

**East Dorset District Council
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Section 6

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Cranborne**

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LOCAL NEED AREA – CRANBORNE

1.0 DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL NEED AREA - CRANBORNE

Cranborne together with Sixpenny Handley, is a main centre for the north west of the district and the principal settlement in the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It is a very attractive village, much of it a Conservation Area, lying in the valley of the River Crane. New development has spread along the valley to the east; the village has now reached its practical building limits and any further expansion would alter its character and impinge upon the surrounding countryside. It has a range of facilities including a village hall, playing field and clubhouse and First and Middle Schools.

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROVISION AND QUALITY OF OPEN SPACE

2.1 Open Space within Cranborne

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

Additional Grounds, Cranborne Middle School
Ancillary Land at Cranborne Playing Fields
Cranborne Allotments
Cranborne Churchyard
Cranborne Cricket and Recreation Ground
Cranborne Lawn Bowling Green
Cranborne Lodge
Cranborne Manor
Cranborne Middle School Gym
Cranborne Middle School MUGA's
Cranborne Middle School Playing Fields
Cranborne Recreation Ground Pavilion
Cranborne Village Hall
NEAP at Cranborne Recreation Ground
Woodland to the west of Cranborne Manor

2.2 Quality of sites in Cranborne

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

2.2.1 Active Sports Space

Site	Quality
Cranborne Cricket and Recreation Ground	97.5 %
Cranborne Lawn Bowling Green	100.0 %

There are no significant quality issues with the sport space within Cranborne. The provision is limited so significant investment should be focused on the recreation ground and the bowling green. Gaining access into the sports facility within the school could benefit the local community.

2.2.2 Space for Children and Young People

Site	Quality
NEAP at Cranborne Recreation Ground	96.0 %

The site at the recreation ground is high of quality; it is the only accessible site in the area so it should be a priority.

2.2.3 Amenity Green Space

Site	Quality
Ancillary Land at Cranborne Playing Fields	n/s

This site is effectively the car park for the playing fields and was therefore not scored. It is clear that there is a lack of general amenity space in the area.

2.2.4 Natural & Semi Natural Space and Green Corridors.

Site	Quality
Woodland to the west of Cranborne Manor	n/s

This site is within the grounds of Cranborne Manor and has no public access; it is recorded for its visual value. No natural green spaces were scored as part of the study, although the statistics show there is sufficient natural space in the area.

2.2.5 Recreation Grounds and Public Gardens

Site	Quality
Cranborne Cricket & Recreation Ground	97.5 %

Cranborne Cricket Club and Recreation Ground is in excellent condition and the site is well used within the community.

2.2.6 Education Outdoor Sports Facilities

Site	Quality
Cranborne Middle School MUGA's	n/s
Cranborne Middle School Playing Fields	n/s

The playing fields at Cranborne Middle School were not assessed for quality.

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 on the accompanying maps.

Table 3 Access to open space in the area

Typology	Provision against access standard
Recreation Grounds and Public Gardens	Access standard met for built up part of LNA.
Amenity Green Space	Access standard met for built up part of LNA.
Natural & Semi Natural Green Space	Access standard met
Space for Children	Access standard met for built up part of LNA.
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	N/A

4.0 FINDINGS FROM SURVEY AND CONSULTATION

Citizen's Panel

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 grounds, cycle paths, coasts 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 and 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.

Summary of Provision

There are two principal open space sites in Cranborne:

- Cranborne Cricket and Recreation Ground – a large grassed recreation ground on a gentle slope N to S. Picnic tables around perimeter and 2 cricket practise nets in place. Timber clubhouse for lawn bowls club and car park. Floodlighting. 1 football pitch and 1 cricket pitch (6 wickets)
- Cranborne Middle School with playing fields.

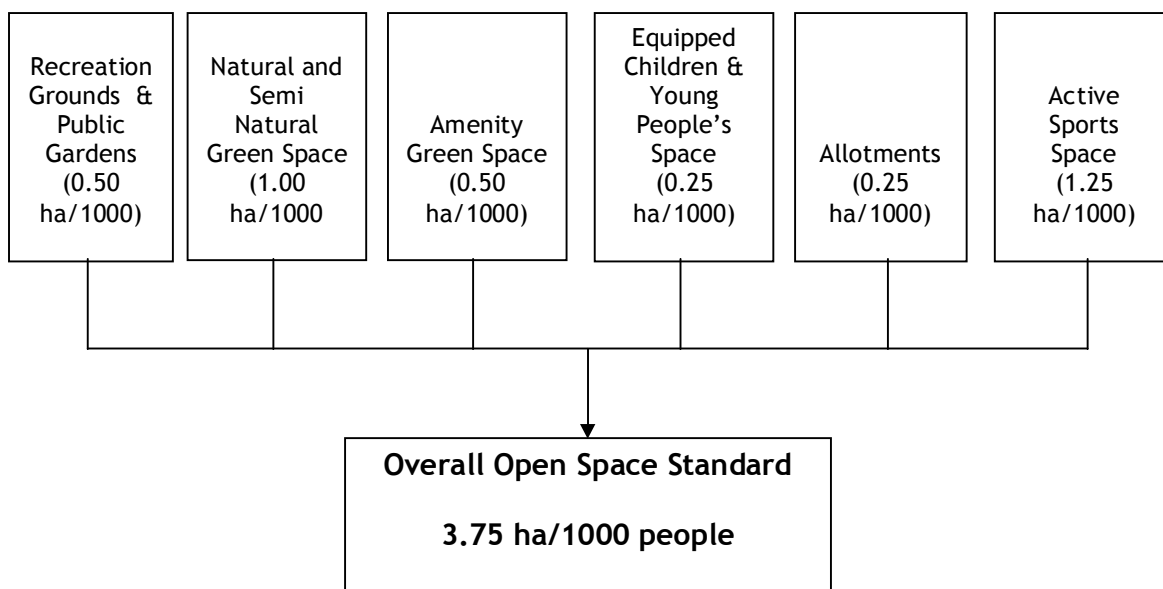
Cranborne Pre School, which covers the Cranborne area, has identified that there is a shortage of skateparks and would like to see meeting places for older children.

They believe younger children are intimidated by older ones and that segregated areas with age appropriate equipment would be beneficial. They also commented that Moors Valley is great but gets busy with tourists in summer and more nature walking and activities for girls needs to be encouraged.

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 – CRANBORNE (Pop. 779)

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	21050	3895	17155m / 1.7ha
Natural and Semi Natural Green Space	20200	7790	12410m / 1.2ha
Active Sports Space	22203	9738	12465m / 1.2ha
Space for Children & Young People	2888	1947	941m / 0.09ha
Amenity Green Space	1424	3895	-2471m / -0.24ha
Allotments	9340	1947	7393m / 0.74ha











5.3 Key Points: Quantitative Provision of Open Space in Cranborne

There is a deficiency in Amenity Green Space only in Cranborne.

8.0 ISSUES ARISING IN CRANBORNE

- Cranborne is a compact village settlement and seems to be well served.
- There may possibly be a need for teenage facilities at the Recreation Ground.

EAST DORSET : CRANBORNE

-  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

