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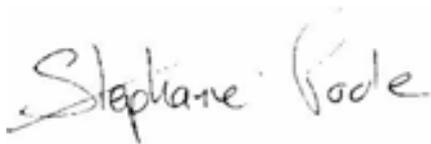
Foreword

Greenspace 2004 has been the largest research project on greenspace in Trafford carried out to date. We have been impressed with the scale of the community engagement achieved and grateful for the many suggestions, and enthusiasm for further involvement by Trafford residents.

The joint working on the project between officers across the Council and our partner organisations has given us robust and accountable information on our greenspaces. It would not have been possible without the involvement of so many different groups across the Borough from our friends of parks and greenspaces to schools, sports clubs and many others providing the information we need to improve our greenspaces.

We would commend the value of this work to other local authorities. It will help the Council make the best use of its available resources in coming years. We will make it a commitment of the Council to improve the quality of our environment in particular our greenspaces to meet the needs of residents and visitors to the Borough.

Finally we would like to thank everyone who has been involved and contributed to the project and look forward to the results of this hard work being used in positive action over years to come.



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Summary

The Trafford Green/Open Space research project was initiated in January 2004 to enable the Council to comply with the provisions of the newly published Planning Policy Guidance Note PPG17. Greenspace, sports and recreation facilities make a major contribution to ensuring that Trafford is a place where people choose to live. By using the information from this research the Council will endeavour to meet the needs of its residents by ensuring the provision of high quality greenspaces.

Using robust and tested techniques the project sought to identify, consult users and assess the amount and quality of publicly accessible green space available across the Borough (all sites over 0.2 hectares).

The project findings provide important information about the available supply of green/open space in the Borough, the quality of that provision and the current needs of its users e.g. community groups, residents, children and young people for such provision.

The outputs of the project are also available through Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping where sites can be easily identified according to their size, location, quality and value. This flexible system of interrogation allows the data to be looked at on many different levels, for example comments about a single Park or all the greenspaces by Ward, by Area or Borough wide.

The research results in this report have been collated by Ward to present an overview of the adequacy of green space provision. However, it must be remembered that greenspace does not follow artificial boundaries and information collated on small areas must not be looked at in isolation. It is only a guide to provision in the area. Quantity and quality of greenspace must also be looked at together, just because an area has a lot of greenspace does not necessarily mean it is of a high quality or that it contains facilities needed by local residents. Similarly a small area of greenspace could be highly valued by residents and contain well-used facilities.

The findings of the research are therefore key to making improvements to Traffords greenspace. They will be used to inform a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy setting out priority actions to maintain and enhance provision.

The benefits of this work will be felt across the Council. A number of Service areas will have access to information on open spaces and will be in a better position to make fully evidenced decisions on future opportunities for the improvement/use of these spaces. The information will be of benefit to other Services within the Council and enable informed decisions on future opportunities for improving, enhancing greenspaces or identifying new provision.

Key Project Findings

There are three elements to the project assessment:

Quantity

A total of 346 green/open spaces totalling 1,275 hectares of land have been identified across the Borough. This equates to 10.5% of the total area of the Borough.

The project uses the English Nature national Standard for Locally Accessible Natural Greenspace (Langsp). This standard recommends that an acceptable quantity of greenspace for a population of 1000 is 2 hectares

Overall when compared with this standard, the available green/open space provision across the Borough is sufficient.

On a Ward by Ward basis, however, the level of provision relative to the English Nature standard is more variable – with 11 Wards being identified as sufficient and 10 Wards deficient in provision

Consultations

Separate questionnaires that were sent to community groups, schools and members of the public yielded excellent levels of return, many of which were returned electronically. The findings showed the following:

- Accessibility to and around sites is generally felt to be good.
- There is a high frequency of visits to sites with many residents using green space 2 to 4 times a week
- The cleanliness of sites particularly in relation to dogs fouling needs to be improved.

Quality

A robust system based on a combination of tried and tested methods was used to assess the quality of sites. An independent assessor reviewed 130 sites. The key quality findings of the site survey research can be summarised as follows: -

- Sites in general scored highly on accessibility
- The management of sites for biodiversity and natural features scored satisfactorily
- Cleanliness improvements were identified for many sites
- The quality of facilities on many sites needs to be improved

Introduction

This report examines the findings from Trafford MBC's biggest ever greenspace research project, 'Greenspace 2004'. Together with previous research undertaken by the Parks and Countryside Service, Sports Development and Leisure Service and external bodies such as the Manchester, Salford and Trafford Groundwork Trust and Red Rose Forest, the report provides a basis for the forthcoming Trafford Parks and Open Spaces Strategy.

Apart from fulfilling the guidance to address Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG 17), the data from this project is relevant to a number of strategic priorities in Trafford. Including objectives in Trafford's Community Strategy relating to education, life-long learning, community safety, economy, social inclusion, equality, and civic pride and community involvement.

There are a number of reasons why the findings from this research project are significant. Firstly, there has never been a dedicated project based on assessing the quantity of accessible greenspace in the whole of Trafford. This report details every publicly accessible greenspace over 0.2 hectares in the Borough. All data collected for each site is linked to a GIS (Geographical Information Systems) map that can be interrogated by Services in the Council. Digital mapping has also been used to develop the application of greenspace standards such as English Nature's Local Accessible Natural Greenspace standard (LANGsp).

Secondly, whilst some greenspace consultation work has been carried out in the past, this has largely been about specific sites or as part of assessment of development proposals. The Greenspace 2004 project represents a much wider scale and includes consultation work with community groups, residents and children and young people. The research looks at whether or not local greenspaces are used and how. Consulting with such a vast audience has given an excellent grounding into identifying the open spaces that are valued by the local community.

Thirdly, whilst the data gathered in the three consultation exercises is crucial to progressing greenspace policy in Trafford, the information should not be viewed in isolation. In order to objectively look at the quality of the sites, an independent assessor examined all of the accessible greenspaces using a robust methodology designed using best practice from PPG 17, English Nature, Green Flag and existing skills and knowledge within the Council. A large amount of in-depth data was collected and can be interrogated through the GIS mapping.

The report begins with an examination of the national drivers behind this research and methodologies used to undertake the work. The second section examines the Borough-wide data collected from the three consultation exercises, exploring the broad themes emerging from the responses from residents, community groups and children and young people.

The final section reviews the data geographically at ward level. Calculations have been made as to the sufficiency of accessible greenspace on a ward level and linkages made to population densities. Key findings from the consultation and quality assessment exercises are also provided here and an audit of the facilities available in each ward is provided at the end of the report.

National and Local Context:

Planning Policy Guidance 17: Planning for open space, sport and recreation

Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) notes set out the Government's national policies on different aspects of planning. The PPG 17 note published in 2001 replaces the 1991 version and with its accompanying document "Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A Companion Guide to PPG 17" (September 2002) sets out the policies that should be followed. PPG17 states that to ensure effective planning for open space, sport and recreation it is essential that the needs of local communities be known. In order to do this Local Authorities should undertake robust assessments of the existing and future needs of their communities for open space and recreational facilities. The companion Guide to PPG17 sets out recommendations for criteria and methods for carrying out this assessment. The Greenspace 2004 research has used these recommendations in putting together its methodology.

The long-term outcomes PPG 17 aims to deliver are:

"Networks of accessible, high quality open spaces and sport and recreation facilities which meet the needs of residents and visitors, are fit for purpose and economically and environmentally sustainable"

"An appropriate balance between new provision and the enhancement of existing provision"

"Clarity and reasonable certainty for developers and land owners in relation to the requirements and expectations of local planning authorities in respect of provision."

Trafford's Greenspace 2004 report goes some way towards achieving these outcomes for the population of Trafford.

However as well as striving to achieve high quality greenspace for its residents it must also be recognised the Greenspace 2004 impacts on other Council priorities and should not be seen as a report which looks at improving greenspace alone.

The assessment addresses many national, regional and local issues, policies and strategies. The assessment contributes to those priorities and objectives contained in the Council's Community Strategy, Cultural Strategy, Unitary Development Plan and Action for Nature and Sustainability Plan.

The assessment also reflects national strategies such as Securing the Future – UK Sustainable Development Strategy (05), Our Towns and Cities (2002) and the Biodiversity Strategy for England (2002)

The quality of greenspace impacts on education and lifelong learning, safety, social inclusion, equality and civic pride. By doing this assessment we are therefore addressing the priorities of The Community Strategy, Cultural Strategy and more general Regeneration targets as set out in The Government White Paper "Our Towns and Cities The Future 2002"

Methodology

This section examines the methods used in the Greenspace 2004 project to address the requirements of PPG 17 and Trafford's greenspace strategy. Firstly, the research carried out in preparation for the primary data collection is discussed. Secondly, the quantity assessment is considered with particular reference to the mapping carried out on GIS. Thirdly, the three stages of consultation are examined in turn, paying special attention to the methods used to maximise the response rates. Finally, details of the quality assessment are given, including details of the criteria selection procedure.

The Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 Companion Guide provides detailed information about how a local assessment of needs and provision of open space, sport and recreation provision should be carried out. Whilst many of the key suggestions have been followed in this project, in accordance with the Guidance, a local approach to data collection has been employed to ensure that other standards (other than PPG 17) are also met. This report addresses steps 1-4 of the suggested local assessment processes in PPG 17; identifying local needs, auditing local provision, setting provision standards and applying provision standards.

Despite the relatively short amount of time available to carry out the work, the data produced is robust and viable due to the variety of different methods employed to address the objectives. These included: employing a research officer for 15 months to work on the project, engaging local students, the use of the internet in consultation and a sound utilisation of existing networks and resources available in the Borough.

Assessing previous research and existing standards

Several months were spent examining existing research and standards (relating to greenspace in Trafford) in order that work would not be duplicated. Prior to the appointment of the Research Officer a Steering Group (led by Strategic Planning and Developments and Parks and Countryside) had been set up to explore what was needed from the project and who might contribute data or knowledge. The Steering Group comprised of a monthly review of progress and important information for the research officer. Detailed minutes were kept for each meeting with actions indicated. Numerous individual meetings were also held with colleagues from across the Council including the Schools Improvement Service, Children and Young People's Service, Development Control, ICT, Parks & Countryside Service, Asset Management, Leisure and Sport and Area Services.

Outside of the Council, several local authorities identified as being 'best practice' were consulted to investigate the best approach for the Greenspace 2004 project, including Newcastle upon Tyne, Southwark, Manchester City Council, Halton Borough Council, Richmond and Doncaster MBC. Of particular interest were the unsuccessful methods that had been tried and collected data that later turned out to be of little consequence.

A report based on the experiences of other local authorities 'Openspace case studies – examples of openspace methodologies from five local authorities' was produced in October 2003 as a background document. This report concluded that there were important differences between all of the different approaches employed and that these reflected the local circumstances and the budgets of each local authority.

Of particular interest was that four out of the five authorities had employed consultants to carry out the research and that it was common to only address the 'quantity' aspect to the assessment, excluding the time-consuming and costly 'value' exercise.

Assessing quantity

The guidance document accompanying PPG 17 suggests that using GIS provides a number of benefits to a greenspace assessment. Apart from addressing e-government objectives, digitally mapped data is easier to share, easier to update and review and allows linkages with other data sources such as population and quality data. This method was fully embraced for Trafford's greenspace assessment using MapInfo software. The research officer carried out all mapping.

The GIS mapping produced for this project represents the most important output for two reasons. Firstly, the maps combine data from all the different parts of the project including the quality assessment and consultation. A site can simply be 'clicked' on to examine details of its size, location and quality. Secondly, the possibilities for interrogating data through MapInfo queries on a 'demand-led' basis (for example, for individual site projects) are enormous, and thus it would be senseless to try to cover each one in a report or map format unless they are needed. This report therefore provides a more broadbrush examination of the project findings.

As little or no greenspace digital mapping had been previously undertaken, a good deal of time was spent identifying sites. Once a typology had been created (see Appendix A), a number of lists and other sources were explored to create the different 'layers' of mapping including:

- Unitary Development Plan
- GIMS (grounds maintenance) database
- Red Rose Community Forest data
- Groundwork Old Trafford Openspace Study
- Woodland Trust – Accessible Woodland Study
- Parks and Countryside Playspace audit
- Housing Stock Transfer Project
- 1992 School Playing Fields Mapping (Strategic Planning)
- 1992 Woodland Study (Parks and Countryside)

As the consultation section progressed, the community identified a number of new sites and the quality assessor later discovered even more sites. Conversely, sites were removed from the database, as they had either been built on or were inaccessible to the public.

Whilst many sites such as school playing fields, leisure centres and private bowling clubs were mapped for the Greenspace 2004, the following criteria were applied for any sites included in the accessibility standards:

- Above 0.2 HA (as recommended in PPG17).
- Publicly accessible (i.e. free to enter and public access agreed by the landowner).
- Physically accessible by the public (for example, unlocked gates and visible entrances)

- Containing natural or semi-natural features (not, for example, shopping centres, village halls or town squares)

In accordance with PPG17, the classification deliberately excludes SLOAP (space left over after planning) and other incidental areas of land, which are not intended for a specific use. Care was taken to ensure that the different layers did not overlap (for example playing fields within parks) to ensure that an area within a site was not counted twice.

Whilst PPG 17 recommends that the “minimum range of ‘core facilities’ for which local authorities should undertake local assessments is sports centres and community centres”, these were not included in this study due to the highly detailed commissioned assessment carried out for the Leisure Development Service by Kavanagh Page. The document “Outdoors Sports Facilities” (2000) should be viewed in conjunction with data from this study when examining specific sites. For a copy of this document contact the Strategic Planning and Developments team.

Consultation

Before the consultation methodology was finalised a pilot consultation study of one greenspace area, Timperley Green, was carried out.

This survey was undertaken using a model survey user package from Sport England. The 6-page questionnaire contained user-data questions relating to the reasons for visits and visitor details, but also more qualitative data using satisfaction level questions and an ‘importance’ rating to improve the measure of customer satisfaction in line with best value requirements. Two people (a planning student on work experience and an agency worker) undertook the survey, over a time scale of two weeks of the summer (21st July to 6th August 2003) on 13 days both at weekends, and during the week. A report of the pilot study is available separately from Strategic Planning and Developments.

The pilot study was deemed to be very labour intensive and the available resources and time needed to roll out this approach across the Borough was not realistic. However the pilot study influenced the design of the final questionnaire used in the Borough wide survey.

The consultation project was carefully planned to ensure that, as many different people in Trafford, would have an opportunity to contribute to the project. The research was branded as ‘Greenspace 2004’ and a logo was produced that would identify the project in promotional work. A particular emphasis was placed upon identifying non-users of greenspaces since they might provide the most useful information about how to improve existing sites. Three separate groups were identified:

- Community groups
- Residents
- Children and Young People

A quantitative approach

PPG 17 suggests several different methods for consultation that are commonly used by local authorities. The options were carefully considered and a quantitative approach was decided upon for four reasons. Firstly, questionnaire surveys would yield information from a wider number of people than would focus groups or semi-

structured interviews. Secondly, questionnaires would provide data about a greater number of sites. Thirdly, qualitative data would be more comparable between different areas of the Borough (for example, regeneration areas and non-regeneration areas). Fourthly, the data could feasibly be collected and analysed in the time frame available. Focus groups, however, would be an excellent way to follow up site-specific issues. Names and telephone numbers have been collected throughout the project from consultees who are willing to take part in further research.

Community Groups

A sample frame of community groups was compiled from lists supplied by Encompass (a Trafford-based community group database), Parks and Countryside Service (for Friends of Parks and other greenspace groups), Leisure Development (for clubs hiring pitches and other facilities) and VCAT (Trafford's volunteer scheme). Six hundred questionnaires were sent out in total and followed up with a reminder letter.

Over half of the groups in the sample frame were not traditionally associated with greenspaces (such as sports or parks groups) and included such groups as: mother and toddler groups, scouts, morris dancers, brass bands, illness support networks, painters, playschemes and photographers.

The questionnaire was short and (as with later questionnaires) was site-specific in its approach, asking detailed questions about the value of the site to the group, the extent of provision, quality of facilities, satisfaction with management and opportunity to provide guidance to the Council about specific site-related matters. A copy of the questionnaire can be found in Appendix B. A great deal was written in the open-answer sections of the questionnaire providing invaluable detail.

Residents

Following research carried out in Newcastle Upon Tyne, it was decided to publish the residents' survey in *Trafford Today*, a free newspaper distributed to over 100,000 households in Trafford. As with Newcastle, the questionnaire was short and featured a cash prize of £100. Unfortunately however, budgets would not stretch to a postage-paid reply, which may have been detrimental to the overall response rate from this approach. The questionnaire was published in the April 2004 edition of the newspaper and yielded just 59 responses, most of whom were aged over 65.

To increase the response rate the questionnaire was printed onto loose sheets covering 1 side of A4 and distributed via a number of different outlets. These included: community group meetings, park rangers, leisure centres, libraries, Trafford Direct offices, shops, health centres, youth clubs, greenspace events, Area Board meetings, Manchester, Salford and Trafford Groundwork, Mersey Valley Countryside Warden Service and throughout the Council by the Steering Group. Posters were also displayed in all of these places. All community groups (from the first survey) that had replied saying that they would like to be further involved with the project were sent a bundle of questionnaires for their groups to fill in, with a pre-paid envelope to return them.

The survey was also placed on a website: www.trafford.gov.uk/greenspace2004 that yielded almost a quarter of the overall responses. The website was advertised via posters in public buildings across the Borough, via the home page of the Trafford

website, in emails sent to interested parties, community groups, meeting minutes and via the Trafford intranet.

Again, the questionnaire was site-specific encouraging the respondent to think about their experiences of the greenspace that they visited most often. A copy of the questionnaire can be found in Appendix C. An open question provided a space to say how the greenspace could be improved. For residents who did not use greenspaces, there was an opportunity to say why and if there were any sites that they would like to visit but were not able. Data about the respondents' age, ethnicity and postcode was also collected for comparison.

Children and Young People

The consultation with children and young people was web-based for three reasons. Firstly, the questionnaire could be delivered through schools. Secondly, officers at Doncaster and Nottingham had suggested that their children's surveys would have been more effectively completed if the children had first learned more about greenspaces and the challenges that are faced. Thirdly, as it is not viable to ask teachers to teach this, a web resource could provide information, games, pictures and photos to allow the children to engage with the topic before filling in the questionnaire.

The website was designed to be colourful and fun, whilst meeting special accessibility standards set by the Council for websites (see Appendices D and E for the questionnaires and screen-print of the site). Various greenspace games and interesting links created by the BBC, National Trust and CABI were found and permissions were granted to link to them from the website. Pages containing historic photographs of parks in Trafford were provided along with a history of the growth of parks in the Borough. A separate website for secondary schools was also created. The themes here fitted in closely to the 'citizenship' curriculum, and on recommendation from the Schools Improvement Service, both websites contained a page about what a local authority does and how the democratic process works.

A number of steps were taken to ensure a high response rate. Firstly, ten schools were visited so that some 'project champions' would spread the word and legitimise the project. Secondly, a letter and colourful poster demonstrating the project was sent to each of the hundred headteachers in Trafford asking them to return a slip in the postage-paid envelope if they wished to take part. These schools were then sent a further poster showing screen prints of the different parts of the website and details on how to take part. Follow up phone calls were also made to schools in under-represented areas (found by mapping postcodes) and information sent. A free tree (donated by the Red Rose Forest) was promised to every school who took part in the project as an incentive.

A design competition was run alongside the survey and the winners were presented with certificates from the Mayor at a special Environment Awards Ceremony. The winners were selected by Alan Barber, Commissioner for CABI (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment), an informal adviser and friend of the Greenspace 2004 project. Twenty-seven classes and school councils agreed to take part in the project, although it is not clear how many participated, as the Internet responses were anonymous. Schools without Internet access tended to print off the questionnaire (which was also provided as a pdf document on the website).

