



Ideas and Options Paper

Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill

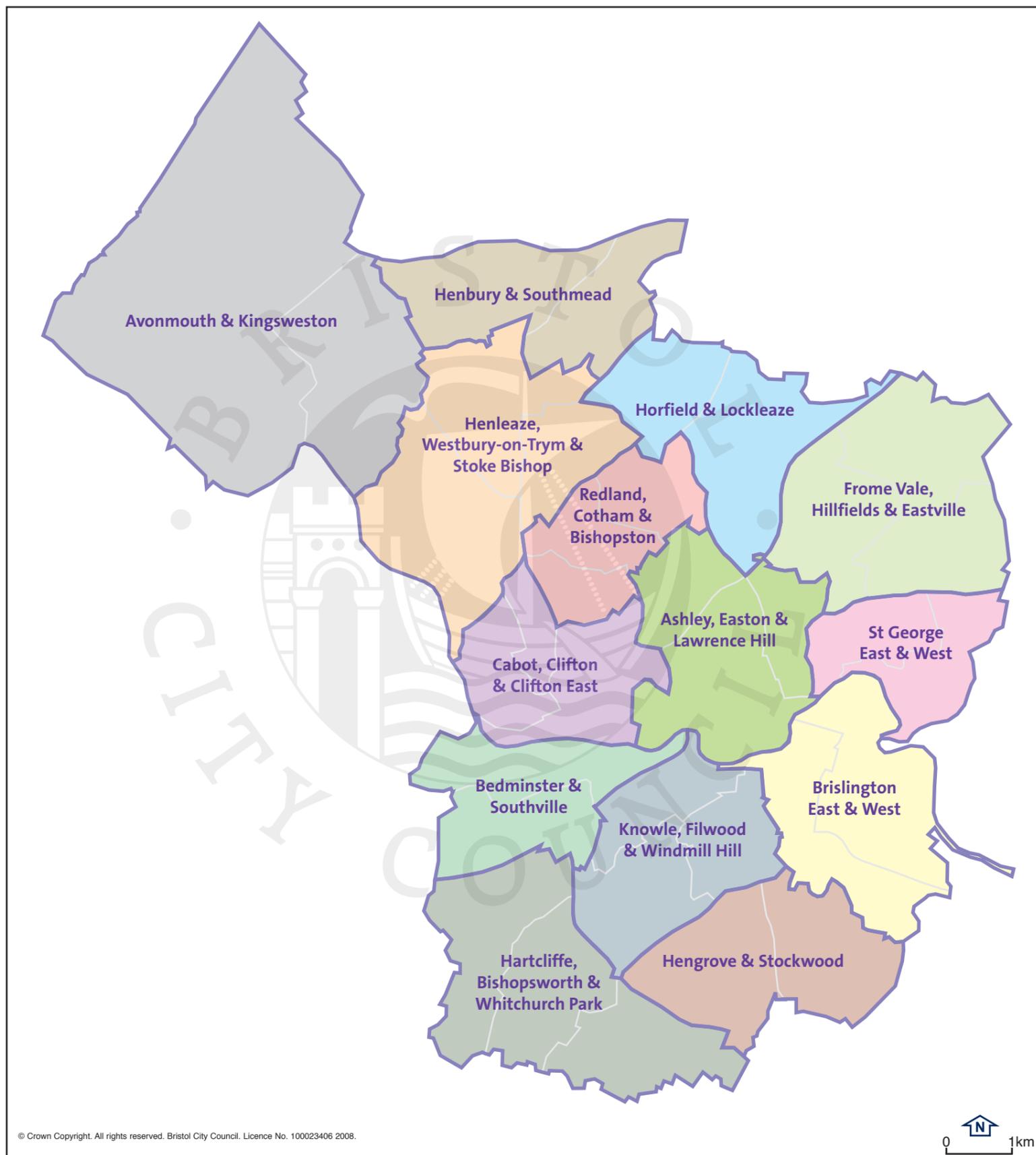
Area Green Space Plan

A spatial and investment plan for the next 20 years





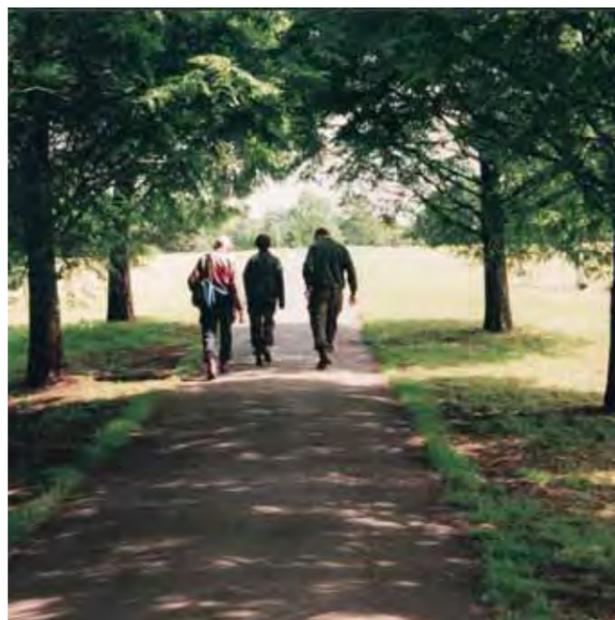
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Vision for Green Space in Bristol

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 2008



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Section 1.

Introduction

This draft Ideas and Options Paper is for the Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill. 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 Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill - 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

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

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, call 0117 922 3719 or email: Park.Strategy@bristol.gov.uk

Available to view

Paper versions of the Ideas and Options papers are available to view at all Bristol libraries, customer service points and The Council House, College Green, Central Bristol, BS1 5TR.

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.

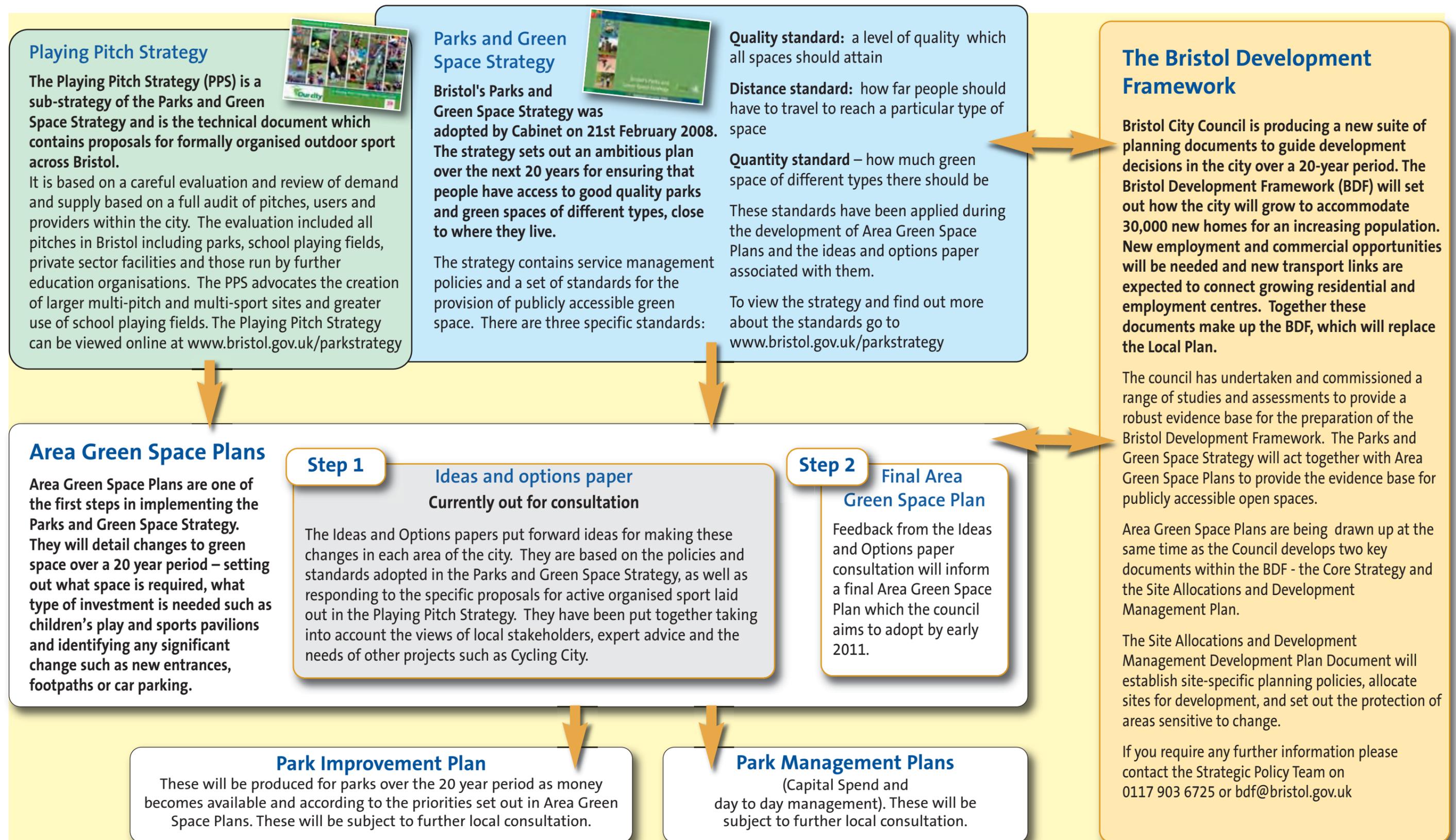
In addition to Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill, ideas and options papers are also available for comment on the following areas:

- ▶ Avonmouth and Kingsweston
- ▶ Hengrove and Stockwood
- ▶ Hartcliffe, Withywood and Bishopsworth
- ▶ Bedminster and Southville
- ▶ Cabot Clifton and Clifton East
- ▶ Henleaze, Westbury on Trym and Stoke Bishop
- ▶ Brislington East and West
- ▶ 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 or email 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?



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.

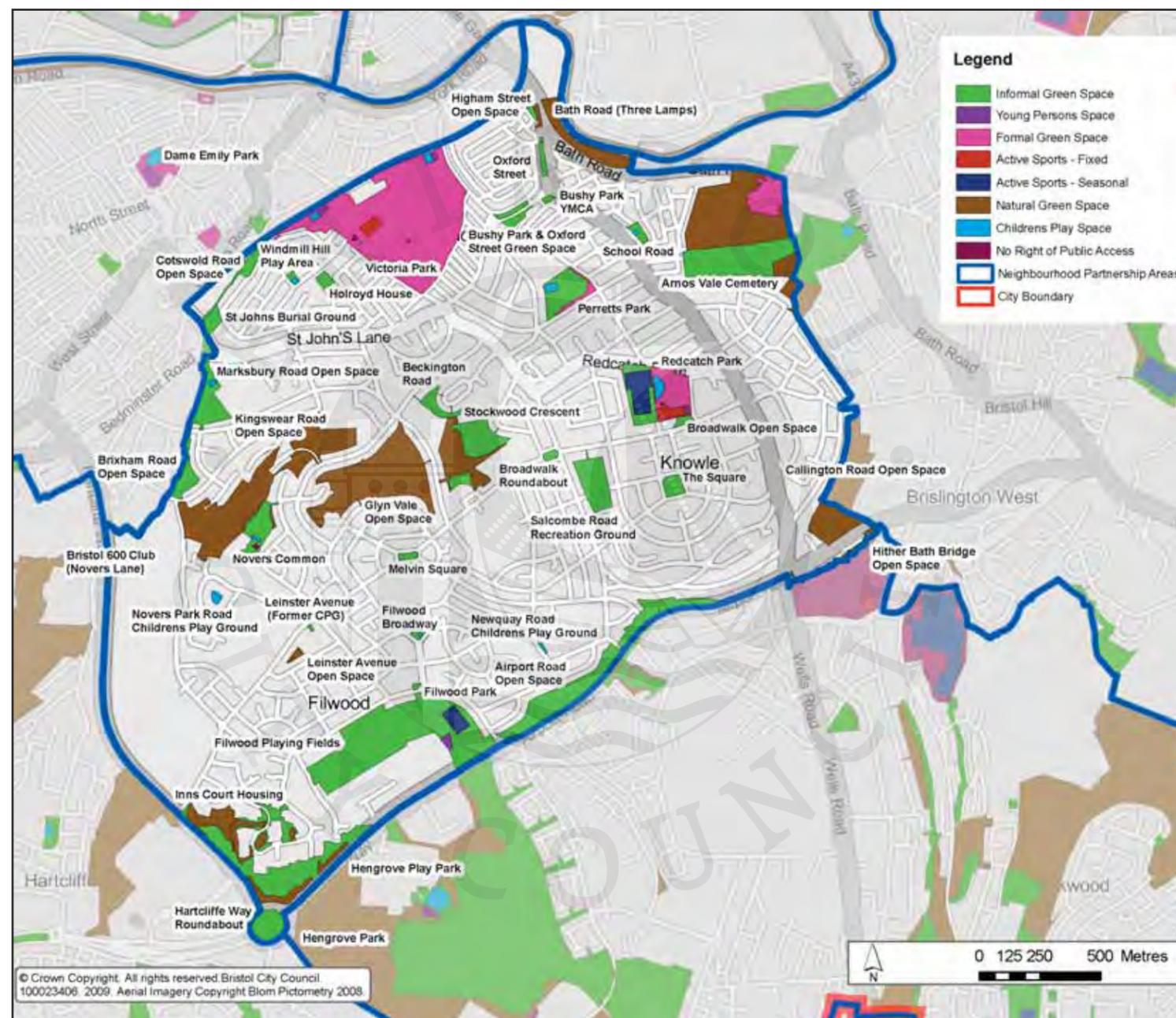
What isn't included in an Area Green Space Plan?

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.

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



Green Space in Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill

The Area Green Space Plan is defined by the boundaries of the Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership area - itself defined by the two electoral wards.

The Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill NPA has a wide range of different green space including public open space, grazing meadows, allotments, private agricultural land, private sports facilities, private woodland, churchyards, burial grounds and schools' grounds. The Area Green Space Plan considers only the public open space element of this. The map of green space that will be considered by the plan, and therefore by this Ideas and Options Paper is shown here. These spaces are categorised into five different types as outlined in the Parks and Green Space Strategy.

