

# **South Gloucestershire Council**

## **Open Space Audit – Assessment Manual**

### **Purpose:**

This manual has been produced as part of South Gloucestershire Council's 'Open Space Audit'. The audit can be found on the Council's website. This manual has been prepared as a stand alone document, it sets out the details of the site surveys conducted as part of the audit of open spaces, sport and recreation facilities. This manual has been used by assessors conducting site assessments. The site assessment results are used to understand quality and value of open spaces, sport and recreation facilities across South Gloucestershire, this approach accords with the national guidance contained in Planning Policy Guidance Note 17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation (PPG17) and its companion guide: Assessing Needs and Opportunities.

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# **PART ONE**

## **1. Open space, Sport and Recreation facilities – Site Assessment Methodology**

### **1.1 Assessing Quality & Value**

Based on the approaches set out for the Bristol City's Parks and Green Space Strategy, Manual for Assessing (July 2007) – the following methodology has been prepared for South Gloucestershire's assessment of open spaces, sport and recreation facilities.

1.2 The advantage of utilising the experience of Bristol City's approach is that the potential pitfalls have been identified and can therefore be planned for. Bristol's method of assessment and criteria however are quite different to South Gloucestershire's methodology, therefore it is the context and approach which can be replicated rather than the entire assessment process.

1.3 South Gloucestershire's approach is to visit and audit sites through the use a set of criteria, to record the quality of spaces and facilities and consider their value, which has been defined by its usage, context and wider benefits. In recognition of the different primary purpose that children and young people's provision and natural/semi-natural green spaces have, the value assessments used are different to the other spaces and facilities, this are explained in more detail in the sections below.

### **1.4 Quality assessments**

Site assessments provide a basis for understanding the quality of individual sites against a consistent methodology; this methodology is detailed in PART TWO of this document. Assessments also:

- enable the quality of sites to be gauged in relation to one another,
- enable an overview of all sites' quality to be collectively considered, across the district or, within specified areas,
- enable more accurate mapping of sites to be undertaken,
- in conjunction with other criteria, enable relative priorities for the attraction of investment and improvement through planning, design or management actions, and
- provide a basis for ongoing monitoring and review.

## 1.5 Scope

- PPG17 sets out a complete range of open space typologies and sport and recreation facilities that may be considered within an assessment, these include:

Table 1: Open Space types

<b>Type</b>	<b>Descriptions and sub- types</b>	<b>Primary purpose</b>
Parks and Gardens	Including urban parks, country parks and formal gardens. Parks often contain a range of facilities and open space types.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Informal recreation</li> <li>- Community events</li> </ul> May also contain elements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formal sport participation</li> <li>- Children's play</li> </ul>
Natural and Semi-natural green spaces	Including publicly accessible woodlands, urban forestry, scrub, grassland (eg downlands, commons and meadows) wetlands, open and running water, wasteland and derelict open land and rock areas (eg cliffs, quarries and pits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife conservation</li> <li>- Biodiversity</li> <li>- Environmental education</li> <li>- Informal recreation</li> </ul>
Green Corridors	Including canal tow paths and river banks, rights of way, cyclepaths, and disused railway lines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking, cycling or horse riding</li> <li>- Used for access or recreation</li> <li>- Wildlife routes</li> </ul>
Outdoor Sport Facilities, and	Natural or artificial surfaces either publicly or privately owned (with facilities open to the public via membership) used for sport and recreation. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tennis courts and bowling greens</li> <li>- Athletics tracks</li> <li>- Outdoor sports pitches</li> <li>- Golf Courses</li> <li>- Playing fields (including school playing fields)</li> <li>- Full sized MUGA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formal sport participation</li> </ul>
Changing Rooms/Pavilions	Facilities supporting the use of outdoor sports facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Changing and toilets to support the use of sport facilities</li> <li>- Social interaction</li> </ul>

Amenity green space	Including informal recreational green spaces, in and around housing, includes informal recreational spaces and villages greens.	- Informal recreation - Children's unequipped play areas - Visual enhancement of built areas - Frame pedestrian routes
Provision for Children	Provision for children, designed for play and social interaction. Including LEAPs, and NEAPs.	- Children's play
Provision for young people	Areas and equipment designed for use by young people e.g.  Small sized MUGAs Hardcourt areas BMX tracks Skate parks/ramps Teenage shelters Basketball hoops	- Activities and meeting/hang out places for teenagers/young people
Allotments (and community gardens)	Allotments and community gardens.	- Provide opportunities for people to grow their own produce/flowers. - Potential benefits for wildlife
Cemeteries and Churchyards	Cemeteries and churchyards	- Burial of the Dead - Quiet contemplation
Civic spaces	Including civic and market squares, and other hard surface areas designed for pedestrians	- Community events - Markets
Blue Infrastructure	Rivers, streams, ponds, lakes.	- Wildlife / biodiversity - Recreational use
Indoor sport and recreation facilities.	Including swimming pools, sports halls, indoor bowls, indoor tennis, and health gyms. Community buildings.	- Formal sport and recreation participation

- The following publicly accessible open spaces, sport and recreation facilities are included within the scope of this site audit process:

Table 2:

<b>Typology</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Parks and Gardens	Public parks and gardens assessed.
Natural/Semi-Natural green space	Open Access land have also been included within this category.
Outdoor Sports facilities and associated pavilion/changing rooms.	All sites both public and private, where access is possible.
Amenity green space (including areas surrounding green corridors)	Sites >0.2ha in size are scheduled to be assessed.
Provision for children	
Provision for young people	

Allotments	
Cemeteries & Churchyards	

1.6 The following are excluded from the scope of South Gloucestershire's open space audit:

- SLOAP (space left over after planning i.e. in and around blocks of flats) and some road side verges
- Private roads and private gardens
- Farmland and farm tracks
- Areas of small amenity green space not suitable for recreational purposes due to their scale and configuration.
- Sites which are not legitimately publicly accessible.

1.7 Table 3 sets out the types of open spaces, sport and recreation facilities highlighted in PPG17 that are not being assessed in this audit:

Table 3:

<b>Typology</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Green Corridors	Assessing these linear features is not feasible within the scope of this audit. South Gloucestershire Council Public Rights of Way Team have completed a full network survey of rights of way, the results of which are being used to inform future actions relating to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP).
Accessible countryside in urban areas	Given the nature of the relationship between urban areas and the surrounding rural hinterland in South Gloucestershire, it is not considered appropriate to specifically assess these areas. The relationship different urban areas have with the countryside has been set out in the relevant sections of the audit report.
Blue Infrastructure, e.g. streams and ponds	Whilst these spaces have been recorded in the open spaces, sport and recreation database, it is not appropriate to assess them separately from their adjoining open spaces, and therefore these areas of water will be reflected in the quality assessment of their adjoining open spaces. Assessments are non-technical and do not review items such as water purity.
Civic Space, e.g. hard surfaced formal spaces	Only a very limited number of sites of civic space have been recorded, it is therefore felt that assessment of these sites would not add value to this audit.

Indoor sports facilities	South Gloucestershire Council's Sport and Physical Activity team are preparing a separate Built Facilities Strategy, with the objective of ensuring access to high quality facilities.
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## 1.8 Approach to Assessments

- Any assessment will be a 'snapshot' consideration of quality and value on the day the assessor visits the site. Where possible the assessor must make allowance for his/ her own 'mood' at the time which may be influenced by factors like whether the sun is shining or whether the maintenance contractor has just paid a visit.
- Guidelines have been produced for each open space typology, which explain the range of scoring for each criterion. The guidelines have been prepared in order to assist those visiting the sites to have a common set of parameters. A description of each type of open space and its primary purpose has been set out so the assessor can ensure classification is correct and so the correct assessment criteria are used for that space or facility (see Table 1, above).
- The assessor will check that the mapped data contained on the open spaces, sport and recreation database reflects the actual picture on the ground; any discrepancies should be noted and reported to the database controller (currently the Spatial Planning Team). The assessment will reflect what is actually present on site at the time of the assessors visit.

## 1.9 Assessments – Quality, Value, Site Potential and Scoring

- The set of criteria used in the assessments reflect those of the *Green Flag Award* criteria, in conjunction with embracing quality considerations known to apply to sites throughout South Gloucestershire (identified in previous consultations and through extensive officer knowledge).
- The value assessment criteria for children and young people's provision have been interpreted from Fields In Trust (FIT, formally known as the National Playing Fields Association) guidelines.
- The criteria for the value of semi natural / natural green space have been development by investigating best practise examples and reflecting this typologies' primary purpose.
- Criteria have been used to identify opportunities for enhancing provision, to guide future site planning, design or management.

### 1.9.1 Quality Criteria

- There are a number of criteria that relate to quality, in terms of the condition and access of the open space/facility, these are set out in PART TWO of this manual. When considering the quality of sites, it

must be recognised that the assessor will consider the current condition; it provides a snapshot true at the time of the site visit.

#### 1.9.2 **Value Criteria**

- Criteria have been set out in order to consider the value of a space/facility, inline with the PPG17 companion guide, with the addition of some South Gloucestershire specific elements, these are set out in PART TWO of this manual. Together these relate to context, use and wider benefits and are being assessed to provide a base position to aid the progression of area specific delivery plans, and will therefore be refined through further community consultation.

#### 1.9.3 **Other items**

- Information on the quality of other aspects/items will be recorded but will not form part of the overall quality or value scores. Also other useful information will also be recorded and stored on the Council's open space, sport and recreation database – this is in order to create a single point of reference, these are set out in PART TWO of this manual.

#### 1.9.4 **Short term maintenance / Longer terms aspirations**

- As part of the site assessment any short term maintenance or health and safety issues will be identified and reported to the appropriate Council department (external groups/maintenance providers will also be contacted where necessary). This is the responsibility of the assessor undertaking the site visit.
- Longer term aspirations will be considered by the assessor, however, these will need to be further refined through community consultation and the development of area specific delivery plans.

#### 1.9.5 **Scoring**

- Each qualitative criteria is to be scored on a 5 point scale (0 to 4), with the highest score of 4 being 'very good' and lowest 0 being 'very poor'. In cases where criteria are considered not to be applicable for a particular site then these criteria have been discounted when calculating the total percentage score. Where a site does not contain an element that the assessor considers it should, then a score of 0 or 'very poor' is assigned to that element. The judgement as to whether an element is missing and is required, is the decision of the assessor. A simple weighting of particular criteria has also been used to ensure that the primary purpose of different types of open space is reflected in the overall site score. The individual criteria scores are combined and divided by the maximum score possible in order to provide an overall percentage score for the quality of the space or facility.

- The PPG17 companion guide advocates a classification approach to the assessment of value, attributing either a 'high' or 'low' value to each facility. South Gloucestershire's approach has been to look at value on three levels, adding a 'medium' value to assessments. These classifications are used on a three point scale (1 to 3), with the highest score of 3 being 'high' and lowest 1 being 'low'. The value judgements are taking place when sites are visited – they take account of context, level of use and wider benefits. Each type of open space is assessed against all criteria. The individual criteria scores are combined and divided by the maximum score possible in order to provide an overall percentage score for the value of the space or facility. This value judgement can be combined with the quality review to identify space/facilities in need of certain protection and those in need of improvement; this will be considered in more detail when area specific delivery plans are produced.

- For further details on the scoring of sites please view the Open Space Audit.

- When the future of a site is considered in any prospective area specific delivery plan, it is important to consider not only the primary purpose of a site but also the secondary purposes that a site may have. The balance between primary and secondary purposes needs to be carefully considered as improvements to primary purpose can have an adverse impact on the secondary, for example the fencing of a site may improve security but limit accessibility and curtail informal use.

#### **1.10 Future Assessments**

- Assessments will not be regarded as a 'one off' as future monitoring and review will enable a sites' progress or decline to be plotted. Future assessments may also enable some gauging of the effect of any capital investment or change in the way a site is managed. The open space, sport and recreation database has been developed to store historical assessment data.

#### **1.11 More Details on Assessment Criteria and Guidelines**

- Further details and the assessment criteria and guidelines can be found within PART TWO of this document.

## PART TWO

### 2. Audit – Assessment Criteria and Guidelines:

2.1 PPG17 requires authorities to undertake an audit of accessible open space, sport and recreational facilities to establish the quality of spaces and facilities and the value they have. This part of the manual sets out the methodology that the authority has used to derive overall scores for quality and value.

2.2 The open space typologies that are being visited and assessed are:

Table 4:

<b>Typology</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Parks and Gardens	Urban parks and gardens assessed.
Natural/Semi-Natural green space	Open Access land have also been included within this category.
Outdoor Sports facilities and associated pavilion/changing rooms.	All sites both public and private, where access is possible
Amenity green space (including areas surrounding green corridors)	Sites >0.2ha in size are scheduled to be assessed.
Provision for children	
Provision for young people	
Allotments	
Cemeteries & Churchyards	

- 2.3 Table 5 sets out the assessment survey sheets and guidelines that have been used to assess the different types of open spaces and facilities. Along the top are the different types of assessment survey sheets that were used and down the side are the types of space/facility and in brackets their corresponding guidelines which explain the criteria used when assessing a site.

Table 5:

<b>Survey sheet(s) used</b> <b>Type (&amp; Guideline)</b>	Open Space Survey Sheet (please see paragraph 2.5)	Outdoor Sport facilities assessments (please see paragraph 2.6)	Wildlife assessment	Cemeteries & Churchyards assessment	Allotment assessment	Play area assessment
Parks and Gardens (Appendix 2)	Appendix 1					
Amenity green space and areas surrounding green corridors (Appendix 3 & 4)	Appendix 1					
Cemeteries & Churchyards (Appendix 6)				Appendix 5		
Allotments (Appendix 8)					Appendix 7	
Natural/Semi-Natural green space (Appendix 10)	Appendix 1		Appendix 9			
Provision for children (Appendix 12)						Appendix 11
Provision for young people (Appendix 12)						Appendix 11
Outdoor Sports facilities. (Appendix 13)	Appendix 1 (undertaken for the complete playing field area)	Appendix 13 (undertaken for the individual pitch, court, track or green)				

- 2.4 Assessment guidelines and survey sheets can be found in the appendices as set out in Table 5.

- 2.5 The Open Space Survey Sheet is a common survey sheet, with a common set of criteria for use on site, however the actual guidelines which interpret the criteria for each type of open space is different; these are set out in the relevant appendices. The approach of having specific criteria and guidelines relevant to a space or facility ensures that the assessment results reflect the primary purpose of a site.

- 2.6 Outdoor sport facilities require two types of assessment, one a non-technical visual assessment of the quality of the actual pitch, court or green, the other undertaken where appropriate; is a quality assessment of the complete site area where the facilities are located.
- 2.7 The non-technical visual assessment of outdoor sport facilities and their associated changing rooms/pavilions has been undertaken in accordance with Sport England's guidelines contained in 'Towards A Level Playing Field – A Guide To The Production Of Play Pitch Strategies'. The criteria have been tailored to South Gloucestershire's requirements and devised to be applicable to each of the following types of facilities:
- Pitches
  - Hard Courts (netball, tennis, basketball etc.)
  - Bowling greens
  - Athletic tracks
  - Synthetic/astro pitches
  - Changing Rooms and pavilions
- (Please see the Appendix 13 to view the individual assessment forms)
- 2.8 Sport England refers to these non-technical visual assessments as Pitch Quality Assessments (PQA), these assessments provide a quality score which is applicable to an individual pitch, court or green etc, and will be reflected upon in the Built Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies.
- 2.9 Outdoor sport facilities often to have other secondary uses, such as for walking, kite flying and community events. In order to assess this use a secondary assessment
- 2.10 Natural and Semi-Natural green spaces require an additional set of assessment criteria to reflect the primary purpose of these spaces. This has been introduced to establish a record of the management of a space for wildlife and the human experience of nature when visiting the site.
- 2.11 Overall quality and value scores have been derived using a weighting system to reflect the importance of certain criteria reflecting the primary purpose of that site and type of open space/facility. Details of the weighting system are set out in the final appendix. Of note; is the approach taken to natural/semi-natural green spaces where the assessment has sought to consider the quality and value both from the human and a wildlife perspective. This has been undertaken in order to address the primary purpose of these sites whilst still addressing the core assessment criteria in accordance with the requirement of PPG17 (accessibility and quality of experience from a human perspective) and reflecting the Green Flag Award criteria. In order to comprehensively consider these perspectives; an additional set of assessment criteria have been set out and equal weight has been given to the human assessment criteria and the wildlife assessment criteria to arrive at an overall score.

- 2.12 The approach adopted for children and young people's provision has been derived from guidance contained with the Fields In Trust document, Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play (2008). An overall play value score has been derived from the consideration of the play experience offered by the design and equipment available. The level of use and the context has also been recorded.
- 2.13 The appendices below contain further details on the assessment criteria, the weighting and the assessment survey sheets used by assessors when visiting a site.

