	65%
Chase View Park, Rochester Avenue	Burntwood	14437	2	3	3	4	5	3	1	0	1	1	1	4	0	28	52	54%
Chasewater Open Space	Burntwood	17026	1	2	1	5	3	3	3	0	4	0	2	3	4	31	57	54%
Church Lane	Burntwood	18898	1	2	1	5	3	3	3	0	4	0	4	2	4	32	62	52%
Cannock Road	Burntwood	22860	3	2	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	19	47	40%
Burntwood Park	Burntwood	26467	2	3	3	4	4	5	4	0	3	0	1	4	0	33	62	53%
Redwood Park	Burntwood	36646	2	2	4	3	4	3	3	0	3	1	1	2	0	28	62	45%
Chestnut Lane	Clifton Campville	417	0	3	0	4	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	19	43	44%
Main Street	Clifton Campville	634	0	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	13	28	46%
Clifton Campville to west of Church	Clifton Campville	19661	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10	32	31%
Clifton Campville	Clifton Campville	33759	4	3	2	3	3	3	5	0	0	0	2	4	2	31	44	70%
Clifton Campville to South of Church	Clifton Campville	42287	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10	32	31%
Pedley's Croft, Bellamour Way	Colton	3809	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	0	4	1	1	4	2	30	57	53%
Village Hall, Bellamour Way	Colton	7869	4	2	5	3	3	4	4	3	4	2	1	4	3	42	62	68%
Land to east of Moreton Brook	Colton	12980	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	32	25%
Comberford, Millenium Green	Comberford	1319	4	3	3	4	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	29	44	66%
Salts Lane	Drayton Bassett	259	3	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	0	24	47	51%
Old Manor Close	Drayton Bassett	644	3	3	4	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	0	25	52	48%
Rectory drive (2000sqm)	Drayton Bassett	1470	1	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	19	47	40%
Rectory drive (2000)	Drayton Bassett	2745	1	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	19	47	40%
School Lane/ Main Road	Edingale	318	3	2	5	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	22	47	47%
Woodyards Drive	Edingale	398	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	0	1	1	1	5	0	28	42	67%
Blakeways Close (South)	Edingale	536	0	3	2	3	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	19	43	44%
Main Road Opposite Blakeways Close	Edingale	583	3	3	2	3	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	22	47	47%
Land between Main Road and Croxall Road	Edingale	1083	3	3	4	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	24	42	57%
Blakeways Close (North)	Edingale	1195	3	3	2	3	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	22	47	47%
Land between Main Road and Croxall Road	Edingale	1418	3	3	4	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	24	42	57%

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Max Score per attribute			4	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	5	5		57	
Moores Croft	Edingale	13277	3	3	2	3	4	3	2	3	4	1	0	5	0	33	57	58%
North of Edingale 3869(sqm)	Edinglae	4455	4	3		5	4	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	23	47	49%
The Shrubbery/ A513 (Classification N/A)	Elford	3295	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	0	3	0	0	4	0	26	42	62%
The Shrubbery/ The Hill	Elford	4531	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	0	3	0	0	4	0	26	42	62%
Land to from of Church, Elford	Elford	9848	4	3	3	4	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	26	37	70%
Land to south of Webbs Farm	Elford	36629	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	32	25%
Buxton Avenue	Fazeley	405	2	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	17	42	40%
Fallow Road	Fazeley	688	2	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Buxton Avenue	Fazeley	1025	2	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	16	42	38%
Oak Drive/ Heathcote Drive	Fazeley	1160	3	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	17	47	36%
Manor Road	Fazeley	1213	2	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	17	47	36%
Brook End	Fazeley	1489	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	11	47	23%
Gainsborough	Fazeley	2037	2	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Mayfair Drive	Fazeley	3764	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	47	26%
Laurel House	Fazeley	4017	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	27	37	73%
Drayton Manor Drive	Fazeley	4297	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	14	47	30%
Victory Terrace (Tam Road)	Fazeley	7343	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	20	47	43%
Williams Avenue	Fradley	1259	2	2	3	3	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	21	47	45%
Statfold Lane	Fradley	1782	3	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	19	47	40%
The Moor	Fradley	2252	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10	37	27%
Hay End Lane	Fradley	5954	4	3	4	1	5	5	5	0	1	1	0	4	0	33	47	70%
Statfold Lane	Fradley	8420	3	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	24	52	46%
Hay End Lane	Fradley	15305	2	2	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	18	57	32%
Ashmall	Hammerwich	1340	3	3	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	21	47	45%
Mansion Drive, Hammerwich (4089 sqm)	Hammerwich	2345	1	3		3	5	5		0	0	0	0	5	0	23	47	49%
Harlaston Play Area	Harlaston	911	3	3	4	2	4	4	5	0	1	0	1	5	0	32	52	62%
Churchside	Harlaston	1431	3	3	4	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	23	47	49%
Chadwick Crescent	Hill Ridware	616	3	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	23	47	49%
Hawkhurst Drive	Hill Ridware	1411	3	3	3	2	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	20	47	43%
Village Hall	Hill Ridware	2363	3	3	4	3	3	1	0	4	4	0	1	4	2	32	62	52%
Village Hall/ Rookery Lane	Hints	1198	4	2	5	3	3	2	3	4	4	0	1	5	3	39	62	63%
Rookery Lane	Hints	3826	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	15	47	32%
Church Drive	Hopwas	3637	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	16	47	34%
Nursery Lane	Hopwas	4291	3	3	2	3	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	5	2	26	57	46%
Lanes Close	Kings Bromley	1035	4	3	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	30	47	64%
Leofric Close	Kings Bromley	1053	3	3	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	22	47	47%
Kings Bromley	Kings Bromley	1240	4	3	0	2	4	3	3	0	5	0	0	5	0	29	49	59%
Football field	Kings Bromley	14826	3	3	2	2	4	0	2	0	3	0	0	4	2	25	42	60%
Yoxall Road	Kngs Bromley	898	3	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	19	42	45%
Greenhill	Lichfield	182	0	2	5	5	3	3	5	0	0	2	0	4	0	29	37	78%
Chatterton Avenue/ Alesmore Meadow	Lichfield	207	0	3	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	19	28	68%
Burway Close	Lichfield	565	0	3	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	18	43	42%
Irving Close	Lichfield	636	0	2	5	0	4	4	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	27	47	57%
Thomas Greenway	Lichfield	674	1	2	4	3	2	2	3	0	1	2	0	3	0	23	47	49%
Friary Road, Lichfield Library	Lichfield	727	1	2	1	2	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	18	47	38%
Allington Avenue	Lichfield	948	3	3	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	25	47	53%
Mallicot Close	Lichfield	1115	2	1	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	16	42	38%
Furnival Crescent	Lichfield	1124	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	13	38	34%
St Catherines Road	Lichfield	1127	0	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	16	47	34%
Greencroft/ Collins Hill	Lichfield	1196	2	3	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	21	47	45%
Maxtock Avenue	Lichfield	1258	3	3	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	26	47	55%
Windmill Lane	Lichfield	1480	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	12	42	29%

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Max Score per attribute			4	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	5	5		57	
Furnival Crescent (Square)	Lichfield	1545	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	13	38	34%
Bains Drive/ Parnell Avenue	Lichfield	1546	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	5	2	5	0	37	52	71%
Francis Road	Lichfield	1655	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	13	47	28%
The Friary	Lichfield	1714	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	9	47	19%
Balmoral Close	Lichfield	1792	3	3	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	23	47	49%
Longstaff Croft	Lichfield	1937	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10	47	21%
Kean Close	Lichfield	2473	0	2	5	0	4	4	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	23	47	49%
Havefield Avenue	Lichfield	2577	1	3	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	16	47	34%
Staffordshire University	Lichfield	2587	2	3	4	4	3	0	0	0	5	3	0	5	0	29	47	62%
Broad Lane	Lichfield	2637	0	3	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	17	47	36%
Gable Croft	Lichfield	2830	0	3	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	17	47	36%
Ash Grove	Lichfield	3056	3	3	3	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	21	47	45%
North of Haymoor	Lichfield	3351	0	2	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	19	47	40%
Dimbles Hill/ Leyfields	Lichfield	3373	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	47	19%
Warren Close	Lichfield	3559	0	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	16	47	34%
Eastern Avenue/ Dimbles Lane	Lichfield	3685	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	11	47	23%
Lincoln Close	Lichfield	3792	0	2	5	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	19	42	45%
The Mill Pond	Lichfield	3845	0	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	15	47	32%
Wissage Lane	Lichfield	4119	1	3	4	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	19	52	37%
Eastern Avenue/ Judes Walk	Lichfield	4353	0	3	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Roman Way opposite co-op	Lichfield	4370	0	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Beech Gardens	Lichfield	4553	2	3	3	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	16	47	34%
Mesnes Green	Lichfield	4579	0	3	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	15	43	35%
Harrington Walk	Lichfield	4693	3	2	3	4	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	22	47	47%
Eastern Avenue/ Cricket Pitch	Lichfield	4749	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	42	21%
St Michaels Road	Lichfield	4756	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	12	47	26%
Sandfield Meadow	Lichfield	4768	3	3	4	5	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	27	52	52%
Broad Lane/ Roman Way	Lichfield	4830	0	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	18	47	38%
Truro Close	Lichfield	5258	3	2	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	20	42	48%
Roman Way	Lichfield	5672	2	3	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	20	47	43%
North of Hillside	Lichfield	5683	0	2	5	0	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	21	47	45%
Eastern Avenue/ Health Centre	Lichfield	6104	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	0	19	47	40%
David Garrick Gardens	Lichfield	6264	3	2	5	0	4	5	0	0	5	2	0	4	0	30	47	64%
Friary Gardens	Lichfield	7862	4	3	5	5	5	2	5	0	0	3	0	5	0	37	47	79%
Tamworth Rd	Lichfield	7984	2	3	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	20	47	43%
Beacon Park (Scout hut)	Lichfield	8234	0	3	2	2	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	21	52	40%
Museum Grounds, Beacon Park	Lichfield	8251	4	3	5	5	5	5	5	4	1	2	4	4	0	47	62	76%
Museum Grounds, Beacon Park	Lichfield	10555	4	3	5	5	5	5	5	4	1	2	4	4	0	47	62	76%
Old Cricket Ground	Lichfield	10658	4	3	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	27	47	57%
Beacon Park (Christchurch)	Lichfield	11340	1	3	5	2	2	2	0	0	5	2	0	4	0	26	52	50%
Brownsfield Park (Enots)	Lichfield	12458	1	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	18	57	32%
Boley Lane	Lichfield	12514	0	1	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	14	37	38%
Beacon Park	Lichfield	13587	3	3	5	4	3	3	5	0	4	2	0	4	0	36	57	63%
Wordsworth Close	Lichfield	13791	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	21	47	45%
Beacon Park	Lichfield	15292	3	3	5	4	3	3	5	0	5	2	0	4	0	37	57	65%
Netherstowe	Lichfield	17343	1	2	5	2	4	5	0	0	4	3	1	3	0	30	47	64%
Christchurch	Lichfield	17646	1	2	2	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	19	47	40%
Beacon Park	Lichfield	18615	3	3	2	3	3	2	0	4	5	1	2	4	4	36	57	63%
Western Bypass, Beacon Park	Lichfield	18676	3	3	2	3	3	2	0	4	5	1	2	4	4	36	57	63%
Eastern Avenue/ Grange Lane	Lichfield	21116	0	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	17	42	40%
Friary Gardens	Lichfield	21830	3	3	5	4	3	5	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	31	47	66%
Cathedral Walk	Lichfield	23670	3	3	4	5	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	27	52	52%