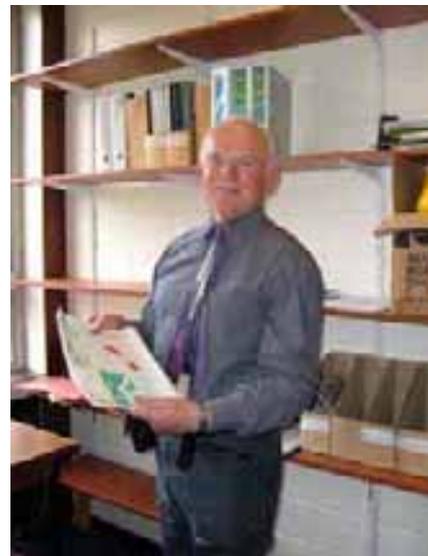
Winners of the competition with the Major of Trafford and Councillor Mrs Poole



One of the winning competition entries



One of the winning competition entries



**Alan Barber from CABE
Selecting the winners**

Quality assessment

Advice from other local authorities on the quality assessment was invaluable, not just for copies of their survey forms but for methodological tips. It is widely acknowledged that the data should be collected by an independent assessor rather than a full time officer at the Council for reasons of impartiality and objectivity. A recent first class graduate from the Masters in Planning course at Manchester University was employed to carry out the work over the summer of 2004 for 20 weeks with assistance from an independent consultant. Together with the Steering Group and assistance from several key officers, a robust assessment form was drawn up using criteria suggested by:

- PPG 17
- Green Flag
- BT Accessibility Standards
- Cleanliness Best Value Indicator (BVPI)
- DfEE Asset Management Plan Condition Assessment
- Grounds Maintenance output specification for housing sites (January 2004)

- Parks and Countryside service grounds maintenance output specification (December 2003)
- Urban Design's document 'By design, urban design in the planning system: towards better practice'

Members of the Steering Group and the greenspace assessor carried out a pilot survey using numerous categories from the list above to check the scoring system and ensure that the research could be replicated in the future. A comparison of different grades in three different sites by the group gave a good basis for refining the score sheet. The assessor later accompanied a greenspace consultant (who carries out grounds maintenance inspections on parks and open spaces within housing and school sites) for comprehensive checking of the scoring procedures. The categories used by the consultant were fully integrated into the Greenspace 2004 assessment to avoid re-inventing the wheel and to ensure that data collected in the future can be integrated into the database. Similarly, categories that had already been explored in separate greenspace quality assessments (for example, play areas) were excluded from the study.

In total 130 sites were visited. Each site took varying amounts of time to assess according to size and contents, for example, large empty sites commonly took less time to assess than small full sites. Consistency in approach was key to effective scoring, and difficulties experienced in comparing sites were overcome by a regular checking of previously scored sites before and after each assessment. Scores were also re-checked before being inputted into the database.

It is important to note that the assessment of each site was taken at face value and that the history of a site (for example that it had received recent funding) was not taken into account. Parks and open spaces evolve over time due to changes or improvements to facilities, funding, habitat and natural changes or changes due to antisocial behaviour. The assessment therefore represents a snapshot of the quality of Trafford's greenspaces.

The maintenance policy was understood prior to the assessment and taken into account, for example, where hedgerows had been left purposefully uncut to protect nesting birds, or where fields had been allowed to grow to create a wildflower meadow.

Each site was coded to correspond with the GIS mapping and scores were entered into a purpose built database that can be easily explored and updated by officers in the future. As there are so many categories, several different total scores were assigned to each site to make comparison easier. These were split into access, cleanliness, facilities, biodiversity, natural and semi-natural features, landscaping, and design. These scores can be interrogated in detail using queries in MS Access or MapInfo. Such sub-scores are more appropriate because a single score tends to even out issues that should be highlighted. For example, a site scoring poorly on natural surveillance can score highly on biodiversity and vice-versa.

Consultation Results at Borough Level

Introduction

This section shows the results of the consultation exercises that examined the value of greenspaces to people in Trafford. Three separate user groups were identified for consultation, each needing a separate approach: community groups, residents of Trafford, and children and young people.

The Community Group questionnaire

There were 220 questionnaires returned from the 600 initially sent out, which is a good overall response rate. Views were asked to be expressed not on a personal level but on behalf of the group and the membership numbers of the group were requested. The total number of these memberships was 19,136.

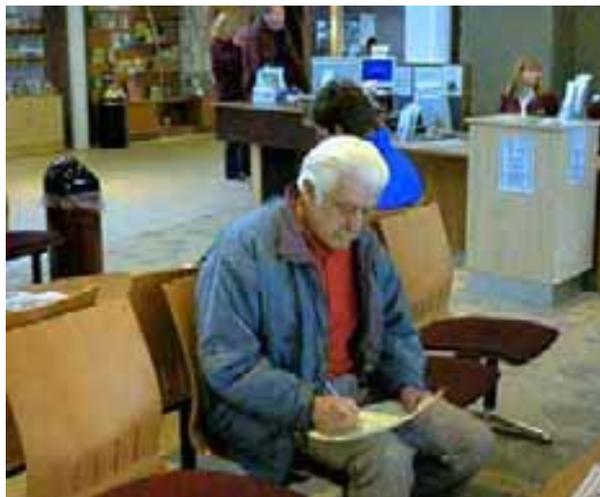
Residents questionnaire

There were 784 responses received with 25% of these being received electronically.

Children and Young Peoples questionnaire

In total 27 school classes and School Councils agreed to take part in the consultation exercise and 414 responses were received, with over half of these being received electronically. A summary of the results from this survey is available on the website and in Appendix F.

A local resident completing the residents questionnaire



Respondents to all three surveys were asked to answer the questionnaire based on the greenspace area they used most often. The information from these surveys has been collated on a ward and site level, but this section will examine the data at a Borough wide level to give a broad overview of the views of each group. The questions that were asked aimed to give insight into which greenspaces are used,

how often and for what activities. Views on satisfaction were also gathered along with suggestions on how to improve greenspaces.

Although some of the information from the different surveys is not directly comparable, similar questions have been grouped together: and the results laid out under the following headings: -

- About the respondents.
- Which greenspaces are used?
- How often are these greenspaces used?
- Why Traffords greenspaces are not used.
- Issues affecting the use of Trafford Greenspace.
- The activities that greenspace is used for.
- How satisfied people are with greenspace.
- Is there enough greenspace?
- Ideas for improvement.

For each of the above sections the results are laid out for the three different questionnaires: -

- Group
- Residents
- Children and young people

About the respondents

To ensure that as many people from varying age groups and backgrounds could be involved in the consultation, a number of different methods were employed (see methodology section). As a result a good range of ages has been covered. Clearly, the resident's survey did not effectively reach children and young people in Trafford. This was compensated by the consultation carried out in conjunction with schools, however, the response from young people over the age of 13-14 was limited, and the number of Secondary Schools wanting to take part was only 4 compared to 11 Primary Schools.

Table 1: Age of respondents to the Residents' survey

Residents Age	Percentage of respondents
Under 14	3.2
15-20	3.8
21-30	4.5
31-40	11.4
41-50	8.6
51-60	9.9
Over 65	8.7
Unanswered	50.2

Table 2: Age of respondents to the Children's and Young People's survey

Age	Percentage of respondents
4-5	0.2
6-7	23.1
8-9	25.6
10-11	12.7
11-12	32.4
13-14	5.4
15-16	0.5
17-18	0.2

The residents' survey yielded many more responses from women than from men and many more white people than other ethnic groups (see Table 3). Slightly more boys than girls answered the children and young people's survey.

Table 3: Gender and ethnicity of respondents to the Residents' survey

	Male	Female	Total
White (British, Irish, European)	37.12%	58.29%	95.42%
Black or Black British	0.47%	0.95%	1.42%
Mixed	0.16%	0.47%	0.63%
Asian or Asian British	0.95%	1.11%	2.05%
Chinese	0.00%	0.16%	0.16%
Other	0.16%	0.16%	0.32%
	38.86%	61.14%	100.00%

Table 4: Gender and ethnicity of respondents to the Young people's survey

	Male	Female	Total
Asian or Asian British	1.46%	1.75%	3.21%
Mixed	4.37%	2.04%	6.41%
Chinese	0.87%	0.29%	1.17%
Black or Black British	2.04%	0.87%	2.92%
White (British, Irish, European)	48.69%	37.61%	86.30%
Total	57.43%	42.57%	100.00%

In order to find out the importance of greenspace activities to young people, they were asked 'what activities do you do most often?' The respondents could choose up to three activities. When calculated, three of the top five activities were greenspace related, which demonstrates that young people are keen to be outside as well as watching TV and playing computer games.

Table 5: Activities engaged in most often by Young people

Activity	Number of times activity listed
Watch TV	406
Play computer games	220
Hang out with friends outside	132
Go to the park	129
Play sports	126

Which greenspaces are used?

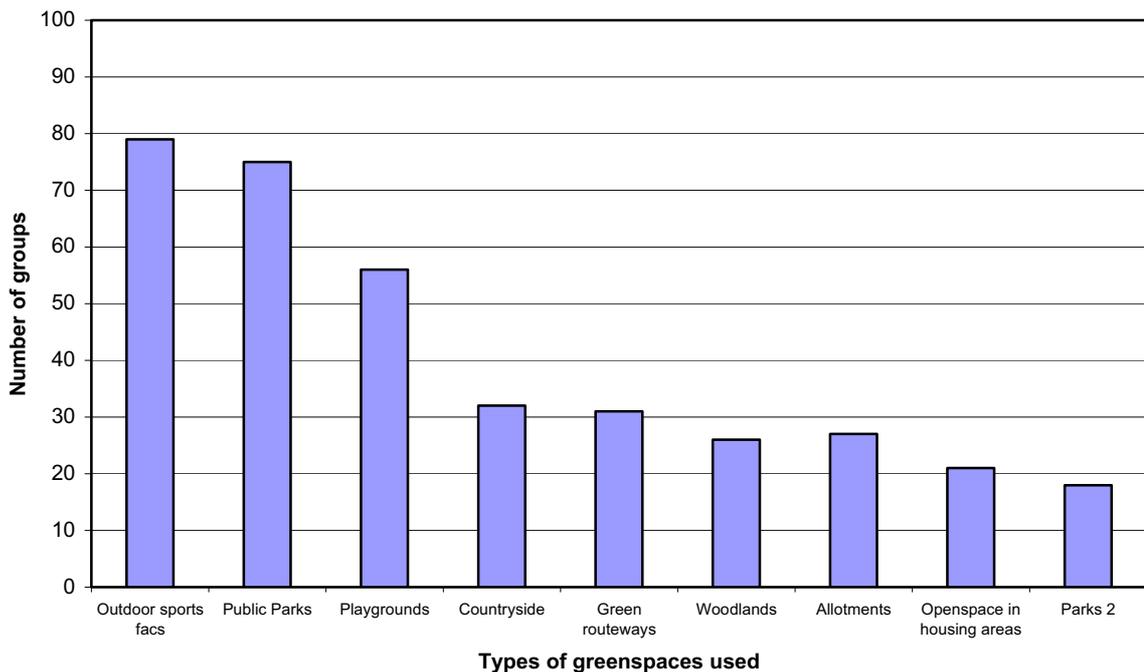
Over 90% of respondents to the residents' survey were greenspace users, compared to 95% of children and young people. Table 6 below shows the usage of greenspace by respondents to the Community Groups' survey. Significantly, just less than half of the groups not traditionally associated with greenspaces (as defined in the methodology) made use of greenspace as part of their group's activities.

Table 6: Traditional greenspace and non traditional greenspace groups and their usage

Does your group use greenspace?			
Traditional 'greenspace' group?	No	Yes	Total
No	71	51	122
Yes	8	88	96
Total	79	139	218

Graph 1 shows the types of greenspaces used by community groups. Not surprisingly perhaps, outdoor sports facilities such as recreation grounds were most used, but public parks were also popular, with some groups regularly visiting several different parks. This was particularly true for children and youth groups.

Graph 1: Greenspaces visited by community groups



(N.B. Parks 2 = 2nd Park listed as being used.)

How often are these greenspaces used?

Groups

As previously mentioned, the sites most frequently visited by groups were outdoor sports facilities, mainly for organised sports such as football. This was true for non-traditional groups too such as scouts and local community clubs as well as the sports

teams. The high usage of playgrounds is mainly by nurseries and mother and toddler groups.

Table 7: Groups' frequency of usage of different types of greenspace

Type of greenspace	Mode usage
Playgrounds	More than once a week
Outdoor sports facilities	More than once a week
Allotments	More than once a week
Open space in housing areas	More than once a week
Public parks	Once or twice a year
Woodlands	Once or twice a year
Green corridors	Once or twice a year
Countryside	Once or twice a year

Residents

The most popular frequency of usage for respondents to the residents' questionnaire was 2-4 times a week (see Table 10). This may be because they were dog walkers, but there is evidence to suggest that non-dog owners are frequent users of greenspaces, particularly those with young children or who use greenspace for exercise. More over, 68% of respondents to the residents' survey visited greenspaces all year round, whilst only 31.8% visited mainly in the summer.

Table 8: Residents' frequency of usage

Frequency of use	Valid Percentage of respondents
Every day	19.5
2-4 times a week	28.8
Once a week	18.8
2-3 times a month	18.2
Once a month	10.7
Once or twice a year	6.0

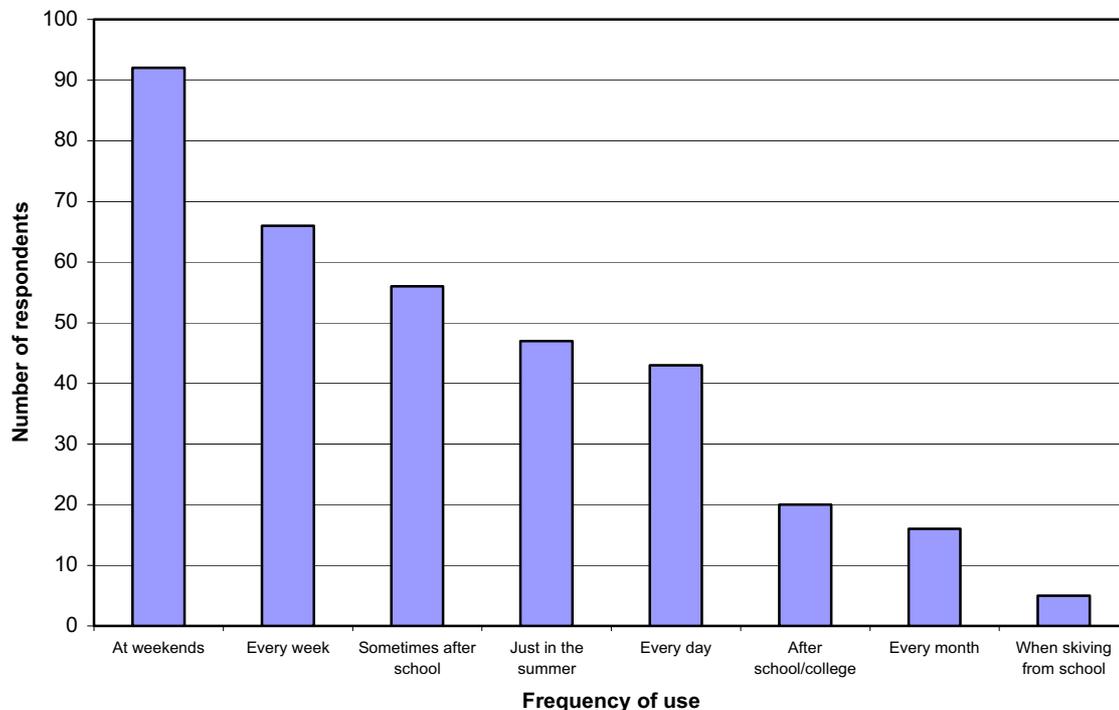
Children and young people

Children's play facilities at Stamford Park



The respondents to the children and young people’s survey reported that they most commonly used greenspace at weekends, but everyday and every week were also popular responses. This shows more children use greenspace regularly than occasionally. When asked who they visited sites with 75% of respondents said they visited sites with friends or parents. This is also demonstrated in the resident’s survey where the results show a high use of playgrounds.

Graph 2: Children and Young people’s frequency of greenspace usage



Why Traffords greenspaces are not used and Issues affecting the use of Trafford Greenspace

Groups

Groups were asked what issues they had with using Traffords greenspaces and why they did not use them. The table below lists the reasons and the number of times they were mentioned.

Table 9: Reasons why greenspace is not used

Reason for not going to a specific site	Number of times reasons listed
Dogs fouling	64
Greenspace not relevant to the group	55
Fear of crime	52
Fear of other people there	40
Poor wheelchair access	37

Residents

Only 7.9% of resident respondents said they did not use greenspace in Trafford.

Residents who said they did not use greenspaces in Trafford were asked why. The residents' survey showed the most common answer for not going to greenspace was that there are better greenspaces elsewhere.

These residents were also asked if there was any greenspace that they could not go to and why. This was an open answer question there was no menu to choose from. Only 6.6% of respondents said there was greenspace that they could not use.

The most common reasons for not going were, difficult to get to, fear of crime and dog fouling. The later two of these reasons were also in the top three reasons for groups not using greenspaces. Several respondents listed more than one reason.

Table 10: Reasons why people can't go to greenspaces. Open answer question

Reason for not going to a specific site	Number of times reasons listed
Difficult to get to	39
Fear of crime	30
Dogs fouling	23
Nothing worth going for	14
Fear of other people there	14
Uneven paths	10
Better greenspaces elsewhere	9
Poor wheelchair access	8
Lack of facilities	3
Cleanliness e.g. broken glass	2
poor lighting	2

Children and Young People

On the children's survey the question was asked slightly differently in that they were asked what put them off using greenpace rather than why they didn't use it. A menu of reasons was listed and many respondents ticked more than one of these. Respondents said that other kids were the main reason for putting them off using greenspace. Many other reasons were also voiced showing that the reason may vary between sites or could be affected by the difference in age and experience of the young people questioned.

Children were also asked if their being on sites bothered other users of greenspace, 62% thought other users were not bothered and 30% thought they liked them being there. This shows that young people do not see themselves as a threat to other users.

Table 11: Reasons why people are put off using greenspaces

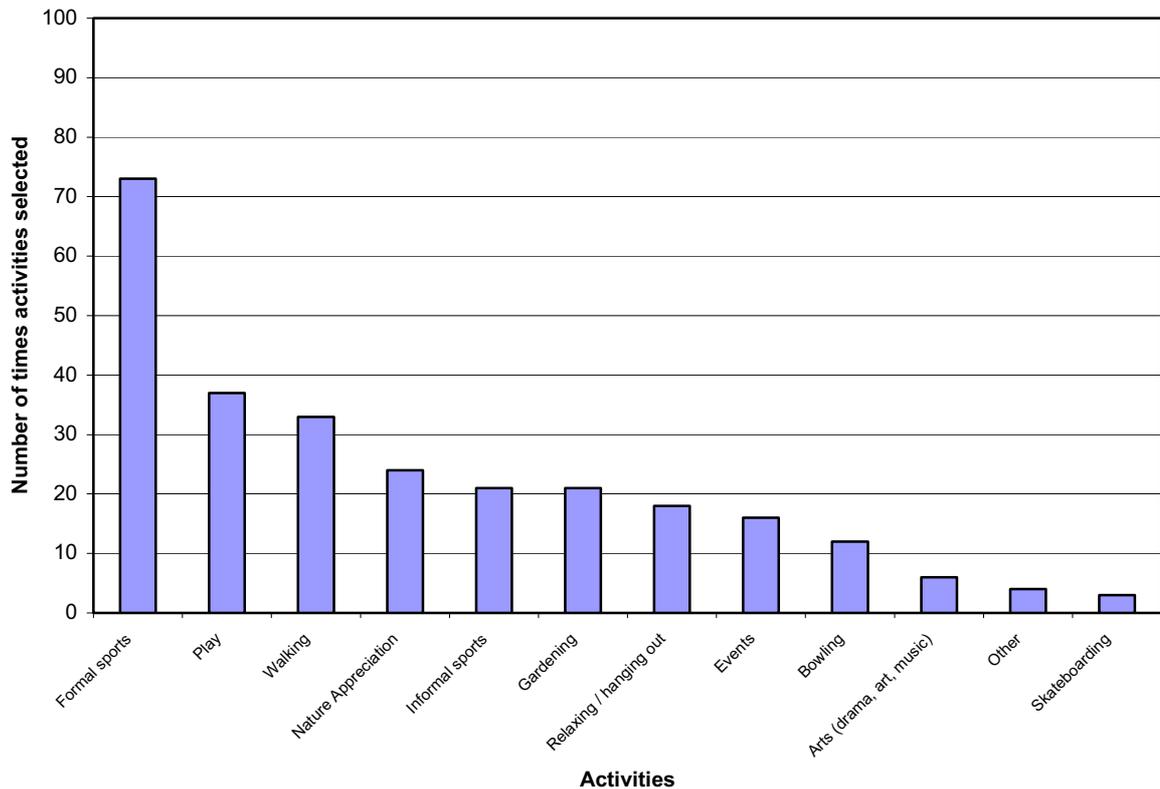
What puts you off going to greenspaces	Number of times reasons listed
Other kids	190
Dodgy adults	127
Vandalism	98
Damaged equipment	93
Nothing to do	67
Fear of crime	66
Drugs	65

The activities that greenspace is used for

Groups

Groups said playing sport was their most popular use of greenspace particularly for football. As the graph below shows groups use greenspace for a wide variety of other uses too. Greenspaces are therefore suitable for many different interest groups.