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.

No additional spaces have been adopted as publicly accessible in this area.

The following spaces 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?
Marksbury Road Open Space	Part of the space is a sports facility which is used by the Broad Plain Rugby club, but otherwise is not legitimately publicly accessible.

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 recognized that people from across the city use the destination parks of Ashton, Blaise and Kingsweston, The Downs, Hengrove Play Park and Oldbury Court Estate & Snuff Mills, city centre spaces and sports facilities for organized sport, and that often people travel to visit other spaces outside their Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

The Malago Greenway allows people to easily access Bedminster via a long green route from Hartcliffe and Knowle. The route also supports access to Bishopsworth via Manor Woods Local Nature Reserve and Hartcliffe via Crox Bottom Open Space. There are also good footpath links across the boundary through spaces at Callington Road Local Nature Reserve and Arnos

Vale Cemetery. Despite there being a very busy road to cross, pedestrians and cyclists also travel to Hengrove Park and Play Park.

Open spaces in Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill are an attraction to others from neighbouring areas. Victoria Park, Redcatch Park and Perretts Park are particularly popular, with Filwood Playing Fields hosting teams from elsewhere in the city. 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 different types of space where the boundary between NPAs is easily crossed;
- the role of Hengrove Play Park and the proposed Hengrove Destination Park as an attraction for a citywide audience;
- the strategic management of natural green spaces for the benefit of wildlife;
- the provision of a traditional park and the facilities it may offer;
- long distance cycle and pedestrian routes through the area towards the city centre and out to Hartcliffe and Bishopsworth;

In practical terms, the Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill NPA is most easily connected with those of Hengrove and Stockwood, Bedminster and Southville and Brislington East and West. It is in these areas where types of space and facilities will serve Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill.

Area-wide Regeneration Framework for Knowle West

Bristol City Council, the Homes and Communities Agency and the South West of England Development Agency appointed consultants in the spring of 2009 to help develop the Knowle West Regeneration Framework.

The regeneration framework plans for the future of Knowle West and guides investment over 20 years. The framework plans for improvements in housing, shops and community facilities, employment opportunities, education and skills facilities, public transport and green spaces and play spaces.

In terms of planning for public open space, the regeneration framework has been informed by the policies and open space standards adopted by the Parks and Green Space Strategy.

The development of the Knowle West Regeneration Framework started with an event on the 8th September 2008 with over 70 local people and community representatives attending. Since then, the local community has worked to develop key draft objectives and a draft vision for the regeneration area.

Framework Vision: “A community full of confidence and pride, skilled and healthy, living in a thriving Bristol neighbourhood that is green and well connected and low in living costs.”

Framework Objectives:

- Raise income through employment
- Improve health and well being
- Widen Local choice of housing size and tenure
- Refurbish existing housing stock
- Improve and develop primary school provision
- Reinforce a close-knit neighbourhood
- Access safe, ecologically rich, open space
- Pride of place
- Build a future proof community
- Improve access to low-cost transport
- Public and community initiatives in advance of private investment
- Improve arts and culture
- Develop play and youth facilities by planning with young people

As a result of this holistic approach, the aspirations for open space in the area have been developed alongside all other land use changes predicted and planned over the next 20 years.

The Area Green Space Plan does not set out open space provision in the framework area at this point in time. They will be incorporated after an agreed Knowle West Regeneration Framework is produced. No suggestions are therefore given for individual spaces in the framework 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 Knowle, Filwood and Wildmill Hill included:

- representatives of the Neighbourhood Partnership;
- the Police and PCSO's;
- local primary schools;
- local councillors;
- children and young people's groups and organisations;
- local park groups;
- 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.

In this Neighbourhood Partnership Area community groups take active interest in their local parks and green spaces. Representatives of the following groups have participated in the discussion sessions held and took the opportunity to share their experiences with one another:

- Northern Slopes Initiative
- Friends of Redcatch Park
- Community of Perretts Park
- Kingfisher Group
- Marksbury Area Community Association

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. Section 4 gives options as to which sites in Knowle, Filwood and Windmill that could be disposed of.

In some cases the value of a space could be improved by the partial development of it - allowing housing to be built facing onto the space and providing natural surveillance. In this case, what is often a poorly and misused backland site, can become of greater value to the local community with the opportunity to make improvements which attract more people to use it. One backland site partial open space disposal is suggested for Knowle, Filwood and Windmill, details of which you will find in Section 4, but you will also find in Section 3 the investment options for the remainder of the space. For Knowle, Filwood and Windmill this applies to Salcombe Road Recreation Ground.



Section 3.

Investment ideas and options

This section presents a range of proposals for all accessible green spaces within the Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area. The proposals aim to meet the policies and open space standards set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy and also to respond to ideas gathered from members of the local community and professional stakeholders in 2008/9.

Area Green Space Plan Officers considered all ideas put forward alongside any constraints and an analysis of individual open spaces to put together draft proposals.

For each open space or park, key proposals are highlighted for each site and if adopted, would be used to provide guidance for a future park improvement plan when resources become available.

Parks or open spaces for which proposals would result in significant change are presented first in this section as 'concept plans'.

No decisions have been made and all proposals are open to comment and influence through the consultation.

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Redcatch Park

Character

The park has a formal character (mainly as a result of the linear path system) with a large number of mature ornamental trees and shrubs

There are a number of different character areas within the park, which are:

- The sports pitches;
- The children's play area;
- The informal ornamental lawns;
- The other formal sports facilities (comprising the bowling green, tennis courts and basket ball court) and;
- The central promenade

To the east of the sports pitches there is a well designed formal network of linear paths, providing good connections between Broad Walk and Redcatch Road and good access to the eastern park area

There is no formal path network within the sports pitch area on the western side of the main promenade

The park is generally flat with no major changes in level although there is a very gentle rise from the south to north.

A local community group, friends of Redcatch Park and local volunteer youth workers help raise the profile of the park by carrying out activities and fund raising.



KEY

	Existing footpath
	Boundaries and Edges
	Good level of surveillance from adjoining residential properties which face towards the park
	Limited surveillance due to residential properties /development backing onto park
	Limited surveillance due to density of vegetation
	No surveillance of park from beyond boundary
	Access / Entrances
	Parking

Adjoining properties with potential to provide a good level of surveillance over the northern part of the park

Eastern boundary is well defined with a stone wall and well established mature vegetation

Pavillion/storage building - heavily fortified and as a result detracts from the quality of the park

Considerable area of open space currently disassociated from Redcatch Park

Low key entrance

Bowling green - currently being used for croquet

Small car park and main vehicle and pedestrian entrance. Access through a small residential street is not ideal

Wide pedestrian promenade through park connecting Broad Walk and Redcatch Road

Out-of-date toilet block and recently installed community shelter

Formal path network is restricted to the east of the sports pitches- currently lacks a focal point

Children's play area would benefit from updating

Mature trees and vegetation creates strong boundaries between the different uses of the park. Tranquil lawn area would benefit better connection to the rest of the park

Redcatch Park

What we want to achieve

To significantly improve the site as a main traditional, multi-functional park that attracts visitors from a wide area.

The park will continue to cater for formal and informal sport, childrens' play, young people and others attracted by formally designed space.

Ideas and Options

Please also refer to proposals given on the plan.

- Retain existing playing pitches
- To remove the existing bowling green with an option to retain croquet or find an alternative use for the space. The boundaries to the green, if still needed, will be designed not to obstruct views into the park

Note: Investment in a multi-use-games-area at redcatch Park is taking place this year. The location is not the same as identified here. If this has support, the games area would be moved at a later date.



KEY

- New tree planting
- Existing trees
- Footpaths - existing
- Footpaths - improved
- Footpaths - new option
- New entrance
- Improved entrance
- Views/Vistas
- Play area option
- MUGA/tennis court option
- Multi-purpose building option
- Seating area option

These are ideas and options. We cannot afford to do all of these suggestions. Please tell us what your priorities would be and give us your ideas by completing the questionnaire at www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp

New enhanced northern promenade entrance with greater prominence onto Redcatch Road

New cafe and toilet facility incorporating changing rooms and space for use by the park keeper. Also potential for a community room

Relocated and improved childrens play area located close to cafe and facilities

New clipped native hedge along the western boundary to help improve security and definition of this boundary

New path around the sports pitches with new seating looking onto the pitches and making use of slopes

Pavilion removed and facilities relocated. This will enhance views into the park

Toilet block removed and relocated

Community shelter retained-option to relocate if needed

Promenade to be enhanced with new paving, street furniture and tree planting



Redcatch Park



Existing view to Recatch Park from Broad Walk



Enhanced promenade entrance



What a park entrance on Broad Walk could look like



Childrens play area with formal and natural play



Teen play



Example of multi-use building

Perretts Park

“There needs to be more exciting things for children, as it’s very popular with them.” Local Stakeholder

Perretts Park is a relatively large open space located in Upper Knowle and forms one of three traditional parks in close proximity to each other, the others being Victoria Park and Redcatch Park. The park is situated on a dramatic slope which affords fine views of the city centre, Clifton and Ashton Court Estate.

The park provides a children’s playground, a large informal grass amenity space and a more formal setting with seating at the top of the hill. It has a long, open frontage along Sylvia Avenue to the south and Bayham Road to the east, while the rear of residential properties on Ravenhill Road lie to the west and allotment space to the north.

Because of the steep slope, play is currently restricted to the flat area to the north and movement around the space can be difficult for some visitors. There are also issues with drainage at the bottom of the slope.

Perretts Park has the support of a relatively new but very active community group - the Community of Perretts Park. The group won an outstanding achievement award at the South West Region in Bloom Awards in 2008 and has made improvements to seating and held regular events and activity days.

What we want to achieve

To enhance and maintain the existing character and function of the park and develop more exciting play opportunities using its topography.

These are ideas and options. We cannot afford to do all of these suggestions. Please tell us what your priorities would be and give us your ideas by completing the questionnaire at www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp

Ideas and Options

1 Introduce play for older children and young people to the western side of the park that would use the slope. This would need to be sensitively designed to protect the visual amenity of the park and would be the subject of consultation on an improvement plan. Specific proposals are a toboggan run winding down the slope and a social area / meeting place

- Provide railings along the boundary of the park
- Upgrade and enhance the existing children’s play area for children aged 0-13 yrs with equipped and natural play elements
- Retention of existing, but not adding to, formal planting
- Retain existing kickabout area and goalposts
- Provide meadow cut grassland habitat along the boundary with the allotments
- Improve all entrances in to the park. Redesign the park entrance off Sylvia Avenue to make it more visible and welcoming - the location could be moved eastwards or trees and shrubs managed in front of the entrance so that it is easier to see in to the park
- Introduce more trees to the park

2 Consider a new footpath down the slope to the children’s playground, working with the slope to make access easier

3 Introduce a new footpath from the Bayham Road entrance down to the children’s playground



Victoria Park

"It's so lovely having a park like this right on our doorstep." Local resident

Victoria Park is a large, traditional Victorian park located to the north of the Neighbourhood Partnership adjacent to the boundary with the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership. Residential properties on Hill Avenue and Nutgrove Avenue directly overlook the park on the southeast and southwest perimeter respectively, while St Luke's Road bounds the park to the north west with the railway line forming the northern boundary.

The park is characterised by wide open spaces and slopes that offer views across the city. It also provides a wide variety of facilities including children's playgrounds, facilities for young people, tennis courts, a water maze, a bowling green, areas for informal sport and an area for a mobile cafe. One of the main features of the park is the Lodge, located towards the north west, which provides toilets and is also currently used by the Police.

Victoria Park enjoys the support of a dedicated community group, Victoria Park Action Group, which has been one of Bristol's most successful and well supported park groups since its beginning in 2002. The group has raised substantial amounts of money to provide key new facilities such as a children's playground and facilities for young people. The group also routinely puts on events that attract people from across the area to the park.

A comprehensive 5-year improvement plan is being taken forward for the park which is now in its second year. A great deal of work has been implemented including tree and wildflower planting, improvements to some entrances and footpaths and the introduction of 'measured miles' and running routes. A new natural play area has recently been installed in replacement of the old facility located adjacent to the ball court at St Lukes Road.





Victoria Park

“The parks is used for anything and everything, it’s used by the whole community.” Local resident

The Area Green Space Plan adopts the aims and objectives of the Improvement Plan - and recognises its strategic function for the Neighbourhood Partnership and the wider area. The proposals set out here are taken from the improvement plan and are for information only as they have already been widely consulted on.

More detailed information on the Victoria Park Improvement Plan can be found at www.bristol.gov.uk/victoriapark.

Through ongoing work to ensure sufficient primary school places across the city, there is the possibility that an expansion of St Mary Redcliffe C.E. V.C Primary School might need to be considered. This could involve a limited transfer of open space to school grounds in the future.

What we want to achieve

To enhance and maintain Victoria Park as a main traditional, multifunctional park offering extended play and youth facilities, new formal and natural planting, cafe and toilet facilities in a formal setting. Also, in line with the Improvement Plan, the intention is to sufficiently improve the park to attain Green Flag status.

Key proposals from the improvement plan (for information)

- Redevelop the Lodge building to incorporate a permanent cafe and good quality toilet facilities
- Enhance youth facilities to include extending the skate park and introducing a new BMX track
- Extend pre-school play facility
- Introduce a new junior play space adjacent to the existing bowling green
- Resurface existing tennis courts and provide a further two new courts
- Reinstate the formal garden at the park entrance from Fraser Street
- Upgrade the Multi-Use-Games-Area with seating/stands
- Provide a new formal entrance at the Hill Avenue/Nutgrove Avenue junction
- Improve the footpath surfaces throughout the park

View from the Lodge looking south



Area next to the Lodge



Looking into the park from St Luke’s Road



View of the new play area



Arno's Vale Cemetery

Located on the boundary with Brislington East and West, Arno's Vale Cemetery is of significant historical importance. The council compulsorily purchased the cemetery following a long campaign by local people and relatives of those buried there to protect the cemetery from neglect and possible development. It is now managed on a long lease by the Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust. The future management and enhancement of the site is the responsibility of the Trust, not Bristol City Council, and any proposals are for information only.