## **Appendices:**

- Appendix 1: Open Space Survey Sheet
- Appendix 2: Parks and Gardens assessment guidelines
- Appendix 3: Amenity green space & Playing fields assessment guidelines
- Appendix 4: Areas Surrounding Green Corridors assessment guidelines
- Appendix 5: Cemeteries & Churchyards Survey Sheet
- Appendix 6: Cemeteries & Churchyards assessment guidelines
- Appendix 7: Allotments Survey Sheet
- Appendix 8: Allotments assessment guidelines
- Appendix 9: Natural and Semi-Natural green spaces additional survey sheet
- Appendix 10: Natural and Semi-Natural green spaces assessment guidelines
- Appendix 11: Play Space Survey Sheet
- Appendix 12: Play Space assessment guidelines
- Appendix 13: Outdoor sport facilities non-technical survey sheets:
  - Pitch,
  - Hard Courts,
  - Bowling Greens,
  - Athletics Tracks,
  - Synthetic Pitches, and
  - Changing Rooms/Pavilions.
- Appendix 14: Weighting

# **Appendix 1: Open Space Survey Sheet**

Site ID:		Date:						Ownership/Maintenance:	
Name:		Day:	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Time:		Weather/clima	Sunny	Cloudy	Raining	Warm	Cold		
<b>Type (Tick one)</b>									
	Park	Amenity Greenspace	Playing Field	Green Corridor	Natural & Semi-Natural Areas (see additional sheet)				
	Score								Notes
		4	3	2	1	0			
	<b>Layout, Balance and Setting (parks only)</b>								
	<b>Experience of Nature (nat/semi natural urban g.space only)</b>								
	<b>Safety</b>								
	<b>Linkages via - Public Transport</b>								
	<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>								
	<b>Linkages via - Footpaths/Pedestrian</b>								
	<b>Entrances or Access points/areas</b>								
	<b>Boundaries</b>								
	<b>Disabled access</b>								
	<b>Roads, paths, cycleways</b>								
<i>N/A for Semi-Natural space</i>	<b>Planted Area (formal planting, flora areas etc.)</b>								
	<b>Vegetation (informal shrubs, trees, hedges etc)</b>								
	<b>Grass Areas</b>								
	<b>Water (still and moving)</b>								
	<b>Ambient Noise</b>								
	<b>Evidence of Vandalism</b>								
	<b>Litter</b>								
	<b>Litter Bins</b>								
	<b>Dog fouling</b>								
	<b>Dog Bins</b>								
	<b>Seats</b>								
	<b>Toilets</b>								
	<b>Parking</b>								
	<b>Cycle stands</b>								
	<b>Lighting</b>								
	<b>Information &amp; signage</b>								
	<b>Information available before visiting</b>								
	<b>Equipment/play areas</b>								
	<b>Events</b>								
<b>Other Features:</b> <i>Please leave blank if not present and not required</i>			4	3	2	1	0	Notes	
	Historic structures (eg bandstands, fountains, statues)								
	Other structures (eg changing pavilions, refreshment facilities, drinking fountains) list:								
	Railings								
	Public art								
	Open air theatres or other performance spaces								
	Other sport and recreation facilities (eg tennis court/Bowling green) List:								
	Anything else (please list)								
	Important views and vistas		YES						

		Score			Notes			
		3 /Yes	2	1 / No				
<b>Value Assessment</b>		<b>HIGH</b>		<b>LOW</b>				
	<b>Context</b>							
	<b>Level &amp; Type of Use</b>							
	<b>Structural and landscape Benefits</b>							
	<b>Ecological/Biodiversity Benefits</b>							
	<b>Educational Benefits</b>							
	<b>Climate change</b>							
	<b>Amenity benefits and sense of place</b>							
	<b>Social inclusion and health benefits</b>							
	<b>Economic Benefits</b>							
	<b>Historic Features</b>							
	<b>Recreational/Play Value</b>							
	<b>Community Involvement</b>							
<b>Other Information</b>					Notes			
	<b>Management Plan</b>							
	- Is this to Green Flag standard?							
	- Does this include an Ecological Management plan?							
	People resource: Rangers; Volunteers:							
	Cost of management:							
	Income generated							
	<b>Recommended Actions:</b> (Shorter term)							
	<b>Scope for change/improvement:</b> (Longer term aspirations)	YES	Notes					
	Introduce more: Sports provision							
	Introduce more: Play provision							
	Introduce more: Planting							
	Potential for: Allotments							
	Potential for: Wildlife/biodiversity enhancement							
	Improvements to accessibility							
	Other (list)							

# **Appendix 2: Parks and Gardens assessment guidelines**

<b>PARKS</b>	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)
<b>Layout, Balance and Setting</b>	Very good balance, all elements present	Good balance between those natural, amenity and recreational elements present	Adequate relationship	An imbalance between the uses.	An imbalance between the uses, need to introduce additional elements
<b>Safety</b>	No areas of poor visibility or entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility, but no entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of remote areas of poor visibility and remote entrapment points with no escape options
<b>Linkages via - Public Transport Bus route/Train</b>	Good Public Transport, bus stops or train station located at the site entrance.	Bus of train station located nearby.	Reasonable public transport access, bus stop within walking distance.	The nearest bus stop is some distance away from the site (more than 5 mins walk).	No bus stops within a reasonable walking distance.
<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>	Separated cycle routes to and within the site.	Some cycle routes/quiet local roads safe for cyclists.	Easy access for cyclist although no designated routes-local roads quiet.	Limited cyclist access	No access for cyclists, roads are very busy, lack of a safe place to leave/lock bikes.
<b>Linkages via - Footpath/pedestrian route</b>	Clearly defined paths to and through the site, crossing points across roads to reach site.	Paths provided to and within the site, some crossing of roads required but no safety issues.	Some paths to and/or within the site, improvements to road crossings required.	Paths provided to and/or within the site, some safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.	No clear paths provided to and/or within the site, significant safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.
<b>Entrances</b>	Appropriate size welcoming, inviting, clean, and well maintained.	Obvious, clean and well maintained	Apparent as an entrance in average condition	Apparent as an entrance but poorly maintained	Inappropriate location and poorly maintained.
<b>Boundaries</b>	All clearly defined and well maintained to a high standard	Clearly defined, maintained to reasonable standard	All clearly defined - maintenance 'patchy'	Not clearly defined, some maintenance issues	Not clearly defined - maintenance needed
<b>Disabled access</b>	Disabled parking bays in close proximity to entrance. Entrance points accessible to all. Surface conditions are good. Good wheelchair access throughout, well distributed resting points (seats), information boards accessible to all. Site accessibility clear (onsite and before visiting).	Complete wheelchair access, but only some resting points. Most of the entrance points accessible to all.	Some access points accessible to all. Limited disabled parking bays. Some wheelchair access, some resting points. Some information regarding site accessibility (onsite and before visiting). Some surface issues.	Limited wheelchair access/ inadequate resting points. Some issues of poor surfaces.	No disabled parking bays. No wheelchair access, no resting points. Required to use poor surfaces - wet/muddy/uneven ground. No accessibility information onsite or before visiting.
<b>Roads, paths, cycleways (on site)</b>	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free - no desire lines	Path/s generally very good but some minor maintenance needed	Suitable materials but with some faults - cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Path/s in correct place, but in need of obvious repair - uneven/cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Paths inappropriate / only desire lines (evidence of people creating their own route, regardless of where the footpath goes)
<b>Planted Areas (formal planting, flora areas etc.)</b>	Numerous, appropriate planting, high standard and very well maintained. No Weeds	Numerous, appropriate plantings, maintained to a good standard. Very few weeds.	Some planting, well maintained.	Some planting, poorly maintained-overgrown. Numerous weeds.	Inappropriate maintenance/no planting and required
<b>Vegetation (informal shrubs, trees, hedges etc.)</b>	Vegetation actively managed for formal and informal amenity and biodiversity. Areas of wildlife habitat actively managed in partnership with the local community.	Less complex site where vegetation of managed for informal amenity and biodiversity. Some areas of wildlife habitat actively managed.	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, with some wildlife habitat management	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, no wildlife habitat management.	Limited vegetation maintenance.
<b>Grass Areas</b>	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut, few weeds, grass cut frequently to keep short.	Full grass cover throughout main area but some thin patches evident; some bald areas discreet; grass cut frequently but length excessive between cuts, cut quality good (no tearing). Some weeds.	General grass cover average and patchy with some bald patches, cut infrequently or at low frequency, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Numerous weeds.	General grass cover poor, wear has led to patchy and poor cover with little or no serious attempts to correct the problem, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Many weeds.
<b>Water (still and moving)</b>	The water appears to be good condition, the banks are in good condition and are safe, safety equipment is available and in good condition.	The water quality appears to ok, there is some isolated rubbish/damage to platforms etc.	The water, banks and safety equipment is in an average condition there are some issues	The water is in poor condition, signs of rubbish, the banks appear in some places to be unsafe, unsure about the condition of safety equipment	The water and/or banks are very poor quality or the site has no water and would significantly benefit from it being present.
<b>Ambient Noise</b>	No noise - very peaceful	Limited noise, but site is located away from roads/railways	Some intrusion by noise (eg busy road/railway) but wouldn't deter users	Regular noise intrusion that might deter users	Noisy site from a range of source, persistent and impacts on the usability of the site.
<b>Evidence of Vandalism</b>	No vandalism/graffiti	Very limited evidence	Some vandalism/graffiti	Clearly evidence and may deter some from visiting	Much vandalism/graffiti seriously deterring the usage of the site.

<b>Litter</b>	No litter	Some limited evidence of litter	Some limited evidence of litter, but doesn't detract from the overall appearance of the site	Litter is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of litter seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Litter Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Dog Fouling</b>	No fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling, but doesn't detract from the overall usage of the site	Fouling is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of fouling seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Dog Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Seats</b>	Numerous for the size of site and in good condition and locations	Numerous and in average condition	Adequate number in average condition	Insufficient number, or in poor condition. Poor location.	None and required
<b>Toilets</b>	On-site (or well signed off-site), easy to access (incl disabled), signed and well maintained	As Very good, but difficult to find/not well signed	On or near off-site toilets in average condition	As Average but in poor condition/badly maintained, no disabled access	None and required
<b>Parking</b>	Adequate provision, commensurate to the site - clean, tidy, good access/location and in good condition.	Parking is adequate in average condition	Parking provided, commensurate to the site - but issues with location, condition and cleanliness	Parking is inadequate for the site/signs of inappropriate parking	None provided and some is required
<b>Cycle stands</b>	More than adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in poor or average condition	Inadequate provision, in poor condition	None and required
<b>Lighting</b>	Good lighting scheme, well maintained	Good lighting scheme in need of maintenance	Reasonable lighting scheme	Poor lighting scheme	None & is required
<b>Information &amp; signage</b>	Information available for locals and visitors in some detail (info. Boards, signage, leaflets, way marked routes, contact details etc.)	Some information available	Limited available information	Limited available information, information board damaged	No information found & required
<b>Information available before visiting</b>	Information available from (Council - SGC, TC or PC) website(s) or leaflet - where the site is, what facilities are on the site, accessibility, opening hours, events and staff contacts	There is some information available	There was limited information available	Only the site name was found	No information found & required
<b>Equipment/play areas (play areas, skateboard areas, sports equipment)</b>	Equipment/surface in excellent condition and accessible to all users. Entrances points are safe - slow self closing gates.	Equipment/surface in good condition	Equipment/surface in reasonable condition, potential improvements needed in the future	Some equipment/surface in need of repair, improvements can be made. Entrance gates need repair.	Most equipment/surface in need of repair/hazardous - or there is no equipment and the site would benefit from it.
<b>Events</b>	Regular full events programme	Events programmed for this year	Some events	An event	None and required/expected
<b>Other features:</b>					
Historic structures (eg bandstands, fountains, statues)	Please describe if present, listing type and condition - on the scale: 4. Very Good 3. Good 2. Average 1. Poor 0. Very Poor / not present and required				
Other structures (eg changing pavilions, refreshment facilities, drinking fountains)					
Important views and vistas					
Railings					
Public art					
Open air theatres or other performance spaces					
Other sport and recreation facilities (eg tennis court/Bowling green/Boules) - Please list					
Anything else (please list)					

Value Assessment					
Value	Description	Assessed by:			
	<p>An inaccessible space is almost irrelevant to potential users and therefore of little value, even if it is of high quality.</p> <p>In an area with very little provision, even a space of mediocre quality is likely to be valuable.</p> <p>Does the site perform as an important cycle/pedestrian link</p>	<p>Poor Access/with other well utilised sites within close proximity (&lt;5 mins walk) = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Access is ok/ there are other sites of a similar value nearby = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Good Access/the only site in the local area = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Context					
	<p>Poorly used spaces may be of little value.</p> <p>Well used spaces are always of high value.</p>	<p>The site is poorly/rarely used - has very limited wildlife interest= 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site is well used by people and/or Wildlife (species rich)= 3 (High Value)</p>			
Level & Type of Use					
Wider Benefits					
	<p>Structural and landscape benefits in terms of helping to define the identity and character of an area. Helps to separate an area.</p>	<p>The site is not well known/is not associated with a particular area = 1 (Low value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site is closely related to an area/is referred to when defining the area = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Structural and landscape Benefits					
	<p>A diverse site may provide habitats for wildlife and may exhibit geological features.</p> <p>These greenspaces may reduce impacts of pollution and surface water run-off.</p> <p>They may offer urban residents an experience of greenspaces close to where they live, and reduce impacts on the countryside.</p>	<p>The site has very limited interest and is not adjacent to an area that is of interest = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>The site has a relationship to a designated site or contains elements of biodiversity/ecological benefit = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site has elements of interest and has a relationship with a designated site (SSSI, SNCI, LNR, RIGS, SPA etc) = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Ecological/Biodiversity Benefit					
	<p>Offers a opportunity to see nature at work, the integration of historic buildings and features in the landscape and the influence people can have on the natural heritage.</p>	<p>Not of value for environmental education = 1</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2</p> <p>Highly valued for environmental education = 3</p>			
Educational Benefits					
	<p>Tree help to absorb carbon dioxide and provide shading and cooling during the summer; open spaces can reduce the rate of run off by absorbing water and acting as a floodplain during times of high rainfall; green corridors help reduce carbon emissions by reducing the need to travel by car. <b>Site attributes: Tree cover, Flood storage, green transport connections</b></p>	<p>The site has very limited attributes (few trees, no floodplain, etc) = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site exhibits all three features (there are trees, contributes to floodplain etc.) = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Climate change					
	<p>Liveability - greenspaces help to make an area an attractive place in which to live, provided local people see them as safe, well maintained and attractive.</p> <p>Helps to provide landmarks and linkages.</p>	<p>The site does not positively benefit the appearance of the area/ does not perform as a visual or noise buffer = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Contributes to the appearance of the area / valued as a visual screen/ noise buffer = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Amenity benefits and sense of place					

Social inclusion and health benefits	<p>Social inclusion - greenspaces are one of the very few publicly accessible facilities which are equally available to everyone, irrespective of personal circumstances.</p> <p>Promoting good health and reducing stress.</p>	<p>The site does not attract / appeal to a wide range of users/age groups = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere in between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site is used by a range of users/age groups / for a variety of activities (walking, health-trail, dog-walking, sitting, events) = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Economic Benefits	<p>There are some sites that can promote economic development</p>	<p>Does not enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Helps to enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Historic Features	<p>Listed buildings, SAM, historic environment, Conservation area. Visible evidence of former industrial use / industrial archaeological features.</p>	<p>None / No sign of historic use= 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Some / some signs of former use= 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Lots and a range / clear signs of historic former use= 3 (High Value)</p>			
Recreational/Play Value	<p>Not assessing the play area/playground or the recreational facilities.</p>	<p>The site provides very limited opportunities for creative/imaginative/adventurous play, kickabout areas, informal space for walking and relaxation= 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site provides for a range of play, has areas for informal sport (kite flying, kicking a ball, riding a bike, frisbee throwing etc.) and also has areas for relaxation and contemplation. = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Community Involvement	<p>Does the site have a Friends of group (or similar)</p>	<p>No (low) = 1</p> <p>Yes (high)= 3</p>			
<b>Other information</b>		<b>Notes</b>			
Management Plan	<p>Does the site have a management plan</p>	<p>Yes = 3</p> <p>No = 0</p>			
Management Plan	<p>Is this to Green Flag standard?</p>	<p>Yes = 3</p> <p>No = 0</p>			
Management Plan	<p>Does this include an Ecological Management plan?</p>	<p>Yes = 3</p> <p>No = 0</p>			
People resources	<p>Rangers/park keepers</p>	<p>Yes = 3</p> <p>No = 0</p>			
People resources	<p>Volunteers</p>	<p>Yes = 3</p> <p>No = 0</p>			
Cost of management					
Income generation					
Required Actions (Short term measures)	<p>H&amp;S issues / Litter / Dog fouling / maintenance</p>				
Scope for change/improvement (longer term aspirations)	<p>&gt;Opportunities for other open space uses (sports provision, play provision, planting, allotments)</p> <p>&gt;Potential for wildlife/biodiversity enhancement</p> <p>&gt;Improvements to accessibility</p> <p>&gt;Other</p>				