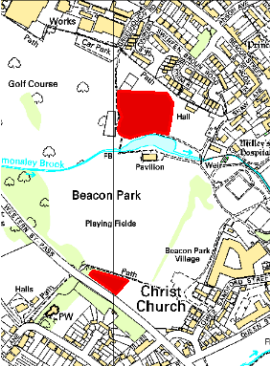
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Max Score per attribute			4	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	5	5		57	
Saddlers Wood Park	Lichfield	28107	2	2	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	19	40	48%
Estern Avenue,Christian Fields	Lichfield	32978	0	2	2	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	17	47	36%
Shortbutts Lane	Lichfield	34789	4	3	5	4	4	5	0	0	4	0	1	4	2	4	57	7%
Eastern Avenue, Stychbrook Park	Lichfield	35450	2	3	2	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	1	4	0	23	62	37%
Trunkfield Brook	Lichfield	43515	3	3	5	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	24	52	46%
Stowe Fields	Lichfield	49387	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	0	3	2	0	4	0	34	47	72%
Darnford Park?	Lichfield	65925	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	0	4	0	1	3	0	35	57	61%
Darnford Park	Lichfield	110202	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	0	1	0	0	4	0	33	47	70%
Willow Tree Close	Lichfield	279	1	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	0	17	37	46%
Hewitt Close	Lichfield	290	1	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	5	0	18	37	49%
Needwood Hill	Lichfield	302	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	15	37	41%
Collins Hill corner	Lichfield	377	1	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	15	37	41%
Bloomfield Cresecent	Lichfield	521	1	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	19	37	51%
James Greenway Mews	Lichfield	542	1	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	37	32%
Oakenfield	Lichfield	867	1	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	15	37	41%
Agincourt Rd	Lichfield	1577	1	3	3	5	4	0	3	0	0	1	0	5	0	25	37	68%
Beside railway, Chesterfield Rd	Lichfield	10941	1	0	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	20	37	54%
Bottom of Brook End/ A51	Longdon	589	3	2	5	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	22	47	47%
St James Close/ Brook End	Longdon	1135	3	2	3	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	20	47	43%
Berkeley Way/ Beech Walk	Longdon	1826	3	3	3	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	23	47	49%
A51/ Top of Brookend Lane	Longdon	1922	3	3	5	2	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	25	47	53%
A51	Longdon	2381	3	2	3	2	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	21	47	45%
Back of Club	Longdon	3639	0	1	3	1	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	0	15	47	32%
Greysbrooke	Shenstone	808	0	2	3	2	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	20	48	42%
Birmingham Road	Shenstone	2576	0	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	15	38	39%
Shenstone Recreation Ground	Shenstone	5931	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	1	3	0	1	4	1	33	57	58%
Lamas Land 35822sqm	Shenstone	56043	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	2	5	0	37	57	65%
Glenwood Rise	Stonnall	210	0	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	14	33	42%
Main St/ Cartesfield Lane	Stonnall	325	0	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	16	38	42%
Land around pitch	Stonnall	6774	2	2	3	3	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	24	47	51%
Bexmore Drive	Streethay	1483	3	3	2	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	20	47	43%
Burton Road	Streethay	3596	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	0	1	0	0	4	0	23	47	49%
Shavers Lane	Upper Longdon	237	0	3	2	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	21	43	49%
The Green	Whittington	607	3	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	22	47	47%
Langton Crescent	Whittington	754	3	2	3	2	5	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	23	47	49%
Langton Crescent/ Main Street	Whittington	846	3	3	3	2	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	24	52	46%
Bramley Way	Whittington	2299	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	26	47	55%
Peregrine Close	Whittington	8867	3	2	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	20	47	43%
Merlin Way	Whittington	5460	2	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	20	47	43%


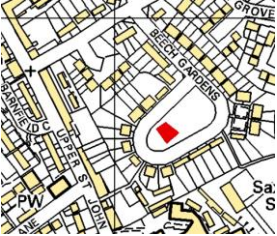
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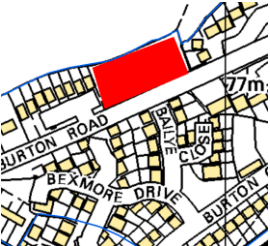
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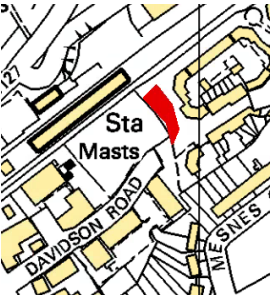
	Main Entrance	Boundaries	Roads etc	Planted areas	Grass areas	Facilities: Bins	Facilities: Seats	Facilities: Toilets	Facilities: Parking	Facilities: Lighting	Facilities: Information	Cleanliness	Events Programme
David Garrick Gardens, Curborough	2	3	3	1	3	2	1	0	5	2	0	4	0
Stowe Croft Netherstowe	1	2	4	1	3	2	5	0	0	3	0	4	0
Oakenfield/ James Greenway	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	0	2	3	0	1	0
Scotch Orchard	1	2	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Streethay	3	3	0	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	2	5	0
Saddlers Wood	1	3	1	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	0
Darnford Park	3	3	3	5	5	3	3	0	4	0	0	5	0
Shortbutts Park	3	3	5	4	5	5	4	0	4	3	0	4	0
Sainte Foy	4	3	4	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
Darwin Park	2	3	5	4	5	5	3	0	0	2	1	5	0
Burntwood Park	3	2	1	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	1	5	0
Redwood Park	2	3	3	4	4	3	3	0	2	0	0	2	0
Chase Terrace	3	3	5	3	5	4	5	0	4	2	0	4	0
Harlaston	4	3	4	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	5	0
Edingale	3	3	0	2	5	2	5	0	4	0	1	4	0
Clifton	4	3	3	2	4	3	5	0	0	0	1	5	0
Comberford	4	3	0	5	5	3	5	0	0	0	2	5	0
Hay End Lane	3	3	5	2	5	2	3	0	5	1	1	5	0
Alrewas	3	3	0	3	5	3	3	0	4	1	0	4	0
Kings Bromley	3	3	0	2	5	3	3	0	4	1	1	5	0



	Main Entrance	Boundaries	Roads etc	Planted areas	Grass areas	Facilities: Bins	Facilities: Seats	Facilities: Toilets	Facilities: Parking	Facilities: Lighting	Facilities: Information	Cleanliness	Events Programme
Hawksyard	2	2	5	5	5	3	5	0	0	1	0	5	0
Armitage, Millmoor Avenue	3	3	4	3	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	0
Armitage, Shropshire Brook	3	3	2	3	4	2	3	0	4	1	1	5	0
Armitage, St Barbara's Road	2	3	5	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	5	0
Hill Ridware	4	3	2	4	5	1	1	0	4	1	1	5	0
Colton	4	3	2	4	5	4	4	0	4	0	1	5	0
Stychbrook Park	4	3	0	2	5	3	0	0	4	0	1	5	0
Stowe Fields	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	5	0
Beech Gardens	1	3	0	2	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0
Hammerwich, Hospital Road	4	3	5	3	5	3	2	0	5	0	0	2	0
Hammerwich, Mansion Drive	2	3	0	4	5	4	2	0	0	0	1	5	0
Stonnall	2	3	3	2	5	5	3	0	0	0	2	4	0
Little Aston	4	3	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	0	2	5	3
Shenstone	3	3	5	5	5	5	4	0	?	2	2	3	?
Whittington, Swan Road	4	3	3	4	5	4	5	0	5	0	2	5	?
Hopwas	4	3	3	2	3	3	2	0	0	1	2	5	?
Drayton Bassett	4	3	4	2	5	2	3	0	4	0	1	5	?


<p>Play Location</p> <p>Beacon Park</p> <p>Large play area with a variety of play equipment, including a basket ball park. A skate park is located on the outskirts of the park.</p> 	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school Café & kiosk Scout hut Pavilion <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>An excellent park which offers a wide variety of play opportunities. There is something for all ages and both equipped and natural play is available.</p> <p>Equipment and the wider area is well maintained.</p>
<p>Score</p>								
60%	100%	100%	80%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
<p>Comments</p>								
<p>Due to its location in a large park the play areas are not visible from properties or roads. The play areas are visible from footpaths within the park and by users from other parts of the park. The park café overlooks the majority of the play area. It also has a ranger service throughout the year during daylight hours.</p> 	<p>Site provides excellent range of equipment, seating areas (both formal and informal) and pathways, all to a high standard and suitable for all users.</p>	<p>The park is within walking distance of the city centre and adjacent to a supermarket. There are also a number of facilities within the park.</p> <p>Christchurch school is within 250m of the skatepark and around 500m from the play area..</p>	<p>A large part of the catchment covers the rest of Beacon Park and parts of the city centre with few residential properties within the 480m buffer.</p> <p>However the park is a destination which many people outside of the 480m catchment will travel to use. As such this catchment isn't appropriate for this sight.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained.</p> <p>Newly refurbished park which provides a range of natural and equipped play for all ages. The play area is set within the wider Beacon Park which offers other recreational activities and opportunities.</p>	<p>The play equipment and skate park in Beacon Park are in excellent condition.</p>		
<p>Suggested Improvements</p>								
None	None	None	None	None	None	None		
<p>Max score</p>								
60%	100%	100%	80%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
<p>Total Score: 740 / 740</p>								


Play Location Beech Gardens, Lichfield Small amount of equipment, including swings and climbing wall.  	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal No paths 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roads, no footpath links Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments This site is in good condition however offers very little. There is limited seating and no bins within this site. There is great potential to improve this site with additional play equipment as it is set in a wider grassy area. Total Score: 615 /750	
	Score								
	100%	50%	40%	100%	50% Physical, 100% Social	75%	100%		
	Comments								
	Overlooked by the surrounding properties.	Site is completely flat, one bench is provided, large grassy area which provides informal seating.	Site is located near a number of schools and shops.	Site is surrounded by residential properties.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained.	All equipment is in good condition, though very limited equipment is offered.		
	Suggested Improvements								
	None	Additional seating would improve this site.	None	None	None	This site scores well even though there is limited play equipment offered, there is great potential to improve this play area as it is set in a wider grassy area.	Potential to introduce additional equipment to this site.		
Max score									
100%	100%	100%	100%	50%/100%	100%	100%			


