

APPENDIX 6

SETTING PROVISION STANDARDS

Parks and Gardens

Quantity

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	<p>English Nature Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards (ANGSt):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of at least 2ha of accessible natural greenspace per 1,000 population <p>Ornamental parks and gardens are excluded from the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) recommendations regarding quantity of provision.</p>		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	<p>South Staffordshire Local Plan (Adopted 1996) & Local Plan: Deposit Plan (November 2003):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific standards relating to Parks and Gardens. • The Council will apply open space standards flexibly according to local circumstances. • The overall open space standards accord with the County Structure Plan standard of 7 acres of open space per 1,000 population. 		
Assessing Current Provision (per 1,000)	0.0004 ha per 1000 population		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)*	<p>Cannock Chase BC:</p> <p>All dwellings should be within 0.53 miles of a good quality (scoring at least 46%) Local, Major or Country Park</p>	<p>Stevenage BC:</p> <p>0.73 ha/1000 population</p>	<p>East Herts Council:</p> <p>0.53 ha/1000 population</p>

* It should be noted that the other local authorities mentioned here are not directly comparable with South Staffordshire in terms of their open space standards, due to differences in the characteristics of each i.e. South Staffordshire is predominantly rural.

Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.
Recommended Standard	No standard recommended
Justification of Recommended Standard	<p>In the context of this audit, Parks and Gardens are taken to refer specifically to formal / ornamental parks and gardens, of which there is only one. Larger recreational grounds and historic parks/gardens are considered within the Amenity and Historic & Heritage typologies respectively.</p> <p>As formal parks and gardens are generally developed on an opportunistic basis and the benefits of these spaces in terms of recreation and relaxation are similar to those provided by other Amenity greenspace, it is not thought to be feasible to develop a standard determining their quantity.</p>

Quality

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	Green Flag Award Criteria for quality (see Appendix 3).		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quality standards relating to Parks and Gardens.		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings should be within 0.53 miles of a good quality (scoring at least 46%) Local, Major or Country Park	Stevenage BC: A recommended quality vision	East Herts Council: Recommended quality vision standard
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.		

Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90 – 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All formal Parks and Gardens should be of ‘good’ quality or higher (scoring at least 70%). They should be clean and well-maintained sites that are visually attractive and provide opportunities for leisure and relaxation. The sites should have well-defined boundaries. They should also be safe and secure with appropriate lighting and provision of ancillary facilities, including benches and litter bins where appropriate.				
Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard reflects the Green Flag Award criteria for quality and will ensure that the high quality of sites is maintained. It will also help to ensure that the sites continue to attract visitors and provide benefits in terms of leisure and relaxation.				

Accessibility

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	English Nature ANGSt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No person should live more than 300m from their nearest area of natural greenspace of at least 2ha in size • There should be at least one accessible 20ha site within 2km from home • There should be at least one 100ha site within 5km • There should be at least one 500ha site within 10km 		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific accessibility standards relating to Parks and Gardens.		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings should be within 0.53 miles of a good quality (scoring at least 46%) Local, Major or Country Park	Stevenage BC: 15 min drive to large borough-wide open space resource 10 min walk for all remaining parks and gardens	East Herts Council: 10 min walk from residential areas

Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
Justification of Recommended Standard	All sites should be of ‘good’ accessibility or higher (scoring at least 70%). The sites should provide safe and secure access routes, having clearly marked pathways and appropriate provision for disabled users. The means of access should be safe and convenient and minimise reliance on private transport as far as possible.				
	This standard recognises the need for equal and safe access for all, when travelling both to and within the site.				