# **Appendix 3: Amenity green space & Playing fields assessment guidelines**

<b>Amenity Greenspace / Playing Fields</b>	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)
<b>Safety</b>	No areas of poor visibility or entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility, but no entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of remote areas of poor visibility and remote entrapment points with no escape options
<b>Linkages via - Public Transport Bus route/Train</b>	Good Public Transport, bus stops or train station located at the site entrance.	Bus of train station located nearby.	Reasonable public transport access, bus stop within walking distance.	The nearest bus stop is some distance away from the site (more than 5 mins walk).	No bus stops within a reasonable walking distance.
<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>	Separated cycle routes to and within the site.	Some cycle routes/quiet local roads safe for cyclists.	Easy access for cyclist although no designated routes-local roads quiet.	Limited cyclist access	No access for cyclists, roads are very busy, lack of a safe place to leave/lock bikes.
<b>Linkages via - Footpath/pedestrian route</b>	Clearly defined paths to and through the site, crossing points across roads to reach site.	Paths provided to and within the site, some crossing of roads required but no safety issues.	Some paths to and/or within the site, improvements to road crossings required.	Paths provided to and/or within the site, some safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.	No clear paths provided to and/or within the site, significant safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.
<b>Access Points/Areas</b>	Key access points are obvious, welcoming, inviting, clean, and well maintained.	Obvious, clean and well maintained	Entrance(s) easy to find and in average condition	Apparent as an entrance but poorly maintained	Inappropriate location and poorly maintained.
<b>Boundaries</b>	All clearly defined and well maintained to a high standard	Clearly defined, maintained to reasonable standard	All clearly defined - maintenance 'patchy'	Not clearly defined, some maintenance issues	Not clearly defined - maintenance needed
<b>Disabled access</b>	Disabled parking bays in close proximity to entrance. Entrance points accessible to all. Surface conditions are good. Good wheelchair access throughout, well distributed resting points (seats), information boards accessible to all. Site accessibility clear (onsite and before visiting).	Complete wheelchair access, but only some resting points. Most of the entrance points accessible to all.	Some access points accessible to all. Limited disabled parking bays. Some wheelchair access, some resting points. Some information regarding site accessibility (onsite and before visiting). Some surface issues.	Limited wheelchair access/ inadequate resting points. Some issues of poor surfaces.	No disabled parking bays. No wheelchair access, no resting points. Required to use poor surfaces - wet/muddy/uneven ground. No accessibility information onsite or before visiting.
<b>Roads, paths, cycleways (on site)</b>	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free - no desire lines	Path/s generally very good but some minor maintenance needed	Suitable materials but with some faults - cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Path/s in correct place, but in need of obvious repair - uneven/cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Paths inappropriate / only desire lines (evidence of people creating their own route, regardless of where the footpath goes)
<b>Planted Areas (formal planting, flora areas etc.)</b>	Numerous, appropriate planting, high standard and very well maintained. No Weeds	Numerous, appropriate plantings, maintained to a good standard. Very few weeds.	Some planting, well maintained.	Some planting, poorly maintained-overgrown. Numerous weeds.	Inappropriate maintenance/no planting and required
<b>Vegetation (informal shrubs, trees, hedges etc.)</b>	Vegetation actively managed for formal and informal amenity and biodiversity. Areas of wildlife habitat actively managed in partnership with the local community.	Less complex site where vegetation of managed for informal amenity and biodiversity. Some areas of wildlife habitat actively managed.	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, with some wildlife habitat management	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, no wildlife habitat management.	Limited vegetation maintenance.
<b>Grass/open Areas</b>	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour. Clearly cut areas. Grassland habitat well managed.	As VG but with a few weeds, grass cut frequently to keep short. Grassland habitat managed.	Full grass cover throughout main area but some thin patches evident; grass cut frequently but length excessive between cuts. Some weeds.	General grass cover average and patchy with some bald patches, cut infrequently or at low frequency, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Weeds numerous.	General grass cover poor, wear has led to patchy and poor cover with little or no serious attempts to correct the problem, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Many weeds.
<b>Water (still and moving)</b>	The water appears to be good condition, the banks are in good condition and are safe, safety equipment is available and in good condition.	The water quality appears to ok, there is some isolated rubbish/damage to platforms etc.	The water, banks and safety equipment is in an average condition there are some issues	The water is in poor condition, signs of rubbish, the banks appear in some places to be unsafe, unsure about the condition of safety equipment	The water and/or banks are very poor quality or the site has no water and would significantly benefit from it being present.
<b>Ambient Noise</b>	No noise - very peaceful	Limited noise, but site is located away from roads/railways	Some intrusion by noise (eg busy road/railway) but wouldn't deter users	Regular noise intrusion that might deter users	Noisy site from a range of source, persistent and impacts on the usability of the site.
<b>Evidence of Vandalism</b>	No vandalism/graffiti	Very limited evidence	Some vandalism/graffiti	Clearly evidence and may deter some from visiting	Much vandalism/graffiti seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Litter</b>	No litter	Some limited evidence of litter	Some limited evidence of litter, but doesn't detract from the overall appearance of the site	Litter is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of litter seriously deterring the usage of the site.

<b>Litter Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Dog Fouling</b>	No fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling, but doesn't detract from the overall usage of the site	Fouling is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of fouling seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Dog Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Seats</b>	Numerous for the size of site and in good condition and locations	Numerous and in average condition	Adequate number in average condition	Insufficient number, or in poor condition. Poor location.	None and required
<b>Toilets</b>	On-site (or well signed off-site), easy to access (incl disabled), signed and well maintained	As Very good, but difficult to find/not well signed	On or near off-site toilets in average condition	As Average but in poor condition/badly maintained, no disabled access	None and required
<b>Parking</b>	Adequate provision, commensurate to the site - clean, tidy, good access/location and in good condition.	Parking is adequate in average condition	Parking provided, commensurate to the site - but issues with location, condition and cleanliness	Parking is inadequate for the site/signs of inappropriate parking	None provided and some is required
<b>Cycle stands</b>	More than adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in poor or average condition	Inadequate provision, in poor condition	None and required
<b>Lighting</b>	Good lighting scheme, well maintained	Good lighting scheme in need of maintenance	Reasonable lighting scheme	Poor lighting scheme	None & is required
<b>Information &amp; signage</b>	Information available for locals and visitors in some detail (info. Boards, signage, leaflets, way marked routes, contact details etc.)	Some information available	Limited available information	Limited available information, information board damaged	No information found & required
<b>Information available before visiting</b>	Information available from (Council - SGC, TC or PC) website(s) or leaflet - where the site is, what facilities are on the site, accessibility, opening hours, events and staff contacts	There is some information available	There was limited information available	Only the site name was found	No information found & required
<b>Equipment/play areas (play areas, skateboard areas, sports equipment)</b>	Equipment/surface in excellent condition and accessible to all users. Entrances points are safe - slow self closing gates.	Equipment/surface in good condition	Equipment/surface in reasonable condition, potential improvements needed in the future	Some equipment/surface in need of repair, improvements can be made. Entrance gates need repair.	Most equipment/surface in need of repair/hazardous - or there is no equipment and the site would benefit from it.
<b>Events</b>	Regular full events programme	Events programmed for this year	Some events	An event	None and required/expected
<b>Other features:</b>					
Historic structures (eg bandstands, fountains, statues)	Please describe if present, listing type and condition - on the scale: 4. Very Good 3. Good 2. Average 1. Poor 0. Very Poor / not present and required  If not present and considered to be required in an ideal situation - please detail recommendations				
Other structures (eg changing pavilions, refreshment facilities, drinking fountains) List:					
Important views and vistas					
Railings					
Public art					
Other sport and recreation facilities (eg tennis court/Bowling green) - Please list					
Anything else (please list)					

Value Assessment					
Value	Description	Assessed by:			
	An inaccessible space is almost irrelevant to potential users and therefore of little value, even if it is of high quality.  In an area with very little provision, even a space of mediocre quality is likely to be valuable.	Poor Access/with other well utilised sites within close proximity (<5 mins walk) = 1 (Low Value)  Access is ok/ there are other sites of a similar value nearby = 2 (Medium Value)			
Context	Does the site perform as an important cycle/pedestrian link	Good Access/the only site in the local area = 3 (High Value)			
	Poorly used spaces may be of little value.  Well used spaces are always of high value.	The site is poorly/rarely used - has very limited wildlife interest= 1 (Low Value)  Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)  The site is well used by people and/or Wildlife (species rich)= 3 (High Value)			
Level & Type of Use					
Wider Benefits					
	Structural and landscape benefits in terms of helping to define the identity and character of an area. Helps to separate an area.	The site is not well known/is not associated with a particular area = 1 (Low value)  Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)  The site is closely related to an area/is referred to when defining the area = 3 (High Value)			
Structural and landscape Benefits					
	A diverse site may provide habitats for wildlife and may exhibit geological features.  These greenspaces may reduce impacts of pollution and surface water run-off.  They may offer urban residents an experience of greenspaces close to where they live, and reduce impacts on the countryside.	The site has very limited interest and is not adjacent to an area that is of interest = 1 (Low Value)  The site has a relationship to a designated site or contains elements of biodiversity/ecological benefit = 2 (Medium Value)  The site has elements of interest and has a relationship with a designated site (SSSI, SNCI, LNR, RIGS, SPA etc) = 3 (High Value)			
Ecological/Biodiversity Benefit					
	Offers a opportunity to see nature at work, the integration of historic buildings and features in the landscape and the influence people can have on the natural heritage.	Not of value for environmental education = 1  Somewhere between = 2  Highly valued for environmental education = 3			
Educational Benefits					
	Tree help to absorb carbon dioxide and provide shading and cooling during the summer; open spaces can reduce the rate of run off by absorbing water and acting as a floodplain during times of high rainfall; green corridors help reduce carbon emissions by reducing the need to travel by car. <b>Site attributes: Tree cover, Flood storage, green transport connections</b>	The site has very limited attributes (few trees, no floodplain, etc) = 1 (Low Value)  Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)  The site exhibits all three features (there are trees, contributes to floodplain etc.) = 3 (High Value)			
Climate change					
	Liveability - greenspaces help to make an area an attractive place in which to live, provided local people see them as safe, well maintained and attractive.  Helps to provide landmarks and linkages.	The site does not positively benefit the appearance of the area/ does not perform as a visual or noise buffer = 1 (Low Value)  Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)  Contributes to the appearance of the area / valued as a visual screen/ noise buffer = 3 (High Value)			
Amenity benefits and sense of place					

Social inclusion and health benefits	Social inclusion - greenspaces are one of the very few publicly accessible facilities which are equally available to everyone, irrespective of personal circumstances. Promoting good health and reducing stress.	The site does not attract / appeal to a wide range of users/age groups = 1 (Low Value) Somewhere in between = 2 (Medium Value) The site is used by a range of users/age groups / for a variety of activities (walking, health-trail, dog-walking, sitting, events) = 3 (High Value)			
Economic Benefits	There are some sites that can promote economic development	Does not enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 1 (Low Value) Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value) Helps to enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 3 (High Value)			
Historic Features	Listed buildings, SAM, historic environment, Conservation area. Visible evidence of former industrial use / industrial archaeological features.	None / No sign of historic use= 1 (Low Value) Some / some signs of former use= 2 (Medium Value) Lots and a range / clear signs of historic former use= 3 (High Value)			
Recreational/Play Value	Not assessing the play area/playground or the recreational facilities.	The site provides very limited opportunities for creative/imaginative/adventurous play, kickabout areas, informal space for walking and relaxation= 1 (Low Value) Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value) The site provides for a range of play, has areas for informal sport (kite flying, kicking a ball, riding a bike, frisbee throwing etc.) and also has areas for relaxation and contemplation. = 3 (High Value)			
Community Involvement	Does the site have a Friends of group (or similar)	No (low) = 1 Yes (high)= 3			
<b>Other information</b>		<b>Notes</b>			
Management Plan	Does the site have a management plan	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Management Plan	Is this to Green Flag standard?	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Management Plan	Does this include an Ecological Management plan?	Yes = 3 No = 0			
People resources	Rangers/park keepers	Yes = 3 No = 0			
People resources	Volunteers	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Cost of management					
Income generation					
Required Actions (Short term measures)	H&S issues / Litter / Dog fouling / maintenance				
Scope for change/improvement (longer term aspirations)	>Opportunities for other open space uses (sports provision, play provision, planting, allotments) >Potential for wildlife/biodiversity enhancement >Improvements to accessibility >Other				

# **Appendix 4: Areas Surrounding Green Corridors assessment guidelines**

<b>Areas Surrounding Green Corridors</b>	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)
<b>Safety</b>	No areas of poor visibility or entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility, but no entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of remote areas of poor visibility and remote entrapment points with no escape options
<b>Linkages via - Public Transport Bus route/Train</b>	Good Public Transport, bus stops or train station located at the site entrance.	Bus of train station located nearby.	Reasonable public transport access, bus stop within walking distance.	The nearest bus stop is some distance away from the site (more than 5 mins walk).	No bus stops within a reasonable walking distance.
<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>	Separated cycle routes to and within the site.	Some cycle routes/quiet local roads safe for cyclists.	Easy access for cyclist although no designated routes-local roads quiet.	Limited cyclist access	No access for cyclists, roads are very busy, lack of a safe place to leave/lock bikes.
<b>Linkages via - Footpath/pedestrian route</b>	Clearly defined paths to and through the site, crossing points across roads to reach site.	Paths provided to and within the site, some crossing of roads required but no safety issues.	Some paths to and/or within the site, improvements to road crossings required.	Paths provided to and/or within the site, some safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.	No clear paths provided to and/or within the site, significant safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.
<b>Access Points/Areas</b>	Key access points are obvious, welcoming, inviting, clean, and well maintained.	Obvious, clean and well maintained	Entrance(s) easy to find and in average condition	Apparent as an entrance but poorly maintained	Inappropriate location and poorly maintained.
<b>Boundaries</b>	All clearly defined and well maintained to a high standard	Clearly defined, maintained to reasonable standard	All clearly defined - maintenance 'patchy'	Not clearly defined, some maintenance issues	Not clearly defined - maintenance needed
<b>Disabled access</b>	Disabled parking bays in close proximity to entrance. Entrance points accessible to all. Surface conditions are good. Good wheelchair access throughout, well distributed resting points (seats), information boards accessible to all. Site accessibility clear (onsite and before visiting).	Complete wheelchair access, but only some resting points. Most of the entrance points accessible to all.	Some access points accessible to all. Limited disabled parking bays. Some wheelchair access, some resting points. Some information regarding site accessibility (onsite and before visiting). Some surface issues.	Limited wheelchair access/ inadequate resting points. Some issues of poor surfaces.	No disabled parking bays. No wheelchair access, no resting points. Required to use poor surfaces - wet/muddy/uneven ground. No accessibility information onsite or before visiting.
<b>Roads, paths, cycleways (on site)</b>	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free - no desire lines	Path/s generally very good but some minor maintenance needed	Suitable materials but with some faults - cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Path/s in correct place, but in need of obvious repair - uneven/cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Paths inappropriate / only desire lines (evidence of people creating their own route, regardless of where the footpath goes)
<b>Vegetation (informal shrubs, trees, hedges etc.)</b>	Vegetation actively managed for formal and informal amenity and biodiversity. Areas of wildlife habitat actively managed in partnership with the local community.	Less complex site where vegetation of managed for informal amenity and biodiversity. Some areas of wildlife habitat actively managed.	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, with some wildlife habitat management	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, no wildlife habitat management.	Limited vegetation maintenance.
<b>Grass/open Areas</b>	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour. Cleanly cut areas. Grassland habitat well managed.	As VG but with a few weeds, grass cut frequently to keep short. Grassland habitat managed.	Full grass cover throughout main area but some thin patches evident; grass cut frequently but length excessive between cuts. Some weeds.	General grass cover average and patchy with some bald patches, cut infrequently or at low frequency, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Weeds numerous.	General grass cover poor, wear has led to patchy and poor cover with little or no serious attempts to correct the problem, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Many weeds.
<b>Water (still and moving)</b>	The water appears to be good condition, the banks are in good condition and are safe, safety equipment is available and in good condition.	The water quality appears to ok, there is some isolated rubbish/damage to platforms etc.	The water, banks and safety equipment is in an average condition there are some issues	The water is in poor condition, signs of rubbish, the banks appear in some places to be unsafe, unsure about the condition of safety equipment	The water and/or banks are very poor quality or the site has no water and would significantly benefit from it being present.
<b>Ambient Noise</b>	No noise - very peaceful	Limited noise, but site is located away from roads/railways	Some intrusion by noise (eg busy road/railway) but wouldn't deter users	Regular noise intrusion that might deter users	Noisy site from a range of source, persistent and impacts on the usability of the site.