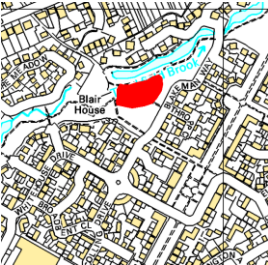
<p>Play Location</p> <p>Burton Road, Streethay</p> <p>Range of equipment for various ages.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety</p> <p>–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked - 0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria</p> <p>(must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>This site provides an important facility to the residents of Streethay. It has a good range of equipment for a small site.</p> <p>There is potential to improve the visibility of the site by reducing the hedge height along Burton Road.</p> <p>Signage to the site and to the nearest pedestrian crossing may also be beneficial.</p> <p>This site will be adjacent to the new housing development, the Streethay SDA.</p>
Score								
25%	60%	0%	40%	50% Physical, 100% Social	100%	90%		
Comments								
Site is not visible from properties, road or footpaths.	Site has plenty of informal and formal seating. There are no footpaths in the site, and the site is not flat, so may be unsuitable for wheeled users.	Site is not located in proximity to any services or facilities. However it does provide an important local facility for the residents in the immediate area.	A large amount of the catchment is currently open fields, though new housing will be built here in the next couple of years due to it being a SDA. The site serves the local residents as is the only accessible play space in this area.	Physical: Burton Road separates the site from the majority of dwellings in the catchment. The formal crossing is away from the site. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/ hang out, Risky play, Natural play The site was not well maintained at time of visit, there was litter present with only 1 bin located within the site.	Good range of equipment for a small site. All equipment in good working order but would benefit from repainting.		
Suggested Improvements								
Reduce the hedge height so site is visible from road and footpath.	Potential to add footpath across site, though due to its small size this may not be appropriate.	The development adjacent to the site may improve this score.	The development adjacent to this site will improve this score.	Traffic calming or signage to the existing pedestrian crossing may be helpful.	Potential to add hard surfaces. Increase maintenance and the number of bins.	Repainting the equipment would improve the appearance of the play area.		
Max score								
50%	100%	0%	40%	50%/100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 465 / 540	


Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>City Wharf, Lichfield</p> <p>Swings, natural play, small adventure trail.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Site is of good quality however is small so is limited in its potential to offer further play opportunities.</p> <p>At the time of visit maintenance was poor, this needs to be improved.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the built up area there is little opportunity to play elsewhere. This site is an important play area for this residential development.</p>
Score								
100%	100%	100%	50%	50% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
<p>The site is overlooked by the adjacent residential properties, and from the platform of Lichfield City Station.</p>	<p>Site is accessible with several routes leading to the park. The site is level and has good formal and informal seating.</p>	<p>Site is located close to city centre and the facilities located there. Provides a play area for the new residential development.</p>	<p>Approximately half the catchment is the city centre whilst the other half is residential.</p>	<p>Physical: Railway separates site from the city centre.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play.</p> <p>Site is small but offers some play opportunities to local residents.</p>	<p>Site is relatively new and all equipment is in good condition.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>Ensure vegetation is kept low to ensure play area remains visible</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Little potential to improve this score.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Due to the size of the site additional play equipment etc wouldn't be appropriate.</p> <p>Maintenance needs to be improved - at the time of visit the site was not well maintained, bins were overflowing and there was litter surrounding the benches.</p>	<p>None</p>		
Max score								
100%	100%	100%	50%	50% / 100%	100%	100%	Total Score: 700 / 700	


<p>Play Location</p> <p>Darnford Park</p> <p>This site has a small fenced play area for young children.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths Car park <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>The play area is old and is need of replacement.</p> <p>Footpaths seem well used by dog walkers.</p> <p>Potential to increase available equipment, introduce natural play and equipment for other ages.</p>	
Score									
50%	50%	0%	50%	40% Physical, 100% Social	100%	50%			
Comments									
The site is not overlooked by nearby properties or roads. Some overlooking by footpaths.	Surfaces uneven and path through site may not suit wheeled users despite being flat. No formal surfacing Seating around play in the adjacent open space.	Site is not in close proximity to any services or facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement which restricts the catchment.	Physical: Adjacent to A38. Darnford Lane can be busy at times, with fast traffic. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky Play, Well maintained.	Equipment is old but in working order.			
Suggested Improvements									
There is no potential to improve this element for this site.	Increase seating around the play area. Improve footpaths.	None	There is no potential to improve this element for this site.	There is little potential to improve this element.	Potential to increase play value by introducing: Hard surfaces, natural play. Seating could also be increased as it is very limited around the play area.	Equipment could be refurbished. Potential to increase the equipment available; including natural play.			
Max score									
60%	100%	0%	50%	40% / 100%	100%	100%			
							Total Score: 440 / 550		

<p>Play Location</p> <p>David Garrick Gardens, Curborough Community Centre</p> <p>This site has equipment for younger children and older children, and football posts.</p> 	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked - 0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>This site is well maintained and well used.</p> <p>This site has the potential to be improved in terms of type and number of equipment provided given the size and location of the site.</p> <p>There is no provision in terms of equipment for older children/ teenagers at this site. This is a potential improvement that could be made, for example a MUGA or skate ramp.</p>
Score								
50%	60%	100%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%	There is an opportunity to add natural play.	
Comments								
<p>Overlooked by nearby flats on one side, possibly visible from upstairs rear windows of adjacent houses.</p> <p>Due to location it is not visible by traffic, Well used footpath through site.</p> <p>Also over looked by the community centre which is regularly used.</p>	<p>Site is largely open with limited seating. Off the formal path use by wheeled users would be difficult.</p>	<p>Adjacent to community centre which is well used and generates pedestrian movement through site. Close to Willows School.</p>	<p>Site has full residential catchment.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained.</p>	<p>Equipment seems new, and well used.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>Limited opportunity to improve residential overlooking.</p>	<p>Increase the amount of seating, both formal and informal. Improve accessibility for wheeled users within the site.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Potential to improve play value by including opportunities for: natural play, hard surfaces. Seating could be improved, as only limited amount available.</p>	<p>Potential to increase the amount of equipment given the size of the site.</p>		
Max score								
50%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%	Total Score: 710 / 750	

Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria	Equipment quality	Overall comments
Heather Close/ Scotch Orchard Small MUGA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked - 0% not overlooked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	100% no barriers – 0% barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller skate, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Planting is maturing to provide a buffer around the site. Potential for adjacent green space to have some play equipment or natural play. Site needs seating.
Score								
40%	50%	100%	70%	80% Physical, 100% Social	80%	70%		
Comments								
Overlooked on one side by properties, planting along footpath is overgrown which reduces visibility.	Path across site is in good condition, though path along edge of site is in poor condition and overgrown. Lack of seating.	Local parade of shops, and Scotch Orchard School.	Catchment includes industrial areas and agricultural land to the north.	Physical: Eastern avenue has fast traffic, though there is pedestrian crossings. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/ hang out	MUGA needs repainting but is in working order. High levels of litter at times.		
Suggested Improvements								
Reduce hedge heights to increase visibility. Development of vacant building could increase visibility.	Seating within the site is required. Improvement path along edge of site.	None	None	None	Potential to add seating, natural play, play equipment (to include risky play). Maintenance needs improving.	Increase maintenance, repaint MUGA.		
Max score								
80%	100%	100%	70%	80% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 590 / 730	


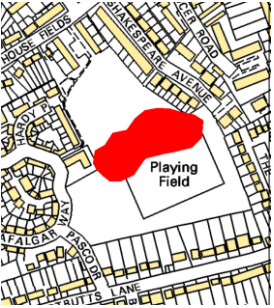
<p>Play Location</p> <p>Lightwood Road, Darwin Park</p> <p>Play equipment for young children.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked - 0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Excellent site for younger children.</p> <p>Potential to include equipment for older children.</p>
<p>Score</p>								
100%	100%	100%	100%	90% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
<p>Comments</p>								
<p>Located within a wider green area which is surrounded by housing, has a number of well used footpaths through site. Visible from Blakeman Way.</p>	<p>The site is highly accessible due to a number of footpaths which cross the wider green space and link the equipped play areas together. Plenty of seating available.</p>	<p>Play area is located within walking distance of Waitrose and the community hall.</p>	<p>The site has a wide catchment consisting of mainly residential properties.</p>	<p>Physical: Blakeman Way adjacent, though slow traffic speeds and informal crossings.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit hang out, Risky Play, Natural Play, Well maintained.</p>	<p>Site is good for young children. Equipment is in good condition.</p>		
<p>Suggested Improvements</p>								
None	None	None	None	Potential to add a formal crossing on Blakeman Way	While the footpaths provide hard surfacing for skateboarding etc, there is no designated hard surface area.	Potential to include equipment for older children/ teenagers.		
<p>Max score</p>								
100%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
<p>Total Score: 790 / 800</p>								



<p>Play Location</p> <p>Oakenfield/ James Greenway, Lichfield</p> <p>This site hosts a MUGA, small children's play area and some equipment for older children.</p> 	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked - 0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria</p> <p>(must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>There is a lot of play equipment in this small site, something to suit all ages.</p> <p>Equipment looks well used but is in need of refurbishment.</p> <p>Maintenance needs improving, graffiti and litter throughout the site.</p> <p>Consider whether there is potential to add play value through natural play.</p>	
Score									
100%	100%	100%	100%	100% Physical, 80% Social	100%	60%			
Comments									
Overlooked on all sides. Not visible from traffic. Footpath through site	Even surfaces, Formal and informal seating	Close to shops, Willows school.	Site has full residential catchment.	Physical: No physical barriers Social: Site is messy & unkempt, graffiti & litter present.	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surfaces, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to site/hang out, Risky play.	Majority of play equipment looks tired and needs refurbishing, all in working order still.			
Suggested Improvements									
None	None	None	None	Improve maintenance of site to reduce litter & graffiti	Consider whether there is potential to add play value through natural play. Maintenance of the site needs improving.	Majority of equipment needs refurbishing.			
Max score									
100%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%			
							Total Score: 740 / 800		


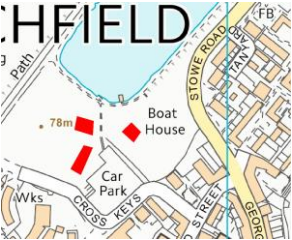
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is ‘inclusive’	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children’s criteria	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Saddlers Wood</p> <p>This site has a fenced play area for young children, a basketball court and football posts.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>(must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>This site has an overall natural appearance given the landscape and planting.</p> <p>Footpaths could be improved throughout the site, to improve comfort to wheeled users.</p> <p>There is a lack of seating and bins around the MUGA and goal posts, potential for improvement.</p>
Score								<p>A crossing over Roman Way would improve the accessibility.</p>
30%	50%	100%	100%	50% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								<p>Total Score: 630 / 710</p>
<p>Despite being surrounded by housing most properties don’t overlook the site. Create sight lines into site from Roman Way through management of planting. No crossing point across Roman Way.</p>	<p>Informal paths across site. Seating around children’s play equipment but limited seating elsewhere.</p>	<p>Site is located near Coop and community hall.</p>	<p>Site has full residential catchment.</p>	<p>Physical: Railway adjacent, Roman Way has fast traffic and no crossing.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural Play, Well maintained</p>	<p>Equipment is in good condition. Goal posts & MUGA are in good condition.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>Consider potential benefits of installing a crossing over Roman Way. Reduce the height of planting on Roman Way to increase visibility.</p>	<p>Increase the amount of seating.</p>	<p>A crossing over Roman Way would increase the accessibility from these services & facilities to the site.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Consider formal pedestrian crossing over Roman Way.</p>	<p>There is a lack of seating around the MUGA and goal posts, the only seating available is the grassed area. Consider increasing formal/informal seating in this part of the site.</p>			
Max score								
60%	100%	100%	100%	50% / 100%	100%	100%		