Graph 3: Activities groups use greenspace for



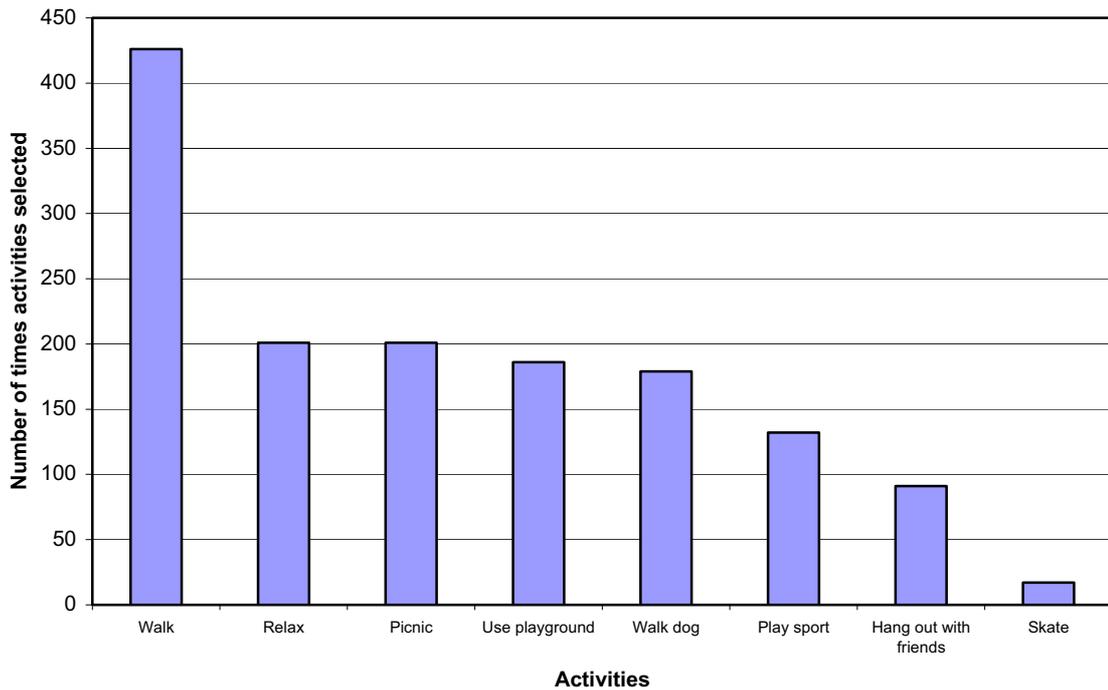
Residents

The questionnaire asked residents what activities they liked to do on greenspace. The most popular activity selected was walking. More than one activity was often chosen. The graph below shows all the activities chosen from the list. Twenty-seven other activities were listed under the “other” category and these are listed in Appendix G. This shows that residents also use greenspaces for a wide variety of uses.

Bowling at Walton Park



Graph 4: Activities residents use greenspace for



Children and Young People

The table shows the most popular use of greenspace by children is to play sport with playgrounds, riding a bike and meeting friends also popular. Interestingly walking is not so popular amongst children.

Table 12: Most popular use of greenspace by children

	Overall frequency
Play sports	175
Playground	139
Ride bike	127
Meet friends	124

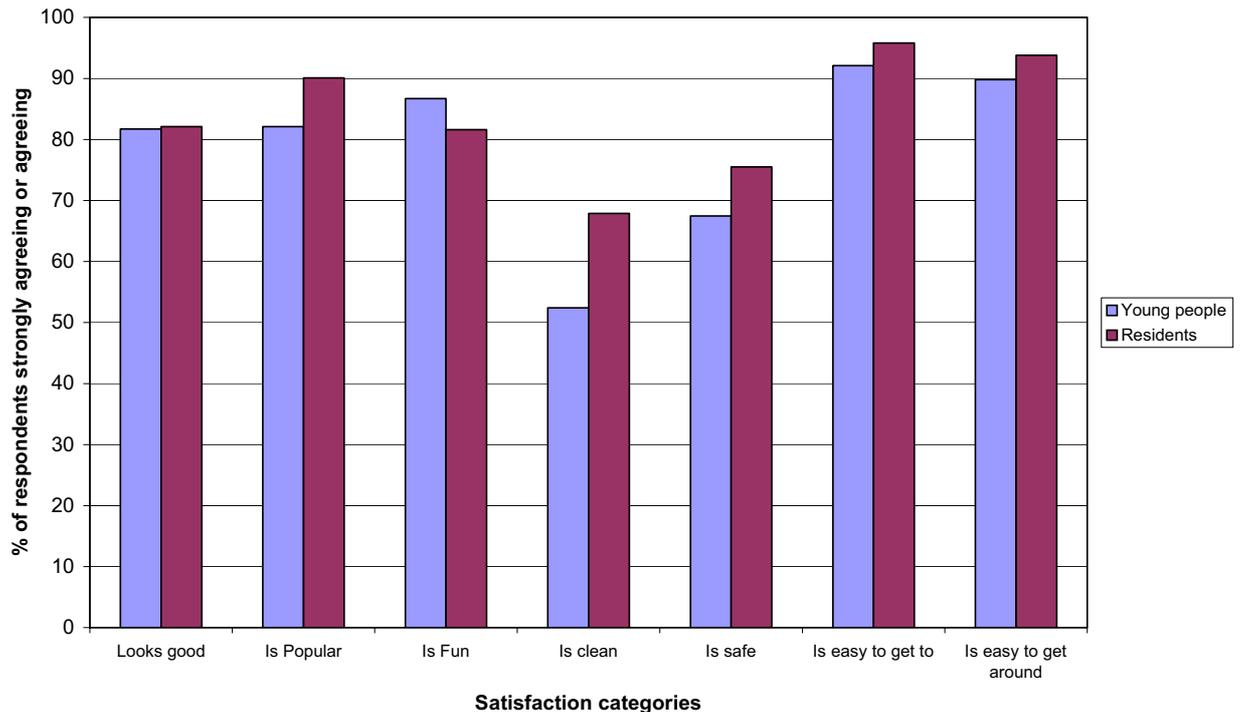
B3 (Blades, Boards and BMXs) event at Seymour Park



How satisfied people are with greenspace

Results across the different questionnaires can be directly compared in terms of everyone's satisfaction with greenspace. Both residents and children agreed greenspace was easy to get to and get around. The issue people seem most dissatisfied with is cleanliness where only 52.4% of young people and 67.9% of residents were satisfied.

Graph 5: Residents and children's satisfaction scores for greenspaces



Groups

Groups were asked specific questions about their satisfaction with particular facilities. Generally most facilities only satisfied around 50% of respondents. The facility people were most satisfied with, at 59.3%, was changing rooms. The main issue was with litter and dog fouling, with only 28% and 35.5% satisfied.

A question was put in to see how aware groups were of wider greenspace issues. The majority of people were correctly aware that it is TMBC who are responsible for maintenance. However most groups were unaware that Parkwatch exists.

Is there enough greenspace?

Groups were asked how far they travelled to the greenspaces they used. These were mostly to parks, allotments and open space in housing areas. 64% travel less than a mile and 21.3% travel between 1 and 2 miles. This shows how locally people use greenspace and how the most often used greenspace is very close to where people live.

Views from residents and children and young people were similar as to whether Trafford has enough greenspace. 66% thought there was enough and 33% thought

there was not enough. Groups were asked more specifically as to whether there was enough of different types of greenspace. Again very few thought there was too much of any of the categories of greenspace. The majority of people felt there were enough parks but not enough open space in housing areas. Opinions on playgrounds were split evenly between not enough, just right and don't know. Significantly, 30% of the groups felt there were not enough outdoor sports facilities. This reflects the high number of respondents from sports groups.

Ideas for improvement

Groups

Groups were asked as an open question what suggestions they had to improve greenspace. The table below groups the most common suggestions by theme. Unfortunately some groups did not answer the question and there were also a high number of individual suggestions that could not be grouped.

Table 13: Group suggestions for improvements to greenspace

What suggestion would your group make to improve greenspace?	Number of times suggestion made
No dog fouling/ more dog toilets	12
More activities for youths	9
Improvements to maintenance	8
Toilets	6
Park keeper or groundsman	6
lights	5
More changing facilities	4

Groups identified dog fouling as their biggest major issue.

Residents

Table 14: Residents suggestions for improvements to greenspace

How could your most used greenspace be improved? (open answer question)	Number of times suggestion made
Improve cleanliness	80
Dog zones	78
Improved play facilities	57
Better paths	50
Tightened security	50

Children and young people

Table 15: Children and young peoples suggestions for improvements to greenspace

What would make your greenspace better?	Number of times suggestion made
More sports areas	154
Toilets	151
Bike trails/ramps	138
No dog fouling	110
Skate park	106

In looking at ideas for improvement from both residents and children it is interesting to see there are also many similarities. Dog fouling, litter and cleanliness are popular issues to improve. However children listed improved sports areas and toilets as their most popular improvement. Play facilities and better paths were also mentioned by residents and bike ramps and skate parks by children. Improvements to security were mentioned by all.

Getting involved

Community Groups

Groups were asked about their involvement in green space. 50% of the respondents said they were involved in greenspace at present and 66% would like to be in the future.

Picnic in Halecroft Park



Quality Assessment Results at Borough Level

Introduction

This section shows the results of the quality assessment of greenspaces in Trafford. The assessment of the quality of the existing open spaces and recreation facilities relates only to those sites that are managed by the local authority. In total 130 sites were assessed during the summer of 2004. The assessment was undertaken using a clear set of criteria and a comprehensive scoring system. The aim of the assessment was to identify the sites considered to be good to excellent and those requiring improvement.

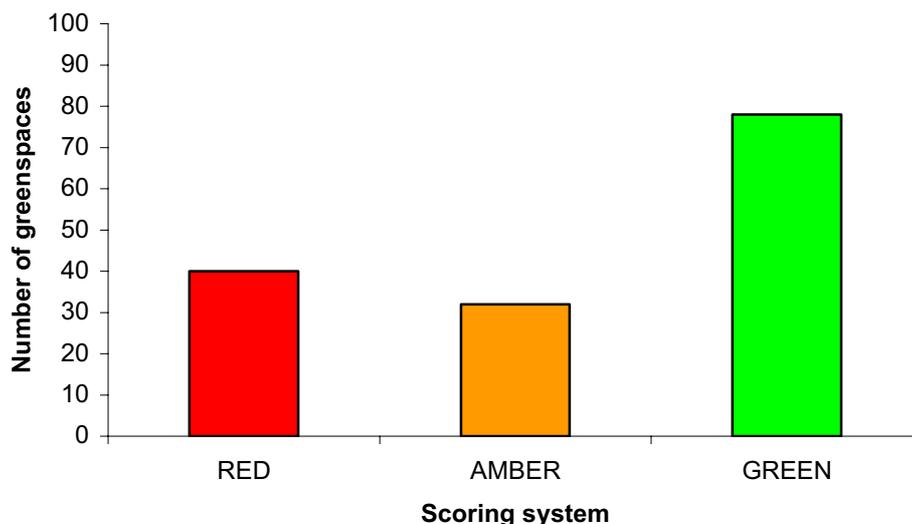
The criteria used on the survey form was determined by researching previous examples used for similar studies and from information contained within government guidance as described in the methodology. The survey information is stored on an individual site basis and at ward level, and is available in a separate database. Appendix H contains definitions used against the scoring criteria and Appendix I contains a copy of the survey form.

This section gives a broad overview of the standard of greenspaces in terms of access, cleanliness, facilities natural and semi-natural habitat, biodiversity and design. The scoring system is colour coded on a traffic light system, green being good to excellent, amber needing improvement and red for unsatisfactory.

Access

The assessment of access considers whether the site is close to public transport, the quality and provision of car parking, signage, entrances to the site, surface condition, and gradients of footpaths in and around the site.

Graph 6: Summary of the quality of access to greenspaces



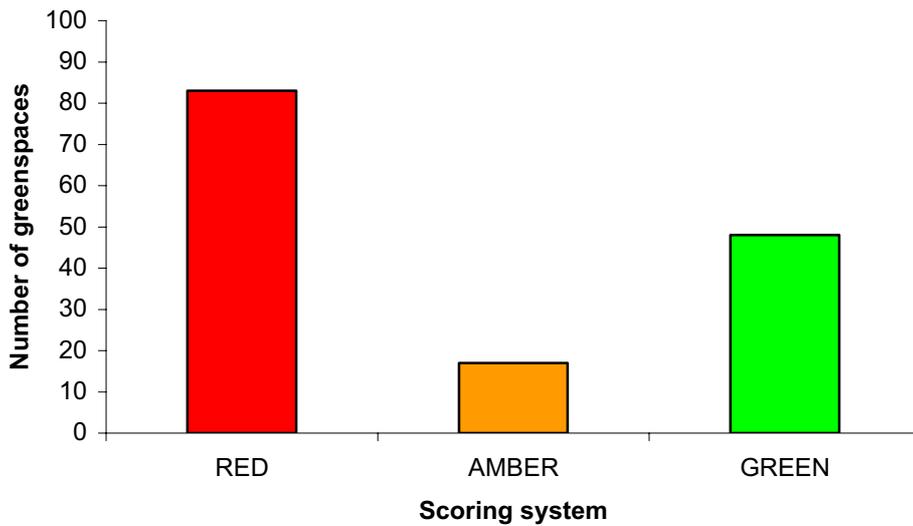
Of the sites surveyed, 52% were considered good in terms of the quality of the access criteria.

Cleanliness

The assessment of cleanliness used the following criteria to score the sites: presence of vandalism, graffiti, dog fouling, flying tipping, litter, and provision of litter and dog bins.

Cleanliness had the highest number of unsatisfactory scores of all categories, with 56% of the sites surveyed being below the acceptable standard for cleanliness.

Graph 7: Summary of cleanliness of sites

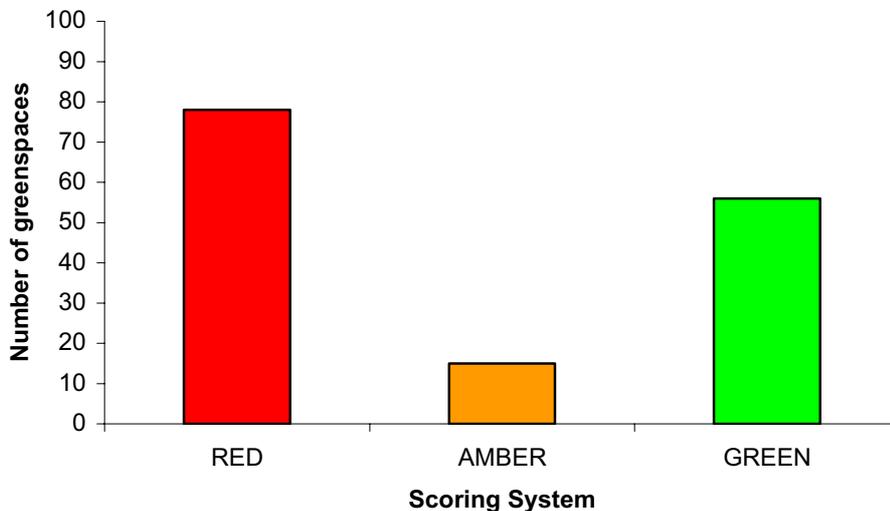


Facilities

In considering the quality of facilities within the Borough the following criteria have been used: seating, lighting, toilets, the condition of buildings, monuments, structures, sports pitches, bowling greens, tennis courts, and other sporting facilities.

53% of the sites were considered to have poor quality facilities.

Graph 8: Summary of quality of facilities of sites

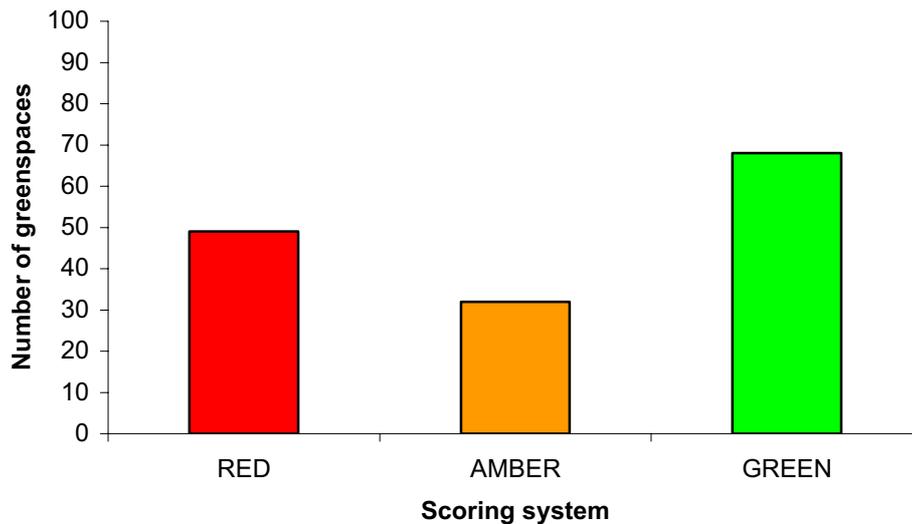


Natural and Semi Natural

In considering the natural and semi natural quality of the site facilities within the Borough the following criteria have been used: the quality of the ornamental, amenity grass areas, shrub, roses and ornamental beds, hedges, trees and water features.

Of the sites surveyed 46% were considered to be of good quality in terms of the natural and semi natural criteria.

Graph 9: Summary of the quality of the natural and semi natural features



Biodiversity

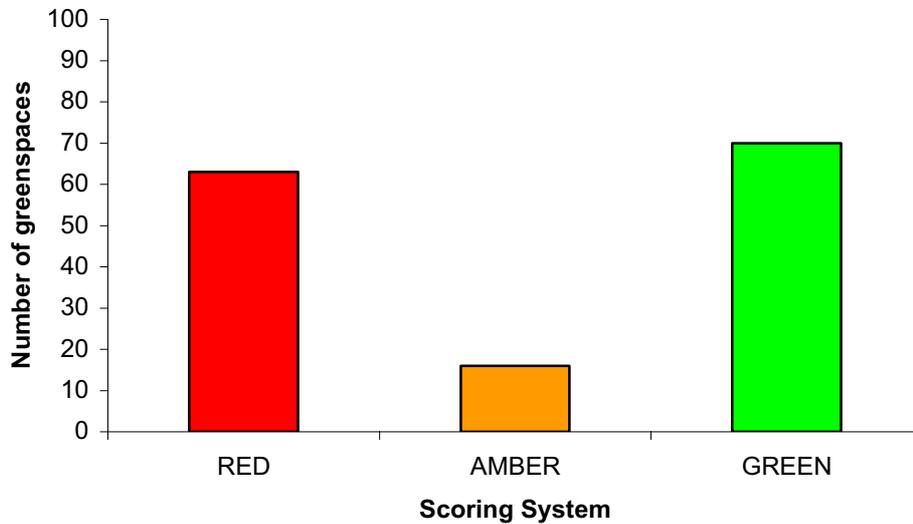
The quality assessment 'in terms of biodiversity' was measured against the following habitats: grass areas, hedges, trees and water features. In addition the use of native species; presence of bat and bird boxes were further indicators contributing to rich biodiversity. These figures were collated to give an overall biodiversity score.

47% of the sites surveyed were considered to have a good quality of biodiversity.