The main entrance is via Bath Road to the north, where Grade II* Listed Buildings form the entrance Lodge, while other access points exist to the west and south from Hawthorne Street and Somerset Road respectively.

Set within a fine landscape, the cemetery hosts a number of Listed structures and monuments that date back to the 1850's, predominantly located around Ceremonial Way where both the Anglican Chapel and Non-Conformist Chapel stand. The southern plateau is still a functioning cemetery and, though is not designated as part of the historical landscape, offers wonderful views.

Arno's Vale Cemetery has recently benefited from a great deal of investment through a £4.8 million Heritage Lottery Fund grant and is the subject of a management plan, which is implemented by the Arno's Vale Cemetery Trust. Improvements to the site include major works to Listed structures which now offer community educational and social uses and the resurfacing of Ceremonial Way. The cemetery has also undergone large scale tree management and planting.

Given that the cemetery is enhanced and maintained in accordance with a management plan, the Area Green Space Plan does not give any investment proposals other than to support

the key aims and objectives of the management plan. The management plan strives to create a balance between promoting and enhancing the historic landscape, its nature conservation value and the architectural significance of the space. Future aspirations include the possible introduction of a cafe in the lodge building found at the south west entrance at Cemetery Road, the resurfacing of Richard Smith Road that runs through the cemetery and the continued maintenance and management of trees and vegetation.

The Cemetery is open from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday, from 10am on Sunday, during the summer months and closes at 4.30pm during the winter. For more information please visit the Arnos Vale Trust website at www.arnosvale.org.uk.



The Square

“The Square wants doing up - path, trees, formalising.” Local Stakeholder

The Square is an open, informal space designed as integral to the post-war formal street pattern in Knowle. The space benefits from overlooking residential properties to the north, south and west with a small number of shops overlooking the space to the east. The space is used as a place for informal play and as a pedestrian short cut as evidenced by desire lines that cross the space.

What we want to achieve

To enhance and maintain the site as an informal open space but with better footpaths and boundaries to help the space become a better asset to the local area.

Ideas and Options

- Introduce new children’s play facilities
 - Clearly define the boundaries of the space with railings or other boundary improvements
- 1** Create a seating area in the north east corner close to shops
- Introduce new footpath from the south west to the north east corner to reflect the existing use of the space as a cut-through to Broad Walk
 - If railings are used to define the boundary, provide gates at corner entrances to enhance the character of the space
 - Retain open area of grass for informal play and kickabouts
 - Introduce boundary tree planting to improve the landscape quality of the space

Looking towards the shops from the space



These are ideas and options. We cannot afford to do all of these suggestions. Please tell us what your priorities would be and give us your ideas by completing the questionnaire at www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp

Brixham Road Open Space

“In summer, younger children do go there, keep the shrubs as they're good for wildlife.” Local residents’ idea

Brixham Rd Open Space lies at the foot of the Northern Slopes accommodating a section of the Malago Greenway as it meets Novers Common. There are no facilities on the space other than the Greenway cycle and pedestrian route and the site has suffered from flytipping and with difficulties securing the boundary to prevent vehicle access.

Approximately 40% of the space is not owned by the council and is reserved by Western Power Distribution for an electricity substation. This reservation is required to be maintained.

Both this space and Marksbury Rd Open Space enjoy the support of the Marksbury Area Community Association.

What we want to achieve

To maintain the greenway corridor alongside the Malago.

Ideas and Options

- The part of the space owned by Western Power Distribution will continue to be reserved for an electricity substation
- Maintain the Malago Greenway route for pedestrians and cyclists and support its use through management that improves perceptions of safety, introducing signposting and interpretation where appropriate
- Manage the Malago riparian site for the benefit of wildlife

Looking south towards Brixham Road



Salcombe Rd Recreation Ground

“Rubbish tipped. Not maintained. Feels deserted.”

Local Stakeholder

Salcombe Rd Rec is located just south of Redcatch Park on the other side of Broad Walk. It is a reasonably large playing field site and informal green space recognised by the Parks and Green Space Strategy as a backland site - a space that doesn't have any housing 'fronting' on to the space.

The function of the space is closely connected to that of Redcatch Park nearby. The site hosts spill-over ball games when Redcatch Park is busy or being used for organised sport. Young people also tend to use the space as an alternative to Redcatch. There is a very well-used cut through route from Salcombe Road to Queenshill Road, used daily by parents/carers accessing Knowle Park Primary School.

Salcombe Rd Rec has a persistent problem with dog mess and this makes it difficult to use for ball games. Broadwalk FC play at the site and Knowle Park Primary School would make more use of the space if the issue could be resolved.

What we want to achieve

To significantly change the site so that it functions more effectively as a safe, welcoming open space with a more diverse role to include formal children's play.

Introducing housing facing onto the space will increase supervision and overlooking of the space and increase perceptions of safety and security.



Example of houses overlooking open space

Ideas and Options

- 1 Dispose of part of the open space for development. This will be the area to the south with the new development served by a new extension to Teignmouth Road. The development will allow properties to face on to the remaining open space and help make it seem safer and more overlooked. This road will enable continued access to Queenshill Road as a cut-through and school route and will benefit from street lights
 - 2 Provide a new children's playground for children aged 0-13 years with elements of equipped and natural play
 - 3 Incorporate some limited facilities for young people adjacent but separate to the children's playground
- Provide a new boundary fence along the new extended Teignmouth Rd so that the whole space can be an enforced dog-free area
- 4 Provide a single marked junior football pitch for public use and for use by Knowle Park Primary School
- Enhance the entrance from Broad Walk to make the space more welcoming and to allow the site to function as dog-free

These are ideas and options. We cannot afford to do all of these suggestions. Please tell us what your priorities would be and give us your ideas by completing the questionnaire at www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp



Marksbury Rd Open Space

“Needs more things for children to do, there’s just not enough here for them.”

Local residents’ idea

Marksbury Rd Open Space is a well used space that plays an important role for local residents. The space accommodates a section of the Malago Greenway downstream from Brixham Rd Open Space and supports its function as a wildlife corridor.

The site is well -used by young people attracted by the multi-use-games-area and shelter for young people. Adjacent to the site is a privately run rugby club on land leased from the city council over the long-term.

The site has suffered from anti-social behaviour intermittently and is not well designed to improve perceptions of safety among users.

Two of four options for the proposed Hengrove South Bus Rapid Transit go through this space. The options are currently the subject of a public consultation.

Both this space and Brixham Road Open Space enjoy the support of the Marksbury Area Community Association.

The multi-use-games-area will be retained in the current location.

What we want to achieve

To significantly improve the space for all local residents, introducing new facilities and types of space so that it is attractive to a wider range of users and improves perceptions of safety by increasing the number of users.

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Ideas and Options

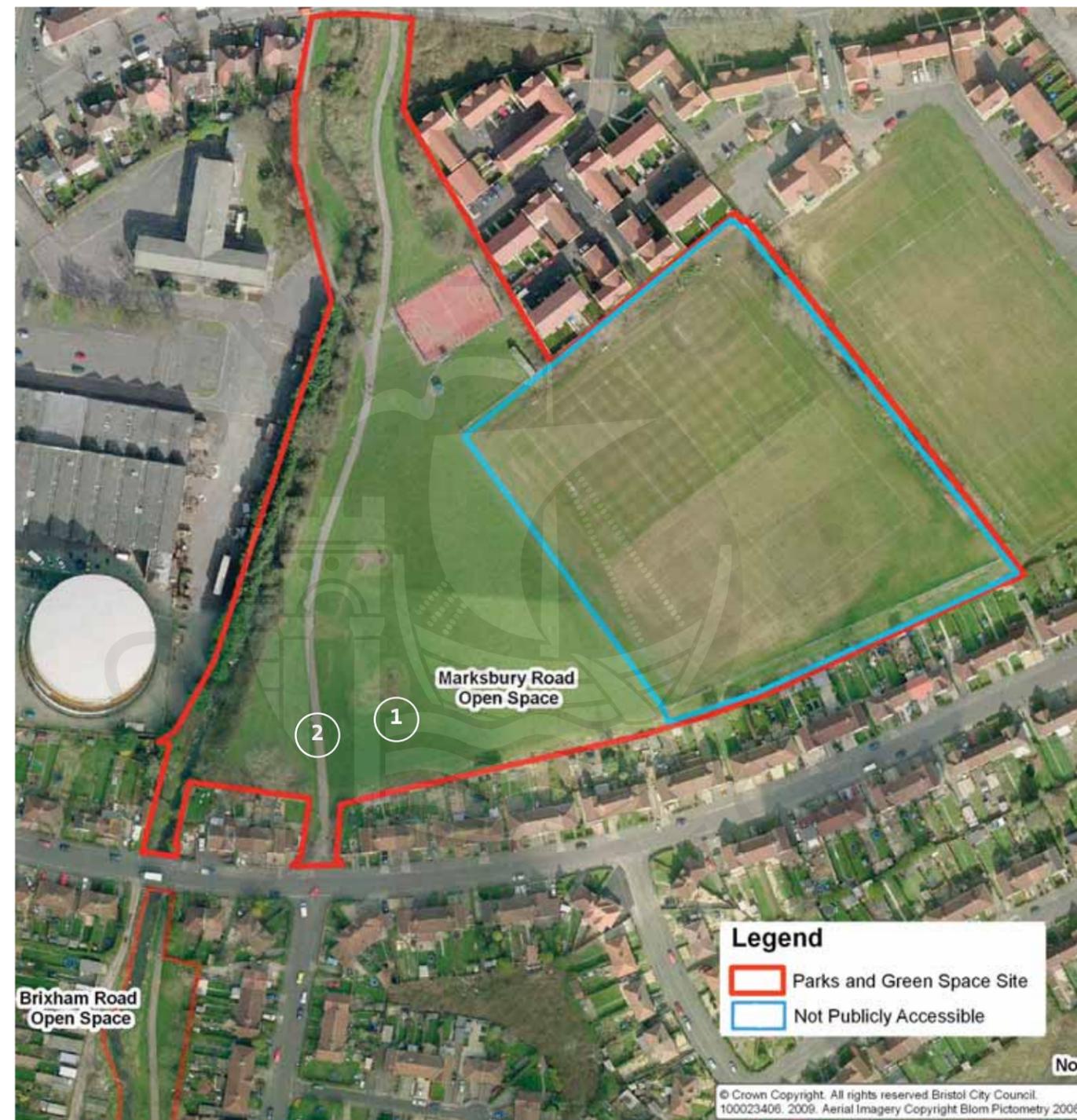
1 Provide a new children's playground for children aged 0-13 years with elements of equipped and natural play. The play area will be located close to the entrance off the site from Marksbury Road

2 Introduce new formal space with formal planting close to the new children's playground to make the site more attractive to a wider range of users and improve safety

- Significantly improve the entrances, introducing railings, clearing vegetation where appropriate and making them as wide and open as possible to make the space more welcoming
- Maintain the Malago Greenway route for pedestrians and cyclists and support its use through management that improves perceptions of safety, introducing signposting and interpretation where appropriate
- Space needs to be retained to act as a kickabout area outside of the multi-use-games-area
- Manage the Malago riparian site for the benefit of wildlife



Multi-use-games-area at Marksbury Road



St John's Burial Ground

This space is a little used informal space which is partially hidden from potential new users. An important pedestrian link from Cotswold Rd to St Johns Lane goes through the site.

The space is adjacent to the Malago Greenway and supports its value to wildlife as a Wildlife Network Site.

What we want to achieve

To change the main function of the space from an informal green space to a Natural Green Space.

Ideas and Options

- To manage the site as a natural green space - introducing meadow planting and removing some trees to support new meadow habitat. Potential to introduce orchard planting through replacement of existing poor quality trees
- To better connect the space to the Malago stream to improve the function of the site as a wildlife corridor and Natural Green Space
- To improve entrances, highlighting the function of the space as a publicly accessible, recreational open space



Bath Road Open Space

The space is situated adjacent to the River Avon and Bath Road, sloping steeply away from Bath Road towards the river, and currently offers natural green space. Access to the site is restricted, with the only entrance located next to the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Bath Road and Wells Road. There is a footpath leading through the space and in to Lawrence Hill over the River Avon.

The eastern part of the site has been identified as a possible disposal site for development (see page 23).

What we want to achieve

To continue to manage the site as Natural Green Space for a woodland habitat.

Ideas and Options

- To dispose of the eastern section of the space for development
- To continue to manage the western section of the site as woodland and provide better management of the footpath route - clearing boundary vegetation so that it feels safer to use for pedestrians and cyclists



Cotswold Road Open Space

Cotswold Road Open Space forms the northern end point of the Malago Greenway and is situated between Cotswold Road to the south and the railway line to the north. The space also forms part of a green access link to Victoria Park and the Bedminster East Street shopping area.

Cotswold Road Open Space and the Malago stream along the Greenway has been the focus of an active community group, the Kingfisher Group, for a number of years. The group have regularly held clean-ups of the Malago.

What we want to achieve

To highlight the space and signpost it locally as the 'Gateway to the Malago'.

Ideas and Options

There are two options for this space:

- To maintain the site as an informal space and for local residents or
- To convert the majority of the space to allotments if deemed suitable



Oxford Street

'Oxford Street Open Space' consists of a number of different spaces. One space is along the route of the Wells Road leading down to the 3-Lamps junction with the Bath Rd. The other two spaces are either side of St John's Lane where it runs parallel with Oxford Street. The Wells Rd space benefited from low profile improvements a number of years ago as part of a project to make the gateways in to the city centre more attractive.

There are no strategic proposals for these spaces. The spaces either side of St John's Lane are not owned by the City Council but are managed by it.



School Road Open Space

School Rd Open Space is an important local site located to the east of Wells Road in Totterdown. The site serves in the main as a children's playground. The playground recently received considerable new investment through a community-led project driven by Totterdown Residents Environmental and Social Association (TRESA). The community raised £80,000 and the project delivered an extended play space incorporating a sandpit, swings, a slide and natural play features. The project also included a new route through for dog walkers.