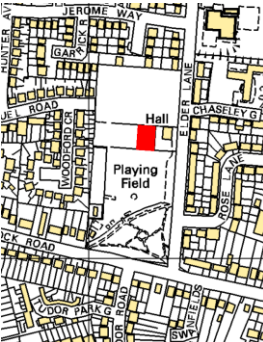
Play Location Santé Foy Avenue, Darwin Park This site has a MUGA, skate park and outdoor gym.	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked - 0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments Although the site is not located in the most accessible place it provides an excellent facility to the area. Particularly for older children and teenagers which are not catered for at many sites. The site would greatly benefit from seating (formal and informal).
Score								
40%	70%	100%	50%	30% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
Site is not overlooked by properties. Visible by road users. Adjacent to a footpath which provides some overlooking.	This site is completely accessible to wheeled users as it is predominantly hard surfaces. There is a lack of seating.	Site is located within walking distance of Waitrose and community hall.	The catchment has some residential within it, though a large proportion of the catchment is open land.	Physical: Site is located between a busy road and railway line. There is a pedestrian crossing on which provides safe access to the site. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Risky play, Well maintained. Risky play is included due to the skate ramp.	All equipment is in a good condition. Offers a different facility to other sites in the area.		
Suggested Improvements								
No potential to increase this score due to location of the site.	Potential to add seating to this site.	None	None	None	Potential to add seating, as there is none currently. Natural play would probably not be suitable at this site.	None		
Max score								
40%	100%	100%	50%	100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 590 / 690	






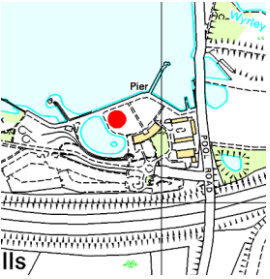
<p>Play Location</p> <p>Shortbutts Park</p> <p>This site hosts a range of play equipment for all ages, including a MUGA.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety</p> <p>–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked - 0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria</p> <p>(must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Site offers a range of play opportunities for all ages.</p> <p>Excellent site with good maintenance.</p> <p>Potential to add a footpath from car park to equipment.</p>
Score								
100%	100%	100%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
Equipped play is located within a larger green space which is surrounded by residential properties with good views. Footpath through site it well used.	Path through site is suitable for wheeled users, and provides access to equipment. Plenty of seating, both formal and informal.	Play area is located in walking distance of King Edwards School, shops on Upper St John Street and corner shop on Chapel Lane.	Site is surrounded by residential development.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games. Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained.	All equipment is in excellent condition.		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Potential to add a path from car park to equipment.	None	None	None	None, site is excellent.	None		
Max score								
100%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 800 / 800	


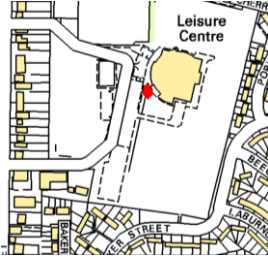
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Stychbrook Gardens, Lichfield</p> <p>Play area for younger children.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>New play area for younger children, all in excellent condition.</p> <p>Footpaths to and within the site may improve access.</p> <p>Potential to increase further play opportunities within the wider green space.</p>
Score								
30%	30%	10%	40%	70% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
<p>Due to the location of this site it is only visible from within the wider green area. It is frequently used by dog walkers and the football club.</p>	<p>This site is level however the majority of the play area is sand, this may be difficult for wheeled users. Around the site there is a bank which provides informal seating. Car park/flat no footpath.</p>	<p>Few services</p>	<p>Site is located on the edge of the settlement.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained.</p>	<p>All equipment is in excellent condition.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>No potential to improve this score.</p>	<p>Introducing footpaths would improve access for wheeled users.</p>		<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>There is potential to increase the play opportunities at this site as it is located within a wider green space.</p>	<p>None</p>		
Max score								
30%	50%	30%	100%	70% / 100%	100%	100%	<p>Total Score: <u>520/580</u></p>	


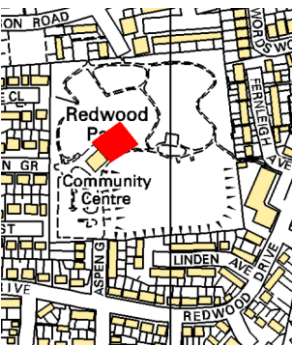
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Stowe Fields, Lichfield</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Equipment old and in need of replacement.</p> <p>Footpaths to and within the site may improve access.</p> <p>Potential to increase further play opportunities within the wider green space.</p>
Score								
40%	30%	80%	100%	60% Physical, 100% Social	50%	50%		
Comments								
<p>Due to the location of this site glimpses are only possible from the road. Visibility is from within the wider green area. It is frequently used by dog walkers.</p>	<p>The play is in 3 areas, and mostly set within grass. The toddler area is on bark and surrounded by a fence with bins and benches. Pay and display cark park adjacent.</p>	<p>Shops, primary and secondary schools.</p>	<p>Site is located in the centre of Lichfield.</p>	<p>Physical: Busy road and car park access on two sides of the play area.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out,</p>	<p>Equipment in need of replacement.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>No potential to improve this score.</p>	<p>Introducing footpaths would improve access for wheeled users.</p>		<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>There is potential to increase the play opportunities at this site as it is located within a wider green space.</p>	<p>None</p>		
Max score								
60%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							<p>Total Score: 510/760</p>	


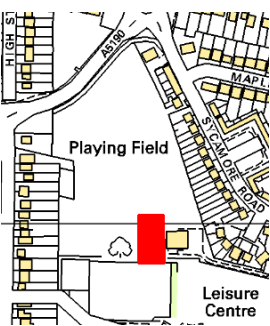
Play Location Burntwood Park. Burntwood Young children's play area.  	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments Fairly well located within dense residential area, however location of play area is possibly not the best. It is particularly hidden from view, this could affect perception of safety. Lack of footpath through site, and on adjacent road may be an issue.	
	Score								
	40%	75%	50%	100%	80% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
	Comments								
	Site is located in the middle of a large green space, adjacent to a small building. Though visibility is limited due to high hedges and its location. It gives an enclosed appearance somewhat separated from adjacent open areas. It is overlooked by a properties on one side. Not visible from footpaths or traffic.	There are no formal footpaths, which would make accessibility by wheeled users difficult.	Site is close to a school, shops, scout hut, toilets.	Site has 100% residential coverage.	Physical: Fast traffic on Cannock Road, though there is a pedestrian crossing. Lack of footpath adjacent to path on Elder Lane. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained	Equipment is good for young children. All in good working order.		
Suggested Improvements									
Improve visibility into pay are by reducing hedge height. Park locked overnight.	Formal footpaths to site would increase accessibility.	None	None	Although Elder Lane is not busy, a pedestrian crossing would be beneficial due to the lack of adjacent footpath.	Potential to improve landscaping to enhance imaginative and natural play, such as planting, hills and boulders. Potential to add hard surfaces to improve play value.	Potential to add more equipment, for different types of play, and to increase target age range.			
Max score									
50%	100%	50%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
							Total Score: 645 / 700		


Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Chase Terrace Park, Burntwood</p> <p>Fenced play area and MUGA.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller skate, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Excellent site which provides play opportunities to range of ages.</p> <p>Potential to increase natural play and informal seating.</p>
Score								
60%	100%	75%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
<p>Play area is located in the middle of open green space, as a result is obscured from view. Not visible from traffic or properties although it has some degree of natural surveillance by local community groups. Park has lighting. Footpaths through site are well used. Locked at night.</p>	<p>Good surfaces around play equipment and suitably surfaced footpaths through site. Formal and informal seating.</p> <p>Car parking available.</p>	<p>Adjacent to a church and church hall. Near shops and primary school.</p>	<p>Site has high residential catchment.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained</p>	<p>Good range of equipment for different ages. All equipment in working condition.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>There is little potential to increase this score.</p>	<p>Potential for more informal seating.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Potential to increase natural play opportunities.</p>	<p>Equipment would benefit from repainting.</p>		
Max score								
60%	100%	75%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							<p>Total Score: 735/ 735</p>	

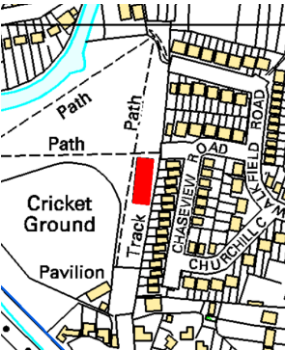
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Chasewater</p> <p>Young children's play area.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked - 0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>This site scores well, due to its location certain aspects are limited (e.g. catchment).</p>
Score 100%								
20%	100%	0%	0%	0% Physical, 0% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
<p>Site is specific to destination trip to Chasewater unlike others located within and serving existing residential areas.</p> <p>Visible by visitors to Chasewater.</p>	<p>Site is accessibly by several paths which are in good condition; there is also numerous seating around the play area.</p>	<p>N/A – site is part of the country park and is well located to facilities within Chasewater. Due to the nature of the site it is not close to facilities used for scoring in this section.</p>	<p>Site is part of a destination and is isolated from residential areas due to the nature of the country park.</p>	<p>Physical: Site is a destination, users would most likely drive to the site.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained.</p> <p>While there is no natural play within the play area there's plenty of opportunity for natural play within the wider site.</p>	<p>Equipment is of good quality and is well maintained.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
None	None	None	None	There is no potential to improvement this element.	None	None		
Max score								
20%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 320 / 320	



<p>Play Location</p> <p>Leisure Centre, Burntwood</p> <p>Small childrens play equipment.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>This play area is very small given the size of the leisure centre site.</p> <p>Parkour adjacent to skatepark is a new addition for older children.</p> <p>Potential to fence play area.</p>
Score								
100%	75%	100%	100%	50% Physical, 100% Social	70%	65%		
Comments								
Site is overlooked by leisure centre users. Site is specific to destination trip to leisure centre unlike other located within and serving existing residential areas.	Limited seating available.	Adjacent to leisure centre and health centre, in close proximity to nearby High Street.	Surrounded as residential areas, the play area serves as a trip destination to people using the leisure centre.	Physical: Located adjacent to car park, meaning play must be supervised at all times. Social: None	Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained	Limited equipment only for young children. All in working order.		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Need for increased seating.	None	None	Potential to fence off play area.	Relocating the play area elsewhere within the site would greatly increase the play value.	Increase range of equipment.		
Max score								
100%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 660 / 800	


Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Redwood Park, Burntwood</p> <p>Play equipment for a variety of ages, and a MUGA.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Good site, providing a range of equipment, for a range of ages.</p> <p>Overall setting could be enhanced with some framework landscaping to increase visual interest.</p>
Score								
70%	70%	100%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	90%		
Comments								
<p>Despite being surrounded by houses there is no direct overlooking from residential properties. Building onsite well used by a variety community groups providing a presence in the park. Park locked at night. Footpath through site well used by dog walkers.</p>	<p>Surfaces within the site level and in good condition. Seating both formal and informal. Entrance surfaces around car park are in poor condition.</p>	<p>Site is in close proximity to local schools, community building and shops.</p>	<p>Site has high residential population within its catchment.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained.</p>	<p>Site provides a good range of equipment. Some pieces of equipment would benefit from repainting.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>Limited opportunities to increase visibility due to existing housing and lack of visibility from roads.</p>	<p>Improve surfaces around entrance and car park.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Litter was present at time of visit.</p>	<p>Repaint equipment.</p>		
Max score								
70%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							<p>Total Score: 710 / 770</p>	