Trafford Ecology Park



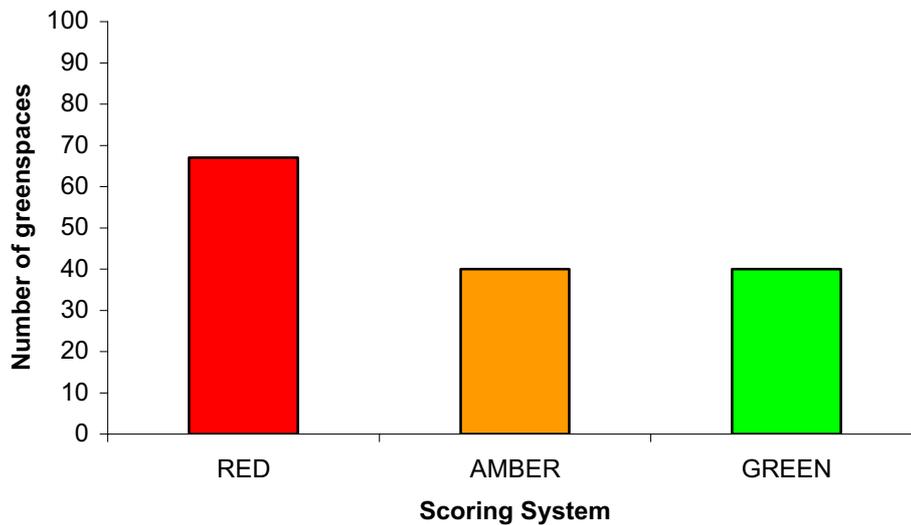
Graph 10: Summary of the quality of the biodiversity of the sites within the Borough



Design

In consideration of the quality of the design the following criteria were assessed: natural surveillance, hard landscaping, character, continuity and enclosure, legibility, diversity, evidence of use and appropriateness of the facilities for the size of the site. All of these criteria were assessed against infrastructure and not from a maintenance or customer point of view.

Graph 11: The quality of the quality of the design of sites within the Borough



In terms of the quality of the design the scoring of sites is fairly evenly distributed. 27% of the sites are considered good quality, and a further 27% considered satisfactory but in need of some improvement.

Greenspaces at Ward Level

Introduction

The results of the research have been collated on a ward basis to give a more local insight into the quantity, type and issues surrounding greenspace. The distribution of greenspace in Trafford varies greatly as do the social and economic issues affecting particular areas. By displaying the information at ward level a more accurate picture of the local area can be seen. However, it does have its limitations. These should be born in mind when looking particularly at quantity of greenspace.

Information at ward level

Each ward profile sets out the name, size, type and quality score of each greenspace within its boundaries. This gives an insight into the variety of greenspace and types of facility that are available to its local population. General characteristics of the ward are also set out including ward area, population and trends in that population around density and percentage of the population under 16. The sufficiency rating of each greenspace and the satisfaction ratings from the consultation exercise are also included.

Standards

There are many standards that are relative to the different categories of greenspace that the data can be compared to. However, for this report a standard has been chosen which covers general greenspace and looks specifically at quantity. This has been used as it can give a general overview of greenspace and a base from which to carryout further work. Other standards can be explored through future interrogation of the data.

The sufficiency rating has been calculated using English Natures national standard for Locally Accessible Natural Greenspace (LANGsp). This standard recommends that an acceptable quantity of greenspace for a population of 1000 is 2 hectares. Therefore by using the research data and population numbers a figure can be calculated in terms of whether a particular ward meets this standard and can be deemed sufficient in greenspace. In order to calculate this figure all the publicly accessible greenspace areas including parks, woodlands, recreation grounds, and other open space were added together.

School playing fields were not included, as generally they are not publicly accessible. Green corridors were also absent from the calculation as they span many ward boundaries and so were too difficult to split on a ward basis.

Quality Scores

The quality scores are shown for each site surveyed in the ward. Not all sites have scores as time only allowed for a representative sample to be surveyed. The score is the average for the site made up of the individual category scores explained in the quality chapter. Scores under 7.5 represent sites that are unsatisfactory in quality terms and are colour coded red. Sites scoring between 7.5 and 8 are in need of

improvement and are coloured amber. Sites scoring over 8 are considered to be good –excellent and are colour coded green.

Limitations

Ward area boundaries are artificial in terms of greenspace. Some sites span two Wards and others are adjacent to ward boundaries and so accessible to residents in two or more wards even though they are only counted in terms of sufficiency in one.

Population density figures can be misleading in some wards where part of the ward is densely populated and the other part is made up of open land. In these wards where the population is concentrated into one area and other whole parts of the ward are made up of rural inaccessible open land or golf courses sufficiency of greenspace should not be looked at in isolation. The distribution of the greenspace and its distance from the residential areas should also be taken into account.

The quality score is not analysed in this section, as the average score is only an indication of the sites' quality. Further analysis has been done in the quality chapter by categories including access, cleanliness, facilities and biodiversity.

In terms of the satisfaction ratings, these were not looked at on a Ward level. Insufficient questionnaires were returned for some wards making it invalid to draw conclusions from these and compare them to the Borough average ratings. In some instances the entire questionnaire returns in some wards were for one site only meaning they were not representative of the whole ward. Therefore more in-depth interrogation of the consultation database is needed to draw specific results for a site.

Ward level Results for the Borough

All the greenspace sites mapped on the GIS can be found in Appendix J. The sites are split into the categories recommended in PPG 17. There are 346 sites split into 9 categories as follows:

- 37 Parks
- 21 Recreation Grounds
- 50 Amenity greenspaces
- 85 Play spaces
- 69 School playing fields
- 41 Woodlands
- 32 Allotments
- 6 Green corridors
- 5 Cemeteries

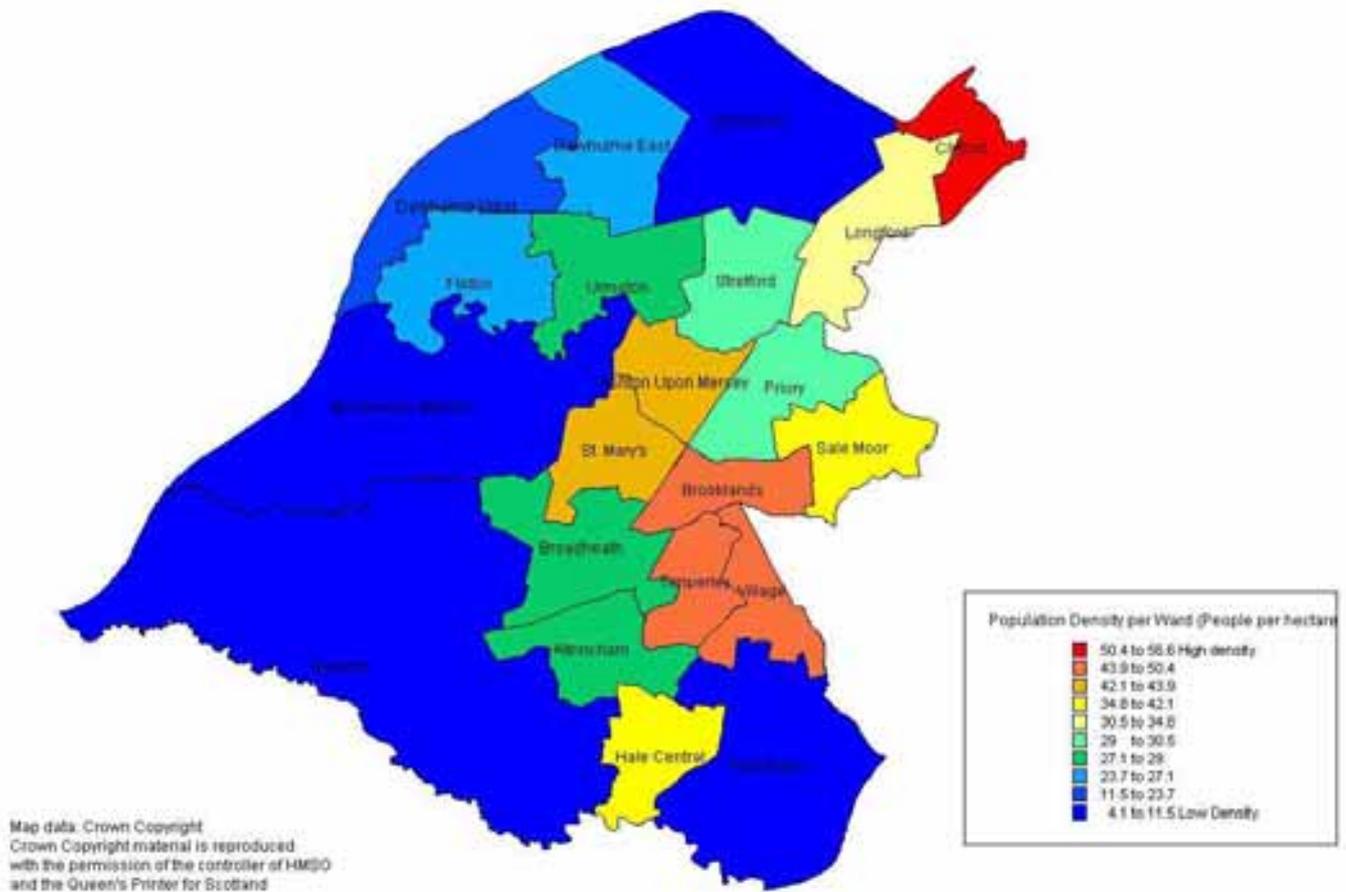
In order to see the differences in population density, distribution of under sixteen year olds and greenspace sufficiency, the thematic maps have been produced from the research data to give a general insight into differences between wards.

Map 1 Population Density per Ward. This shows the red colour indicating the densest ward as Clifford. Whilst the dark blue colour shows Gorse Hill, Bucklow St Martins, Bowden and Hale Barns to be the least dense.

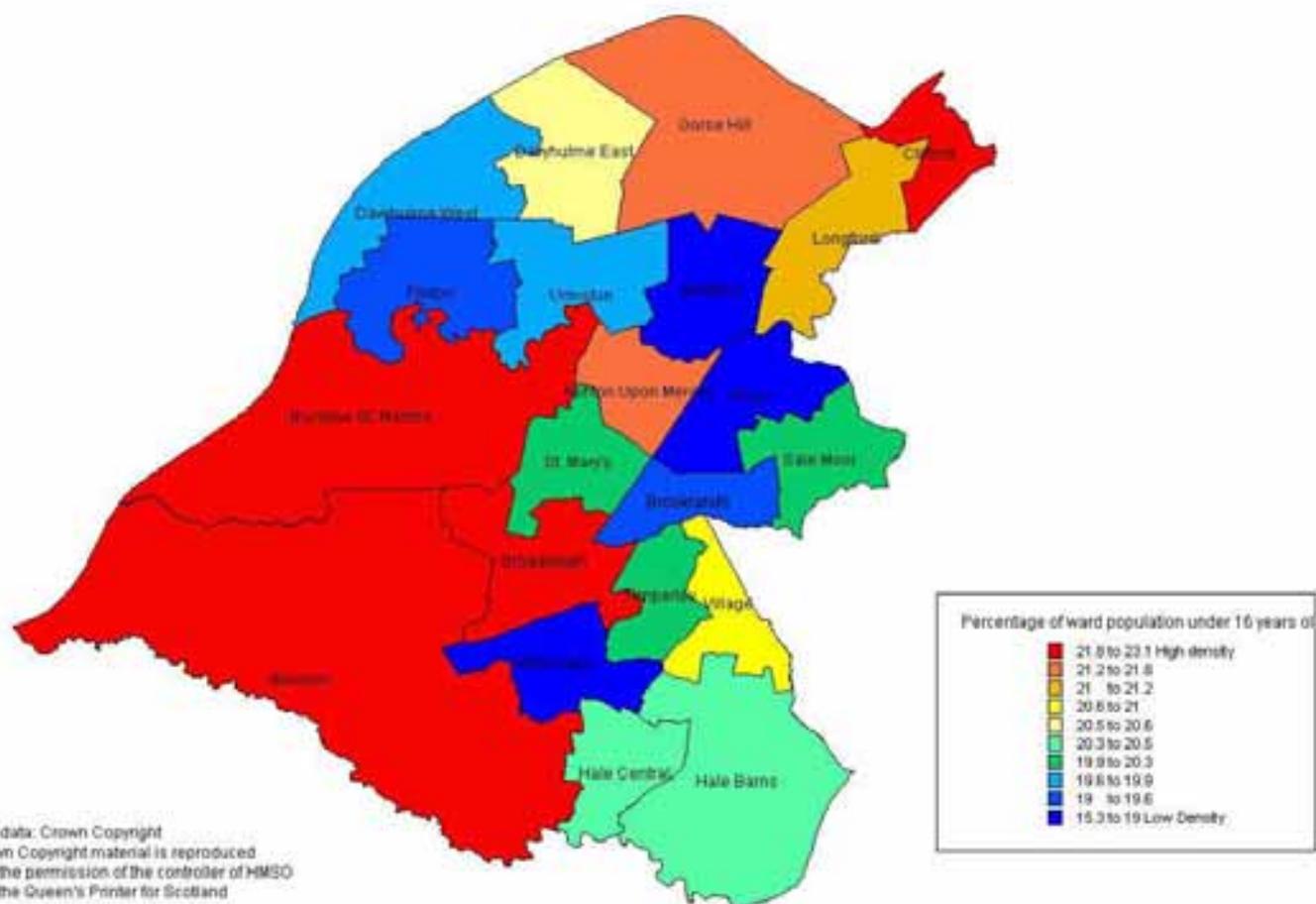
Map 2 Percentage of Ward population under sixteen. This also shows Clifford as red, having a high percentage of under sixteen year olds. However in contrast to population density Bowdon and Bucklow St Martins are also high.

By using this information all together and comparing these results to the indices of deprivation that have also been mapped on a Ward area basis in Trafford correlations in the data could be looked at.

Map 1: Population density per Ward



Map 2: Percentage of Ward population under sixteen year olds

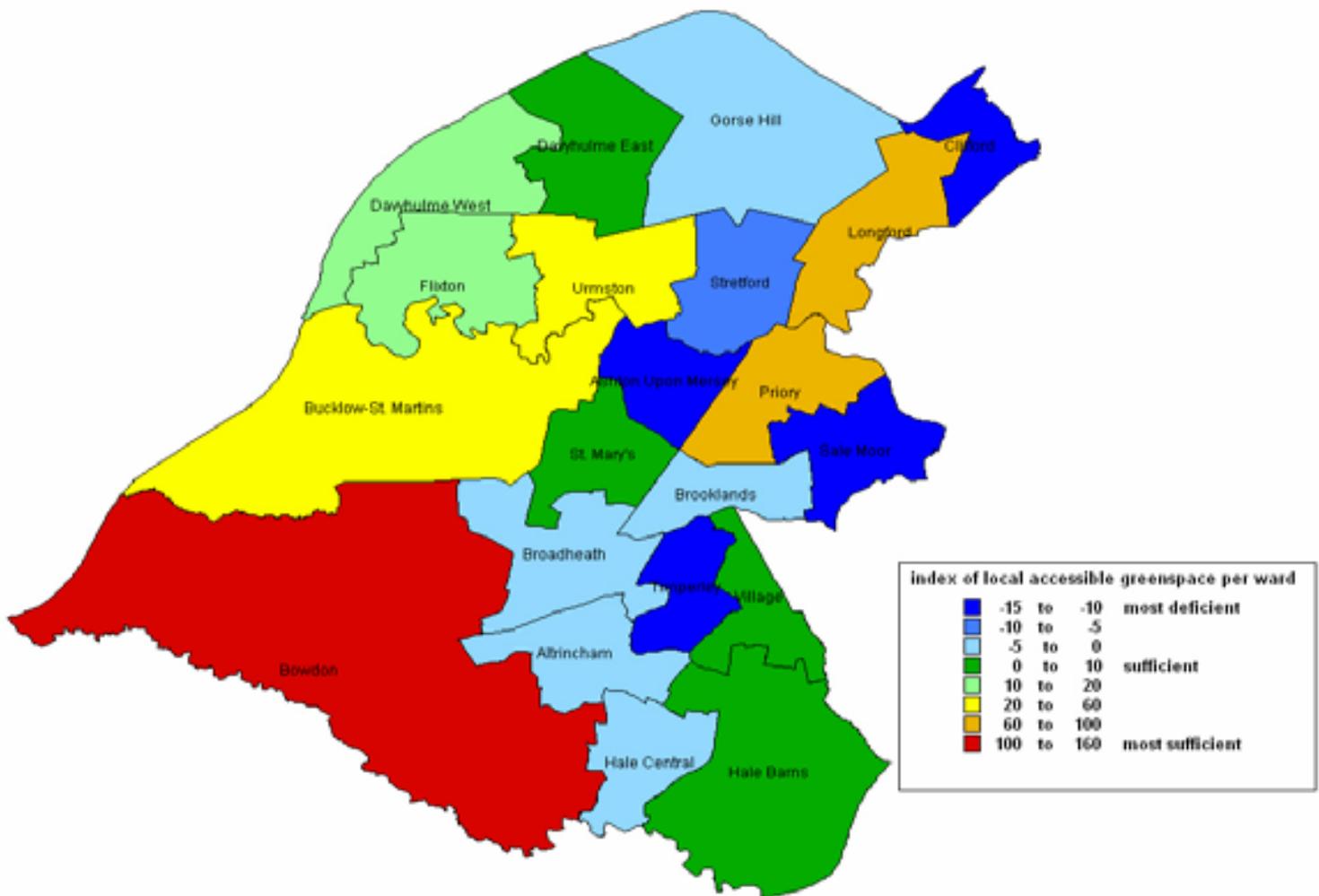


Wards Ranked in order of Sufficiency

Using the Langsp standard Wards were ranked in order of sufficiency. Ashton Upon Mersey is the most deficient Ward and Bowdon the most sufficient. All Wards in blue are deficient and all in red sufficient. A more detailed breakdown of the sufficiency and deficiency is shown on the thematic Map 3.

Wards	Sufficiency rating(1=most deficient)
Ashton Upon Mersey	1
Timperley	2
Sale Moor	3
Clifford	4
Stretford	5
Hale Central	6
Broadheath	7
Brooklands	8
Gorse Hill	9
Altrincham	10
Hale Barns	11
St Mary's	12
Flixton	13
Davyhulme East	14
Village	15
Davyhulme West	16
Urmston	17
Bucklow St Martins	18
Longford	19
Priory	20
Bowdon	21

Map 3: Wards sufficient or deficient in accessible greenspace



The numbers represent hectares of land under or above the ideal standard, which is zero.

Individual Ward Profiles

Walkden Gardens



Stamford Park



Altrincham



Description:

Altrincham is a densely populated Ward with high land values and strong demand for development. The Ward is bounded by the natural beauty of Bowdon to the south and the light industry of Broadheath to the north. Altrincham is a multifunctional Ward, providing a vibrant town centre, housing, and a transport interchange and well used greenspaces.

Commentary on results:

Altrincham has five significant areas of greenspace. Its largest site, John Leigh Park, contains children's play areas, tennis courts, a pet's corner and a bowling green. There are formal sports facilities within the Ward, including provision for football and a municipal golf course. Other facilities include King George V pool, an historic pool adjacent to Altrincham golf course. There are six play areas, three of these play areas are identified as local equipped areas for play (LEAP). The Ward is densely populated and it is slightly deficient in accessible greenspace (0.79 hectares) using the LANGsp standard.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	8731
Area of Ward (hectares)	301.31
Density of population (people per hectare)	29
Density of population in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16	17
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
John Leigh Park	P2Alt	6.14	Neighbourhood Park	8.54
Hendam Drive Play Area	P17Alt	0.74	Other open space	7.87
Oldfield Brow	P27Alt	2.44	Recreation Ground	8.01
Navigation Road Recreation Ground	P5Alt	4.34	Neighbourhood Park	7.79
King George V Pool	P29Alt	2.73	Other open space	7.81

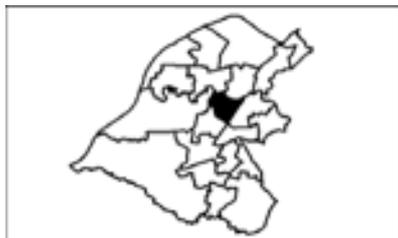
Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace (LANGsp)

Total Area of LANGsp	16.38
Recomended Area of LANGsp	17.46
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Deficient (2 nd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	10/21

John Leigh Park



Ashton Upon Mersey



Description:

Ashton Upon Mersey, is a densely populated Ward in the west of the Sale area. There are areas of open space to the north, which are traversed by the River Mersey. The majority of the land is under private ownership and includes a private golf course, sewage works, private sports facilities and an allotment site.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has one park, Ashton Park. This contains a play area, provision for basketball, bowls and football. There are no other publicly accessible areas within the Ward, but paths that run through and adjacent to the private sites and links to the Trans Pennine Trail. The Ward has an above average population density and a high percentage of the population is under 16. Therefore the amount of land required to meet the LANGsp standard is higher than the available greenspace within the Ward, it is the most deficient Ward in the Borough. There is currently a 14.88 hectare shortfall in available accessible natural greenspace.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9696
Area of Ward (hectares)	230.3
Density of population (people per hectare)	42
Density of population in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)
% of population under 16(national average)	20.2
% of population under 16	21.2
Density of under 16s in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace (LANGsp)

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Ashton Park	P52Ash	4.51	Neighbourhood Park	7.88

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	4.51 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	19.39 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Deficient (1 st Quartile)
Rank in Trafford	1/21

Playground at Ashton on Mersey Park



Bowdon



Description:

Bowdon is the largest Ward in Trafford and is characterised by open farmland and a predominantly rural nature, to the southern boundary the River Bollin forms the Borough boundary with Cheshire. The majority of the land is owned and managed by the National Trust as part of the Dunham Massey estate. Within the area there are small historical villages including Dunham and Warburton and the Borough's crematorium and cemetery. The Brigewater Canal runs through the area, forming part of the Cheshire Ring Canal Walk. In addition the Trans Pennine Trail runs through the Ward and there are local paths forming part of the Bollin Valley Way within the area.