What we want to achieve

To continue to invest in the site as a children's playground with an area set aside for dog walkers.

Ideas and Options

- Improve the landscaping in the park through additional planting - trees and shrubs
- Enhance and maintain the playground as equipment wears out



Holroyd House Open Space

Located immediately to the east of the high rise residential housing of Holroyd House with access from Somerset Terrace and Kensal Road, this space is situated on a steep slope running downhill from Somerset Terrace. It acts as an amenity space for Holroyd House.

What we want to achieve

To maintain the site as an informal space for local residents

Ideas and Options

- The footpath through the site designated a PRow
- Opportunity to provide a community garden or orchard planting



Windmill Hill Playground

Windmill Hill Playground is located on the junction of Somerset Terrace and Alfred Street and comprises a small children's playground and informal kickabout area. The space is close to Victoria Park.

What we want to achieve

To maintain the site as an informal space for local residents.

Ideas and Options

- The children's playground will not be retained at the end of the life of the current play equipment. The playground is not needed to meet the minimum standards set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy
- To fence off the space with railings, making it dog-free and managing it as a space that is good for informal play and kickabout.



Callington Road Local Nature Reserve

Callington Road achieved Local Nature Reserve Status in October 2009 and its on-site management is guided by a management plan drawn up after consultation with local residents. It is a locally important natural green space and, together with Talbot Rd allotments, provides a large foraging area for a number of different animals.

There are two distinct areas of the space, a more open green area adjacent to Callington Road and a predominantly scrub area further to the north and east. This part shares a boundary with the allotments. The whole site is designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest and part of the site is designated as a Village Green. Wildlife found on-site includes roe deer, foxes, bats, and slow worms. There are also numerous bird and invertebrate species, particularly butterflies with 18 species recorded, and five Avon Notable plant species. The site also provides good habitat for a variety of increasingly uncommon song birds.

Callington Road Local Nature Reserve has benefited from significant recent improvements in accordance with the management plan. These include the planting of diverse tree and shrub species, improvements to footpaths and entrances, new signage and new boundary fencing of the Village Green area to the south.

The space has a dedicated community group - Friends of Callington Rd Nature Reserve - which plays the key role in providing residents views of the space.

The space is popular with dog walkers and for informal recreation, but has been the subject in the past of antisocial behaviour with issues such as motorbikes being driven across the site. Improvements to site entrances have attempted to alleviate this problem.

Access and movement around the space is currently limited.

What we want to achieve

To reflect the aims and objectives of the existing management plan and to enhance and maintain the space as an important natural green space - enhancing the wildlife value of the site while improving access in accordance with its status as a Local Nature Reserve.

Ideas and Options

- 1 Introduce a new access point from Talbot Road with a footpath running north to south through the site
- Restrict vehicular access by providing further kissing gates at new pathways and access points
 - To continue the aims and objectives of the current Management Plan



Section 4. Possible open space disposals in the Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area

As stated in Section 1 one of the sources of funding investment proposals is from the disposal of small amounts of green space. The council is committed to reinvesting 70% of any money raised back into improving parks and green spaces.

Potential green space disposal sites are also identified in the Site Allocations Development Plan Document and Proposals map - documents that are part of the emerging Bristol Development Framework. The Site Allocations is subject to a public consultation at the same time as Area Green Space Plans - ideas and options papers.

The Site Allocations will in many instances suggest an alternative use for a potential disposal space. For example, for residential housing. If so, its proposed use is also identified here.

If the Site Allocations does not propose an alternative use then the future use of the land would be determined by the purchaser and, if relevant, the application of planning policy in the normal way - the future use of a disposal site is more likely to be for built development.

How have disposal sites been identified?

Green Space Standards adopted by the Parks and Green Space Strategy guide decision-making on disposals.

One of the main factors determining whether a site should be disposed of is its value as land which contributes to the local community or has wider benefits – such as ecological value. It is not based on its financial value.

The table below summarises the key factors that have been considered when assessing a space – a more detailed description of these can be found in the Parks and Green Space Strategy - appendix 5.

Factors for assessing value

The following factors have been included in the assessment:

- Level of use
- Community views of the space
- Community involvement
- Equalities considerations
- Educational significance
- Demographic change
- Level of anti-social behaviour
- Events potential
- Local context and significance
- Accessibility
- Landscape significance
- Nature Conservation significance
- Archaeological/Historical significance
- Legal Status
- Contribution to the local economy
- Sustainability significance

A detailed value assessment took place for all sites identified for possible disposal in Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill. Checks on its significance in all the key areas were considered. Through the stakeholder involvement, views from the local community were sought, identifying amount of use, key barriers to use and consideration as to whether these barriers could be overcome to make this space a viable space for the local community.

In Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill, there are four spaces that have been identified as low value and are proposed for disposal. These are Bath Road Open Space, Higham Street Open Space and Bushey Park YMCA.

In some cases the value of a space could be improved by the partial development of it allowing housing to be built facing onto the space and providing natural surveillance to the remainder. In this case, what is often a poorly and misused backland site, can become of greater value to the local community and attract more people to use it. This applies to one space in this Area Green Space Plan at Salcombe Road Recreation Ground.

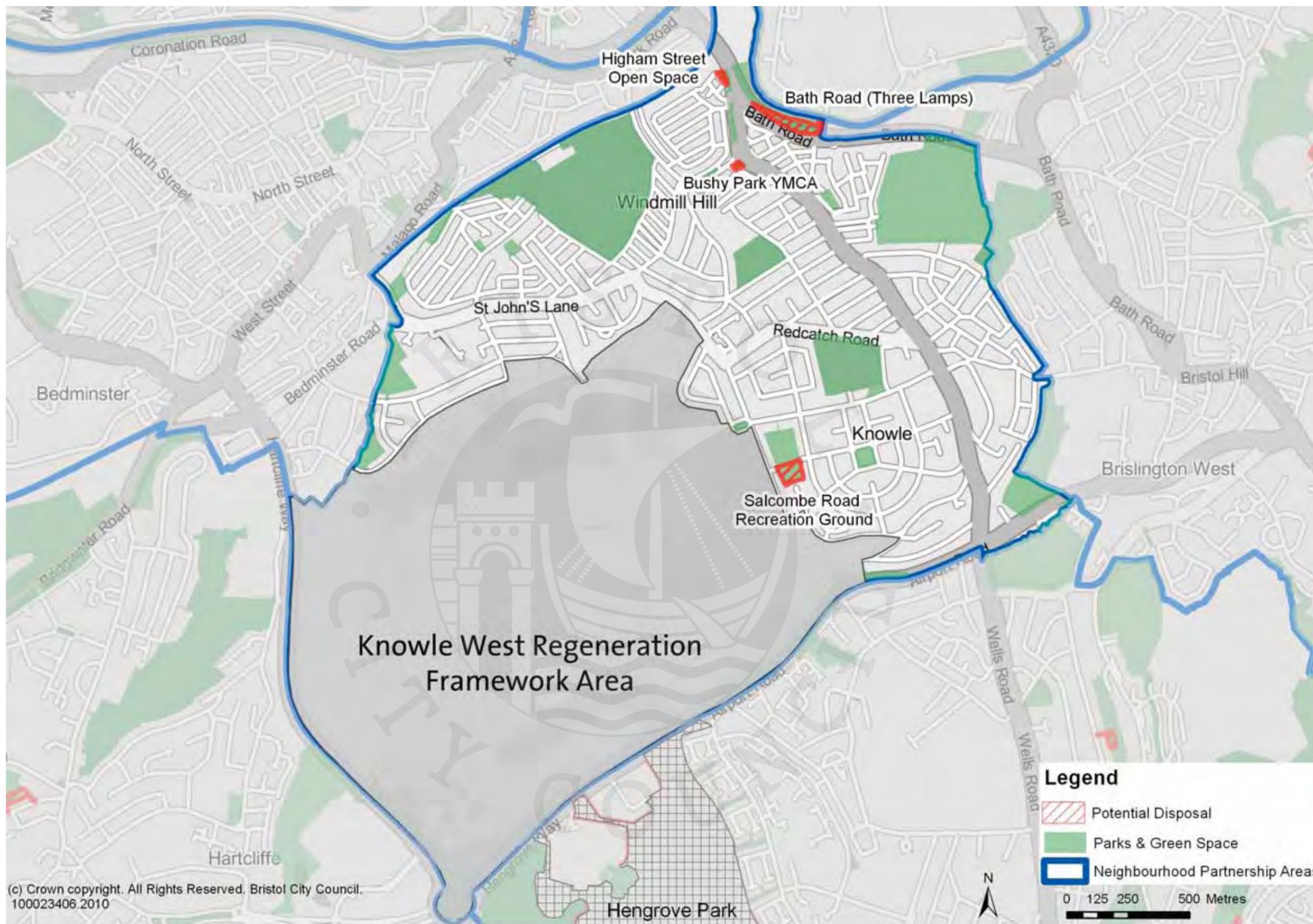
Control of housing design in relation to partial site disposals.

Where it is considered appropriate to partially develop council land in order to improve the remainder of the space, the method of disposal will take whatever form is the most likely to bring about the intended benefits of the development within acceptable timescales. Prior to marketing, the council will issue a developers brief on which relevant stakeholders will be consulted. Normally the Council will proceed by way of a building agreement and would only transfer the freehold interest in the site when an acceptable development had been completed in accordance with the brief.

Your comments

We welcome your comments on the possible disposal sites put forward here.

Map showing proposed Disposal Sites



Disposal Sites

1.

Bath Rd Open Space

The site is found in between Bath Road and the River Avon. It does not offer any recreational opportunities given its isolated location and the nearby larger parks at Victoria Park and Arnos Vale Cemetery offer informal play and other recreational facilities.

The site is designated as a Wildlife Network Site and sits next to the Site of Nature and Conservation Interest of the River Avon. The proposed disposal area will protect these functions by leaving a strip of land along side the river.

The remainder of the space would be retained and managed as woodland as part of a designated Prominent Green Hillside in planning.



2.

Higham Street Open Space

The site has a limited catchment area as it is located on top of a steep slope that rises up from Wells Road on the outskirts of Totterdown and in close proximity to Victoria Park.

It is proposed to dispose of that part of the site that is flat along the road side, the remainder of the site is too steep for development.

The space is designated as a Prominent Green Hillside, though this related more to the views of the site rather than from it and Wildlife Network Site, which runs along the railway line. The proposed disposal area will not affect either of these functions.



3.

Bushy Park YMCA

It is proposed to dispose of the majority of this site whilst retaining some space so that unobstructed views of the 'YMCA' building are retained from Wells Road.

The space offers a green break along the busy Wells Road and is predominantly used as a cut through to the local shops. The nearby Victoria Park, Perrets Park and Arno's Vale Cemetery all provide a range of recreational facilities that are not found here.



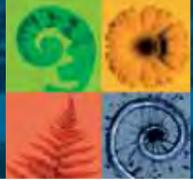
4.

Salcombe Rd Rec

It is proposed to dispose of the southern part of this space. This backland space has suffered from anti-social behaviour in the past and the subsequent development would be designed to introduce more natural surveillance in to the site from the residents of new housing. The aim is to use small-scale development to improve perceptions of safety and curb anti-social behaviour, in line with Policy LM7 of the Parks and Green Space Strategy.

The remainder of this space would receive investment to improve it, with a children's playground and other facilities. Please refer to page 16 for full investment ideas and options





Section 5.

Future opportunities

Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill is well served for publicly accessible open space. The ideas put forward by the members of the local community professionals/experts were comprehensive and the proposals in the Area Green Space Plan reflect this. As a result a good draft strategic vision for open space that meets the aims and objectives of the Parks and Green Space Strategy has been drawn up.

The main focus for future opportunity lies in the Knowle West Regeneration Framework area. The regeneration framework will set out and guide development including open space provision. The Area Green Space Plan will further guide the regeneration framework in relation to open space and will ensure the local standards are met.

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 Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill.

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 AGSP 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 and 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 barriers and crossing points is incorporated in to the application of each distance standard across the area.

When open spaces are proposed to be disposed of, they are not included in the application of distance standards. In most circumstances, open space is not recommended for disposal if it is needed to meet minimum open space provision. Please refer to page 22 and 23 for a map and explanation of open space disposals in Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill.

The Knowle, Filwood and Wildmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area is relatively free from significant barriers to access. However, steep hills exist up from Windmill Hill to Knowle that may prevent people visting certain spaces.

The area is bounded by the railway line to the north and the busy roads of Hartcliffe Way to the west and Airport Road to the south, all of which could be considered barriers. However, there are numerous crossing opportunities over these road.

All barriers ro access have been considered when applying the distance standard.