<p>Play Location</p> <p>Youth club, Burntwood</p> <p>Skate park and parkour.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Good site offering facilities for older children and teenagers. Site is unique for Burntwood, and provides the only parkour site in the District.</p> <p>Total Score: 740 / 770</p>
Score								
70%	70%	100%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
<p>Limited overlooking by users of Youth Club and sports facilities.</p> <p>CCTV from Leisure Centre.</p>	<p>All surfaces are suitable for wheeled users. Lack of seating.</p>	<p>Located as part of the youth club and leisure centre facilities.</p>	<p>Surrounded by residential areas. This facility is unique for Burntwood so will attract people from outside the catchment.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Risky play, Well maintained</p>	<p>Skate park is in good condition, there is some graffiti. New parkour equipment recently installed.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>No potential to increase this score.</p>	<p>Potential to add seating (formal and informal).</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Site would benefit from the addition of seating.</p>	<p>None</p>		
Max score								
70%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		


Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Alrewas, Cricket Ground</p> <p>Play equipment for toddlers and young children.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller skate, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Site is well maintained and provides a range of play facilities.</p> <p>Site only provides for part of the village due to its location on the edge of the settlement. Opportunities for another play area in the eastern half of the village should be explored.</p> <p>Potential to introduce natural play and areas of hard surfacing to the site.</p>
Score								
60%	100%	20%	50%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	90%		
Comments								
<p>Overlooked by cricket club and football field. Overlooked by rear upper windows of adjacent properties. No footpaths, but site used well by dog walkers.</p>	<p>Surfaces are level although there are no footpaths within this site. Plenty of seating.</p>	<p>Near cricket club.</p>	<p>Due to the sites location on the edge of the settlement the catchment only covers part of the village.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained</p>	<p>Equipment appears well used, though looks shabby.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Potential to introduce footpaths to the site, though this may detract from the open natural feel.	None	Little potential to improve this score.	None	Potential to introduce natural play, and hard surfaces.	Equipment would benefit from repainting.		
Max score								
60%	100%	20%	50%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 620 / 630	






Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria	Equipment quality	Overall comments	
<p>Hawksyard, Armitage</p> <p>Play area with a range of equipment for different ages.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>(must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Fantastic new site which provides great play opportunities for the new housing estate.</p>	
Score									
100%	100%	0%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%			
Comments									
Overlooked on all sides by residential properties. Also visible from Cannon Way.	Good paths throughout the site with a number of formal and informal seating.		Surrounded by new residential development.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained	New site in excellent condition.			
Suggested Improvements									
None	None	No potential to improve this score.	None	None	This is a new site which provides great play opportunities.	None			
Max score									
100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
							Total Score: 700/700		



<p>Play Location</p> <p>Armitage, Millmoor Avenue</p> <p>Play equipment for a range of ages.</p> 	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Equipment is all in good condition offering good play value.</p> <p>Site is on a slope with no footpaths or hard surfaces around equipment. This could make access for wheeled users difficult. Potential to improve this with footpaths and hard surfaces.</p> <p>Due to the location within a large green space there is potential to increase the size of this play area.</p>
Score								
20%	50%	70%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
Limited visibility from rear of properties to one side. Adjacent to garage court and parking area. Adjacent to hall.	Site is not flat, no hard surfaces around equipment. Plenty of informal seating but no formal seating.	Local shops are a short walk away, other services located to the north of the site.	Site is located within a residential area to the west of the settlement.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained. Limited natural play elements.	Equipment is in good condition. Grass under equipment is becoming worn. One fence panel broken at time of visit.		
Suggested Improvements								
No potential to increase this score.	Explore opportunities for formal seating and improved surfacing.	None	None	None	Potential to improve natural play and add hard surface. Site is located within a large green space, potential to increase the size of play area.	Potential to improve surface under equipment to reduce grass wearing. Repair or replace fencing.		
Max score								
20%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 640 / 720	


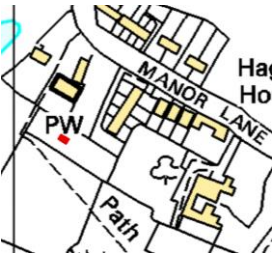
Play Location Armitage, Shropshire Brook Road Play equipment for younger children, MUGA, football posts, some outdoor gym equipment.  	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments There is still potential to improve this site further. Equipment is still limited and mainly caters for younger children. The play area is located within a large green space which provides opportunities to expand the play area. There is a lack of bins and formal seating in this play area.	
	Score								
	60%	60%	60%	100%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	90%	
	Comments								
	Adjacent to village hall. Due to positioning within the wider green space site is not overlooked from houses or traffic. Green space is well used by dog walkers at time of visit.	No formal seating, however there is informal seating. Surfaces are not level and there are no footpaths around equipment.	Adjacent to village hall. Local shops and medical centre are only a short walk away.	Site has a high residential catchment.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surfaces, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Natural play, Well maintained.	Football posts are in need of repainting. Equipment in good condition.		
Suggested Improvements									
Little potential to improve this score.	Improvements to surfacing, possible addition of hard surfacing around equipment. Additional formal seating.	None	None	None	Potential to include more risky play.	Repaint football posts.			
Max score									
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
Total Score: 670/ 800									


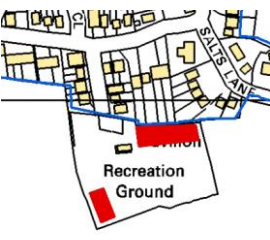
Play Location Armitage, St Barbara's Road Play equipment, MUGA. 	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments Good site providing a facility to the local residents. Site is in need of formal seating. Potential to introduce natural play.
Score								
100%	90%	80%	60%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	90%		
Comments								
Site is overlooked by surrounding residential.	Footpaths through site and even surfaces make the site accessible throughout. There is a lack of formal seating, however there is some informal seating.	Site is set away from the school and local shops which are a considerable walk through the residential area.	The site is within a residential area and has significant coverage within a 48m buffer.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Risky play, Well maintained.	Majority of equipment is in good condition. The swings are missing from the frame.		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Introduce formal seating to the site.	None	None	None	Potential to add natural play and seating.	Replace swings.		
Max score								
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 700 / 800	


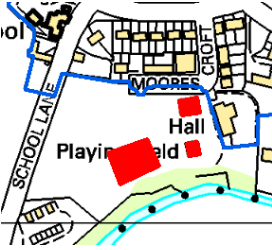
<p>Play Location</p> <p>Armitage, off Upper Lodge Way</p> <p>Small site with swings and small climbing frame.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Site is in very poor condition, and looks unused and not maintained.</p> <p>The site would benefit from redevelopment with a new play area to improve the play value and quality of the site.</p> <p>Currently this is the only site in the west of the village and is important in serving the resident population.</p> <p>Total Score: 310 / 710</p>	
<p>Score</p>									
10%	20%	40%	20%	100% Physical, 100% Social	20%	0%			
<p>Comments</p>									
<p>Site is not visible from adjacent houses or from footpaths or traffic. The entrance is visible from houses.</p>	<p>Surfaces are uneven with no hard surfaces or footpaths in site. Only 1 bench in site.</p>	<p>480m/10 minute walk time of Croft Primary School and Youth Centre.</p>	<p>Site is located within a residential area and serves the west of the village.</p>	<p>Physical: None Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out.</p> <p>Limited opportunities to sit/hang out. Equipment is limited and doesn't offer a great deal of play variety.</p>	<p>Equipment is broken and rusted.</p>			
<p>Suggested Improvements</p>									
<p>No potential to improve this score.</p>	<p>Improves surfaces and increase seating.</p>	<p>No potential to improve this score.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Redevelop with new play area and explore opportunities to make site attractive.</p>	<p>Replace equipment.</p>			
<p>Max score</p>									
10%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%			


<p>Play Location</p> <p>Clifton Campville, Coneyberry Millennium Green</p> <p>This site has play equipment for a range of ages including a small adventure trail.</p> 	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Good green space which is excellently maintained and offers a lot of accessible green space for the village. However the equipped play element of the site is limited to a small area.</p> <p>Potential to explore opportunities to improve this through additional play equipment and natural play.</p>
<p>Score</p>								
20%	50%	20%	100%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	90%		
<p>Comments</p>								
Overlooked from footpaths through the green space, but no houses or roads overlook the site.	Footpaths in good condition with plenty of formal and informal seating throughout the site.	Located a distance from facilities but within the wider facilities of the Millennium Green.	Although this site is located outside the settlement the catchment covers the whole village, and the site is accessible by a number of footpaths and entrances.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained. Introducing hard surfaces to this site wouldn't be appropriate due to its natural setting.	Equipment is in good condition. At time of visit part of the climbing frame was unusable and section off, unsure as to the reason.		
<p>Suggested Improvements</p>								
No potential to improve this score.	None	No potential to improve this score.	None	None	Explore opportunities for additional equipment within the wider green space.	Repair climbing frame.		
<p>Max score</p>								
20%	100%	20%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
							<p>Total Score: 580/ 640</p>	

<p>Play Location</p> <p>Colton, Bellamour Way</p> <p>This site hosts play equipment for young children, swings and football posts.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Good site which offers a range of play opportunities within a well maintained wider green space. Caters mainly for younger children.</p> <p>Potential to increase play value through natural play. Could add hard surfacing (eg: MUGA) or other equipment to cater for older children/teenagers.</p>
<p>Score</p>								
20%	100%	100%	50%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	90%		
<p>Comments</p>								
Only overlooked by village hall. Not visible from footpaths or traffic.	Level surfaces throughout, all hard surfacing around equipment. Lots of formal seating.	Site is adjacent to the village hall. School is short distance along the street.	Majority of the village is within the catchment, although much of the catchment is countryside due to location on edge on settlement.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained.	Most of equipment is in good condition.		
<p>Suggested Improvements</p>								
No potential to improve this score.	None	None	No potential to improve this score.	None	Potential to introduce natural play and hard surfaces within wider green space.	None		
<p>Max score</p>								
20%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
							<p>Total Score: 620 / 670</p>	


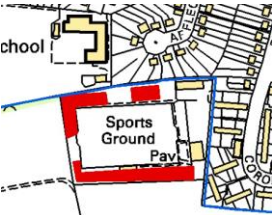
Play Location Comberford, Millennium Green Single slide  	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments This site offers the only play area in the village. It offers a relaxing green space with plenty of seating which is very well maintained. There is potential to improve this site by increasing the amount of equipment on offer. Total Score: 490/600	
	Score								
	0%	100%	0%	30%	100% Physical, 100% Social	60%	100%		
	Comments								
	Due to its location the site is not overlooked. However the entrance to the site is overlooked by residential properties.	Site is level with plenty of seating.	There are no services of facilities within the settlement.	The catchment includes the entire settlement of Comberford and surrounding agricultural land.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Well maintained. This site scores well even though the only play equipment is a single slide.	The slide and benches are in excellent condition.		
	Suggested Improvements								
	No potential to improve this score.	None			None	Potential to add more play equipment to improve the play value of this site.	None		
Max score									
0%	100%	0%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%			


Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
Drayton Bassett, Rectory Close Play equipment, MUGA, football posts  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Good site which offers a good play value and is well located within the settlement. The MUGA requires some maintenance and improvements and the equipment needs repainting.
Score								
40%	100%	100%	30%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	80%		
Comments								
Overlooked by some properties to one side. Not visible from roads or footpaths. Visible to other users of the wider green space.	Site is level with plenty of seating & offer.	Site is located within walking distance of local shop and school.	Site is well located, despite its edge of settlement location the whole village is within the catchment.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained	All equipment is in working order but in need of repainting. The MUGA is in need of some improvements and maintenance.		
Suggested Improvements								
None	None	None	None	None	Potential to introduce natural play within the wider green space.	Paint equipment and improve MUGA.		
Max score								
40%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 650 / 740	