Natural and Semi-natural Greenspace

Quantity

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	English Nature ANGSt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of at least 2ha of accessible natural greenspace per 1,000 population • 1.0ha of Local Nature Reserve (LNR) per 1,000 population 		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	South Staffordshire Local Plan (Adopted 1996) & Local Plan: Deposit Plan (November 2003): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific standards relating to natural and semi-natural greenspace. • The Council will apply open space standards flexibly according to local circumstances. • The overall open space standards accord with the County Structure Plan standard of 7 acres of open space per 1,000 population. 		
Assessing Current Provision (per 1,000)	7.383 ha per 1000 population		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings should be within 0.53 miles of a good quality (scoring at least 46%) natural / semi-natural greenspace	Stevenage BC: 1.78 ha/1000 population	East Herts Council: 7.76 ha/1000 population
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.		
Recommended Standard	No standard recommended		
Justification of Recommended Standard	The current quantity of provision for this typology for the whole of the District is much higher than the 2ha per 1000 population recommended by English Nature. It is therefore		

	not necessary or feasible to recommend increasing provision. The current level of provision should however be preserved as these are important sites that characterise South Staffordshire, many of which have significant biodiversity and ecological value, and are enjoyed by people who live outside the District. Increasing the quality and accessibility of existing natural and semi-natural sites in areas that have lower quantities of provision would help to increase the perceived level of provision and ease of access.
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Quality

Stage	Result				
Assessing National Standards	No national quality standard				
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quality standards relating to natural and semi-natural greenspace.				
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings should be within 0.53 miles of a good quality (scoring at least 46%) natural / semi-natural greenspace	Stevenage BC: Recommended quality vision	East Herts Council: Recommended quality vision standard		
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All sites should be of ‘good’ quality or higher (scoring at least 70%). Sites should provide a pleasant natural environment, free from litter and fly tipping. Sites should be utilised and maintained in such a way that biodiversity and				

	existing wildlife habitats are enhanced and conserved. Information alerting and educating visitors to the natural and ecological significance of sites should be provided where appropriate.
Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard will help to maintain the overall quality of these sites, both in terms of maintaining their ecological importance and enhancing the visitor experience. Providing information to the public which highlights the importance of these sites is likely to instil a sense of respect and reduce the misuse of certain areas.

Accessibility

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	English Nature ANGSt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No person should live more than 300m from their nearest area of natural greenspace of at least 2ha in size • There should be at least one accessible 20ha site within 2km from home • There should be at least one 100ha site within 5km • There should be at least one 500ha site within 10km 		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific accessibility standards relating to natural and semi-natural greenspace.		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings should be within 0.53 miles of a good quality (scoring at least 46%) natural / semi-natural greenspace	Stevenage BC: 5 min walk time	East Herts Council: 10 min walk from residential areas
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.		

Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
		90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%
	<p>All sites should be of ‘good’ accessibility or higher (scoring at least 70%). There should be a clear network of footpaths to ensure safe access within the site and promote informal recreation. Disabled access should be provided where possible, providing it doesn’t interfere with the character or natural elements of the site.</p> <p>Entrances to the site itself should be clearly marked, identifying the site as publicly accessible.</p>				
Justification of Recommended Standard	<p>This standard will ensure that the sites are accessible by all, with clearly marked pathways ensuring public safety and optimising the visitor experience. Improving the signage at site entrances will help to remove confusion regarding whether or not sites are publicly accessible.</p>				

Green Corridors

Quantity

Stage	Result	
Assessing National Standards	English Nature ANGSt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of at least 2ha of accessible natural greenspace per 1,000 population 	
Assessing Existing Local Standards	South Staffordshire Local Plan (Adopted 1996) & Local Plan: Deposit Plan (November 2003): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific standards relating to green corridors. • The Council will apply open space standards flexibly according to local circumstances. • The overall open space standards accord with the County Structure Plan standard of 7 acres of open space per 1,000 population. 	
Assessing Current Provision (per 1,000)	0.296 ha per 1000 population	
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: "Owing to the nature of Green links as primarily being disused railways, Canal tow paths etc. it was not deemed practical to recommend a standard of provision"	East Herts Council: No local quantity provision standard set
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.	
Recommended Standard	No standard recommended	
Justification of Recommended Standard	Due to the fact that green corridors in South Staffordshire are located primarily along canals, brooks and streams, disused railways or routes of historic significance (such as the Mercia Way), it is not thought feasible to recommend a standard for quantity of provision. PPG17 states that <i>"the need for green corridors arises from the need to promote environmentally</i>	

