



# Ideas and Options Paper

## Bedminster & Southville

### Area Green Space Plan

A spatial and investment plan for the next 20 years





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Vision for Green Space in Bristol

A City with good quality, attractive, enjoyable and accessible green spaces which meet the diverse needs of all Bristol citizens and visitors.

Source: Parks and Green Space Strategy



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## Section 1.

### Introduction

*This draft Ideas and Options Paper is for the Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Bedminster and Southville (known as the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership). It sets out ideas for investing in green spaces over the next 20 years to ensure everyone has easy access to a range of good quality green spaces with new and improved facilities, such as children's playgrounds, sports pitches, young people's facilities and wildlife areas. It will also identify if any green space is no longer needed and can be disposed of to fund improvements to other spaces.*

In drawing up these options local groups and experts have given their views. We would now like feedback from all Bristol residents - your views are important and will inform a final Area Green Space Plan for your area.



## Consultation on the Ideas and Options Paper for Bedminster and Southville - how to make your comments.

We would like your views on all the ideas and options presented. You can make comments and give us your own ideas. We will not be able to afford all the ideas presented in the plans so we would also like to know which spaces and types of facility you would like to see us invest in first. Your views will inform a final Area Green Space Plan which will set down improvements and priorities over the next 20 years.

To make the most of your opportunity to comment we suggest you look at the Ideas and Options paper before you start to complete the questionnaire. You can choose to comment on all the spaces or select those you are most interested in.

**The public consultation is open for 20 weeks and will end on 29th October 2010**

*All ideas and options are open for comment.*

### How to make your comments

There are a number of ways you can submit comments to us; via a questionnaire online, by obtaining a paper copy of the questionnaire or by visiting one of our drop in sessions.

**Online at** [www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp)

You can view the Ideas and Options paper and complete a questionnaire online. If you do not have Internet access you can visit any of our libraries or customer service points which offer free Internet access.

#### Paper and cd versions

Alternatively paper and cd versions of the Ideas and Options Paper and questionnaire are available from:

Bristol City Council, Parks, Colston 33,  
Colston Avenue, Bristol BS1 4UA

Or by telephoning: 0117 922 3719

Or by e-mailing: [Park.Strategy@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Park.Strategy@bristol.gov.uk)

#### Drop in sessions

A drop-in session is being organised for each Neighbourhood Partnership Area - this gives the opportunity to see the document and talk through the ideas with council officers. For details about when these drop-in sessions will be held go to [www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp), call 0117 922 3719 or email: [Park.Strategy@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Park.Strategy@bristol.gov.uk)

#### Available to view

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### What happens next

The views put forward during this consultation will help to inform a final Area Green Space Plan for your area. All views put forward by the public will be analysed and carefully considered, following the close of the consultation on 29th October. Final Area Green Space Plans will be drafted and further comment will be sought from key stakeholders and Neighbourhood Partnerships. The current aim is to adopt the final Area Green Space Plans early in 2011.

*In addition to Bedminster and Southville, ideas and options papers are also available for comment on the following areas:*

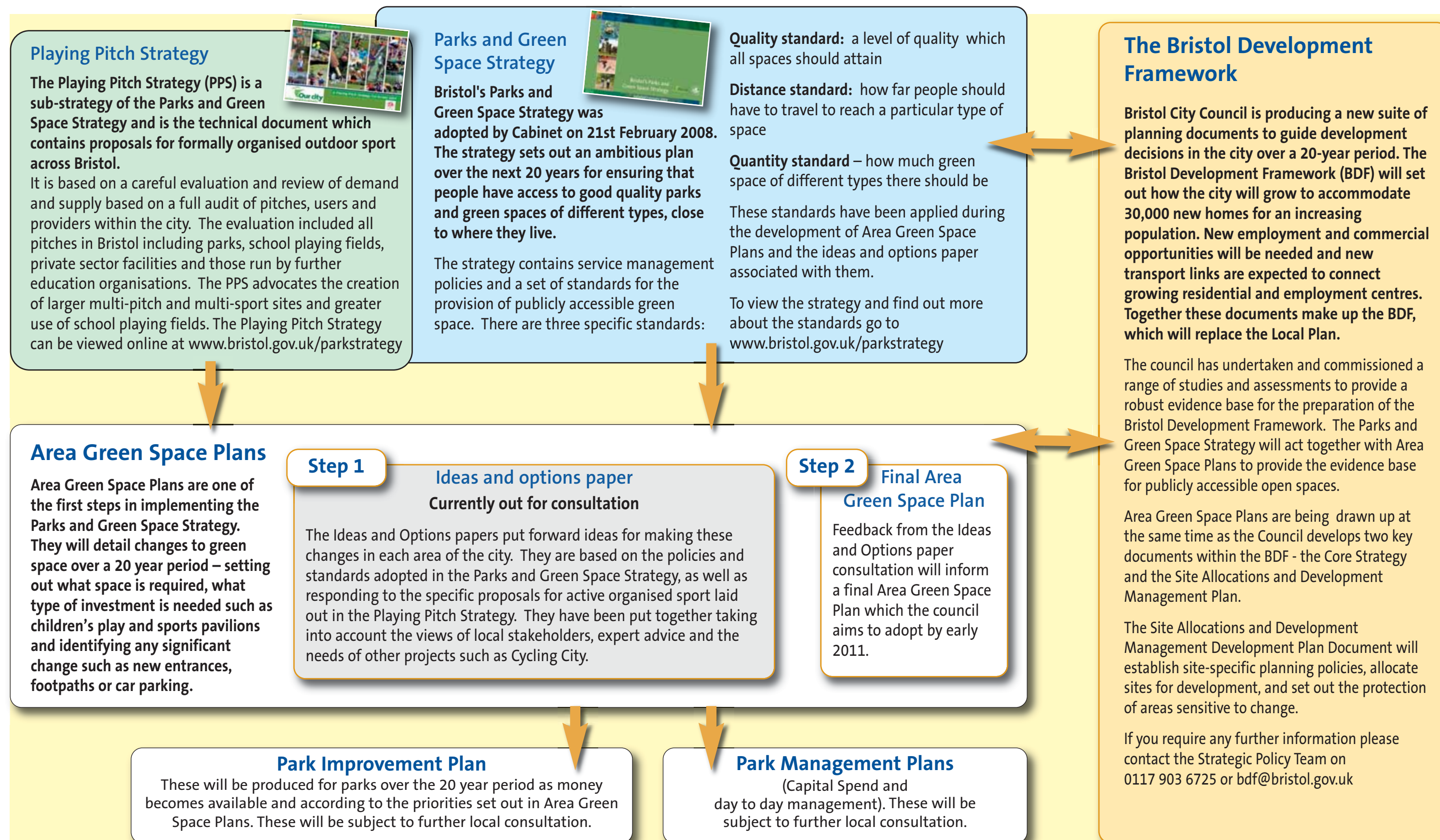
- ▶ Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill
- ▶ Hengrove and Stockwood
- ▶ Hartcliffe, Withywood and Bishopsworth
- ▶ Brislington East and West
- ▶ Cabot Clifton and Clifton East
- ▶ Henleaze, Westbury on Trym and Stoke Bishop
- ▶ Avonmouth and Kingsweston
- ▶ Henbury and Southmead
- ▶ Bishopston, Cotham and Redland
- ▶ Horfield and Lockleaze
- ▶ Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill
- ▶ Eastville, Frome Vale and Hillfields
- ▶ St George East and West

#### Other consultations you may be interested in

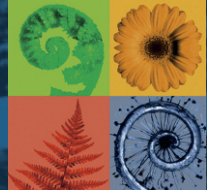
The Site Allocations and Development Management Options Document is also out to consultation up until Friday, 29 October 2010. This document suggests specific sites in the city which may be developed to provide new homes, jobs or shops in your area. It also proposes land to be protected for open space, industry, nature conservation and shopping. In terms of green space, while the Area Green Space Plans cover publicly accessible green space only, the Site Allocations will include consideration of a wider range of green space in the city including allotments and grazing land. Visit [www.bristol.gov.uk/siteallocations](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/siteallocations) or email [bdf@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:bdf@bristol.gov.uk) or call 0117 903 6725.



## Section 2. How does the Ideas and Options Paper fit into the plans for green space and wider citywide planning?







# Ideas and Options Paper Bedminster & Southville Area Green Space Plan

## What green space will the Area Green Space Plan cover?

An Area Green Space Plan will consider only green spaces for which there is legitimate public access and which provide recreational benefit (publicly accessible green space). In line with the Parks and Green Space Strategy the Area Green Space Plan will consider five different types of space described below. This Ideas and Options paper has been drawn up using these categories and definitions.

### Type of space and key attributes Map key (Legend)

#### Children and young people's space



These are spaces specifically designed to increase opportunities for children and young people to play or meet safely within equipped and unequipped environments. Sub-types include, wheels parks, games areas, children's play space.

#### Formal green space



Sites with a consciously organised layout whose aim is aesthetic enjoyment. This can include sweeping landscapes such as the Repton landscapes of the historic estates, to ornamental gardens which include flower beds and features such as statues.

#### Informal green space



Informal in layout and character, where the emphasis is on informal recreation. They generally have few or no additional facilities.

#### Natural green space



Sites providing people with access to, and experience of nature. It includes woodland, grassland, scrub, hedgerows and wetland.

#### Active sports space



Those areas which are used for a variety of organised and competitive sports.

## What isn't included in an Area Green Space Plan?

The Area Green Space Plan will not consider green spaces that are not freely accessible to the public, including allotments, city farms, school grounds, or Sites of Nature Conservation in private ownership.

In addition it excludes small pieces of land that don't serve any recreational purpose such as road verges and small areas within housing.

However the contribution of all these spaces to the urban green infrastructure of the city for wildlife, leisure and gardening is recognised and taken into account when drawing up these plans.

## Green Space in Bedminster and Southville

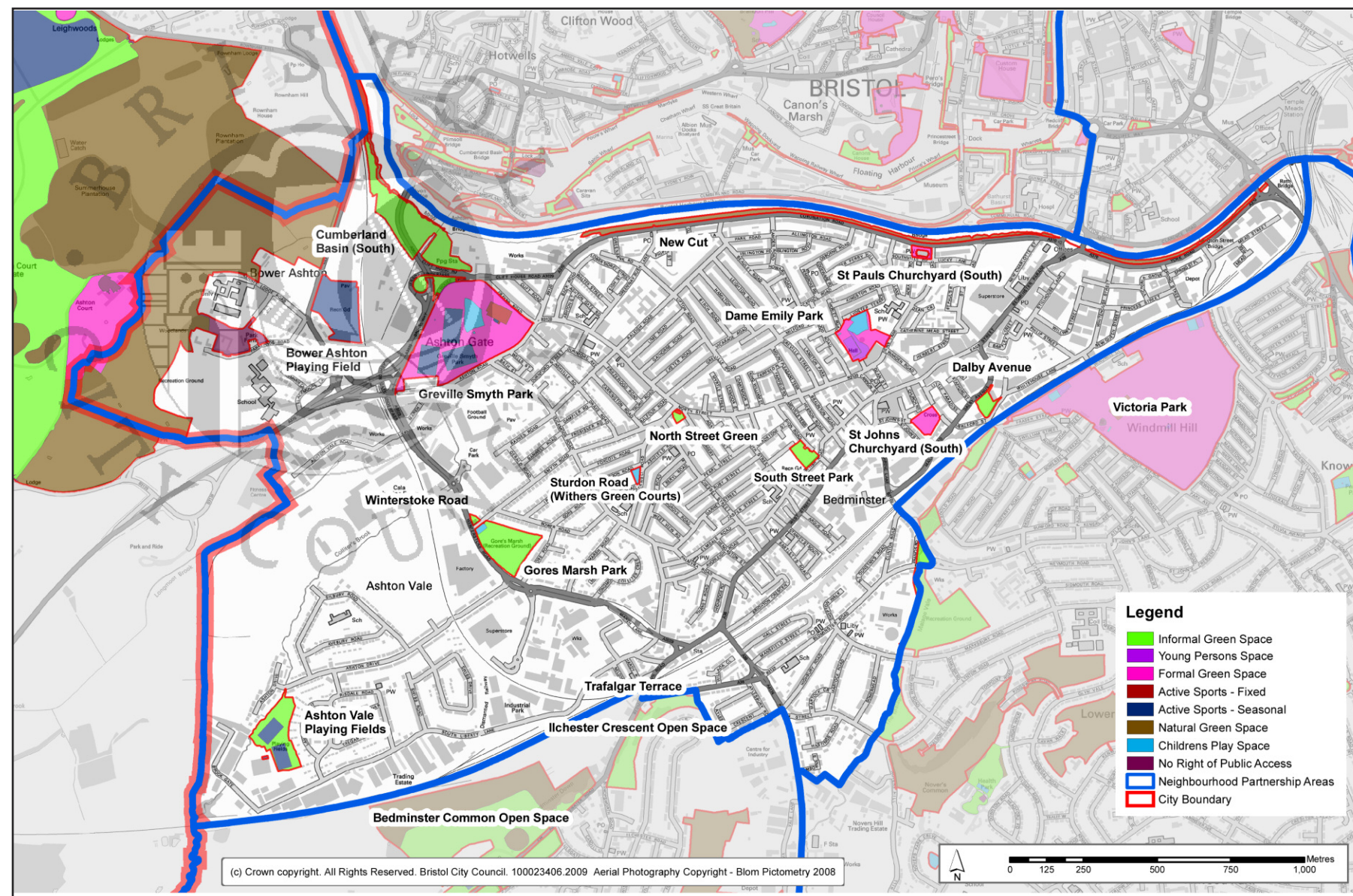
The Area Green Space Plan is defined by the boundaries of the Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership area - itself defined by the two electoral wards.

The amount of open space across the Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership Area varies significantly. In the east it is largely made up of pockets of predominantly public open space, which includes Dame Emily Park and St. John's Churchyard. Towards the west there are larger public open spaces such as Greville Smyth Park with a small amount of Ashton Court Estate falling into the Neighbourhood Partnership boundary. The open space that is not fully

publicly accessible is concentrated in the west, this includes the privately owned fields alongside Ashton Vale, much of which are affected in differing ways by the proposed new stadium, allotments and the playing fields of Ashton Park School.

The Area Green Space Plan considers only the public open space element of this. The area of green space that will be considered by the Plan is shown here. These spaces are categorised into five different types as outlined in the Parks and Green Space Strategy 2008.

## The publicly accessible spaces considered by the Parks and Green Space Strategy as outlined in 2008.





## Spaces that have been included or excluded in this Area Green Space Plan

During detailed consultation with stakeholders and further analysis of the spaces, some changes have been made as to which spaces or parts of spaces are considered publicly accessible and which are not.

**In addition to the spaces already identified as publicly accessible, the following spaces will be adopted as part of the Area Green Space Plan for this area:**

Space	Why?
<b>Hebron Burial Ground</b>	The city council recently purchased this site to be maintained as open space- at the time of writing it is not publicly accessible but it is anticipated that it will be and therefore needs to be counted as public open space for the area within the lifetime of this plan.
<b>Land at Risdale Road, Ashton Vale</b>	This land is already 'amenity space' serving an area dominated by new bungalows, it is proposed to formally change it to public open space.

The following space identified originally as publicly accessible are no longer considered to be and will not be considered as part of an Area Green Space Plan for this area:

Space	Why?
<b>Bower Ashton Playing Fields</b>	This space is subject to a 50 year lease from 1996 to Bower Ashton Cricket Club. There is no requirement in the lease that public access be maintained and therefore it should not be considered as public open space for the purposes of this plan.



*Hebron Burial Ground*

## How does the Area Green Space Plan link to other neighbouring Neighbourhood Partnership Areas

Although Neighbourhood Partnership Areas are used for open space planning, it is recognised they provide an artificial boundary in terms of where people visit. In drawing up this Ideas and Options Paper, the proximity and use of spaces in neighbouring areas has been taken into account.