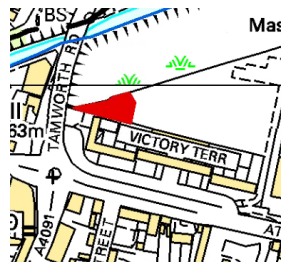
<p>Play Location</p> <p>Edingale, Off Moores Croft</p> <p>There are three areas to this site: a fenced off area of play equipment for young children, an adventure park and a MUGA.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Very well maintained site, offering play opportunities for a range of ages.</p> <p>A footpath through the site would make it more accessible for wheeled users.</p> <p>There is no formal seating by the adventure park but there is informal seating.</p>
Score								
60%	70%	100%	40%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	80%		
Comments								
Overlooked on two sides by adjacent village hall and houses. The adventure park is not particularly overlooked.	Access for wheeled users may be difficult in some parts of the site. No formal footpath through site. Plenty of seating available.	Close to school, adjacent to village hall.	Whilst located on the edge of the settlement the whole village is within the catchment.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surfaces, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained.	Adventure park and MUGA in excellent condition. Fenced play area equipment in working order but would benefit from repainting.		
Suggested Improvements								
Potential to reduce hedge height along road to improve visibility.	Footpath to improve accessibility through and within site.	None	None	None	None	Repaint fenced area equipment.		
Max score								
60%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
							<p>Total Score: 650 / 760</p>	



Play Location Elford, Off Church Road Range of play equipment for younger children, also a basketball net on site. 	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments Play area is not ideally located within the settlement, however it provides an excellent facility to the village. Play area is very well maintained. The site caters for younger children, there is potential to add equipment for older children and teenagers. Opportunity to increase risky play and introduce natural play. Consider removing some internal fences to increase movement within the site.
Score								
0%	90%	100%	75%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
Not overlooked as well screened and hidden from general view. Not visible from traffic.	Play area has lots of seating, and is all hard surfacing which is suitable for wheeled users. However there are a lot of internal fences which could inhibit movement.	Near to school and cricket field.	The whole of the village is within the catchment of the site.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained. Limited opportunities for risky play.	Equipment is in excellent condition.		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Possibly remove some internal fences to open up internal layout and increase movement in play area.	None	None	None	Potential to introduce natural play and increase the amount of risky play.	None		
Max score								
0%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 665 / 700	




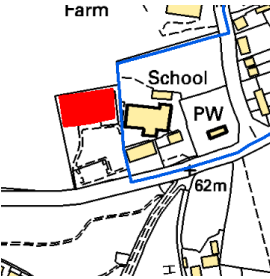
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Fazeley, Mile Oak Recreation Ground</p> <p>MUGA, BMX track, play equipment</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>The site is well located close to other facilities and serves a significant residential area.</p> <p>The MUGA and BMX track are in excellent condition and are well maintained. They would benefit from seating (both formal and informal) being introduced next to these.</p> <p>The play equipment is in awful condition with much of the equipment broken. The maintenance of this side of the site is poor, with uneven ground with long grass and no footpath.</p>
Score								
30%	60%	100%	50%	80% Physical, 100% Social	100%	50%		
Comments								
<p>Site is not overlooked by properties or visible from the road. It is adjacent to the community centre and football club. When these are in use there would be increased visibility.</p>	<p>There is a footpath adjacent to the MUGA and BMX track. There is not a footpath to the access the play equipment and the surfaces are not even. There is a lack of seating, with none near the MUGA or BMX track. The seating by the play equipment is of very poor condition.</p>	<p>Site is located within the same site as the football club and community centre. There is also a school adjacent to the site.</p>	<p>Due to the location of the site on the edge of the settlement a large amount of the catchment is open countryside.</p>	<p>Physical: Access into the site is not good, as it is only accessible via a narrow drive way.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Risky play, Well maintained.</p> <p>This site scores highly as a whole however the play equipment alone would not score well.</p>	<p>The MUGA and BMX track are in excellent condition, and are very well maintained. However the play equipment is in poor condition, with lots of broken equipment. The play equipment area is not well maintained.</p>	<p>The play equipment needs replacing and additional seating is required. There is potential to introduce natural play.</p>	
Suggested Improvements								
<p>No potential to improve this score.</p>	<p>Additional seating and better surfacing around the play equipment.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Improve the access into the site, additional signage may also be of use.</p>	<p>Potential to introduce seating and possibly natural play.</p>	<p>Remove the existing play equipment and replace with new equipment.</p>		
Max score								
30%	100%	100%	50%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 570 / 680	


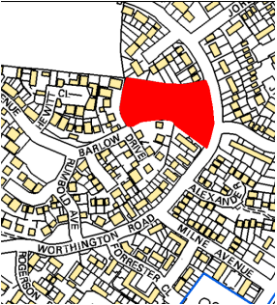
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Fazeley, behind Victory Terrace</p> <p>Young children's climbing frame</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Very poor site which is in need of replacing. The equipment is limited and does not offer many play opportunities.</p> <p>The site is underused and is located poorly, as it is hidden behind the adjacent flats and separated from the wider residential area. The play area is also fenced off within the wider green space in which it is located.</p> <p>There is need to improve this site with new equipment and landscaping. However due to its location it may be worthwhile to relocate the play area to a preferable site within the residential area.</p>
Score								
50%	0%	80%	50%	50% Physical, 100% Social	40%	20%		
Comments								
Site is overlooked by the adjacent properties.	There is no seating or level surfaces within this site.	Site is in close proximity to the local shops and community facilities in Fazeley.	Catchment covers residential area with the District and parts of Tamworth Borough. The catchment contains some industrial uses.	Physical: Busy roads separate the site from much of its catchment and the whole site is surrounded by obtrusive fencing. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Risky play. Very poor site which offers little in play value. Site consists of one small climbing frame for young children.	Equipment is in poor condition and rusted.		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Opportunities to introduce seating and level surfaces.	None	Little opportunity to improve this score.	Improve access into the site and remove fencing which currently limits access.	Site requires significant improvement. The site is underutilised and has great potential to be remodelled.	Equipment needs replacing and whole site needs remodelling.		
Max score								
100%	100%	80%	50%	80% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 390 / 710	


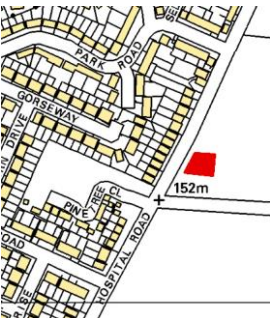




<p>Play Location</p> <p>Laurel House, Fazeley</p> <p>Young children's play area.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Good quality site which largely integrates play into landscaping to the front of properties.</p> <p>Site appears to be within a gated settlement however this is not the case but may deter the wider community using the play area.</p>
Score								
60%	100%	40%	80%	60% Physical, 50% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
<p>Site is set back behind a high wall from the road, resulting in limited visibility from traffic. Overlooked by housing on 2 sides.</p>	<p>Surfaces are level and in good condition. There is seating within the site.</p>	<p>Although located on the main road through Fazeley it is relatively distant from many services.</p>	<p>Depending on whether any new development, catchment coverage could be increased.</p>	<p>Physical: Due to majority of housing being located over the main Lichfield Road..</p> <p>Social: Site appears to be within a gated settlement however this is not the case but may deter the wider community using the play area.</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained</p>	<p>All in good condition.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>Visibility could be improved if the new development is designed to maximise overlooking.</p>	None	None	Little potential to improve this score.	None	Potential to include some equipped play, though may not be necessary due to close proximity to Worthington Road play area.	None		
Max score								
60%	100%	100%	80%	100%/ 100%	100%	100%		
Total Score: 590 / 740								


Play Location Fradley, Hay End Lane Skate park and MUGA. 	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments Good quality site which provides a different type of recreation. Potential to introduce other types of play equipment which would increase this sites provision. Need to more bins within site, especially near seating area and equipment.
Score								
30%	100%	80%	40%	60% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
Site is set back from road, resulting in limited visibility from traffic. Overlooked by village hall only.	Surfaces are level and in good condition. There is seating within the site.	Located adjacent to the school and village hall.	Depending on whether any new development, catchment coverage could be increased.	Physical: Site set between 2 settlement areas need to cross roads to access site. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained	All in good condition.		
Suggested Improvements								
Visibility could be improved if the new development is designed to maximise overlooking.	None	None	Little potential to improve this score.	None	Potential to include some equipped play, though may not be necessary due to close proximity to Worthington Road play area.	None		
Max score								
30%	100%	80%	40%	100%/ 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 610 / 650	

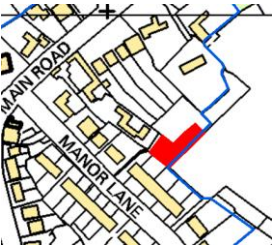



<p>Play Location</p> <p>Fradley, Worthington Road</p> <p>Large site offering play equipment for all ages.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Excellent site in very good condition.</p> <p>Possibility of reducing the planting in the middle of the site to increase visibility.</p> <p>Adding fencing along the Worthington Road boundary may increase safety.</p> <p>Total Score: 670 / 720</p>	
<p>Score</p>									
100%	100%	20%	50%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%			
<p>Comments</p>									
<p>Site is overlooked by properties on all sides, visible from traffic and footpaths.</p> <p>Planting in site inhibits potential views.</p>	<p>Surfaces are even and of good quality, footpaths within the site. Plenty of seating within site.</p>	<p>Limited facilities nearby and location in relation to housing would limit such trips. Site is not on direct route between school and shops.</p>	<p>Almost all catchment is residential.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained</p>	<p>Excellent range of play equipment. All in good condition. Some litter at time of visit.</p>			
<p>Suggested Improvements</p>									
<p>Reduce planting in site to improve visibility.</p>	None	No potential to improve this score.	None	None	Potential to introduce hard surfacing, but may not be necessary due to close proximity to Hay End Lane site.	Potential to increase the number of bins or maintenance.			
<p>Max score</p>									
100%	100%	20%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%			

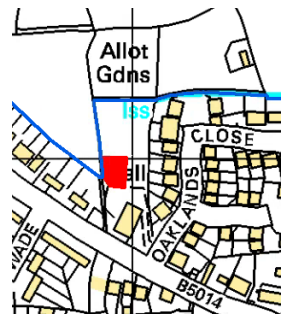
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Hammerwich, Hospital Road</p> <p>Range of play equipment for young children, football posts</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>This site offers lots of play equipment for a range of ages, all equipment is in excellent condition.</p>
Score								
70%	100%	30%	50%	75% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
<p>Overlooked by residential properties and from pavement. Only visible by other users of the open space. Popular with dog walkers at time of visit.</p>	<p>The play area is flat with plenty of seating. There is a hill from the car park down to the play area, however there is footpaths to the play area.</p>	<p>Changing pavilion.</p>	<p>Situated in Hammerwich Parish between the village of Hammerwich and the urban area.</p>	<p>Physical: Adjacent to a busy road.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained</p> <p>The equipment is well maintained however at the time of visit there was a lot of litter and bins were full.</p>	<p>Equipment is new, all in excellent condition.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>No potential to improve this score.</p>	<p>None</p>		<p>None</p>	<p>Potential to add a pedestrian crossing on Hospital Road.</p>	<p>Opportunity to introduce natural play to this site as it is set within a large green space.</p>	<p>None</p>		
Max score								
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
Total Score:							625/800	


