

D9 MEETING RECREATIONAL NEEDS

OBJECTIVES

- D9/a To provide adequate sports facilities.**
- D9/b To ensure adequate public open space for play and informal leisure.**
- D9/c To provide opportunities to access and enjoy the surrounding countryside.**

URBAN RECREATION

POLICY CSF/17 Public Open Space and Sports Provision

Public Open Space

- 1. The Cambridge City Local Plan Outdoor Play Space and Informal Open Space standards will apply to the whole of the Cambridge Southern Fringe, as set out in Appendix 3.**

Formal Sports Provision

- 2. A Strategy for Formal Sports Provision will be prepared, for the approval of the Local Planning Authority before occupation of the first house at Trumpington West. It will provide a full assessment of the formal indoor and outdoor sports facilities required to meet the needs of the new community. It will include an audit of existing facilities in the Cambridge Sub Region and the impact of the Cambridge Southern Fringe on those facilities.**
- 3. The requirements of the strategy will be funded in full by the development.**

Location of Children's Play Areas and Youth Facilities

- 4. A Strategy for Children's Play and Youth Facilities will be prepared, for the approval of the Local Planning Authority before planning permission is granted. The Play Strategy will include a mixture of formal and informal provision. Local children and young people must be involved in the design of all play areas.**
 - (i) No home will be more than 60m from a Local Area for Play (LAP).**

(ii) **No home will be more than 240m from a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP).**

(iii) **No home should be more than 600m from a Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP) or Space for Imaginative Play (SIP).**

Phasing of the Delivery of Open Space

5. Recreational facilities and landscaping will be delivered early in the development such that the needs of the development are met at all times. Commuted maintenance sums for a minimum of 10 years index linked will be required.

D9.1 Residents of the Southern Fringe should be able to find that their sport, leisure and recreational needs are met locally so that they can lead a healthy lifestyle and enjoy a high quality of life and leisure time. For Trumpington West the needs for formal and informal recreation will be required on the site.

D9.2 South of Trumpington / Addenbrooke's it would be inappropriate to locate formal sport facilities as far south as the District of South Cambridgeshire. Indeed there may be opportunities to locate formal sports provision some distance to the north of the City boundary. This would reduce the visual impact on the wider countryside which lies to the south on the chalkland slopes rising up to the Gog Magog Hills and Nine Wells, and ensure provision is close to the new development.

Public Open Space and Sports Provision

D9.3 A high standard of public open space provision will be required in the Cambridge Southern Fringe. The Cambridge City Council Open Space Standards will apply at the Cambridge Southern Fringe. Consistent standards apply across the development, and that the City standards are used as the development will function as part of the City. The standards are set out in Appendix 3.

Strategy for Formal Sports Provision

D9.4 A Strategy for Formal Sport will enable comprehensive planning of facilities at Cambridge Southern Fringe, taking account of the needs of the Cambridge Sub Region. The Strategy will be completed in partnership with Cambridgeshire Horizons along with other partner organisations and professional bodies such as Sport England and the Governing Bodies of Sport. It must also include an assessment of local and national sporting trends.

Location of Children's Play Areas

- D9.5 A Play Strategy will be produced for Trumpington West which will include a mixture of formal and informal provision. Formal provision will include:
- LAPs - Local Areas for Play;
 - LEAPs - Local Equipped Areas for Play;
 - NEAPs - Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play; and
 - SIPs - Spaces for Imaginative Play.
- D9.6 LAPs will not be formally equipped but will provide soft and hard landscaping to provide a natural meeting place and play space for children and adults. The National Playing Fields Association recommends that no home should be more than 60m from a LAP.
- D9.7 LEAPs offer formal equipment for children up to 8 years. They should incorporate at least 8 pieces of equipment including a minimum of 3 pieces suitable for toddlers. The National Playing Fields Association recommends that no home should be will be more than 240m from a LEAP.
- D9.8 NEAPs will cater for unaccompanied 8 – 14 year olds and will include equipped play areas and youth sports facilities including informal multi-use areas and provision for a range of wheeled sport areas. SIPs are more natural areas using local features. The National Playing Fields Association recommends that no home should be more than 600m from a NEAP or SIP.

Phasing of the Delivery of Open Space

- D9.9 It will be important for the new residents to have access to both recreational facilities and informal open space to meet their needs at a very early stage. Phasing is particularly relevant to the provision of sports pitches as they need to be established for up to 2 years before they can be used. The early implementation of these areas should therefore be conditions of any planning permission.

Management of Public Open Space

- D9.10 With a wide variety of public open space and facilities being planned for the Southern Fringe, it is important that appropriate long-term management arrangements are planned and implemented at an early stage. This includes ensuring that parcels of land are not fragmented and that it is clear which body is responsible for their maintenance and care. This is particularly the case for incidental open space within housing development and roadside verges. Appropriate management systems will be required to ensure high quality, robust and effective maintenance of open space. This is dealt with in the Phasing and Implementation policies.

COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION

POLICY CSF/18 Countryside Recreation

Access to the Countryside

A strategy will be developed to link all parts of the Southern Fringe to the wider countryside through an enhanced network of footpaths, cyclepaths and bridleways the provision of which will be funded by planning obligations on development at Trumpington West and development within Cambridge City at Glebe Farm, Clay Farm, Showground, Addenbrookes and The Bell School Site.

Access to the Countryside

- D9.11 Within and close to the Southern Fringe there are significant countryside recreational areas at Wandlebury and Gog Magog Downs, and along the River Cam Corridor. There are also potential future areas at Cambridge East and at the Cambridge Preservation Society's proposals for the Coton area. Whilst all these areas are well related to the proposed developments in the Southern Fringe, they are not as accessible as they need to be due to the lack of public footpaths, bridleways and cycleways across the intervening countryside. A strategy is therefore required to increase the access and connectivity between the urban extensions and these valuable recreational areas for all ages and abilities. It will be important for these to be delivered in an early stage of the development.
- D9.12 Opportunities for creating greater access to the countryside through the creation of new or improved public rights of way should be identified. The County Council, in partnership with the District Councils has undertaken a study of "Strategic Open Space". This is a higher order facility which serves a wider catchment and different purpose than local public open space and which has more than local significance. A standard will be identified for Strategic Open Space, and also the appropriate contribution towards additional Strategic Open Space that should come forward from developments, including the Southern Fringe. This will be detailed in the Planning Obligations DPD.
- D9.13 Chapter C3 proposes a new Country Park along the east bank of the River Cam between the development at Trumpington West and Hauxton Mill, which will help meet the strategic recreation needs of the Cambridge Southern Fringe.

APPENDIX 3

Open Space and Recreation Standards

Type of Open Space	Definition	Standard
Outdoor Sports Facilities	Playing pitches, Courts and Greens	1.2 ha. per 1000 people
Provision for Children and Teenagers	Equipped children's play areas and outdoor youth provision	0.3 ha. per 1000 people
Informal Open Space	Recreation grounds, parks and common land excluding equipped play areas and pitches and nature conservation sites.	1.8 ha. per 1000 people
Allotments	Allotments.	0.4 ha. per 1000 people.