It is also recognised that people from across the city use the destination parks of Ashton, Blaise and Kingsweston, Hengrove Play Park and Oldbury Court Estate & Snuff Mills, city centre spaces and sports facilities for organised sport, and that often people travel to visit other spaces outside their Neighbourhood Partnership Area. During local stakeholder consultation people told us that they visited other parks including Ashton Court Estate, Victoria Park, Marksbury Road Open Space and the spaces around the dockside in the city centre such as Lloyds Amphitheatre and Millennium Square.

Bedminster and Southville are well connected to the wider area by cycle routes and footpaths, either specifically marked or just in common use.

Linking to the city centre and south to Knowle is the Malago Greenway, there is a new cycle path from Ashdene Avenue Bridge to Ashton Court and the Tow Path provides a route north to Pill.

There are two public rights of way that connect Ashton Vale to Bedminster Down Common across the railway line.

In developing the Ideas and Options Paper green links have had a strong influence and care has been taken to ensure that different Area Green Space Plans 'talk to each other'. Specific cross boundary influences have been considered for:

- the provision of sports surfaces and facilities;
- the provision of natural and informal spaces; in particular Ashton Court
- Youth provision;
- Long distance walking and cycling opportunities;

In practical terms, the Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership Area is most easily connected with that of Knowle and Windmill Hill to the south and that of Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East to the north. It is in these areas where types of space and facilities will have most influence.

The Community Partnership have drawn up a 'Green Map' which shows key routes between the open spaces in Bedminster. There are aspirations to identify a network of routes to link open spaces throughout the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

## Who has been involved so far?

To inform the Ideas and Options Paper, a series of participation events took place with local community representatives and groups as well as relevant experts and professionals. These events included information sessions, meetings, workshops and site visits to gain information and thoughts about sites, to gauge their value to local people and get feedback on investment opportunities as well as possible disposal sites.

### Those that we asked for comments in Bedminster and Southville included:

- ▶ representatives of Greater Bedminster Community Partnership;
- ▶ local park groups;
- ▶ the police and Safer Bristol;
- ▶ local youth workers;
- ▶ local primary schools.
- ▶ Bristol City Council officers including park managers, landscape designers, archaeologists, ecologists, highways engineers, the cycling team, planners and sports development workers

All ideas were considered and we are very grateful for the input from all those that attended sessions to discuss their green spaces.

We are now asking all residents and interest groups to give their views .

*It is important to note that the options set out are the council's interpretation, and they take into account not only stakeholder views but the policies outlined in the Parks and Green Space Strategy, the emerging Bristol Development Framework requirements and other council initiatives. The options have not necessarily been endorsed by any of the above stakeholders, who also have the opportunity to give their views through this consultation*

## The role of park groups

There are a number of well established parks groups in this neighbourhood partnership area who play a very active role in securing improvements to the parks in question. Some have already been involved in the drafting of, and consultation on, improvement plans for their parks.

Representatives of all the groups engaged in the participation events held and took the opportunity to share their experiences with one another.

### The groups are as follows (in no particular order):

- Friends of Greville Smyth - F.R.O.G.S.
- Friends of St. Johns Churchyard
- Gores Marshalls
- Dame Emily Park Project - D.E.P.P.
- Friends of New Cut- F.R.A.N.C
- North Street Green Action Group

## Funding the proposals

The Parks and Green Space Strategy projected that achieving a 'good' standard of provision across the whole Bristol parks and green space network will cost £87million in capital funding (at 2006 prices) over 20 years. This is the cost of putting in new facilities (e.g playgrounds, sports pavilions) and infrastructure (e.g footpaths, railings) in to parks. The Strategy laid out how this funding would be raised based on knowledge in 2006. It identified the following funding sources: contributions from developers, external funding such as lottery grants, money from the disposal of green space and the council core parks and estates budget. Taking into account the more detailed work that has been done in drawing up this paper, the current economic position and changes to developer's contributions through the Community Infrastructure Levy these figures will need to be revised following this consultation.

*It is important to emphasise that investment will take place as and when funding becomes available based on priorities which will be identified following the response to this consultation. If not enough funding is available then options which are least important may not be taken forward. The consultation questionnaire accompanying the Ideas and Options Paper is designed to not only allow respondents to state whether they support ideas or not, but also to help them prioritise.*

## Sale of some green space to raise money to re-invest

Area Green Space Plans will propose which green spaces the council might dispose of to raise money to reinvest back into park improvements. The council's usual policy is that all receipts from disposals should go into a 'single capital pot' for distribution to overall priorities but in this case 70% will be ring fenced for reinvestment in to parks.

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## Section 3.

### Investment ideas and options

*This section presents a range of spatial and investment plans and options for all accessible green spaces within the Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership Area. The options aim to meet the policies and open space standards set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy and also reflect the ideas gathered from members of the local community and professional stakeholders in 2008/9.*

Across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area the underlying principle is to create a variety of open space experiences. For example the facilities on Greville Smyth Park will allow a family to spend many recreational hours while St Johns Churchyard provides a quiet space for reflection.

Some of the key open spaces in Bedminster and Southville wards benefit from adopted improvement plans. These plans are largely the result of a collaboration between parks groups and Bristol City Council.

The ongoing realisation of these plans is fully supported and the information in this document on the open spaces in question is largely a reflection of the proposals in the plans.

Improvement plans establish priorities, coordinate investment proposals and ensure a consistent and comprehensive approach to ongoing improvements and maintenance. Improvement plans also form an important basis for applications for funding.

Where improvement plans do not exist draft ideas and options are put forward for consideration and comment.

In drawing up these options Area Green Space Plan Officers have taken into account all ideas put forward alongside an analysis of each space including any identified constraints.

Proposals for two spaces; Ashton Vale Playing Fields and land at Dalby Avenue are presented as concept plans.

Your comments and priorities will be used to inform a final Area Green Space Plan for Bedminster and Southville.

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## Greville Smyth Park:

*'a major area, buildings need development'*

Stakeholder's comment

Greville Smyth Park is one of the best known parks in the Bedminster and Southville Partnership Area. Dating from Victorian times this large park provides a mix of facilities which includes teenage and young children's play, a bowls club, tennis courts and playing pitches.

The park is very well used and the Football Association are interested in supporting the football clubs on the site. There is an active tennis club and running clubs use the site for start and end points for runs along the tow path.

There is a well established and very active park group; Friends of Greville Smyth Park, aka FROGS, and an improvement plan has been produced based on the results of consultation events.

**The plan is presented here and is for information only, not further consultation.**

### Key aims of the improvement plan:

- To reinforce its role as the main traditional park for the area, expanding existing facilities
- Increase the range of natural habitats.



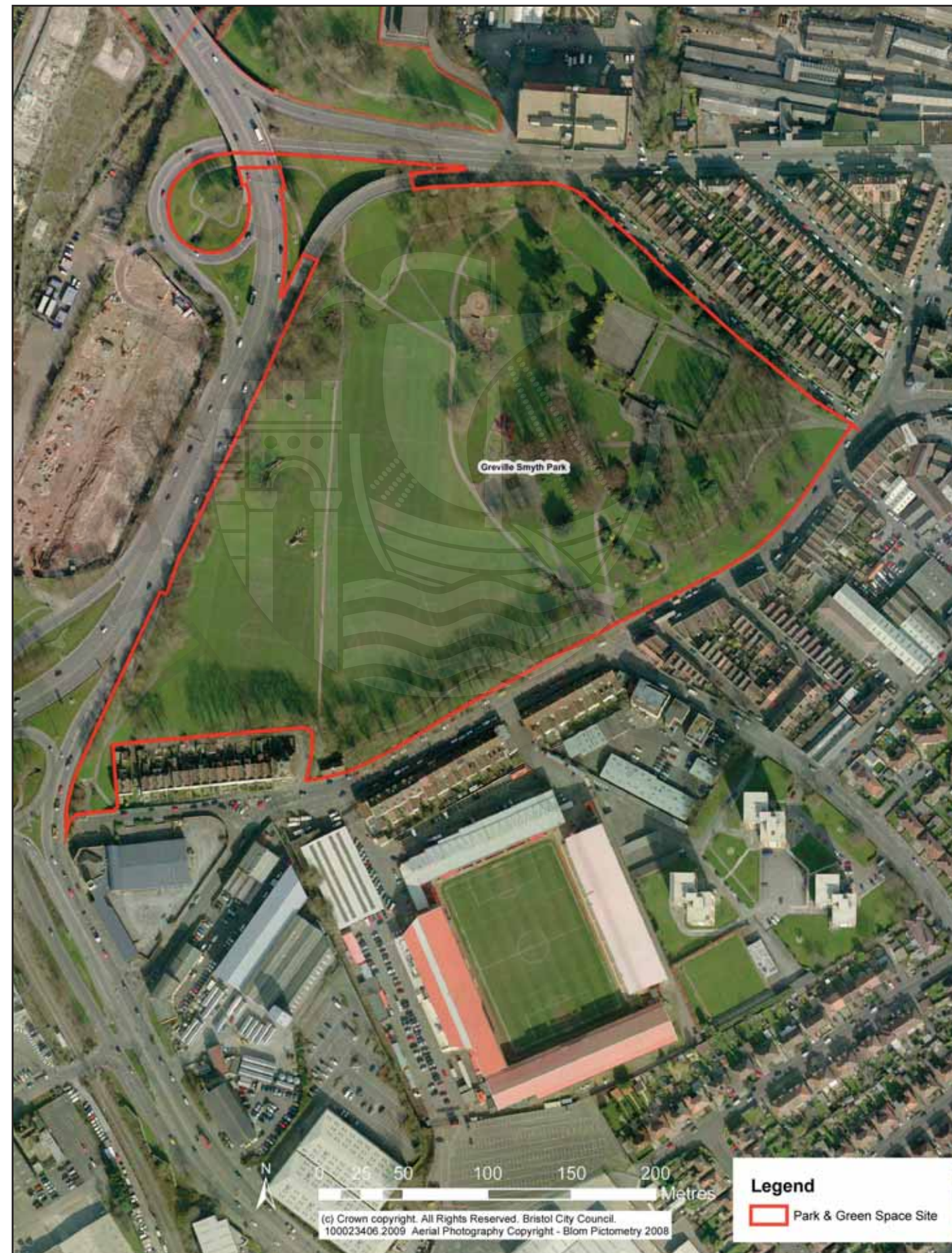
Play space



View north



Ashton Road entrance



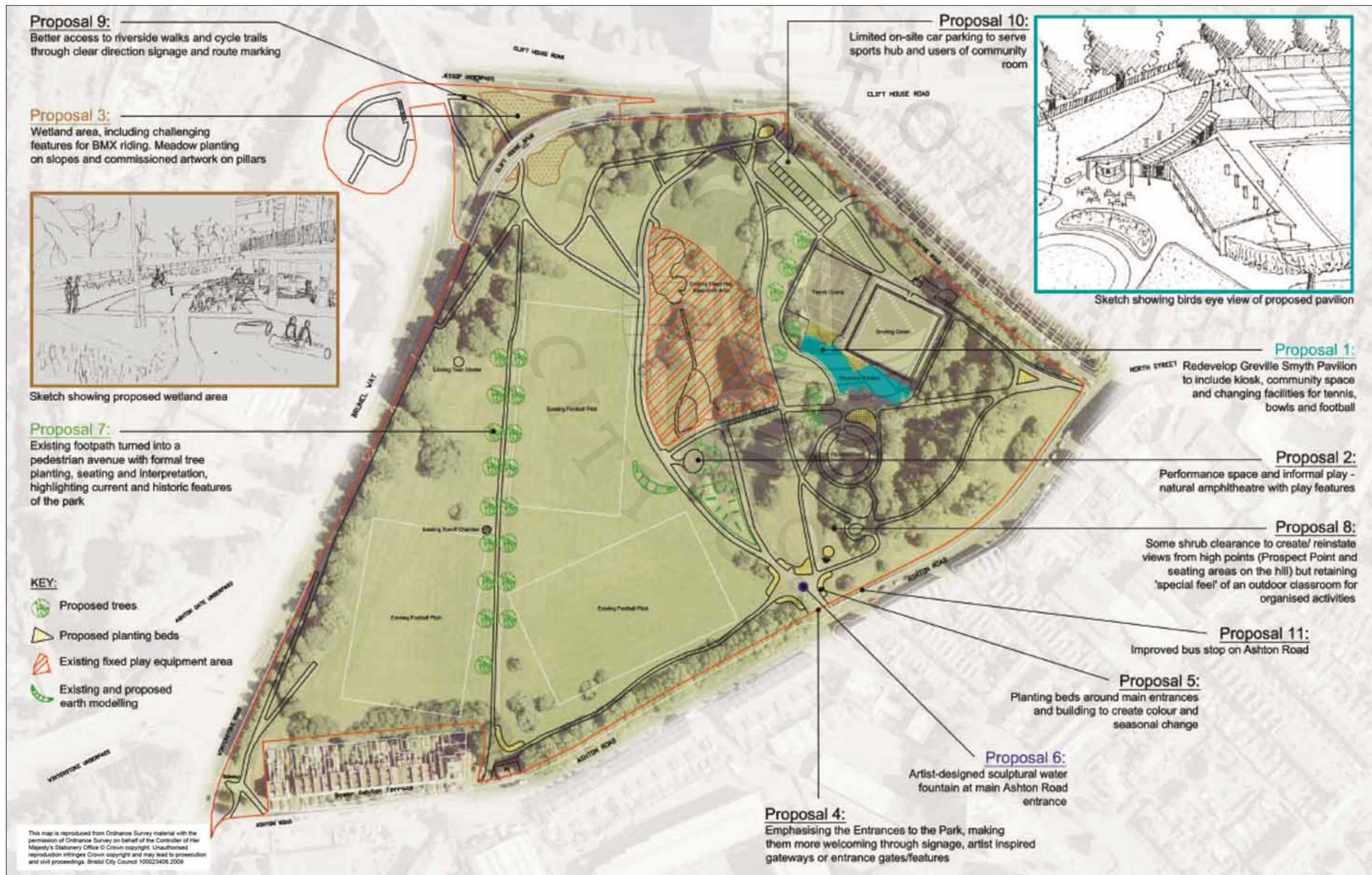
Existing buildings



At the weekend



## Greville Smyth Park: Improvement Plan- Note this is for information only and is not part of the Area Green Space Plan Consultation







## Gores Marsh Park:

*'a need to provide for older people as well as play'*

Stakeholder's comment

As the name suggests, this park occupies a former marsh area. It is the only space that acts as a park in its entirety in the west of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area and is well located to serve Ashton. Until recently it has contained little in the way of facilities.

There is an adopted improvement plan that includes a five - a - side area, new play facilities with seating and landscaping. There is an established parks group, 'Gores Marshalls', who have been actively involved in the drafting of the plan and subsequent consultation.

Works to the new play area have recently been completed using funding from Central Government Play Pathfinder Project as well as funding raised by the parks group.

**New trees have been planted.**  
**The improvement plan is not being consulted on and is shown for information only.**

### What we want to achieve:

- To provide a mix of facilities for all age groups, create new natural habitats and improved landscaping.

### Ideas and options:

- In addition to the proposals in the adopted improvement plan, it is proposed that a formal area be created with ornamental planting and seating. Comments are sought on the most suitable location for this.
- Consideration is also to be given to what facilities could be provided for young people in addition to the five - a - side area, this could be in the form of play adapted for older children or teen shelters.





## Gores Marsh: Improvement Plan- Note this for information only



## New play area





## Dame Emily Park

*'develop into major youth venue'*

*'older peoples provision in part of the park'*

Stakeholder's comments

This well used Edwardian Park celebrated its 100th birthday in September 2009.

Dame Emily is well known for its wheels park and graffiti walls. This facility is used by young people from a wide area. Elsewhere in the park there is a mix of play equipment, a band stand and a multi-use-games area, (MUGA). The bandstand lies close to the site of a former pit head, the park as a whole being located within what was a busy coal mining area. The park is also well used by local people as a cut through.