Children and Young People’s Space (outside of the Regeneration Framework Area)

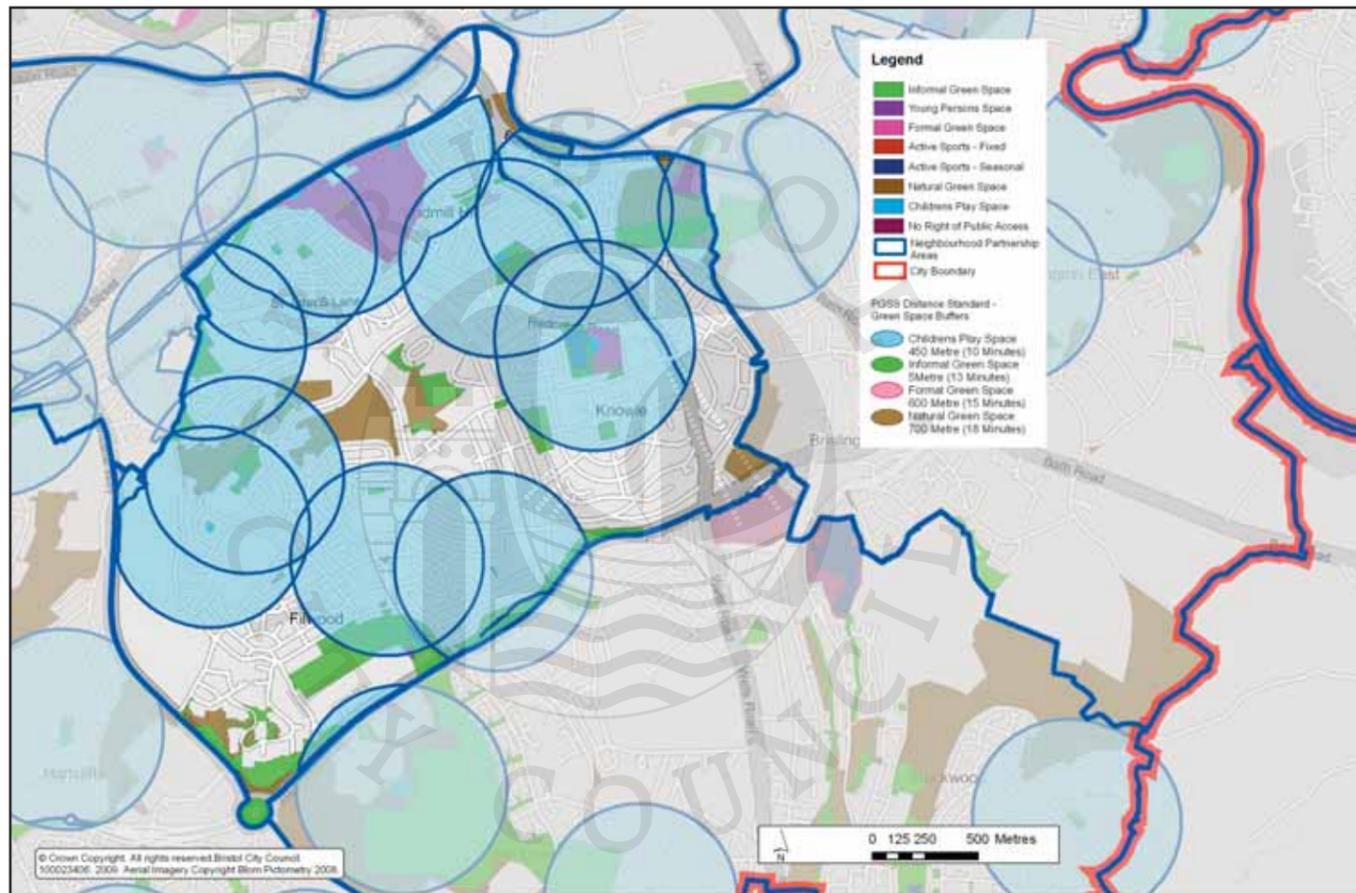
There are currently five parks and open spaces outside of the Knowle West Regeneration Framework Area with children’s playgrounds. These are Victoria Park, Perretts Park, Redcatch Park, School Rd Open Space and Windmill Hill Open Space. Victoria Park has more than one playground.

Outside of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area there are two playgrounds that are providing in part for the residents of Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill. These are at Arno’s Court Park in Brislington and Dame Emily Park in Bedminster.

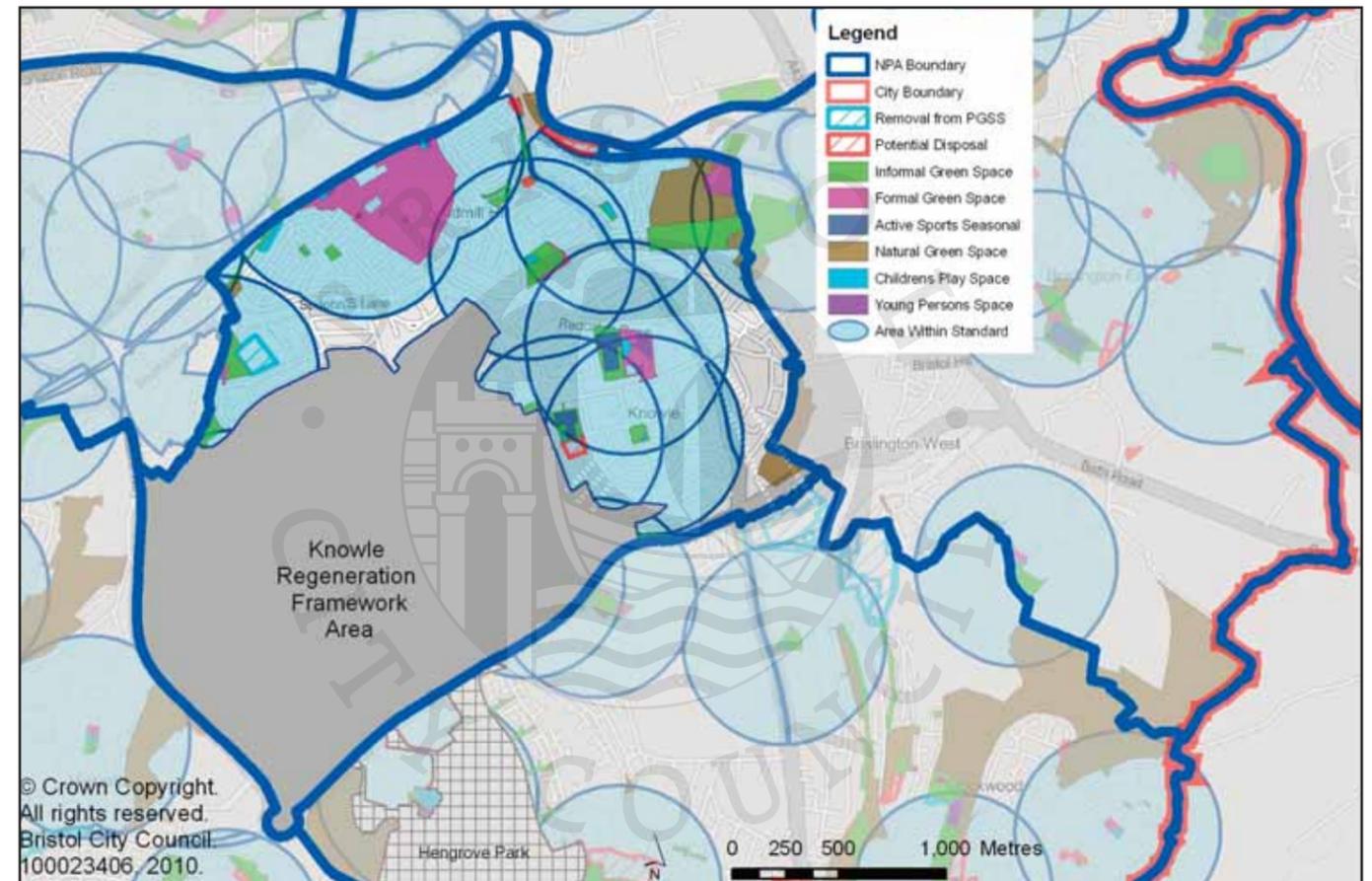
In order to better meet the distance standards for children’s playgrounds it is proposed to provide new playgrounds at Marksbury Rd Open Space and Salcombe Road Rec. It is proposed to delete a playground at Windmill Hill Open Space.

There is an option to provide a new playground at either the entrance to Glyn Vale Open Space or a triangle of land on the junction of Marksbury Rd and Wedmore Vale. Neither are ideal locations for children’s play however.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years



Formal Green Space (outside of the Regeneration Framework Area)

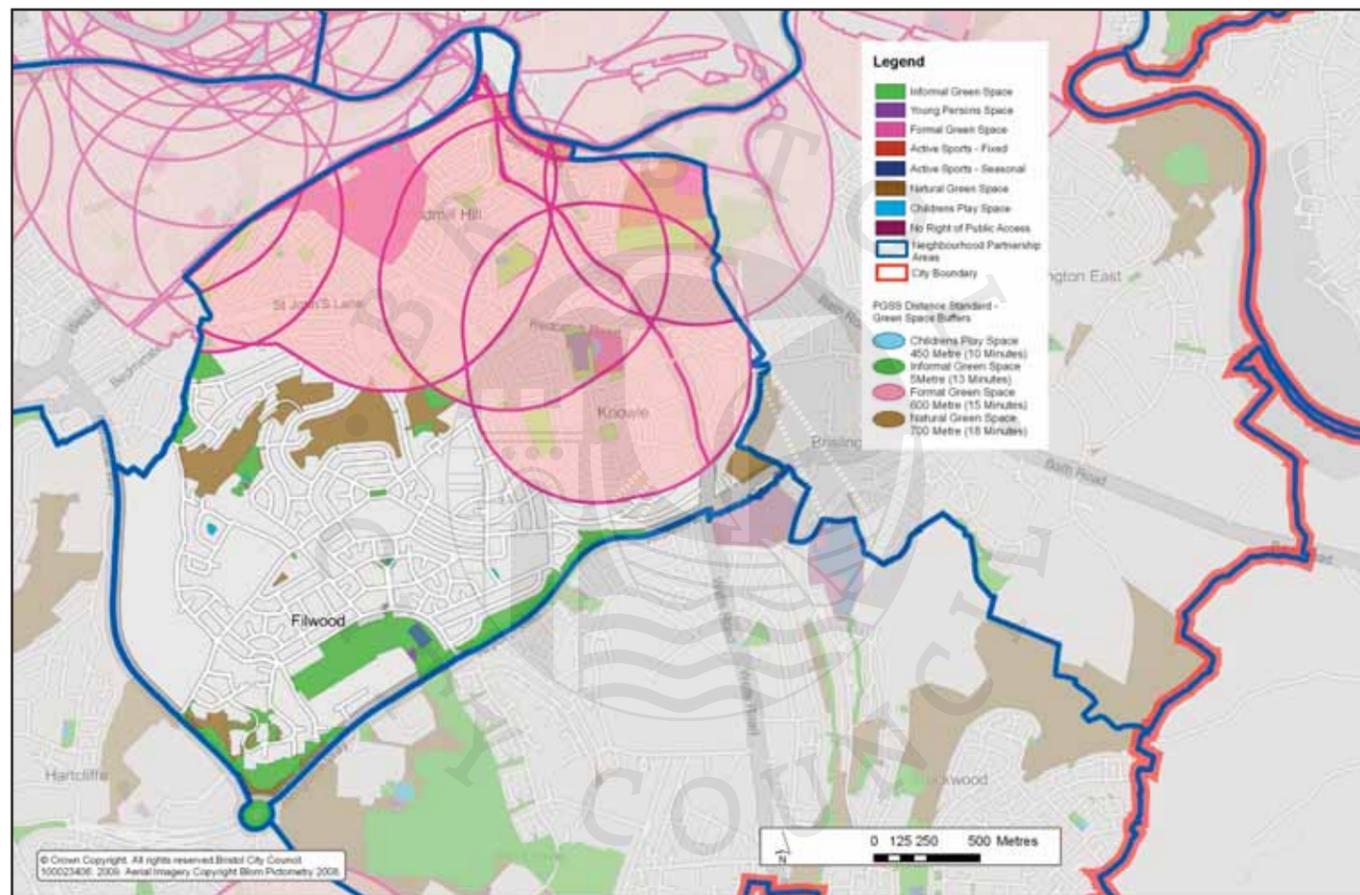
The north of the Neighbourhood Partnership area is well served for Formal Green Space with Victoria Park, Perretts Park, Redcatch Park and Arno's Vale Cemetery all contributing from within the Partnership boundary. Dame Emily Park and St Johns Churchyard also act to provide Formal Green Space from outside the Partnership boundary but it is likely that residents in nearby Windmill Hill would choose to go to Victoria Park to access this type of space.

In order to better meet the distance standard for formal green

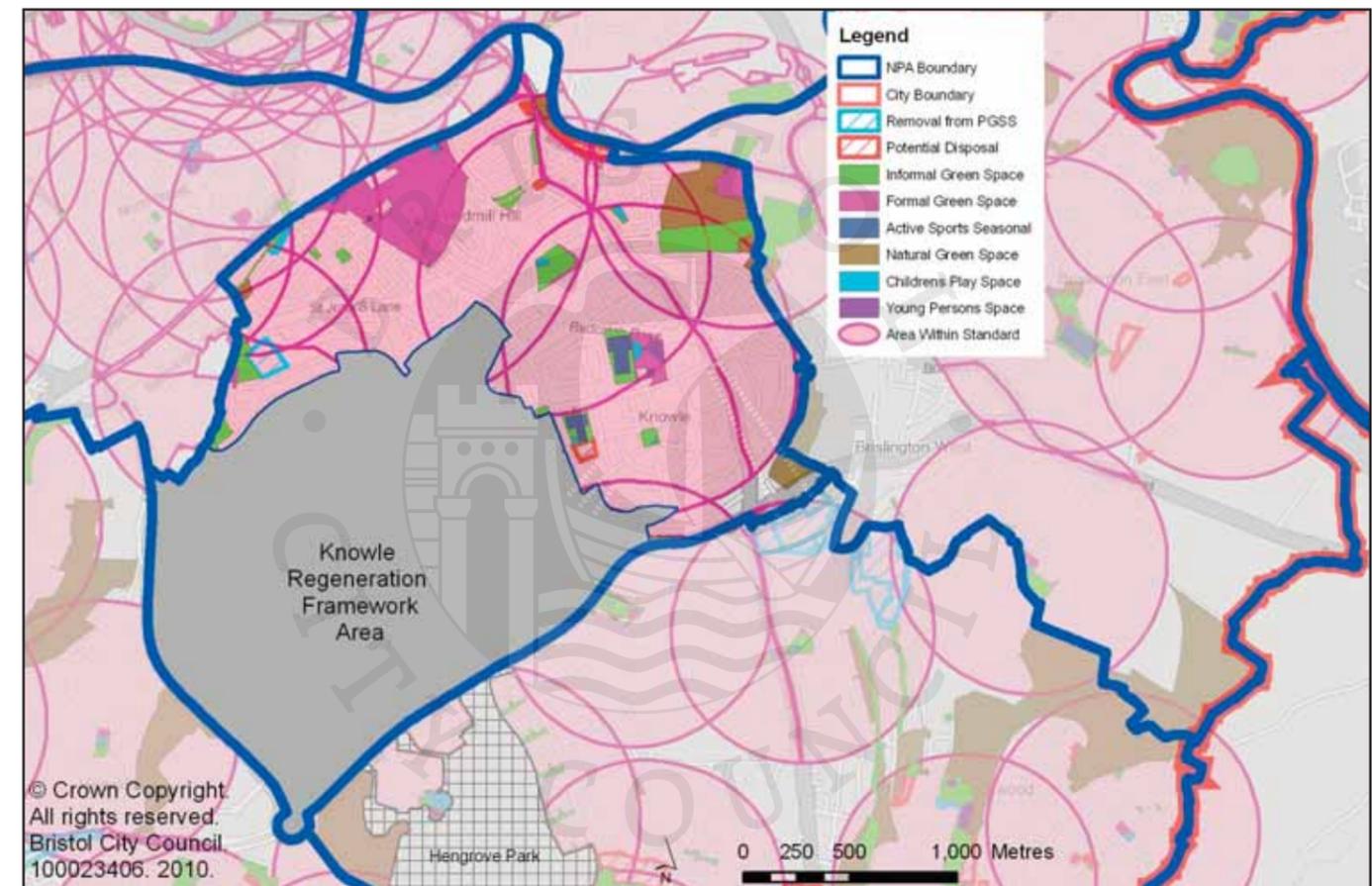
space outside of the Regeneration Framework Area new formal space is proposed for Marksbury Road Open Space - at the entrance to the site from Marksbury Rd sited next to the proposed children's playground.