<b>Evidence of Vandalism</b>	No vandalism/graffiti	Very limited evidence	Some vandalism/graffiti	Clearly evidence and may deter some from visiting	Much vandalism/graffiti seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Litter</b>	No litter	Some limited evidence of litter	Some limited evidence of litter, but doesn't detract from the overall appearance of the site	Litter is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of litter seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Litter Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Dog Fouling</b>	No fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling, but doesn't detract from the overall usage of the site	Fouling is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of fouling seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Dog Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Seats</b>	Numerous for the size of site and in good condition and locations	Numerous and in average condition	Adequate number in average condition	Insufficient number, or in poor condition. Poor location.	None and required
<b>Lighting</b>	Good lighting scheme, well maintained	Good lighting scheme in need of maintenance	Reasonable lighting scheme	Poor lighting scheme	None & is required
<b>Information &amp; signage</b>	Information available for locals and visitors in some detail (info. Boards, signage, leaflets, way marked routes, contact details etc.)	Some information available	Limited available information	Limited available information, information board damaged	No information found & required
<b>Information available before visiting</b>	Information available from (Council - SGC, TC or PC) website(s) or leaflet - where the site is, what facilities are on the site, accessibility, opening hours, events and staff contacts	There is some information available	There was limited information available	Only the site name was found	No information found & required
<b>Equipment/play areas (play areas, skateboard areas, sports equipment)</b>	Equipment/surface in excellent condition and accessible to all users. Entrances points are safe - slow self closing gates.	Equipment/surface in good condition	Equipment/surface in reasonable condition, potential improvements needed in the future	Some equipment/surface in need of repair, improvements can be made. Entrance gates need repair.	Most equipment/surface in need of repair/hazardous - or there is no equipment and the site would benefit from it.
<b>Events</b>	Regular full events programme	Events programmed for this year	Some events	An event	None and required/expected
<b>Other features:</b>					
Historic structures (eg bandstands, fountains, statues)	Please describe if present, listing type and condition - on the scale: 4. Very Good 3. Good 2. Average 1. Poor 0. Very Poor / not present and required  If not present and considered to be required in an ideal situation - please detail recommendations				
Other structures (eg changing pavilions, refreshment facilities, drinking fountains)					
Important views and vistas					
Railings					
Public art					
Open air theatres or other performance spaces					
Other sport and recreation facilities (eg tennis court/Bowling green/Boules) - Please list					
Anything else (please list)					

Value Assessment					
Value	Description	Assessed by:			
	<p>An inaccessible space is almost irrelevant to potential users and therefore of little value, even if it is of high quality.</p> <p>In an area with very little provision, even a space of mediocre quality is likely to be valuable.</p>	<p>Poor Access/with other well utilised sites within close proximity (&lt;5 mins walk) = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Access is ok/ there are other sites of a similar value nearby = 2 (Medium Value)</p>			
Context	Does the site perform as an important cycle/pedestrian link	Good Access/the only site in the local area = 3 (High Value)			
	<p>Poorly used spaces may be of little value.</p> <p>Well used spaces are always of high value.</p>	<p>The site is poorly/rarely used - has very limited wildlife interest= 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site is well used by people and/or Wildlife (species rich)= 3 (High Value)</p>			
Level & Type of Use					
Wider Benefits					
		<p>The site is not well known/is not associated with a particular area = 1 (Low value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p>			
Structural and landscape Benefits	Structural and landscape benefits in terms of helping to define the identity and character of an area. Helps to separate an area.	The site is closely related to an area/is referred to when defining the area = 3 (High Value)			
	<p>A diverse site may provide habitats for wildlife and may exhibit geological features.</p> <p>These greenspaces may reduce impacts of pollution and surface water run-off.</p> <p>They may offer urban residents an experience of greenspaces close to where they live, and reduce impacts on the countryside.</p>	<p>The site has very limited interest and is not adjacent to an area that is of interest = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>The site has a relationship to a designated site or contains elements of biodiversity/ecological benefit = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site has elements of interest and has a relationship with a designated site (SSSI, SNCI, LNR, RIGS, SPA etc) = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Ecological/Biodiversity Benefit					
	Offers a opportunity to see nature at work, the integration of historic buildings and features in the landscape and the influence people can have on the natural heritage.	<p>Not of value for environmental education = 1</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2</p> <p>Highly valued for environmental education = 3</p>			
Educational Benefits					
	Tree help to absorb carbon dioxide and provide shading and cooling during the summer; open spaces can reduce the rate of run off by absorbing water and acting as a floodplain during times of high rainfall; green corridors help reduce carbon emissions by reducing the need to travel by car. <b>Site attributes: Tree cover, Flood storage, green transport connections</b>	<p>The site has very limited attributes (few trees, no floodplain, etc) = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site exhibits all three features (there are trees, contributes to floodplain etc.) = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Climate change					
	<p>Liveability - greenspaces help to make an area an attractive place in which to live, provided local people see them as safe, well maintained and attractive.</p> <p>Helps to provide landmarks and linkages.</p>	<p>The site does not positively benefit the appearance of the area/ does not perform as a visual or noise buffer = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Contributes to the appearance of the area / valued as a visual screen/ noise buffer = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Amenity benefits and sense of place					

Social inclusion and health benefits	Social inclusion - greenspaces are one of the very few publicly accessible facilities which are equally available to everyone, irrespective of personal circumstances. Promoting good health and reducing stress.	The site does not attract / appeal to a wide range of users/age groups = 1 (Low Value) Somewhere in between = 2 (Medium Value) The site is used by a range of users/age groups / for a variety of activities (walking, health-trail, dog-walking, sitting, events) = 3 (High Value)			
Economic Benefits	There are some sites that can promote economic development	Does not enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 1 (Low Value) Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value) Helps to enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 3 (High Value)			
Historic Features	Listed buildings, SAM, historic environment, Conservation area. Visible evidence of former industrial use / industrial archaeological features.	None / No sign of historic use= 1 (Low Value) Some / some signs of former use= 2 (Medium Value) Lots and a range / clear signs of historic former use= 3 (High Value)			
Recreational/Play Value	Not assessing the play area/playground or the recreational facilities.	The site provides very limited opportunities for creative/imaginative/adventurous play, kickabout areas, informal space for walking and relaxation= 1 (Low Value) Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value) The site provides for a range of play, has areas for informal sport (kite flying, kicking a ball, riding a bike, frisbee throwing etc.) and also has areas for relaxation and contemplation, = 3 (High Value)			
Community Involvement	Does the site have a Friends of group (or similar)	No (low) = 1 Yes (high)= 3			
<b>Other information</b>		<b>Notes</b>			
Management Plan	Does the site have a management plan	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Management Plan	Is this to Green Flag standard?	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Management Plan	Does this include an Ecological Management plan?	Yes = 3 No = 0			
People resources	Rangers/park keepers	Yes = 3 No = 0			
People resources	Volunteers	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Cost of management					
Income generation					
Required Actions (Short term measures)	H&S issues / Litter / Dog fouling / maintenance				
Scope for change/improvement (longer term aspirations)	>Opportunities for other open space uses (sports provision, play provision, planting, allotments) >Potential for wildlife/biodiversity enhancement >Improvements to accessibility >Other				

# **Appendix 5: Cemeteries & Churchyards Survey Sheet**

Cemeteries & Churchyards Assessment form		Date:						Ownership/Maintenance:		
Site ID:		Day:	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		Sat	Sun
Name:										
Time:		Weather/clima	Sunny	Cloudy	Raining	Warm	Cold			
		Score	4	3	2	1	0	Notes		
<b>Safety</b>										
Linkages via - Public Transport										
Linkages via - Cycleways										
Linkages via - Footpaths/Pedestrian										
Entrances										
Boundaries										
Disabled access										
Roads, paths, cycleways										
Planted Area (formal planting, flora areas etc.)										
Vegetation (informal shrubs, trees, hedges etc)										
Grass/open Areas										
Water (still or moving)										
Ambient Noise										
Evidence of Vandalism										
Condition of Headstones, graves and condition of monuments and architecture										
Litter										
Litter Bins										
Dog fouling										
Dog bins										
Seats										
Parking										
Lighting										
Information & Signage										
Information available before visiting										
<b>Other Features:</b> <i>Please leave blank if not present and not required</i>		4	3	2	1	0	Notes			
Historic structures (eg bandstands, fountains, statues) (not otherwise assessed)										
Anything else (please list)										
Important views and vistas										

		Score			Notes			
		3 /Yes	2	1 / No				
<b>Value Assessment</b>		<b>HIGH</b>		<b>LOW</b>				
	<b>Context</b>							
	<b>Level &amp; Type of Use</b>							
	<b>Structural and landscape Benefits</b>							
	<b>Ecological/Biodiversity Benefits</b>							
	<b>Educational Benefits</b>							
	<b>Climate change</b>							
	<b>Amenity benefits and sense of place</b>							
	<b>Social inclusion and health benefits</b>							
	<b>Economic Benefits</b>							
	<b>Historic Features</b>							
	<b>Recreational/Play Value</b>							
	<b>Community Involvement</b>							
<b>Other Information</b>					Notes			
	<b>Management Plan</b>							
	<b>- Does this include an Ecological Management plan?</b>							
	Cost of management:							
	Income generated							
	<b>Recommended Actions:</b> (Shorter term)							
	<b>Scope for change/improvement:</b> (Longer term aspirations)	<b>YES</b>	Notes					
	Does the site have the potential to be expanded?							

# **Appendix 6: Cemeteries & Churchyards assessment guidelines**

<b>Cemeteries &amp; Churchyards</b>	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)
<b>Safety</b>	No areas of poor visibility or entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility, but no entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of remote areas of poor visibility and remote entrapment points with no escape options
<b>Linkages via - Public Transport Bus route/Train</b>	Good Public Transport, bus stops or train station located at the site entrance.	Bus of train station located nearby.	Reasonable public transport access, bus stop within walking distance.	The nearest bus stop is some distance away from the site (more than 5 mins walk).	No bus stops within a reasonable walking distance.
<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>	Separated cycle routes to and within the site.	Some cycle routes/quiet local roads safe for cyclists.	Easy access for cyclist although no designated routes-local roads quiet.	Limited cyclist access	No access for cyclists, roads are very busy, lack of a safe place to leave/lock bikes.
<b>Linkages via - Footpath/pedestrian route</b>	Clearly defined paths to and through the site, crossing points across roads to reach site.	Paths provided to and within the site, some crossing of roads required but no safety issues.	Some paths to and/or within the site, improvements to road crossings required.	Paths provided to and/or within the site, some safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.	No clear paths provided to and/or within the site, significant safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.
<b>Entrances</b>	Appropriate size welcoming, inviting, clean, and well maintained.	Obvious, clean and well maintained	Apparent as an entrance in average condition	Apparent as an entrance but poorly maintained	Inappropriate location and poorly maintained.
<b>Boundaries</b>	All clearly defined and well maintained to a high standard	Clearly defined, maintained to reasonable standard	All clearly defined - maintenance 'patchy'	Not clearly defined, some maintenance issues	Not clearly defined - maintenance needed
<b>Disabled access</b>	Disabled parking bays in close proximity to entrance. Entrance points accessible to all. Surface conditions are good. Good wheelchair access throughout, well distributed resting points (seats), information boards accessible to all. Site accessibility clear (onsite and before visiting).	Complete wheelchair access, but only some resting points. Most of the entrance points accessible to all.	Some access points accessible to all. Limited disabled parking bays. Some wheelchair access, some resting points. Some information regarding site accessibility (onsite and before visiting). Some surface issues.	Limited wheelchair access/ inadequate resting points. Some issues of poor surfaces.	No disabled parking bays. No wheelchair access, no resting points. Required to use poor surfaces - wet/muddy/uneven ground. No accessibility information onsite or before visiting.
<b>Roads, paths, cycleways (on site)</b>	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free - no desire lines	Path/s generally very good but some minor maintenance needed	Suitable materials but with some faults - cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Path/s in correct place, but in need of obvious repair - uneven/cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Paths inappropriate / only desire lines (evidence of people creating their own route, regardless of where the footpath goes)
<b>Planted Areas (formal planting, flora areas etc.)</b>	Numerous, appropriate planting, high standard and very well maintained. No Weeds	Numerous, appropriate plantings, maintained to a good standard. Very few weeds.	Some planting, well maintained.	Some planting, poorly maintained-overgrown. Numerous weeds.	Inappropriate maintenance/no planting and required
<b>Vegetation (informal shrubs, trees, hedges etc.)</b>	Vegetation actively managed for formal and informal amenity and biodiversity. Areas of wildlife habitat actively managed in partnership with the local community.	Less complex site where vegetation of managed for informal amenity and biodiversity. Some areas of wildlife habitat actively managed.	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, with some wildlife habitat management	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, no wildlife habitat management.	Limited vegetation maintenance.
<b>Grass/open Areas</b>	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour. Cleanly cut areas. Grassland habitat well managed.	As VG but with a few weeds, grass cut frequently to keep short. Grassland habitat managed.	Full grass cover throughout main area but some thin patches evident; grass cut frequently but length excessive between cuts. Some weeds.	General grass cover average and patchy with some bald patches, cut infrequently or at low frequency, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Weeds numerous.	General grass cover poor, wear has led to patchy and poor cover with little or no serious attempts to correct the problem, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Many weeds.
<b>Water (still and moving)</b>	The water appears to be good condition, the banks are in good condition and are safe, safety equipment is available and in good condition.	The water quality appears to ok, there is some isolated rubbish/damage to platforms etc.	The water, banks and safety equipment is in an average condition there are some issues	The water is in poor condition, signs of rubbish, the banks appear in some places to be unsafe, unsure about the condition of safety equipment	The water and/or banks are very poor quality or the site has no water and would significantly benefit from it being present.
<b>Ambient Noise</b>	No noise - very peaceful	Limited noise, but site is located away from roads/railways	Some intrusion by noise (eg busy road/railway) but wouldn't deter users	Regular noise intrusion that might deter users	Noisy site from a range of source, persistent and impacts on the usability of the site.

Evidence of Vandalism	No vandalism/graffiti	Very limited evidence	Some vandalism/graffiti	Clearly evidence and may deter some from visiting	Much vandalism/graffiti seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Condition of Headstones, graves and condition of monuments and architecture</b>	Nearly all in very good condition	Some in good condition, some in poor condition	Most are in an average condition	There is some evidence that structures are in poor condition	Clear indications that structures have become hazardous/deteriorated beyond repair.
<b>Litter</b>	No litter	Some limited evidence of litter	Some limited evidence of litter, but doesn't detract from the overall appearance of the site	Litter is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of litter seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Litter Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Dog Fouling</b>	No fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling, but doesn't detract from the overall usage of the site	Fouling is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of fouling seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Dog Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Seats</b>	Numerous for the size of site and in good condition and locations	Numerous and in average condition	Adequate number in average condition	Insufficient number, or in poor condition. Poor location.	None and required
<b>Toilets</b>	On-site (or well signed off-site), easy to access (incl disabled), signed and well maintained	As Very good, but difficult to find/not well signed	On or near off-site toilets in average condition	As Average but in poor condition/badly maintained, no disabled access	None and required
<b>Parking</b>	Adequate provision, commensurate to the site - clean, tidy, good access/location and in good condition.	Parking is adequate in average condition	Parking provided, commensurate to the site - but issues with location, condition and cleanliness	Parking is inadequate for the site/signs of inappropriate parking	None provided and some is required
<b>Cycle stands</b>	More than adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in poor or average condition	Inadequate provision, in poor condition	None and required
<b>Lighting</b>	Good lighting scheme, well maintained	Good lighting scheme in need of maintenance	Reasonable lighting scheme	Poor lighting scheme	None & is required
<b>Information &amp; signage</b>	Information available for locals and visitors in some detail (info. Boards, signage, leaflets, way marked routes, contact details etc.)	Some information available	Limited available information	Limited available information, information board damaged	No information found & required
<b>Information available before visiting</b>	Information available from (Council - SGC, TC or PC) website(s) or leaflet - where the site is, what facilities are on the site, accessibility, opening hours, events and staff contacts	There is some information available	There was limited information available	Only the site name was found	No information found & required
<b>Other features:</b>					
Historic structures (eg bandstands, fountains, statues) (not otherwise assessed)	Please describe if present, listing type and condition - on the scale: 4. Very Good 3. Good 2. Average 1. Poor 0. Very Poor / not present and required  If not present and considered to be required in an ideal situation - please detail recommendations				
Anything Else (Please list)					