There is a well established parks group; Dame Emily Park Project (D.E.P.P.), who have raised funding for the park, as well as doing practical work on site. There are aspirations for a variety of improvements. To date there is no adopted improvement plan for the park but a recognised need to draw one up.

### What we want to achieve:

To improve and expand on existing facilities to serve all age groups, improve boundaries and access points and enhance the wildlife value

### Ideas and options:

The numbers below relate to the numbers on the photo.

- ① Boundary improvements to include new railings
- ② Entrance improvements with new signs
- ③ Planting to enhance wildlife value
- ④ New seating and bins
- ⑤ Refurbished wheel park within existing boundary
- ⑥ Community garden with formal area

In addition to the above proposals there are aspirations for park users to have independent access to the toilets within the swimming pool building.

Funding has now been made available for internal alterations and improvements to the pool to include the creation of an external ramped access to the pool and improved toilet facilities. This would be sited to the rear of the pool and could be used by park users without needing to gain access through the pool building.

The feasibility of this when the pool is open is currently under discussion.



Entrance off Morley Road



Entrance off Lydstep Terrace



Dean Lane entrance



Wheels Park



Play area

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## South Street Park

*'urgently requires development - could provide play and access for older people'*

Stakeholder's comment

This park lies alongside the former South Street Primary School's playing fields which is now the Compass Children's Centre. The park has been in a poor state of repair but recently a large area has been relandscaped. It is proposed that a new children's play area will go in this space when funding is available.

There is a need for further improvement works to ensure the park caters for all age groups with a particular focus on older people. There is also a need for new planting to benefit wildlife.

### What we want to achieve:

To provide a multi-functional space providing for all sectors of the community.

It is proposed to investigate the possibility of using the school playing fields in conjunction with the park and also explore what role the nearby ACTA garden could play. This was developed as a community garden when ACTA took over the former YMCA building on Gladstone Street but in recent years has been locked up and unused.

The proposals shown include the playing fields, incorporating the verge area fronting British Road. This could open up the opportunity of installing a new MUGA and/or an alternative site for new play.

### Ideas and options:

The numbers below relate to the numbers on the photo.

- 1 Formal planting area with seating
- 2 Children's play equipment
- 3 Dog free area
- 4 Boundary landscaping with planting to benefit wildlife.
- 5 Area for dog walking
- 6 Shelters for school children and teens out of school hours
- 7 New, lower railings
- 8 Remove conifers and incorporate land into park
- 9 New signs



New landscaping works at South Street



School playing fields



Before re-landscaping with derelict MUGA



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## St. Johns Churchyard:

*'a relief to the built environment'*

Stakeholder's comment

This is an important historic site where worship has taken place since pagan times. The last church on the site was bombed in World War II

There is an established parks group and an approved improvement plan that recommends a mix of landscape works, boundary repairs, new seating and paths. A new cross was installed in 2009.

**The improvement plan is not being consulted on and is shown for information only.**

### What we want to achieve:

To retain the existing character of the site by repairing the walls and surrounds, improving accessibility, managing and improving the landscaping.

### Ideas and options

- In addition to the proposals in the improvement plan, information signs are recommended to inform users of the site's history.
- Should the opportunity arise an archaeological investigation will be undertaken of the site of the former church.





## St. Johns Churchyard: Improvement Plan- for information only



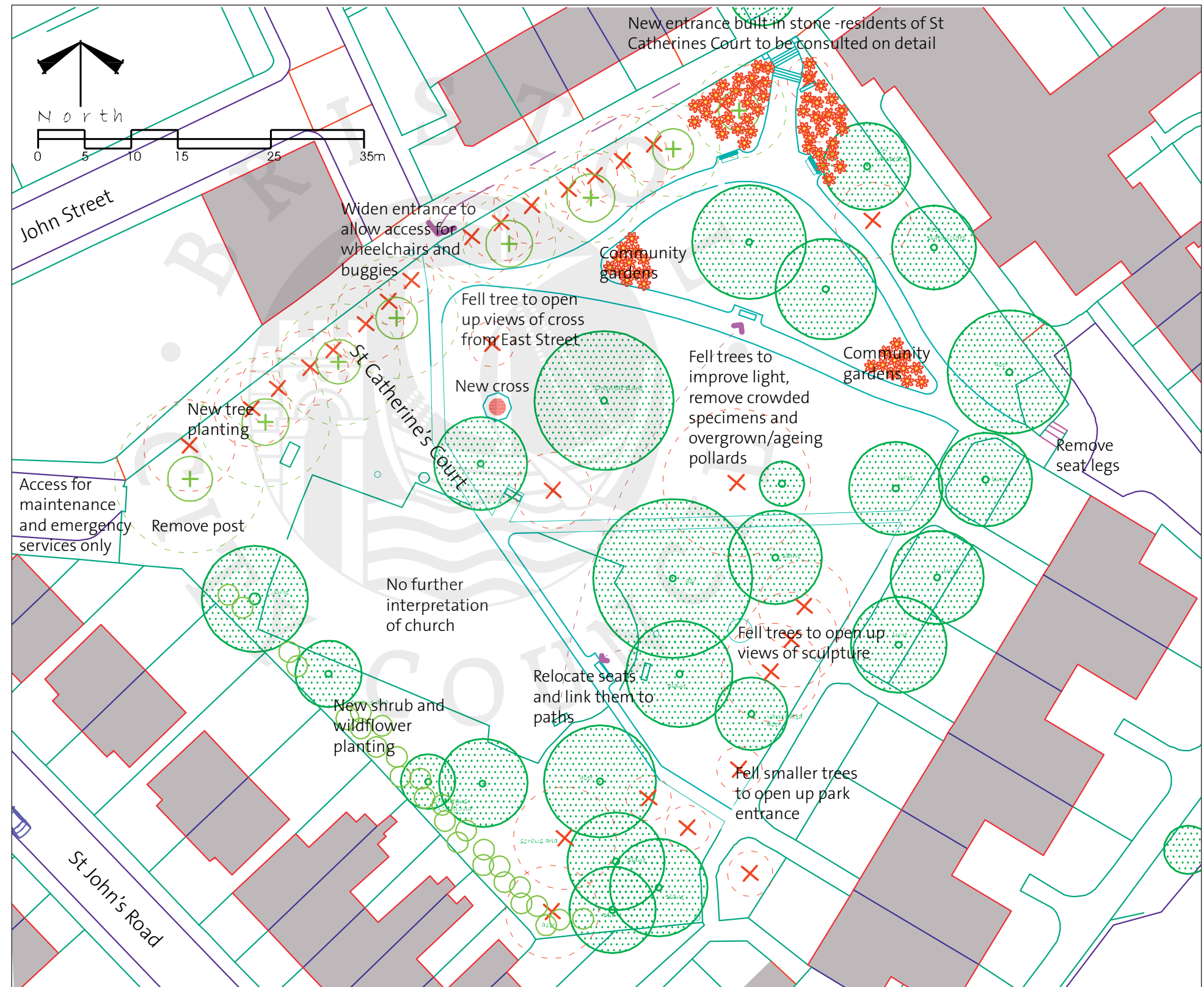
View south east



Entrance to park on New John Street



New cross







## Ashton Vale Playing fields

*'find out what the community would like'*

Stakeholder's comment

At present this is the only public open space directly serving the Ashton Vale part of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area. There are two football pitches on the site which are subject of a long lease to an established local football club.

The park needs to cater for both older people and young children, for the latter there is at present no option other than to drive to parks outside the immediate area to access play areas.



### KEY

- Boundaries and Edges**
- A** Limited surveillance due to residential properties /development backing onto park
- B** Limited surveillance due to density of vegetation
- D** No surveillance of park from beyond boundary
- Access / Entrances





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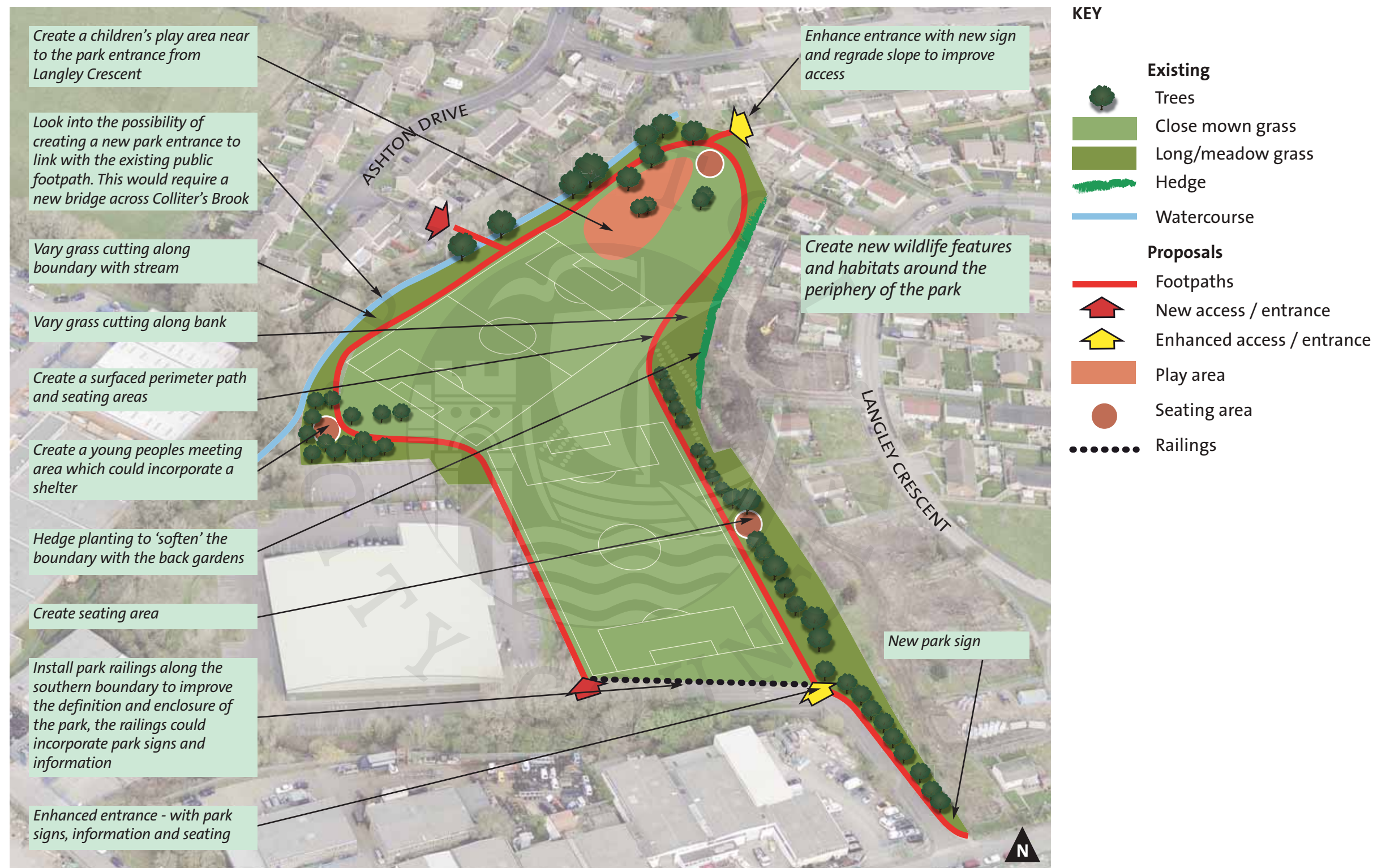
## Ashton Vale Playing fields

### What we want to achieve:

To introduce facilities to appeal to the wider community with a particular focus on older people and young people living nearby.

### Ideas and options

These are shown on the map



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## Land at Dalby Avenue

*'an opportunity to enhance nature conservation value and help the corridor effect between spaces'*

Stakeholder's comment

- This is a small park containing a high concentration of mature trees
- The path through the park from Dalby Avenue is an important link to Bedminster Station and Windmill Hill. The path is lit but there is no seating or other street furniture
- The only building that overlooks the park directly is the 'The Green House', which is used as the headquarters for the National Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens



### KEY

- Existing footpath
- Site Boundary
- Access / Entrances



## Land at Dalby Avenue

### What we want to achieve:

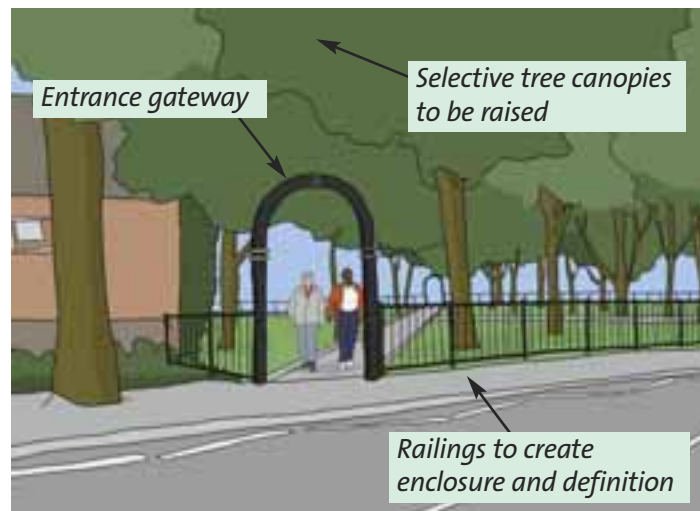
To make this a welcoming and safe place to visit and as a key through-route to Windmill Hill.

### Ideas and options

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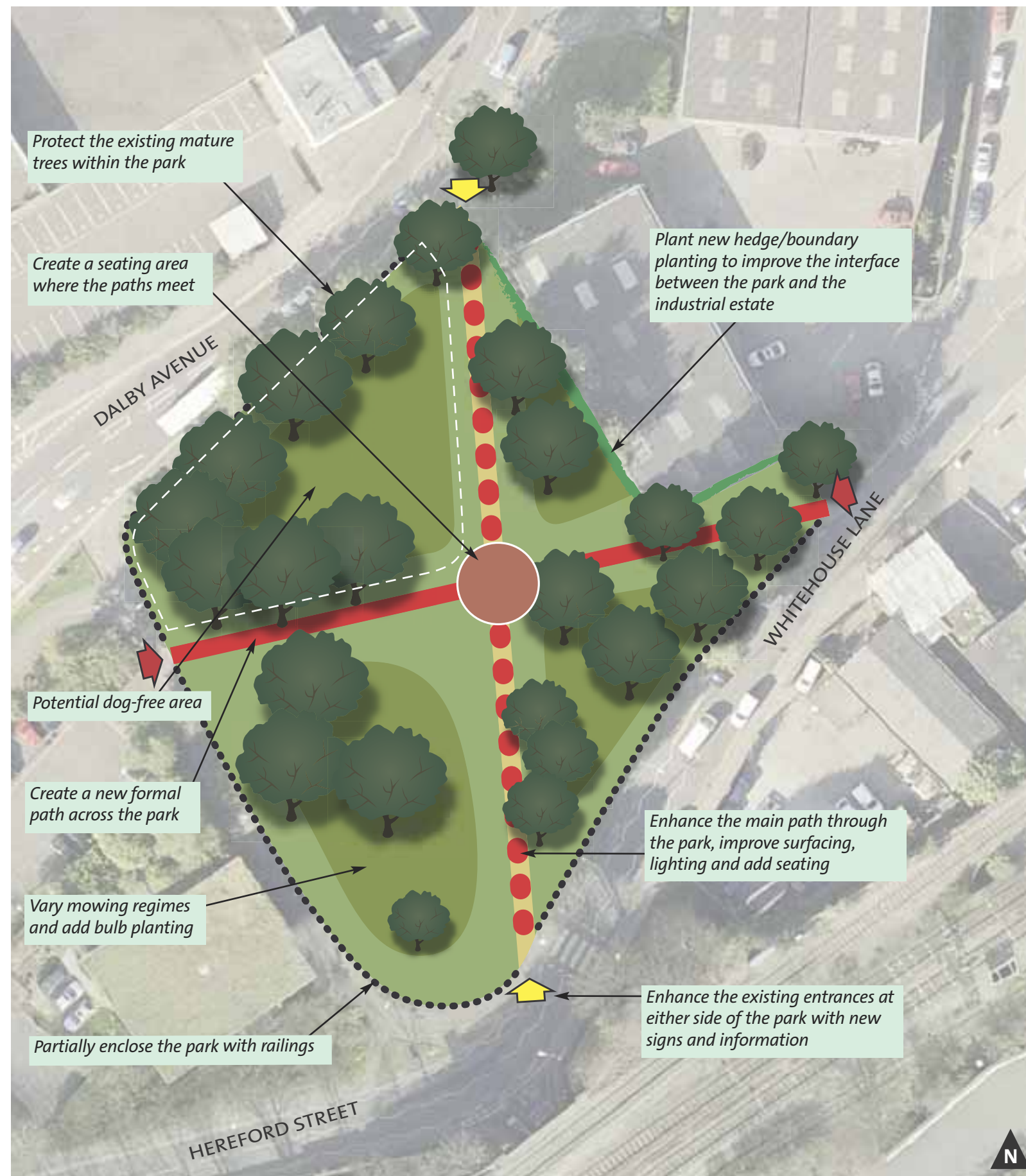
Existing view from Dalby Avenue



Proposed view from Dalby Avenue



Example of simple path and railing treatment



### KEY

- | Existing |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
|          | Trees                      |
|          | Long/meadow grass          |
|          | Close mown grass           |
|          | Hedge                      |
|          | Footpaths                  |
| Proposed |                            |
|          | New Footpaths              |
|          | Enhanced Footpaths         |
|          | New Access / Entrances     |
|          | Enhanced Access / Entrance |
|          | Railings                   |
|          | Seating area               |



Example of strong directional path incorporating seating and lighting

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## North Street Green

*'a real haven in an urban jungle'*

Stakeholder's comment

This space is well located to serve not only those visiting the nearby local shopping centre but also the surrounding area where there is little alternative open space.