Commentary on results:

The Ward contains many woodland areas, including areas within Dunham Park. There are six other areas of open space within the urban area, including two parks and four local play areas and other areas of open space used for informal activities. Other facilities within the area include bowling greens, artificial turf pitches at a private hockey and cricket club and a private golf course. The largest area of open space is Dunham Park and Dunham Massey Hall, which contains a moat, lake and gardens. The rural character and low population density contribute to the Ward's status as the most sufficient Ward in the Borough for greenspace, containing 145.65 hectares above the standard.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9634
Area of Ward (hectares)	2342.73
Density of population (people per hectare)	4
Density of population in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	21.8
Density of under 16s in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Denzell Gardens	P31Bow	3.83	Community Park	8.19
Kings Acre	P24Bow	0.39	Other open space	8.24
Grange Road Play Area	P22Bow	0.30	Other open space	8.15
Springbank Recreation Ground	P13Bow	1.24	Community Park	7.69
Bowdon Recreation Ground	P12Bow	1.10	Recreation Ground	7.91
Minster Drive	P23Bow	0.30	Other open space	8.27
Dunham Park	P97Bow	117.82	Country Park	N/A
The Devisdale	P110Bow	6.16	Other open space	8.19
Oakwood Lane	P115Bow	0.38	Other open space	N/A
Moss Wood	W1Bow	2.19	Woodland	8.1
Bluebell Wood	W8Bow	3.89	Woodland	6.83
Convent Wood	W11Bow	0.82	Woodland	7.63
Wood near Broadheath	W15Bow	2.52	Woodland	7.86
Dark Lane Wood	W27Buc	2.49	Woodland	7.43
Dunham Hall 1	W29Bow	14.08	Woodland	N/A
Dunham Massey Lodge Wood	W30Bow	6.10	Woodland	N/A
Dunham New Park 1	W31Bow	3.78	Woodland	N/A
Dunham New Park 3	W32Bow	3.56	Woodland	N/A
Dunham New Park 2	W33Bow	3.17	Woodland	N/A
Dunham Park 1	W34Bow	3.02	Woodland	N/A
Dunham New Park 4	W35Bow	2.75	Woodland	N/A
Back Lane Wood	W36Bow	2.68	Woodland	N/A
Dunham Hall 2	W37Bow	2.64	Woodland	N/A
Dunham New Park 5	W38Bow	2.52	Woodland	N/A
Dunham Park 2	W40Bow	2.04	Woodland	N/A

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace (LANGsp)

Total Area of LANGsp	164.91 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	19.26 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Sufficient (3rd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	21/21

Dunham Park



Broadheath



Description:

Broadheath has a mix of land uses to the south industrial and retail areas, to the north a new housing development known as Stamford Brook which includes provision for a substantial amount of public space. To the west it has agricultural areas with views across to Warburton and Dunham and to the south the Bridgewater Canal and the east residential areas of Timperley.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has five main areas of greenspace of varying size, including three community parks. The Ward has an above average percentage of under 16 year olds and the area is well served by four evenly distributed play areas, three of which are up to LEAP standard. Other facilities include a pitch and putt facility at Woodheys Park and football pitches. The Ward is slightly deficient in greenspace by 1.59 hectares. Within the Unitary Development Plan a site has been identified as a proposed country park (the former Altrincham Sewage Works) which could address the deficiency.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	11457
Area of Ward (hectares)	415.66
Density of population (people per hectare)	28
Density of population in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	22.2
Density of under 16s in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Woodheys Park	P54Brd	4.83	Neighbourhood Park	8.76
Newton Park	P8Brd	2.04	Community Park	7.47
De Quincey Park	P9Brd	3.17	Community Park	7.94
Woodstock Park	P10Brd	1.36	Community Park	8.05
Salisbury Fields	P95Brd	9.92	Recreation Ground	7.26

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	21.32 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	22.91HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Deficient (2 nd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	7/21

Playground at Woodheys “Pinky” Park



Brooklands



Description:

Brooklands is a small and densely populated Ward within the Sale area. It is bounded by the A56 to the west, to the south by Baguley brook, and to the north and east residential areas. The Bridgewater canal runs through the western part of the Ward.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has six greenspace areas including a park, two large recreation grounds and small woodland. Facilities contained in these areas include four play areas, which are currently not up to LEAP standard, a leisure centre, rowing club, tennis and bowls facilities and football pitches. The Ward has a high number of residents and is slightly deficient in greenspace by 1.18 hectares. There are areas of open space adjacent or within close proximity to the Ward boundaries in particular to the south Baguley Brook and Wythenshawe Park in Manchester.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9759
Area of Ward (hectares)	222.29
Density of population (people per hectare)	44
Density of population in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)
% of population under 16(national average)	20.2
% of population under 16(in ward)	19
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Sylvan Avenue	P65Brk	3.11	Recreation Ground	7.78
Walton Park	P53Brk	4.41	Neighbourhood Park	7.86
Kirklands Play Area	P63Brk	0.28	Other open space	7.63
Moor Nook Park	P55Brk	8.18	Community Park	7.32
Dalebrook Road	P101Brk	2.09	Other open space	7.67
Granary Wood	W13Brk	0.28	Woodland	8.16

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	18.35 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	19.52 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Deficient (2nd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	8/21

Walton Park Railway



Bucklow St Martins



Description:

Bucklow-St Martins is the second largest Ward in the Borough and, like its southern neighbour Bowdon, is characterised by large areas of agricultural green belt land including Carrington Moss. Within the Ward is a large industrial complex area at Carrington. Within the south east part of the Ward are the villages of Carrington and Partington and the eastern areas the residential area of Sale. The northern boundary of the site is bounded by the River Mersey. The Ward as a whole is in the 15-20% most deprived areas in the country.

Commentary on results:

There are sixteen areas of greenspace including woodland, open space and parks. The Ward has seven play areas, five of which are in Partington and one of which is up to LEAP standard. The remaining two play areas are in Sale West. Other facilities in the area include Dainwell Woods, within which the Trans Pennine Trail linear recreational route passes, football pitches, a pitch and putt golf course, tennis, bowling and cricket facilities and multi use games areas. The Ward is very sufficient in greenspace, containing 45.83 hectares above the standard. However, this includes a large amount of woodland within the rural area that is not easily accessible to Partington residents, who make up the majority of the Ward's population. With an above average level of under sixteen year olds, the many small sites and recreation grounds do not offer the variety of facilities that other parts of the Borough offer.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	10277
Area of Ward (hectares)	1304.91
Density of population (people per hectare)	8
Density of population in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	23
Density of under 16s in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Priority
Brick Wood	W2Buc	1.43	Woodland	7.49
Urmston Meadows 3	W17Buc	2.47	Woodland	7.0
Urmston Meadows 5	W19Buc	5.58	Woodland	8.03
Dainwell Wood (part of)	W23Buc	39.64	Woodland	8.0
Oak Road Woods	W41Buc	2.23	Woodland	6.80
Cross Lane Park	P37Buc	7.98	Town Park	7.25
Moss View Playing Field	P49Buc	1.93	Recreation Ground	5.88
Davis Road Play Area	P44Buc	0.10	Other open space	7.80
Wood Lane	P109Buc	0.98	Other open space	5.36
Central Road	P50Buc	0.07	Other open space	8.09
Manchester Road	P42Buc	1.49	Other open space	5.65
Ackers Lane	P43Buc	0.08	Other open space	7.71
Hornbeam Close Park/ Sale West	P100Buc	2.0	Community Park	7.56
Stamford Road	P106Buc	0.27	Other open space	6.31
Oak Road	P41Buc	5.34	Community Park	6.80
Valley Fields	P118Buc	0.36	Other open space	N/A

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	66.38 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	20.55 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Sufficient (3rd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	16/21

Clifford



Description:

Clifford is a small and densely populated Ward at the north east tip of the Borough, bordering Hulme in Manchester to the east and Whalley Range to the south. It is characterised by dense residential areas of victorian terraced housing and limited amount of greenspace. Clifford Ward is part of the Old Trafford and Gorse Hill regeneration area and suffers from high deprivation (in the top 5% most deprived wards in England) and high crime rates.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has four main areas of greenspace, but only one of significant size, Hullard Park. Within the Ward there are facilities for bowling, children's play areas, football and cricket pitches and multi use games areas. In addition there is a artificial turf pitch at the local school available for community use and sites identified within the Unitary Development Plan where new facilities could be provided. The Ward is deficient in accessible greenspace as it has a very high population density and there is a significantly high proportion of under sixteen-year-olds. The area has less than half the recommended area of greenspace, falling short of the standard by 11.16 hectares. Residents within the Ward have access to nearby greenspaces, including to the west Seymour Park.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	10494
Area of Ward (hectares)	185.47
Density of population (people per hectare)	57
Density of population in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)
% of population under 16	20.2
% of population under 16	23.05
Density of under 16s in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Hullard Park	P72Cli	4.0	Town Park	8.05
St Brides Fields	P85Cli	1.30	Recreation Ground	5.45
Clifford Court	P79Cli	2.29	Other open space	7.80
Cornbrook Street	P111Cli	2.23	Other open space	6.73

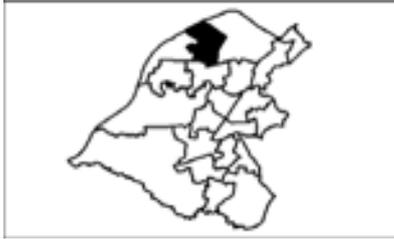
Access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	9.83 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	20.99 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Very deficient (1st quartile)
Rank in Trafford	4/21

Hullard Park



Davyhulme East



Description:

Davyhulme East is in the north of Trafford and is bounded to the north by the Manchester Ship Canal and the Bridgewater Canal. The north area of the Ward is home to the Trafford Centre and its environs, separated from the residential areas of the Ward by the M60, with the sewage works and Trafford General hospital to the west of the Ward.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has three main areas of greenspace that are all of a significant size. The Ward contains two play areas, one of which is a neighbourhood-equipped area for play (NEAP), and facilities for tennis, basketball, street hockey, bowls and football. The Ward is sufficient in greenspace by 8.7 hectares.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9911
Area of Ward (hectares)	417.56
Density of population (people per hectare)	24
Density of population in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	20.5
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Davyhulme Park	P32DaE	5.99	Town Park	8.61
Dover/Kingsway Park	P45DaE	8.02	Community Park	7.39
Broadway/Crofts Bank (part of)	P117DaE	14.51	Community Park	7.33

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	28.52 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	19.82 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	sufficient
Rank in Trafford	14/21

Ornamental ponds and rose garden at Davyhulme Park



Davyhulme West



Description:

Davyhulme West is bounded by the Manchester Ship Canal to the west, Davyhulme sewage works to the north and residential areas of Davyhulme and Flixton to the east and south. This Ward is mainly residential with large areas of private open space along the canal edge and the Mersey Valley to the south east tip of the Ward.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has a good variety of greenspace including a large Country Park and five play areas, one of which is up to LEAP standard. Other facilities include football pitches, a bowling green, a multi use games area, and nature areas including Davyhulme Millennium nature reserve. The Ward is sufficient in accessible greenspace by 35.52 hectares.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9633
Area of Ward (hectares)	435.34
Density of population (people per hectare)	22
Density of population in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	19.8
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Wellacre (part of)	P92Fli	20.64	Country Park	7.80
Broadway/Crofts Bank (part of)	P117DaE	3.15	Community Park	7.33
Lytham Road	P39DaW	1.35	Other open space	7.15
Woodsend Park	P25DaW	6.07	Community Park	7.36
Lees Field	P46DaW	2.10	Recreation Ground	7.62
Bents Lane	P40DaW	0.40	Other open space	6.68
Davyhulme Millennium Nature Reserve	P113DaW	21.10	Other open space	8.80

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	54.79 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	19.27 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Sufficient (3rd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	16/21

Wellacre Primary School planting daffodils in Woodsend Park



Flixton



Description:

Flixton is bounded by the Mersey Valley and the River Mersey to the south and is traversed by the Manchester to Liverpool railway line. Its population is concentrated in the northern half of the Ward, other areas are generally open and include two golf courses (William Wroe and Flixton Golf Course).

Commentary on results:

There are five play areas within the Ward, but none currently up to LEAP standard. The Ward contains other facilities for football, cricket, bowls, tennis and a model railway facility. In addition there are countryside sites within the Ward that form part of the proposed Wellacre Country Park and the Mersey Valley to the south east of the Ward. Other facilities include a model railway within Abbotsfield Park and sensory and ornamental gardens at Flixton Park. The Ward is sufficient in greenspace with 8.73 hectares above the standard.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	10762
Area of Ward (hectares)	400.91
Density of population (people per hectare)	27
Density of population in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	19.1
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Flixton Park	P34Fli	2.07	Neighbourhood Park	7.83
Flixton Fields	P94Fli	6.78	Recreation Ground	7.83
Wellacre (part of)	P92Fli	18.53	Country Park	7.80
Abbotsfield Park (part of)	P33Urm	1.86	Neighbourhood Park	7.87
Chassen Rd Football Ground	P99Fli	1.01	Recreation Ground	7.53

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	30.25 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	21.52 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Sufficient (3rd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	13/21

Walled Garden, Flixton Park



Gorse Hill



Description:

Gorse Hill is the northernmost Ward in Trafford, bounded by the Manchester Ship Canal. It is the third largest Ward, a large proportion of which is made up of Trafford Park Industrial Estate. The Bridgewater Canal runs through the site and the majority of population are located within the southern part of the Ward. Gorse Hill is a regeneration area and is one of the top 20 percent most deprived areas in England.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has five large areas of greenspace, including two parks and Trafford Ecology Park. The Ward is well served by eight play areas, including one of only two NEAP standard play areas in the Borough, along with a further LEAP standard play area. This is important in a Ward with a high percentage of under sixteen year olds. Other facilities include multi use games areas, football pitches and facilities for tennis. Trafford Ecology Park contains a variety of facilities include a bird hide, sensory garden, nature trails, provision for anglers and a training and meeting venue. The Ward is 0.9 hectares deficient in greenspace.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	10092
Area of Ward (hectares)	880.86
Density of population (people per hectare)	11
Density of population in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	21.6
Density of under 16s in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Gorse Hill Park	P77Gor	4.41	Community Park	8.08
Moss Road	P70Gor	0.64	Other open space	6.25
Lostock Park	P76Gor	7.72	Community Park	7.33
Ecology Park	P96Gor	4.38	Other open space	8.71
Nansen Street	P78Gor	2.14	Community Park	7.72

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	19.28 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	20.18HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Deficient (2 nd quarile)
Rank in Trafford	9/21

Games in Gorse Hill Park



Hale Barns



Description:

Hale Barns lies at the southern tip of the Borough. It is bounded to the east by the M56, to the south by the River Bollin, by the residential areas of Altrincham to the west and Newhall Green to the north. The Ward contains a large amount of agricultural land including a private golf course. There is also a number of private sports clubs within the Ward providing facilities for tennis, bowling and football. It is an affluent Ward in the top 10% wealthiest areas in England.

Commentary on results:

The Ward contains six areas of greenspace, including a park with facilities for tennis and football, areas of woodland and other smaller areas of open space. There are three play areas in the north of the Ward and none are currently up to LEAP standard. The Ward has a very low population density, which makes it sufficient in greenspace by 1.17 hectares. In addition there are proposals within the Unitary Development Plan to create a country park which would not only provide local residents with further greenspace but also cater for residents throughout the Borough.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9555
Area of Ward (hectares)	834.98
Density of population (people per hectare)	11
Density of population in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	20.3
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Halecroft Park	P3HaB	4.26	Neighbourhood Park	8.95
Wellfield Lane Play Area	P20HaB	0.76	Other open space	8.08
Marfield Road	P26HaB	0.18	Other open space	7.88
Clarke Crescent	P21HaB	0.07	Other open space	7.92
The Mount Play Area	P18HaB	0.13	Other open space	6.83
Tomfield Bank	W7HaB	5.82	Woodland	7.69

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	20.28 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	19.11 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Sufficient (3 rd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	11/21

Halecroft Park



Hale Central



Description:

Hale Central is a densely populated Ward located to the south west of Altrincham town centre. It is bounded to the south by the River Bollin and to the north by Altrincham Golf Course and by the residential areas of Hale Barns and Bowdon to the east and west.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has three areas of accessible greenspace. The facilities within the parks include provision for bowling, tennis and football. The Ward has five play areas, one which is a LEAP standard. However the distribution of greenspace in the Ward is uneven and the two largest areas of greenspace are located in the north part of the Ward and separated from the main residential area of Hale by the main A538 road. The Ward is 3.65 hectares deficient in greenspace putting it in the top third of most deficient wards.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9098
Area of Ward (hectares)	261.36
Density of population (people per hectare)	35
Density of population in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	20.3
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Stamford Park	P1HaC	6.21	Town Park	7.84
Grove Park	P4HaC	8.19	Recreation Ground	8.18
Bankhall Lane	P19HaC	0.16	Other open space	7.96

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	14.55 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	18.20 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Deficient (2nd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	6/21

Junior play area at Stamford Park



Longford



Description:

Longford is a densely populated urban area in north east of the Borough. To the east are residential areas within Manchester, the River Mersey and Mersey Valley are to the south and the residential areas of Old Trafford and Gorse Hill are to the north and west. Within the Ward is one of the five local cemeteries, and the world famous Lancashire Cricket Ground.

Commentary on results:

Longford Ward has a variety of greenspace that includes two woodlands, two parks and a large recreation ground. The largest park within the Borough, Longford Park, is located within the Ward along with the largest area for outdoors sports facilities at Turn Moss playing fields. There are six play areas of which one is up to LEAP standard. Other facilities within the Ward include those for football and rugby, bowling, tennis, an athletics track and multi use games areas and a pet's corner. The Ward is in the top quarter of Wards for sufficiency of greenspace with 60.8 hectares above the standard. This is accounted for by the large size of two of the greenspaces.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	11273
Area of Ward (hectares)	347.60
Density of population (people per hectare)	32
Density of population in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	21
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Longford Park	P75Lon	32.45	Town Park	7.38
Turn Moss	P86Lon	39.12	Recreation Ground	8.06
Stephenson Road	P84Lon	0.24516	Other open space	7.68
Gorse Park	P80Lon	1.22	Community Park	8.21
Seymour Park	P73Lon	6.49	Neighbourhood Park	7.85
Turn Moss	W20Lon	2.23901	Woodland	8.03
Ivy Green Wood	W21Lon	1.7	Woodland	7.63

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	83.41HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	22.55 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Very sufficient (4th quartile)
Rank in Trafford	17/21

Seymour Park, Party in the Park 2003



Priory



Description:

Priory Ward is bounded to the north by the River Mersey and to the east by the residential areas of Sale Moor, Ashton on Mersey lies to the west and Brooklands to the south. The M60 motorway, A56 Chester Road and the Bridgewater Canal all run through the Ward.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has a variety of interesting greenspaces. These include Sale Water Park and Priory Gardens, which provide a number of facilities including Trafford Water Sports Centre, Mersey Valley Visitor Centre and areas for informal walking, cycling and horse riding. These facilities serve the local community but also attract visitors from further afield. Within the Ward there are five play areas and one is up to LEAP standard. Other facilities in the ward include provision for tennis, bowling, skating, football, an athletics track and in addition Walkden Gardens a peaceful hideaway known locally as 'The Maze' because it consists of several 'rooms' leading off from the main ornamental grass walkway.

