

Proposed Open Space Designations

Typology and Hierarchy of Open Spaces

- 3.61 Open spaces within the borough have been categorised according to their typology (the function of the open space) as established by the Open Space Assessment (April 2024). These are Allotments; Amenity Greenspace; Cemeteries and Churchyards; Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace; Outdoor Sports Provision; Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds; and Provision for Children and Teenagers. School playing fields did not form part of the Open Space Assessment.
- 3.62 Each of the accessible greenspaces (Amenity Greenspace; Natural and semi-natural greenspaces; and Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds) have been categorised according to the provision of facilities at the site – often related to size, known as the site's hierarchy. These hierarchies are:

Hierarchy	Explanation
District level	Sites more than 100ha
Wider Neighbourhood level	Sites between 20ha and 100ha
Neighbourhood level	Sites between 10ha and 20ha
Local level	Sites between 2ha and 10ha
Doorstep level	Sites between 0.5ha and 2ha
Incidental Greenspace	Sites smaller than 0.5ha

Types of Areas for Children and Teenagers

- 3.63 There is a three-tiered structure for children's informal recreation and equipped play which is specific to the location, minimum land area and style of provision required to be provided for a range of age groups, appropriate to their need. These are LAPs (Local Area for Play), LEAPs (Local Equipped Area for Play) and NEAPs (Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play).

LAP – Local Area for Play

- 3.64 A LAP is a small area of open space (0.01-0.04ha) specifically designated and primarily laid out for very young children to play close to where they live i.e.

within 1 minute walking time. The LAP is designed to allow for ease of informal observation and supervision and its primary function is to encourage informal play and social interaction. A LAP requires no play equipment as such, relying more on demonstrative features indicating that play is positively encouraged.

LEAP – Local Equipped Area for Play

- 3.65 The LEAP is an area of open space (0.04-0.1ha) specifically designated and laid out with features including equipment for children who are beginning to go out and play independently close to where they live, usually within 5 minutes walking time.

NEAP – Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play

- 3.66 A NEAP is an area of open space (>0.1ha) specifically designated, laid out and equipped mainly for older children but with play opportunities for younger children as well. Located within 15 minutes' walk from home, the NEAP is sufficiently large to enable provision for play opportunities that cannot be provided within a LAP or LEAP.
- 3.67 In line with Local Plan Policies OS1: Open Space and OS2: Outdoor Sports and Recreation Facilities and Provision, the following sites identified on the schedules below and as identified on the Policies Map will be protected, and any loss will be resisted.

Allotments

Name	Area (ha)
Broadheath Triangle	0.21
De Quincey Road Allotments	0.24
Eaton Road Allotments	0.22
Grove Lane Allotments	0.98
Moss Lane/Golf Road Allotments	2.94
Pickering Lodge Allotments	0.52
Riddings Allotments (also within Central Locality)	1.70
Trafford Drive / Beech Avenue Allotments	1.26
Vicarage Lane Allotments	1.04
Wellfield Lane Allotments	1.75
Woodstock Road Allotments	0.32

Amenity Greenspace

Name	Hierarchy	Area (ha)
Applemint Close	Incidental	0.46
Buckingham Way	Doorstep	1.30
Burnside	Incidental	0.18
Clarke Crescent	Incidental	0.07
Overton Crescent	Incidental	0.25
Shaftesbury Avenue	Local	2.00
The Crescent	Incidental	0.46
Warwick Drive	Incidental	0.17

Cemeteries and Churchyards

Name	Area (ha)
All Saints' Church	0.21
Altrincham Crematorium	7.37
Altrincham United Reformed Church	0.17
Bowdon Shul	0.32
Christ Church	0.78
Church of the Holy Angels	0.54
Dunham Road Unitarian Chapel	0.15
Hale Cemetery	3.89
Hale Chapel	0.19
Holy Cross Church in the Parish of Timperley	0.26
Oldfield Congregational Church	0.10
Shaare Hayim Synagogue	0.32
St Alban's Church	0.21
St George's Church (also within West Locality)	0.41
St George's Church (also within West Locality)	0.27
St John's Church	0.23
St John's Church	0.71
St Margaret's Church	0.38
St Mark's Church	0.15
St Mark's Church Cemetery	0.40
St Mary's Church	1.54
St Peter's Church	0.53
St Vincent's Roman Catholic Church	0.31
St Werburg's Church	0.21
St Werburg's Old Church	0.35
Timperley Congregational Church	0.25
Timperley Methodist Church	0.59
Woodlands United Reformed Church	0.20

