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Section 6

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Sixpenny Handley**

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LOCAL NEED AREA – SIXPENNY HANDLEY

1.0 DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL NEED AREA

Sixpenny Handley is a large village in north Dorset, situated on Cranborne Chase ten miles to the north east of Blandford Forum. It is fairly isolated, lying on rising land above a dry valley which contains the River Allen in its lower reaches. The historic core of the village, along the High Street, rises to St Mary's Church; the A354 Blandford to Salisbury Road passes about a mile away to the South East of the village; crossing this is the Ringwood to Shaftesbury Road which runs north-westward through the centre of Sixpenny Handley. There was rapid housing development in the south of the village in the 1980s. There is a substantial village hall, a recently constructed extension to the playing field and pavilion and a school.

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROVISION AND QUALITY OF OPEN SPACE

2.1 Open Space within Sixpenny Handley

The Map shows the location and typology of open space within Sixpenny Handley. The following sites have been mapped; many were included in the quality assessments and their detailed scores are held on the GIS database and should be referred to as required.

Amenity Verge adj 39-45 Dean Lane
Basketball Hoop, Recreation Ground
Common Road Recreation Ground
Mulberry Court LEAP
Recreation Ground NEAP
Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club
Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club
Sixpenny Handley First School Hall
Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club
Sports Pavilion
St Mary's Church Graveyard
The Orchard Amenity Area
Town Farm Amenity Area
Town Farm Place Amenity Area
Village Hall
Village School Playing Field

2.2 Quality of sites in Sixpenny Handley

In the following lists 'n/s' means 'Not scored'.

2.2.1 Active Sports Space

Site	Quality
Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club	100.0 %
Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club	94.4 %
Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club	100.0 %

There no significant quality issues with the sport spaces within Sixpenny Handley, the multi functional sports facility is in excellent condition.

2.2.2 Space for Children and Young People

Site	Quality
Basketball Hoop, Recreation Ground	70.0 %
Mulberry Court LEAP	90.3 %
Recreation Ground NEAP	79.4 %

The children & young people's spaces are of good quality.

2.2.3 Amenity Green Space

Site	Quality
Amenity Verge adj 39-45 Dean Lane	n/s
The Orchard Amenity Area	93.3 %
Town Farm Amenity Area	n/s
Town Farm Place Amenity Area	n/s

The Orchard amenity area is the only informal space that has been assessed in Sixpenny Handley, the site is in very good condition.

2.2.4 Natural & Semi Natural Space and Green Corridors.

No sites of Natural & Semi Natural Green Space were identified as part of the study.

2.2.5 Recreation Grounds and Public Gardens

Site	Quality
Common Road Recreation Ground	83.3 %

The Common Recreation Ground with one senior football pitch provides the formal park for the area, it is in reasonably good condition, but sustained future management and maintenance is required.

2.2.6 Education Outdoor Sports Facilities

Site

Village School Playing Field

Quality

n/s

There is a first school in the village but the playing field was not assessed as part of this Study.

3.0 SUMMARY OF ACCESSIBILITY TO OPEN SPACE

3.1 Overall access to open space

Section 5 of the report outlines access standards to different types of open space within the Local Need Area, a summary of the main standards is shown in Table 2:

Table 2 Access standards for open space

Typology	Access Standard
Recreation Grounds and Public Gardens	450 metres
Amenity Green Space	450 metres
Natural & Semi Natural Green space	600 metres
Space for Children	450 metres
Space for Young People	450 metres
Active Sports Space	600 Metres
Routeway/Green Corridor	n/a
Cemetery and churchyards	n/a
Allotments	n/a

The accompanying maps show local access standards for the various typologies (i.e. Space for Children and Young People, Amenity Open Space, Natural and Semi Natural Green Space, Active Sports Space and Recreation Grounds and Public Gardens).

3.2 Access to different types of open space

Table 3 makes observations on access to different types of open space within the catchment area, using the adopted access standards, as shown in Appendix 1.

Table 3 Access to open space in the area

Typology	Provision against access standard
Recreation Grounds and Public Gardens	Access standard met
Amenity Green Space	Access standard met
Natural & Semi Natural Green Space	Access standard not met – no natural green space in LNA.
Space for Children	Access standard met
Space for Young People	As above
Active Sports Space	Access standards met
Routeway/Green Corridor	No standards set
Cemetery and churchyards	No standards set
Allotments	No standards set

There is only one amenity green space in the east of the village which means technically the eastern end is less well served, but it has access to the Recreation Ground.

4.0 FINDINGS FROM SURVEY AND CONSULTATION

Citizen's Panel

9 people living in Sixpenny Handley responded – placed in Rural Sub Area (51 in total). People living in the Rural Sub Area are more frequent (compared to the district as a whole) visitors to local playing fields, recreation footpaths, spaces to enjoy nature and wildlife and sports centres and community halls, and less frequent visitors to local recreation ground or park, cycle paths, coast and beaches and swimming pools and health and fitness centres.