There is an established North Street Green Action Group who promote community events and have been working with Avon Wildlife Trust to design a planting scheme to enhance the Green's value for wildlife.

### Ideas and options:

- No major change is proposed but further investment should be used to continue planting works and change the surfacing of the path through the space.
- Approach Weston Power to explore possibility of removing or reducing substation over the life time of the plan



## Sturdon Road

This is a small landscaped area containing some play equipment. It is adjacent to a kickabout area that is used by Luckwell School during school hours and open to the public otherwise.

### Ideas and options:

- It is proposed to reinforce the play use of this space by the provision of new and varied play equipment. Lower replacement boundary railings are proposed to retain its dog-free status and improve the overall appearance.



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## Land at Francis Road

This small space containing an open section of the River Malago Valley between Bedminster Road and Sheene Road lies alongside the boundary with the Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Knowle and Windmill Hill wards.

The space is used for informal play but also suffers from fly tipping.

### Ideas and options:

- A review of the existing planting with a view to management and new planting that would reinforce its nature conservation value. Any new planting will have to be agreed with the Environment Agency who are responsible for the Malago and undertake maintenance to ensure continued free drainage.
- Repairs are proposed to the boundary railings.



N.B. Bristol City Council's Street Scene Enforcement Team will investigate incidents of flytipping and prosecute but do need evidence. All complaints are treated confidentially.

## St Pauls Church Yard:

This disused churchyard is maintained but not owned by the council due to Disused Burial Sites Act. It is an attractive feature in the Bedminster Conservation Area, providing a useful pedestrian cut through and containing a variety of wildlife habitats.

The only proposal is that we provide a good standard of maintenance







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## Land at Cumberland Road (Brunel picnic area)

*'a lovely area of green space but needs maintenance'*

Stakeholder's comment

This wide grassed area is visually separate from Greville Smyth Park due to the surrounding road network and the river but made accessible for cyclists and pedestrians by footpaths from Clift Road, the tow path and the Ashton Avenue bridge across the New Cut. It abuts a popular allotments site.

Vehicle access from Brunel Way was created to enable the installation of new drains across part of the site recently undertaken by Wessex Water and this has been retained but has bollards and not open to public use.

### What we want to achieve:

Create a pleasant green area with enhanced wildlife value.

Explore the potential for the area to be used for events using the new access.

Explore the possibility of using some land as an extension to the allotment site.

Improve footpath and cyclepath connections.

A cycle path south from the bridge to connect to a route to Clanage Road and Ashton Court Estate has recently been completed as part of the Cycling City Project.

Also as part of the project it is intended to upgrade the link to Clift Road to facilitate cycle use. This is proposed to be undertaken in tandem with a proposed extension of the Wessex Water Pumping Station, which is needed to improve the quality of the storm water flowing into the river.

### Ideas and options:

The numbers below relate to numbers on the map

- 1 New cycle path/foot path- route to Clift Road.
- 2 Create a wet land area under the flyover, (already part of the Greville Smyth Improvement Plan)
- 3 Possible extension of the allotments
- 4 Possible area for events/new picnic areas



The Tow Path



View from Clift House Road



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## New Cut Open Space

*'Further improve the river banks and wildlife habitat'*

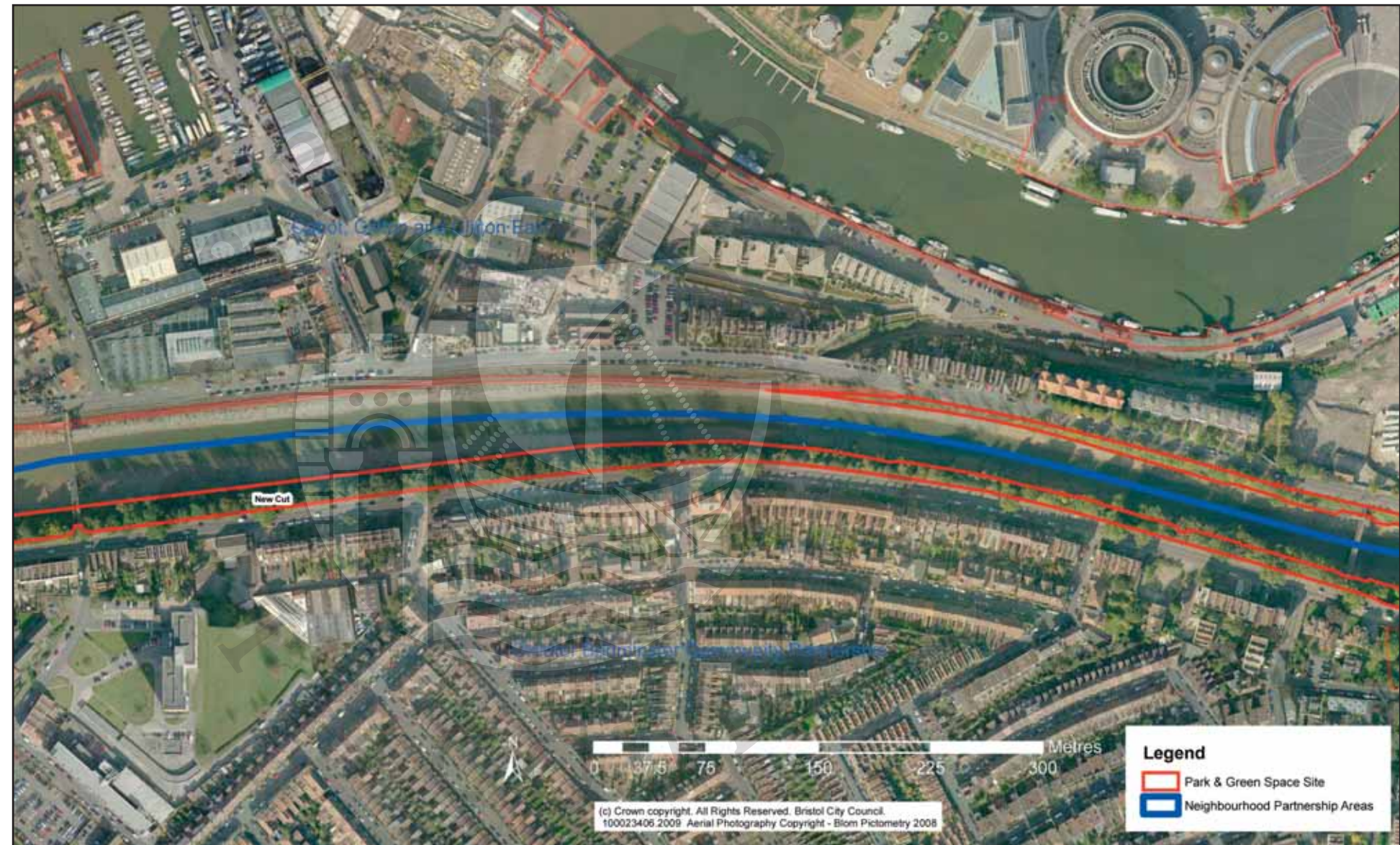
Stakeholder's comment

The New Cut is a tidal waterway, which was excavated between 1804 and 1809. The linear open space to the south of the water contains a variety of flora and fauna and we are considering its designation as a Local Nature Reserve.

The Friends of the New Cut, (F.R.A.N.C), are a well established group who promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the New Cut - its history, wildlife and geology.

### Ideas and options:

- Ongoing appropriate management is recommended to bring space up to good quality
- Information material is proposed at key locations for example by bridges.
- At present there is only one point of public access and consideration should be given to the erection of new steps at a different location.



New Cut from Gaol Ferry Bridge



New Cut from Bedminster Bridge



New Cut from Commercial Road

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## Ashton Court

Ashton Court Estate is one of the city's foremost destination parks and is very well used at a local, regional and national level.

The Estate contains a range of facilities including x2, 18 hole golf courses and a mountain bike trail. It is used for key functions including the Balloon Festival, Community Festival and Kite Festival.

The Estate is owned by Bristol City Council in its entirety but only a couple of fields, (which form the entrance to the estate off Kennel Lodge Road), are within its administrative boundary, technically falling into this Neighbourhood Partnership Area. The Estate is used widely by people from all over Bristol and North Somerset, as well as local people.

The Estate was originally designed by Humphrey Repton and Heritage Lottery Funding has been used for a range of works including the restoration of the landscape, entrance lodges, boundary walls and redevelopment of a new visitors centre within the mansion house. The Estate has been awarded a Green Flag. A café and shop have been introduced at the rear of the Mansion House and a natural play area installed nearby. The Mansion House itself is regularly used for events and there are aspirations to increase its use.

As a result of these recent major works, there are no proposals for the Estate as part of this plan. The Estate has its own manager and a management plan is currently being drawn up.



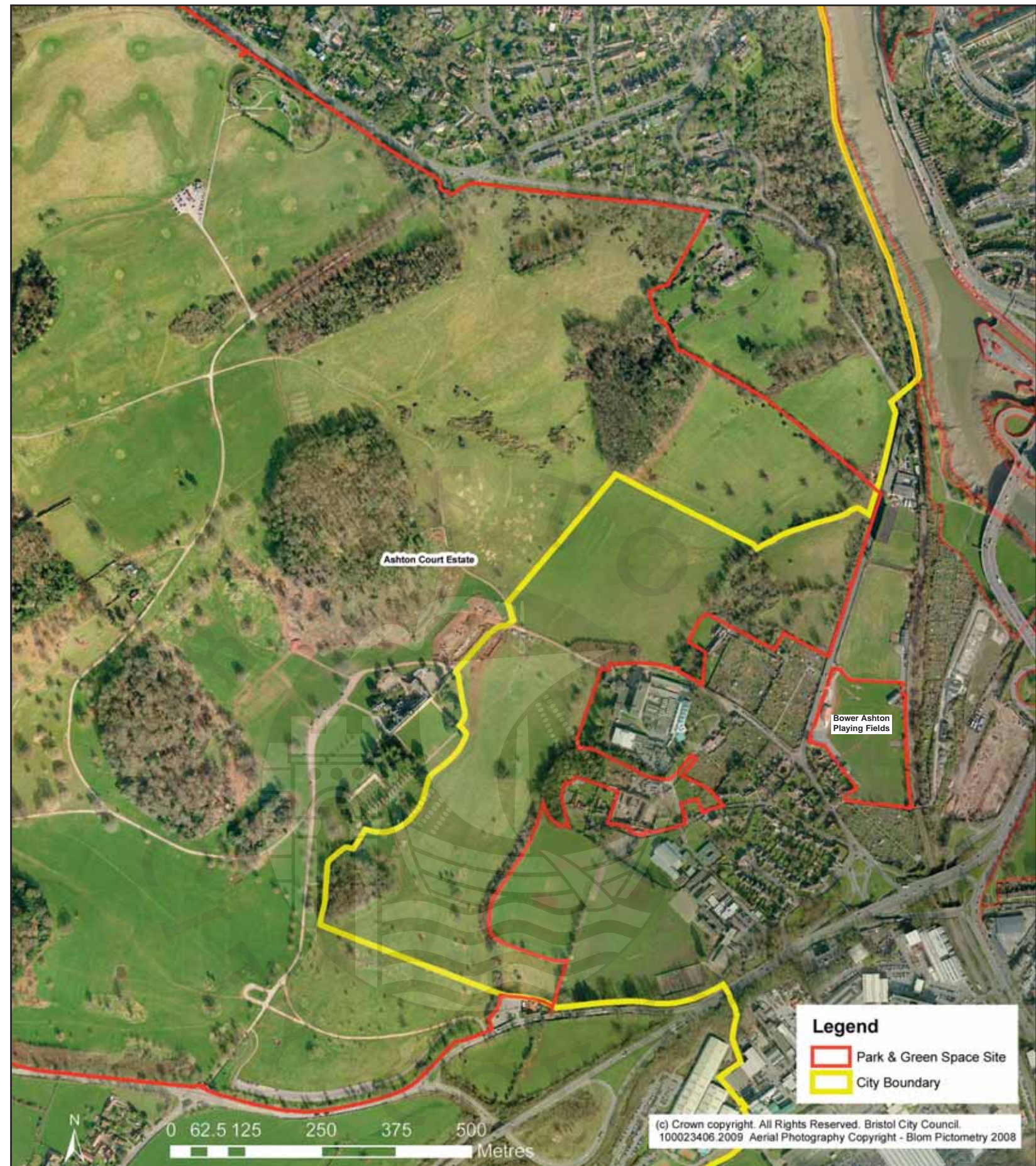
Deer Park



Mansion House



View towards Bristol





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### Future opportunities

The Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership Area has a low amount of public open space and while it currently meets the quantity standard, if the projected increases in population happens, the amount of public open space per person will fall to the minimum of 18 square meters in 2026, (see Appendix 1 for more detail).

It is therefore important to investigate proposals that could increase the amount of public open space in the future.

These include the purchase of Hebron Burial Ground and the suggestion that the playing fields at South Street be incorporated into the park.

There is also the area of Bristol City Council land adjacent to the new bungalows at Risdale Road in Ashton Vale.

Other areas of open space under the control of the City Council may also have potential for public use in the future, the provision of which could be guided by this plan.

In respect of privately owned land, opportunities for new open space may arise from residential developments of a significant size.

At the time of writing the application for the new football stadium and associated housing at Ashton Vale has been approved. The recommendation is that if this development is approved then new public open space be provided.

The provision of new public open space will be a key consideration of any proposed large new residential development. However it must be stressed that not all undeveloped space will be considered as having potential to be public, its size and relationship to the surrounding area are important considerations.

In addition to new public open space, there are a number of existing small areas of incidental open space, many of which are owned by Bristol City Council and have no realistic development potential.

