



Protection of Sport and Recreation Land and Facilities

Policy OS4: Loss of Sport and Recreation Land or Facilities

- A. The development of existing sport or recreation land or facilities for non-recreation or non-sport purposes will only be permitted where:
 - i. It is ancillary to the sport or recreation use and does not reduce the overall sport or recreation function of the site;
 - ii. Replacement recreation provision of at least the same quantity, quality, accessibility to its catchment population, community benefit and management level is made in a suitable location; and
 - iii. It has been clearly demonstrated that the site is surplus to sport and/or recreational requirements and is not capable of helping to meet any of Trafford's sport or recreation standards; or
 - iv. The site has been allocated for alternative purposes in the development plan, and development will deliver a net improvement in the boroughs' sport or recreation resources.
- B. Wherever practicable, replacement provision shall be made directly by the developer and shall be available for use before the existing sport or recreation facility is lost.
- C. This policy applies to all existing sites and facilities that have a sport and/or recreation use or value, irrespective of whether they are owned or managed by the public, private or voluntary sectors.

Places for Everyone Links

Policy JP-P6; and JP-P7.

Relevant Strategic Objectives

SO2 and SO9

- 9.28. The benefits of sport and recreation to physical and mental health and well-being are well established and have the ability to significantly reduce health inequalities and burdens on the health system in the long-run.



- 9.29. Access to all types of sport and recreation facilities is therefore of paramount importance in enabling communities to easily and effectively choose to make be more active, this is particularly critical for younger and older residents who are often not able to access facilities independently.
- 9.30. It is therefore important to resist the unnecessary loss of sport and recreation land and facilities to other uses, especially at the local/ neighbourhood level.

Consultation Question 9-4

Do you support Policy OS4? Are there any changes required which would improve the policy? Please provide any supporting evidence which you think is relevant.