



Ideas and Options Paper

Avonmouth & Kingsweston

Area Green Space Plan

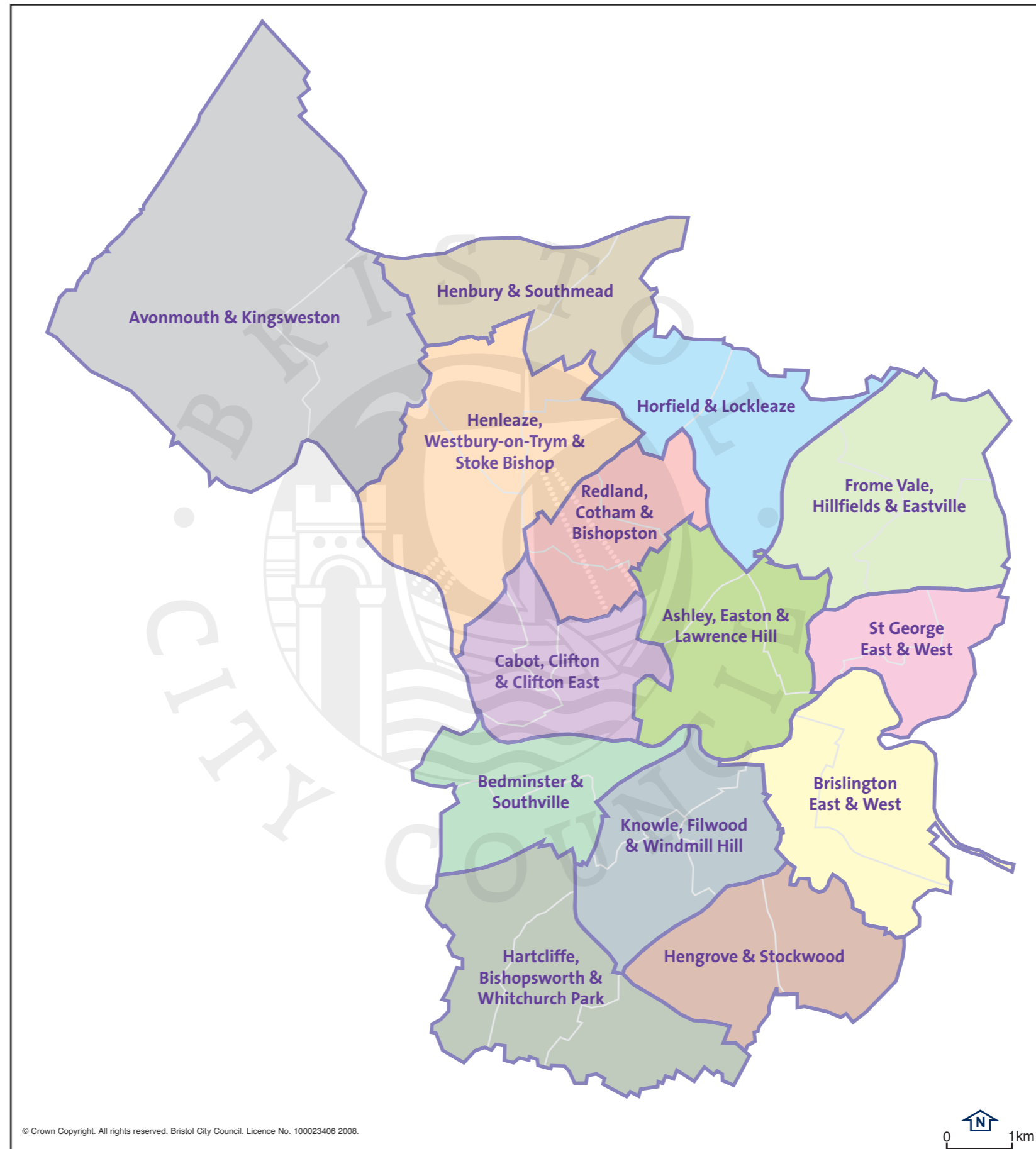
A spatial and investment plan for the next 20 years





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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 Avonmouth and Kingsweston. 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 Avonmouth and Kingsweston - 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 14 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.

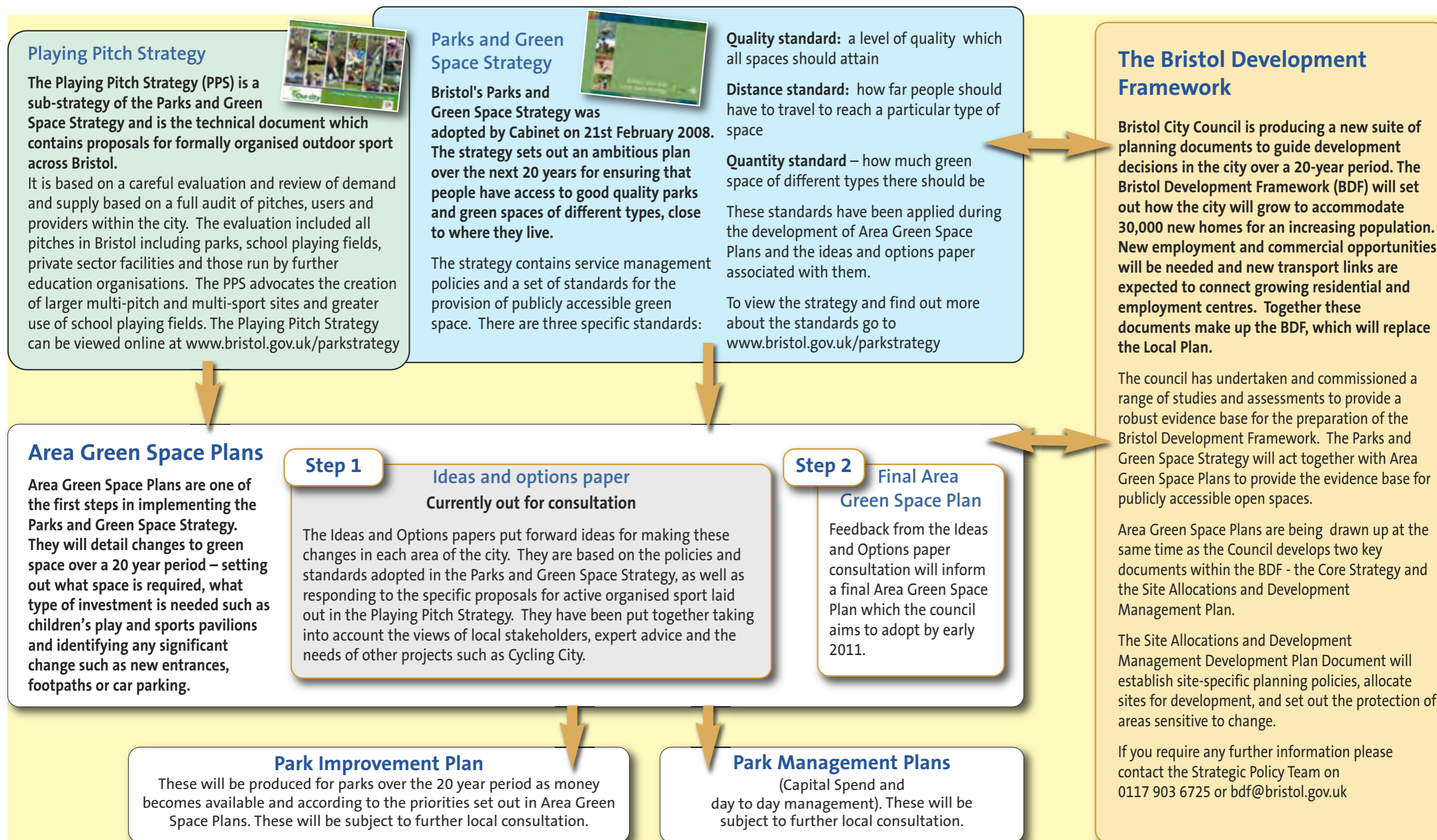
In addition to Avonmouth and Kingsweston, ideas and options papers are also available for comment on the following areas:

- Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill
- Hengrove and Stockwood
- Hartcliffe, Withywood and Bishopsworth
- 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?





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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



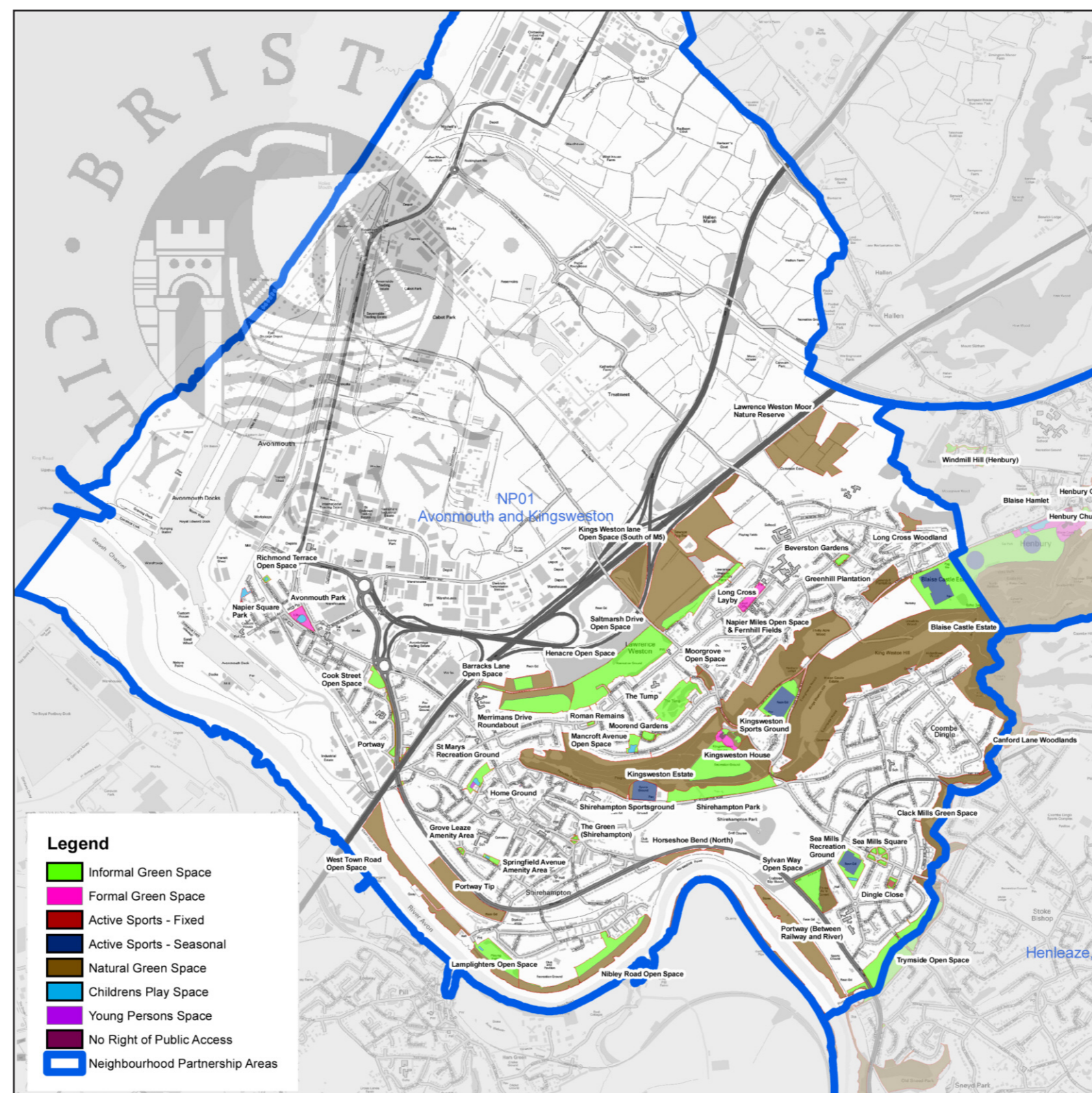
Sites providing people with access to, and experience of nature. It includes woodland, grassland, scrub, hedgerows and wetland.

Active sports space



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

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



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 Avonmouth and Kingsweston

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

The Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership Area 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 here shows the spaces in this Neighbourhood Partnership Area as outlined in the Parks and Green Space Strategy 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.

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?
Barracks Lane Open Space	It has been discovered to be in private ownership and not legitimately publicly accessible.
Section of the Portway Space	Considered to be a road verge and not publicly accessible for recreation.
Section of Saltmarsh Drive Open Space	It has been discovered to be in private ownership and not legitimately publicly accessible.

How does the Area Green Space Plan link to other 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.

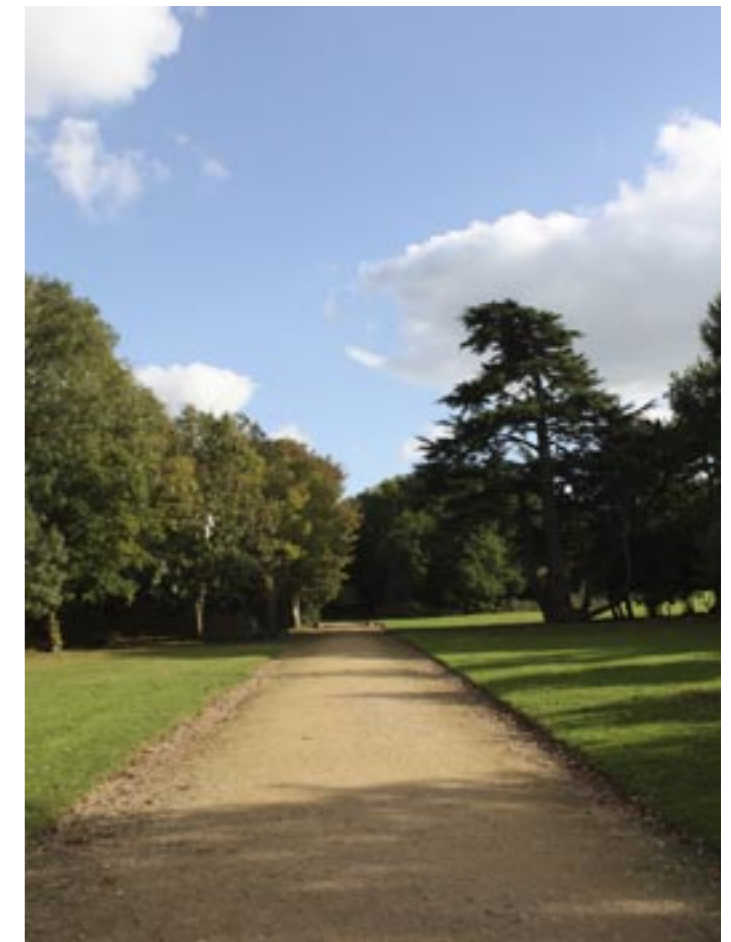
It is also recognized that people from across the city use the destination parks of Ashton, Blaise and Kingsweston, The Downs, Hengrove Play Park and Oldbury Court Estate & Snuff Mills, city centre spaces and sports facilities for organized sport, and that often people travel to visit other spaces outside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

Kingsweston Estate and part of Blaise sit within this Neighbourhood Partnership Area attracting visitors from across the city as well as local people. Stakeholder consultation indicated that local people rarely visit green spaces across the boundary except for Blaise Castle Estate and on the whole, with the exception of Blaise and Kingsweston, the spaces in the area only serve this local community. The Trym Valley Open Space shares a border with the Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

Several key arterial routes run through the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, most notably the Portway which links directly to the city centre and the national connection hub of the M5. Numerous cycle links also provide access to the city centre as well as neighbouring wards and South Gloucestershire.