Such spaces where they lie alongside public routes have the potential to 'green' the environment and in areas such as the heart of Bedminster where there is very little open space assume an importance that they would not have elsewhere in the city.

Because of their size, these spaces are very unlikely to be adopted open space although the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership has taken the initiative and assumed responsibility for some of these spaces, calling them 'patches'.

They have cleared and planted the spaces with the aim of improving their appearance but also their value for wildlife.

Therefore while these spaces do not fall within the scope of this Ideas and Options Paper for Bedminster and Southville, the role they play in the provision of green space within the area should be taken into account when assessing proposals that affect their future. The size of these sites and their position in relationship to the public domain will be taken into account as part of that assessment.



Bedminster 'Patches'





Appendix 1. How the Area Green Space Plan is meeting the PGSS standards

The Parks and Green Space Strategy adopted new minimum standards for the provision of publicly accessible green space. There are three specific standards:

- 1. Quality Standard – a level of quality which all spaces should attain.
- 2. Distance Standard - how far should people have to travel to reach a particular type of space.
- 3. Quantity Standard - how much green space of different types there should be.

A key aim of this Area Green Space Plan is to propose how these standards will be met in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Bedminster and Southville

Quality

A Bristol quality standard has been devised in consultation with national advisers and local parks users, which takes into account design, condition and maintenance, and assesses a comprehensive range of features of parks and open spaces. It takes into account a number of aspects which are of particular public concern such as entrances, safety feel, and facilities.

Before the adoption of the Parks and Green Space Strategy, each park and green space across the city was assessed for its quality. As a result the council was able to know which sites met the Quality Standard and which sites needed improving. On a 1 to 4 scale (poor, fair, good and excellent), where 3, or 'good', is the quality standard threshold, the quality assessment process revealed an average quality level across Bristol of 2 (fair).

The final Area Green Space Plan will be informed by a review of the quality of parks and green spaces - to take place this year. This is because the original assessment is now between 4 and 5 years old and does not take into account investment to improve spaces over this time. For this reason an analysis of quality in each Neighbourhood Partnership Area is not shown here.

Distance Standard

The aim of the distance standard is to protect and promote an accessible network of green space. The distance standards are based on research on how far Bristol residents feel it's reasonable to walk to get to the different types of space, combined with an analysis of Bristol's layout to ensure the standards are credible. A distance standard has been set for each of the five different types of space recognised by the Parks and Green Space Strategy.

The maps on the following pages demonstrate how well the standard for each type of space is currently met across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area and how proposals to invest in new types of space will improve access across the area.

When proposing a new type of space the Area Green Space Plan ensures that the existing value and character of a site is enhanced and not compromised. If it is clear that the existing type is of high value then no change is proposed and either an alternative site is found or it is accepted that the standards may not be met in that area.

The distances proposed are in the table below:

Distance Standard	Distance 'as the crow flies' (metres)	Estimated Time (minutes walk)
Distance to the nearest green space	400	9
Children's play space	450	10
Formal green Space	600	15
Informal green space	550	13
Natural green space	700	18
Active sports space	Determined by Playing Pitch Strategy	

Barriers to access

When applying distance standards barriers to accessing parks such as railways, rivers, major roads, hills, valleys and large industrial areas have been taken into account. When considering these barriers any legitimate crossing points- bridges or pelican crossings for example- have been located. The effect of the barriers and crossing points is incorporated in to the application of each distance standard across the area.

There are no access barriers to open space in the Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership Area that are absolute however

main roads can act as a barrier for younger children, for example Winterstoke Road.

Likewise the railway lines that run across and around the area restrict access due to the limited number of crossings and, in some instances, the nature of those crossings.

The railway line that forms the south western boundary to the Neighbourhood Partnership Area can only be crossed in two places which limits access between Ashton Vale and Bedminster Down and therefore further isolates Ashton Vale from surrounding open space. One of these crossings is via a railway bridge and includes a number of steps, which restricts access to those with mobility impairments and also prams and buggies. At present the footpath links on the Bedminster Down side are muddy, narrow and in places steep.

The railway line to the west of Winterstoke Road is only crossed in three places, the key route to Ashton Vale being via Ashton Drive. Although well located this does result in a greater distance between much of Ashton Vale and the remainder of the area.

Towards the east, the railway line limits access between that part of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, which lies to the south of the line located between the Parson Street and the Sheene Road crossings and the remainder of the area. As a result this part of the area relates more closely to the spaces in Windmill Hill ward such as Marksbury Road open space and is therefore an illustration of how ward boundaries can have little relevance in practical terms.



## Children's playgrounds

There are currently four children's play spaces in the Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership Area. These are Dame Emily Park, Sturdon Road, Gores Marsh Park and Greville Smyth Park.

In order to better meet the distance standards two new play areas are proposed for South Street Park and Ashton Vale Playing Fields. The latter is a backland site with poor access to

the nearest houses. The limited amount of passive surveillance means it is not an ideal location for a children's play area however there is a complete lack of play for younger children in the area. Older children engage in 'natural' play on the playing fields while younger children are regularly driven to play spaces elsewhere.

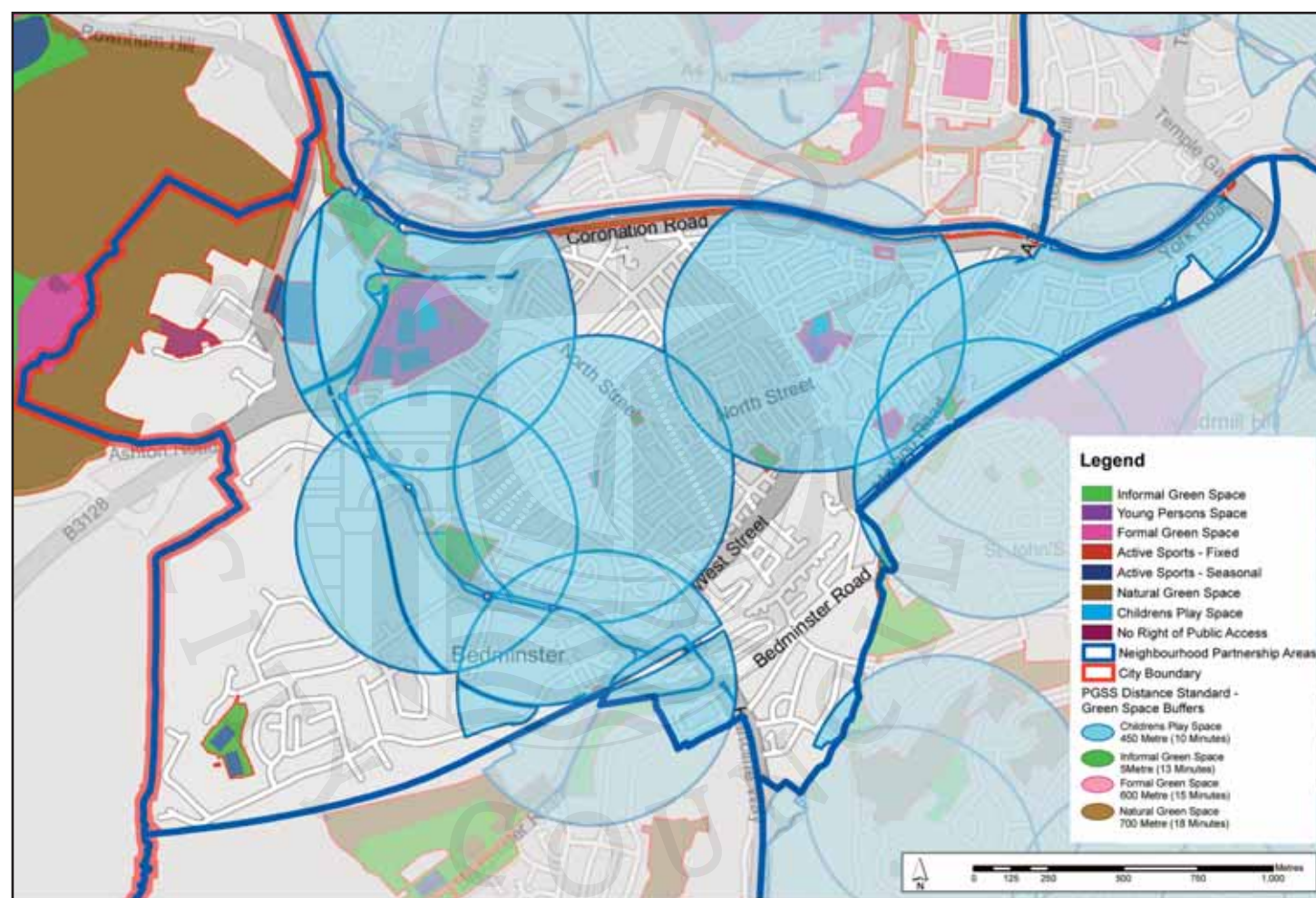
A new play area on the site and the proposed additional seating and paths for older people that are also proposed should

increase overall levels of use and add to 'self policing'.

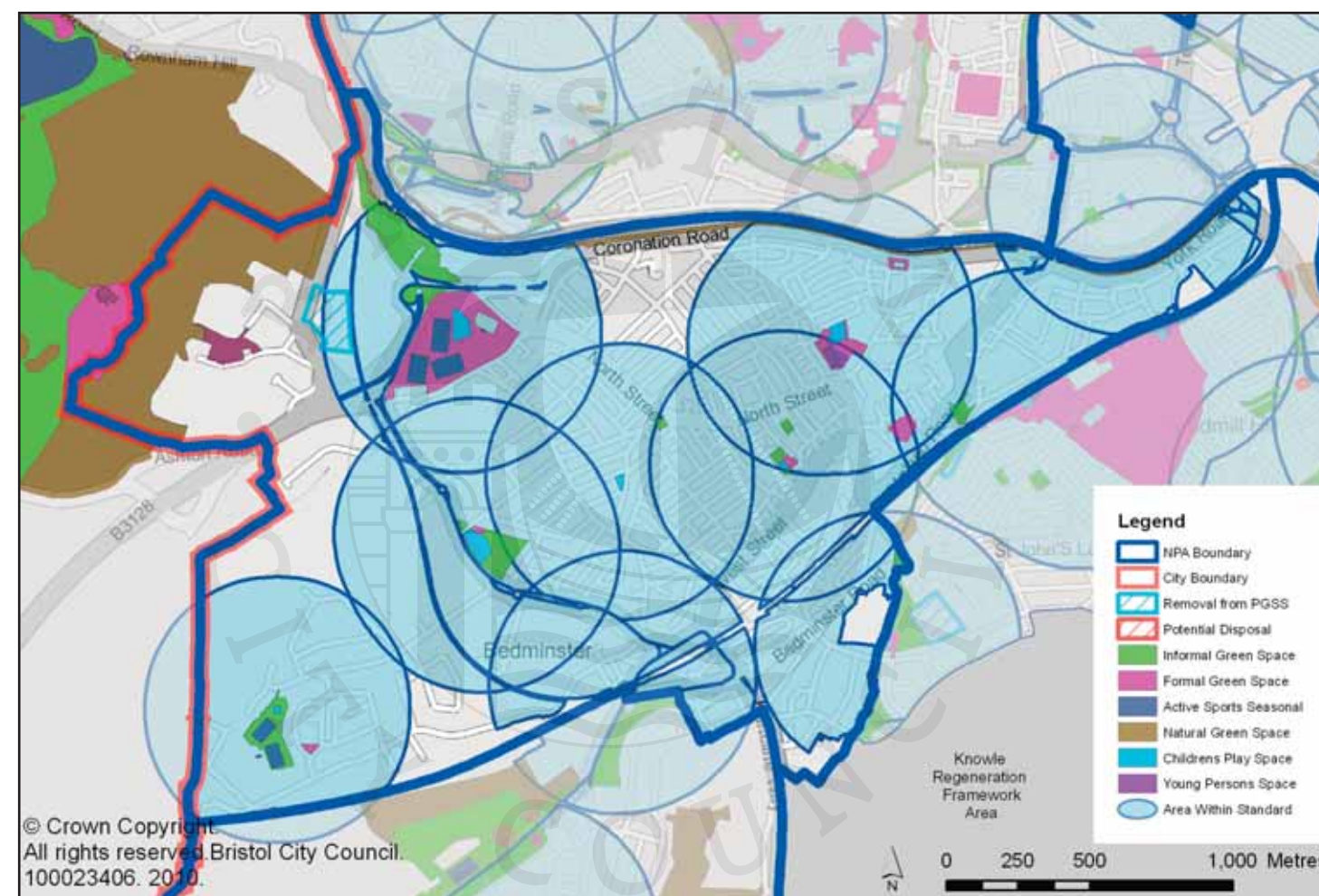
The percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for children's play will go down from 22% to 10%.

There will remain parts of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area under served for equipped children's play but there are no other public areas that are suitable for new play areas in respect of size, location and ease of access.

## Areas where the standard is currently met



## Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





## Formal Green Space:

The Neighbourhood Partnership Area has three areas of formal green space at St. Johns Churchyard, Dame Emily Park and Greville Smyth Park. As formal spaces contain amongst other things benches, formal gardens, good paths they are attractive to older people. There are known concentrations of older people in the Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership Area and priorities for the siting of formal areas should take this into account.

In order to better meet the standards an element of formal space is to be included in the proposals for Gores Marsh Park and South Street Park.

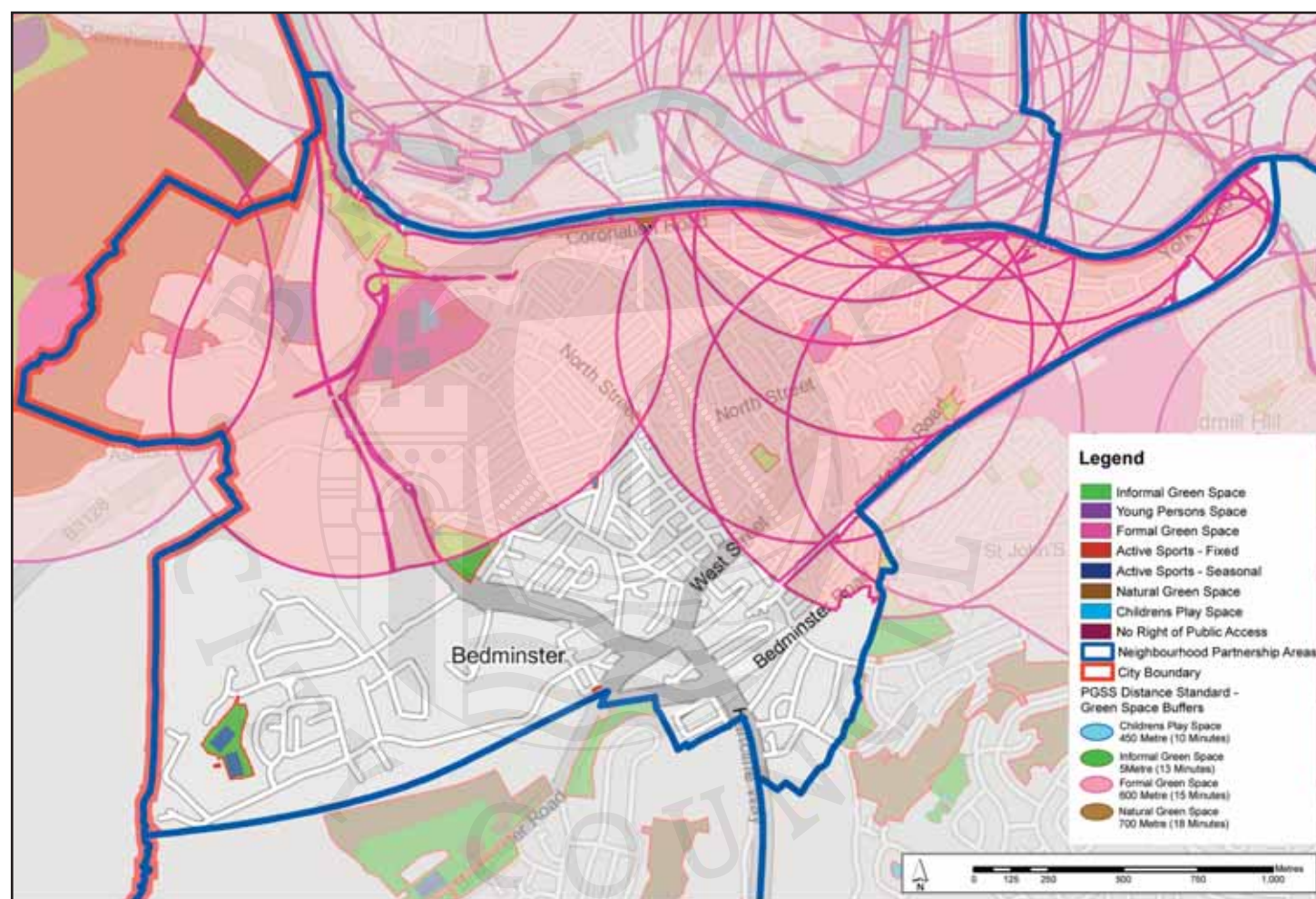
Although there have not been any formal decisions made to date, it is anticipated that the newly acquired Hebron Burial Ground will be considered as formal although this will serve a similar catchment area to South Street Park. This is shown on the proposed plan.