Despite the Wards fairly high population density it has a very low percentage of its population under the age of 16. The two large areas of greenspace in the north of the Ward result in the Ward being very sufficient in greenspace.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9424
Area of Ward (hectares)	322.68
Density of population (people per hectare)	29
Density of population in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	15.3
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Low (1 st quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspaces

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Kelsall Street	P62Pri	0.55	Community Park	8.11
Walkden Gardens	P56Pri	2.01	Community Park	8.37
Clarendon Crescent	P68Pri	4.99	Recreation Ground	8.06
Harley Road	P69Pri	0.16	Other open space	7.99
Crossford Bridge	P64Pri	12.53	Recreation Ground	7.95
Priory Gardens	P114Pri	63.71	Country Park	7.63
Sale Water Park	P88Pri	24.99	Country Park	7.78

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	108.93 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	18.85 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Very sufficient (4th quartile)
Rank in Trafford	18/21

Sale Water Park



Sale Moor



Description:

Sale Moor is situated to the east of the Borough and shares a large part of its boundary with Manchester. Its northern boundary is the River Mersey and Sale Golf Course. The remaining boundaries are adjacent to residential areas on Northern Moor in Manchester and Sale. The M60 motorway runs through the Ward and separates the main residential area from Sale Golf Course and the Mersey Valley

Commentary on results:

The Ward contains four greenspaces. Worthington Park is the only park within the Ward and provides facilities for bowling, football, and skating and informal recreation. There are three play areas in the Ward but none are currently up to LEAP standard. The Ward is very deficient in greenspace being the third lowest in the Borough with 11.63 hectares of new space required to meet the standard. The Wards main residential area is concentrated into half of the Ward area, which emphasises the density of that particular population. However there are two significant large greenspace areas in the neighbouring Ward of Priory.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9902
Area of Ward (hectares)	283.23
Density of population (people per hectare)	35
Density of population in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	19.9
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Worthington Park	P51Sal	6.52	Town Park	8.42
Baguley Ave/Royton A	P108Sal	0.22	Other open space	6.79
Bramhall Close	P59Sal	0.99	Other open space	7.18
Pimcroft Way	P61Sal	0.47	Other open space	7.78

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	8.21 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	19.80 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Very deficient (1st quartile)
Rank in Trafford	3/21

Event day at Worthington Park, Sale



St Marys



Description:

The Ward is densely populated and suburban in character. The eastern boundary is the A56 (Chester Road) and the western boundary is Dainwell Woods, Carrington Moss and the residential areas of Ashton on Mersey and Broadheath lie to the south.

Commentary on results:

There are six greenspace areas within the Ward. These include woodlands, recreation grounds and a park. There are four play areas within the Ward, but none are currently up to LEAP standard. Facilities within the Ward include provision for bowling, tennis, multi use games areas, football and rugby. The Ward is deficient in greenspace by 3.85 hectares due to its high population density.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	11263
Area of Ward (hectares)	266.612
Density of population (people per hectare)	42
Density of population in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	19.95
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Weathercock Farm	P57StM	4.86	Recreation Ground	7.85
Manor Avenue	P66StM	2.90	Recreation Ground	7.48
Sale West	P58StM	1.36	Other open space	7.39
Cecil Avenue	P67StM	5.20	Recreation Ground	7.65
Old Sale Boys Grammar site	W25StM	0.45	Woodland	8.48
Dainwell Woods (part of)	W23Buc	11.6	Woodland	8.0

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	26.38 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	22.53 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Deficient (2nd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	10/21

Sale West open space



Stretford



Description:

Stretford is a densely populated Ward. The M60 motorway and Bridgewater Canal run through the Ward. The River Mersey is the southern boundary and the residential areas of Stretford and Urmston are adjacent boundaries. The Ward contains one of the four shopping centres, Stretford town centre within the north eastern part of the Ward. A large majority of the Ward is greenbelt land and forms part of the Mersey Valley.

Commentary on results:

There are four areas of greenspace within the Ward. These include a park and woodland areas. There are two play areas within the Ward, both of which are up to LEAP standard. Other facilities in the Ward include provision for bowling, tennis and football. The Ward is very deficient in greenspace being 5.26 hectares below the standard. Within the Ward is the former Lesley Road landfill site which has not been included in the accessibility figures as it is not formally accessible by members of the public. There are opportunities within the Unitary Development Plan to formally allow access to this area, which would reduce the deficiency.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	9814
Area of Ward (hectares)	322.13
Density of population (people per hectare)	30
Density of population in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	18.4
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Highfield Close	P87Str	2.13	Other open space	7.76
Moss Park	P81Str	2.43	Community Park	7.80
Victoria Park	P74Stre	7.29	Neighbourhood Park	8.43
Ousel Brook Wood	W16Str	2.52	Woodland	8.05

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	14.37 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	19.63 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Very deficient (1st quartile)
Rank in Trafford	5/21

Victoria Park



Timperley



Description:

Timperley is primarily a residential area in the south of the Borough. It is bounded to the west by the Bridgewater Canal and to the north by Baguley Brook. To the east are residential areas and to the south the main A560 road and Altrincham Golf Course. Within the Ward is the busy Timperley district shopping centre.

Commentary on results:

The Ward contains four small areas of greenspace. There are four play areas one of which is up to a LEAP standard. Other facilities within the Ward include bowling, an athletics track, and football pitches. Timperley is a very densely populated area and falls below the accessible greenspace standard by 14.2 hectares making it the second most deficient ward in the Borough. It is a small Ward in area and has good access to neighbouring Wards on three sides. The large areas of greenspace at Fairywell Brook and Sylvan Avenue recreation ground are accessible and close by.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	10381
Area of Ward (hectares)	206.10
Density of population (people per hectare)	50
Density of population in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	20
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Pickering Lodge	P6Tim	2.79	Recreation Ground	7.59
Riddings Acre	P30Tim	0.37	Other open space	8.51
Buckingham Way	P107Tim	1.35	Other open space	7.87
Timperley Recreation Ground	P7Tim	2.12	Recreation Ground	7.87

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	6.63 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	20.77 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Very deficient (1st quartile)
Rank in Trafford	2/21

Pickering Lodge Bowls Club



Urmston



Description:

Urmston is situated in the heart of the north part of the Borough. It is split into three residential areas by the M60 motorway and a railway line. The Mersey Valley and the River Mersey form the southern boundary, with the residential areas of Stretford to the east and Flixton to the west. Within the Ward at Urmston is one of the five cemeteries of the Borough, and Urmston shopping centre.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has five areas of greenspace, including three parks, a Country Park and informal open land. There are three play areas of which two are up to LEAP standard. Other facilities within the Ward include provision for bowling, tennis, a model railway line and part of the Trans Pennine Trail and the Co-operative Bank Woodland in Urmston Meadows.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	10035
Area of Ward (hectares)	370.15
Density of population (people per hectare)	27
Density of population in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16	19.6
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Below average (2 nd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Abbotsfield Park/Chassen Rd	P33Urm	5.10	Neighbourhood Park	7.87
Golden Hill Park	P36Urm	2.46	Community Park	7.91
Higher Road	P38Urm	0.61	Other open space	8.12
Urmston Meadows	P89Urm	133.34	Country Park	7.78
Newcroft Road	P82Urm	3.31	Community Park	7.99

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	144.82HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	20.07 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Very sufficient (4th quartile)
Rank in Trafford	20/21

Urmston Meadows



Village



Description:

Village Ward is on the eastern boundary of the Borough adjoining Manchester along Brooklands Road. To the south are Timperley wedge and the Bollin Valley and to the west the residential area of Timperley. Within the Ward is the regeneration area of Broomwood, which contains a variety of greenspaces including Brookes Drive which runs from the A560 roundabout through the Ward and forms part of a linear walkway and cycleway to link through to Davenport Green.

Commentary on results:

The Ward has nine areas of greenspace made up of a good variety of woodland, parks and recreation grounds. There are three play areas with one currently up to LEAP standard. Other facilities within the Ward include five-a-side artificial turf pitches, football pitches and local woodland areas. The Ward is sufficient in greenspace with 9 hectares over the recommended standard. However due to the narrow linear shape of the Ward the largest area of greenspace, Beech Avenue, is not easily accessible to residents in the south of the Ward. This is primarily due to busy main roads cutting across the Ward several times.

Characteristics, facts and figures

Population	10564
Area of Ward (hectares)	217.25
Density of population (people per hectare)	49
Density of population in Trafford	High (4 th quartile)
% of population under 16 (national average)	20.2
% of population under 16 (in ward)	20.6
Density of under 16s in Trafford	Above average (3 rd quartile)

Audit of current provision of accessible natural greenspace

Name of site	Code	Area (HA)	Function	Quality Score
Broomwood/ Mainwood Road	P14Vil	1.41	Community Park	8.00
Larkhill	P15Vil	1.71	Other open space	8.35
Timperley Green (Aimson Road)	P11Vil	2.21	Community Park	8.18
Redbrook	P16Vil	2.18	Other open space	7.52
Beech Avenue Playing	P28Vil	17.95	Recreation Ground	8.48
Fairywell Wood	W9Vil	1.90	Woodland	7.67
Broom Wood	W10Vil	0.92	Woodland	7.82
Stelfox Ave/Stockport Rd	P116Vil	0.44	Other open space	N/A
Shaftsbury Avenue	P103Vil	1.64	Other open space	7.88

Analysis of access to local accessible natural greenspace

Total Area of LANGsp	30.36 HA
Ideal Area of LANGsp	21.13 HA
Degree of Sufficiency/Deficiency	Sufficient (3rd quartile)
Rank in Trafford	12/21

Broom Wood



Conclusions

The Greenspace 2004 research has given Trafford a snap shot in time as to the quantity, quality and residents views of its greenspace. As part of the research we have used the LANGsp standard, which has shown that overall the borough is sufficient in accessible greenspace. However the distribution of that greenspace is not equitable and if viewed at a ward level only eleven wards are sufficient and ten are deficient in accessible natural greenspaces.

Generally the most sufficient wards such as Bowden and Priory tend to be the ones bounding Green Belt and include the larger areas of Trafford's greenspace, and the most deficient are the more densely populated very built up residential wards such as Ashton upon Mersey and Timperley. However the research has shown that ward boundaries are artificial, but that generally in the high-density residential areas where land is at a premium, the opportunities for large open spaces are more limited.

There are opportunities to create new areas of accessible greenspace in Trafford, for example, the proposed Country Park areas in Davenport Green, the former Altrincham Sewage works as part of new housing development such as Stamford Brook. These will not impact on all the wards and whilst adequate quantity is important it is perhaps the quality, range of facilities and accessibility that can be more readily improved.

The use of the LANGsp standard has had its limitations as seen in the Bucklow St Martins ward. The results for this ward show there to be vast areas of greenspace but with limited consultation responses, a poor range of facilities and low quality scores in most of these areas this may suggest that they do not meet the needs of its local residents.

The issues associated with providing the right greenspace to meet community needs are complex and the results show that one set of data is not mutually exclusive when considering a strategy for improvements.

The data sets a baseline from which more in-depth work could be undertaken on more site-specific locations. It paves the way for more standards to be tested, new ones derived, policies revised and resources targeted. For example, in testing existing standards, data now exists for playgrounds that can show how Trafford is meeting its own standard as set out in the Unitary Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Guidance. In looking at new standards The Woodland Trust is currently working on introducing a national standard for accessible woodland. With the data collected, Trafford will be in a good position to test and look at the appropriateness of introducing such a standard.

In drawing conclusions from the consultation exercise over 20,000 residents' views have been represented in varying degrees of detail and the issues that have been highlighted are not new. Cleanliness, particularly concerning dog fouling is high on everyone's agenda, issues of accessibility are felt to be good and in terms of more facilities, more sports areas, playgrounds, toilets and bike ramps are wanted.

The issues identified in the quality assessment closely match those expressed in the residents' consultation. Generally, sites score well on accessibility but on cleanliness improvements are identified for many sites. The quality of facilities was also highlighted for improvement on many sites too. Managing sites for biodiversity and

natural features scored highly but it is difficult to manage sites to meet both these criteria. On smaller sites there is not the space to provide for both and this is where the requirements of users and wildlife must be carefully assessed and a balance achieved.

The information that has been gathered can greatly assist with the evidence needed to write funding bids and secure appropriate planning obligations through the planning system, and to effectively direct existing resources. Encouragingly a high proportion of the consultation respondents expressed an interest in being more involved in greenspace decisions. This will ensure that improvements made to greenspaces in the future will more closely match the needs of the community who use it.

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Appendices

Appendix A

Typology

Mapped on GIS as 'accessible' greenspace

Parks layer

- Country Parks
- District Parks
- Town Parks
- Community Parks
- Recreation Grounds
- Other open space

Play spaces (often located within parks)

- LEAPs layer
- NEAPs layer
- Other play spaces layer
- LEAP buffers layer
- NEAP buffers layer
- Other play space buffers layer

- Green corridors layer

- Allotments layer

- Woodlands layer

Other greenspaces mapped but not included in 'accessible' categorisation for LANGsp calculations:

- School Playing Fields layer
- Outdoor Sports Facilities (such as bowling greens and public golf courses) layer
- Cemeteries layer

Appendix B

Community group questionnaire



Please help Trafford MBC to target greenspace investment effectively by answering this short questionnaire on behalf of the community group you represent. **Thank you very much!**

1. About your group

What is the name of your group?

What is the main aim of your group?

How many active members does your group have?.....

In which district/town is your group based?

2. The greenspace used by your group

Does your group use greenspace in Trafford? Yes No (If no, please go to question 7)

If yes, which greenspace(s) in Trafford does your group use and roughly how often?

Please name any Trafford sites used by your group on the dotted lines below	More than twice a week	Once a week	Once a fortnight	Once a month	Once or twice a year	Less than once a year	Never
Public parks (e.g. Stamford Park)	<input type="checkbox"/>						
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Play grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>						
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Outdoor sports facilities (e.g. Turn Moss Playing Fields or school fields)	<input type="checkbox"/>						
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Woodlands (e.g. Fairywell Wood)	<input type="checkbox"/>						
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Green routeways (e.g. Trans Pennine Trail)	<input type="checkbox"/>						
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Countryside (e.g. Urmston Meadows, Groomwood)	<input type="checkbox"/>						
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>						
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Open space in housing areas	<input type="checkbox"/>						
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>						

3. Distance to greenspaces

Roughly how far does your group travel to the greenspace(s) it uses?

	Under 0.5 mile	Between 0.5 and 1 mile	Between 1 and 2 miles	Between 2 and 3 miles	Between 3 and 4 miles	Between 4 and 5 miles	Between 5 and 10 miles	Over 10 miles	Don't know
Public parks	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Play grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Outdoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Woodlands	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Green countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Almonds	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Open space in housing areas	<input type="checkbox"/>								

Please name the site that is most frequently used by your group:

4. Quality of facilities, features and services

Thinking about the most frequently used site, please indicate your group's opinion of the following:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	None available
Changing rooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surfaced paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refreshments/cafe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for disabled people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardens / landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control of dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control of litter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Greenspace activity

What does your group usually do at the most frequently used greenspace? (tick as many as apply)

Formal sports (name)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts (drama, art, music)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informal sports (name)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardening	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature appreciation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (name)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skate boarding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Relaxing / hanging out	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Management and security

Who manages the site that your group uses?.....

What issues (if any) does your group have relating to the management of this site?
.....

Who (or what agency), pays for the maintenance of the greenspace your group uses?

Trafford MBC	Private Sector	Voluntary Sector	Don't know	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If there is a charge to use the site, is it:

Too cheap	Just right	Too expensive	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you aware of the *Parkwatch* service? Yes No

Does your group have any safety issues with the greenspace they use? Yes No

If so, please give details of the location and the issue(s)

Location(s).....

Safety issue(s).....

7. Meeting the needs of your group

Is there enough of the following types of accessible greenspace in Trafford for your group?

	Not enough	Just right	Too much	Don't know
Public parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green routeways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open space in housing areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Barriers to using greenspace

What issues (if any) does your group have with using Trafford's greenspaces?

- | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Greenspace activities not relevant for our group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Better green-spaces elsewhere | <input type="checkbox"/> | Uneven paths | <input type="checkbox"/> | Difficult to get to | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fear of crime | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nothing worth going for | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not open when required | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dogs fouling | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fear of other users (e.g. motorcyclists) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor wheelchair access | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lack of facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Are there any greenspace sites that your group would like to access but cannot? Yes No

Site(s).....

Reason(s).....

What recommendation(s) would your group make to improve Trafford's greenspaces?

.....

9. Getting involved in greenspace issues—help us make a difference!

Is your group involved in improving any greenspace it uses? Yes No

If not, would they like to be? Yes No

Is your group willing to take part in further greenspace discussions with us? Yes No

Would your group like to be consulted on the draft greenspace strategy? Yes No

Do you have any further comments from your group about greenspace in Trafford?

.....

Contact Name: _____ Contact number or email: _____

Please return in the postage paid envelope provided (to Regeneration Service, Trafford Town Hall, M20 0YT)

Thank you very much for your help!

Appendix C

Residents questionnaire

Trafford Residents Greenspace Research - 2 £50 prizes to be won!

Whether you go to the park, walk the dog, play sport on a playing field or even just hang out on a sunny patch of your grass near your house, it's good to have a greenspace to relax in. This year the Council is doing a major research project on all the greenspaces in the borough to find out more about how they are used. Perhaps most importantly, we need to know what stops people from visiting greenspaces in Trafford, so even if you never go, we still want to hear from you.

You can also fill in this questionnaire online: www.trafford.gov.uk/greenspace2004

PLEASE CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE ANSWERS

1. Do you go to greenspaces in Trafford? Yes/No
2. If you answered 'no', why?
Better greenspaces elsewhere / uneven paths / difficult to get to / fear of crime / nothing worth going for / not open when required / dogs fouling / fear of other people there / poor wheelchair access / lack of facilities / other..... (Please go to question 11)
3. If you answered 'yes', which one do you go to most often?
 (If you're not sure of the proper name, which road is it in?)
4. How far is it from your house?
under a mile, between 1 and 2 miles, between 3 and 4 miles, more than 4 miles
5. Roughly how often do you go there?
every day / 2-4 times a week / once a week / 2-3 times a month / once a month / once or twice a year
6. Do you go there: *mainly in the Summer / all year round*
7. What do you do there? (circle any that apply)
walk / skate / walk dog / relax / picnic / play sport / hang out with friends / use playground / other.....
8. Is there enough greenspace in your local area?
not enough / just right / too much
9. How far would you agree with each of the following statements about your **most used** greenspace?

it looks good	Strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree
it's popular	Strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree
it's fun	Strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree
it's clean	Strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree
it's safe	Strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree
it's easy to get to	Strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree
it's easy to get around	Strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Postcode: _____
 Telephone no: _____
Please return by May 1st to: Freepost M63J94, Regeneration Service, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Salford, M3 0TK. OR send it in to your local library or Council office in an envelope addressed to the 'Regeneration Service' OR fill in on www.trafford.gov.uk/greenspace2004. Strictly one entry per person.



Appendix D

Children and young peoples questionnaires

DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY OUT?

ABOUT YOU:

How old are you? 4-5 6-7 8-9 10-11

Are you? a boy a girl

What is your ethnic origin? Asian/ Asian British Mixed
 Chinese Black/ Black British
 White (British, Irish, European) Other _____

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? Yes No

What is your postcode? _____

1. Do you go to a park / play area / greenspace near to where you live?
 (E.g. 10minutes away) Yes No
 If you answer No, go to Question 9.