The types of open space respondents would like to see more of in the Rural Sub Area are children's play areas and space for teenagers.

The most important attributes of open space are that they should be easy to get to, safe and free from noise and unsocial behaviour. The most important facilities to have in nearby open space areas are: teenage facilities, trees and toilets. Around half of respondents would like to use open spaces near them more often: more information would be important in encouraging this.

Local Areas of Open Space in Sixpenny Handley

The most frequently visited local areas of open space in Sixpenny Handley are the playing fields and footpaths and Garston Wood.

Comments made highlighted the following:

- Re public footpaths:- when using public footpaths across fields a) All stiles should have a section which can be lifted to allow dogs to go through b) Where livestock are in fields crossed by public footpaths the paths should be fenced off
- Need local maps of local woodland and footpaths etc.

Summary of Provision

The principal site is at the western end of the village with the Common Road Recreation Ground – a large open site with a gentle slope toward the village hall incorporating, play area, two tennis courts, a fenced lawn bowls area, a sports pavilion, senior football pitch (home to Handley Sports FC: 1st, 2nd and mini) and a cricket pitch (Sixpenny Handley CC). It is managed by a sports association for football, cricket, tennis and bowls club.

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council

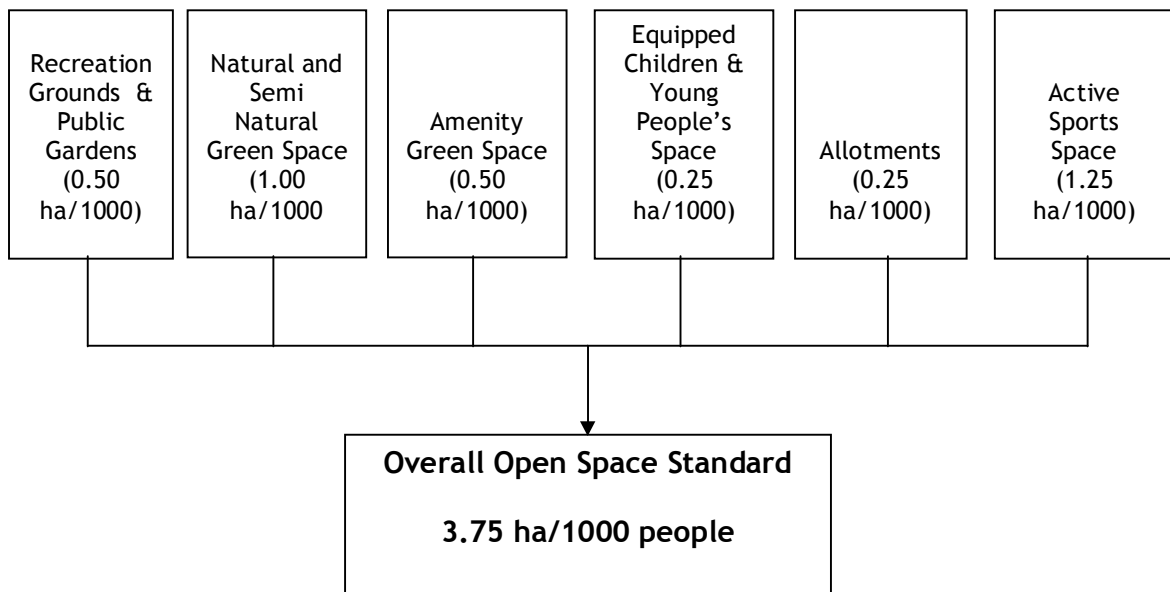
The parish council identifies a need for more areas for young people, particularly skatepark and teenage shelter. Not known if there is spare capacity at the village hall or schools. The most used open space in the parish is the recreation ground and pavilion. The Sump on Dean Lane is overgrown.

The recreation ground, especially the football and cricket pitches, the tennis courts and the pavilion are under-utilised. This raises issues for the Parish Council in terms of maintaining and paying for the facilities - how can use and income be increased and vandalism be minimised?

5.0 QUANTITY OF OPEN SPACE

5.1 Quantity standards for open space

Section 5 of the report outlines the quantity standards for open space within the District; a summary of these draft minimum standards is shown below:



5.2 Quantities of different types of open space

These standards have been applied at a local level to determine the provision of different types of open space across the adopted minimum standard, this is summarised in Table 4 which shows:

- the existing quantity of open space (existing provision);
- the required quantity of open space for the population of the area (required provision);
- the surplus or deficiency of open space (in m² and acres);
- Supply against the standard.