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 role of Blaise and Kingsweston Estate
- ▶ The role of Lawrence Weston Moor Nature Reserve
- ▶ Cycle and pedestrian routes
- ▶ The strategic management of natural green spaces for the benefit of wildlife
- ▶ The provision of a traditional park and the facilities it may offer
- ▶ The provision of different types of space where the Neighbourhood Partnership boundary is easily crossed
- ▶ The influence of neighbourhood sports facilities





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 Avonmouth and Kingsweston included:

- ▶ Representatives of the Neighbourhood Partnership
- ▶ The Police and Community Safety Officers
- ▶ Local schools
- ▶ Local youth workers
- ▶ Young people from the Youth 1 Forum
- ▶ Members of the Shirehampton Community Action Forum (SCAF), Avonmouth Community Council and Save Sea Mills Garden Suburb (SSMGS) community 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, for example Shirehampton Greens is a sub group of Shirehampton Community Action Forum.

Also, the Friends of Blaise take an active role in Blaise Castle Estate. The Blaise Park Rangers have close ties to this group and have been involved in the stakeholder process.

Representatives of all the groups have participated in the discussion sessions held and took the opportunity to share their experiences with one another.

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 all parks. Section 4 gives options for which sites in Avonmouth and Kingsweston could be disposed of.

In some cases the value of a space could be improved by its partial development - for example 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. Two backland site partial open space disposals are suggested for Avonmouth and Kingsweston at Henacre Open Space and Merrimans Drive Roundabout, details of which are in Section 4. Section 3 details the investment options for the remainder of the space. Three other partial site disposals are suggested at Portway Tip, Moorgrove Open Space and Longcross Woodland.

Section 3.

Investment ideas and options

This section presents a range of spatial and investment ideas and options for all accessible green spaces within the Avonmouth & Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership Area, setting out what facilities are needed and where. The aim is to meet the policies and open space standards set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy and respond to ideas gathered from members of the local community and professional stakeholders from consultation carried out in 2008/9.

Area Green Space Plan Officers considered all ideas against any constraints and an analysis of individual open spaces and for each open space or park, the ideas and options highlighted are a result of this.

Your comments, ideas and priorities will be used to inform a final Area Green Space Plan for Avonmouth and Kingsweston.

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

No decisions have yet been made and all ideas and options are open to comment and influence throughout the consultation.

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Kingsweston Estate

Kingsweston Estate, along with the neighbouring Blaise Castle Estate, forms one of the city's destination parks and is also part of a wider significant historical landscape and green corridor. The Estate is predominantly formed by woodland and, being set upon a ridge, offers fine views of the River Severn to the north and the River Avon to the south. Included within this concept plan is the area abutting the southern boundary, which is known as Shirehampton Park. This area currently provides vehicle access and parking, has disused tennis courts and connects to the main carriageway leading to Kingsweston House.

The park is popular with local residents and has been identified through local stakeholder consultation as a key important space in the area but that some of the original characteristics and features of the park have been eroded. The same consultation pinpointed the need to improve the park to match the quality of Blaise Castle Estate, which has received a great deal of funding in recent years.

A number of historic features are found here, including Kingsweston House itself, 'The Echo' summerhouse (Grade II Listed) and Pen Pole Point, which are linked by a network of pathways allowing movement around the site. Kingsweston House is currently privately leased and is used for private functions, but does accommodate a cafe for wider public use.

The Estate is designated as Grade II Registered parkland, with Grade I and II* Listed structures within the boundary. Given this historical significance, any proposed change would need to go through extensive consultation. A great deal of consultation work was undertaken during the the creation of Kingsweston Landscape Management Plan in 1994. Though the Area Green Space Plan does not include any detailed designs, it hopes to reflect the thrust of the Management Plan. This document identifies several areas in need of investment as well as suggesting overall improvement ideas.



Blaise Castle Estate

Only a small part of Blaise Castle Estate lies in this Neighbourhood Partnership Area. This popular estate has received approximately £6 million of capital investment over recent years, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This has made a significant difference to the quality of facilities on the Estate with an extended play area, café and improved paths and views.

The ongoing management and maintenance of the estate is detailed in the Blaise Castle Estate Management Plan which is available at www.bristol.gov.uk/blaisycastleestate. There are no other proposals for this site.

Kingsweston Estate

What we want to achieve

To significantly improve the Estate so that visitors can properly explore and appreciate the unique historic landscape and to restore and enhance the historic features and bring the Estate up to a similar standard to Blaise Castle Estate.

Ideas and Options

- Improve and enhance access to the Estate.
- Provide a new long-term management plan including improved habitat management.
- Improve access within the Estate by providing all-weather paths.
- Enhance walks within the estate by providing directional signs and information boards describing the historic landscape and features.
- Provide a well designed car park in a location that is accessible and does not degrade the character of the Estate.

Specific Projects

An outline of improvement ideas and options are given here and go into more detail on pages 10 and 11.

Penpole Point

Objective - Improve the setting and approach to the Sundial and Penpole Point

- 1 Enhance the entrance to the Estate from Penpole Lane - add signs and information boards and improve surfacing and steps. Cut back vegetation either side of path
- 2 Improve setting of the Sundial at Penpole Point - options could include: improving surfacing, adding information boards and

opening up views to the River Avon and River Severn by selectively clearing some of the surrounding trees. Add way-markers on adjoining footpaths

Shirehampton Road

Objective - To improve the character of Shirehampton Road by removing uncharacteristic elements and improving access to the Estate

- 3 Review the landscape character along

Shirehampton Road in order to select the best location for a car park, with good links to the rest of the Estate and enough room for a small picnic area

- 4 Look into proposals to remove the existing stone boulders and replace them with suitable permanent fencing which prevents unwanted vehicle access
- 5 Remove the redundant tennis court and restore the

land to meadow

Kingsweston House and Gardens

Objective - To improve the setting of Kingsweston House and improve pedestrian access and circulation

- 6 Explore options to improve the pathway from the existing car park on Penpole Lane to Kingsweston House

- 7 Explore options to improve the pathway from Kingsweston House to 'The Echo' (Grade I Listed). This could be an opportunity to create a contemporary landscape or formal gardens.

- 8 Explore options to improve the landscape between the northern terrace and the rear gardens of Mancroft Avenue. This may include improving the management regime by grazing the land

with livestock. As part of a long-term management plan look into the viability of grazing some of the meadow areas on the north western side of the estate.

- 9 Vary grass cutting around the edges of the main lawn to increase wildlife value and visual interest



KEY

- Existing trees
- Close mown grass
- Principle Paths
- Parking
- Potential Specific Projects**
- Penpole Point
- Shirehampton Road
- Kingsweston House and Gardens

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



Kingsweston Estate

Ideas and Options continued

The grounds adjacent to Kingsweston House include a large mown grass area and a network of paths linking various features to Shirehampton Park and on to Shirehampton Road. Many significant historical features are located here, including listed structures, remnants of WWII buildings and, with the Grade I listed structure of the House itself, the Estate represents an important and unique insight into the area's history.

Shirehampton Park has in the past accommodated tennis courts, a picnic area and car park. The tennis courts are now disused and have fallen into an unattractive state of repair, while the car park is not adequate for the needs of the Estate and suffers from unsatisfactory access arrangements. The space has suffered from misuse in the past and as a means to combat this, stone boulders were positioned on the roadside. However, these are considered to poorly reflect the character of the park.

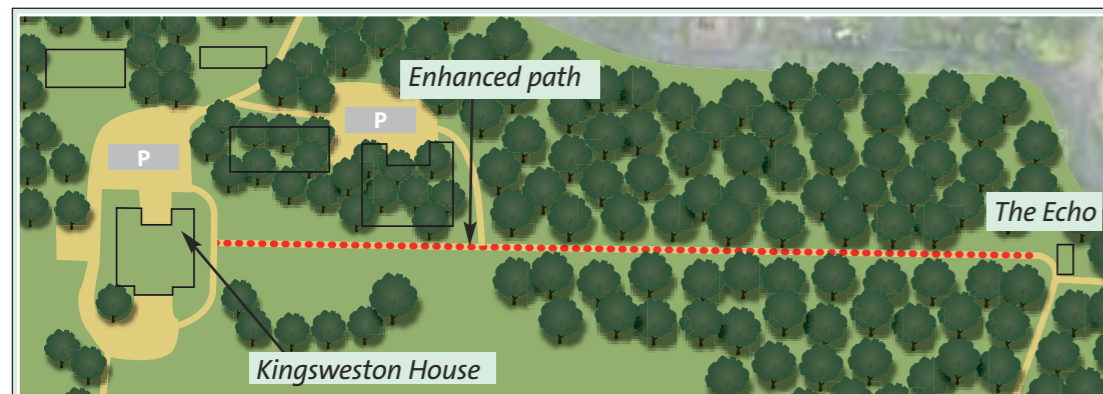
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View of the Echo from Echo Walk



Representation of the former gardens



Kingsweston House and Gardens

Kingsweston House, dating back to 1713, is the focus of the Estate and attracts a wide variety of visitors. Echo Walk leads from the southern flank of the House to 'The Echo' summer house, also a Grade I listed structure and currently comprises wooded areas and WWII remains.

Early drawings of the Estate indicate that Echo Walk was originally a formal garden with structured layout of planting and ponds, which can still be found within the woodland. Later drawings, however, do not show the gardens in place and the structures of WWII remains now sit on the former garden site, which are also historically significant.

There is an opportunity to improve this area and significantly enhance the walkway up to the Echo. An option could be to re-instate this formal garden aspect or to provide a more contemporary landscape design, though careful consideration would have to be made to the present landscape and architectural features.

Kingsweston Estate

Ideas and Options continued

The Penpole Point Sundial dates back to before 1793 and could be as early as 1712. Evidence suggests it was also used as a compass, with a central pin allowing ships passing through the Bristol estuary to take their bearings.

During the Victorian era, Penpole Point was used as a meeting area with seats and enjoyed open views to the south. Improvements to this part of the park would include the restoration of Penpole Point and enhancement of the area as a point of interest.

This area is also a key site for improving access to nature outside of Local Nature Reserves in the Biodiversity Action Plan.

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KEY

- Existing trees
- Long/meadow grass
- Tree & shrub clearance to create glades and views
- Footpaths - enhanced
- Enhanced entrance
- Seating area



Steps at Penpole Lane



Penpole Point Sundial



Kingsweston House



View of the current formal garden adjacent to the House



Pathway leading to Shirehampton Park



Henacre Open Space

Henacre is a large space located between residential flats on Long Cross, the M5 Avonmouth junction spur roads and a main drainage rhine.

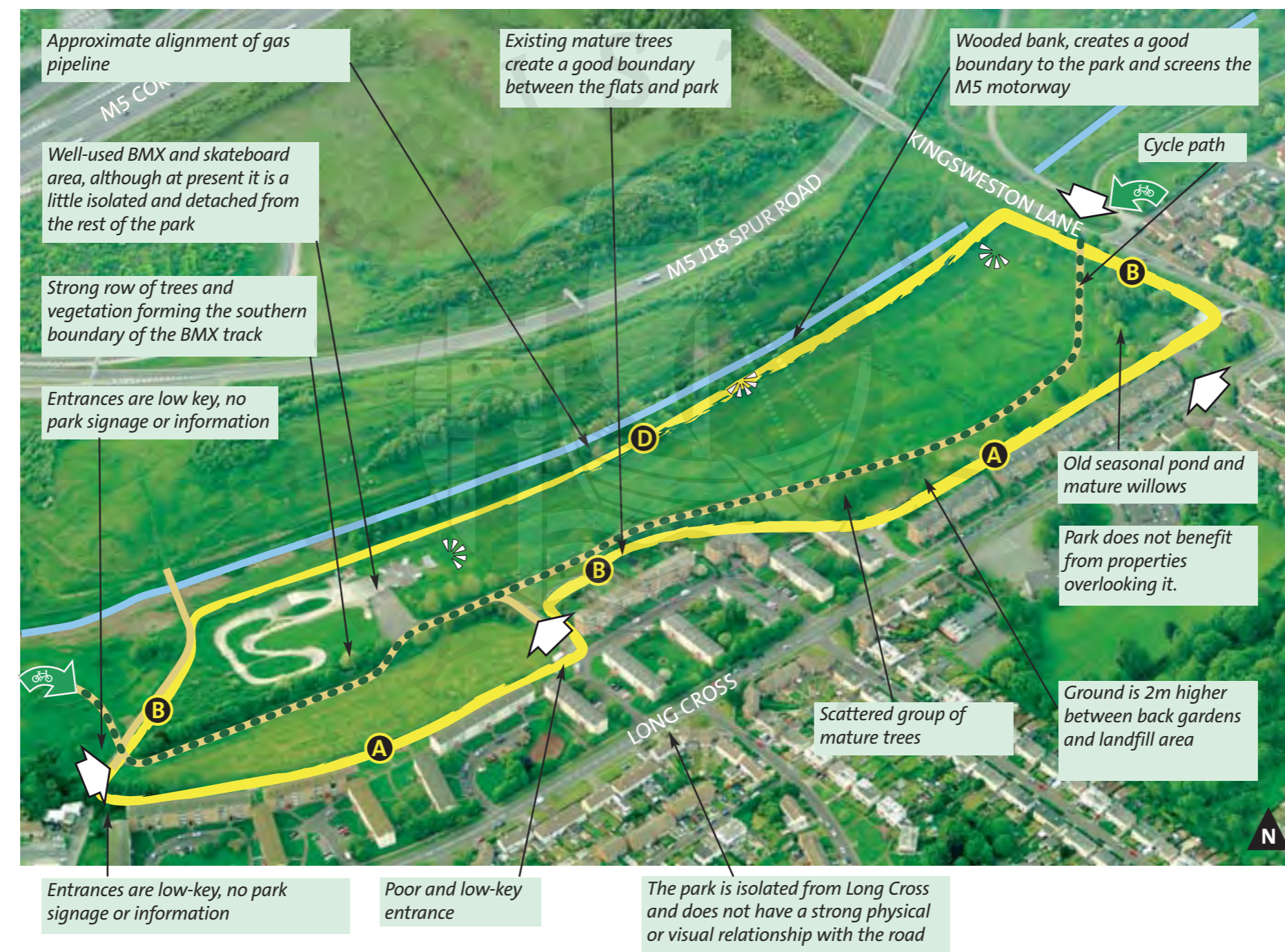
The park contains a short length of the National Cycle Network, a “wheels park” and BMX track, with the remaining space comprising meadow grassland, hedgerows and scrub vegetation.

The site was a former tip and as a result much of the park has been artificially raised by 2m from the original ground level. The site is also at a different height to Kingsweston Lane.

A rhine (a man-made stream) runs adjacent to the northern boundary which provides a good wildlife habitat. This area is heavily wooded and blocks views of the motorway, although not the noise. There is a buried gas main next to the rhine within close proximity to the wooded tree line.

There are a number of entrances from Long Cross through the flat developments. None of these are very prominent and the park is not obvious from the road. There is also an entrance from Kings Weston Lane to the east and from the cycleway to the west.

There are groups of young trees within the park and an old 'seasonal pond' which is surrounded by Old Willow and scrub by Kingsweston Lane. There are a number of young but established tracts of hedgerow within the eastern part of the park, which sub-divide this area into a series of smaller 'compartments'.