Value Assessment					
Value	Description	Assessed by:			
	An inaccessible space is almost irrelevant to potential users and therefore of little value, even if it is of high quality.	Poor Access/with other well utilised sites within close proximity (<5 mins walk) = 1 (Low Value)			
	In an area with very little provision, even a space of mediocre quality is likely to be valuable.	Access is ok/ there are other sites of a similar value nearby = 2 (Medium Value)			
Context	Does the site perform as an important cycle/pedestrian link	Good Access/the only site in the local area = 3 (High Value)			
		The site is poorly/rarely used - has very limited wildlife interest= 1 (Low Value)			
	Poorly used spaces may be of little value.	Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)			
Level & Type of Use	Well used spaces are always of high value.	The site is well used by people and/or Wildlife (species rich)= 3 (High Value)			
Wider Benefits					
		The site is not well known/is not associated with a particular area = 1 (Low value)			
		Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)			
Structural and landscape Benefits	Structural and landscape benefits in terms of helping to define the identity and character of an area. Helps to separate an area.	The site is closely related to an area/is referred to when defining the area = 3 (High Value)			
	A diverse site may provide habitats for wildlife and may exhibit geological features.	The site has very limited interest and is not adjacent to an area that is of interest = 1 (Low Value)			
	These greenspaces may reduce impacts of pollution and surface water run-off.	The site has a relationship to a designated site or contains elements of biodiversity/ecological benefit = 2 (Medium Value)			
Ecological/Biodiversity Benefit	They may offer urban residents an experience of greenspaces close to where they live, and reduce impacts on the countryside.	The site has elements of interest and has a relationship with a designated site (SSSI, SNCI, LNR, RIGS, SPA etc) = 3 (High Value)			
		Not of value for environmental education = 1			
Educational Benefits	Offers a opportunity to see nature at work, the integration of historic buildings and features in the landscape and the influence people can have on the natural heritage.	Somewhere between = 2 Highly valued for environmental education = 3			
	Tree help to absorb carbon dioxide and provide shading and cooling during the summer; open spaces can reduce the rate of run off by absorbing water and acting as a floodplain during times of high rainfall; green corridors help reduce carbon emissions by reducing the need to travel by car. <b>Site attributes: Tree cover, Flood storage, green transport connections</b>	The site has very limited attributes (few trees, no floodplain, etc) = 1 (Low Value) Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)			
Climate change		The site exhibits all three features (there are trees, contributes to floodplain etc.) = 3 (High Value)			
		The site does not positively benefit the appearance of the area/ does not perform as a visual or noise buffer = 1 (Low Value)			
Amenity benefits and sense of place	Liveability - greenspaces help to make an area an attractive place in which to live, provided local people see them as safe, well maintained and attractive. Helps to provide landmarks and linkages.	Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value) Contributes to the appearance of the area / valued as a visual screen/ noise buffer = 3 (High Value)			

Social inclusion and health benefits	Social inclusion - greenspaces are one of the very few publicly accessible facilities which are equally available to everyone, irrespective of personal circumstances. Promoting good health and reducing stress.	The site does not attract / appeal to a wide range of users/age groups = 1 (Low Value) Somewhere in between = 2 (Medium Value) The site is used by a range of users/age groups / for a variety of activities (walking, health-trail, dog-walking, sitting, events) = 3 (High Value)			
Economic Benefits	There are some sites that can promote economic development	Does not enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 1 (Low Value) Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value) Helps to enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 3 (High Value)			
Historic Features	Listed buildings, SAM, historic environment, Conservation area. Visible evidence of former industrial use / industrial archaeological features.	None / No sign of historic use= 1 (Low Value) Some / some signs of former use= 2 (Medium Value) Lots and a range / clear signs of historic former use= 3 (High Value)			
Recreational/Play Value	Not assessing the play area/playground or the recreational facilities.	The site provides very limited opportunities for creative/imaginative/adventurous play, kickabout areas, informal space for walking and relaxation= 1 (Low Value) Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value) The site provides for a range of play, has areas for informal sport (kite flying, kicking a ball, riding a bike, frisbee throwing etc.) and also has areas for relaxation and contemplation. = 3 (High Value)			
Community Involvement	Does the site have a Friends of group (or similar)	No (low) = 1 Yes (high)= 3			
<b>Other information</b>		<b>Notes</b>			
Management Plan	Does the site have a management plan	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Management Plan	Does this include an Ecological Management plan?	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Cost of management					
Income generation					
Required Actions (Short term measures)	H&S issues / Litter / Dog fouling / maintenance				
Scope for change/improvement (longer term aspirations)	>Opportunities for other open space uses (sports provision, play provision, planting, allotments) >Potential for wildlife/biodiversity enhancement >Improvements to accessibility >Other				

# **Appendix 7: Allotments Survey Sheet**



		Score			Notes		
		3 /Yes	2	1 / No			
<b>Value Assessment</b>		<b>HIGH</b>		<b>LOW</b>			
	<b>Context</b>						
	<b>Level &amp; Type of Use</b>						
	<b>Structural and landscape Benefits</b>						
	<b>Ecological/Biodiversity Benefits</b>						
	<b>Educational Benefits</b>						
	<b>Climate change</b>						
	<b>Amenity benefits and sense of place</b>						
	<b>Social inclusion and health benefits</b>						
	<b>Economic Benefits</b>						
	<b>Historic Features</b>						
	<b>Recreational/Play Value</b>						
	<b>Allotment association</b>						
<b>Other Information</b>					Notes		
	Number of full size plots (250msq)						
	Cost for full plot						
	Number of half size plots						
	Cost for half plot						
	Number of Vacant plots						
	Number of Waiting list						
	Assistance offered						
	Advice						
	Grants						
	Promotion						
	Cost of management:						
	Income generated						
	<b>Recommended Actions:</b> (Shorter term)						
	<b>Scope for change/improvement:</b> (Longer term aspirations)	YES	Notes				
	Does the site have the potential to be expanded?						

# **Appendix 8: Allotments assessment guidelines**

Allotments	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)
<b>Linkages via - Public Transport Bus route/Train</b>	Good Public Transport, bus stops or train station located at the site entrance.	Bus of train station located nearby.	Reasonable public transport access, bus stop within walking distance.	The nearest bus stop is some distance away from the site (more than 5 mins walk).	No bus stops within a reasonable walking distance.
<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>	Separated cycle routes to and within the site.	Some cycle routes/quiet local roads safe for cyclists.	Easy access for cyclist although no designated routes-local roads quiet.	Limited cyclist access	No access for cyclists, roads are very busy, lack of a safe place to leave/lock bikes.
<b>Linkages via - Footpath/pedestrian route</b>	Clearly defined paths to and through the site, crossing points across roads to reach site.	Paths provided to and within the site, some crossing of roads required but no safety issues.	Some paths to and/or within the site, improvements to road crossings required.	Paths provided to and/or within the site, some safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.	No clear paths provided to and/or within the site, significant safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.
<b>Entrances</b>	Appropriate size welcoming, inviting, clean, and well maintained.	Obvious, clean and well maintained	Apparent as an entrance in average condition	Apparent as an entrance but poorly maintained	Inappropriate location and poorly maintained.
<b>Boundaries</b>	All clearly defined and well maintained to a high standard	Clearly defined, maintained to reasonable standard	All clearly defined - maintenance 'patchy'	Not clearly defined, some maintenance issues	Not clearly defined - maintenance needed
<b>Disabled access</b>	Disabled parking bays in close proximity to entrance. Entrance points accessible to all. Surface conditions are good. Good wheelchair access throughout (paths 1.2m width), well distributed resting points (seats), information boards accessible to all. Site accessibility clear (onsite and before visiting).	Complete wheelchair access, but only some resting points. Most of the entrance points accessible to all.	Some access points accessible to all. Limited disabled parking bays. Some wheelchair access, some resting points. Some information regarding site accessibility (onsite and before visiting). Some surface issues.	Limited wheelchair access/ inadequate resting points. Some issues of poor surfaces.	No disabled parking bays. No wheelchair access, no resting points. Required to use poor surfaces - wet/muddy/uneven ground. No accessibility information onsite or before visiting.
<b>Roads, paths, cycleways (on site). &amp; Haulage ways for allotments.</b>	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free - no desire lines. Haulage ways = 3m width	Path/s generally very good but some minor maintenance needed	Suitable materials but with some faults - cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Path/s in correct place, but in need of obvious repair - uneven/cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Paths inappropriate / only desire lines (evidence of people creating their own route, regardless of where the footpath goes). No haulage routes.
<b>Ambient Noise</b>	No noise - very peaceful	Limited noise, but site is located away from roads/railways	Some intrusion by noise (eg busy road/railway) but wouldn't deter users	Regular noise intrusion that might deter users	Noisy site from a range of source, persistent and impacts on the usability of the site.
<b>Evidence of Vandalism</b>	No vandalism/graffiti	Very limited evidence	Some vandalism/graffiti	Clearly evidence and may deter some from visiting	Much vandalism/graffiti seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Litter</b>	No litter	Some limited evidence of litter	Some limited evidence of litter, but doesn't detract from the overall appearance of the site	Litter is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of litter seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Level of Cultivation</b>	Nearly 100%	Around 90%	Around 80%	Around 70%	Less than 60% of entire site
<b>Composting Bay</b>	Yes in very good condition		Yes in average condition		None and required
<b>Water Supply</b>	Yes, one per 4 plots		Yes, one per 6-8 plots	Yes, one or two communal points	None and required
<b>Communal Shed/Storage</b>	Yes in very good condition		Yes in average condition		None and required
<b>Security</b>	The entire site is secure (ie entrance, boundary and sheds). The site is overlooked by residential properties & a busy road/pedestrian route		Most of the site is secure (ie all the sheds are locked). The site is overlooked by residential properties or a road/pedestrian route		There is no security and there is judged to be a need. The site suffers from poor informal supervision/overlooking
<b>Toilets</b>	On-site (or well signed off-site), easy to access (incl disabled), signed and well maintained		On or near off-site toilets in average condition	As Average but in poor condition/badly maintained, no disabled access	None and required
<b>Parking</b>	Adequate provision, commensurate to the site - clean, tidy, good access/location and in good condition.	Parking is adequate in average condition	Parking provided, commensurate to the site - but issues with location, condition and cleanliness	Parking is inadequate for the site/signs of inappropriate parking	None provided and some is required
<b>Information &amp; signage</b>	Information available in some detail (info. Boards, signage, leaflets, contact details etc.)	Some information available	Limited available information	Limited available information, information board damaged	No information found & required
<b>Information available before visiting</b>	Information available from (Council - SGC, TC or PC) website(s) or leaflet - where the site is, what facilities are on the site, accessibility, opening hours, events and staff contacts	There is some information available	There was limited information available	Only the site name was found	No information found & required

<b>Value Assessment</b>					
<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Assessed by:</b>			
Context	<p>An inaccessible space is almost irrelevant to potential users and therefore of little value, even if it is of high quality.</p> <p>In an area with very little provision, even a space of mediocre quality is likely to be valuable.</p> <p>Does the site perform as an important cycle/pedestrian link</p>	<p>Poor Access/with other well utilised sites within close proximity (&lt;5 mins walk) = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Access is ok/ there are other sites of a similar value nearby = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Good Access/the only site in the local area = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Level & Type of Use	<p>Poorly used spaces may be of little value.</p> <p>Well used spaces are always of high value.</p>	<p>The site is poorly/rarely used - has very limited wildlife interest= 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site is well used by people and/or Wildlife (species rich). The site has very few uncultivated plots = 3 (High Value)</p>			
<b>Wider Benefits</b>					
Structural and landscape Benefits	<p>Structural and landscape benefits in terms of helping to define the identity and character of an area. Helps to separate an area.</p>	<p>The site is not well known/is not associated with a particular area = 1 (Low value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site is closely related to an area/is referred to when defining the area = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Ecological/Biodiversity Benefit	<p>A diverse site may provide habitats for wildlife and may exhibit geological features.</p> <p>These greenspaces may reduce impacts of pollution and surface water run-off.</p> <p>They may offer urban residents an experience of greenspaces close to where they live, and reduce impacts on the countryside.</p>	<p>The site has very limited interest and is not adjacent to an area that is of interest = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>The site has a relationship to a designated site or contains elements of biodiversity/ecological benefit = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site has elements of interest and has a relationship with a designated site (SSSI, SNCI, LNR, RIGS, SPA etc) = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Educational Benefits	<p>Offers a opportunity to see nature at work, the integration of historic buildings and features in the landscape and the influence people can have on the natural heritage.</p>	<p>Not of value for environmental education = 1</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2</p> <p>Highly valued for environmental education = 3</p>			

Climate change	<p>Tree help to absorb carbon dioxide and provide shading and cooling during the summer; open spaces can reduce the rate of run off by absorbing water and acting as a floodplain during times of high rainfall; green corridors help reduce carbon emissions by reducing the need to travel by car. <b>Site attributes: Tree cover, Flood storage, green transport connections</b></p>	<p>The site has very limited attributes (few trees, no floodplain, etc) = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site exhibits all three features (there are trees, contributes to floodplain etc.) = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Amenity benefits and sense of place	<p>Liveability - greenspaces help to make an area an attractive place in which to live, provided local people see them as safe, well maintained and attractive. Helps to provide landmarks and linkages.</p>	<p>The site does not positively benefit the appearance of the area/ does not perform as a visual or noise buffer = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Contributes to the appearance of the area / valued as a visual screen/ noise buffer = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Social inclusion and health benefits	<p>Social inclusion - greenspaces are one of the very few publicly accessible facilities which are equally available to everyone, irrespective of personal circumstances. Promoting good health and reducing stress.</p>	<p>The site does not attract / appeal to a wide range of users/age groups = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere in between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site is used by a range of users/age groups / for a variety of activities (walking, health-trail, dog-walking, sitting, events) = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Economic Benefits	<p>There are some sites that can promote economic development</p>	<p>Does not enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Helps to enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 3 (High Value)</p>			
Historic Features	<p>Listed buildings, SAM, historic environment, Conservation area. Visible evidence of former industrial use / industrial archaeological features.</p>	<p>None / No sign of historic use= 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Some / some signs of former use= 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>Lots and a range / clear signs of historic former use= 3 (High Value)</p>			
Recreational/Play Value		<p>The site currently provides very limited opportunities due to lack of cultivated plots = 1 (Low Value)</p> <p>Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)</p> <p>The site provides excellent recreational opportunities, ,most sites are cultivated.. = 3 (High Value)</p>			

Community Involvement/Allotment Association	Does the site have a Friends of group (or similar) / an association	No (low) = 1 Yes (high)= 3			
<b>Other information</b>		<b>Notes</b>			
Number of full size plots (250msq)					
Cost for full plot					
Number of half size plots					
Cost for half plot					
Number of Vacant plots					
Number of Waiting list					
Assistance offered					
Advice					
Grants					
Promotion					
Income generation					
Required Actions					
Required Actions (Short term measures)	H&S issues / Litter / Dog fouling / maintenance				
	>Opportunities for other open space uses (sports provision, play provision, planting, allotments)				
	>Potential for wildlife/biodiversity enhancement				
Scope for change/improvement (longer term aspirations)	>Improvements to accessibility >Other				

# **Appendix 9: Natural and Semi-Natural green spaces additional survey sheet**

## Natural & Semi-Natural Green Spaces (Additional sheet)

Site ID:

Score

	4	2	0	%age of site	Notes
Woodland					
Grassland					
Hedges / Dry stone walls					
Water (pond/lake/rhine/river/stream)					
Orchards					
Veteran Trees / Parkland Trees					
Rock Faces, cliffs, old quarries					
Scrub					

Value for  
Wildlife

Formal Designations	10	5	0	
Species - protected/Notable	5		0	
Grassland (incl saltmarch/grazing plain)	10	5	1	
Tree cover - Woodland/copses: Broadleaf (predominantly) NB include recently planted woodland under "other Broadleaf"	10	5	3	1
Woodland/copses: Coniferous/Mixed, include recently planted	3	2	1	
Orchards	5	3		
Hedgerows	3	2	0.5	
Network of Hedgerows	2	1	0.5	
Drystone Walls	3		0	
Water	5	2	2	
Site with >1 pond/rhine	2			
Scrub - Native scrub/scrub woodland	3	1		
Veteran Trees	2		0	
Mature Parkland Trees / Mature native trees in hedgerows	3	1		
Rock Faces / Quarries / Cliffs	3	2	0	
<b>Context</b> - for wildlife, Potential for different consideration for Wildlife and People. Connections are important	5	4	3	1