This addition will still leave approximately 240 dwellings outside of the standard by a maximum of 250 metres. However both improvements proposed for The Square and its inherent design will act to give this space a strong formal character, although it will continue to be recognised in the Parks and Green Space Strategy as Informal Green Space.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years

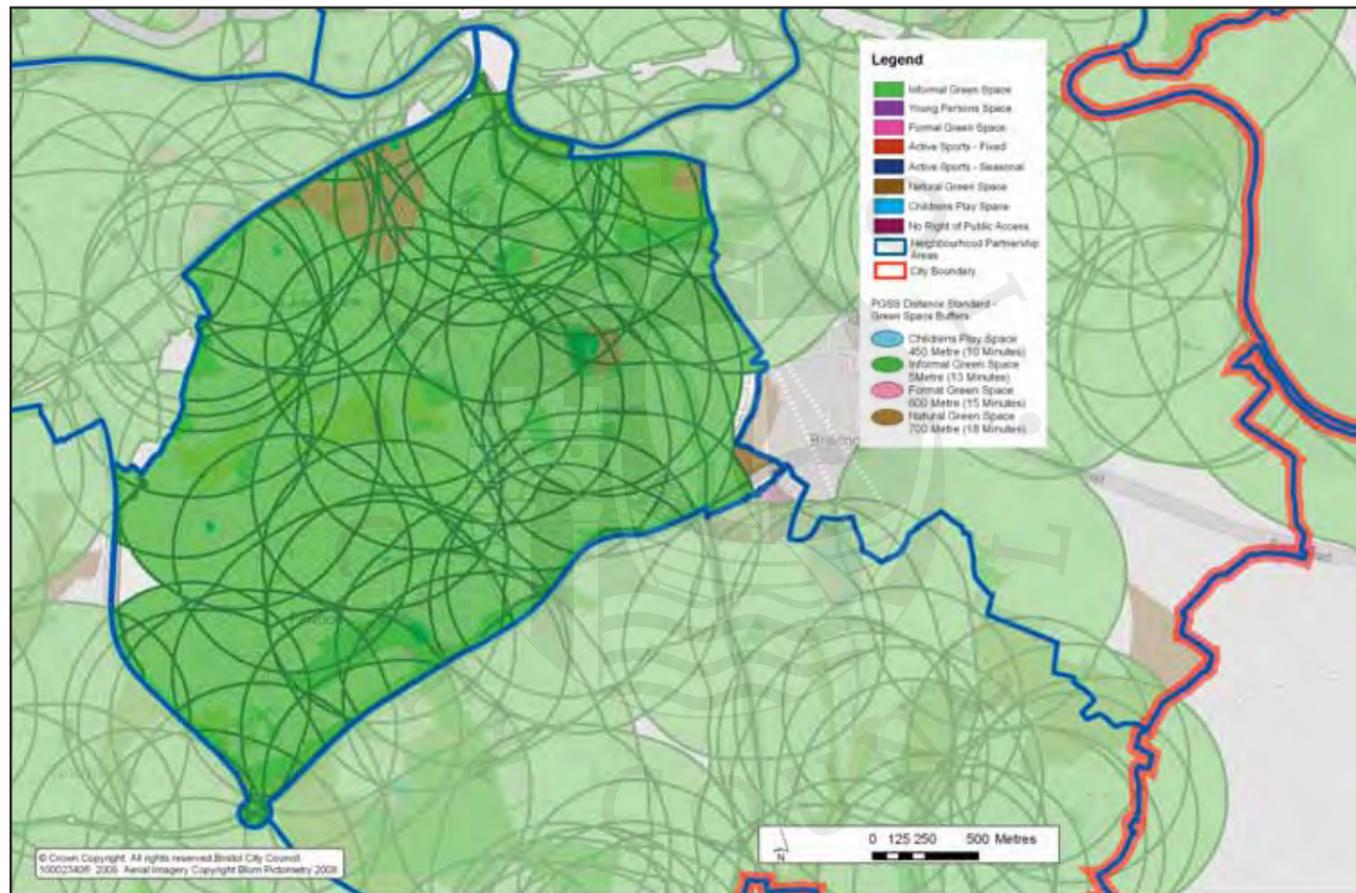


Informal Green Space (outside of the Regeneration Framework Area)

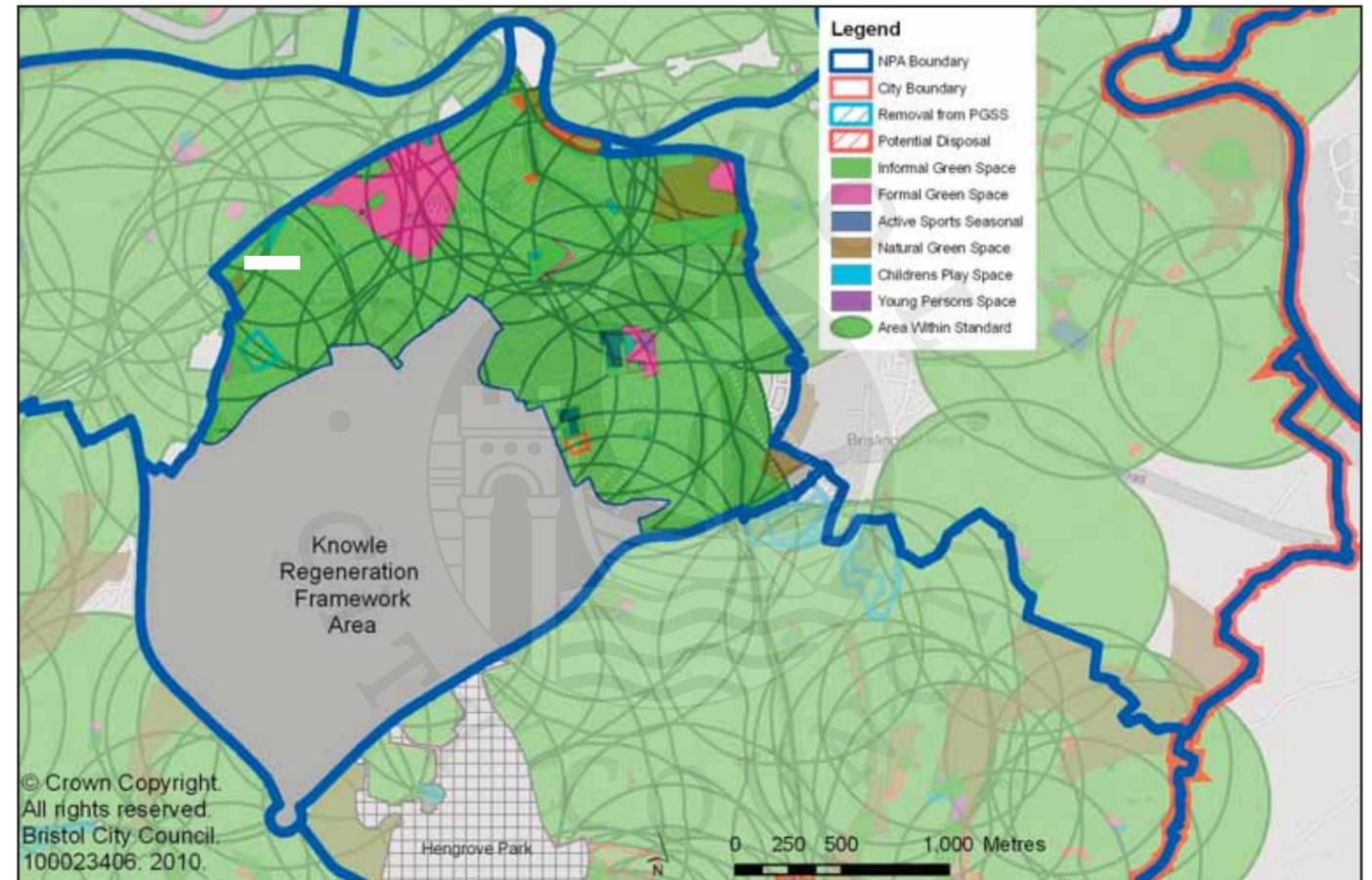
Outside of the Regeneration Framework Area, 1% of the population in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area are currently outside 550m of an informal green space.

The proposals in the Area Green Space Plan do not change the area of the NPA for which this standard is met. The area outside of the standard is very close to Callington Road Local Nature Reserve but the existing character and value of the Reserve needs to be retained as Natural Green Space - informal and natural green space often provide similar opportunities for relevant activities.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years

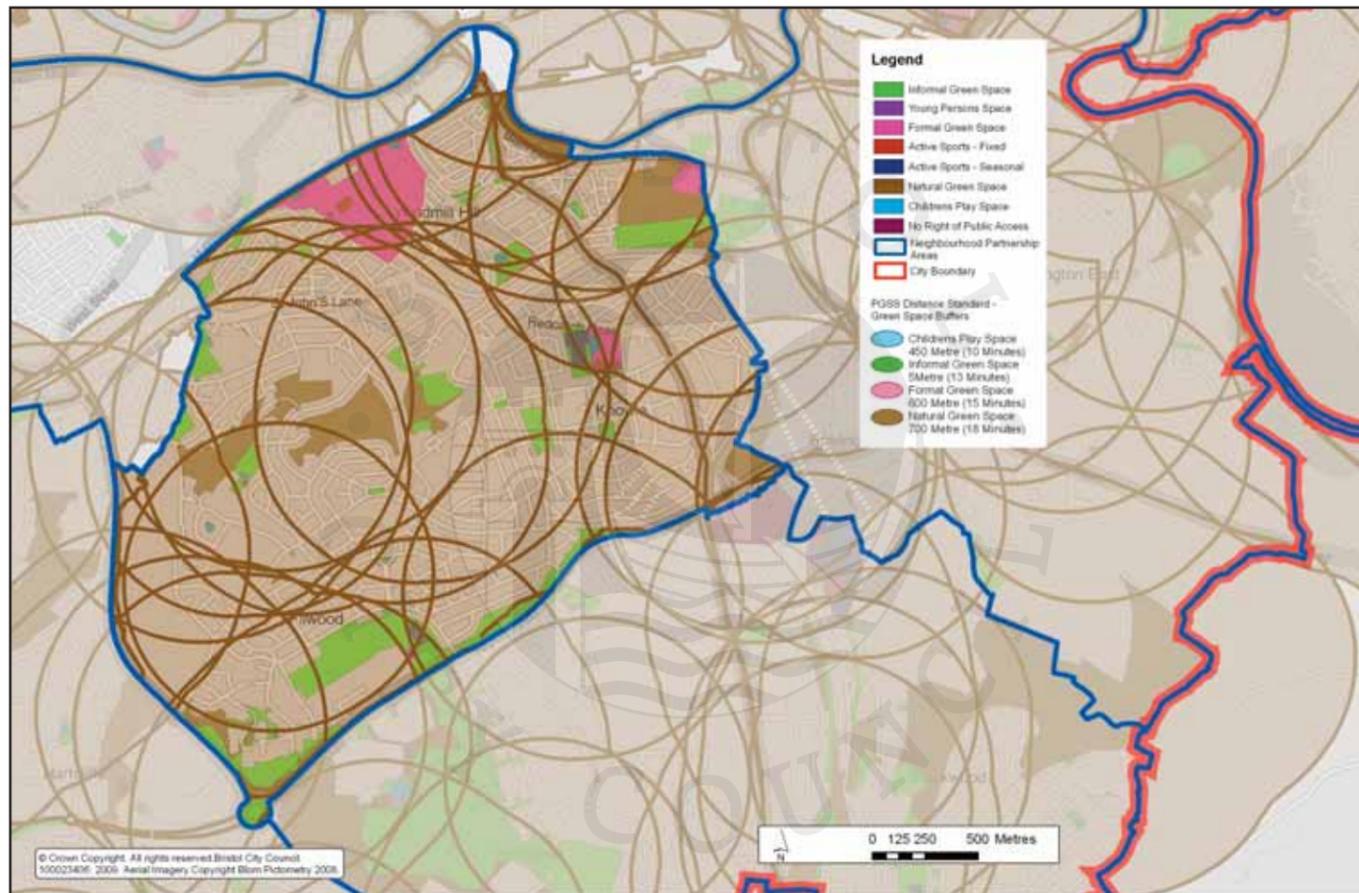


Natural Green Space (outside of the Regeneration Framework Area)