Formal paths within the park include a section of the National Cycle Network and a narrow path running tight along the boundaries of the flats in the eastern area of the park. There is an informal path running from Kingsweston Lane to the BMX track.

“Lots of ASB issues here and passive observation would be advantageous and would be of benefit to the BMX track”

Local Stakeholder

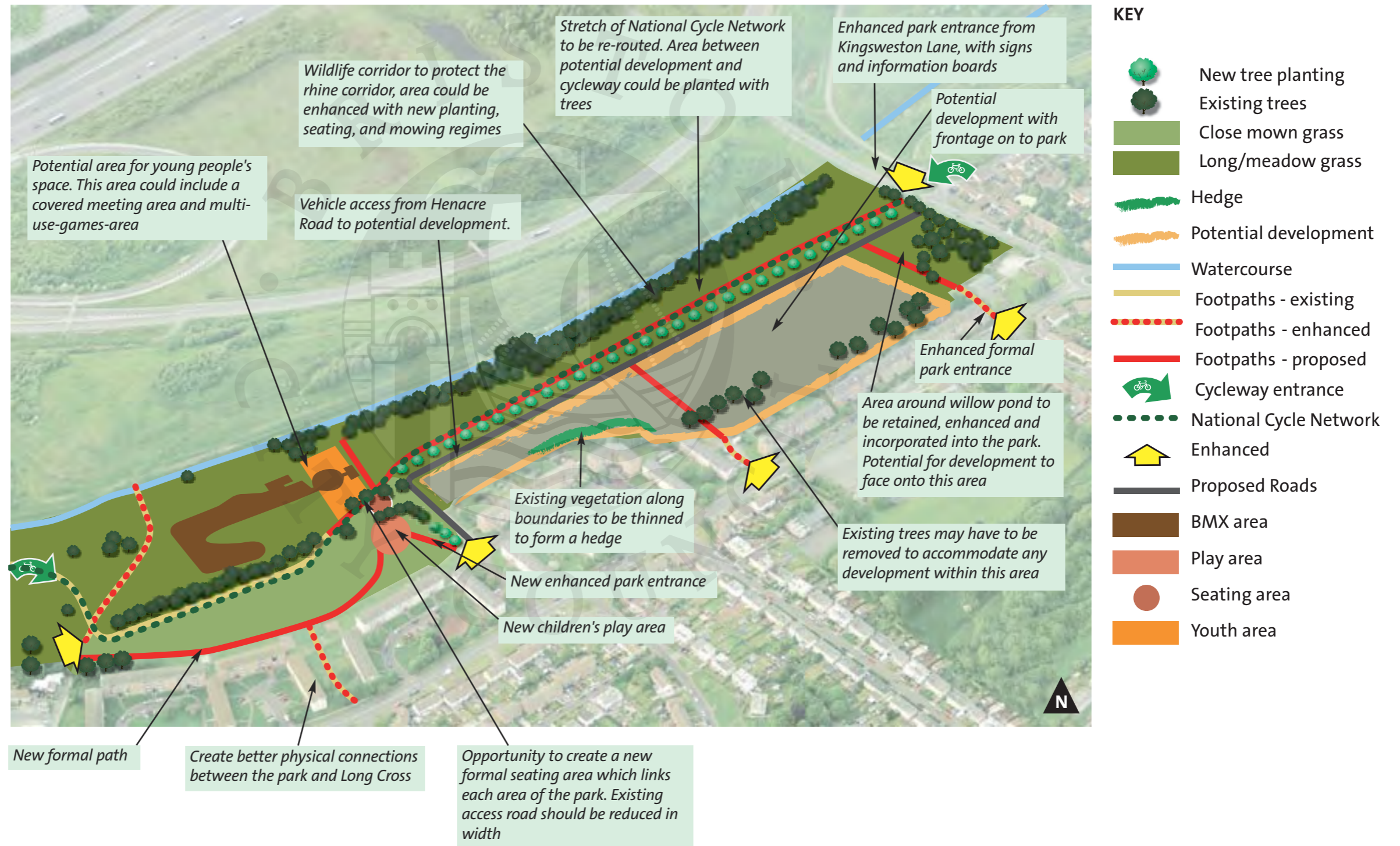
Henacre Open Space

What we want to achieve

To create a park with a strong identity and character, multifunctional in nature, which will attract all residents. This could include an element of formal green space, which has a good relationship with the existing BMX track, and introduces housing development which would overlook the site and give an increased perception of security.

Ideas and options

- To dispose of part of the space and ensure any new housing acts to significantly improve perceptions of safety by overlooking the park
- To introduce an element of formality which links Long Cross to the BMX track
- Significantly improve the BMX track and skate park to make it more suitable for skateboarding and freestyle wheeled sports. This could also include the provision of spectator seating
- To enhance and improve park entrances from Long Cross
- To ensure that there are a good range of functions and activities within the park catering for a wide range of age groups
- To maintain a wildlife corridor to protect the valuable habitat of the Rhine, including a new wildflower meadow and managed scrub along a 5m corridor from the Rhine
- Adopt a management plan for the Henacre and Saltmarsh Drive area



"Keep this land as a buffer from the residential houses and the industry over the motorway"

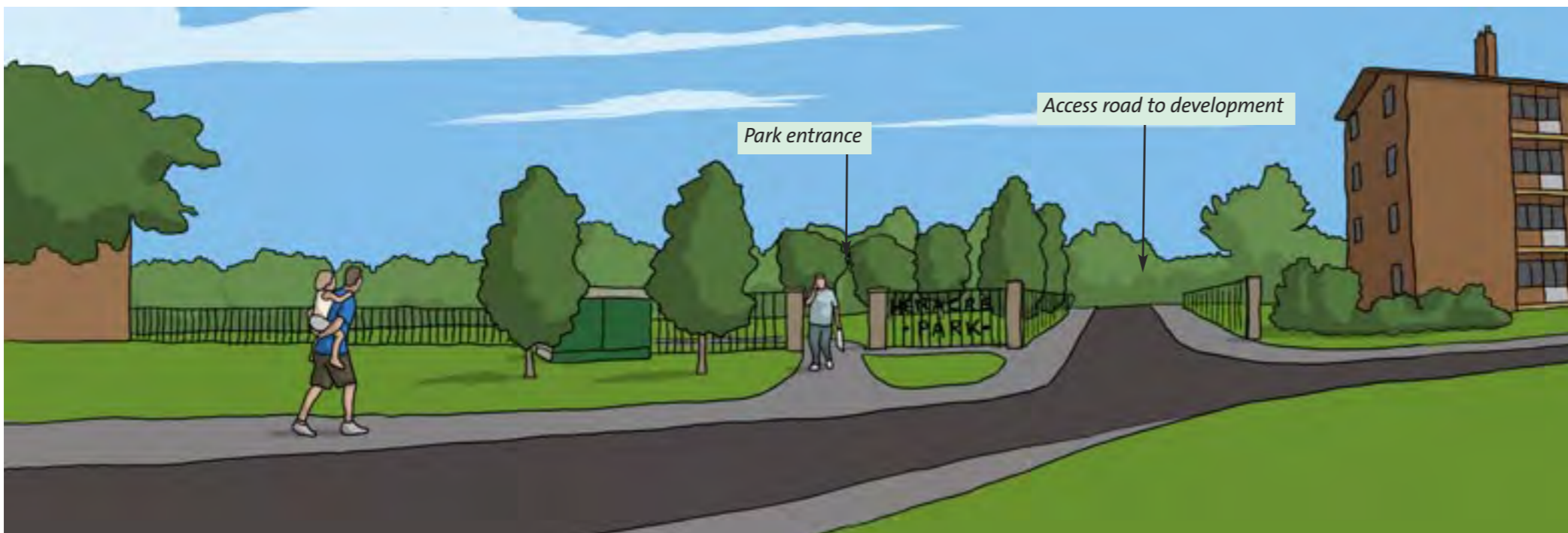
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Henacre Open Space



Existing entrance on Long Cross



What a new park entrance might look like

How development would relate to the open space

- Housing would face directly onto the park providing natural surveillance. A strong boundary between the development and the park would be created
- The gardens of the proposed development would back onto gardens of existing flats
- The National Cycle Network route would be relocated through the park to the north in a dedicated green corridor



Example of development fronting on to a park

Ridingleaze

Situated to the front of the local shopping centre, this space is recognised as an important community hub and offers a recreational provision for the whole of the community. The space slopes downhill away from the shops towards Long Cross, where bus stops are located, and contains some seating, flower beds and trees. The park is very well used by people of all ages going to and from the shops and, therefore, has a strong link with them. This link should be retained and strengthened.

During the stakeholder process a number of issues connected to road safety and traffic surrounding the site were raised. There may be an opportunity to address these problems with potential highway works through the Neighbourhood Partnership. This should work alongside the Area Green Space Plan to ensure any work benefits the park.

What we want to achieve

To create a good quality formal space that includes new planting, seating and a play area. The space should also relate to the shops more closely, offering a space that can be used in conjunction with the shopping facilities.

Ideas and options

- 1 Introduce a play area that can cater for a range of ages, possibly located centrally
- 2 Look for opportunities to improve and control traffic along Ridingleaze, this could include working with Highways to make improvements to the road.
- 3 Create footpaths that follow existing informal paths
- 4 Introduce more trees and planting across the park
- 5 Create a paved formal area next to the play area with seating and possible water feature
 - Provide better quality street furniture (i.e lampstands and bins) in line with its formal character
 - Improve all existing footpaths



Informal paths currently cross the park



Existing play facilities at the park

“The park should cater for people who use the shops like mums with children”

Local Stakeholder

“It would be nice to have a little duck pond here”

North 1 Youth Forum

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St Mary's Recreation Ground

Also known as Beechley Walk, St Mary's Rec currently houses a small play area, basketball court and a relatively large grass area, though changing topography makes this area impractical for formal football and other sport uses. Local people have suggested that the park could be better used and needs to be more appealing to young people, who are more likely to visit Springfield Avenue. There are several access points for pedestrians and housing surrounds the majority of the park, with planning permission for a housing development adjacent to the east boundary.

What we want to achieve

To create a more formal space with seating and planting/flower beds, while retaining and improving on the existing facilities for use by young people.

Ideas and options

- 1 Replace existing basketball court with a good quality multi-use-games-area, with an associated teen meeting point/shelter. This could possibly be located to a more appropriate place
- 2 Retain grassed area for informal kick-about
- 3 Upgrade and better maintain the children's play area, also exploring the opportunity to relocate it elsewhere within the park
- 4 Improve all entrances
- 5 Introduce footpaths linking all entrances with robust seating at various points
 - Introduce formal area with seating and planting

"The park is boring with nothing to do there"

North 1 Youth Forum



The existing ball court



Existing teen shelter

"The space is important because of the housing development next door"

Local Stakeholder

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Sea Mills Recreation Ground

The Sea Mills Recreation Ground is a large space surrounded by the backs of houses on Sylvan Way, Woodleaze, St Edyth's Road and Shirehampton Road. There are a number of small entrances giving access to the surrounding roads, with a larger access point from Shirehampton Road. A children's play area is at the south of the site, but suffers from low-level vandalism. The park is well used, predominantly by young people, but does attract visitors of all ages and so must cater for the whole community. The park also accommodates two football pitches, though these are of poor quality.

What we want to achieve

To provide a multi-functioning park with youth facilities including a good quality play area, while retaining informal recreational use.

Ideas and options

- 1 Relocate and upgrade the play area to the northern end of the park, to be in a more visible location close to the main entrance at Shirehampton Road
 - 2 Upgrade and improve all entrances and access points. Create a formal entrance from Shirehampton Road including an entrance sign
 - 3 Introduce a multi-use-games-area adjacent to the play area, with associated teen social meeting point/shelter
 - 4 Create a footpath linking the entrances at the north and south of the park. Provide seating at various points around the path with a small amount of planting/flower beds
- Decommission football pitches from active sports use in line with the Playing Pitch Strategy. Ensure a large area for informal kick-about is retained with goalposts.



Existing play facilities



View from the south west entrance

“Needs a good entrance and the north entrance should be the main entrance”

“Should have somewhere to sit”

Local Stakeholders

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Lamplighters Open Space

Lamplighters Open Space is an informal green space located adjacent to the River Avon to the rear of residential properties along Nibley Road. The majority of the site is given to amenity grassland, while the part of the space immediately next to the river is designated as SNCI land.

The play area has been selected as one of 30 playgrounds across the city to benefit from £2.5 million awarded to Bristol to improve play facilities under the Play Pathfinder initiative. The reinstated playground will be a welcome provision and supplies a larger and more exciting play experience. It is due to be completed at the end of July 2010.

A riverside walk links the park to Nibley Road Open Space and also West Town Lane Open Space to the north. This creates a long green link and wildlife corridor alongside the river that more or less runs into the heart of the city centre. The site is fairly isolated in terms of its location and predominantly serves the community directly surrounding the park.

What we want to achieve

To provide a safe, multi-functional park including children's play and formal area with seating and planting, while enhancing the existing grassland and natural space.

Ideas and options

- 1 Enhance play experience through the continued maintenance of the new play area
 - 2 Create a new formal area next to the play area with seating and planting
 - 3 Retain large area of grassland for informal play/kickabout area, with the option of providing informal goal posts
 - 4 Enhance the natural area next to the river with information boards and new seating, while ensuring the wildlife habitat is maintained to a high standard
- Enhance the riverside walk running into Nibley Road open space to provide a good quality natural link



View of the entrance from Station Road



Existing play area is being improved

"The park is a valuable asset as part of a community spirit"

"Lamplighters is part of the Avon Walkway and offers really nice views and a pleasant place by the river"

Local Stakeholders

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Avonmouth Park

Avonmouth Park is in the centre of Avonmouth village and serves as a community hub and traditional park. The space is widely used by people of all ages, but local people have indicated that it should offer better facilities for young people. Furthermore, young people in the area have identified the park as the space they most use and would like more things to do there. Given the proximity of the local shops, it is not considered necessary to provide a cafe in the park. Recent investment has been made to enlarge the play area, aimed more towards younger children, and a large area of amenity grass makes up the rest of the site. In the north west corner of the park is a disused toilet block now suffering from sporadic vandalism.

What we want to achieve

To create a multi-functioning traditional park to serve the whole community, but with an emphasis towards catering for young people.

Ideas and options

- 1 Maintain and manage the existing play area
- 2 Introduce seating area with ornamental planting at the northern boundary of the park
- 3 Install a multi-use-games-area, possibly adjacent to Avonmouth Road, with an associated teen meeting point/shelter
- 4 Introduce more exciting play facilities, such as a climbing wall, teen swings or zip wire
- 5 Restore and maintain toilets or, as an alternative, provide new toilets in a more central position within the park



Existing teen shelter



Disused toilet block

“Lots of children have grown up using these areas”

“Should have more exciting play equipment like Blaise”

Local Stakeholders

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Nibley Road

Nibley Road Open Space is situated along side Lamplighters Open Space, abutting the River Avon, and offers informal and natural green space. As with Lamplighters, Nibley Road primarily serves the immediate community located to the south of the Portway. Part of the space is held within the council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) that is 'set aside' for any future housing needs. However, the space is to be retained as open space given the needs of the park and will be re-designated as open space in the future.