If the space at Risdale Road is included in the plan, it is proposed that this be laid out as formal space which will serve the surrounding area of Ashton Vale. The proposed path and seating areas on Ashton Vale Playing Fields are facilities common to formal spaces.

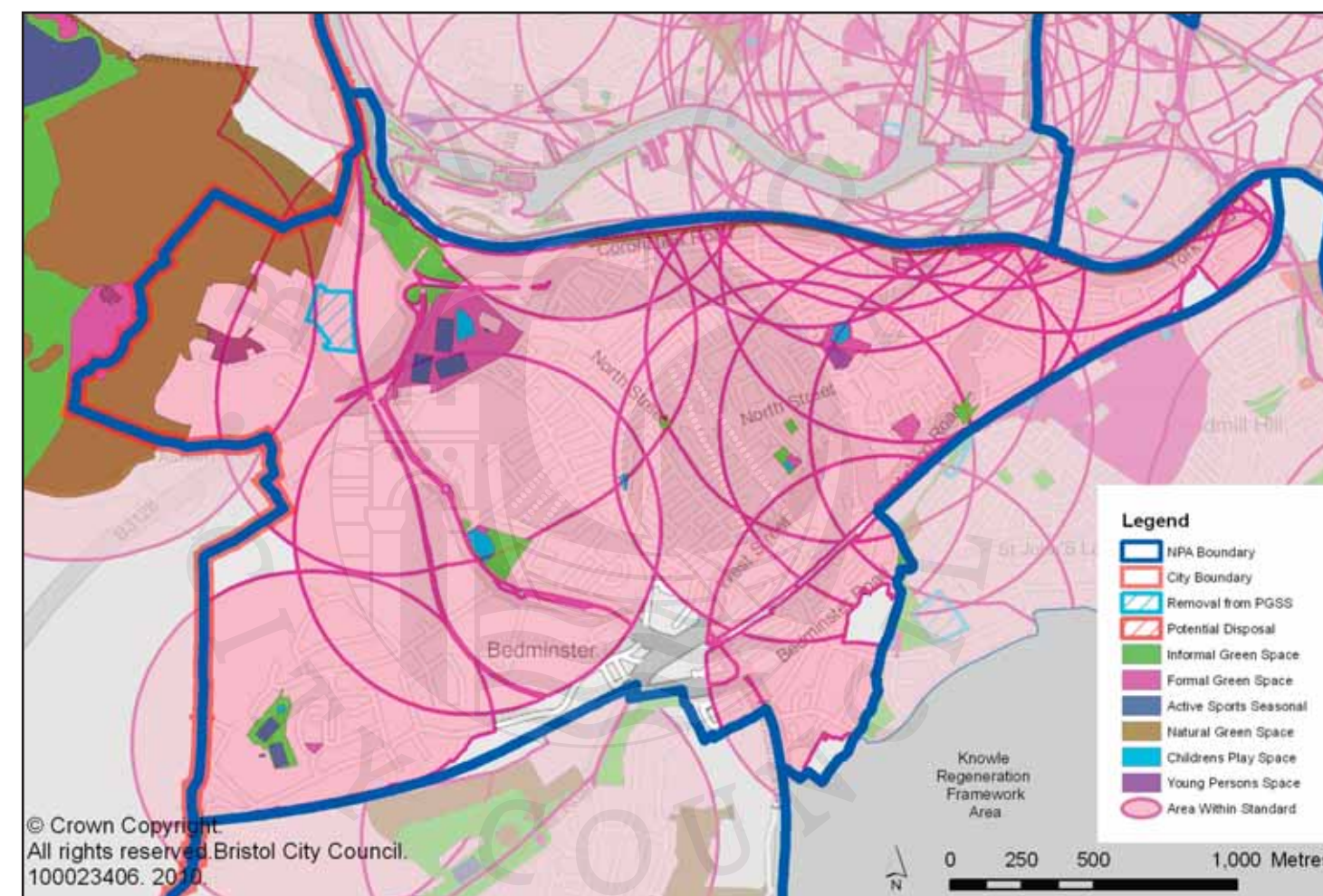
Victoria Park contains a large formal element and while this is located in the Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area it serves some residents in the southern part of Bedminster though access is restricted to the railway tunnel crossing.

The percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for formal green space will go down from 28% to 3%.

## Areas where the standard is currently met



## Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





## Informal Green Space:

The amount of informal green space is low and the exclusion of Bower Ashton Playing Fields from consideration by the plan will add to this. However the distance standard is largely met aside from part of the Ashton Vale Industrial Estate (where there are no permanent residents).

The Area Green Space Plan proposes the loss of some informal space to remedy shortfalls in the provision of play and formal space.

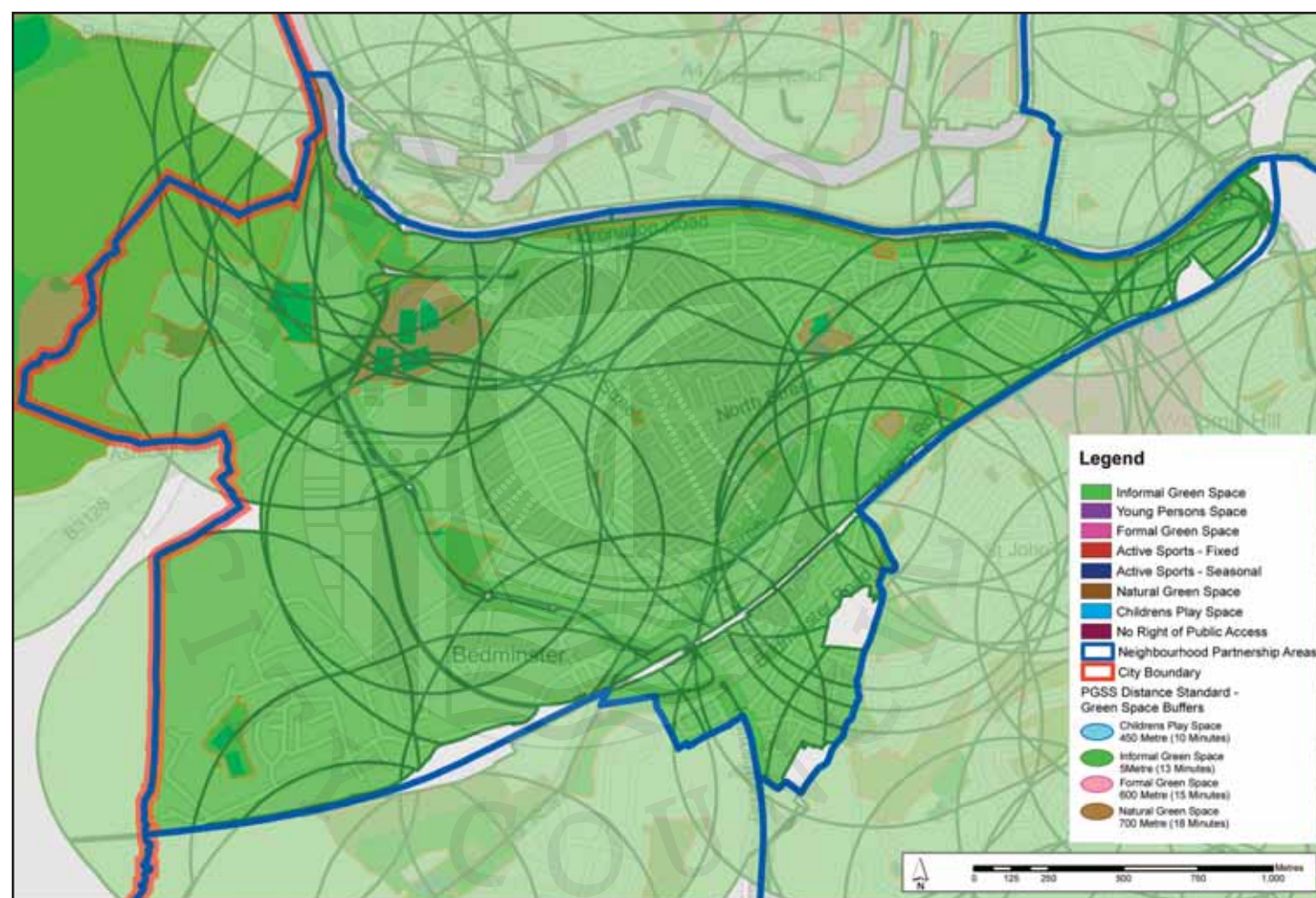
No new informal space is proposed.

Informal space outside the Neighbourhood Partnership Area will continue to serve this Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

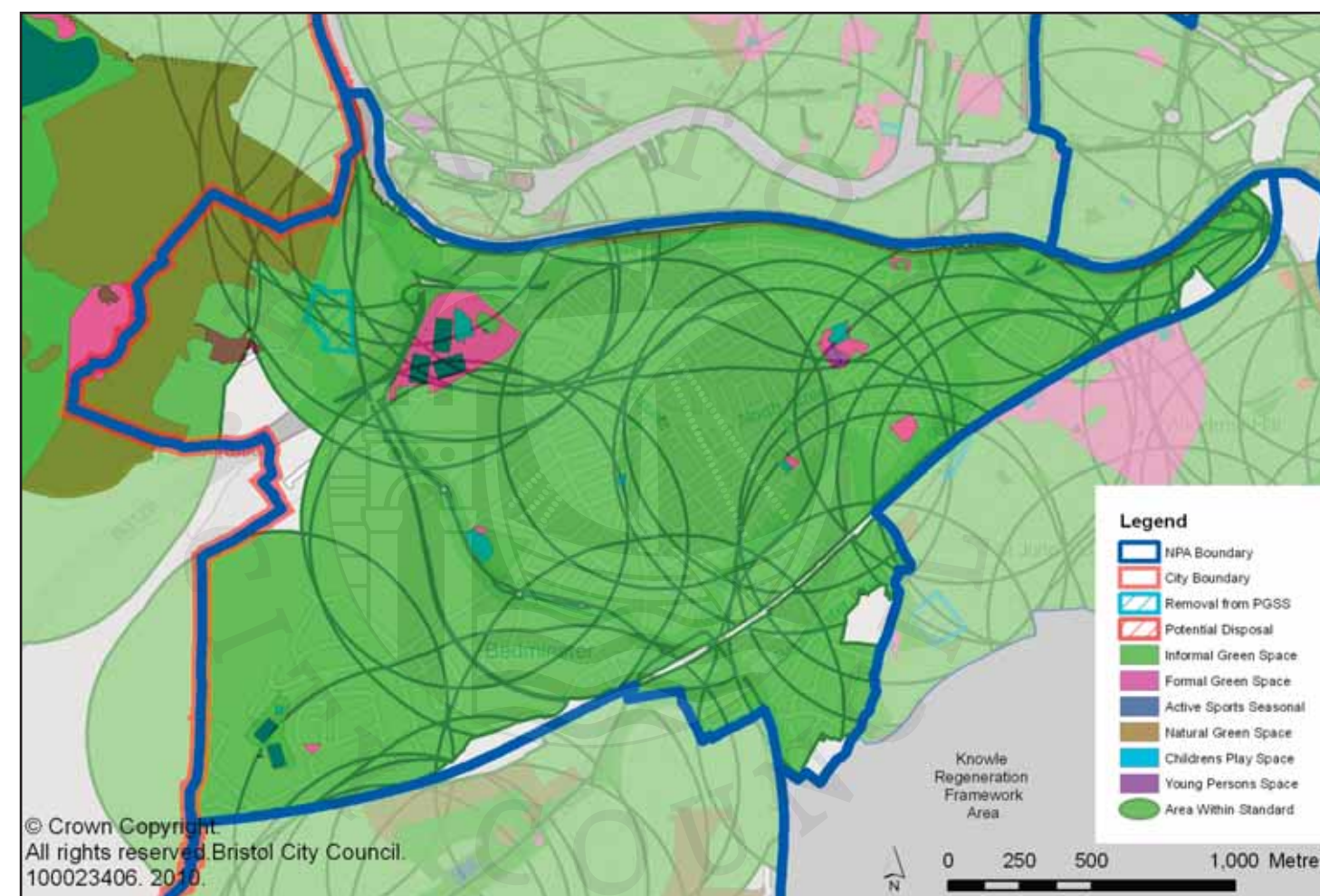
This includes Cotswold Road and Marksbury Road open spaces, both accessible to the residents in the southern part of the Bedminster area. There is Bedminster Down to the south and to the north, there is the dockside walkway and the Chocolate Path.

All of the existing and predicted population will be within the distance standard for Informal Green Space.

## Areas where the standard is currently met



## Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years







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## Natural Green Space

Aside from Ashton Court Estate and the New Cut there is no natural space and much of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is outside the distance standard for natural green space.

Many of the park improvement proposals include additional planting, often to the boundaries, to add wildlife interest and some parks groups have been working with Avon Wildlife Trust to achieve this.

There are no opportunities to change an entire space in this area to Natural Green Space.