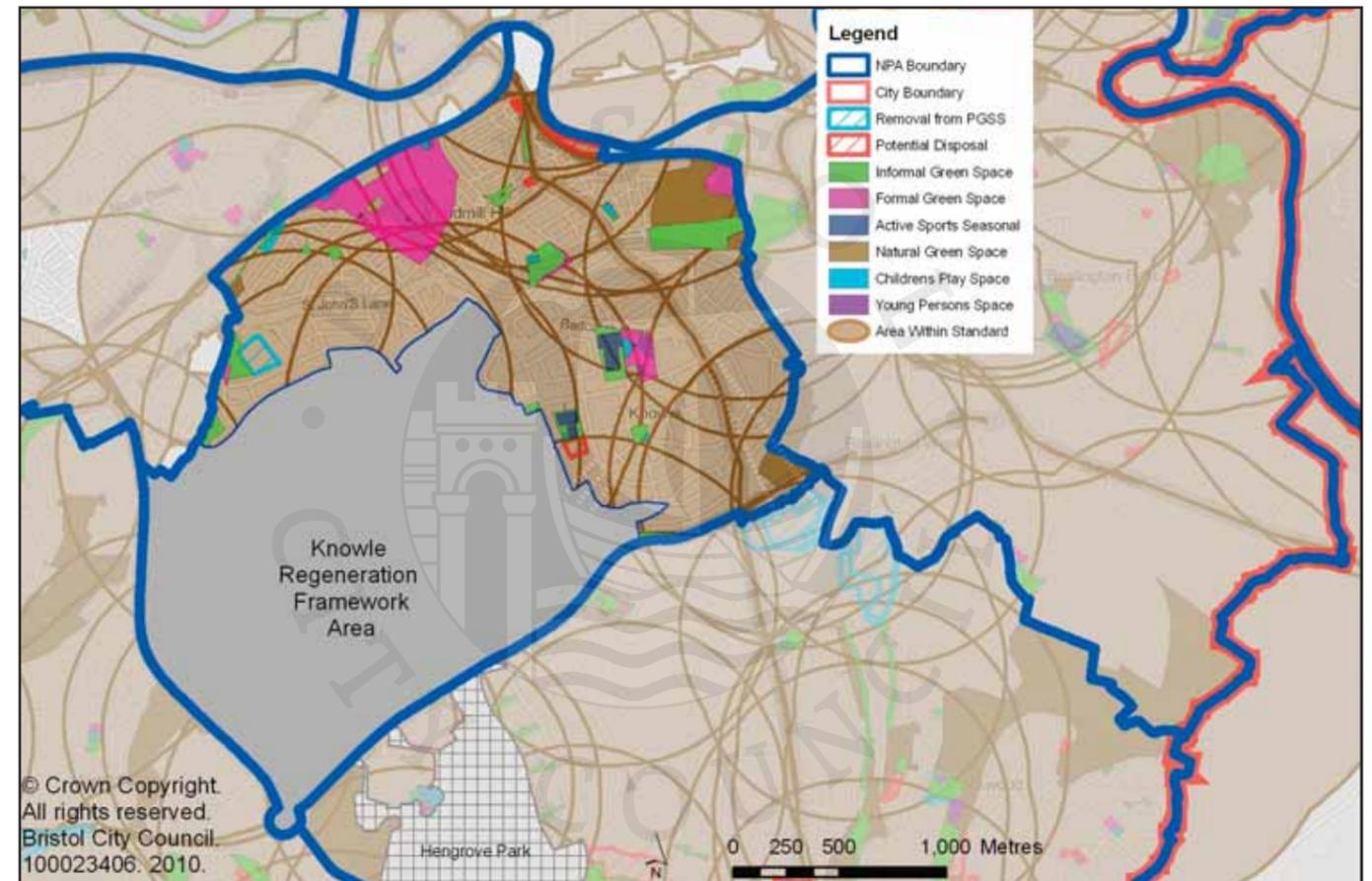
At present 100% of the population in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area outside of the Regeneration Framework Area are within 700m of a natural green space. Residents in the area around Cotswold Rd in Windmill Hill are close to being outside of the distance standard with the nearest Natural Green Spaces being the Northern Slopes to the south and the New Cut to the north. In order to improve access to Natural Green Space here, and to support access in the neighbouring area of Bedminster and Southville, St Johns Burial Ground will be invested in as a Natural Green Space instead of Informal Green Space.

The Northern Slopes are within the Regeneration Framework Area and provide Natural Green Space for a significant area outside of the Framework Area to the north. It is not expected that changes within the Framework Area will make significant impact on the distance standard for Natural Green Space.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years

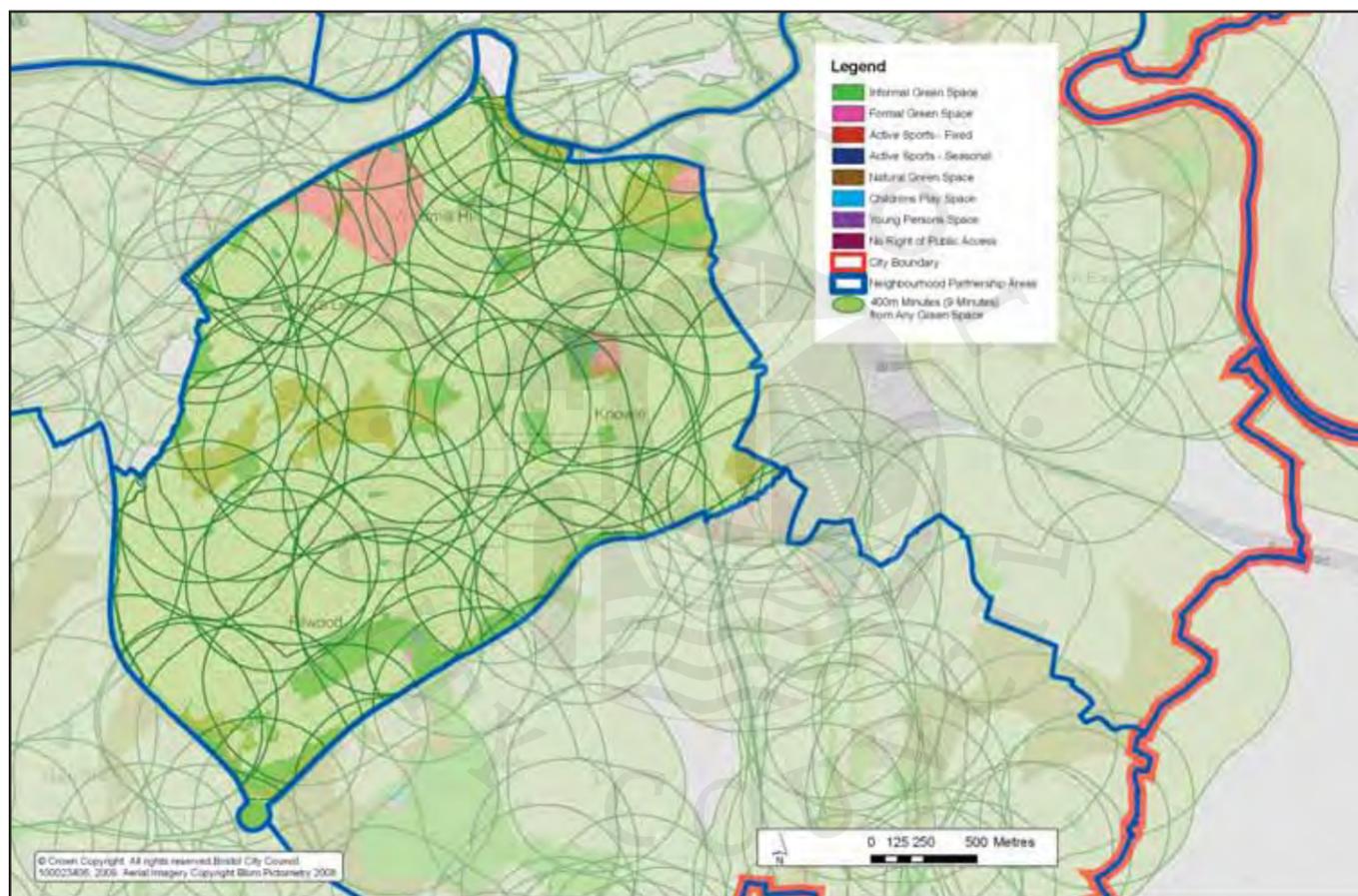


Distance to the nearest green space

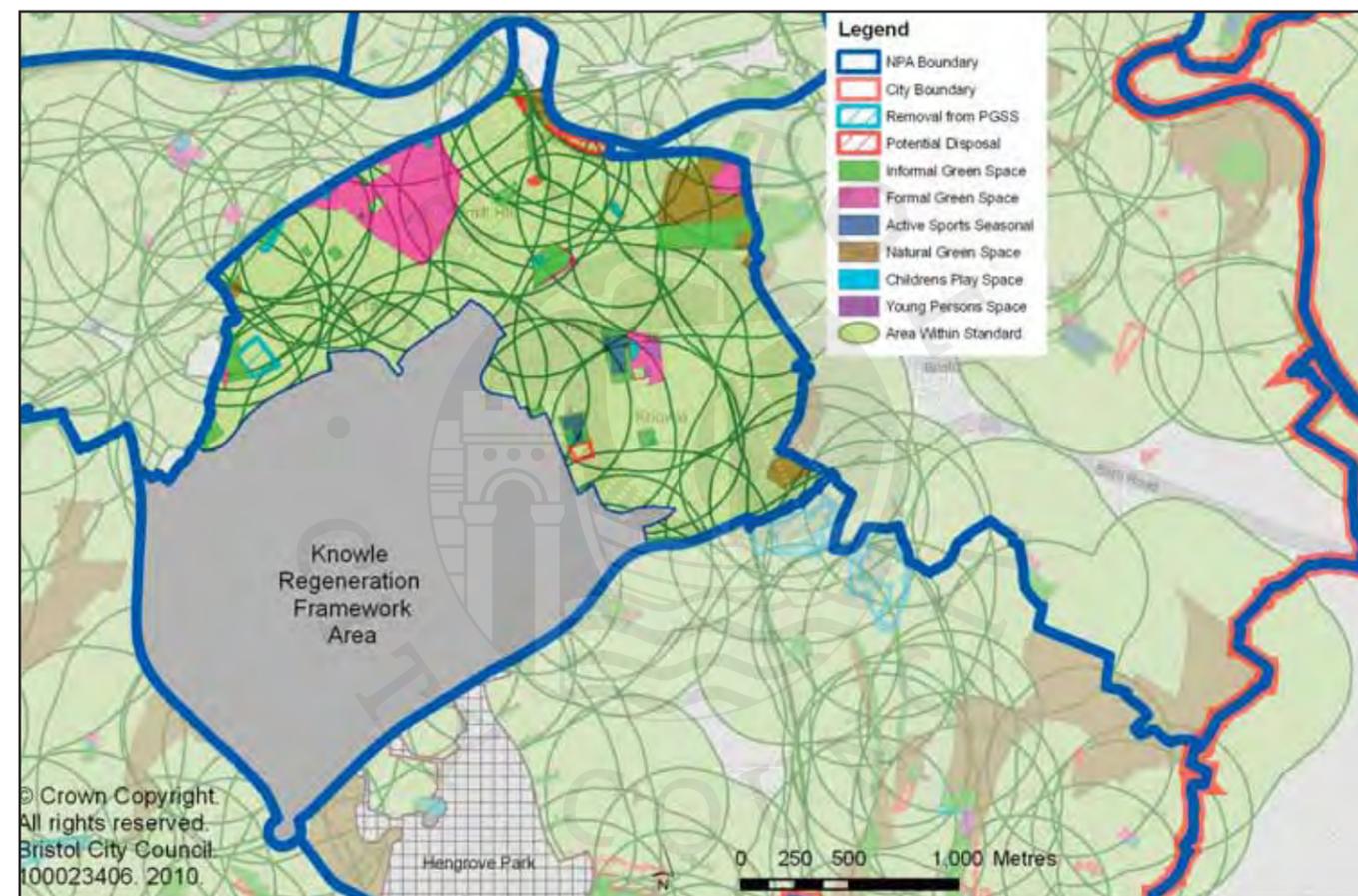
At present 100% of the population in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area outside of the Regeneration Framework Area are within 400m of a publicly accessible open space.

Open spaces within the Regeneration Framework Area provide access to space for residents outside the area to the north and east. It is not expected that the proposals in the Regeneration Framework Area will reduce the provision of open space in a way that this distance standard is no longer met. Therefore 100% of the population in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, outside of the Regeneration Framework Area, will continue to be within 400m of a publicly accessible open space.

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	0.34	0.29	0.34
Formal green space	2.0	7.01	5.29	6.12
Informal green space	8.0	14.46	9.94	11.50
Natural green space	9.0	11.72	8.62	9.97
Locality standard	18.0	33.53	24.14	27.94

Nb. These figures currently assume the amount of green space available within the Knowle area remains the same.



Appendix 2.