Table 4 Quantities of open space within the area SIXPENNY HANDLEY (Pop. 1175)

Typology	Existing provision (m²)	Required provision (m²)	Area of open space above/below the recommended minimum level of provision (m²) / (ha)
Recreation Grounds & Public Gardens	15605	5875	9730m /0.9ha
Natural and Semi Natural Green Space	0	11750	-11750m /1.1ha
Active Sports Space	13945	14688	-743m /-0.07ha
Space for Children & Young People	1107	2937	-1830m / -0.18ha
Amenity Green Space	6586	5875	711m / 0.07ha
Allotments	0	2937	-2937 / -0.29ha

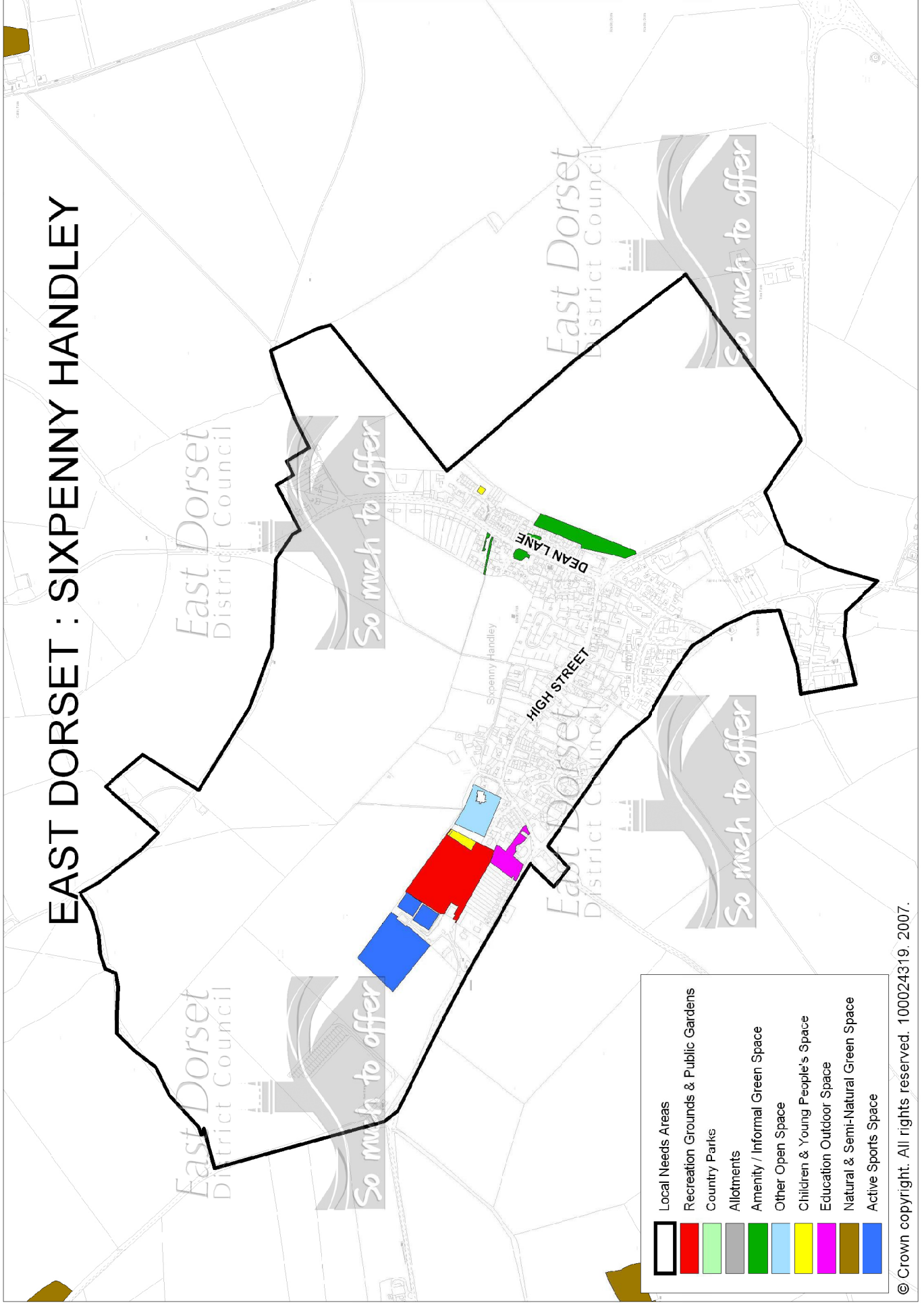
5.3 Key Points: Quantitative Provision of Open Space in Sixpenny Handley

Sixpenny Handley is a small village and probably adequately served, especially given the issues of under use of facilities at the Recreation Ground. Technically it is underprovided with space for children and young people and natural green space (there is none actually in the LNA).

6.0 ISSUES ARISING IN SIXPENNY HANDLEY

- The village has a large recreation ground with many new facilities and there is scope to make greater use of these
- There is a shortage of facilities and activities for teenagers here, as elsewhere in the district
- Most facilities and sites appear well maintained.

EAST DORSET : SIXPENNY HANDLEY



	Local Needs Areas
	Recreation Grounds & Public Gardens
	Country Parks
	Allotments
	Amenity / Informal Green Space
	Other Open Space
	Children & Young People's Space
	Education Outdoor Space
	Natural & Semi-Natural Green Space
	Active Sports Space