2. How often do you go to the park / play area / greenspace?
 Just in summer Every day Every Week
 Sometimes after school Every month At weekends
 Other _____

3. What park / play area / greenspace do you use most often?

4. Who do you go to the park / play area / greenspace with?
 My Parents On my own With Friends
 (If you go with friends, do you go with less than 5 more than 5)
 With a group e.g. cubs/brownies Other _____

5. What do you do at your park / play area / greenspace? (Choose up to 3)

Play Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ride my bike	<input type="checkbox"/>	Feed the ducks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller blade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ride my scooter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play games	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk the dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have a picnic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ride my skateboard	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	_____				

6. What do other people think of you using the park / play area / greenspace?

They like me being there They do not seem bothered

They are unhappy about me being there Other _____

7. What do you think about your park / play area / greenspace?

	Agree lots	Agree	Disagree	Disagree lots
It looks good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lots of people go there	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is fun	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is easy to get to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is easy to get around	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. What would make your park / play area / greenspace better and more exciting? (Choose up to 3)

Park Rangers	<input type="checkbox"/>	More facilities for kids with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>	More sports areas (e.g. football, netball)	<input type="checkbox"/>
More litterbins	<input type="checkbox"/>	More/better play equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water features	<input type="checkbox"/>	More lights	<input type="checkbox"/>
No dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>
More footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	More events	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bike trails / ramps	<input type="checkbox"/>
		More plants/nature	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other	_____

9. Are there enough parks / play areas / greenspaces in your area?

Yes No

PRIMARY (R1/S1)

10. What puts you off using the park / play area / greenspace? Choose up to 3

Other groups of kids	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too far from home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Racism	<input type="checkbox"/>
My parents do not like me going	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bad lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is dirty/overgrown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fear of crime	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dodgy adults hanging around	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nothing to do there	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better things to do elsewhere	<input type="checkbox"/>	Damaged equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Would you spend more time outdoors if you could?

Yes No

12. Do you walk to or home from school?

Yes No

13. What time do you have to be in at night after playing out?

Before 5pm Before 6pm Before 7pm Before 8pm
Before it gets dark Other _____

14. What activities do you do most often? Choose up to 5

Watch TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play sports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play computer games	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skateboarding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play inside	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play outside	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ride Bike	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go to the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baking cakes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play in your garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play with toys inside	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller blading	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meet friends outside	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for helping us!

CREATIVE CORNER

EITHER

Design a picture of what you think the park / play area / greenspace that you use most often will be like in 10 years time.

OR

Write a short story about the park / play area / greenspace you use most often.

PRIMARY/RH/SJ

Sense of Place: Whose Space?

ABOUT YOU.

How old are you? 11-12 13-14 15-16 17-18

Are you? Male Female

What is your ethnic origin? Asian/Asian British Mixed
Chinese Black/Black British
White (British, Irish, European) Other _____

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? Yes No

What is your postcode? _____

1. Do you go to a park / play area / greenspace near to where you live? (e.g. 30 min away)
Yes No

If you answer No, go to Question 4.

2. How often do you go to parks / play areas / greenspaces?
Everyday Every week Every month
Just in the summer After school/college At weekends
When skiving from school Other _____

3. Which park / play area / greenspace do you use most often? _____

4. Who do you go to parks / play areas / greenspaces with?
Parents On my own With a group e.g. scouts/girl guides
With Friends (If you go with friends, do you go with less than 5 or more than 5)
Other _____

5. What do you do at the parks / play areas / greenspaces? (Choose up to 3)
Play sports Have a picnic Ride bike Get drunk
Use playground Meet friends Walk the dog Roller blade
Ride skateboard Bully other kids Camping Other _____

6. What do other people think of you using the parks / play areas / greenpaces?

They like me being there They don't seem bothered
 They are unhappy about me being there They are intimidated by me
 Other _____

7. What do you think about your parks / play areas / greenpaces?

	Totally Agree	Agree	Disagree	Totally Disagree
It looks good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lots of people use it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is fun	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is easy to get to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is easy to get around	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. What would make your parks / play areas / greenpaces better and more exciting?

(Choose 1-3)

More/better provision for young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	More sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
More facilities for young people with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	More sheltered areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboarding facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	More lights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike trails / ramps	<input type="checkbox"/>	More seating areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rangers/warden	<input type="checkbox"/>	More footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>
More litter bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	No dog feeding	<input type="checkbox"/>
More organised events	<input type="checkbox"/>	More plants/nature	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tickets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Are there enough parks / play areas / greenpaces in your area?

Yes No

10. What puts you off going to parks / play areas / greenpaces? (Choose up to 3)

Dodgy adults hanging around	<input type="checkbox"/>	My parents do not like me going	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other gangs/individuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Too far from home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nothing to do there	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ramen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	I feel unwelcome	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Damaged Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is overgrown/dirty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fear of crime	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better things to do	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water features	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

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11. Would you spend more time outdoors if you could

Yes No

12. Do you walk to school/college?

Yes No

13. What time do you have to be in at night?

Before 7pm

Before 8pm

Before 9pm

Before 10pm

Before dark

Other _____

14. What activities do you do most often?

(Choose up to 5)

Hanging outdoors with friends

Play computer games

Hanging indoors with friends

Watch TV

Going to parks/play areas/ greenspaces

Play sports

Hooking up to the internet

Skateboarding

Walking the dog

Ride Bike

Reading

Roller blading

Other _____

Other _____

Thank you for helping us!

CREATIVE CORNER

EITHER

Design a picture of what you think the park / play area / greenspace that you use most often will be like in 10 years time.

OR

Write a short story / rap / poem about the park / play area / greenspace you use most often.

Appendix E

Children and young peoples web sites



Appendix F

Summary of results on the children and young peoples web pages

Results and what happens next...

Here are some of the some of the key results from the consultation with children and young people that we carried out in July 2004.

About you

- We had almost 450 responses in total from children and young people all over the Borough. 416 of these were correctly filled in and usable. If a postcode was provided, we were able to map the results. This has given us valuable information about trends in different areas of Trafford.
- Over half of the questionnaires were sent to us online via our website. We would be interested to hear any comments about using this method with people in schools.
- Most of our respondents were male and aged 6-14:

	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-18	Total
Male	0	46	58	29	71	21	2	1	228
Female	1	48	47	23	62	1	0	0	182
Total	1	94	105	52	133	22	2	1	

About using greenspaces

- Almost everyone (95 %) goes to some kind of greenspace (like a park or a playground) near where they live.
- You mostly go at weekends and with your parents and friends.
- Here are the top 10 most popular things to do there. Number 1 is the most popular.

1. Play sports
2. Playground
3. Ride bike
4. Meet friends
5. Walk
6. Roller blade
7. Walk dog
8. Ride scooter
9. Feed ducks
10. Bully other kids

- Most of you (62 %) thought that other people in greenspaces were happy or not bothered about you being there. Only 5% felt that they were not welcome or that other people were intimidated by them. These tended over 13 year olds.
- This is what you thought of your local greenspaces. We're also going to look at each individual greenspace to work out how much people like them. Unfortunately there is not enough space to show those results here.

	Agree lots (%)	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Disagree lots (%)
It looks good	34.4	47.3	12	6.3
Lots of people go there	38.9	13.2	13.6	4.3
It is fun	51.1	35.6	9.4	3.9
It is clean	23.5	28.9	30.9	16.6
It is safe	29.9	37.7	23.5	9.0
It is easy to get to	63.6	28.5	5.4	2.5
It is easy to get around	51.9	38	5.8	4.3

We also asked this question of adults in Trafford. They did not think that the greenspaces were as fun as you did but they agreed with you that cleanliness and safety are big issues. It's good to see that you find your local greenspaces easy to get to and get around. Access and accessibility (how easy it is to access something) are very important when improving greenspaces.

- Here are the top 10 things that you thought would make your local greenspace better. Number 1 was the most popular.
 1. More sports areas
 2. Toilets
 3. Bike trails/ramps
 4. No dog fouling
 5. Skate Park
 6. Water features
 7. More/better equipment
 8. Litter bins
 9. More sheltered areas
 10. More lights

- We asked you whether you thought there was enough greenspace in your area. More than half of you (66.5 %) thought that there was. In our adults' survey, fewer people thought there was enough, however, many of these people did not actually go to greenspaces. This may be because young people often have a better awareness of their local area than adults do.

- Here are the top 10 things that put you off going to greenspaces. Other people and the damage they cause seemed to be the most off-putting thing about Trafford's greenspaces.
 1. Other kids
 2. Dodgy adults
 3. Vandalism
 4. Damaged equipment
 5. Nothing to do
 6. Fear of crime
 7. Drugs
 8. Better things elsewhere
 9. Alcohol
 10. Overgrown/dirty

- Almost all of you (91 %) wishes they could spend more time outdoors if they could. Maybe it's the Manchester weather that stops us?

- Just over half of you (50.1%) walk to or from school every day. This is great news as the roads get busier and busier in Trafford. Walking to school is good exercise and chance to hang out with your friends and family before and after school.

- Here are the top 10 favourite things for young people to do in Trafford. Whilst the top two favourites were 'inside activities' (watching TV and playing computer games) there is lots of evidence to show that young people in Trafford like to do things in the open air.

1. Watch TV
2. Play computer games
3. Hang out with friends
4. Go to the park
5. Play sports
6. Play in the garden
7. Ride bike
8. Reading
9. Roller blading
10. Play inside

What happens next?

When local authorities like Trafford plan what they are going to do with their greenspaces, libraries or schools, they write a strategy. A strategy contains ideas for what to do and when to do them. The research that the Greenspace 2004 project found will be used to help to write the strategy and to make sure that the most important things are done first. By taking part in our survey you have given us valuable details about how the Council is doing and what we should do next.

Appendix G

List of resident activities

List of Activities residents named as how they used green spaces.

Other activities	Number of respondents
Cycling	26
Kids	22
Feed animals/ducks	16
Running/jogging	9
Access	8
Horse riding	6
Nature	5
Water sports	5
Fishing	4
Research	4
Bowling	4
Croquet	4
Allotment	3
Look after site	3
Photography	3
Play	2
Kite	2
Get high	2
Pitch and putt	2
Sunbathe	2
watch sports	2
Pub	1
Paddle	1
Read	1
Events	1
Bottle bank	1
Tea room	1

Appendix H

Definitions of quality scoring criteria

DEFINITIONS

Survey format based upon that of inspection form for the top 40 parks of TMBC

Score achievement of targets per inspection
Score C.H.G. in target (0/10, 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10)
0 - not for purpose
1/2/3 - very poor
4-5 poor
6-7 better in some areas
7.5 - Satisfactory (pass mark for purpose)
8 - good
9 - very good
10 - Exceptional/ no problems

NA = Not Applicable to this category

Maintenance/infrastructure based upon
CP = Clive Payne, open space qualitative evaluation (for Crumwood 2003/04)
NCC = Newcastle City Council Parks and Green Space Strategy Teams Site Assessment form
PRB17 = Assessing needs and opportunities: Planning Policy Guidance 17 companion guide
GF = Green Flag Award - key criteria
BT = BT accessibility standards (Ian Trickett Parks and Countryside)
BVPI = Cleanest BVPI (www.bvpi.org.uk)
DREE = Asset Management Plan, Condition Assessment
DSSH = Grounds maintenance output specification for housing sites (Jan 2004)
PCSGM = Parks & courtyards service grounds maintenance output specification (Dec 2003)
UD = By design, urban design in the planning system, towards better practice

Category	Maintenance target quality (Score out of 10)	Maintenance targets based upon	Infrastructure targets quality (Score out of 10)	Infrastructure targets based upon	Customer perception (Score out of 10)
Quality of parks to public standard	NA	NA	NA	NA	FOR ALL
Condition	Condition of surfacing fit, well maintained and no pot holes	CP DREE	Good general parking provision Specific parking in appropriate locations	CP DREE	Talk to us being in (1/10 year)
	Lighting for car park inlet		Nature of surfacing, car park markings		
	Markings clear and in good condition		Signage informative and clear		
			Lighting		
	Direct access from reserved car/pedestrian area	NCC	Safe access to the car park	NA	
	Good quality signage at entrance to sites	GF			
	Absence of barriers e.g. roads or subways	CP			
	Absence of narrow/enclosed access routes				
	General nature and condition of entrances				

	Clean and tidy	BT	and 300m (rural and Wodding)	BT
	Good condition	DIEE	Good provision relative to need	DIEE
	Free from litter, debris and weeds	NCC	Paths with firm level surfaces	NCC
	Hard, firm and smooth surface with very low loose stones none bigger than 5mm	PPG17		PPG17
	loose stones none bigger than 5mm	BVP1		CP
	(10mm in rural areas)	PCSOM		
	Maximum surface breaks 10mm			
	Gullies and drainage systems maintained			
	Clean and tidy	BT	Good provision relative to need	BT
	Good condition	DIEE	Paths with firm level surfaces	DIEE
	Free from litter, debris and weeds	NCC		NCC
	Hard, firm and smooth surface with very low loose stones none bigger than 5mm	PPG17		PPG17
	loose stones none bigger than 5mm	BVP1		CP
	(10mm in rural areas)	PCSOM		
	Maximum surface breaks 12mm			
	Gullies and drainage systems maintained			
	Clean and tidy	BT	Good provision relative to need	BT
	Good condition	DIEE	Paths with firm level surfaces	DIEE
	Free from litter, debris and weeds	NCC		NCC
	Hard, firm and smooth surface with very low loose stones none bigger than 5mm	PPG17		PPG17
	loose stones none bigger than 5mm	BVP1		CP
	(10mm in rural areas)	PCSOM		
	Maximum surface breaks 12mm			
	Gullies and drainage systems maintained			
	Clean and tidy	BT	Maximum ramp steepness 1:12 (1:10 rural)	BT
	Good condition	DIEE	Maximum cross slope 1:50 (1:25 rural)	
	Free from litter, debris and weeds	NCC		
	Hard, firm and smooth surface	PPG17		
	Gullies and drainage systems maintained	BVP1		
	Marking of hazards	PCSOM		
	Absence of fly potholes	NCC	NA	NA
	Health and safety issues addressed	GF		
	Absence of graffiti	PCSOM		
	Absence of dog fouling	NCC/PPG17/PCSOM	NA	NA
		NCC/PPG17/CF	NA	NA
		PCSOM		

	Painting/basic maintenance	NCC	Relative to the site and relating well visually (conspicuity location and treatment)	CP
	Safe and accessible to all	CP	Clearly signed (signified)	PPG17
	Appliances in working order and maintained	PPG17	Fixtures/fittings as would expect in leisure centre	NCC
	Supplies of toilet paper, soap and drying equipment	NCC		CP
	Cleanliness	CP	Adequate lighting	PCSGM
	Dry floors		Baby changing	
	Free from odours		Disabled provision	
	Well maintained		Easy to access	
	Good condition		Adequate facilities	
	Painting/basic maintenance		Appropriate treatment	CP
	Maintained to the standards of volume grass		Relative to the site and relating well visually (location and treatment)	
	Marked as required	PCSGM	Facilities fit for use	PCSGM
	Infrastructure maintained		Marked as required	CP
	Well drained, not and playable surface		Correct infrastructure in place	
	During growing season the playing surface should be maintained to provide a uniform green, healthy sward consistent with requirement		Changing facilities or designated areas	
	Grass treated maintained in a healthy, uniform, weed and disease free condition. Grass evenly cut, striped and no higher than 50mm	PCSGM	Facilities fit for use	PCSGM
	(10mm out of season)		Surface playable	CP
	Even surface and free draining and no minor defects		Channel around the perimeter	
	Channel maintained around the perimeter			
	Well drained surface	PCSGM	Well drained, flat surface, nets, surrounding fencing, shelter and illumination in accordance with rules of the game	PCSGM
	Maintenance of markings		Facilities fit for use	CP
	Posts and nets in good working order			
	Surrounding netting safe and in good repair			
	Grass surfaces maintained in a healthy, uniform, weed and disease free condition. Grass evenly cut.	PCSGM	Facilities fit for use	PCSGM
			Well drained, flat surface, surrounding fencing, shelter and illumination in accordance	CP

Even surface and free draining and no minor defects		with rules of the game Correct infrastructure in place	
Maintenance of markings	DSHS	NA	NA
Appearance of healthy sward			
No unsightly weeds, litter, debris, clippings and bare patches			
Welcoming and usable area			
All areas uniformly cut to specification			
Including perimeter edges and obstacles			
Paths and surrounds free of clippings			
Edges to beds neat tidy and aesthetically pleasing, sympathetic to sites design			
No damage from vehicles driving over grass			
Appearance of healthy sward	OSHS	NA	NA
No unsightly weeds, litter, debris, clippings and bare patches			
Welcoming and usable area			
All areas uniformly cut to specification			
Including perimeter edges and obstacles			
Paths and surrounds free of clippings			
Edges to beds neat tidy and aesthetically pleasing, sympathetic to sites design			
No damage from vehicles driving over grass			
Pruning for security	OSHS		OSHS
Uniform plant coverage			NCC
Removal of dead/diseased material			PRG17
Pruning as required to eliminate nuisance, overhanging and intrusive growth			CP
Pruning as required by species for health, growth, vigor and flowering			
Encourage wildlife and retention of natural leaf fall (matured shrub beds.)			
Uniform plant coverage of live bed area	OSHS		OSHS
Healthy plants free from pest, disease and herbicide damage			NCC
Maximum flowering encouraged by deadheading			PRG17
			CP

<p>Maintenance to a high horticultural standard aesthetically pleasing, free from litter, debris, weeds and weeds</p> <p>Good soil condition and husbandry, addition of appropriate organic material and fertiliser</p> <p>Plants which are pruned to good horticultural practice to enhance and promote healthy flowering and general plant vigour.</p> <p>Uniform display over full area of the bed</p> <p>Varieties of plant, true to type, healthy, free of pest and disease and in prime condition at time of planting</p> <p>Beds well prepared, with a well structured soil in good condition to good horticultural standards, to produce good display and plant vigour throughout the season.</p> <p>Beds must be maintained to a high horticultural standards and be aesthetically pleasing, free from litter, weeds, pest and disease.</p>	<p>OSHS</p>	<p>Planting methodology Features well integrated and effectively located for maximum impact</p>	<p>OSHS NCC PPG17 CP</p>
<p>Commercial</p> <p>Cut back to designated size, with any extension growth no longer than 200mm</p> <p>Profile narrower at top than base</p> <p>Removal of dead/diseased material,</p> <p>replenish and protect gaps in the hedge to ensure continuous cover</p> <p>Hedge base free of litter, debris, clippings and weeds</p> <p>Field</p>	<p>OSB-G</p>	<p>Density Diversity Extent of indigenous material Nature treatment of the base</p>	<p>OSHS NCC PPG17 CP</p>
<p>Kept to designated size with any extension growth no longer than 600mm. The top of the hedge should be level</p> <p>Profile narrower at top than base</p> <p>Removal of dead/diseased material, replenish and protect gaps in the hedge to ensure continuous cover</p>			

Appendix I

Quality survey form

Name of site

Code

Date

Time

Weather

Category	Comments	Maintenance /10	Infrastructure /10	Customer /10
Nearby access to public transport		NA	NA	
Car parking				
Welcoming			NA	
Entrances				
Signage				
Access for all				
External boundaries				
Internal boundaries				
Layout and width of paths within the site		NA		
Tarmac paths				
Unsurfaced/grass paths				
Gritstone/millstone				
Ramp and cross slope gradients				
Vandalism			NA	
Graffiti			NA	
Dog fouling			NA	
Fly tipping			NA	
Litter, leaves & debris clearance			NA	
Bins (litter and dog)				
Seating				
Lighting		NA		
Natural surveillance				
Publicly accessible buildings/structures				
Toilets				

Monuments/sculptures				
Sports pitches				
Bowling greens				
Tennis courts				
Other sports and fitness provision				
Grass areas (ornamental)			NA	
Grass areas (amenity or volume)			NA	
Shrubs				
Roses				
Ornamental beds				
Hedges				
Trees				
Present water features				
Biodiversity				
Hard landscaping				
Landscaping				
Character		NA		
Continuity and enclosure		NA		
Legibility		NA		
Diversity		NA		
Evidence of use		NA	NA	
Appropriate facilities for the size of park		NA		
Other site specific issues				