What we want to achieve

To create a multi-functioning park that works in conjunction with Lamplighters Open Space, offering children's play, separate formal and informal areas, whilst retaining the natural feel of the space alongside the river.

Ideas and options

- 1 Introduce a children's play space next to the Nibley Road entrance
- 2 Create a formal seating area with a small area of planting/flower beds
- 3 Enhance a linking walk to Lamplighters Open Space with signs and information boards
- 4 Maintain corridor of natural green space next to the river bank



View from Nibley Road



View across the River Avon

"All the open space on the river should link together properly for people to experience the wildlife"

"We need a playground here, there is not enough for children in the area"

Local Stakeholders

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Cook Street Open Space

Cook Street is a very difficult open space given its 'backland' and secluded nature which has given rise to a degree of anti-social behaviour. This has led to the children's play area being removed from the site. However, the space is strategically important in terms of its location in meeting the council's Distance Standard for children's play. Being bounded by the rear of housing and the Portway Roundabout, the site primarily serves as a cut through from Cook Street to the Portway, especially for young people attending local schools.

Given the quality of the site and its poor location, if an opportunity were to arise in the future to take on a more appropriate open space to replace Cook Street Open Space, this should be explored. This option is discussed in more detail in the disposal section on page 32. In the meantime the following options are intended to increase the use of the space and dissuade anti-social behaviour. All new equipment will use the landscape and comprise robust natural materials more resistant to vandalism.

What we want to achieve

To provide a safe environment for children's play using robust natural play equipment, which will also benefit the wider community.

Ideas and options

- Introduce a dog-free play area to cater for young people of all ages, including standard equipment and natural play equipment - such as climbing walls and scramble nets
- Create a small picnic area with tables and seating adjacent to the play area
- 1 Significantly improve the Cook Street entrance installing an entrance sign and removing trees to improve visibility into the space
- Improve all pedestrian entrances and footpaths



View of the entrance at Cook Street



Location of previous play area

"Is used well by children as it is a route home from school"

"More trees should be planted along the roadside"

Local Stakeholders

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Trymside Open Space and Clack Mills Green Space

Trymside Open Space runs from the Portway northwards until it meets Clack Mills Green Space, which joins with Blaise Estate to the north. The spaces form the boundary with the adjacent Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym and creates a scenic link between Sea Mills Station and Blaise Estate.

The space is recognised for its wildlife interest and is an important green corridor linking Blaise Estate to the River Avon. Trymside Open Space is also a key site for improving access to nature outside of Local Nature Reserves in the Biodiversity Action Plan. The landscape has been damaged by landfill and the re-routing of the river. There is a need to actively manage the natural habitat.

What we want to achieve

To enhance the quality of the natural green space experience, providing an opportunity for natural play.

Ideas and options

- Enhance the river corridor riparian, woodland and grassland habitats through a habitat creation scheme in line with the Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Improve walkways and pedestrian links
- Provide opportunities for natural play at various points through the space particularly around the Coombe Dingle end.
- Introduce information boards containing wildlife information along the route

“A very sad site. With a big vandalism problem-motorbikes, burnt out areas, under bridge and by river”.

Local resident's comment



View of woodland from the river



Some areas have been misused



The woodland in Clack Mills Green Space

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Sea Mills Square

Sea Mills Square is currently classified as informal green space and is the central hub for the Sea Mills Estate with local shops fronting the space. The space is occasionally used for events and has the feel of a local village green. Several roads dissect the space leading to Shirehampton Road, which creates a formal layout that is very distinct in character. The space houses a number of unique features such as a red telephone box and original lamp post that adds to the character of the Square.

The Neighbourhood Partnership has recently committed funds to improve the road layout close to the shops. The Area Green Space Plan should work in conjunction with this to ensure any work will benefit the green space.

What we want to achieve

To enhance the layout of the space by reinforcing its formal nature and enhance the Village Green character. The space will be redesignated as formal reflecting this character.

Ideas and options

- Prevent traffic from using the roads that run directly through the space and replacing them with formal walkways, possibly lined with trees. Any work to the highway would require a further detailed public consultation.
- Widen perimeter roads to allow better traffic movement
- Relocate bottle bank to a more discrete place
- Introduce seating with associated planting/flower beds
- Ensure any highway work will benefit the green space.



“Must remove the recycling bin!”

“Should have a seating area and more flower beds ”

Local Stakeholders

Portway Tip (Daisy Field) and West Town Lane Open Space

Both sites are part of a larger network of sites known as Lamplighters Marsh. This, along with a substantial privately owned piece of land that separates the two, forms a natural green space designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance.

West Town Lane Open Space runs along the River Avon from the M5 overpass all the way down to the Shirehampton Sailing Club, while Portway Tip is located adjacent to the Portway. This site is further bounded by the Park and Ride site to the northwest and train line to the southwest. The southeastern part of the site is set at a lower ground level and is also known as the Daisy Field, which is accessed via Station Road.

The wider site is part of the council’s aspiration to designate the area as a Local Nature Reserve and to maintain and enhance the area for wildlife. The improvements may include the purchase of privately owned land within Lamplighters Marsh and it is proposed here that the partial disposal of land could help fund this. Please see Section 4 on page 29 for more details of the proposed disposal.

There are no further strategic proposals for this space apart from supporting the Wild City bid and to ensure the good maintenance of the space to provide a good quality natural experience. This would also include upgrading footpaths and introducing information sign boards.



“Beautiful area that should be retained!”

“The space is important as a community involvement space”

Local Stakeholders

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Mancroft Park

Mancroft Park has recently undergone a successful improvement scheme, introducing a new play area into the space.

The site has attained Green Flag status and is popular with local residents offering exciting play opportunities. The park is also subject to an ongoing management plan.

Given this recent investment there are no further proposals for this site apart from ensuring a high standard of maintenance.

“The park is being used far more since it was done up”

Local Stakeholders



Beverston Gardens

Beverston Gardens is located in the heart of Lawrence Weston adjacent to local shops. The park has recently been landscaped and provides informal green space to the surrounding area. It is recognised that the space is important to the area, as the only space catering for a wide population other than the combined natural green spaces of Green Hill Plantation and Napier Miles & Fernhill Fields Open Space, which are located nearby, and Blaise Estate a little further away. The intention is to make the space entirely dog-free.

What we want to achieve

To provide a safe environment for children to play which is completely dog free.

Ideas and options

- Introduce children's play space to cater for younger children
- Make the whole space dog-free
- Create seating area adjacent to the play area
- Improve entrances and pathways around the park in line with the introduction of a new play area
- Remove planting to allow better visibility through the park and replace with more appropriate landscaping



“The space is a community hub by the local shops”

“More play equipment is desperately needed in the area”

Local Stakeholders

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Sylvan Way Open Space

Sylvan Way Open Space, located on the junction of the Portway and Sylvan Way, is designated partly as natural green space and informal green space and has been managed as a meadow for the last 10-15 years. It is currently considered to be one of the best meadows in Bristol with a large number of wildflowers and diverse wildlife. In Bristol, lowland meadows such as Sylvan Way Open Space are not found in a great many places. Given the intrinsic wildlife value of the meadow, and the adjacent area of woodland, the site has been designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest.

What we want to achieve

To retain and enhance the site as a wildlife area, improving access for people to enjoy the space.

Ideas and options

- Improve entrance at Sylvan Way
- Explore the possibility of introducing seating in character with the space at the northern tip
- Regular maintenance of woodland and litter clearing from the valley
- Introduce footbridge in valley to give access through to Woodleaze past the Scout hut
- Management of woodland to encourage natural play, with bridges over the stream and opportunities for water play, while striving to protect the wildlife interest.



"If it were better maintained it would be used more!"

"The space is hidden from view and so not used much"

Local Stakeholders



Springfield Avenue Amenity Area

This space currently accommodates a children's play area and small area of grass land. The space is aimed at younger children and is fenced along the boundary with Springfield Avenue.

What we want to achieve

To create a welcoming and exciting space for younger children. The aim is for the space to be the main site for younger children in the area, while St. Mary's Rec is aimed more for teenagers.

Ideas and options

- Improve and upgrade current play facilities
- Clearly designate whole area as dog-free
- Improve boundary treatment along Springfield Avenue
- Introduce seating area



"The playground needs improving and needs a place for mums to sit!"

"The space is important for young people, there should be more for them to do"

Local Stakeholders





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Other sites

In addition to those featured in detail, Avonmouth and Kingsweston have a significant number of small green spaces. The following management is proposed for the sites listed below:

Name	Description	What we want to achieve	
Saltmarsh Drive Open Space, Kingsweston Lane Open Space and Lawrence Weston Local Nature Reserve (LNR)	Located to the north of the residential area of Lawrence Weston, Saltmarsh Open Space, Kingsweston Lane Open Space and the Lawrence Weston LNR offer good quality natural green spaces that provide a great natural habitat for wildlife and are easy to explore. Saltmarsh Drive is identified as a key site in the Biodiversity Action Plan for improving access to nature outside of Local Nature Reserves.	It is recommended that these spaces are managed and maintained to enhance their wildlife interest and improve access for all visitors. This would also include upgrading footpaths and introducing information boards and to preserve scrub and grassland in Saltmarsh Drive. The sites will be surveyed for their ecological diversity and any improvements will be driven by these results.	
Horseshoe Bend, Portway Natural Space and Avon Walkway West	These spaces are in close proximity to the River Avon to the south of Sea Mills and provide a large area of natural green space.	It is recommended that these spaces are managed and maintained to enhance the wildlife interest and improve access for all visitors. The sites will be surveyed for their ecological diversity and any improvements will be driven by these results.	
The Tump	The Tump is a green space in Lawrence Weston that is important as a Wildlife Network Site and Site of Nature Conservation Interest.	It is recommended that this space is managed and maintained to enhance its wildlife interest and improve access for all visitors. The site will be surveyed for its ecological diversity and any improvements will be driven by the results.	
Napier Miles and Fernhill Fields and Green Hill Plantation	These spaces are on Kingsweston Lane adjacent to Blaise Castle Estate and have significant ecological value as part of the citywide green infrastructure route through the Neighbourhood Partnership Area. Napier Miles and Fernhill Fields comprise woodland and open grazing land and part of the site is on a rolling short-term lease for the purposes of grazing, but remains fully publicly accessible. Greenhill Plantation is predominantly woodland.	<p>It is recommended that these spaces are managed and maintained to enhance the spaces as natural green space, offering a good quality natural experience and to improve access for all visitors. The site will be surveyed for its ecological diversity and any improvements will be driven by the results.</p> <p>The area currently leased for grazing will continue to be so.</p>	

Other sites




In addition to those featured in detail, Avonmouth and Kingsweston have a significant number of small green spaces. The following management is proposed for the sites listed below:

Name	Description	What we want to achieve	
Moorgrove Open Space	Moorgrove Open Space is another natural green space in close proximity to Kingsweston Estate and The Tump. The adjacent Penpole Inn public house is proposed for residential redevelopment and the developers have requested part of Moorgrove Open Space be included in the redevelopment boundary. This is located at the southern tip of the site and the loss would account for approximately 200sq\m of open space.	It is recommended that the remaining space is managed and maintained to enhance the space as natural green space offering a good quality natural experience and encourage mature trees to develop. This would also include improving access for all visitors.	
Groveleaze Amenity Area	Groveleaze Amenity Area forms part of the formal street pattern and currently houses an electrical sub-station. Opportunities are restricted for this site and its importance lies in how it appears as part of the streetscene.	No changes are suggested for this space.	
Shirehampton Green	Shirehampton Green is an important landscape feature as a gateway into Shirehampton's local shopping centre. Protected as a Town and Village Green, its function is predominantly visual and enhances the 'village' feel of the area.	No changes are suggested for this space. The Parks and Green Space Strategy originally categorised this as informal space but this will now be changed to reflect that it serves as formal green space.	
Merrimans Drive Roundabout	Merrimans Drive Roundabout is located immediately to the west of Henacre Open Space and forms a large area of informal green space, along with natural green space adjacent to the rhine. The space acts as a Wildlife Network Site, but is underused in terms of recreation, though it is popular with dog walkers.	It is proposed to dispose of the southern part of the site for development (see page 31 for details). The northern part of the site would then be enhanced as a Wildlife Network Site to encourage a diversity of wildlife. This would include links to the neighbouring site of Henacre to the east, the provision of information boards along an improved nature walk, and improved general maintenance to ensure suitable access across the site.	



Other sites

Avonmouth and Kingsweston have a significant number of small green spaces. The following management is proposed for the sites listed below:

Name	Description	What we want to achieve	
Dingle Close	Dingle Close is a secluded space fronted by housing in a horseshoe layout. The space is predominantly taken up by two enclosed tennis courts with a small amenity area alongside.	The site is not considered to be strategically important for tennis provision and a periodic review of the site’s function will take place. Once the lifetime of the courts has expired it is recommended that the tennis courts be removed and replaced with informal green space.	
Roman Remains	This is an important archaeological site located at the western end of Long Cross.	No changes are suggested other than the continued maintenance of the site including new fencing and information signs to emphasise its historical importance.	
Richmond Terrace	Richmond Terrace is a small, but well used park in the northern end of Avonmouth Village. The park contains play equipment and a small football pitch with fixed goals. The space is very well used by young people in the area and local people organise play days and activities within the park.	No changes are suggested for this space.	

Section 4. Possible open space disposals in the Avonmouth and Kingsweston 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 value assessment took place for all sites identified for possible disposal in Avonmouth and Kingsweston, 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.

In Avonmouth and Kingsweston, three whole spaces have been identified as low value and are proposed for disposal.

In some cases the value of a space could be improved by its partial development, allowing housing to be built facing onto the space and providing natural surveillance to the remainder. This applies to a suggested partial disposal of Henacre Open Space and Merrimans Drive Roundabout. In addition, three other partial disposal spaces have been identified at Long Cross Woodland, Portway Tip (Daisy Field) and Moorgrove Open Space.

Control of housing design in relation to partial site disposals.