Natural and semi-natural green space

Name	Hierarchy	Area (ha)
Back Lane Wood	Local	2.84
Bluebell Wood	Local	3.90
Broom Wood	Doorstep	0.92
Convent Wood	Doorstep	0.82
Dark Lane Wood	Local	2.50
Dunham New Park	Local	2.42
Fairywell Brook	Doorstep	0.94
Fairywell Wood	Doorstep	1.90
Firs Plantation and Firsway (also within Central Locality)	Local	9.13
King George V Pool	Local	2.74
Moss Wood	Local	2.20
Norman Road to John Leigh Park through Swale Drive	Doorstep	0.83
Redbrook	Local	2.46
Rothsay Crescent (also within Central / West Locality)	Doorstep	0.67
Sinderland Brook	Local	7.42
Stamford Brook Community Woodland	Local	7.44
Stelfox Avenue/Stockport Road	Incidental	0.46
The Devisdale	Local	8.75
Tomfield Bank	Local	5.83
Wood near Broadheath	Local	2.53
Wood next to Bollin	Local	2.55

Outdoor Sports Provision

Name	Area (ha)
Altrincham & District Athletics Club	2.40
Altrincham Borough Bowling Club	0.09
Altrincham Golf Course	48.54
Altrincham Kersal Rugby Football Club	4.48
Bowdon Bowling & Lawn Tennis Club	0.90
Bowdon Cricket Hockey and Squash Club	2.45
Bowdon Cricket Hockey and Squash Club	0.94
Bowdon Croquet Club	0.56
Bowdon Rugby Union Football Club	4.36
Bowdon Vale Bowling Club	0.20
Bowdon Vale Cricket Club	1.22
Broomwood Park ¹	0.05

Name	Area (ha)
Budenbergs Bowling & Social Club	0.15
Claremont Tennis Club	0.32
Denzell Gardens ¹	0.12
Dunham Forest Golf Club	52.72
Hale Barns Cricket Club	1.64
Hale Barns Tennis Club	0.38
Hale Country Club and Spa	4.29
Hale Golf Club	22.11
Hale Road Bowling Green (Hermitage)	0.21
Hale Village Bowling Green	0.24
Halecroft Park ¹	0.07
Heyes Grove Tennis Club	0.47
John Leigh Park ¹	0.25
John Leigh Park ¹	0.10
John Leigh Park ¹	0.09
LMRCA Railway Club	0.15
Manor Farm	10.49
Navigation Hotel	0.11
Navigation Road Recreation Ground ¹	0.34
Pickering Lodge ¹	0.28
Pickering Lodge ¹	0.18
Quarry Bank Inn	0.09
Riddings Acre	0.36
Ringway Golf Course	40.76
Stamford Park ¹	0.41
Timperley Sports Club	5.32
Timperley Village Bowling Club	0.27

¹ Outdoors Sports Provision within Parks and gardens and recreation ground

Parks and gardens and recreation ground

Name	Hierarchy	Area (ha)
Altrincham Memorial Gardens	Doorstep	0.73
Beech Avenue	Neighbourhood	11.54
Bowdon Recreation Ground	Doorstep	1.02
Broomwood Park	Doorstep	1.09
Cow Field / Stokoe Avenue	Local	2.32
De Quincey Park	Local	3.19
Denzell Gardens	Local	3.51
Dunham Park	District	117.79
Grange Road	Doorstep	1.42
Grange Road Play Area	Incidental	0.26
Grove Park	Local	8.34

Name	Hierarchy	Area (ha)
Halecroft Park	Local	3.70
Hendam Drive Play Area	Doorstep	0.92
John Leigh Park	Local	5.31
Kings Acre	Incidental	0.37
Larkhill	Doorstep	1.71
Minster Drive	Incidental	0.22
Navigation Road Recreation Ground	Local	3.26
Newton Park	Local	2.12
Pickering Lodge	Doorstep	1.16
Salisbury Fields	Local	9.63
Springbank Recreation Ground	Doorstep	1.26
Stamford Park	Local	5.20
Sylvan Avenue	Local	2.61
Timperley Community Garden	Incidental	0.08
Timperley Green (Aimson Rd)	Local	2.12
Timperley Recreation Ground	Doorstep	1.76
Wellfield Lane Park	Doorstep	0.64
Welman Way	Doorstep	1.49
Woodheys Park	Local	6.95
Woodstock Park	Doorstep	0.82