Appendix J

List of greenspace site codes used for GIS mapping

Parks

P33Urm	Abbotsfield Park/Chassen Rd	Urmston	Neighbourhood Park
P43Buc	Ackers Lane	Partington	Other open space
P58StM	Ascot Avenue, Sale West	Sale West	Other open space
P52Ash	Ashton Park	Sale	Neighbourhood Park
P108Sal	Baguley Ave/Royton A	Sale	Other open space
P19HaC	Bankhall Lane	Altrincham	Other open space
P28Vil	Beech Avenue Playing	Altrincham	Recreation Ground
P40DaW	Bents Lane	Urmston	Other open space
P12Bow	Bowdon Recreation Ground	Altrincham	Recreation Ground
P59Sal	Bramhall Close	Sale	Other open space
P117DaE	Broadway/Crofts Bank	Davyhulme	Community Park
P14Vil	Broomwood/Mainwood Road	Altrincham	Community Park
P107Tim	Buckingham Way	Timperley	Other open space
P67StM	Cecil Avenue	Sale	Recreation Ground
P50Buc	Central Road	Partington	Other open space
P99Fli	Chassen Rd Football Grnd	Urmston	Recreation Ground
P112Buc	Christchurch Ave Pla	Sale	Other open space
P68Pri	Clarendon Crescent	Sale	Recreation Ground
P21HaB	Clarke Crescent	Altrincham	Other open space
P79Cli	Clifford Court	Stretford	Other open space
P111Cli	Cornbrook Street	Old Trafford, Stretford	Other open space
P37Buc	Cross Lane Park	Partington	Town Park
P64Pri	Crossford Bridge	Sale	Recreation Ground
P101Buc	Dalebrook Road	Sale	Other open space
P44Buc	Davis Road Play Area	Partington	Other open space
P113DaW	Davyhulme Millenium Nature Res	Davyhulme	Other open space
P32DaE	Davyhulme Park	Urmston	Town Park
P9Brd	De Quincey Park	Altrincham	Community Park
P31Bow	Denzell Gardens	Altrincham	Other open space
P45DaE	Dover/Kingsway Park	Urmston	Community Park
P97Bow	Dunham Park	Altrincham	Country Park
P94Fli	Flixton Fields	Flixton	Recreation Ground
P34Fli	Flixton Park	Urmston	Neighbourhood Park
P36Urm	Golden Hill Park	Urmston	Community Park
P77Gor	Gorse Hill Park	Stretford	Community Park
P80Lon	Gorse Park	Stretford	Community Park
P22Bow	Grange Road Play Area	Altrincham	Other open space
P4HaC	Grove Park	Altrincham	Recreation Ground
P3HaB	Halecroft Park	Altrincham	Neighbourhood Park
P69Pri	Harley Road	Sale	Other open space
P17Alt	Hendam Drive Play Area	Altrincham	Other open space
P38Urm	Higher Road	Urmston	Other open space
P87Str	Highfield Close	Stretford	Other open space
P100Buc	Hornbeam Close Park/Sale West	Sale	Community Park
P72Cli	Hullard Park	Stretford	Neighbourhood Park
P2Alt	John Leigh Park	Altrincham	Neighbourhood Park
P62Pri	Kelsall Street	Sale	Community Park

P29Alt	King George V Pool	Altrincham	Other open space
P24Bow	Kings Acre	Altrincham	Other open space
P63Brk	Kirklands Play Area	Sale	Other open space
P15Vil	Larkhill	Altrincham	Other open space
P46DaW	Lees Field	Urmston	Recreation Ground
P75Lon	Longford Park	Stretford	Town Park
P76Gor	Lostock Park	Stretford	Community Park
P39DaW	Lytham Road	Urmston	Other open space
P42Buc	Manchester Road	Partington	Other open space
P66StM	Manor Avenue	Sale	Recreation Ground
P26HaB	Marfield Road	Altrincham	Other open space
P23Bow	Minister Drive	Altrincham	Other open space
P55Brk	Moor Nook Park	Sale	Community Park
P81Str	Moss Park	Stretford	Community Park
P70Gor	Moss Road	Stretford	Other open space
P49Buc	Moss View Playing Fields	Partington	Recreation Ground
P78Gor	Nansen Street	Stretford	Community Park
P5Alt	Navigation Road Recreation Ground	Altrincham	Neighbourhood Park
P82Urm	Newcroft Road	Stretford	Community Park
P8Brd	Newton Park	Altrincham	Community Park
P41Buc	Oak Road	Partington	Community Park
P115Bow	Oakwood Lane	Altrincham	Other open space
P27Alt	Oldfield Brow	Stackoe Ave, Altrincham	Recreation Ground
P27Alt	Oldfield Brow/Stokoe Avenue	Altrincham	Recreation Ground
P6Tim	Pickering Lodge	Altrincham	Recreation Ground
P61Sal	Pimcroft Way	Sale	Other open space
P114Pri	Priory Gardens	Sale	Country Park
P16Vil	Redbrook	Altrincham	Other open space
P30Tim	Riddings Acre	Altrincham	Other open space
P83Gor	Ripon Road	Stretford	Other open space
P88Pri	Sale Water Park	Sale	Country Park
P95Brd	Salisbury Fields	Salisbury Road, Broadheath	Recreation Ground
P73Lon	Seymour Park	Stretford	Neighbourhood Park
P103Vil	Shaftsbury Avenue	Altrincham	Other open space
P13Bow	Springbank Recreation Ground	Altrincham	Community Park
P85Cli	St Brides Fields	Stretford	Recreation Ground
P1HaC	Stamford Park	Altrincham	Town Park
P106Buc	Stamford Road	Carrington	Other open space
P116Vil	Stelfox Ave/Stockport Rd	Altrincham	Other open space
P84Lon	Stephenson Road	Stretford	Other open space
P65Brk	Sylvan Avenue	Sale	Recreation Ground
P110Bow	The Devisdale	Altrincham	Other open space
P18HaB	The Mount Play Area	Altrincham	Other open space
P11Vil	Timperley Green (Aimson Rd)	Altrincham	Community Park
P7Tim	Timperley Recreation Ground	Timperley	Recreation Ground
P96Gor	Trafford Ecology Park	Trafford Park	Other open space
P86Lon	Turn Moss	Stretford	Recreation Ground
P89Urm	Urmston Meadows	Urmston	Country Park
P118Buc	Valley Fields	Partington	Other open space
P74Str	Victoria Park	Stretford	Neighbourhood Park
P56Pri	Walkden Gardens	Sale	Community Park
P53Brk	Walton Park	Sale	Neighbourhood Park
P57StM	Weathercock Farm	Sale	Recreation Ground
P92Fli	Wellacre	Flixton	Country Park
P20HaB	Wellfield Lane Play Area	Altrincham	Community Park
P109Buc	Wood Lane	Partington	Other open space

P54Brd	Woodheys Park	Altrincham/Sale	Neighbourhood Park
P25DaW	Woodsend Park	Urmston	Community Park
P10Brd	Woodstock Park	Altrincham	Community Park
P51Sal	Worthington Park	Sale	Town Park
Woodlands			
W1Bow	Moss Wood		
W2Buc	Brick Wood		
W3Pri	Willow Wood		
W4Pri	Priory Gardens		
W5Pri	Crossford Bridge		
W6Pri	Plane Wood		
W7HaB	Tomfield Bank/Hale Golf Course		
W8Bow	Bluebell Wood		
W9Vil	Fairywell Wood		
W10Vil	Broom Wood		
W11Bow	Convent Wood		
W12Brd	Woodheys Park		
W13Brk	Granary Wood		
W14Urm	Urmston Meadows 1		
W15Bow	Wood near Broadheath		
W16Str	Ousel Brook Wood		
W17Buc	Urmston Meadows 3		
W18Urm	Urmston Meadows 4		
W19Buc	Urmston Meadows 5		
W20Lon	Turn Moss		
W21Lon	Ivy Green Wood		
W22Fli	Carrington Road, Flixton		
W23Buc	Dainewell Woods		
W25StM	Old Sale Boys Grammar site		
W26Urm	Pike Wood		
W27Buc	Dark Lane Wood		
W28HaB	Wood next to Bollin		
W29Bow	Dunham Hall 1		
W30Bow	Dunham Massey Lodge Wood		
W31Bow	Dunham New Park 1		
W32Bow	Dunham New Park 3		
W33Bow	Dunham New Park 2		
W34Bow	Dunham Park 1		
W35Bow	Dunham New Park 4		
W36Bow	Back Lane Wood		
W37Bow	Dunham Hall 2		
W38Bow	Dunham New Park 5		
W40Bow	Dunham Park 2		
W41Buc	Oak Road Woods	Partington	
Green Corridors			
GC3	Mersey Valley	East to West from Sale to Carrington	
GC5	Brookes Drive	Hale (Village ward)	
GC4	Bridgewater Canal	North East to South West	
GC2	Transpenine Trail	Sale to Bowdon	
GC2	Transpenine Trail	Sale to Bowdon	
GC1Bow	Bollin Valley Way	Hale, Bowdon, Partington	
Allotments			
AL28Fli	Marlborough Road	Marlborough Road	Urmston
AL26Fli	Laneheads	The Fold (off Moorside Road)	Urmston
AL23Fli	Brookfields Allotments	Brook Road	Urmston
AL29Urm	Mossfield Allotments	entrance from Bowfell Road	Urmston

AL25Urm	The Grove Allotments	Entrance from Moorside Road	Urmston
AL24DaE	Granville Allotments	Entrance from Granville Road	Urmston
AL27Fli	Mansfield Allotments	Balmoral Road	Urmston
AL31Buc	St Mary's Allotments	off River Lane	Partington
AL30Buc	Moss View Allotments	Moss View Road	Partington
AL32Fli	Wyndcliff Drive Allotments	Wyndcliff Drive	Urmston
AL17Urm	Chadwick Park	Bradfield Road	Stretford
AL20Urm	Humphrey Lane Allotments	Humphrey Lane	Stretford
AL19Gor	Gorse Hill Allotments	Burleigh Road	Stretford
AL22Lon	Old Trafford	off Kings Road	Stretford
AL21Str	Lesley Road/Urmston Lane allotments	Lesley Road	Stretford
AL18Str	Church Street Allotments	Church Street/Wellington Stree	Stretford
AL13Pri	Winstanley Allotments	Winstanley Road	Sale
AL10Brk	Moor Nook Allotments	Moor Nook, off Hulme Road	Sale
AL12Brk	Walton Road Allotments	Walton Road	Sale
AL11StM	Tavistock Road Allotments	Tavistock Road	Sale
AL9Ash	Grosvenor Road Allotments	Grosvenor Road	Sale
AL16StM	Totnes Road Allotments	Totnes Road	Sale
AL15Sal	Warslow Drive Allotments	Warslow Drive	Sale/Altrincham
AL14Brd	De Quincy Allotments	Off Woodcote Road	Sale/Altrincham
AL8Brd	Woodstock Road Allotments	Woodstock Road	Altrincham
AL1Tim	Grove Lane Allotments	Grove Lane	Altrincham
AL4Vil	Trafford Drive Allotments	Park Road (off Langham Road)	Altrincham
AL6HaB	Wellfield Lane Allotments	off Tarbolton Crescent	Hale, Altrincham
AL2HaB	Moss Lane / Golf Road Allotments	Moss Lane	Altrincham
AL5BOW	Vicarage Lane Allotments	Off Vicarage Lane/Bollin Avenue	Altrincham
AL7Bow	Eaton Road/ Edale Close Allotments	Eaton/York Road	Altrincham
AL3Tim	Riddings Allotments	off Sylvan Avenue	Timperley, Altrincham
Cemeteries			
C1Bow	Altrincham Cemetery	Altrincham	
C2Brk	Sale Cemetery	Sale	
C3Lon	Stretford Cemetery	Stretford	
C4Urm	Urmston Cemetery	Urmston	
Playspaces (NB Most of these sites exist in sites in other layers eg parks)			
PS65Gor	Gorse Hill Park	Chester Road	Stretford
PS51Gor	Davyhulme Park	Canterbury Road	Davyhulme
PS16HaC	Stamford Park 5-14 yr (2 of 2)	Charter Road	Altrincham
PS26Alt	Welman Way	Welman Way	Altrincham
PS12Tim	Pickering Lodge	Green Walk	Altrincham
PS37Brd	Newton Park	off Preston Road	Altrincham
PS15Alt	Stokoe Avenue Playing Fields	off Oldfield Road (Oldfield Brow)	Altrincham
PS41Brd	Woodheys Park	Kenmore Road	Sale
PS57Buc	Oak Road	Oak Road	Partington
PS48DaW	Broadway Park	Broadway/Laburnum Road	Davyhulme
PS55Urm	Higher Road Recreation Ground	Higher Road	Urmston
PS73Urm	Newcroft Road	Newcroft Drive, off Newcroft Road	Stretford
PS71Str	Moss Park	Moss Park Road	Stretford
PS70Lon	Longford Park Under 5s	Cromwell Road	Stretford
PS72Gor	Nansen Street	Thornbury Road	Stretford
PS67Cli	Hullard Park	Northumberland Road	Old Trafford
PS82Cli	Tamworth Court	off Clayton Close, Bold Street	Old Trafford
PS33Pri	Kelsall Street	nr Roebuck Lane	Sale
PS23Vil	Timperley Green	Aimson Road	Altrincham
PS76Str	Victoria Park	Victoria Road	Stretford
PS22Brd	Woodstock Park	Lee Avenue	Broadheath
PS86Vil	Broomwood Youth Centre	Mainwood Road	Altrincham

PS1HaC	Bankhall Lane	Bankhall Lane	Hale
P21HaB	Clark Crescent	Old Meadows Lane	Hale Green
PS7HaC	Grove Park	Delahays Road	Hale
PS20HaB	Wellfield Lane Openspace	Tarbolton Crescent	Hale
PS5Vil	Broomwood Play Area	Mainwood Road	Altrincham
PS19Tim	Timperley Rec Ground	Park Road	Timperley
PS4Tim	Buckingham Way	Grove Lane	Timperley
PS10Alt	Navigation Road Rec	Navigation Road	Altrincham
PS14Brk	Sylvan Avenue	Riddings Road	Timperley
PS8HaB	Halecroft Park	Hale Road	Hale
PS13Bow	Primrose Bank	off Brick Kiln Road	Bowdon
PS3Bow	Bowdon Rec Ground	Vicarage Lane	Altrincham
PS6Bow	Kings Acre Play Area	Eyebrook Road	Bowdon
PS17Bow	Springbank	Ashley Road	Altrincham
PS9Alt	John Leigh Park	Oldfield Road	Altrincham
PS18Alt	Thurstone Road/ Hendham Drive	Oldfield Road	Altrincham
PS39Pri	Sale Water Park		Sale
PS28Pri	Crossford Bridge Rec Ground	Meadows Road	Sale
PS30Pri	Harley Road	Harley Road	Sale
PS42Sal	Worthington Park	Cheltenham Drive	Sale
PS36Brk	Moor Nook Rec Ground	Norris Road	Sale
PS26Sal	Bramhall Close	Norris Road	Sale Moor
PS44Sal	Baguely Lane	Frodsham Road	Sale Moor
PS32Brk	Kirklands	Framingham Road	Sale
PS43Brk	Walton Park	Walton Road	Sale
PS35Pri	Marsland Road	St James Drive	Sale
PS27StM	Cecil Avenue		Sale
PS38StM	Sale West Wood	Ascot Avenue	Sale
PS59Buc	Partington Shopping Precinct		Partington
PS58Buc	Partington Community Centre		Partington
PS52Buc	Davis Road	Hardwick Road	Partington
PS46Buc	Ackers Lane	Manchester Road	Carrington
PS61DaW	Valley Road South	Lytham Road	Flixton
PS62DaW	Woodsend Park	Crescent Road	Flixton
PS63DaW	Woodsend Library	Woodsend Road	Flixton
PS49DaW	Bent Lanes	Woodhouse Lane	Davyhulme
PS56DaE	Kingsway Park	Kingsway	Davyhulme
PS85Gor	Moss Vale	Crescent Road	Stretford
PS81Gor	Ripon Road	Chatsworth Road	Stretford
PS69Gor	Lostock Park	Curzon Road	Stretford
PS53Fli	Flixton House	Flixton Road	Flixton
PS47Fli	Abbotsfield Park	Flixton Road	Flixton
PS54Urm	Golden Hill Park	Moorside Road	Flixton
PS68Str	Lacy Street		Stretford
PS75Lon	Stephenson Road	Christie Road	Stretford
PS79Lon	Milton Close	Milton Road	Old Trafford
PS77Gor	Longford Close	Thomas Street	Stretford
PS64Lon	Cranford Avenue	Gorse Avenue	Stretford
PS84Gor	Burleigh Court	Burleigh Road	Stretford
PS78Cli	Malpas Walk	Off Clifton Close	Stretford
PS80Cli	Telford Walk	Off Clifton close	Stretford
PS74Sey	Seymour Park	Carver St/St Hildas Road	Old Trafford
PS83Cli	Hamilton Street	Clifton Grove	Old Trafford
PS66Str	Highfield Close		Stretford
PS29StM	Christchurch Road	Manor Avenue	Sale West
PS40StM	Weathercock Farm Rec	Firs Road	Sale

PS25Ash	Ashton Park	Dumber Lane	Sale
PS50Buc	Cross Lane East Rec Ground	Cross Lane	Partington
PS31Buc	Hornbeam Close		Sale
PS16HaC	Stamford Park	Charter Road	Altrincham

School Playing Fields

S1HaB	St Ambrose College	5.11
S2HaB	Well Green Primary School	0.86
S3HaC	Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	6.40
S4Bow	Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	0.35
S5Bow	Bowden CE Primary School	0.92
S6Bow	Bollin Primary School	1.17
S7Bow	Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	0.50
S8Bow	Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	0.73
S9Alt	Altrincham CE Primary School	0.99
S10Alt	St Vincents Catholic Infant/Junior School	2.05
S11Tim	Wellington High School	1.22
S12Tim	Willows Primary School	1.33
S13Tim	Pictor School	1.03
S14HaB	Cloverlea Primary School	0.79
S15Vil	Broomwood Primary School	1.03
S16Brd	Broadheath Primary School	0.75
S17Brd	South Trafford College	3.58
S18StM	Cherry Manor Primary School	3.38
S19StM	St Margaret Ward Catholic Primary School	0.88
S20StM	Woodheys Primary School	0.55
S21Brd	Tyntesfield Primary School	0.78
S22Brd	Park Road Primary School, Sale	0.57
S23Tim	St Hugh's Catholic Primary School	1.29
S24Tim	Heyes Lane Junior School	1.29
S25Brk	Jeff Joseph Sale Moor Technology College	6.03
S26Buc	Broadoak High School	9.21
S27Buc	Ortonbrook Primary School	1.06
S28Buc	Oakwood Community Primary School	0.55
S29Buc	Mill Bank Junior School	1.16
S30Buc	Our Lady of Loudres RC Primary School	0.91
S31Buc	Partington Primary School	0.93
S32Buc	Moss View Primary School	1.35
S33DaW	Wellacre Technology College	1.38
S34DaW	Woodsend Primary School	0.64
S35Fli	Wellacre High School	7.14
S36Fli	St Michael's CE Primary School	0.90
S37Fli	Flixton Junior School	0.79
S38Fli	Flixton Girls High School	1.92
S39Urm	Urmston Junior School	1.89
S40Urm	Urmston Grammar School	0.45
S41DaE	Davyhulme Infant/Junior School	1.60
S42Urm	St Antony's RC High School	2.16
S43Urm	Highfield Primary School	1.30
S44Gor	Lostock College	2.29
S45Str	Moss Park Infant/Junior School	0.53
S46Buc	All Saints Catholic Primary School	0.71
S47StM	Firs Primary School	0.89
S48StM	Ashton upon Mersey School	4.53
S49Ash	Wellfield Infant/Junior School	1.59
S50Ash	Park Road Primary School	0.31
S51Pri	Sale Grammar School	3.35

S52Sal	Lime Tree Primary School	0.70
S53Sal	Holy Family RC Primary School	0.57
S54Sal	Temple Moor Infant School	0.26
S55Sal	Moorlands Junior School	1.41
S56Sal	Worthington Primary School	0.95
S57Lon	Stretford Grammar School	5.61
S58Str	St Matthew's CE Primary School	0.95
S59Str	Victoria Park Infant/Junior School	1.54
S60Gor	Stretford High School	0.83
S61Lon	Kings Road Primary School	1.00
S62Lon	St Teresa's RC Primary School	0.32
S63Lon	St Hilda's CE Primary School	0.45
S64Gor	North Trafford College	3.21
S65Cli	Old Trafford Community Primary School	0.53
S66Gor	Barton Clough Primary School	5.99
S67DaE	Egerton High School	2.78
S68DaE	Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School	0.45
S69DaW	Woodhouse Primary School	1.40