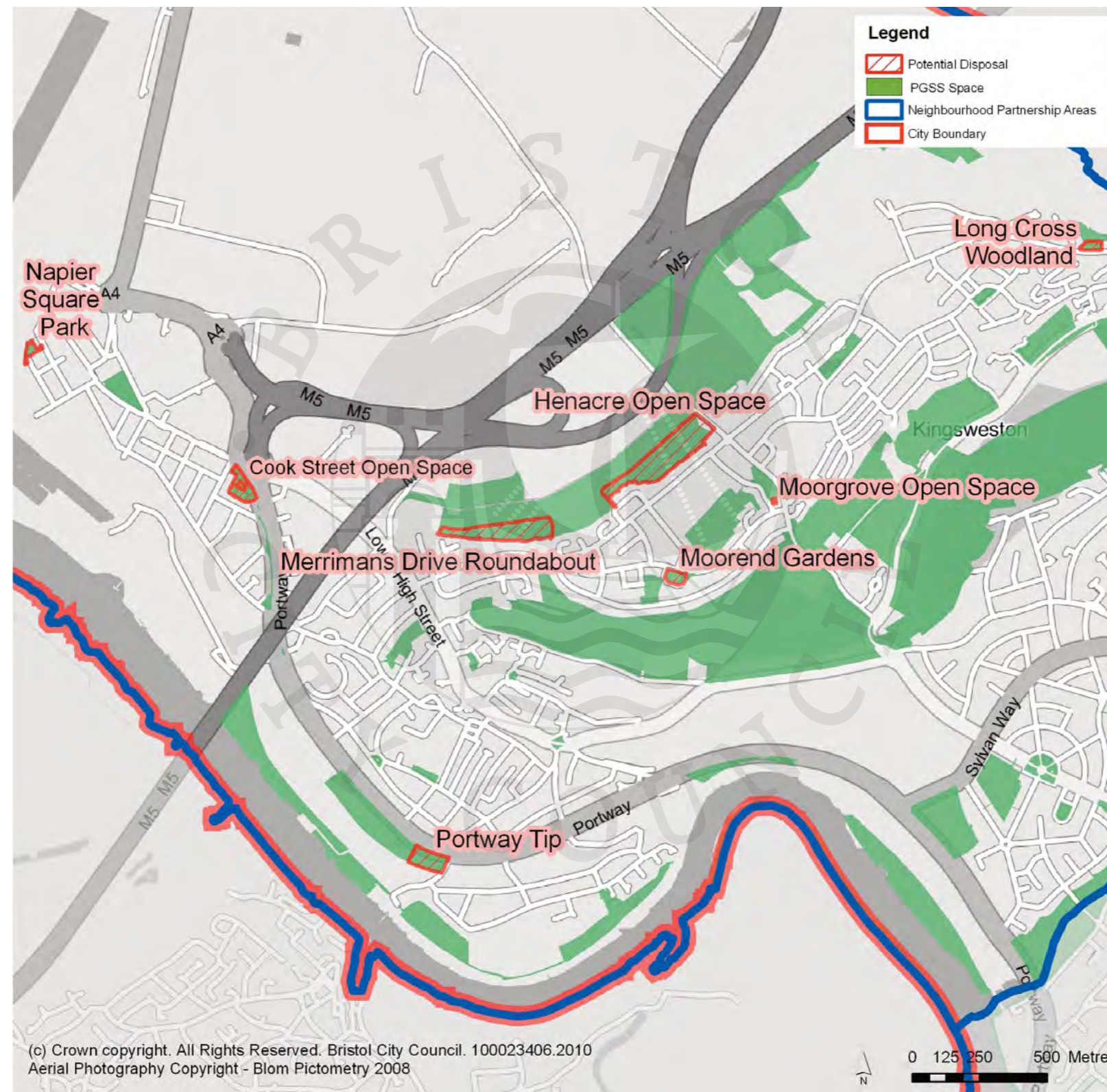
Where it is considered appropriate to partially develop council land in order to improve the remainder of the space, the method of disposal will take whatever form is the most likely to bring about the intended benefits of the development within acceptable timescales. Prior to marketing, the council 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. Part of Henacre Open Space

The space is currently underused and being put forward for partial disposal. Development of part of the space would benefit the remaining open space in terms of creating a more welcoming area with natural surveillance. The area proposed for disposal is the south east corner where the existing flats adjoin the space. The remaining space will be improved as open space (please refer to page 12 for full details of this).

The site is defined as a 'backland site' under policy LM7 of the Parks and Green Space Strategy and as such it is considered beneficial if development was overlooking the remaining space. The site has suffered from anti-social behaviour and misuse and now is underused.

Care has been taken to ensure that ecological and environmental issues have been addressed when identifying the area for disposal and that the wildlife corridor remains a satisfactory for this function to continue. This also includes taking flood risk issues into consideration.



2. Part of Merrimans Drive Roundabout

The site is predominantly used by dog walkers and has a low level of use by other visitors. There is an abundance of open space nearby, such as Kingsweston Estate and the neighbouring Henacre Open Space

As with the neighbouring Henacre Open Space, the site has been subject to anti-social behaviour and has been a problem area for the use of illegal motorbike activity.

It is proposed to develop the southern part of the site and improve perceptions of safety and security in the remaining space. As with Henacre Open Space, a strip of land adjacent to the rhine will remain and will be large enough to continue to function as a wildlife corridor, which will be enhanced for wildlife, nature trails and dog walking.

It is recognised that the site falls within a flood zone according to the Environment Agency boundary, which does limit its development potential. If disposal is not practical in the long term then it shall be considered for conversion to allotments if demand requires.



3. Part of Portway Tip (Daisy Field)

The southern part of Portway Tip is proposed for disposal. There is a large amount of open space is the area, with West Town Lane Open Space to the west and Lamplighters Open Space to the south. It is an aspiration of the council to recognise the ecological value of the wider area by investigating the possibility of creating a Local Nature Reserve in the Lamplighters Marsh area. This includes ecologically significant land not owned by the council and is not currently accessible to the public. The area proposed to be disposed of is not ecologically significant.

The value assessment has clearly shown that members of the local community have made improvements to the potential disposal site.



4. Moorend Gardens

It is proposed to develop all this area of informal green space. Access and parking opportunities around the perimeter of the site will be improved as would access to Mancroft Park.

The site is being identified for disposal primarily because of its limited recreational offer and proximity to other open spaces. Due to the topography of the site - on a relatively steep slope, other nearby spaces of Mancroft Park and Kingsweston Estate are more attractive for informal play.



Disposal Sites

5. Part of Moorgrove Open Space

This space was not originally considered for disposal through the Area Green Space Plan process. It has instead come through a request for a small portion of land to the south of the site to be incorporated into the neighbouring development site.

It is proposed to dispose of the southern tip of the site as part of the neighbouring redevelopment and the loss would account for approximately 200sqm of open space.

The space has little or no recreational value and its importance lies in its visual appearance alongside the road. Given the amount of other open space in close proximity to this site and the significant proportion of the space will that remain, it is not considered that the visual amenity of the space will be eroded.



6. Napier Square Park

It is proposed to dispose of the whole site. Given its peripheral location on the edge of the area the site is not well used and it was evident that only residents in the close vicinity of the park visited it. A play space will continue to be provided at Richmond Terrace, only a short walk from Napier Square.

It is recognised that the site falls within a flood zone according to the Environment Agency boundary, which does limit its development potential. If disposal is not practical in the long term then it shall be considered for conversion to allotments if demand requires.



7. Part of Longcross Woodland

It is proposed to dispose of and develop part of the site that fronts onto Long Cross by continuing the existing line of houses.

Use of the site is limited due to its topography and abundance of vegetation on the site. It provides no access to the woodland beyond. Access to the woodland can be found via Musgrove Close or alternatively from the riding stables to the north.



8. Cook Street Open Space

The disposal of this site would be dependant on acquiring land in a more appropriate location in the vicinity. The space is of poor quality, primarily due to its backland location adjacent to the Portway roundabout, and it has been the subject of anti-social behaviour. However, the site is currently required to meet the standards of the Parks and Green Space Strategy and Cook Street will only be disposed of if a more appropriate site for play becomes available.





Section 5.

Future opportunities

Avonmouth and Kingsweston has a lot of publicly accessible open space. The ideas put forward by members of the local community were comprehensive and where possible the proposals in the Area Green Space Plan reflect this. As a result a draft strategic vision for open space that meets the aims and objectives of the Parks and Green Space strategy has been drawn up.

However in addition, a number of further opportunities could be explored in the future:

To reinstate the formal gardens at Kingsweston House, the ideas and options set out in this document state the desire to improve the setting of Kingsweston House itself by formalising the area between the house and 'The Echo'. Further investigation would be needed as to the historical significance of the WWII structures here and depending on the results, it may be possible to reinstate a more large scale formal garden with planting schemes and water features.

The council is considering designating a Local Nature Reserve at Lamplighters Marsh as part of the council's Wild City Bid.

Cycling City has shown support for the creation of a cycle link from Sea Mills Station to Blaise Estate following the Trym Valley. Given the good quality natural environment found here, any such link would need to be sensitively

designed so as to maintain its existing character. This may be a project that Cycling City would undertake in the future.

An area in Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle fails to meet our distance standard for access to Children's Play and Informal Green Space. It is understood that the The Sea Mills Infant School site may be declared surplus to the operational requirements of Children and Young People's Services. As part of any development on this site, the council will look to provide a new children's play area.

Discussions have been held between the council, local councillors and St Bedes School into the possibility of access to part of the current school playing fields for the public. The discussions are still underway. If successful a small area would be available as informal green space.

Cook Street Open Space is not considered to be an ideal location for open space, given its backland nature and proximity to the busy Portway Roundabout. However, it is recognised as a strategically important site in terms of achieving the standards set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy and so has been proposed as a potential play site in the Area Green Space Plan. If an opportunity were to arise in the future to take on a more appropriate open space in replacement of Cook Street Open Space, then this should be explored. This could take the form of a land swap or other such means.



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 Avonmouth and Kingsweston.

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 getting to 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.

In Avonmouth and Kingsweston, the most significant barrier to access is that of the Portway that runs adjacent to the western boundary of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area. However, there are numerous opportunities to cross the road and this has been reflected in applying the distance standard.



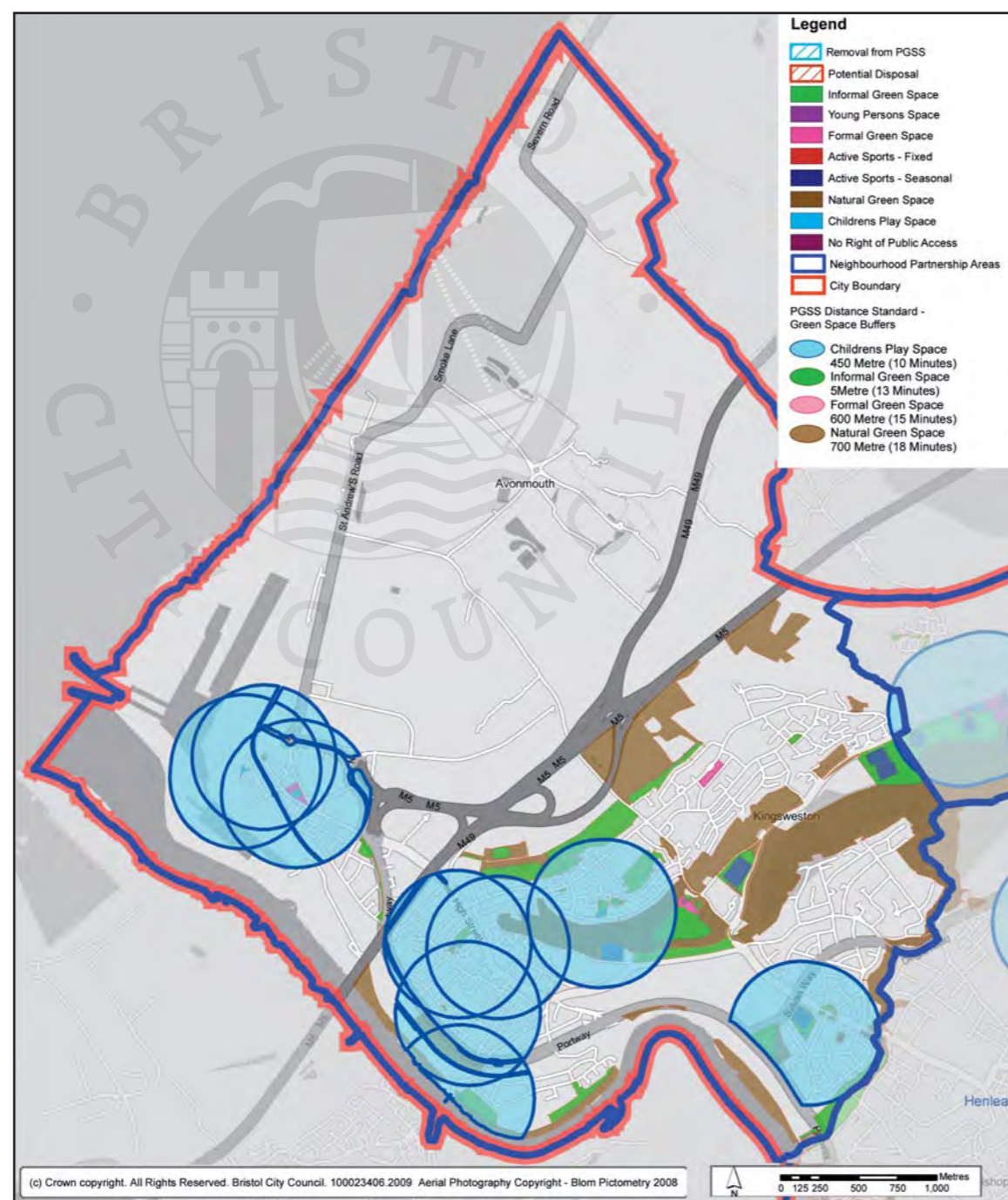
Children and Young People's Space

Avonmouth and Kingsweston is currently has less Children and Young People's Space than it should with eight active playgrounds in the area located in St Marys Rec, Avonmouth Park, Napier Square, Richmond Terrace, Lamplighters Open Space, Springfield Avenue Mancroft Park and Sea Mills Rec, with Home Park and being removed prior to the drafting of the Area Green Space Plan. However, three of these play areas are within close proximity to one another within the Avonmouth Village area, leaving large areas outside the Children's Play distance standard in Lawrence Weston, Shirehampton and Sea Mills. Blaise Estate also has a large play area outside the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

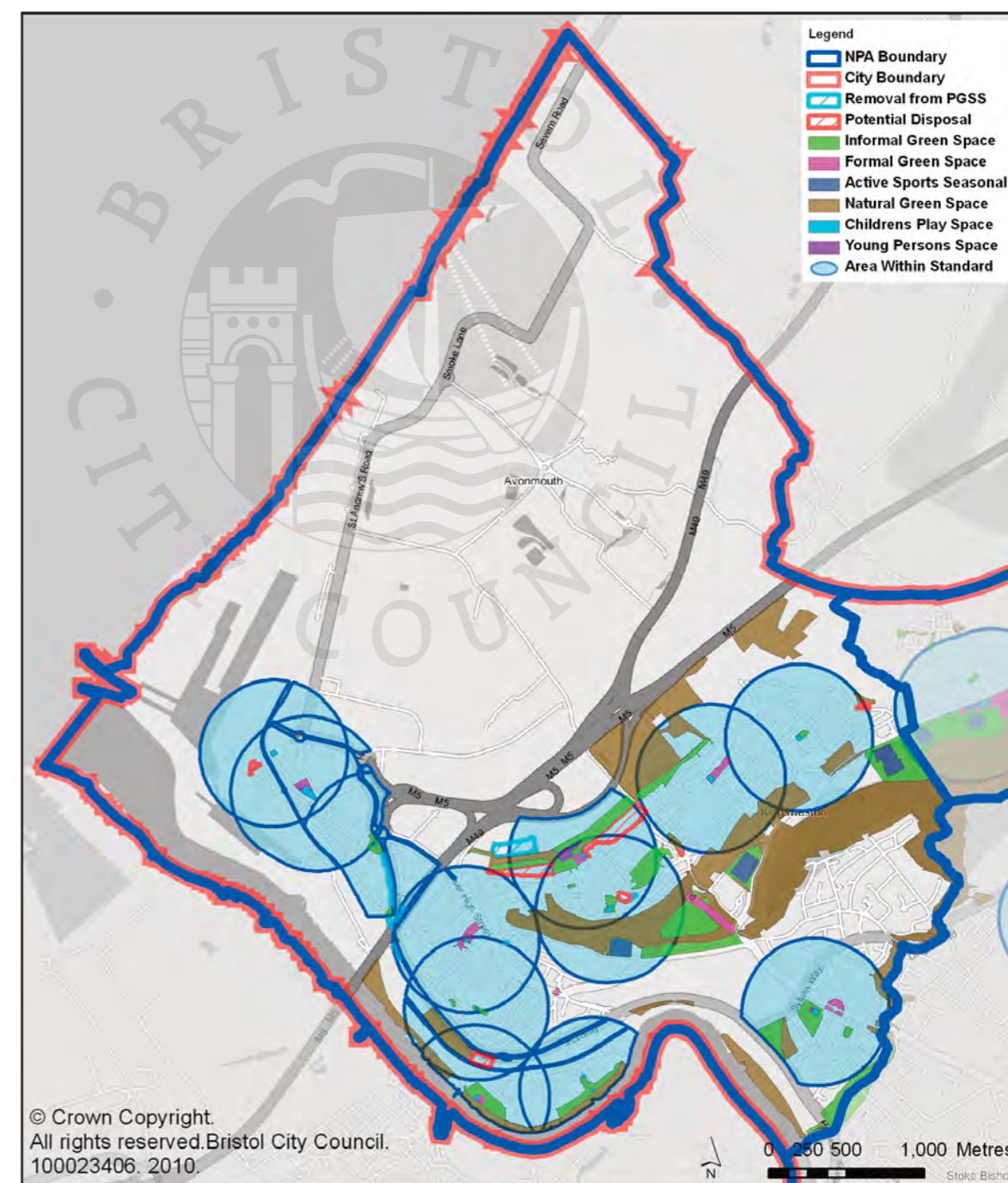
In order to better meet the standards, the following alterations are proposed. In the Avonmouth Village area, the Napier Square playground is proposed to be removed and replaced with a play area in Cook Street Open Space. Further to this, five new play areas are proposed in Nibley Road Open Space, Henacre Open Space, Long Cross Layby (Ridingleaze), Beverston Gardens and, if possible, the Sea Mills Infant School site - which may be declared surplus to requirements for use as a school (see future opportunities on page 33).