# **Appendix 10: Natural and Semi-Natural green spaces assessment guidelines**

<b>Natural &amp; Semi-Natural green space</b>	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)
<b>Management for Wildlife:</b>	Please view additional guidelines overleaf				
Woodland					
Grassland					
Hedges / Dry stone walls					
Water (pond/lake/rhyme/river/stream)					
Orchards					
Veteran Trees / Parkland Trees					
Rock Faces, cliffs, old quarries					
Scrub					
<b>Quality of the Human Experience of Nature</b>					
Experience of Nature					
<b>Safety</b>	No areas of poor visibility or entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility, but no entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of remote areas of poor visibility and remote entrapment points with no escape options
<b>Linkages via - Public Transport Bus route/Train</b>	Good Public Transport, bus stops or train station located at the site entrance.	Bus of train station located nearby.	Reasonable public transport access, bus stop within walking distance.	The nearest bus stop is some distance away from the site (more than 5 mins walk).	No bus stops within a reasonable walking distance.
<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>	Separated cycle routes to and within the site.	Some cycle routes/quiet local roads safe for cyclists.	Easy access for cyclist although no designated routes-local roads quiet.	Limited cyclist access	No access for cyclists, roads are very busy, lack of a safe place to leave/lock bikes.
<b>Linkages via - Footpath/pedestrian route</b>	Clearly defined paths to and through the site, crossing points across roads to reach site.	Paths provided to and within the site, some crossing of roads required but no safety issues.	Some paths to and/or within the site, improvements to road crossings required.	Paths provided to and/or within the site, some safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.	No clear paths provided to and/or within the site, significant safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.
<b>Access Points/Areas</b>	Key access points are obvious, welcoming, inviting, clean, and well maintained.	Obvious, clean and well maintained	Entrance(s) easy to find and in average condition	Apparent as an entrance but poorly maintained	Inappropriate location and poorly maintained.
<b>Boundaries</b>	All clearly defined and well maintained to a high standard	Clearly defined, maintained to reasonable standard	All clearly defined - maintenance 'patchy'	Not clearly defined, some maintenance issues	Not clearly defined - maintenance needed
<b>Disabled access</b>	Disabled parking bays in close proximity to entrance. Entrance points accessible to all. Surface conditions are good. Good wheelchair access throughout, well distributed resting points (seats), information boards accessible to all. Site accessibility clear (onsite and before visiting).	Complete wheelchair access, but only some resting points. Most of the entrance points accessible to all.	Some access points accessible to all. Limited disabled parking bays. Some wheelchair access, some resting points. Some information regarding site accessibility (onsite and before visiting). Some surface issues.	Limited wheelchair access/ inadequate resting points. Some issues of poor surfaces.	No disabled parking bays. No wheelchair access, no resting points. Required to use poor surfaces - wet/muddy/uneven ground. No accessibility information onsite or before visiting.
<b>Roads, paths, cycleways (on site)</b>	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free - no desire lines	Path/s generally very good but some minor maintenance needed	Suitable materials but with some faults - cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Path/s in correct place, but in need of obvious repair - uneven/cracking/overgrown/vegetation overhanging	Paths inappropriate / only desire lines (evidence of people creating their own route, regardless of where the footpath goes)
<b>Ambient Noise</b>	No noise - very peaceful	Limited noise, but site is located away from roads/railways	Some intrusion by noise (eg busy road/railway) but wouldn't deter users	Regular noise intrusion that might deter users	Noisy site from a range of source, persistent and impacts on the usability of the site.
<b>Evidence of Vandalism</b>	No vandalism/graffiti	Very limited evidence	Some vandalism/graffiti	Clearly evidence and may deter some from visiting	Much vandalism/graffiti seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Litter</b>	No litter	Some limited evidence of litter	Some limited evidence of litter, but doesn't detract from the overall appearance of the site	Litter is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of litter seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Litter Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required
<b>Dog Fouling</b>	No fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling, but doesn't detract from the overall usage of the site	Fouling is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of fouling seriously deterring the usage of the site.
<b>Dog Bins</b>	Numerous for the site of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required

<b>Seats</b>	Numerous for the size of site and in good condition and locations	Numerous and in average condition	Adequate number in average condition	Insufficient number, or in poor condition. Poor location.	None and required
<b>Toilets</b>	On-site (or well signed off-site), easy to access (incl disabled), signed and well maintained	As Very good, but difficult to find/not well signed	On or near off-site toilets in average condition	As Average but in poor condition/badly maintained, no disabled access	None and required
<b>Parking</b>	Adequate provision, commensurate to the site - clean, tidy, good access/location and in good condition.	Parking is adequate in average condition	Parking provided, commensurate to the site - but issues with location, condition and cleanliness	Parking is inadequate for the site/signs of inappropriate parking	None provided and some is required
<b>Cycle stands</b>	More than adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in poor or average condition	Inadequate provision, in poor condition	None and required
<b>Lighting</b>	Good lighting scheme, well maintained	Good lighting scheme in need of maintenance	Reasonable lighting scheme	Poor lighting scheme	None & is required
<b>Information &amp; signage</b>	Information available for locals and visitors in some detail (info. Boards, signage, leaflets, way marked routes, contact details etc.)	Some information available	Limited available information	Limited available information, information board damaged	No information found & required
<b>Information available before visiting</b>	Information available from (Council - SGC TC or PC) website(s) or leaflet - where the site is, what facilities are on the site, accessibility, opening hours, events and staff contacts	There is some information available	There was limited information available	Only the site name was found	No information found & required
<b>Equipment/play areas (play areas, skateboard areas, sports equipment)</b>	Equipment/surface in excellent condition and accessible to all users. Entrances points are safe - slow self closing gates.	Equipment/surface in good condition	Equipment/surface in reasonable condition, potential improvements needed in the future	Some equipment/surface in need of repair, improvements can be made. Entrance gates need repair.	Most equipment/surface in need of repair/hazardous - or there is no equipment and the site would benefit from it.
<b>Events</b>	Regular full events programme	Events programmed for this year	Some events	An event	None and required
<b>Other features:</b>					
Historic structures (eg bandstands, fountains, statues)	Please describe if present, listing type and condition - on the scale: Very Good Good Average Poor Very Poor / not present and required  If not present and considered to be required in an ideal situation - please detail recommendations				
Other structures (eg changing pavilions, refreshment facilities, drinking fountains)					
Important views and vistas					
Railings					
Public art					
Open air theatres or other performance spaces					
Other sport and recreation facilities (eg tennis court/Bowling green/Boule) - Please list					
Anything else (please list)					

Value Assessment					
Value for Wildlife					
Formal Designations	SSSI/NNR/SPA (10)	LNR/CNR/SNCI/RIGS (5)	None (0)		
Species - protected/Notable	Present (5)		Absent/unknown (0)		
<b>Habitats</b>					
Grassland (incl saltmarsh/grazing plain)	Unimproved any size Phase 1 categories: UCG, (U)NG, UAG, ADH (10)	semi-improved any size Phase 1 categories: SNG, SCG, SAG, MG (5)	Improved/Amenity Phase 1 categories: I, SI, I/TR, AM (1)		
Tree cover - Woodland/copses: Broadleaf (predominantly) NB include recently planted woodland under "other Broadleaf"	Ancient Woodland any size (10)	Other Broadleaf >2ha (5)	Other Broadleaf 0.25-2ha (3)	Other Broadleaf <0.25ha (1)	
Woodland/copses: Coniferous/Mixed, include recently planted	>2ha (3)	0.25-2ha (2)	<0.25ha (1)		
Orchards	Complete Orchard (5)	Remnant Orchard (3)			
Hedgerows	Known important hedgerows (regs) (3)	Other hedgerow with at least 1 having >30% native species (2)	Ornamental or with <30% native species (0.5)		
Network of Hedgerows	Network of Hedgerows (2)	Single Hedgerow >30m (1)	Single Hedgerow <30m (0.5)		
Drystone Walls	Present (3)		Absent (0)		
Water	River/Stream/Lake (5)	Pond (2)	Rhine (2)		
Site with >1 pond/rhine	Add (2)				
Scrub - Native scrub/scrub woodland	Dominant feature on site (3)	Small patches (1)			
Veteran Trees	Present (2)		Absent (0)		
Mature Parkland Trees / Mature native trees in hedgerows	Presence of >5 (3)	Presence of <5 (1)			
Rock Faces / Quarries / Cliffs	Dominant feature of the site (3)	Present (2)	Absent (0)		
<b>Context - for wildlife, Potential for different consideration for Wildlife and People.</b>					
Connections are important	Connected sites (5)	large isolated sites, multiple habitats (4)	large isolated sites, single predominant habitat (3)	Isolated small site (1)	
<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Assessed by:</b>			
Level of human Use (Wildlife value covered above)	Poorly used spaces may be of little value. Well used spaces are always of high value.	The site is poorly/rarely used = 1 Somewhere between = 2 The site is well used by people = 3			
<b>Wider Benefits</b>					
Structural and landscape Benefits	Structural and landscape benefits in terms of helping to define the identity and character of an area.	The site is not well known/is not associated with a particular area = 1 Somewhere between = 2 The site is closely related to an area/is referred to when defining the area = 3			
Educational Benefits	Offers a opportunity to see nature at work, the integration of historic buildings and features in the landscape and the influence people can have on the natural heritage.	Not of value for environmental education = 1 Somewhere between = 2 Highly valued for environmental education = 3			
Climate change	Tree help to absorb carbon dioxide and provide shading and cooling during the summer; open spaces can reduce the rate of run off by absorbing water and acting as a floodplain during times of high rainfall; green corridors help reduce carbon emissions by reducing the need to travel by car. Site attributes: Tree cover, Flood storage, green transport connections	The site has very limited attributes (few trees, no floodplain, etc) = 1 Somewhere between = 2 The site exhibits all three features (there are trees, contributes to floodplain etc.) = 3			
Amenity benefits and sense of place	Liveability - greenspaces help to make an area an attractive place in which to live, provided local people see them as safe, well maintained and attractive.	The site does not positively benefit the appearance of the area/ does not prefer as a visual or noise buffer = 1 Somewhere between = 2 Contributes to the appearance of the area / valued as a visual screen/ noise buffer = 3			

Social inclusion and health benefits	Social inclusion - greenspaces are one of the very few publicly accessible facilities which are equally available to everyone, irrespective of personal circumstances.  Promoting good health and reducing stress.	The site does not attract / appeal to a wide range of users/age groups = 1  Somewhere in between = 2  The site is used by a range of users/age groups / for a variety of activities (walking, health-trail, dog-walking, sitting, events) = 3			
Economic Benefits	There are some sites that can promote economic development	Does not enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 1  Somewhere between = 2  Helps to enhance property values and creates an attractive place to work = 3			
Historic Features	Listed buildings, SAM, historic environment, Conservation area. Visible evidence of former industrial use / industrial archaeological features	None / No sign of historic use= 1  Some / some signs of former use= 2  Lots and a range / clear signs of former use= 3			
Recreational/Play Value	Not assessing the play area/playground or the recreational facilities.	The site provides very limited opportunities for creative/imaginative/adventurous play, kickabout areas, informal space for walking and relaxation= 1 (Low Value)  Somewhere between = 2 (Medium Value)  The site provides for a range of play, has areas for informal sport (kite flying, kicking a ball, riding a bike, frisbee throwing etc.) and also has areas for relaxation and contemplation. = 3 (High Value)			
Community Involvement	Does the site have a Friends of group (or similar)	Yes = 3 No = 1			
<b>Other information</b>		<b>Notes</b>			
Management Plan	Does the site have a management plan	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Management Plan	Is this to Green Flag standard?	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Management Plan	Does this include an Ecological Management plan?	Yes = 3 No = 0			
People resources	Rangers/park keepers	Yes = 3 No = 0			
People resources	Volunteers	Yes = 3 No = 0			
Cost of management					
Income generation					
Required Actions (Short term measures)	H&S issues / Litter / Dog fouling / maintenance				
Scope for change/improvement (longer term aspirations)	>Opportunities for other open space uses (sports provision, play provision, planting, allotments) >Potential for wildlife/biodiversity enhancement >Improvements to accessibility >Other				

# Natural and Semi-Natural Green Space Quality Assessment Criteria

## 1) *Management for Wildlife*

Score from good – average – poor (4-2-0)

Examples of good and poor management are given below, habitat by habitat. Surveyor judges where on the scale each habitat falls and averages scores where a site contains more than one habitat type (see weighting calculation to allow for size variations). If in doubt, state “unknown” or “?”: It is useful in itself to know where there is no information or where more expertise is required.

For each type of habitat surveyors must record the percentage of the entire site that a particular habitat covers.

### > **Woodland**

#### Good

- Woodland management plan in place and implemented. If unknown, state “unknown”
- Known on-going maintenance operations in accordance with management plan or appropriate to woodland type. If unknown state unknown

Information for the above is available as a desk top exercise. Either or both of the above two indicators should enable surveyor to score quality of the site as Good. However, a site walk-through should be undertaken looking for one or more of the indicators below and also indicators of poor management since it is not impossible that a management plan could be in place and implemented correctly but result in a decline in habitat quality. This would mean that the management plan itself needs revision.

- Active retention of dead wood
- Management of rides and glades to create visual diversity and habitat value. Ride structure of central short turf path with long grass / herb layer either side forming edge to woodland trees and / or natural glades present
- Known encouragement of native species of trees/shrubs/ground flora with particular regard to local provenance
- Management of shrub layer for diversity & visual interest and / or varied structure in woodland is apparent
- Shrub layer is predominantly native and / or no laurel / rhododendron / snowberry or a programme of removal is in place
- Known programme of tree selection / replacement / rejuvenation of habitat and / or evidence of trees of varying ages throughout woodland
- No evidence of vandalism
- Newly planted or young woodland in good condition, few if any failures and with apparent weeding maintenance in place or thinning programme in place; little evidence of damage by deer or small mammals
- Evidence of bluebells, wood anemone, wild garlic, primrose, violets, dog’s mercury; evidence of varied ground flora – grasses / herbaceous plants / ferns / mosses & lichens; evidence of variety of fungi in autumn (NB absence of fungi not necessarily bad, may be poor season)
- Trees / shrubs appear healthy
- Significant bird song

### **Poor**

- No woodland management plan in place or plan in place but not implemented
- Management / maintenance operations appear inappropriate &/or woodland appears neglected
- Understorey (Shrub layer) if any largely non-native – rhododendron / laurel / snowberry
- High proportion of dead or dying trees
- Little or no sign of tree regeneration or re-planting
- Understorey and / or herb layer absent / or predominance of bare ground or bramble or nettles
- No rides or glades
- Evidence of vandalism damaging habitat
- Newly planted or young woodland appears neglected with failures, vandalism, mammal damage, weeds impeding growth of trees, disease

## **> Grassland**

### **Good**

- Semi-natural grassland management plan in place and implemented. If unknown, state “unknown” or “?”
- Known on-going maintenance operations in accordance with management plan or appropriate to grassland type (eg acid/neutral/calcareous/ grazing flood plain; hay meadow / grazing meadow – if unknown, state unknown)

Information for the above is available as a desk top exercise. Either or both of the above two indicators should enable surveyor to score quality of the site as Good. However, a site walk-through should be undertaken looking for the indicators below and by contrast indicators of poor management since it is not impossible that a management plan could be in place and implemented correctly but result in a decline in habitat quality. This would mean that the management plan itself needs revision.

- Any of the following present: Grassland visibly well-used by insects (if surveyed in late spring –early autumn); Birds of prey or skylarks observed; visibly rich in appropriate plant species (note: however some grassland habitats naturally relatively species poor eg heath or acid grassland).

### **Poor**

- No grassland management plan in place or plan in place but not implemented
- Management / maintenance operations appear inappropriate &/or grassland appears neglected
- Grassland appears completely unmanaged –nettles / thistles / docks apparent; scrub clearly encroaching; if grazed then signs of over-grazing and bare ground or churned ground

NB: long grass between April and September is not necessarily a sign of neglect, may well be hay meadow. Long grass between October and March probably is sign of lack of management

## > Hedges / Dry stone walls

### Good

- Hedgerow management plan in place and implemented. If unknown, state “unknown” or “?”
- Known on-going maintenance operations in accordance with management plan

Information for the above is available as a desk top exercise. Either or both of the above two indicators should enable surveyor to score quality of the site as Good. However, a site walk-through should be undertaken looking for the indicators below and by contrast indicators of poor management since it is not impossible that a management plan could be in place and implemented correctly but result in a decline in habitat quality. This would mean that the management plan itself needs revision.

- Hedgerow appears species rich, healthy with good tree structure, free of gaps and has active signs of management
- Significant bird song
- Dry stone walls in good condition

### Poor

- No hedgerow management plan in place or plan in place but not implemented
- Management / maintenance operations appear inappropriate &/or hedgerow appears neglected
- Dead / dying elm present; hedgerow gappy; hedgerow grown out; dead wood abundant
- No hedgerow trees
- Dry stone walls gappy or unstable / falling down

## > Water (pond / lake / rhyne / river / stream)

### Good

- Water management plan in place and implemented. If unknown, state “unknown”
- Known on-going maintenance operations in accordance with management plan

Information for the above is available as a desk top exercise. Either or both of the above two indicators should enable surveyor to score quality of the site as Good. However, a site walk-through should be undertaken looking for one or more of the indicators below and by contrast indicators of poor management since it is not impossible that a management plan could be in place and implemented correctly but result in a decline in habitat quality. This would mean that the management plan itself needs revision.

