



Planning Policy Committee – 3rd April 2017

Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy Assessments, Standards and Action Plan – Update on Comments

Purpose of report

To inform the Committee of updates to the Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy reports based on comments received since the previous Committee meetings on 21st November 2016 and 20th February 2017 and to allow the studies to be published as background evidence to inform the Local Plan Part 2.

Attachments

Appendix 1 Responses from Consultants to comments on Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy Reports

Appendix 2 Updated Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment Report

Appendix 3 Updated Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan

Appendix 4 Updated Open Space Assessment Report

Appendix 5 Updated Open Space Standards Paper

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Committee was presented with the suite of reports on 21st November 2016 and 20th February with a view to publishing these as finalised documents. At the most recent Committee on the 20th February, there were still queries on certain parts of the data presented in the reports. Consequently, the reports were not agreed as an evidence base, pending further responses to comments.
- 1.2 This report summarises the latest comments that were raised (Appendix 1) and provides a response from the consultants (KKP) explaining whether and/or how they have been incorporated into the documents. The updated Playing Pitch and Open Space reports are viewable through the link below by clicking on the 3rd April 2017 Committee;
www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/meetings/committee/9/planning_policy_committee
- 1.3 The Planning Policy Committee received two draft assessments for the first part of the work undertaken (PPC 22nd February 2016). The Open Space assessment has been modified to include the whole district, to reflect the change in direction to progress a Local Plan Part 2 as a District Wide document. In addition, the playing pitch assessment report has been updated and completed following consideration of the draft report at the February 2016 meeting of PPC. The Open Space Standards Paper and the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan were produced to complete the evidence base required.

2.0 Updates and Comments

- 2.1 Comments received have been considered by the consultants (KKP) and, where applicable, have been incorporated into the studies. A full list of comments and responses from KKP are found in Appendix 1. The updated reports are viewable on the website through the web link in in Paragraph 1.2.

3.0 Summary

- 3.1 The overall findings and recommendations of the studies have not significantly changed since the updates. The updated studies form part of the evidence base for the Local

Plan Part 2. The findings and recommendations in the reports identify where there are shortfalls in provision, or quality issues within the District. The studies will influence policy development for the Local Plan Part 2 as well as providing on-going evidence to help determine planning applications. A summary of what the studies show was reported at 21 November 2016 Planning Policy Committee ([Agenda Item 5](#)).

4.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the proposals.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals

6.0 Risk Management

6.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

7.0 Resource and Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from the proposals.

8.0 Constitutional Implications

8.1 The proposal would not require an amendment to the Council's Constitution.

9.0 Corporate Outcomes

- 9.1 The Relevant Corporate Outcomes are:
- Good Quality of Life – Making sure there is adequate open space and playing pitch provision and quality
 - High Quality Service Delivery – Customer focused service on the quality and provision of open space and playing pitches

10.0 Recommendation

10.1 It is recommended that the Committee considers the updates in Appendix One and acknowledge that the four reports are published as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan Part 2 (Open Space Assessment Report, Open Space Standards Paper, PPS Assessment Report and PPS Strategy and Action Plan).

(Reason: To enable the assessments and recommendations to form part of the evidence base for the Local Plan Part 2.)

Legal	Power: Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Statutory Instrument 2012 No. 767) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004				
	Other considerations: N/A				
Background Papers: Planning Policy Committee 20 February 2017, Agenda Item 7 Planning Policy Committee 21 November 2016, Agenda Item 5 Planning Policy Committee 22 February 2016, Agenda Item 12					
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