	<p><i>sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling within urban areas. This means that there is no sensible way of stating a provision standard</i>".</p> <p>Therefore, although there may be a demand for green corridors in a region there is no easy way to increase provision. The best solution is to improve access routes to existing sites.</p>
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Quality

Stage	Result				
Assessing National Standards	No national quality standard				
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quality standards relating to green corridors.				
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: No recommended quality standard set		East Herts Council: Recommended quality vision standard		
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All sites should be of ‘good’ quality or higher (scoring at least 70%). The corridors should provide a clean, clear, litter free, level and well-drained pathway, which ideally links other areas of open space. Green corridors should include wild flowers, trees, shrubs, and ancillary provision such as benches and litter bins where appropriate.				
Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard provides a vision for any new provision and also a benchmark for existing green corridors to achieve in terms of enhancement. It will ensure that the routes are pleasant, encouraging increased usage and sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling.				

Accessibility

Stage	Result				
Assessing National Standards	English Nature ANGSt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No person should live more than 300m from their nearest area of natural greenspace of at least 2ha in size • There should be at least one accessible 20ha site within 2km from home • There should be at least one 100ha site within 5km • There should be at least one 500ha site within 10km 				
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific accessibility standards relating to green corridors.				
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: “Owing to the nature of Green links as primarily being disused railways, Canal tow paths etc. it was not deemed practical to recommend a standard of provision”	East Herts Council: No local accessibility standard set			
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
Justification of Recommended Standard	All sites should be of ‘good’ accessibility or higher (scoring at least 70%). Footpaths should be level, wide enough for wheelchair access, and have no obstructions (such as very low overhanging branches or overgrown vegetation). They should be well signposted from all access points with appropriate barriers preventing access by motorbikes or cars, but still allowing easy wheelchair access. This standard will ensure that sites are accessible by all. Improved signposting will encourage more people to use the sites and hopefully help to promote sustainable modes of transport.				

Amenity Greenspace

Quantity

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	<p>The National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) makes reference to amenity greenspace, which states 2 acres (0.8ha) per 1,000 population for ‘playing spaces’.</p> <p>Some local authorities in the past have added an extra 1 acre (0.41 ha) per 1,000 population intended for residential areas.</p>		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	<p>South Staffordshire Local Plan (Adopted 1996) & Local Plan: Deposit Plan (November 2003):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed that at least 0.4 ha (1 acre) of incidental open space should be available for every 200 dwellings. Of this 0.2 ha (0.5 acres) should be children’s play space. The balance of 0.2 ha (0.5 acres) should be laid out as incidental open space including casual or informal play spaces within housing. The Council will apply open space standards flexibly according to local circumstances. The overall open space standards accord with the County Structure Plan standard of 7 acres of open space per 1,000 population. 		
Assessing Current Provision (per 1,000)	1.60 ha per 1000 population		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	<p>Hambleton DC: 1.38 ha/1000 population</p>	<p>Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings be within 0.40 miles of a good quality amenity greenspace (scoring at least 46%)</p>	<p>Stevenage BC: 1.1 ha/1000 population</p>
Analysis of Consultation	<p>Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.</p>		

Recommended Standard	1.60 ha per 1000 population
Justification of Recommended Standard	The current level of provision of amenity open space is considered to be sufficient for a largely rural District such as South Staffordshire. The allocation of sites identified for additional open space and recreation provision outlined in the Local Plan (Policy R6) should however be supported, together with the reclamation and redevelopment of derelict and unused land (such as that previously used for mineral workings) for use as sport and recreation open space. Any new residential development in the region should include enough amenity open space so as to ensure that the existing level of provision is maintained.