- River/stream - Flowing water visibly flowing and clear with natural banks; varied water edge plants and varied river bed features
- Plentiful signs of insect activity (spring / summer / early autumn)
- River-side trees present but not totally shading water throughout
- Ponds / lakes / rhyne water appears clear and not clogged with vegetation (note that natural summer fluctuations in water level may give ponds the appearance of being clogged in very dry conditions); good water edge plant structure; floating or under water vegetation present and predominantly native (if unknown state unknown)
- At least a third of pond / lake edges visibly shallow

### **Poor**

- No water management plan in place or plan in place but not implemented
- Management / maintenance operations appear inappropriate &/or water body appears neglected / polluted
- Flowing water appears to be drying up; water apparently polluted or silty; banks steep / artificial; no water edge vegetation; river bed appears canalised
- No water-side trees or water-side trees completely shading out water
- No signs of insect activity (spring / summer / early autumn)
- Ponds / lakes / rhynes water appears clogged with vegetation (see note above regarding natural seasonal drying); poor or no water edge plant structure; floating or under water vegetation absent or predominantly alien (if unknown state unknown)
- Ponds or lakes drying up
- of pond / lake edges steep

### **> Orchards**

### **Good**

- Orchard management plan in place and implemented. If unknown, state “unknown” or “?”
- Known on-going maintenance operations in accordance with management plan

Information for the above is available as a desk top exercise. Either or both of the above two indicators should enable surveyor to score quality of the site as Good. However, a site walk-through should be undertaken looking for the indicators below and by contrast indicators of poor management since it is not impossible that a management plan could be in place and implemented correctly but result in a decline in habitat quality. This would mean that the management plan itself needs revision.

- Orchard trees appear healthy and managed (NB: may be very old)
- Evidence of re-planting
- Grassland appears well-managed – no signs of over-grazing or scrub encroachment
- Plentiful signs of insect activity (spring / summer / early autumn)
- Significant bird song
- No signs of damage to trees caused by grazing animals

### **Poor**

- No orchard management plan in place or plan in place but not implemented
- Management / maintenance operations appear inappropriate &/or grassland appears neglected
- Orchard trees appear neglected and unhealthy / dying
- No signs of re-planting
- Evidence of damage to trees from grazing animals
- Grassland appears un-managed or inappropriate; signs of over-grazing; scrub encroachment; notifiable weeds abundant.
- Little sign of insect activity (spring / summer / early autumn)

## > Veteran Trees / Parkland / Hedgerow / In-field Trees

See attached Appendix 1 for a note on recognising Veteran Trees

### Good

- Management plan in place and implemented. If unknown, state “unknown” or “?”
- Known on-going maintenance operations in accordance with management plan

Information for the above is available as a desk top exercise. Either or both of the above two indicators should enable surveyor to score quality of the site as Good. However, a site walk-through should be undertaken looking for the indicators below and by contrast indicators of poor management since it is not impossible that a management plan could be in place and implemented correctly but result in a decline in habitat quality. This would mean that the management plan itself needs revision.

- Site has parkland trees (especially native) / large hedgerow trees / in-field trees (especially native) / veteran tree(s) in good condition (Note: veteran trees would be expected to have die-back – see below)
- Trees known to be or appear suitable habitat for nesting birds / bats
- Programme of implementation of re-planting proposed or in place

### Poor

- No management plan in place or plan in place but not implemented
- Management / maintenance operations appear inappropriate &/or trees appear neglected
- Trees entirely non-native
- Site appears to have lost significant parkland / hedgerow / in-field / veteran trees (evidence of stumps or obvious gaps)
- No evidence of re-planting programme in place
- Trees are clearly showing signs of poor health and die-back (Note: Requires judgement as die-back is a natural ageing process and would be expected in veteran trees for example)

## > Rock Faces, cliffs, Old quarries

### Good

- Management incorporated into overall site management plan or specific management plan in place and implemented
- Maintenance operations in accordance with management plan or apparently enhancing / protecting habitat
- Evidence of nesting birds – not a suitable indicator at a RIGS site
- No evidence of over-use damaging habitat (eg climbing activity / fossil hunters)
- RIGS only – rock faces / exposures are clear of vegetation

### Poor

- No evidence of management incorporated into overall site management plan or specific management plan in place and implemented
- Maintenance operations appear inappropriate or apparently degrading habitat
- No evidence of nesting birds
- Evidence of over-use damaging habitat (eg climbing activity / fossil hunters)
- RIGS only – vegetation encroaching over exposures

## > Scrub

### **Good**

- Scrub management plan in place and implemented. If unknown, state “unknown” or “?”
- Known on-going maintenance operations in accordance with management plan
- Evidence of active management of scrub to maintain as scrub and prevent excessive spread into grassland habitat
- Significant bird song

### **Poor**

- No scrub management plan in place or plan in place but not implemented
- Management / maintenance operations appear inappropriate &/or scrub appears neglected
- Scrub appears to be encroaching onto grassland habitat
- Scrub being over-taken by trees

## **Weighting Calculation**

1. Work out % site area occupied by each habitat and record on survey form.

## 2) Quality of Human Experience

### > Experience of Nature

#### Good

- Natural feel to site without feeling threatening
- Mown paths through long grass
- Mown edges to long grass where appropriate
- Wide rides and open glades in woodland
- Bird song noticeable (particularly morning and early evening)
- Bees / hover-flies / butterflies / dragon-flies / damsel-flies / crickets / grass hoppers active in summer
- Meadow / grassland / hedgerow / woodland / water-side flowers a feature spring / summer
- Site appears cared for without being over-managed

#### Poor

- Site looks and feels “unnatural” and over-managed
- Poor access through grassland or woodland – narrow paths / significant hazards such as extensive nettle / bramble encroachment over paths or fallen trees blocking paths / deep mud on paths
- Site feels unsafe or threatening
- Little or no bird song
- No flowers in spring / summer
- Little or no insect activity in summer
- Water bodies appear polluted or vandalised or dried up or have concrete edges
- Site appears vandalised

### > Useability

Use assessment as for other sites

### > Environmental Education

#### Good

- Known programme of educational activities (all ages)
- Community management activities
- Interpretation boards present and well maintained
- Known leaflets / web-based information

#### Poor

- No educational activities
- No community involvement in management
- No interpretation boards, leaflets or web-based information

## Appendix 1

### Note on Recognising Veteran Trees

Veteran trees are difficult to define and to recognise. Natural England have a useful publication - Veteran Trees: A Guide to Good management. Chapter 2: What are veteran trees and why are they important? is a useful quick reference if there are concerns about recognising Veteran trees. Section 2.1.1 Characteristic Features found in Veteran Trees is helpful and the features are listed here below, the more the features the more likely to be veteran:

- Girth large for the tree species concerned
- Major trunk cavities or progressive hollowing
- Naturally forming water pools
- Decay holes
- Physical damage to trunk
- Bark loss
- Large quantity of dead wood in the canopy
- Sap runs
- Crevices in the bark, under branches or on the root plate sheltered from direct rainfall
- High number of interdependent wildlife species
- Epiphytic plants
- An “old” look
- High aesthetic interest

In addition tree may also:

- Have a pollarded form or show indications of past management
- Have a cultural / historic value
- Be in a prominent position in the landscape

# **Appendix 11: Play Space Survey Sheet**

Site ID:		Date:						Ownership/Maintenance:		
Name:		Day:	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		Sat	Sun
Time:		Weather/clima	Sunny	Cloudy	Raining	Warm	Cold			

Play Spaces						
	Score					Notes
	4	3	2	1	0	
Safety						
Security						
Linkages via - Public Transport						
Linkages via - Cycleways						
Linkages via - Footpaths/Pedestrian						
Entrances/Gates						
Boundaries/Fencing						
Disabled access						
Hard standing access paths						
Planted Area (formal planting, flora areas etc.)						
Vegetation (informal shrubs, trees, hedges etc)						
Grass Areas						
Ambient Noise						
Evidence of Vandalism						
Glass						
Litter						
Litter Bins						
Dog fouling						
Dog Bins						
Seats						
Toilets						
Parking						
Cycle stands						
Lighting						
Information & signage						
Information available before visiting						
Equipment/play areas						
Events						

**Other Features:**

Please leave blank if not present and not required

	4	3	2	1	0	Notes
Other structures (eg changing pavilions, refreshment facilities, drinking fountains) list:						
Anything else (please list)						

Value Assessment	Score			Notes
	3 /Yes HIGH	2	1 / No LOW	
Context				
Level & Type of Use				

Separate Play Value Assessment to be undertaken

Other Information	Notes
Number of pieces of play equipment Type: LAP, LEAP, NEAP ? or BMX, MUGA, etc?	
People resource: Rangers; Volunteers:	
Cost of management:	
Income generated	
Recommended Actions: (Shorter term)	

Scope for change/improvement: YES Notes  
(Longer term aspirations)

Introduce more: Sports provision		
Introduce more: Play provision		
Improvements to accessibility		
Other (list)		

# **Appendix 12: Play Space assessment guidelines**

PLAY SPACES	Very good (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)	
<b>Safety</b>	No areas of poor visibility or entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility, but no entrapment points	Some areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of areas of poor visibility and entrapment points	Lots of remote areas of poor visibility and remote entrapment points with no escape options	
<b>Security</b>	The site is overlooked by housing or other buildings and is located beside a well used pedestrian route to visible from the road.		The site is well overlooked by housing or is located beside a well used pedestrian route or visible from the road.		Suffers from very poor informal supervision	
<b>Linkages via - Public Transport Bus route/Train</b>	Good Public Transport, bus stops or train station located at the site entrance.	Bus of train station located nearby.	Reasonable public transport access, bus stop within walking distance.	The nearest bus stop is some distance away from the site (more than 5 mins walk).	No bus stops within a reasonable walking distance.	
<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>	Separated cycle routes to and within the site.	Some cycle routes/quiet local roads safe for cyclists.	Easy access for cyclist although no designated routes-local roads quiet.	Limited cyclist access	No access for cyclists, roads are very busy, lack of a safe place to leave/lock bikes.	
<b>Linkages via - Footpath/pedestrian route</b>	Clearly defined paths to and through the site, crossing points across roads to reach site.	Paths provided to and within the site, some crossing of roads required but no safety issues.	Some paths to and/or within the site, improvements to road crossings required.	Paths provided to and/or within the site, some safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.	No clear paths provided to and/or within the site, significant safety issues regarding access for pedestrians.	
<b>Entrances/Gates</b>	At least two entrances of an appropriate size (>1m in width), and self closing, inviting, clean, and well maintained.	Obvious, clean and well maintained	Apparent as an entrance in average condition	Apparent as an entrance but poorly maintained	Inappropriate location and poorly maintained.	
<b>Boundaries/Fencing</b>	All clearly defined and well maintained to a high standard	Clearly defined, maintained to reasonable standard	All clearly defined - maintenance 'patchy'	Not clearly defined, some maintenance issues	Not clearly defined - maintenance needed	
<b>Disabled access</b>	Entrance points accessible to all, ie latches can be reached. Surface conditions allow access for all.	Some entrances have been damaged affecting access for all. Good surface conditions.		Only one access point suitable for all users.	No disabled access.	
<b>Hard standing access paths</b>	Hard standing pedestrian access paths to the play area of suitable width (approx 1.1-1.2m)	Path/s generally very good but some minor maintenance needed	Suitable materials but with many faults, some paths are not wide enough (less than 1.1m in places). Uneven/cracked surfaces.	Path in correct place, but in need of obvious repair/not wide enough.	Paths inappropriate wide and location/ only desire lines (evidence of people creating their own route, regardless of where the footpath goes)	
<b>Planted Areas (formal planting, flora areas etc.)</b>	Numerous, appropriate planting, high standard and very well maintained. No Weeds	Numerous, appropriate plantings, maintained to a good standard. Very few weeds.	Some planting, well maintained.	Some planting, poorly maintained-overgrown. Numerous weeds.	Inappropriate maintenance/no planting and required	
<b>Vegetation (informal shrubs, trees, hedges etc.)</b>	Vegetation actively managed for formal and informal amenity and biodiversity. Areas of wildlife habitat actively managed in partnership with the local community.	Less complex site where vegetation of managed for informal amenity and biodiversity. Some areas of wildlife habitat actively managed.	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, with some wildlife habitat management	Vegetation managed mainly for informal amenity, no wildlife habitat management.	Limited vegetation maintenance.	
<b>Grass Areas</b>	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut, few weeds, grass cut frequently to keep short	Full grass cover throughout main area but some thin patches evident; some bald areas discreet; grass cut frequently but length excessive between cuts, cut quality good (no tearing). Some weeds.	General grass cover average and patchy with some bald patches, cut infrequently or at low frequency, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Numerous weeds.	General grass cover poor, wear has led to patchy and poor cover with little or no serious attempts to correct the problem, clippings obvious or cut quality poor. Many weeds.	
<b>Ambient Noise</b>	No noise - very peaceful	Limited noise, but site is located away from roads/railways	Some intrusion by noise (eg busy road/railway) but wouldn't deter users	Regular noise intrusion that might deter users	Noisy site from a range of source, persistent and impacts on the usability of the site.	
<b>Evidence of Vandalism</b>	No vandalism/graffiti	Very limited evidence	Some vandalism/graffiti	Clearly evidence and may deter some from visiting	Much vandalism/graffiti seriously deterring the usage of the site.	
<b>Glass</b>	No Glass	Some limited evidence of Glass	Some limited evidence of Glass, but doesn't detract from the overall use of the site	Glass is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting/creates a danger	Lots of glass seriously deterring the usage of the site/hazardous	
<b>Litter</b>	No litter	Some limited evidence of litter	Some limited evidence of litter, but doesn't detract from the overall appearance of the site	Litter is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of litter seriously deterring the usage of the site/hazardous	
<b>Litter Bins</b>	Numerous for the size of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required	
<b>Dog Fouling</b>	No fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling	Some limited evidence of fouling, but doesn't detract from the overall usage of the site	Fouling is clearly evident and may deter some from visiting	Lots of fouling seriously deterring the usage of the site.	
<b>Dog Bins</b>	Numerous for the size of site and in good condition	Numerous for the size of site, and in average condition	Adequate number, in average condition	insufficient number, in average/good condition, or appropriate number but in poor condition	None and required	
<b>Seats</b>	Numerous for the size of site and in good condition and locations	Numerous and in average condition	Adequate number in average condition	Insufficient number, or in poor condition. Poor location.	None and required	
<b>Toilets</b>	On-site (or well signed off-site), easy to access (incl disabled), signed and well maintained	As Very good, but difficult to find/not well signed	On or near off-site toilets in average condition	As Average but in poor condition/badly maintained, no disabled access	None and required	
<b>Parking</b>	Adequate provision, commensurate to the site - clean, tidy, good access/location and in good condition.	Parking is adequate in average condition	Parking provided, commensurate to the site - but issues with location, condition and cleanliness	Parking is inadequate for the site/signs of inappropriate parking	None provided and some is required	
<b>Cycle stands</b>	More than adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in good condition	Adequate provision, in poor or average condition	Inadequate provision, in poor condition	None and required	
<b>Lighting</b>	Good lighting scheme, well maintained	Good lighting scheme in need of maintenance	Reasonable lighting scheme	Poor lighting scheme	None & is required	

	Notice to indicate: a) The age group that the equipment is designed for; b) That dogs should be excluded; c) The name and telephone number of the operator to report incident or damage; d) Emergency phone number and address of play space; e) That glass is excluded	three or four of VG	two of VG	one of VG	None of VG	
<b>Information &amp; signage</b>						
<b>Information available before visiting</b>	Information available from (Council - SGC, TC or PC) website(s) or leaflet - where the site is, what facilities are on the site, accessibility, opening hours, events and staff contacts	There is some information available	There was limited information available	Only the site name was found	No information found & required	
<b>Equipment/play areas (play areas, skateboard areas, sports equipment)</b>	Equipment/surface in excellent condition and accessible to all users. Equipment has another 10 years life expectancy	Equipment/surface in good condition - some equipment will need to be replaced in around 5 years	Equipment/surface in reasonable condition, potential improvements needed in the future. Most equipment will need to be replaced in the next 5 years.	Some equipment/surface in need of repair, improvements can be made. Most equipment needs replacing now	Most equipment/surface in need of repair/hazardous - or equipment has been removed and the site would benefit from replacement.	
<b>Events</b>	Regular full events programme	Events programmed for this year	Some events	An event	None and required/expected	
<b>Other features:</b>						
Other structures (eg changing pavilions, refreshment facilities, drinking fountains)	Please describe if present, listing type and condition - on the scale: Very Good Good Average Poor Very Poor / not present and required					
Anything else (please list)	If not present and considered to be required in an ideal situation - please detail recommendations					