How the Area Green Space Plan would meet the policies set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy

Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Children and young people		
	<p>Developing a diverse range of children's play spaces including natural play</p> <p>CY1</p>	<p>Children's play space will be retained and improved at Redcatch Park, Victoria Park and Perretts Park incorporating both traditional and natural play elements. A playground will also be retained at School Road.</p> <p>New play opportunities are proposed for Marksbury Rd Open Space and Salcombe Rd Rec.</p> <p>A new playground will be provided either in Glyn Vale or a space at the junction of Marksbury Rd and Glyn Vale.</p>
	<p>Provide diverse, exciting and challenging spaces for young people</p> <p>CY2</p>	<p>A Skate Park will continue to be provided at Victoria Park with a multi-use-games-area provided at Victoria Park, Marksbury Rd Open Space and Redcatch Park. Victoria Park and Redcatch Park will be focal points for young people's facilities which will be provided according to local consultation.</p> <p>Facilities for young people will also be provided at Perretts Park, with a toboggan run and shelter/meeting space proposed, and considered as part of improvements at Salcombe Road Rec.</p> <p>The following page sets out proposals for multi-use-games-areas and Wheels Parks.</p>
	<p>Enhance the wider park environment for play</p> <p>CY4</p>	<p>Informal kickabout will be catered for at the larger parks of Victoria, Redcatch and Perretts and also encouraged at Salcombe Rd Rec, Windmill Hill Open Space, The Square and Marksbury Rd Open Space. Goalposts may be added to some of these spaces except The Square.</p> <p>Support for cycling - a cycling route will continue to be maintained along the Malago Greenway through Brixham Rd, Marksbury Rd and Costwold Rd spaces. Cycle routes will also be catered for through Victoria Park and Redcatch Park.</p>

Wheels Parks and MUGAs

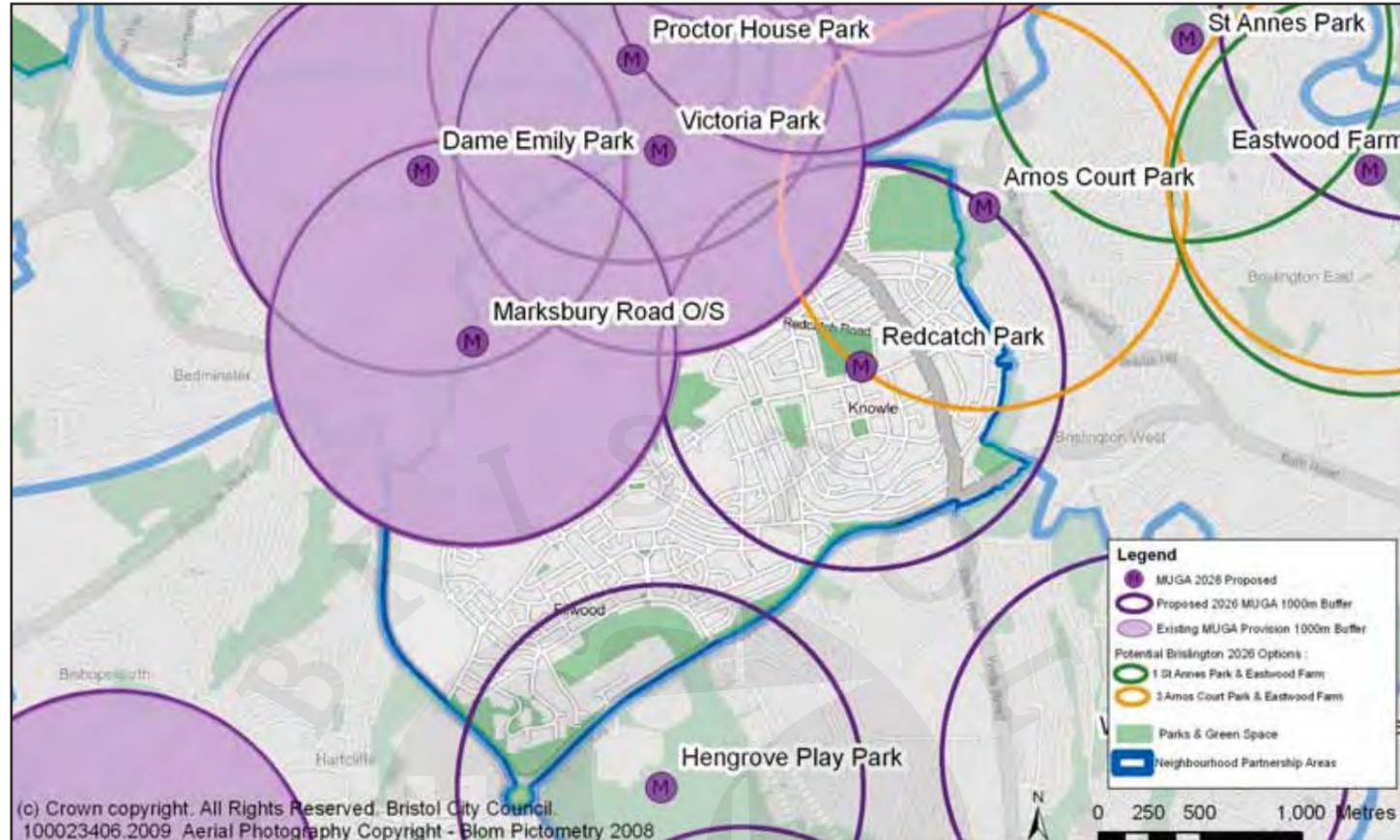
The Parks and Green Space Strategy sets out that young people should have access to a Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) within 1km of where they live and access to a Wheels Park within 2km.

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.

MUGA's currently exist at Victoria Park, Redcatch Park and Marksbury Road and these facilities will be retained and upgraded. Due to the demand on the Victoria Park MUGA, the option to introduce a second facility should also be explored.

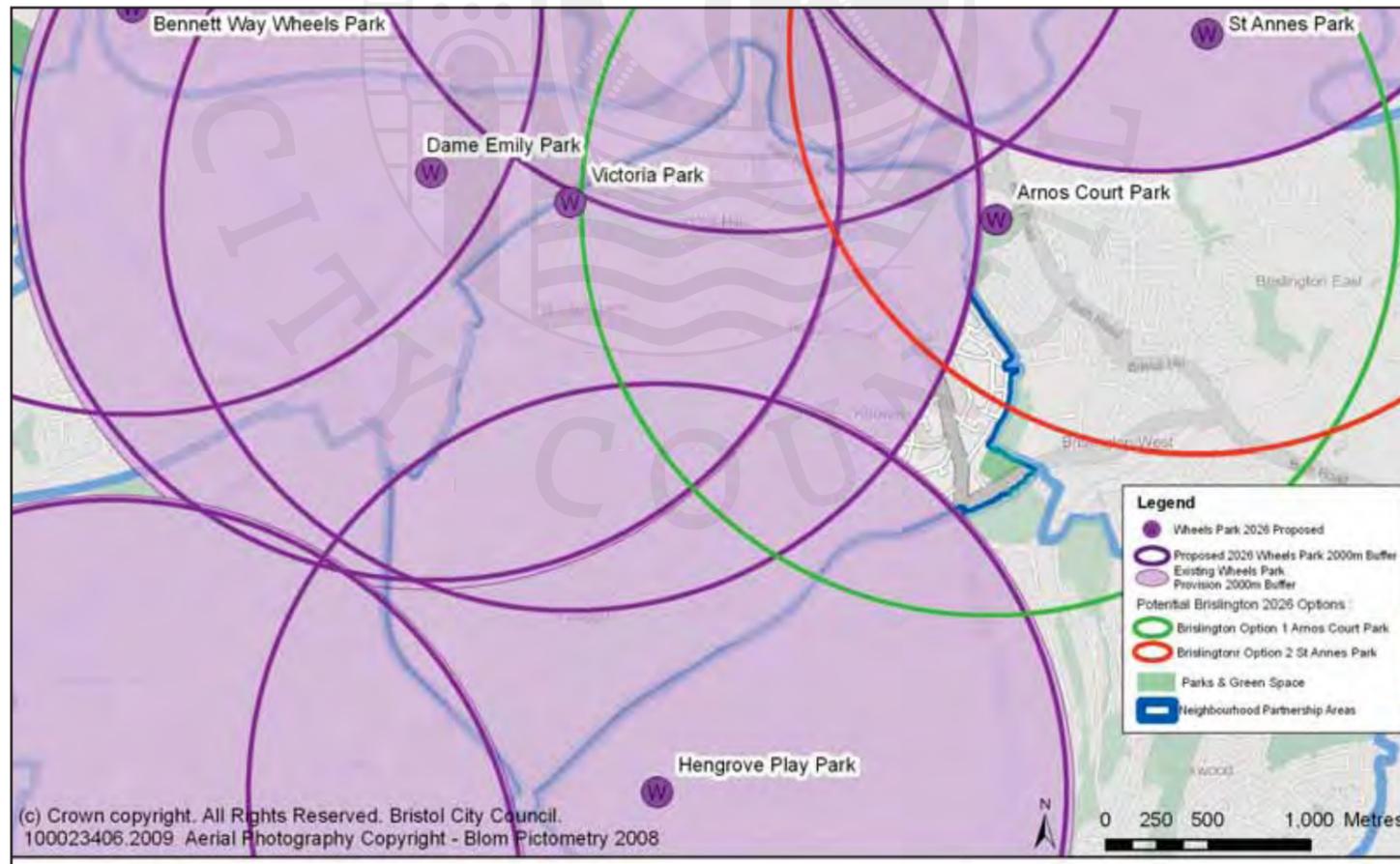
The NPA is adequately served by Wheels Parks at Victoria Park and Hengrove Park. The facility at Victoria Park will be upgraded and expanded, with the inclusion of a BMX track.



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

Preferred option -

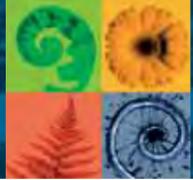
Continue to provide a MUGA at Redcatch Park, Victoria Park and Marksbury Road. The southern part of the NPA has access to facilities at Hengrove Park. No proposals are put forward for the Knowle West Regeneration Area, where a gap in provision exists. Future provision in this area will be informed by the AGSP.



Potential Wheels Parks with 2km Distance Performance Target

Preferred option -

Continue to provide the Wheels Park at Victoria Park with improved facilities and capacity. The area is also covered by facilities at Hengrove Park and Dame Emily Park.



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)

FG1

Victoria Park and Redcatch Park will continue to act as the main traditional parks for the Knowle, Filwood and Windmill NPA outside of the Regeneration Framework Area.

Providing a Park Keeper in all main traditional parks as a minimum

FG2

Park keepers are already in place at Victoria Park, Redcatch Park and Perretts Park.

Enhance entry points and boundaries

FG4

See proposals for individual parks.

Provide visual planting schemes in key formal green spaces

FG7

The quality and scope of formal planting will be improved in Redcatch Park and Victoria Park. The introduction of formal space at Marksbury Rd provides the possibility of formal planting if this was supported by local consultation.

Informal Green Space



Tackle anti-social behaviour focusing on prevention and greater responsiveness to incidents, access and visibility

IG2

Police incident recording data (2008/9) tells us that Victoria Park has the most reported incidents. This is likely to be a result of the fact that there is an active resident Park Watch group for this park that

There are also a number of incidents reported in Perrett Park, Brixham Rd Open Space, Redcatch Park and The Square.

There are no specific recommendations in the Area Green Space Plan relating to safety in these spaces but management and investment that ensures good visibility throughout is important.

All investment proposals made in the Area Green Space Plan will act to reduce the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour in the long term by ensuring that the number of visitors increases.

Upgrade some areas of informal green space for safe play and sport, including enclosing them with railings and making them dog free

IG3

A dog-free area has recently been created at School Road Open Space.

It is proposed to enclose with railings and create a new dog-free area at Windmill Hill Open Space. It is also proposed to make Salcombe Rd Rec dog-free following a partial disposal of this space.

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Natural Green Space



Establish a network of 16 Local Nature Reserves across the city

NG1

The Northern Slopes are under consideration for designation as a Local Nature Reserve. Callington Rd was designated as a Local Nature Reserve In October 2009.

Improve maintenance and management regimes in natural green space to improve welcome and accessibility

NG2

Outside of the Regeneration Framework Area good management of existing Natural Green Space that supports access is needed at Callington Rd LNR. One proposal is to open up a new access route in to the site to support access from Talbot Road.

Improve entrances and routes through natural green space to improve welcome and security

In addition, a proposed new Natural Green Space at St Johns Burial Ground will require good management, particularly as the site hosts an important pedestrian link through to Windmill Hill from St Johns Lane.

See proposals for policy NG2.

Active Sports Space



The quality of experience and carrying capacity of a playing pitch will be enhanced by improving changing facilities, pavilions and pitch quality.

AS1

Long-term proposals for sport will be identified in the final Area Green Space Plan.

Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill currently has the following formal, active sports facilities:

- 2 x tennis courts at Victoria Park
- 1 x bowling green at Victoria Park
- 2 x adult pitches at Redcatch Park
- 5 x adult pitches & 2 x junior pitches at Filwood Playing Fields
- There is also a disused football pitch at Salcombe Rd Rec.

Football:

Within the Knowle West Regeneration Framework, Filwood Playing Fields is managed on a long-term lease by Fields in Trust. The land is held for the purpose of active sport and so pitches will remain here.

The two pitches at Redcatch Park will be retained.

A single junior pitch will be provided at Salcombe Rd Rec and shared with Knowle Park Primary School.

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Active Sports Space



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

Tennis:
It is proposed to add two new tennis courts for Victoria Park and invest and upgrade the two existing courts.

The informal courts at Redcatch Park will be deleted - though there is an option to retain a single informal court.

Review and rationalisation of bowling provision.

AS3

Bowls:
It is proposed to retain one bowling green at Victoria Park and to decommission a green at Redcatch Park. No new bowling greens are proposed.

Enhance the wider park environment for informal sport.

AS5

See proposals for individual parks

Other land management policies



Restore and develop park buildings for a range of alternative uses.

LM3

It is proposed to develop the Lodge at Victoria park to house a permanent cafe.

Provide good quality accessible toilets

LM4

It is proposed to fully accessible toilet facilities at both Victoria Park and Redcatch Park. The Lodge at Victoria Park will continue to provide toilet facilities which will be improved to meet modern standards. Redcatch Park facilities will be provided in a new building with the current facilities deleted.

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.

LM5

Please refer to notes for Policy IG3

Develop and re-design some backland sites to provide frontages of houses looking onto the site - creating a community focal point and improve feelings of safety

LM7

The introduction of development in Salcombe Rd Rec will introduce natural surveillance from low-level traffic and people accessing their properties. Some new properties would face on to the open space and make the site feel safer and more welcoming.

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Other land management policies		
Establish greater connection with transport planning to improve access, entrances and pathways to and within sites for different users.	LM11	See proposals for individual parks.
Improve the quality of green corridors, riverside routes and cycle/walkways for recreation, biodiversity and commuting	LM12	<p>Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill has two elements of the Strategic Green Infrastructure network as proposed in the Core Strategy of the Bristol Development Framework. These are the Northern Slopes that link to the open countryside of the Dundry Slopes and the Malago Greenway which links Victoria Park via Cotswold Rd, St Johns Burial Ground, Marksbury Rd and Brixham Rd to the Northern Slopes.</p> <p>With regard to open space connections outside of the Regeneration Framework Area, the connectivity and integrity of the Malago route will be improved through signage and riparian management.</p>





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