Quality

Stage	Result				
Assessing National Standards	Green Flag Award Criteria for quality (see Appendix 3)				
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quality standards relating to amenity greenspace.				
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings be within 0.40 miles of a good quality amenity greenspace (scoring at least 46%)	Stevenage BC: Recommended quality vision	East Herts Council: Recommended quality vision standard		
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90- 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All sites should be of ‘good’ quality or higher (scoring at least 70%). They should be clean and well-maintained sites that are visually attractive				

	and provide opportunities for a variety of leisure and recreational uses for an appropriate range of ages. They should also be safe and secure with appropriate lighting and provision of ancillary facilities, including benches and litter bins where appropriate. The sites should be accessible for all with appropriate signage.
Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard reflects the Green Flag Award criteria for quality and ensures that the high quality of sites is maintained. It will also ensure that each amenity greenspace continues to be utilised and maintains its important community function. This quality vision will also ensure that sites are not misused.

Accessibility

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	No national accessibility standard		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific accessibility standards relating to amenity greenspace.		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Hambleton DC: 15 min walk time in market town areas. 10 min walk time for villages	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings be within 0.40 miles of a good quality amenity greenspace (scoring at least 46%)	Stevenage BC: 5 min walk time
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.		

Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90–100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All sites should be of ‘good’ accessibility or higher (scoring at least 70%). The sites should provide safe and secure access routes, having clearly marked pathways and appropriate provision for disabled users. The means of access should be safe and convenient and minimise reliance on private transport as far as possible.				
Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard recognises the need for equal and safe access for all, when travelling both to and within the site.				

Provision for Young People and Children

Quantity

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	<p>NPFA Six Acre Standard recommends 6 acres (2.43ha) per 1,000 population for 'playing space' consisting of 2 acres (i.e. 0.81 ha per 1,000 population) for children's playing space.</p> <p>LAPs- aged 4-6 years, 1 minute walk or 100m (60m in straight line), minimum area size 100m², typically no play equipment therefore could be considered amenity greenspace.</p> <p>LEAPs- aged minimum 5 years, minimum area 400m², 400m or 5 minute walking time along pedestrian routes (240m in straight line)</p> <p>NEAPs- aged minimum 8 years, minimum area 1000m², should be located 1,000m or 15 minutes walking time along pedestrian routes (600m in straight line).</p>		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	<p>South Staffordshire Local Plan (Adopted 1996) & Local Plan: Deposit Plan (November 2003):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards for children's play space intended to be complementary to the NPFA standard. Proposed that at least 0.4 ha (1 acre) of incidental open space should be available for every 200 dwellings. Of this 0.2 ha (0.5 acres) should be children's play space. The balance of 0.2 ha (0.5 acres) should be laid out as incidental open space including casual or informal play spaces within housing. 		
Assessing Current Provision (per 1,000)	0.043 ha per 1000 population		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	<p>Hambleton DC:</p> <p>0.74 play facilities/1000 population</p> <p>0.25 young people facilities/1000 population</p>	<p>Cannock Chase BC:</p> <p>All dwellings be within 0.40 miles of a good quality equipped play area (scoring at least 46%)</p>	<p>Stevenage BC:</p> <p>0.8 play areas/1000 population</p>

Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.
Recommended Standard	0.2 ha play space per 1000 population
Justification of Recommended Standard	<p>This standard of 0.2 ha per 1000 people includes areas of formal play space or play provision (with informal play space or incidental open space covered by the 'Amenity' typology).</p> <p>This standard is approximately in line with quantity recommendations for play provision stated in the South Staffordshire Local Plan.</p> <p>It is considered that NPFA quantity standards, although higher, are particularly geared towards provision in urban areas, where other forms of incidental open space provision is minimal. As South Staffordshire is a rural county a lower standard of provision is deemed suitable.</p>

Quality

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	<p>LAPs, LEAPs and NEAPs indicate some quality aspirations in terms of needing seating for adults, varied range of equipment and teenager meeting place (see Appendix 2).</p> <p>Green Flag Award Criteria for quality.</p>		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quality standards relating to provision for young people and children.		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	<p>Cannock Chase BC:</p> <p>All dwellings be within 0.40 miles of a good quality equipped play area (scoring at least 46%)</p>	<p>Stevenage BC:</p> <p>Recommended quality vision</p>	<p>East Herts Council:</p> <p>Recommended quality vision standard</p>

Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90 – 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All provision for young people and children should be sites of good quality or higher (scoring 70% or above), providing a well-maintained, enriched play environment which is safe, secure and accessible for all. The areas should be clean, well lit, and litter and dog free. They should also comply with appropriate national guidelines for design and safety. Provision for older children / teenagers should include areas of shelter (with seating).				
Justification of Recommended Standard	<p>The standard reflects the need for the good design of play areas in which there is a clear division between areas designated for younger and older children.</p> <p>There is a recognition of the need for sites to be in a safe and secure location with clear boundaries. It also recognises the need for spaces in which children can go to meet friends and not just use the equipment.</p>				

Accessibility

Stage	Result
Assessing National Standards	Catchment area of 400m recommended by NPFA.
Assessing Existing Local Standards	<p>South Staffordshire Local Plan (Adopted 1996) & Local Plan: Deposit Plan (November 2003):</p> <p>Play areas should be located so that no child has to travel more than ¼ mile to get to one. Children should not have to cross a major traffic route to get to a play area.</p>

Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Hambleton DC: 10 min walk time for provision for children 15 min walk time for provision for young people	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings be within 0.40 miles of a good quality equipped play area (scoring at least 46%)	Stevenage BC: 5 min walk time to play area 10 min walk time to MUGA											
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.													
Recommended Standard	<table border="1" data-bbox="783 705 1417 862"> <tr> <td data-bbox="783 705 911 801"> Very Good </td> <td data-bbox="911 705 1038 801"> Good </td> <td data-bbox="1038 705 1166 801"> Average </td> <td data-bbox="1166 705 1294 801"> Poor </td> <td data-bbox="1294 705 1417 801"> Very Poor </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="783 801 911 862"> 90- 100% </td> <td data-bbox="911 801 1038 862"> 70 – 89% </td> <td data-bbox="1038 801 1166 862"> 50 – 69% </td> <td data-bbox="1166 801 1294 862"> 30 – 49% </td> <td data-bbox="1294 801 1417 862"> <30% </td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="783 862 1417 1220"> All provision for young people and children should be of good accessibility or higher (scoring 70% or above), having safe and secure access routes with appropriate provision for disabled users. Sites should be located so they are easily accessed from defined areas and the means is safe and convenient. Access should be possible without having to cross a major traffic route. </p>				Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	90- 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor										
90- 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%										
Justification of Recommended Standard	<p data-bbox="783 1220 1417 1355"> The recommended standard ensures the safety of children and young people upon entry and exit from the site. </p> <p data-bbox="783 1355 1417 1639"> The standard recognises the need for equal access for all. It is in line with recommendations for distance thresholds set out in the Local Plan/NPFA. If these standards are not met this is reflected in the scoring and these sites fall below the 70% acceptable standard for accessibility. </p>													

Allotments

Quantity

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	<p>National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners recommend 20 allotment plots per 1,000 households, i.e. 20 allotment plots per 2,000 people (2 people per house), or 1 allotment plot per 100 people. With an average allotment plot of 250m² this equates to 0.25 ha per 1,000 population.</p> <p>1969 Thorpe Report suggested 0.2ha (0.5 acres) per 1,000 population.</p>		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quantity standards relating to provision of allotments.		
Assessing Current Provision (per 1,000)	0.117 ha per 1000 population		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	<p>Hambleton DC: 0.2 ha/1000 population</p>	<p>Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings shall be within 2.2 mile of a good quality allotment site (scoring at least 46%)</p>	<p>Stevenage BC: 0.09 ha/1000 population</p>
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.		
Recommended Standard	0.25 ha per 1000 population		
Justification of Recommended Standard	<p>Given that allotments are very much a demanded typology this recommended quantity standard is given in line with current standards for provision as recommended by the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners, but this standard should be reviewed at regular intervals to ensure that targets for provision correlate with changing levels of demand.</p> <p>In terms of applying the standard, it may be more suitable to study the quantity of provision and</p>		

	ensure that the standard is met at a District level rather than at a ward level. This is because the level of demand in each ward is likely to vary greatly due to variations in demographic and landscape characteristics. For example, demand is likely to be greater in towns where gardens are smaller, than in more rural areas.
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Quality