The introduction of these play spaces will mean a fall from 46% to 20% of local people being outside the 450m distance standard. However, this means that several areas will still be outside the distance standard, but it is not considered that there are any suitable sites within these areas to accommodate a playground.

Areas where the distance standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the distance standard in 20 years





Formal Green Space

Only three formal green spaces exist in the Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership Area. These are Long Cross Layby, Avonmouth Park and a small area around Kingsweston House. 67% of the local population is currently outside the formal green space distance standard.

The Area Green Space Plan proposes the introduction of several formal areas, along with the re-designation of three spaces from Informal to Formal Green Space (see page 37).

Proposed new formal spaces will predominantly function along side other uses, creating multi-functional space. These are:

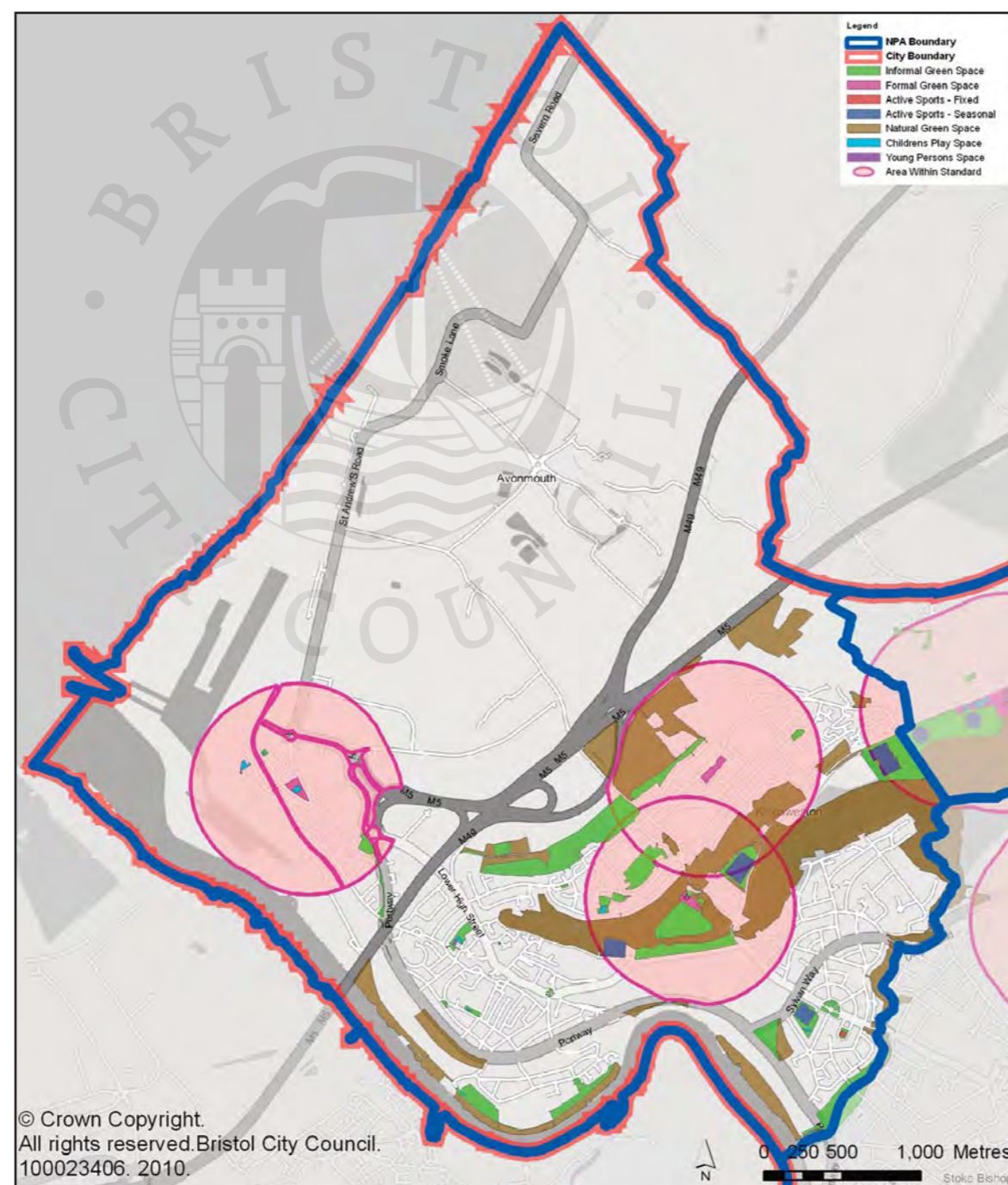
- Henacre open Space
- Kingsweston Estate
- Lamplighters Open Space
- Nibley Road Open Space

Spaces to be re-designated entirely as Formal Green Space include:

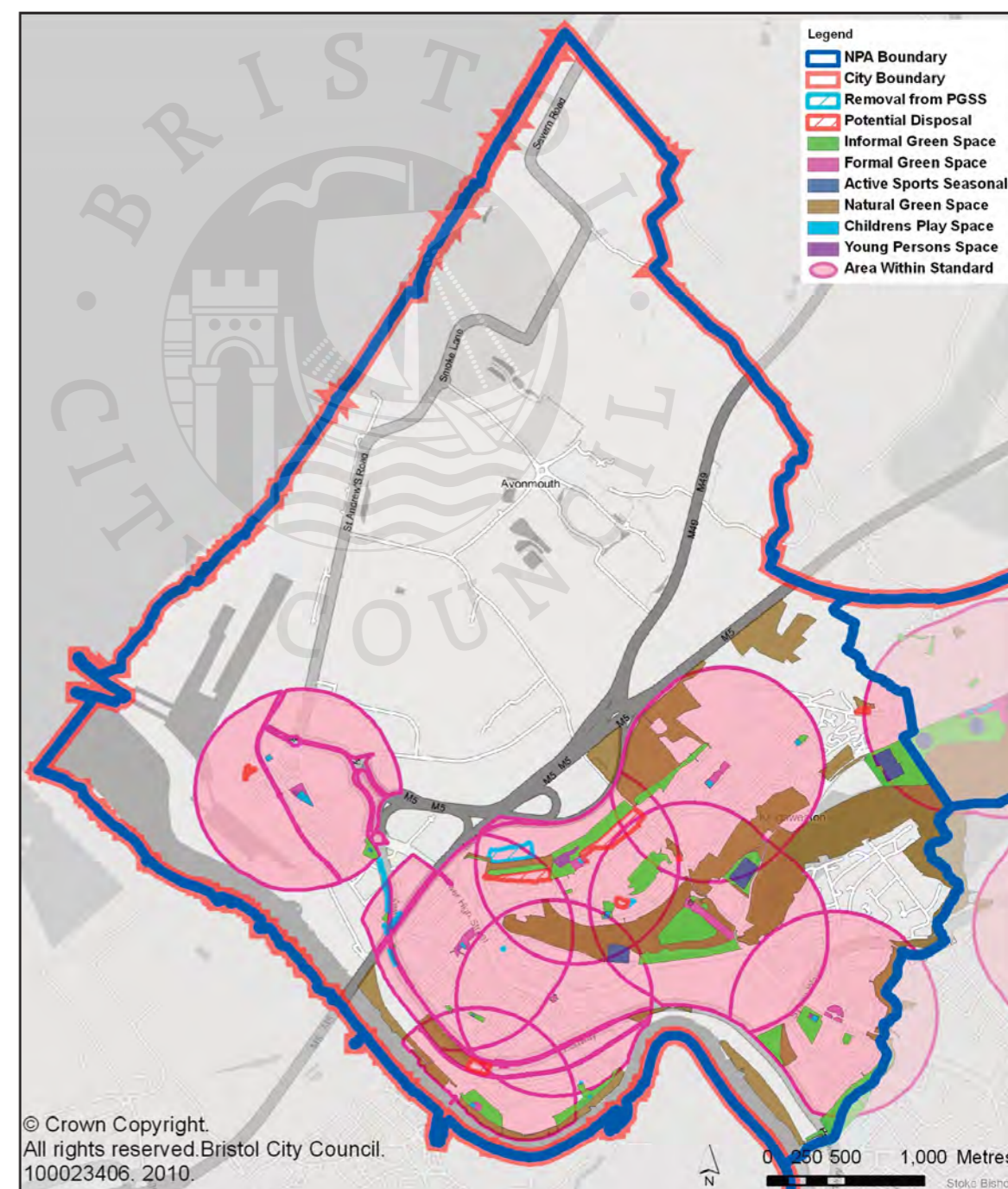
- St Mary's Recreation Ground
- Shirehampton Green
- Sea Mills Square

The provision of Formal Green space will be significantly higher and the percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for Formal Green Space will fall from 67% to 13%. However, gaps will still exist to the north east of Lawrence Weston and the Coombe Dingle area. There is currently no suitable space to meet the standards any further.

Areas where the distance standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the distance standard in 20 years



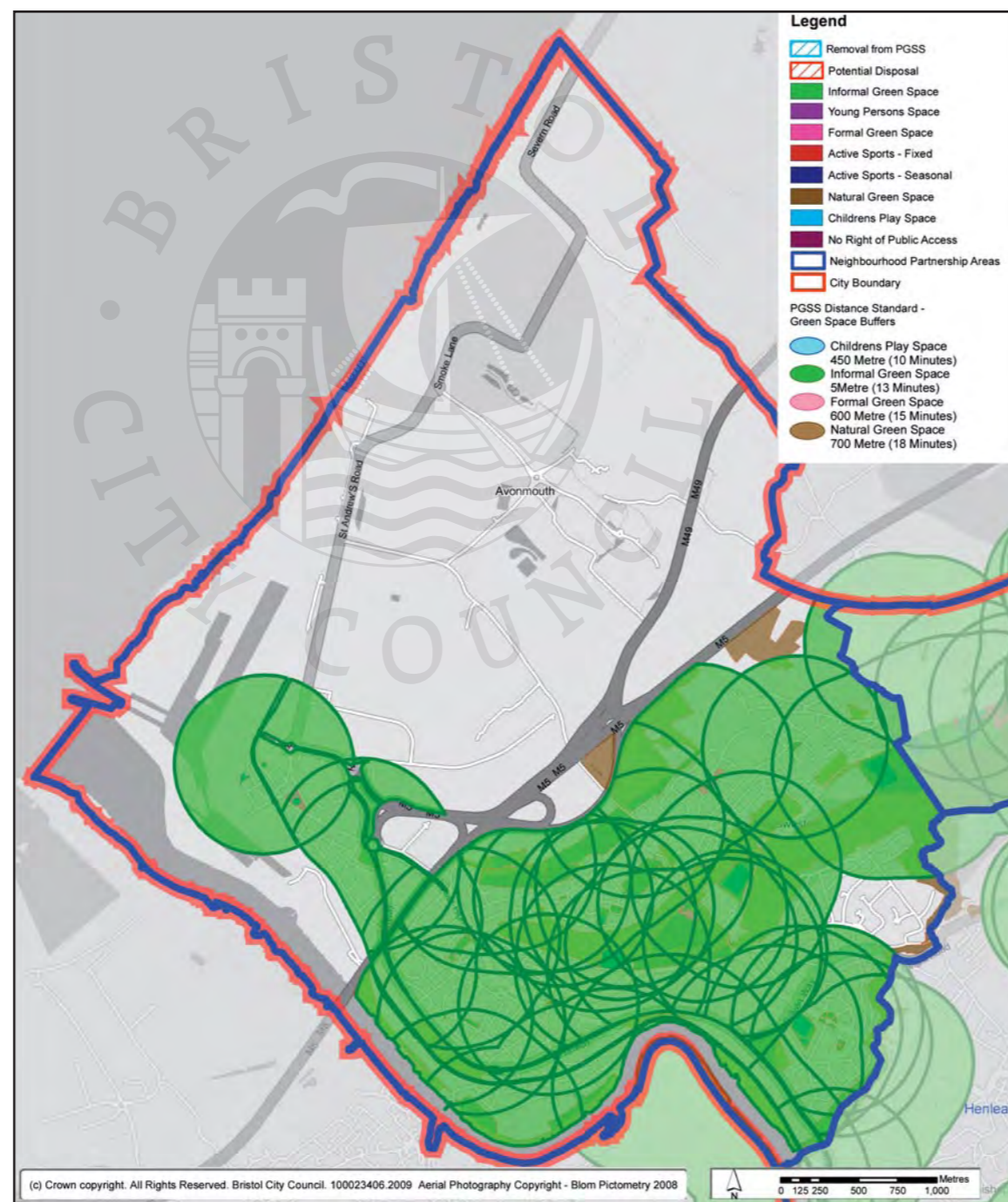


Informal Green Space

Informal Green Space is well provided for in the Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership Area. It is proposed that some Informal Green Space will be used to provide more Children's Play spaces and some spaces considered as informal by earlier analysis should be re-classified as formal. These spaces will have investment to enhance their formal nature and will be re-designated. This will increase the amount of Formal and Children's space and reduce the amount of Informal space in the area. The result is as follows:

- Shirehampton Green and St Mary's Recreation Ground will be re-designated as Formal Green Space - this means that small pockets of Shirehampton will be outside the Informal Green Space distance standard
- Sea Mills Square will be re-designated as Formal Green Space - this will negligibly reduce coverage in the Sea Mills area
- Richmond Terrace will be designated completely as Children's Play with the loss of a small mapped area of informal space, though the existing kickabout area will remain on the site.
- Introduction of Children's Play to Beverston Gardens will reduce the amount of Informal Green Space in the Lawrence Weston Area
- The introduction of Formal Space within Henacre Open Space, Lamplighters Open Space and Nibley Road Open Space will not affect the provision of Informal Green Space to a large degree
- In addition it is proposed to dispose of Informal Green Space at Moored Gardens,