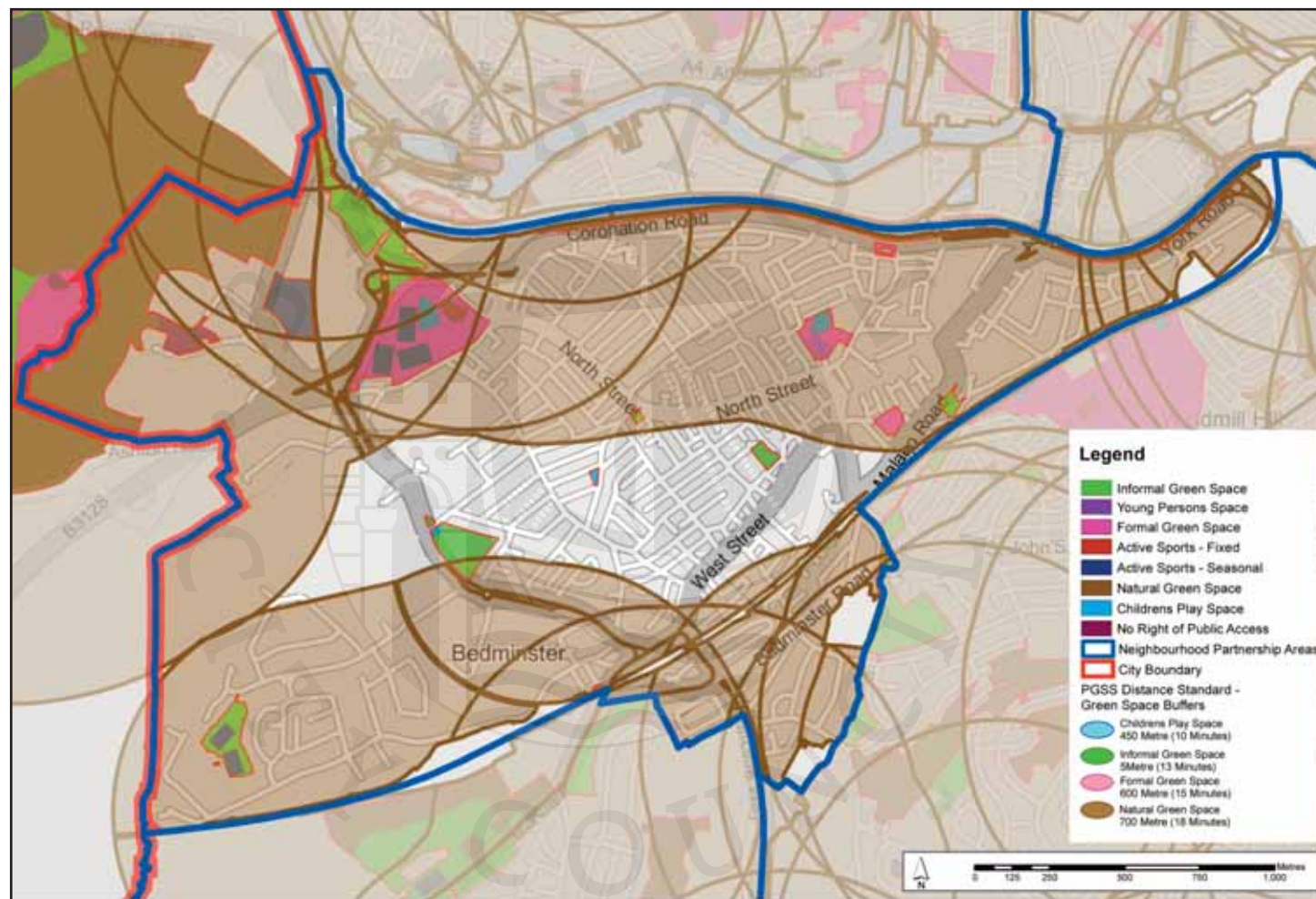
Outside the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, much of the Ashton Court Estate is designated as natural and this provides a significant opportunity for access to nature. It is easily accessible to a number of residents in the west of the area, which will be improved by the proposed new cycle link to Ashdene Avenue bridge.

Some of the land at Bedminster Down is also classed as natural though as already referred to, access to this land from Ashton Vale is restricted.

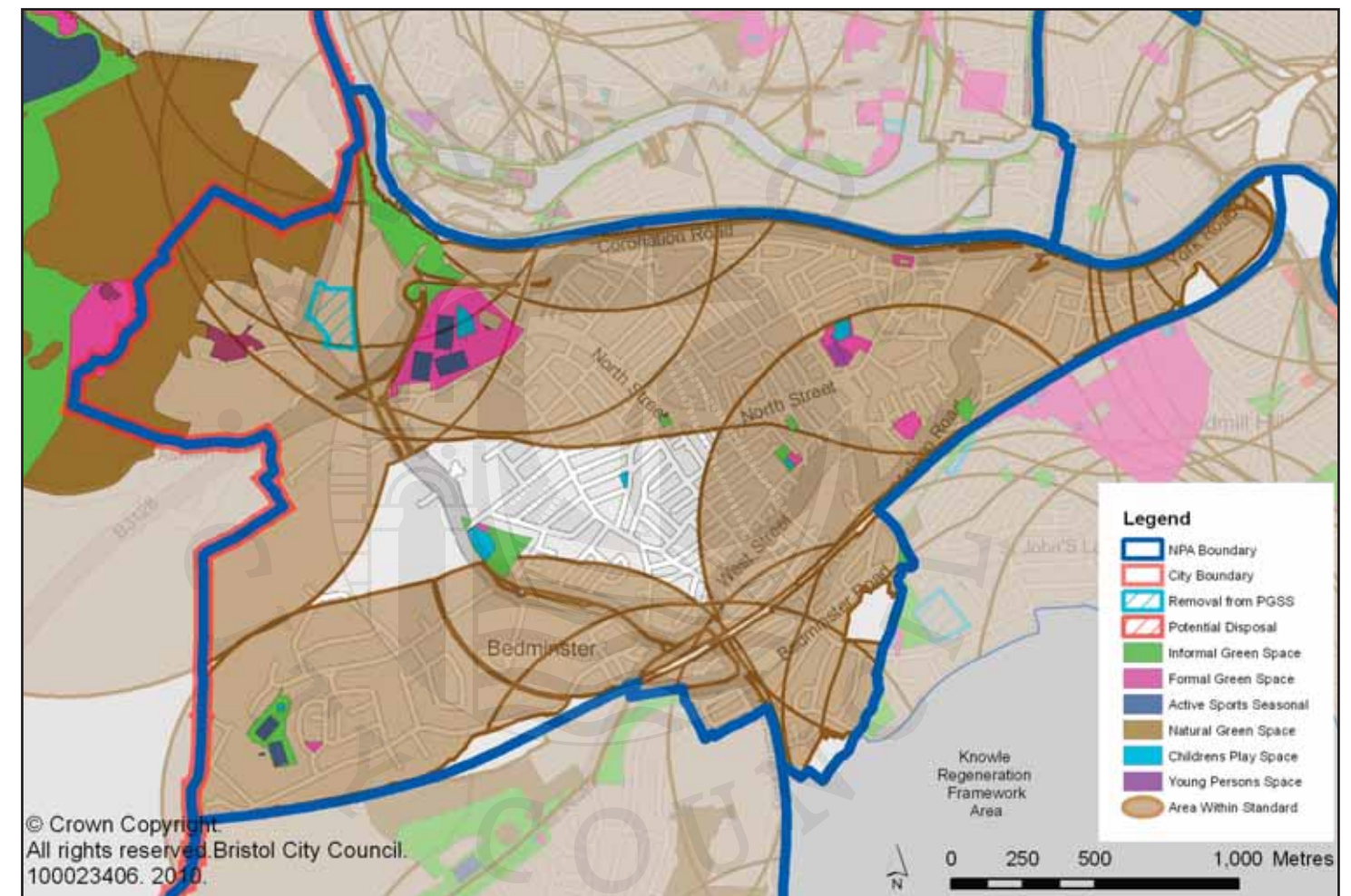
However there is some uncertainty regarding the amount of natural space within Knowle to the south that will remain as part of the proposed regeneration of this part of the city.

At present 25% of the population falls outside the distance standard and this will decrease significantly to 14% as a result of the proposal to create a Natural Green Space at St Johns Burial Ground within the adjacent Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill.

## Areas where the standard is currently met



## Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





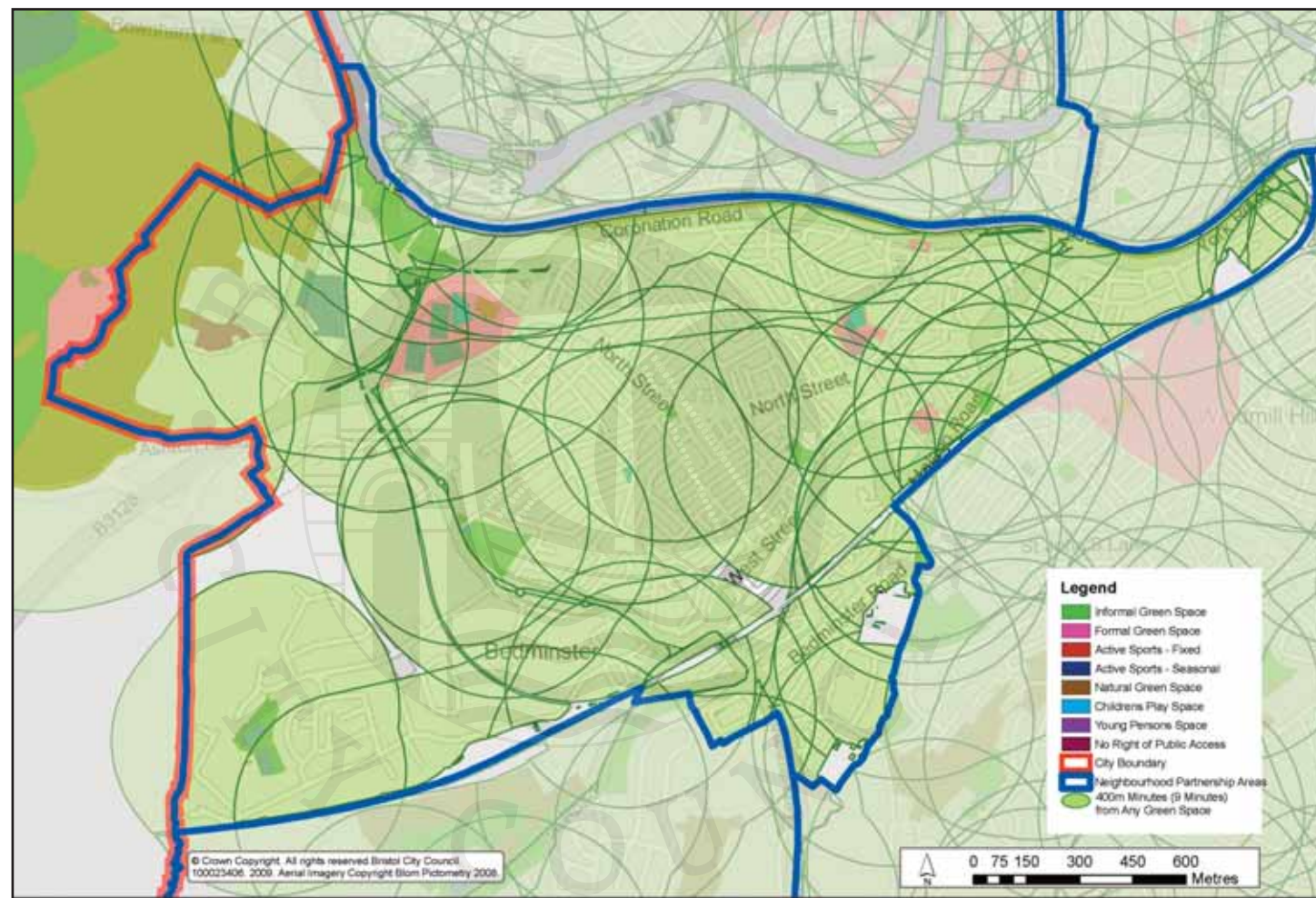
## Distance to the nearest green space

At present a small part of Ashton Vale and Bedminster falls outside the distance standard of 400m to the nearest green space.

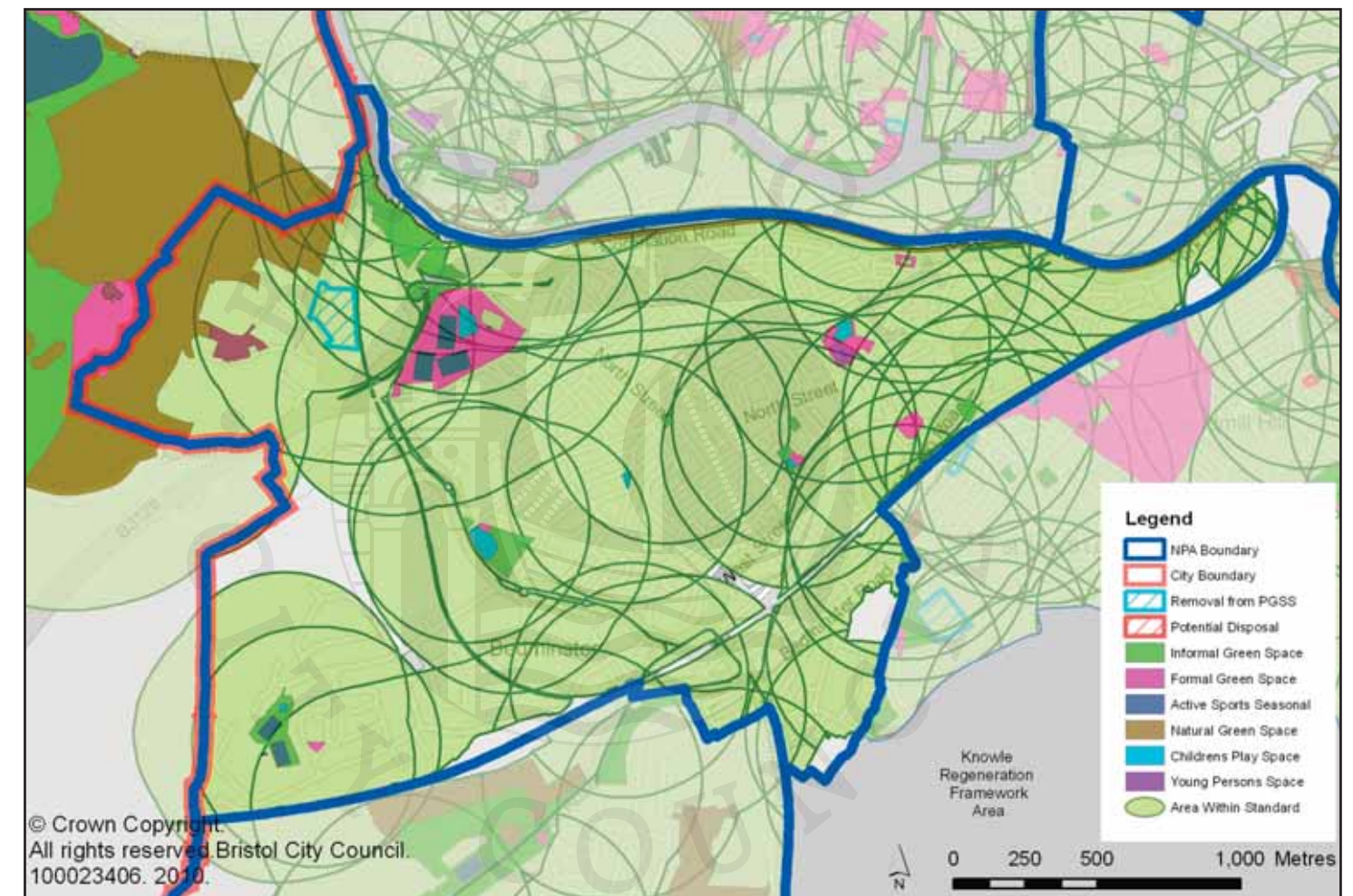
Neither the loss of Bower Ashton Playing Fields, the adoption of Hebron Burial Ground and its opening up to the public, or adoption of the land at Risdale Road will affect the area covered. Opportunities will be taken where possible to negotiate new open space from residential developments to serve those areas outside the distance standard.

At present 1% of the population falls outside the distance standard and even taking account of the predicted increase in population to 2026, this will remain at 1%.

## Areas where the standard is currently met



## Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years







Quantity

The Quantity Standard relates to the amount of green space that should be in the city.

The Quantity Standard has both a citywide and a local component. The citywide Quantity Standard is the figure used to compare Bristol and its standards with other cities and is largely fixed. However, for planning and land management purposes the local component is more important because it ensures there is an adequate supply in every neighbourhood.

- 1. Local component – the minimum amount of green space that any area should have.
- 2. Citywide component – the total amount of space within all the city’s large destination parks. This includes Blaise/Kingweston, Oldbury Court/Snuff Mills, The Downs, Hengrove Play Park, and the area of Ashton Court that sits within the city’s boundary. These are sites that attract citywide and regional visitors.