Stage	Result				
Assessing National Standards	Green Flag Award Criteria for quality.				
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quality standards relating to provision of allotments.				
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings shall be within 2.2 mile of a good quality allotment site (scoring at least 46%)	Stevenage BC: Recommended quality vision	East Herts Council: Recommended quality vision standard		
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All allotments should be of ‘good’ quality or higher (scoring at least 70%). They should be clean and well-maintained sites that encourage biodiversity and promote education and health benefits. The sites should have good quality soils, clearly marked pathways and well-defined boundaries. They should also be safe and secure with appropriate provision of ancillary facilities (e.g. litter/composting bins).				

Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard reflects the Green Flag Award criteria for quality and will ensure that the high quality of new or existing allotments is maintained. It will also help to ensure that the sites continue to attract new users and promote associated healthy living and sustainability benefits.
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Accessibility

Stage	Result				
Assessing National Standards	No national accessibility standard.				
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific accessibility standards relating to provision of allotments.				
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Hambleton DC: 15 min walk time	Cannock Chase BC: All dwellings shall be within 2.2 mile of a good quality allotment site (scoring at least 46%)	Stevenage BC: 15 minute walk time		
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90- 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All allotments should be of ‘good’ accessibility or higher (scoring at least 70%). The sites should be spacious, providing safe and secure access routes and appropriate provision for disabled users. Sites should be located so they are easily accessed from areas of demand. The means should be safe and convenient and minimise reliance on private transport as far as possible.				
Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard recognises the need for equal access for all and should maximise use of existing sites.				

Cemeteries and Churchyards

Quantity

Stage	Result			
Assessing National Standards	No national quantity standard.			
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quantity standards relating to provision of cemeteries and churchyards.			
Assessing Current Provision (per 1,000)	0.26 ha per 1000 population			
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Cannock Chase BC: No quantity standard set as provision relies on presence and location of a church</td> <td>Stevenage BC: No local standard set</td> <td>East Herts Council: No quantity standards set</td> </tr> </table>	Cannock Chase BC: No quantity standard set as provision relies on presence and location of a church	Stevenage BC: No local standard set	East Herts Council: No quantity standards set
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Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.			
Recommended Standard	No standard recommended			
Justification of Recommended Standard	<p>As PPG17 Annex A states, "As churchyards can only exist where there is a church, the only form of provision standard which will be required is a qualitative one".</p> <p>Therefore, in line with PPG17 guidelines it has been decided that it is not appropriate to recommend a quantity standard for the provision of cemeteries and churchyards.</p>			

Quality

Stage	Result
Assessing National Standards	Green Flag Award Criteria for quality.
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quality standards relating to provision of cemeteries and churchyards.

Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: To maintain a high standard of provision (average quality 92%) across the Cannock Chase District	Stevenage BC: Recommended quality vision	East Herts Council: Recommended quality vision standard											
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.													
Recommended Standard	<table border="1" data-bbox="783 741 1417 896"> <tr> <td data-bbox="783 741 911 837">Very Good</td> <td data-bbox="911 741 1038 837">Good</td> <td data-bbox="1038 741 1166 837">Average</td> <td data-bbox="1166 741 1294 837">Poor</td> <td data-bbox="1294 741 1417 837">Very Poor</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="783 837 911 896">90– 100%</td> <td data-bbox="911 837 1038 896">70 – 89%</td> <td data-bbox="1038 837 1166 896">50 – 69%</td> <td data-bbox="1166 837 1294 896">30 – 49%</td> <td data-bbox="1294 837 1417 896"><30%</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="783 896 1417 1294">All sites should be of ‘good’ quality or higher (scoring at least 70%). They should be clean and well-maintained sites that are visually attractive and provide opportunities for quiet contemplation. They should also be safe and secure with appropriate provision of ancillary facilities, including benches and litter bins where appropriate. They should also contain areas that promote biodiversity and nature conservation.</p>				Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
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Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard reflects the Green Flag Award criteria for quality and will ensure that the high quality of sites is maintained. It will also help to promote the use of these sites for by members of the public as important areas of open space for walking / contemplation.													