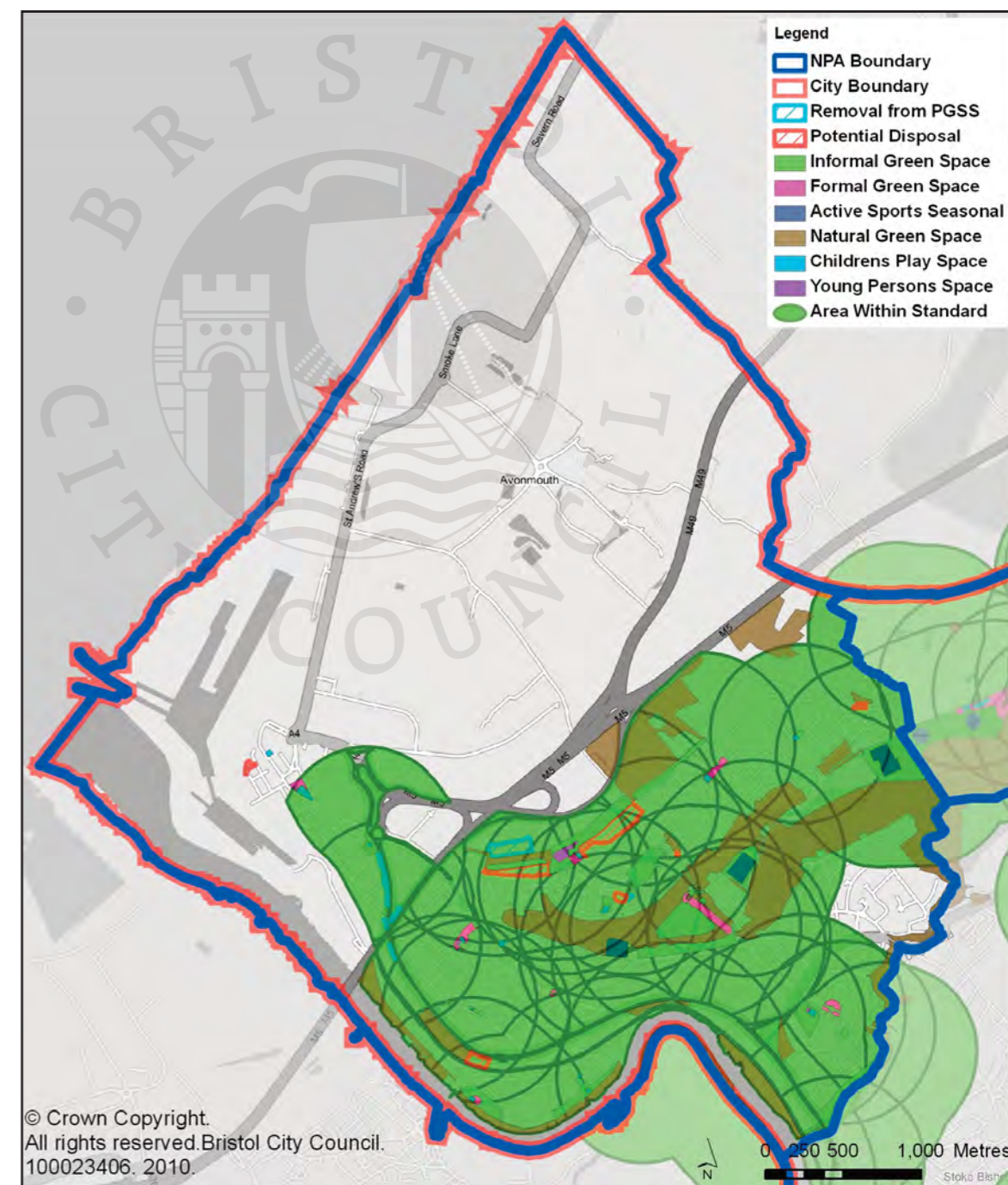
Areas where the distance standard is currently met



Henacre Open Space, Merrimans Drive Roundabout and Lamplighters Open Space (see page 31).

Although the proposed changes will reduce the provision of Informal Green Space in the area it will create a more balanced overall provision of different types of space and the loss of Informal

Areas predicted to be within the distance standard in 20 years



Space is not considered to be significant.

Overall, the distance standard for informal green space is largely met in the area with gaps in provision to the north in the Lawrence Weston area and the west in the Coombe Dingle area. Although there are gaps there is plenty of natural green space locally.

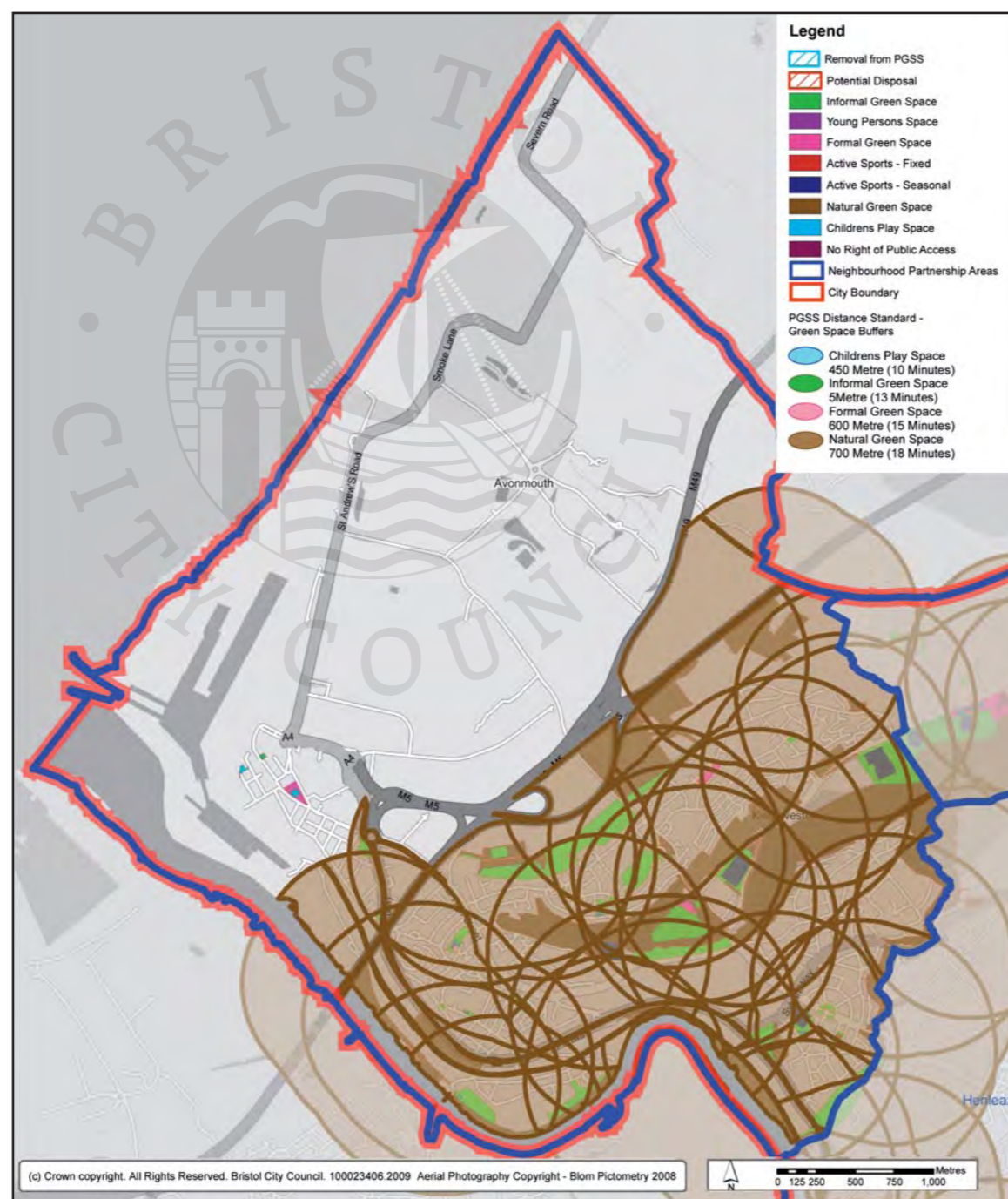
The predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for Informal Green Space will rise slightly from 4% to 8%.



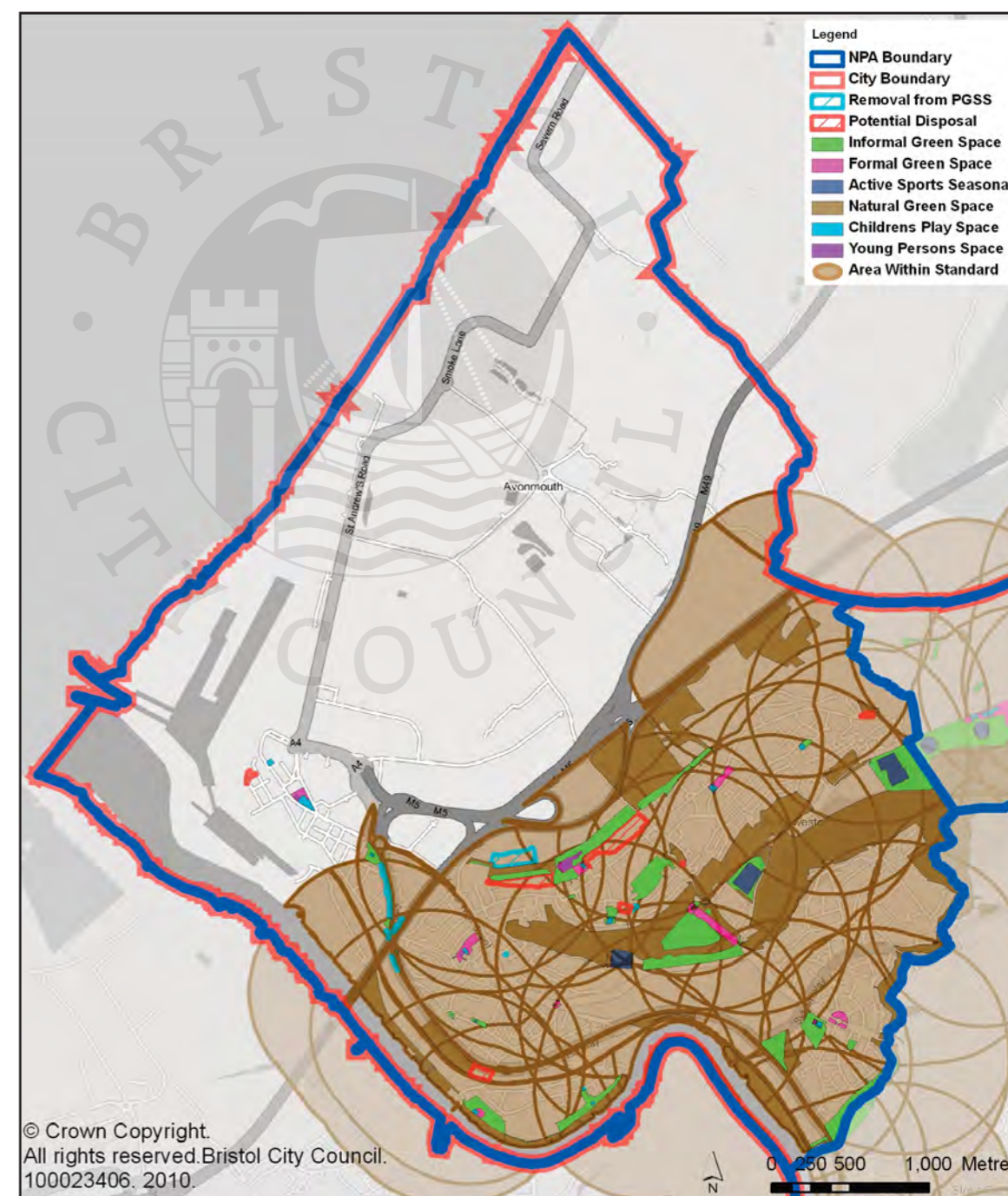
Natural Green Space

The Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership Area is very well provided for by Natural Green Space with only a small gap in provision at the northern extent of Avonmouth Village. This is due to a lack of suitable sites to fill this gap. Although the Area Green Space Plan suggests changes to some natural green spaces, the result is negligible in relation to the distance standard and the total population outside the distance standard will increase from 7% to 8%. The slight increase is because of the predicted population rise by 2026 rather than the loss of Natural Green Space.

Areas where the distance standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the distance standard in 20 years