Provision for Children and Teenagers

Name	Hierarchy	Area (ha)
Bankhall Lane	LEAP	0.16
Bowdon Recreation Ground ¹	LEAP	0.13
Broomwood Park ¹	NEAP	0.04
Broomwood Park ¹	NEAP	0.02
Broomwood Park ¹	NEAP	0.04
Broomwood Park ¹	NEAP	0.05
Clarke Crescent play area	LAP	0.01
Cow Field / Stokoe Avenue ¹	LEAP	0.06
Grange Road Play Area ¹	LAP	0.02
Grove Park ¹	LAP	0.01
Halecroft Park ¹	LEAP	0.41
Hendam Drive Play Area ¹	LAP	0.03
Hendam Drive Play Area ¹	LAP	0.02
John Leigh Park ¹	LEAP	0.27
Kings Acre ¹	LAP	0.02
Minster Drive ¹	LAP	0.03

Name	Hierarchy	Area (ha)
Navigation Road Recreation Ground ¹	NEAP	0.08
Navigation Road Recreation Ground ¹	NEAP	0.27
Navigation Road Recreation Ground ¹	NEAP	0.01
Newton Park ¹	LEAP	0.11
Park Road Play Area	LEAP	0.37
Pickering Lodge ¹	LEAP	0.07
Pickering Lodge ¹	LEAP	0.07
Sinderland Brook ²	LAP	0.04
Stamford Park ¹	NEAP	0.33
Stamford Park ¹	NEAP	0.19
Stamford Park ¹	NEAP	0.01
Sylvan Avenue ¹	LEAP	0.03
The Mount Play Area	LAP	0.13
Timperley Green (Aimson Rd) ¹	LEAP	0.09
Wellfield Lane Park ¹	LEAP	0.11
Welman Way ¹	LEAP	0.05
Woodheys Park ¹	LEAP	0.09
Woodstock Park ¹	NEAP	0.07
Woodstock Park ¹	NEAP	0.12
Woodstock Park ¹	NEAP	0.02

¹ Provision for Children and Teenagers within Parks and gardens and recreation ground

² Provision for Children and Teenagers within Natural and semi-natural green space

School playing fields

Name	Area (ha)
Altrincham CE Primary School	1.03
Altrincham College of Arts	1.32
Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	6.79
Bollin Primary School	1.17
Bowdon CE Primary School	1.12
Broadheath Primary School	0.75
Broomwood Primary School	0.93
Cloverlea Primary School	0.80
Elmridge Primary School	0.89
Heyes Lane Primary School	0.95
Oldfield Brow Primary School	0.55
Park Road Academy Primary School	0.26
Park Road Academy Primary School	0.11
Pictor Special School	0.70

Name	Area (ha)
South Trafford College	0.69
St. Ambrose College	2.34
St. Ambrose College	2.25
St. Hugh's Catholic Primary School	1.39
St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School	1.08
Stamford Park Junior School	0.46
Tyntesfield Primary School	0.95
Well Green Primary School	0.87
Wellington School	1.23
Wellington School Football Pitches	1.33
Willows Primary School	1.26

- 3.68 Policy OS1: Open Spaces sets out that open spaces will be protected, and any loss will be resisted. The sites have been identified on the schedules and identified on the Policies Map. The primary source of this information is the Trafford Open Space Assessment (April 2024).
- 3.69 Policy OS2: Outdoor Sports and Recreation Facilities and Provision sets out that existing outdoor facilities will be protected, and any loss will be resisted. The sites have been identified on the schedules and identified on the Policies Map. The sites specific relate to outdoor sports provision, as identified in the Trafford Open Space Assessment (April 2024), and school playing fields. Whilst not accessible to all, the school playing fields provide an important open space function.

Consultation Question 3-14

Do you have any comments on the proposed open space designations?
(please specify which open space your comments relate to – if relevant)