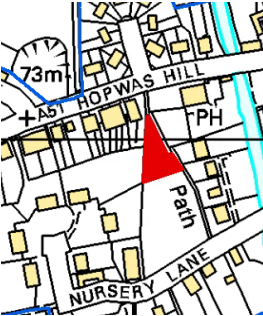
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Hammerwich, Mansion Drive</p> <p>Wooden play equipment offering mainly natural play</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>This site provides a relaxed, quiet play area with wooden equipment providing mainly natural play. It is very well maintained.</p> <p>Potential to increase the amount of equipment and seating..</p>
Score								
20%	80%	0%	40%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
This site is not overlooked by properties. Due to being set back from the road it isn't really visible from the road or footpath.	The site is flat and would be easily accessed by wheeled users. However there is only one bench and the only informal seating would be the grassy area.	No school, shop or community hall.		Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained	Play area is relatively new, all equipment is in excellent condition.		
Suggested Improvements								
No potential to improve this score	Introduce more formal and informal seating.			None	Due to the natural setting of this play area introducing hard surfacing would not be appropriate.	None		
Max score								
20%	80%	0%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 540/600	


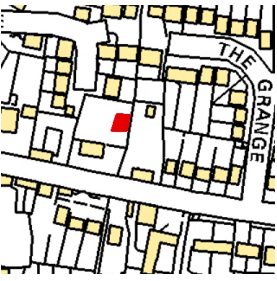
Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Harlaston, Manor Lane</p> <p>This site hosts a small amount of play equipment for younger children, MUGA and football posts.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall a good site which offers a range of play facilities. Site could be significantly improved though the refurbishment of equipment and the addition of seating.</p> <p>Potential to introduce natural play.</p>
Score								
20%	50%	50%	100%	50% Physical, 100% Social	100%	70%		
Comments								
Overlooked on one side from rear windows of properties. Not visible from footpath or road.	There is no seating within the site. The site is flat and would be suitable for wheeled users. Hard surfaces are in good condition.	Not close to facilities, however due to the size of the village the play area is accessible to all.	Whole village is within the catchment.	Physical: Only access to the site is via a narrow path between properties. Surface of path is poor and overgrown. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Risky play, Well maintained.	Most of the equipment is in working order but looking a bit tired.		
Suggested Improvements								
Little potential to improve this score.	Add seating to the site.	None	None	Improve conditions of footpath.	Site is in need of seating, both formal and informal. Potential to introduce natural play.	Refurbish or replacement equipment, particularly swings		
Max score								
20%	100%	50%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 540 / 670	





Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Hill Ridware, Oaklands Close</p> <p>Play equipment for younger children, MUGA.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Site offers good play opportunities to village.</p> <p>Equipment in need of refurbishment.</p> <p>Additional seating and bins would improve the site.</p> <p>Potential to add additional equipment, and natural play opportunities.</p>
Score								
70%	100%	100%	90%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	80%		
Comments								
<p>Site is overlooked on one side by properties. Adjacent to the village hall.</p>	<p>Surfacing is even, some seating available.</p>	<p>Located a short walk from shops, adjacent to village hall. School is a short distance away by foot.</p>	<p>Catchment covers a large majority of the village. Due to the linear form of the village pedestrian routes are along the main road.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained.</p>	<p>MUGA is in good condition. Play equipment is in poor condition, all in working order though.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Explore opportunities for informal seating within the site.	No potential to improve this score.	None	None	<p>Explore opportunities to introduce natural play. Opportunities to sit/hang out can be improved.</p> <p>There may also be scope for additional equipment as the current play area offers a limited range of equipment and is set within a green space.</p>	Refurbish play equipment.		
Max score								
70%	100%	100%	90%	100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 740 / 760	






Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Hopwas, Nursery Lane</p> <p>Play equipment for younger children</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Well positioned site that offers important play facilities to the settlement.</p> <p>The majority of the equipment is in need for refurbishment. There is potential to increase the play opportunities within the wider green space, which could include introducing natural play.</p> <p>Site is well maintained although the surfacing of the play area needs some attention.</p>
Score								
40%	70%	50%	100%	50% Physical, 100% Social	100%	70%		
Comments								
<p>Site is not overlooked well. Some properties are in view of the site along with the adjacent scout hut, also visible from the adjacent footpath. The current hedge heights shield the sight from view, particularly from the road.</p>	<p>The path along the edge of the site is flat and even. The play area is not even and is grassed, this may make it difficult for wheeled users. Limited seating on offer in the play area and wider green space.</p>	<p>Site is located close to several pubs and adjacent to the scout hut.</p>	<p>The majority of the settlement is within the catchment. The site has two entrances which makes it easier to access.</p>	<p>Physical: The canal and busy road separate the site from parts of the village. However there are two canal bridges and a formal pedestrian crossing which makes access easier.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hangout, Risky play, Well maintained.</p>	<p>The majority of the equipment is old and in need of refurbishment. All equipment is in working order.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
<p>Reduce height along Nursery Lane to increase visibility.</p>	<p>Increase the amount of seating. Improve the surfaces within the play area.</p>	<p>No potential to improve this score.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Potential to introduce natural play within the wider green space.</p>	<p>Refurbish or replace the older equipment on site.</p>		
Max score								
40%	100%	50%	100%	50% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 580 / 640	

Play Location Kings Bromley, Alrewas Road Small play area with swings, slide and climbing frame  	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments A good site with equipment in good condition. This site offers the only play facility in the village. Small site with limited potential to further improve this site with additional play equipment, natural play or hard surfaces for ball games etc.	
	Score								
	75%	100%	100%	40%	80% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
	Comments								
	Site is overlooked by houses on two sides also overlooked by the village hall.	Site is flat with seating. The only informal seating would be the grassed area.	Site is close the primary school, and adjacent to the village hall.	Catchment covers the majority of the village.	Physical: Alrewas Road is busy with high speeds. The pedestrian crossing is a short walk away from the play area. Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained	All in good condition, swings and slide look like they've been recently painted and the climbing frame looks new.		
	Suggested Improvements								
	None	Potential to introduce more informal seating.	None	None		Opportunity to introduce either natural play or hard surfacing.	None		
Max score									
75%	100%	100%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%			
							Total Score: 695/775		


<p>Play Location</p> <p>Little Aston, Forge Lane</p> <p>Large site offering play equipment for range of ages, outdoor gym equipment and natural play.</p> 	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Excellent site offering a range of play opportunities. Located within a wider green area that is beautifully maintained.</p> <p>Due to the location of the site accessibility is limited, there is potential to create an additional play area located more centrally within the settlement to improve accessibility.</p>
Score								
20%	100%	30%	20%	10% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
<p>Site is not visible from properties or the road. It is only visible from within the site by other users.</p>	<p>Site has excellent footpaths and seating throughout.</p>	<p>Site is adjacent to the primary school. However is separate from the main residential area and other facilities in Little Aston.</p>	<p>Site is located at the edge of the settlement therefore reduces the catchment coverage. Little Aston may benefit from a more centrally located play area.</p>	<p>Physical: Site is located a distance away from the main residential areas, a number of busy roads have to be crossed to access the site.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained.</p> <p>Site offers a range of play equipment, natural play is offered in the wider green space.</p>	<p>All equipment is in excellent condition.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
None	None	None	Consider additional play area located more central within the settlement.	Potential to increase the number of pedestrian crossings within Little Aston to make the walk safer. However there is limited opportunity to improve this score due to its location.	None	None		
Max score								
20%	100%	30%	40%	20% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 500 / 510	

Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments	
Shenstone, Recreation Ground Play equipment, MUGA, outdoor gym, skate equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Good site offering play opportunities for a range of ages. Potential to introduce natural play, also to expand play areas within the wider green space. Explore potential for additional site located in the south of the settlement.	
Score									
40%	100%	100%	50%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	80%			
Comments									
Not overlooked by properties or the road. Visible from users of the adjacent village hall and recreation ground.	There are a number of seats near the play equipment, a good footpath is adjacent to the play equipment.	Located close to the school, village hall and local shops.	Located in the north of the village which leaves the south of the settlement without provision.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained	The majority of equipment is in good condition, some pieces of equipment need refurbishing.			
Suggested Improvements									
No potential to improve this score.	None	None	No potential to improve this score.	None	Potential to introduce natural play into wider green space.	Refurbish the older pieces of equipment.			
Max score									
40%	100%	100%	100%	100%/100%	100%	100%			
							Total Score: 670 / 740		



Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Stonnall, Main Street</p> <p>Play equipment, MUGA, skate equipment, football posts</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>A good site set well within a wider green space. Site provides play opportunity to a range of ages.</p> <p>Potential to improve the entrance to the site, and introduce natural play opportunities.</p>
Score								
50%	100%	60%	90%	70% Physical, 100% Social	100%	80%		
Comments								
<p>Overlooked slightly by nearby properties. Additionally the play areas surround the football pitches, so when they are in use this would be additional overlooking. Site was well used by dog walkers at time of visit.</p>	<p>All surfaces are level. Plenty of seating available.</p>	<p>Located behind local shops, however a distance from the school.</p>	<p>Catchment covers the majority of the village.</p>	<p>Physical: Entry to the site could be made clearer. Poor access to the site from some parts of the village, which would mean long walks from some areas.</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained</p>	<p>Majority of equipment is in good condition. Some older pieces of equipment need repainting (e.g. swings).</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
None	None	None	None	Potential to improve the entrance to the site.	Opportunity to introduce natural play within the wider green space.	Refurbish the older equipment.		
Max score								
50%	100%	100%	90%	80%/100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 650 / 720	



Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
<p>Whittington, Cricket Ground</p> <p>Play equipment for young children.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Poor site, underwhelming for the size of the green space in which it is located. Equipment is limited and in poor condition, also feels randomly placed within the site.</p> <p>Potential to improve this site and the wider green space. Explore opportunities for new equipment or even relocating play area to another part of the green space.</p>
Score								
20%	50%	30%	30%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	50%		
Comments								
<p>Overlooked by other users of recreational ground, not visible from properties or traffic. Used well by dog walkers at time of visit.</p>	<p>Grass surfaces are even, though no footpaths to equipment. Limited seating near some of the play equipment. No lighting.</p>	<p>Site is located near the cricket ground.</p>	<p>Due to location on edge of settlement a majority of the catchment is outside of the village.</p>	<p>Physical: None</p> <p>Social: None</p>	<p>Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained.</p>	<p>Equipment is old and in need of replacement, all in working order though. Surfacing in fenced play area is in poor condition.</p>		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Introduce footpaths across site. Locate some seating near fenced play area.	Limited potential to improve this score.	No potential to improve this.	None	Potential to improve play value with the addition of more equipment, hard surfaces and natural play.	Repair/replace equipment, opportunities to for additional play equipment. Repair/replace surfacing in fenced play area.		
Max score								
20%	50%	30%	100%	100% / 100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 470 / 600	