Accessibility

Stage	Result
Assessing National Standards	No national accessibility standard.
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific accessibility standards relating to provision of cemeteries and churchyards.

Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: No accessibility standard recommended	Stevenage BC: No local accessibility standard set	East Herts Council: No accessibility standard set
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.		
Recommended Standard	All sites should be of 'good' accessibility or higher (scoring at least 70%). The sites should provide safe and secure access routes, having clearly marked pathways and appropriate provision for disabled users. The means of access should be safe and convenient.		
Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard recognises the need for equal and safe access for all, when entering and travelling within the site.		

Civic and Heritage Spaces

Quantity

Stage	Result		
Assessing National Standards	No national quantity standard.		
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quantity standards relating to provision of civic and heritage spaces.		
Assessing Current Provision (per 1,000)	10.30 ha per 1000 population		
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Cannock Chase BC: No provision standards have been set for Civic / Market Squares</td> <td>Colchester BC: No local quantity standard set</td> </tr> </table>	Cannock Chase BC: No provision standards have been set for Civic / Market Squares	Colchester BC: No local quantity standard set
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Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.		
Recommended Standard	No standard recommended		
Justification of Recommended Standard	It is not thought to be feasible to recommend a quantity standard of provision for civic and heritage sites. Pre-existing civic sites are often established for historic reasons, such as squares around which settlements developed, or are created more recently on an opportunistic basis, where space allows. Heritage sites originate in historic times and need protecting and enhancing. It is therefore not possible or feasible to recommend a quantity standard for the provision of these sites.		

Quality

Stage	Result
Assessing National Standards	No national quality standard.
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific quality standards relating to provision of civic and heritage spaces.

Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: No provision standards have been set for Civic / Market Squares	Colchester BC: No local quality standard set			
Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
	All sites should be of 'good' quality or higher (scoring at least 70%). <u>Civic spaces</u> should be clean, well-maintained and visually attractive. They should be safe and secure with appropriate lighting and provision of ancillary facilities, including benches and litter bins where appropriate. <u>Heritage sites</u> should be maintained to a high standard, with appropriate signage and information to educate visitors about the historical context of the site.				
Justification of Recommended Standard	This standard will promote a high quality of provision and ensure that the sites can continue to be used and enjoyed by both local residents and visitors to the area.				

Accessibility

Stage	Result	
Assessing National Standards	No national accessibility standard.	
Assessing Existing Local Standards	No specific accessibility standards relating to provision of civic and heritage spaces.	
Benchmarking (against standards set by other local authorities)	Cannock Chase BC: No provision standards have been set for Civic / Market Squares	Colchester BC: No local accessibility standard set

Analysis of Consultation	Feedback from public and stakeholder consultation contained in the final report by B Arts was taken into account when considering a recommended standard of provision.				
Recommended Standard	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
	90– 100%	70 – 89%	50 – 69%	30 – 49%	<30%
Justification of Recommended Standard	<p>All sites should be of ‘good’ accessibility or higher (scoring at least 70%).</p> <p><u>Civic spaces</u> should be accessible for all, with surfaces and entryways that are appropriate for disabled users. Sites should be ideally located so as to provide an easily accessible meeting point for members of the local community.</p> <p><u>Heritage sites</u> should be easily accessible with adequate provision for disabled visitors. They should also be well signposted. Areas of restricted access should be implemented where appropriate in order to protect and conserve any sensitive historic or ecological features.</p> <p>This standard recognises the need for equal and safe access for all, when travelling both to and within the site. It also acknowledges the need for restricted access in certain cases in order to ensure that important sites and features are preserved for future generations.</p>				