Proposed minimum quantity standard:

	sq m/capita	Hectares/1000 pop
Locality Component	18.0	1.80
City wide component (Destination parks)	9.8	0.98
Total Bristol Standard	27.8	2.78

Locality Standards for different types of space:

	sq m/capita	Hectares/1000 pop
Children’s play space	0.3	0.03
Formal green space	2.0	0.20
Informal green space	8.0	0.80
Natural green space	9.0	0.90
Active sports space	See Playing Pitch Strategy & notes below	

The changes in the type of open space proposed in the Distance Standard maps will ensure that the Quantity Standards set by the Parks and Green Space Strategy will be better met in this Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

When proposing the introduction of new types of space a projection of future population, size and location, has been considered and included in calculations. Population projection figures have been used using the latest information from the Office of National Statistics (ONS estimate). A further population projection has been generated using data informing the Bristol Development Framework, based on the city's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Site Allocations (GLA estimate). This information makes it easier to target more precisely where new populations might be located in the future.

When open spaces are proposed for disposal, they are not included in the application of the Quantity Standard. In most circumstances, open space is not recommended for disposal if it is needed to meet minimum open space provision.

The table below sets out how well the Quantity Standard for each type of space is met at present, and the impact on this if the changes proposed were implemented. The table does the same with a future population projection included. Open spaces that are proposed for disposal are not included in these figures. In most circumstances, an open space cannot be disposed of if it is needed to meet minimum standards for the provision of publicly accessible green space.


How the Quantity Standard will be met in 2026 if related ideas and options are adopted:

	Standard sq m/person	Current provision sq m/person	ONS 2026 population estimate sq m/person	GLA 2026 population estimate sq m/person
Children’s play space	0.3	0.50	0.63	0.72
Formal green space	2.0	4.63	3.69	4.23
Informal green space	8.0	6.04	3.41	3.91
Natural green space	9.0	13.11	10.02	11.49
Locality standard	18.0	24.28	17.75	20.35



## Appendix 2.

### How the Area Green Space Plan is meeting the Parks and Green Space Strategy policies

Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Children and young people		
	Developing a diverse range of children's play spaces including natural play <b>CY1</b>	Natural play has been introduced in Ashton Court Estate. Following the new play area at Gores Marsh Park, new play is proposed at South Street Park and Ashton Vale Playing Fields. Replacement play is proposed at Sturdon Road. There will be an opportunity to introduce variety in the equipment provided pending consultation with local people at the time resources become available.
	Provide diverse, exciting and challenging spaces for young people <b>CY2</b>	Dame Emily provides a wheels park and a MUGA. Greville Smyth Park includes an area of space designed for young people. The proposed new children's play spaces have potential to include equipment for young people pending sufficient space. The natural areas for informal play will remain at Ashton Vale Playing Fields and at Francis Road.  Provision of MUGAs and Wheels Parks (see page 34)
	Enhance the wider park environment for play <b>CY4</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creation of a new wetland area at Greville Smyth Park.</li> <li>2. Creation of a wetland area at Gores Marsh Park</li> <li>3. Support for cycling- proposed new route from Ashton Avenue Bridge to Clanage Road and Ashton Court Estate, new link to Clift Road. Consideration of cycling routes between open spaces.</li> <li>4. Enclosure of land at Dalby Avenue with railings will provide a safer traffic environment for informal play.</li> </ol>





## Wheels Parks and MUGAs

The Parks and Green Space Strategy sets out that young people should have access to a Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) within 1km of where they live and access to a Wheels Park within 2km.

A MUGA is an all-weather surfaced, fenced, ball court with goalposts and basketball hoops. They are commonly lit during the darker months to a set time in the evening.

A Wheels Park is an area purposely designed for wheel sport activities. These can have a solo use like a stone chip covered BMX track or a be a multi-purpose concrete park. Wheels parks attempt to offer a more secure setting to an activity that can be a medium to high risk activity.

Sites within 1km distance performance target.

The map shows that at present the eastern half of the neighbourhood partnership area is well served for MUGA's as a result of tennis court at Dame Emily which can be used for all other games and the MUGA at Marksbury Road Open Space.

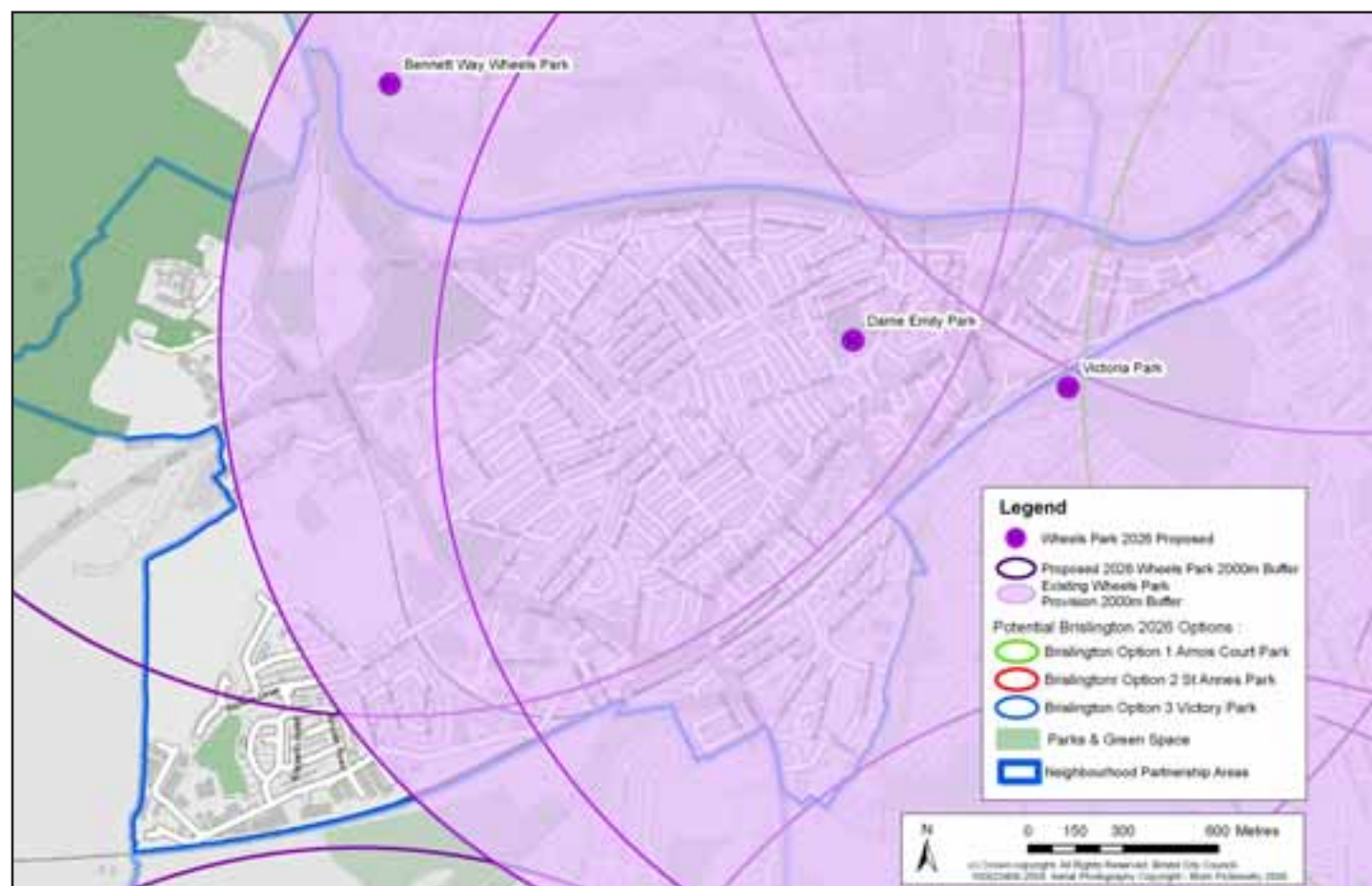
When looking at the areas of shortfall it is relevant to take into account the MUGA at Sturdon Road, which is not fully public as it is used by Luckwell School during school hours but is available outside of school hours.



## Potential Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) with 1km Distance Performance Target

*South Street Park- the provision of a MUGA here was supported by consultation with young people undertaken by Children and Young Peoples Services.*

*It would serve a different area to Dame Emily but its provision does depend on the inclusion of some of the school playing fields into the park.*



## Potential Wheels Parks with 2km Distance Performance Target

*The area is already well served by the Wheels Park at Dame Emily Park and this is scheduled for further improvement. There are no proposals for new wheels parks.*


*This is also the existing provision at Victoria Park.*

*A new wheels park underneath the flyover in Hotwells north of the Cumberland Basin is to be included as a proposal in the Area Green Space Plan for Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East for discussion. This would serve the part of the area to the west though access would be limited by the new cut and river crossings. Also within this Area Green Space Plan the implications of providing a wheels park at Lloyds amphitheatre is raised, this has some support but would not serve any additional young people in Bedminster and Southville.*







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Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Formal Green Space		
	Ensure there is a good traditional park within easy reach of home offering a range of facilities (multi-functional park with a range of facilities including a Park Keeper)	<b>FG1</b> Greville Smyth Park already acts as a traditional park and the proposed improvements will reinforce that position. It is the main traditional park for the Neighbourhood Partnership Area but residents to the south have access to the traditional park at Victoria Park.
	Providing a Park Keeper in all main traditional parks as a minimum	<b>FG2</b> There is already a park keeper at Greville Smyth and Victoria Parks.
	Enhance entry points and boundaries	<b>FG4</b> This is a key theme in the Greville Smyth Improvement Plan. Improved entrances are recommended for many other spaces.
	Provide visual planting schemes in key formal green spaces	<b>FG7</b> Additional formal planting is proposed at Greville Smyth as part of the Improvement Plan. A formal planting element is proposed at South Street and Gores Marsh Park.
Informal Green Space		
	Tackle anti-social behaviour focusing on prevention and greater responsiveness to incidents, access and visibility	<b>IG2</b> The police and the park keeper have been successful in addressing anti-social behaviour including motorbikes in Greville Smyth.  All investment options will act to prevent the risk of anti-social behaviour by ensuring that the number of visitors substantially increase.
	Upgrade some areas of informal green space for safe play and sport, including enclosing them with railings and making them dog free	<b>IG3</b> The land at Dalby Avenue is to be enclosed by railings which will make it safer for informal play and consideration will be given to the whole, or significant part of, the area being dog free.





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Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Natural Green Space  	Establish a network of 16 Local Nature Reserves across the city	<b>NG1</b>  There are no Local Nature Reserves in the Bedminster and Southville Community Partnership Area. Designating the New Cut Open Space is under consideration.
	Improve maintenance and management regimes in natural green space to improve welcome and accessibility	<b>NG2</b>  There is little natural space in the area, but works to Ashton Court Estate have ensured accessibility to this natural space. Boundary planting to many open spaces is included as part of investment proposals, this will provide a richer diversity of habitats that are easily accessible to the area as a whole.
	Improve entrances and routes through natural green space to improve welcome and security	
Active Sports Space  	Enhance the quality of playing pitches through the improvement of changing facilities , pavilions and pitch quality.	<b>AS1</b>  <b>At present the Bedminster and Southville Neighbourhood Partnership includes the following formal active sports provision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 adult football pitches at Ashton Vale Playing Fields</li> <li>2 adult football pitches at Bower Ashton Playing Fields</li> <li>3 adult football pitches at Greville Smyth Park</li> <li>1 tennis court at Greville Smyth Park</li> <li>1 bowling green at Greville Smyth Park</li> <li>1 indoor bowls at Ashton Vale Playing fields</li> <li>2 Cricket squares at Bower Ashton Playing fields</li> </ul> <p>There are no proposals to introduce a sports hub site in to the Neighbourhood Partnership Area but Greville Smyth Park is already a multi-sport site. The improvement plan for Greville Smyth includes a new shared use changing room/pavilion with community facilities.</p>






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Active Sports Space		
..continued	AS1	<b>Football</b> <p>The pitches at Ashton Vale Playing Fields are the subject of a long term lease, there are no proposals to change this.</p> <p>The pitches at Greville Smyth are a seasonal let and one regular team has the support of the Football Association which may enable the existing changing facilities to be upgraded prior to the development of the shared use pavilion, which is prioritised in the draft improvement plan.</p> <p>All existing are well used and there are no proposals to change the pitch situation.</p>
A smaller number of locations will provide tennis courts - but these will have multiple courts (ideally four or more) managed by either a club or someone to take bookings.	AS2	<b>Tennis</b> <p>There are two tennis courts at Greville Smyth. Without the opportunity to expand, the site cannot become an LTA Beacon site but two courts will continue to be provided. There may be the opportunity to form a partnership with the Sports College at Ashton Park.</p> <p>The MUGA at Dame Emily Park can be used for tennis though booking of this court can be difficult and the possibility of this being done through the swimming baths has been raised.</p> <p>If a new MUGA is installed at South Street this might be available for tennis.</p>
Review and rationalisation of bowling provision	AS3	<b>Bowls</b> <p>The bowling green at Greville Smyth is in full use. There is also the indoor bowls centre adjacent to Ashton Vale Playing fields.</p>





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	Restore and develop park buildings for a range of alternative uses.	<b>LM3</b>  The redevelopment of the existing bowls club changing room and function room and the football changing rooms as a multi functional, shared use pavilion, incorporating a café and community room is a key priority in the draft Greville Smyth Improvement Plan.
	Provide good quality accessible toilets	<b>LM4</b>  The toilets at Greville Smyth are well used. A suggestion is to redevelop them so that the entrance doors face the road and not into the park. This is supported as this would result in passive surveillance of the facility and deter anti-social behaviour.  Internal rearrangement of the toilets at South Bristol Baths with new external access has the capacity to enable shared use with Dame Emily Park when the baths are open.  A leaflet has been prepared by the Bedminster and Southville Partnership providing information on all toilets open to the public in the area.
	Improve access to green spaces for a wider range of people by creating dog free spaces whilst ensuring dog walkers retain a varied choice of green space to visit	<b>LM5</b>  It is proposed that the new children's play areas will all be dog free and include a larger grassed area for informal play. These are at South Street and Ashton Vale Playing fields.  Consideration will be given to making the proposed formal elements of South Street Park and Gores Marsh Park dog free.  The proposals at South Street include an area specifically allocated for dog use.  A section of the land at Dalby Avenue is to be dog free to allow informal play.  All spaces where dog free areas are proposed include sufficient land where responsible dog owners are welcome.



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	Build into our green space planning, measure to adapt to, and mitigate, the effects of climate change	LM8	<p>The creation of wetland areas at Greville Smyth and Gores Marsh Park as well as providing additional wildlife habitats will create retention areas where at times of high rainfall water can collect and percolate into the subsoil as opposed to creating runoff and leading to flooding.</p> <p>The new trees proposed as part of the investment proposals will provide shade areas for users and absorb carbon dioxide.</p>
	Establish greater connection with transport planning to improve access, entrances and pathways to and within sites for different users	LM11	<p>Transport Planning are aware of the aim of improving road links between open spaces to include signage. The team and will accommodate and if possible facilitate this when designing schemes that have implications for the routes.</p>





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Improve the quality of green corridors, riverside routes and cycle/walkways for recreation, biodiversity and commuting	LM12	<p>The railway lines that cross the Bedminster and Southville Community Partnership Area but also form its boundaries in part are included as part of the Strategic Green Infrastructure. The New Cut is also included as are the routes out to the south along the Malago Greenway and its contributories, west through Ashton Court Estate and north along the Avon Gorge.</p> <p>There are existing plans to improve some of the pedestrian/cycling links that run through the green infrastructure. Mention has already been made of the works to create a route from Ashton Avenue Bridge to Ashton Court Estate but there are also proposals to improve some sections of the Malago Greenway to the south.</p> <p>Where open spaces lie alongside, and form part of, the green infrastructure, planting aimed at increasing the biodiversity which is proposed as part of investment plans will enhance the value of the infrastructure.</p> <p>The proposed improvements to on- road links between open spaces will reinforce connections between sections of green infrastructure and may play a role in promoting the use of alternative modes of transport for commuting.</p>





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