Value Assessment		
Value	Description	Assessed by:
	An inaccessible space is almost irrelevant to potential users and therefore of little value, even if it is of high quality.  In an area with very little provision, even a space of mediocre quality is likely to be valuable.	Poor Access/with other well utilised sites within close proximity = 1  Access is ok/ and there are other sites nearby = 2
Context	Does the site perform as an imp	Good Access/the only site in the local area = 3
Level & Type of Use	Poorly used spaces may be of little value.  Well used spaces are always of high value.	The site is poorly/rarely used - has very limited wildlife interest= 1  Somewhere between = 2  The site is well used by people and Wildlife (species rich)= 3
<b>PLAY VALUE</b>		
	AGES	
	<4 4 to 7 8 to 11 11+	
Opportunity to play	ROCKING	Each opportunity to play is divided into four age categories and a score of 1 is given if the item of equipment that is being assessed provides that play opportunity to that particular age group.  This list of play value criteria is relevant to play equipment but not sports equipment and so no play value has been assigned to any items of gym equipment, goal ends, youth shelters or basket ball nets, even though they are all facilities that provide opportunities to play.  An overall site play value score is then recorded by adding up all individual scores.
	GLIDING	
	ROTATING (1 Person)	
	ROTATING (several)	
	SLIDING (conventional)	
	SLIDING (pole etc)	
	SWINGING (conventional)	
	SWINGING (cantilever)	
	BALANCING	
	JUMPING	
	CLIMBING	
	SCRAMBLING	
	HANGING	
	CRAWLING (tunnels etc)	
	SITTING	
	GAMES (panels etc)	
BRIDGES		
PLATFORMS		
IMAGINATIVE PLAY		
TEXTURE VARIETY		
SOUNDS		
<b>Other information</b>		
Management Plan	Does the site have a management plan	Notes Yes = 3 No = 0
People resources	Rangers/park keepers	Yes = 3 No = 0
People resources	Volunteers	Yes = 3 No = 0
Cost of management		
Income generation		
Required Actions (Short term measures)		
Scope for change/improvement (longer term aspirations)	>Opportunities for other open space uses (sports provision, play provision, planting, allotments) >Potential for wildlife/biodiversity enhancement >Improvements to accessibility >Other	

# **Appendix 13: Outdoor sport facilities non- technical survey sheets**

**Pitches**

**Synthetic pitches**

**Hard Courts**

**Bowling Greens**

**Athletics Tracks**

**Changing Rooms/Pavilions.**

## Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Individual Pitch Assessment

Site ID:

Sub site ID:

Cost per Game

Winter/Summer Use

Site Name:

Pitch Type:  Full size/junior/5-a-side

**Pitches**

Background information:

Number of games played on pitch each season

Number of games cancelled per season

Number of games cancelled due to unfitness of pitch (excluding frozen pitches)

% of games cancelled

Age of Players

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of games played on pitch each season	<input type="text"/>				
Number of games cancelled per season	<input type="text"/>				
Number of games cancelled due to unfitness of pitch (excluding frozen pitches)	<input type="text"/>				
% of games cancelled	<input type="text"/>				
Age of Players	<input type="text"/>				

Element	Rating					Guidance notes
<b>About the winter pitch/cricket field</b>						
Grass cover - entire pitch / cricket field	>94%	85-94%	70-84%	60-69%	<60%	Where, 90%+ grass cover should be given 'Excellent'; less than 60% should be considered 'very poor'
Size of pitch / cricket field	Yes - fully		No- but adequate		No - not adequate	Does it meet the NGB standard? See pitch sizes tab for dimensions
Adequate safety margins	Yes - fully		No- but adequate		No - not adequate	Does it meet the NGB standard? See pitch sizes tab for dimensions
Slope of pitch / cricket outfield (gradient and cross fall)	Flat	Slight	Gentle	Moderate	Severe	Cricket wickets should be flat.
Evenness of pitch / cricket field	Excellent	Good	Poor		Very Poor	Where field is completely level = 'Excellent'
Problem Areas: Evidence of Dog fouling	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots	If no evidence, assume none. May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Are there dog bins?	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots	
Problem Areas: Evidence of Glass/ stones/ litter	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots	If no evidence, assume none. May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Are there litter bins?	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots	
Problem Areas: Evidence of Unofficial use	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots	eg informal, casual use, unbooked use, kids kickabout etc. If no evidence, assume none .May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Evidence of Damage to surface	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots	eg. golf divots, car-parking on field etc. If no evidence, assume none.May wish to refer to user survey
Is the pitch used by schools?	No		Yes Sometime		Yes - lots	
Training ; Estimated number of hours per week in season	0	1 to 2 hrs	2 to 4 hrs		4+	Training which takes place on the pitch area
<b>Changing Accomodation</b>						
Changing Accomodation	Yes		No			Is the pitch served by changing facilities
<b>About the equipment/ wicket...</b>						
Winter Sports Only- Goal Posts - quality	Excellent		Good		Poor	Upright, straight, painted , for football, goals are there safe net hooks at both ends. If posts are dismantled after game, or are removable goals, assume Excellent.
Cricket Only - Is the wicket protected when not used	Yes		No			Is the wicket protected when not in use - can be roped off or covered.
Line markings - quality	Excellent		Good		Poor	e.g. Have they been painted recently; are lines straight and clear etc
Training area	Yes		No			eg nets/ goals/ grids off main body of pitch

## Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Individual Pitch Assessment

**Synthetic pitches**

Site ID:

Subsite ID:

Cost per Game

Background information:  Site Name:

Element	Rating								Guidance notes	
<b>Pitch Quality</b>										
Type of surface	Astro-turf/sand based		Water based			Third generation (3G)			3G uses rubber granules	
Quality of surface	Excellent	x	Good	x	Average	x	Poor	x	Very Poor	x
Evenness of surface cover / evidence of worn areas?	Yes - fully		x	No - but adequate		x	No - not adequate		x	
Is the pitch regularly 'groomed'?	Good/safe	x	Average	x	Poor (but safe)	x	Dangerous	x	Severely dangerous	x
Cleanliness/Tidyness	Excellent		x	Good		x	Poor		x	presence of litter etc?
Is the pitch exposed? Will the elements affect play?	Yes			x	No				x	
Is there evidence of drainage problems?	Yes			x	No				x	
Do the pitches have adequate floodlighting?	Yes, pitches are adequately lit			x	No				x	
Adequate safety margins (if applicable)	Yes - fully		x	Yes - some		x	No / not adequate		x	Individual 5-a-side courts do not usually have safety margins
Quality of perimeter fence (if applicable)	Good/safe	x	Average	x	Poor (but safe)	x	Dangerous	x	Severely dangerous	x
Estimated number of hours usage per week										
Is the pitch used by schools?	Yes - regularly			Yes - once in a while			No			
Are there car parking facilities on-site?	Yes				No					
Are the car parking facilities lit at night?	Yes				No					
Changing Accomodation	Yes, both male and female		x	Yes, mixed / one for all		x	No		x	Is the pitch served by changing facilities
Are refreshments available?	Yes				No					

## Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Individual Pitch Assessment

### Hard Courts

Site ID:   
 Subsite ID:   
 Cost per Game

Tennis	Netball	Basketball	5-a-side	overmarked
Number: <input style="width: 100%; height: 15px;" type="text"/>				

Court Surface:

Background information:

Site Name:

Element	Rating										Guidance notes	
<b>Court Quality</b>												
Quality of surface - evenness (no divots / potholes)	Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Average	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Very Poor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Playing on an uneven surface increases risk of trip/slip = increased risk of injury
Quality of surface - clear surface, no gravel / grit	Yes - fully	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No- but adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No - not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						Gravel / grit creates slipping hazards etc
Cleanliness/Tidyness	Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						presence of litter etc?
Posts and net	Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Is the pitch reasonably sheltered from wind etc?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Is there evidence of drainage problems?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Do the pitches have adequate floodlighting?	Yes, pitches are adequately lit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Adequate safety margins (if applicable)	Yes - fully	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes - some	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No / not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						Individual 5-a-side courts do not usually have safety margins
Quality of perimeter fence (if applicable)	Good/safe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Average	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor (but safe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dangerous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Severly dangerous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Estimated number of hours usage per week <input style="width: 100%; height: 15px;" type="text"/>												
Is the pitch used by schools?												
Is the pitch used by schools?	Yes - regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - once in a while	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Are the courts locked when not in use?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Are there car parking facilities on-site?												
Are there car parking facilities on-site?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Are the car parking facilities lit at night?												
Are the car parking facilities lit at night?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Changing Accomodation	Yes, both male and female	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, mixed / one for all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						Is the pitch served by changing facilities
Disabled access	Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>						ie ramps onto courts, width of gates

## Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Individual Pitch Assessment

### Bowling Greens

Site ID:  
Subsite ID:  
Cost per Game


Background information:

Site Name:

Element	Rating				Guidance notes
<b>Pitch Quality</b>					
Quality of playing surface (even grass cover etc)	Good quality cover across the green	Good quality cover generally, but with areas showing signs of wear	Poor quality surface, would affect quality of game		
Is the surface adequately drained?	Yes		No		Are there signs of surface water build up on the playing surface?
Is there a path around the greens?	Yes		No		Path is essential, allows players to travel from one end to another without trampling across playing surface
Is the path of adequate size?	Yes		No		Can wheelchair users travel around it safely?
Is the path well maintained / does it have an even surface?	Yes		No		Even surface = no trip hazards etc
Are the banks and ditches around the green clean / clear?	Yes, banks and ditches are clean and clear		No		Banks and ditches are an essential part of the green
Are they lined with material which will not damage the bowls?	Yes		No		
Is there shelter planting / screening?	Yes		No		
Is the shelter planting / screening good quality?	Yes - perimeter is fully covered	Yes - but with some evidence of vegetation cover decline	No / not adequate		
Are there changing facilities for males and females?	Yes		No		
Do the changing facilities have washing facilities? (at least hand wash basin)	Yes		No		
Are the changing facilities accessible? (especially for the elderly and disabled etc)	Yes		No		
Estimated number of hours usage per week					
Are there car parking facilities on-site?	Yes		No		
Are the car parking facilities lit at night?	Yes		No		

## Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Individual Pitch Assessment

**Athletics Tracks**

Site ID:  
Subsite ID:  
Community Use


Surface:

Background information:

Site Name:

Element	Rating								Guidance notes
<b>About the track facilities</b>									
Quality of surface - evidence of damage	None - Surface is excellent			Yes/Some - but adequate			Yes/Lots - poor		
Quality of line markings	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Cleanliness/Tidyness	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Track edging	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Is the track reasonably sheltered from wind etc?	Yes				No				
Does the track have adequate floodlighting?	Yes			Floodlight but not adequate			None		
Quality of perimeter fence (if applicable)	Good/safe		Average		Poor (but safe)		Dangerous		Severly dangerous
Estimated number of hours usage per week									
Is the track used by schools?	Yes - regularly			Yes - once in a while			No		
Site locked when not in use?	Yes			No					
Surface of run ups - long/triple/high jump	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Adequate land areas- jumps	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Adequate safety margins	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Take off boards	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Landing mats	Yes			Yes, but poor condition			No		
Surface of throwing areas - shot, discuss, hammer	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Adequate safety margins - throws	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Trowing cages	Yes			Yes, but poor condition			No		
Are there car parking facilities on-site?	Yes			No					
Are the car parking facilities lit at night?	Yes			No					
Changing Accomodation	Yes, both male and female			Yes, mixed / one for all			No		
Disabled access	Good			Adequate			Poor		
Other Facilities? (Seating/stadium/club house/pavilion?)	ie ramps, width of gates								

## Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Changing Accomodation

### Changing Rooms/Pavillions

Site ID / Subsite ID

Changing Accom Name

Site Name:

Assessment undertaken by:

Date of Assessment:

How many pitches are supported? 

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
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Number of changing rooms 

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 (including officials changing facilities)

Number of Teams that can change at any one time 

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Separate Facilities For: 

Male	Female	Under 14	Ref

 (If all were there at the same time)

Element	Rating	Guidance notes	Comments	
<b>About the Changing Accomodation</b>				
Segregated changing	Yes	No	Are there separate changing rooms for each team - can accomodation be used by both male and female teams at same time	
Evidence of vandalism	None	Yes - some	Yes - lots	Damage to pavillion, graffiti, broken glass etc
Showers	Yes	No	Are there showers facilities, what is their quality (if known)	
If Yes, do they work	Yes	No		
Hot and Cold Water?	Yes	No		
Toilets	Yes	No	Are there toilets - what is their condition (if known)	
If Yes, do they work	Yes	No		
Car Parking	Yes - Good	Yes - OK	Yes -poor	No
Coach Parking Facilities	Yes - Good	Yes - OK	Yes -poor	No
Parking Overall	Yes	No	Is there enough parking to support the number of pitches - c.20 places per pitch (as a guide)	
Cycle Parking Facilities	Yes - Good	Yes - OK	Yes -poor	No
Disability Access	Yes - Good	Yes - OK	Yes -poor	No
Links to public transort	Yes - Good	Yes - OK	Yes -poor	No
Refreshment Facilities	Yes - Good	Yes - OK	Yes -poor	No
Additional Social Facilities	Yes - Good	Yes - OK	Yes -poor	No
Security	Good	OK	Poor	Does the accomodation look secure - secure doors/windows, evidence of breakins ( may get info from User Surveys)

# **Appendix 14: Weighting Guidelines**

<b>Weighting</b>									
Each individual criteria is multiplied by the number set out in order to reflect the primary purpose of that space or facility.	Parks and Gardens	Amenity greenspace / playing fields	Areas Surrounding Green Corridors	Cemeteries & Churchyards	Allotments	Natural / Semi Natural green spaces	Play Spaces	<b>KEY</b>	
<b>Quality Scoring Criteria and Weighting</b>									
<b>Management for Wildlife:</b> <i>Accounting for 50% of the overall quality score for natural/semi-natural green spaces</i>									
Woodland						50% of overall quality score			<b>Quality Value</b>
Grassland									
Hedges / Dry stone walls									
Water (pond/lake/rhine/river/stream)									
Orchards									
Veteran Trees / Parkland Trees									
Rock Faces, cliffs, old quarries									
Scrub									
<b>Layout, Balance and Setting</b>	1								
<b>Quality of the human experience of nature</b>							1		
<b>Safety</b>	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
<b>Linkages via - Public Transport</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>Linkages via - Cycleways</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>Linkages via - Footpaths/Pedestrian</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>Entrances</b>	1				1	1		1	
<b>Access Points/Areas</b>		1	1				1		
<b>Boundaries</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>Disabled access</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>Roads, paths, cycleways</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
<b>Hard standing access points</b>									1
<b>Planted Area (trees, shrubs, flora area etc.)</b>	1	1	1	1	1				1
<b>Vegetation (trees, shrubs, grass etc.)</b>	1	1	1	1					1
<b>Grass Areas or Grass/Open Areas</b>	1	1	1	1	1				1
<b>Water (still and moving)</b>	1	1	1	1	1				
<b>Ambient Noise</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	
<b>Evidence of Vandalism</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>Condition of headstones, graves and condition of monuments and architecture</b>					3				
<b>Glass</b>									3
<b>Litter</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1
<b>Litter Bins</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<b>Dog Fouling</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5			0.5	1
<b>Dog Bins</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5			0.5	0.5
<b>Level of Cultivation</b>						3			
<b>Composting Bay</b>						1			
<b>Water</b>						3			
<b>Communal shed/storage</b>						1			
<b>Security</b>						2			1
<b>Seats</b>	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
<b>Toilets</b>	2	1			1	1	1	1	
<b>Parking</b>	0.5	0.5			0.5	1	0.5	0.5	
<b>Cycle stands</b>	0.5	0.5			0.5		0.5	0.5	
<b>Lighting</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.5	0.5	
<b>Information &amp; signage</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
<b>Information available before visiting</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
<b>Equipment/play areas (play areas, skateboard areas, sports equipment)</b>	1	1	0.5				0.5	3	
<b>Events</b>	0.5						0.5	0.5	
<b>Other features:</b>									
Historic structures (eg bandstands, fountains, statues)									
Other structures (eg changing pavilions, refreshment facilities, drinking fountains)									
Important views and vistas									
Railings									
Public art									
Open air theatres or other performance spaces									
Other sport and recreation facilities (eg tennis court/Bowling green/Boules) - Please list									
Anything else (please list)									
	Collected for information purposes - these will not form part of the quality score, but could be taken forward and reflected in site specific action plans								

<b>Value Scoring Criteria and Weighting</b>							
Context	3	3	3	3	3	see below	1
Level & Type of Use	3	3	3	3	3	see below	1
Structural and landscape Benefits	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ecological/Biodiversity Benefit	1	1	1	1	1	see below	1
Educational Benefits	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Climate change	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amenity benefits and sense of place	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Social inclusion and health benefits	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Economic Benefits	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Historic Features	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Recreational/Play Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	Numerical Score
Community Involvement	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>Natural / Semi-Natural Sites - Value assessment</b>							
Formal Designations							1
Species - protected/Notable							1
Grassland (incl saltmarsh/grazing plain)							1
Tree cover - Woodland/copses: Broadleaf (predominantly) NB include recently planted woodland under "other Broadleaf"							1
Woodland/copses: Coniferous/Mixed, include recently planted							1
Orchards							1
Hedgerows							1
Network of Hedgerows							1
Drystone Walls							1
Water							1
Site with >1 pond/rhine							1
Scrub - Native scrub/scrub woodland							1
Veteran Trees							1
Mature Parkland Trees / Mature native trees in hedgerows							1
Rock Faces / Quarries / Cliffs							1
<b>Context</b> - for wildlife.							1
Level of <b>human Use</b> (Wildlife value covered above)							3