Play Location	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –	Degree to which site is 'inclusive'	Proximity to other services & facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage	Accessibility barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)	Equipment quality	Overall comments
Whittington, Jubilee Park BMX track and outdoor gym. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	An excellent site, which offers a unique facility within the village, and the District. Beautifully maintained.
Score								
20%	80%	20%	30%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
Visibility is limited due to location. Site is visible from the adjacent cricket ground and hospice.	There is a good footpath through the site, though the site is located on a hill so may be difficult for some wheeled users. Numerous benches in the site, located adjacent to the path.	Site is located near the cricket ground.	Due to location on edge of settlement a majority of the catchment is outside of the village.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Natural play, Well maintained. Risky play is included due to the BMX track.	Equipment is in good condition. BMX track looks used regularly, but is well maintained.		
Suggested Improvements								
No potential to improve this score.	None	Limited potential to improve this score.	No potential to improve this.	None	Due to the nature of this site introducing hard surfaces wouldn't be appropriate.	None		
Max score								
20%	80%	20%	30%	100%	100%	100%		

Total Score:
550 / 550

<p>Play Location</p> <p>Whittington, Noddington Lane</p> <p>Play equipment for young children and MUGA.</p>  	<p>Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths <p>100% overlooked -0% not overlooked</p>	<p>Degree to which site is 'inclusive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal <p>100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive</p>	<p>Proximity to other services & facilities</p> <p>Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school <p>100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities</p>	<p>Does it have highest catchment coverage</p> <p>Within 480m /10 min walk time</p> <p>100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage</p>	<p>Accessibility barriers</p> <p>Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children <p>100% no barriers – 0% barriers</p>	<p>Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter <p>100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7</p>	<p>Equipment quality</p> <p>Broken equipment or in need of repair</p> <p>100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition</p>	<p>Overall comments</p> <p>Good site mainly targeted at small children. Court offers play for older children and teenagers.</p> <p>The site would benefit from additional seating and bins.</p>
Score								
70%	80%	50%	50%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	80%		
Comments								
Overlooked by properties to one side and footpath through site.	Surfaces and footpath through site are even and accessible, however no footpath to equipment. Limited seating.	Site is in close proximity to shops and facilities on Main Street. School is a long distance from play area.	Catchment covers a large proportion of village, but also covers a significant area of open countryside.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained	Some equipment looks recently refurbished while others are in need of refurbishing, e.g. swings. Court needs some maintenance.		
Suggested Improvements								
Reduce hedge height onto Noddington Lane to increase visibility.	Increase the amount of seating within the site.	None	None	None	Potential to increase natural play.	Refurbish equipment, court maintenance.		
Max score								
100%	100%	50%	50%	100%	100%	100%		
							<p>Total Score: 630 / 700</p>	

Play Location Whittington, Swan Road Adventure trail, MUGA, football posts  	Degree to which play area is overlooked, perception of safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible from properties fronting onto site, Visible by traffic – moderate residential volume and speed Visible from footpaths 100% overlooked -0% not overlooked	Degree to which site is 'inclusive' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open during daylight Level even surfaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs Seating opportunities both formal and informal 100% inclusive – 0% not inclusive	Proximity to other services & facilities Opportunities to travel to play on route to other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops, community buildings, school 100% multi facilities – 0% no facilities	Does it have highest catchment coverage Within 480m /10 min walk time 100% full residential coverage – 0% no coverage	Accessibility barriers Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway lines, busy roads, canals, poor footpath links etc. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth disputes, negative attitudes of residents to children 100% no barriers – 0% barriers	Play value – Children's criteria (must have at least 5 out of 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to run/walk Hard surface to cycle, basketball, roller stake, skateboard Ability to play ball games Opportunities to sit/hang out Risky play – climbing, jumping, swinging Natural play – hills, tress Well maintained – bins, litter 100% 5 out of 7 – 0% 0 out of 7	Equipment quality Broken equipment or in need of repair 100% excellent condition – 0% poor condition	Overall comments Very good play area offering play opportunities to different ages. The site is well maintained. Potential to increase the amount of equipment as the play area is set in a larger wide area. Natural play could be introduced.
Score								
10%	100%	20%	50%	100% Physical, 100% Social	100%	100%		
Comments								
Overlooked on one side by rear windows of properties only. Not visible by traffic or footpaths due to location.	Site is flat with plenty of seating. There is a good footpath from the entrance to the play equipment.	Shops and community centre in the centre of the village just within the 480m.	Due to location on edge of settlement.	Physical: None Social: None	Opportunities to run/walk, Hard surface, Ability to play ball games, Opportunities to sit/hang out, Risky play, Well maintained	Equipment is new therefore all equipment is in excellent condition.		
Suggested Improvements								
None	Potential to increase the informal seating opportunities.	None	No potential to improve this score.	None	Potential to introduce natural play into the wider green space.	None		
Max score								
100%	100%	100%	90%	100%/100%	100%	100%		
							Total Score: 580/790	

4. Summary of Consultations

The following section provides details of some of the consultations that have taken place and have informed this Open Space Assessment.

Citizens Questionnaire August 2011

The Citizen's Questionnaire was completed by over 400 residents of the District and included a series of questions to gauge satisfaction with leisure facilities and open spaces across the District. 84% of respondents are very or fairly satisfied with parks and open space facilities within the District.

On the whole residents of Burntwood are less satisfied with the provision of open space in their area than Lichfield City and the wider rural areas. The survey found that the main use of parks and open spaces within the District is for 'fresh air' and 'walking'. The survey also found that 81% of residents had visited a park or open space within the District in the last 6 months, with those with children visiting parks more regularly.

Beacon Park in Lichfield is the most regularly used park and is used by residents from across the entire district.

All areas of the District expressed a need for an increase in allotment provision. Burntwood residents were less satisfied with the provision of parks and gardens, spaces for children and amenity green space that residents of Lichfield City or the wider rural areas.

Lichfield District Play Strategy - 'Who told us?'

The preparation of the Lichfield District Play Strategy involved gathering the views of children. The section below sets out the opinions gathered from this consultation.

The School Councils told us a lot about the difficulties children have whilst playing outdoors. For most children there were many barriers to outside play.

- **Chase Terrace:** The children said they like to play outside, but the play areas are too far away from where they live.
- **Mile Oak:** Children don't feel safe because there are too many teenagers hanging around who bully them, drive fast in cars, and hang around the community centre drinking and taking drugs. There are police about every night. If they play near home, neighbours complain about the noise and the balls going into their gardens. The play area by the community centre is damaged and boring. It only has one swing working.
- **Handsacre:** There is a good play area in Armitage, but it is too far away, across a busy road. The local play area is very run down. Teenagers drink there and break glass bottles, so it is not safe to play.
- **Chasetown:** The main park is across a busy main road, so the children can't go by themselves. The play area is boring and not looked after, so they don't like using it. Lots of the children did not live near a park. Some play on a traffic island.

- **North Lichfield:** Most of the children did not have a play area near their home. The roads are busy and this makes it difficult to walk to the play areas further away. Neighbours complain if they play in the street. They don't feel safe playing out.
- **Queens Croft:** Young people make friends at school and then have to go home on a bus and can't meet their friends outside school. Concerns were expressed about not feeling safe, having no-one to play with. They said they are often not allowed to go out to play by their parents.
- **Nether Stowe High School:** Some young people said they had no friends who lived nearby. If they meet their friends they get moved on from the local shop, even though they are not doing anything wrong. There is nowhere to go in town without going into cafes which cost too much and there is nowhere to hang about in their local area. Some of the young people didn't feel safe and had experienced bullying. Some experience transport difficulties because they live in villages. They felt that many of the play areas were full of rubbish and glass and that the benches in Beacon Park were scruffy and broken. Friary Grange Leisure Centre has too many rules and restrictions for the swimming pool, so they can't enjoy swimming, the changing areas are unhygienic. They said the refreshment area was dirty and always had used plastic cups on the tables and they were unable to get hot food, unlike at the café at Burntwood Leisure Centre.
- **Chase Terrace:** Children wanted more play areas near where they live. They wanted more things they like to do at the play areas, different equipment which was more fun.
- **Mile Oak:** They want their play area to have good equipment like in Beacon Park. They would like an all-weather surface. More litter bins to keep the play area clean and ,somebody to look after it properly. Somewhere for the teenagers to go and hang out. They want things for teenagers to do, so that they don't spoil their play area or bully them.
- **Hayes Meadow:** Someone to look after their play area and keep it clean and tidy. An all-weather surface. A bike park so they can have somewhere just to ride bikes. Something for teenagers to do.
- **Springhill:** Play areas closer to home and better looked after equipment.
- **North Lichfield:** Children want us to keep the green spaces and they want more play areas. Water fountains in parks and playgrounds because they get hot and thirsty when they play. More litter bins to help keep the play areas clean and tidy. Playgrounds which aren't near main roads, so they are safe to get to.
- **Queens Croft:** The children wanted more playschemes and activities in holidays and more sports clubs that they can go to.
- **Nether Stowe High School:** They wanted somewhere to hang out, but not necessarily to take part in activities. Over half thought teen shelters were a good idea, or else a youth pod, which would be warmer and dryer. One council member had used a pod in Rugeley and it was very well used. They wanted more fields for sports and play areas to be looked after. The Enots play area was mentioned by a number of members, who wanted it improving. Just over half the members supported the idea of a skate park in Lichfield. Members who live in surrounding villages such as Armitage and Handsacre, mentioned transport difficulties and said they wanted a skate park as well. They want nhot food

facilities, like the ones offered at Burntwood Leisure Centre at Friary Grange Leisure Centre and cleaner changing rooms and café. They offered new ideas for the summer programme, including paintballing and weekend camps, they also suggested new ways to market the programme.

Results of the Summer Programme consultation. The children's favourite play activity was playing outdoors, including football and other sports.

- Nearly two out of ten children said they did not play outside their home, on their own, without an adult.
- However, 99% of children thought it was important to have somewhere safe to play outside. Over half thought it was very important.
- The most popular outdoor activity was football and riding bikes. The most popular, indoor activity was watching television and playing on the computer.
- Top of the poll for better play opportunities was better outdoor play areas and more sports facilities.

Results of the Parent's Questionnaires

- We received 121 responses:
 - 85% felt strongly that every community should have an outdoor play area
 - 80% are happy with the summer playscheme opening times.
- Parents were asked which age group has the greatest need for new play services and facilities. The results were:
- 0 – 4 years 7%
 - 5 – 9 years 36%
 - 10 -13 years 39%
 - 14 -18 years 19%

Snap Place Survey 2008/2009

Introduced in 2008/9, this survey replaces the Best Value Satisfaction , Benefits and Libraries Survey and focuses more on the local area as opposed to the Local Authority and is designed to capture people's views. It showed that overall 47% of respondents were very/fairly satisfied with sport/leisure facilities (57% had used sport/leisure facilities in last year) and 70% were very/fairly satisfied with parks and open spaces with 89% having used parks and open spaces in last year.

In terms of community safety 43% felt teenagers hanging around street were a very/fairly big problem and in terms of improvements to local areas **activities for teenagers** (55% response) was identified as **most** in need of improvement. This also relates to another finding within the report which shows 43% of respondents felt that teenagers hanging around the streets was a very big problem.

In terms of overall satisfaction with the local area as a place to live, the response decreased by 1% from 2006/7 to 2008, from 82% to 81% but this still remains fairly high.