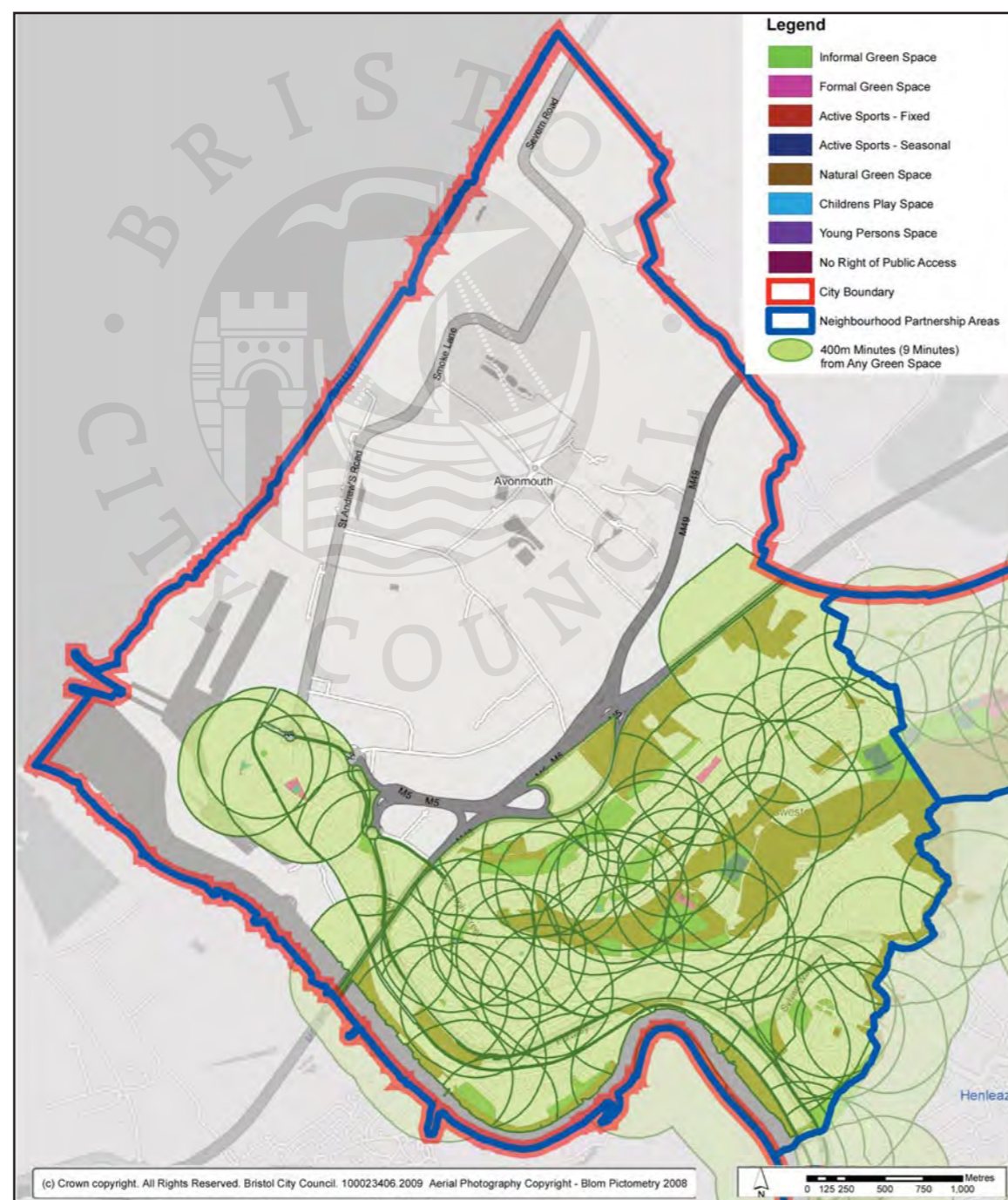




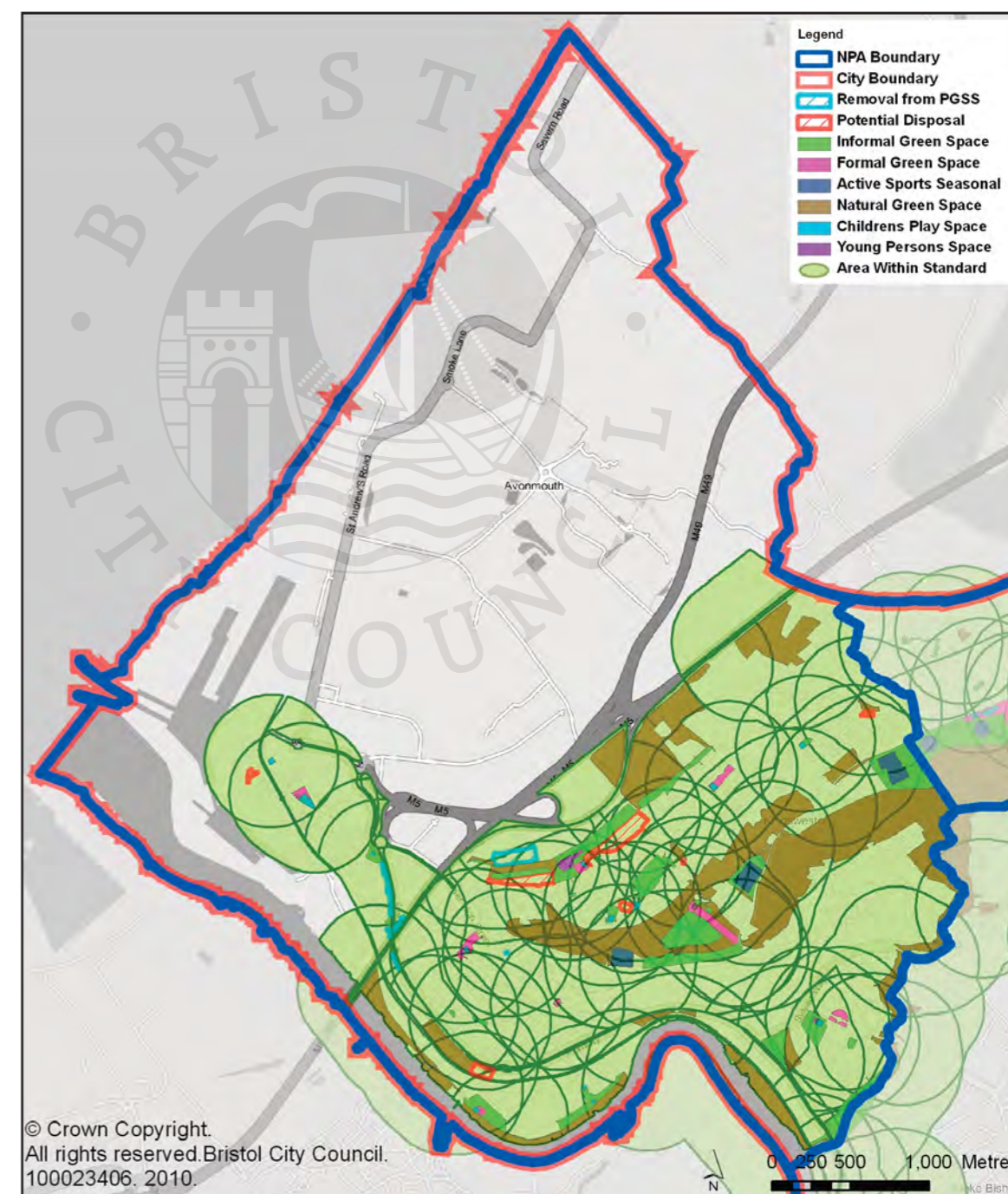
Distance to the nearest green space

The Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership Area currently has very good access to open space with only 1% of the local population outside the basic 400m standard for access to all public open space. Although the Area Green Space Plan puts forward a number of changes to the footprint of publicly accessible spaces, the proposals will not affect this provision. The same number of residents will remain outside 400m of a publicly accessible green space.

Areas where the distance standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the distance 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/Kingsweston, 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	0.37	0.60	0.71
Formal green space	2.0	0.95	1.77	2.09
Informal green space	8.0	26.70	18.02	21.26
Natural green space	9.0	71.80	57.59	67.96
Locality standard	18.0	99.82	77.98	92.02

Appendix 2.

How the Area Green Space Plan is meeting the PGSS 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 CY1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of new large play areas in Henacre and Sea Mills Rec, which will contain a diverse mix of equipment - Introduction of natural play equipment in Cook Street Open Space - Overall introduction of five new play areas in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.
	Provide diverse, exciting and challenging spaces for young people CY2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Young People's facilities at Henacre with a range of equipment - Enhancing Young People's opportunities at Avonmouth Park, St Mary's Rec and Sea Mills Rec with new equipment - Provision of youth shelters at Avonmouth Park, St Mary's Rec, Henacre and Sea Mills Rec. - Provision of MUGAs and Wheels Park (see page 42)
	Enhance the wider park environment for play CY4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing woodland nature trails through Kingsweston Estate - Enhancing nature trails along the River Avon and Henacre - Encouragement of informal kickabout areas in St Mary's Rec and Sea Mills Rec, with fixed goal posts

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.

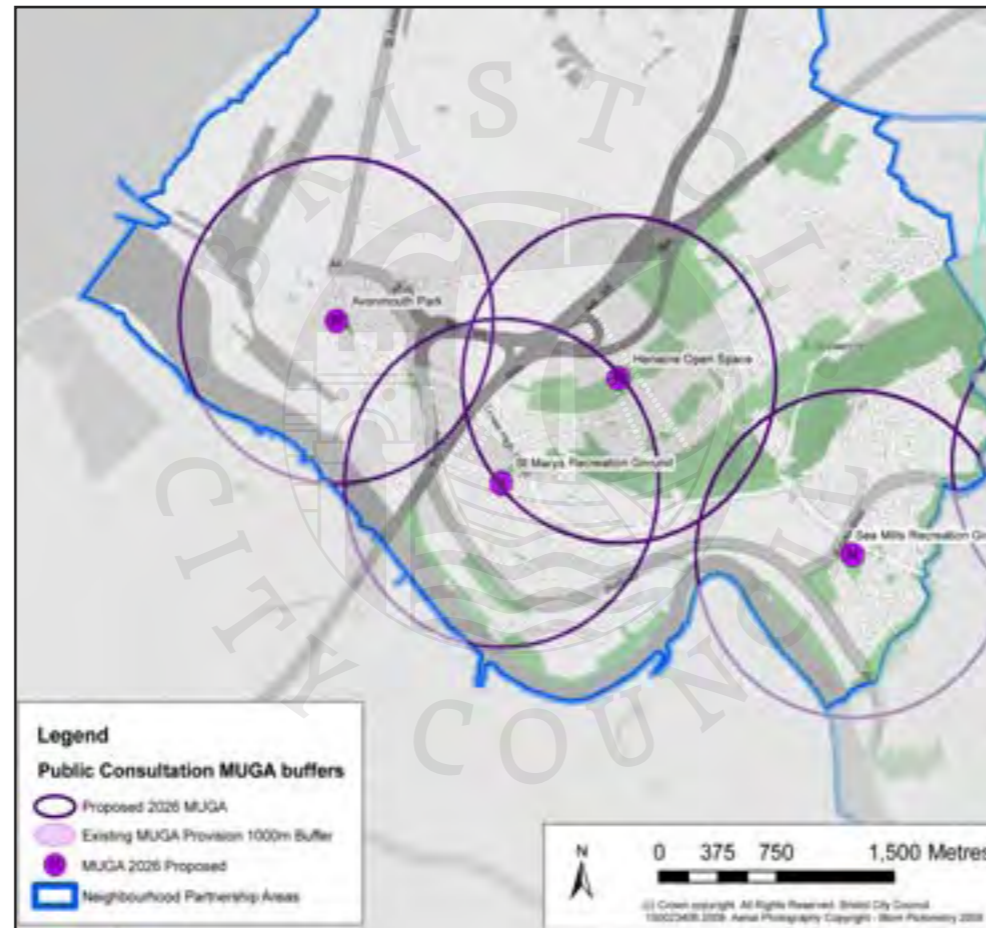
A MUGA is an all-weather surfaced, fenced, ball court with goalposts and basketball hoops. They are commonly lit during evenings of the darker months..

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.

The map identifies that there are currently no MUGAs or Wheels Parks in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area that fit the required standard for young people to use. There are a number of options available to meet the policy set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy.

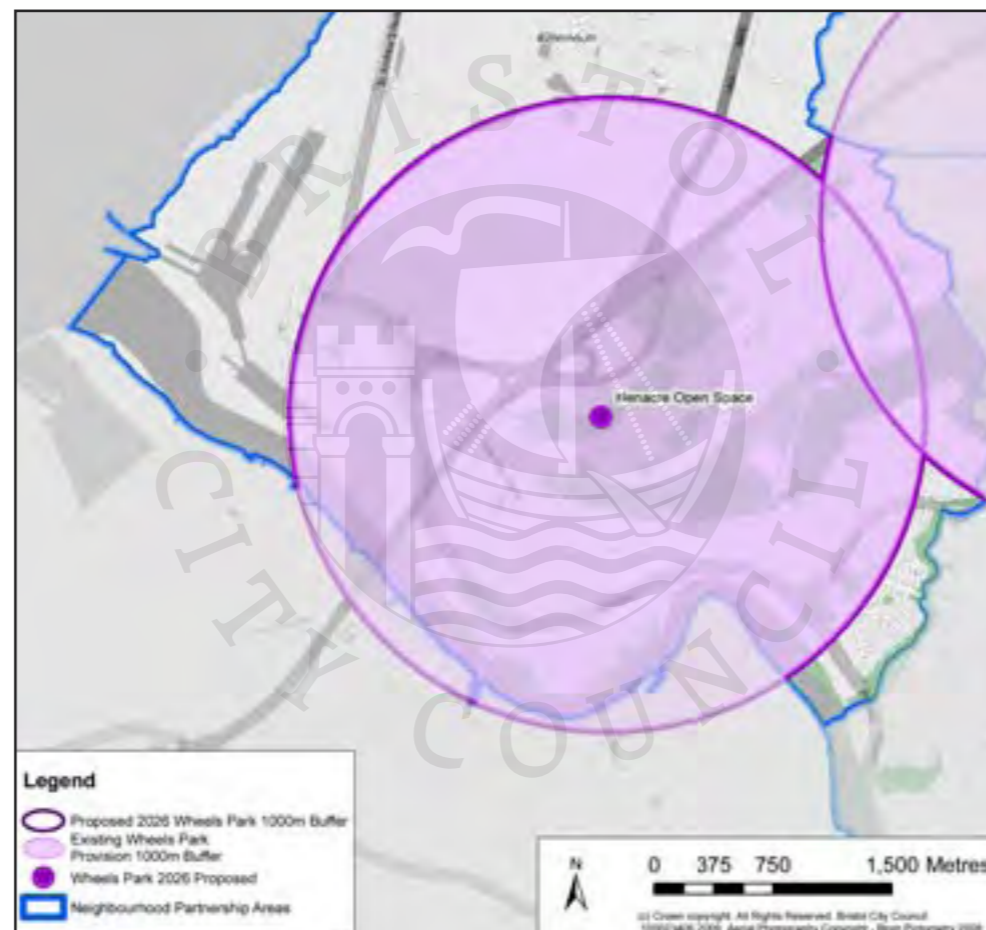
Work with the North 1 Youth Forum identified a distinct need for teen provision is required of the four communities of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area. A MUGA has therefore been proposed in Avonmouth Park, St Mary's Rec in Shirehampton, Sea Mills Rec and Henacre in Lawrence Weston.

It is proposed to enhance the Wheels Park in Henacre to serve the whole Neighbourhood Partnership Area.



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

Preferred option - Introduce MUGAs in Henacre, Avonmouth Park and Sea Mills Rec, while enhancing the existing MUGA at St Marys Rec



Potential Wheels Parks with 2km Distance Performance Target


Preferred option - Enhance and upgrade existing facilities at Henacre



Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
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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	Avonmouth already acts as a traditional park. Henacre will also provide a traditional park for the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.
Providing a Park Keeper in all main traditional parks as a minimum	FG2	Kingsweston Estate already benefits from Park Rangers. The intention will be to provide a Park Keeper for both Henacre Open Space and Avonmouth Park.
Restore, enhance and safeguard key historic estates and park, respecting historical features whilst responding to modern day need	FG3	The proposals put forward for the improvements to Kingsweston Estate will enhance the historical importance of the space.
Enhance entry points and boundaries	FG4	The Area Green Space Plan proposes improvements to boundaries and entrances across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area. See individual proposals for more details.
Provide visual planting schemes in key formal green spaces	FG7	Planting schemes already exist in the key formal spaces of Sea Mills Square and Ridingleaze. The proposals will enhance these provisions. Other planting schemes will be proposed across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, see individual proposals for more details.
Restore and enhance Formal Squares to act as a focal point for local residents and business communities.	FG8	In particular Sea Mills Square will be enhanced to restore the square as the community hub. See individual proposals for more details.

Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Informal Green Space 	Improve grounds maintenance focussing on the basics of grass cutting, litter and fly-tipping and dog fouling	IG1 All proposals in the Area Green Space Plan will ensure the good quality maintenance of Informal Green Space.
	Tackle anti-social behaviour, focussing on prevention and greater responsiveness to incidents, access and visibility	IG2 Measures to tackle some elements of anti-social behaviour in Avonmouth and Kingsweston open spaces have been successful in recent years. In particular the illegal use of motorbikes in open spaces has been dramatically reduced by the success of a Bristol City Council and Avon and Somerset Police partnership project, Project Byker. Incident data suggests a focus of anti-social behaviour around Henacre and Saltmarsh Drive where motorbike use and fly-tipping is a problem. Specific proposals for these sites will act to reduce incidents here. 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 substantially increases. In particular where partial disposal for development is proposed, the space will benefit from being overlooked by neighbouring houses.
	Upgrade some areas of Informal Green Space for safe play and sport, including enclosing them with railings and making them dog-free	IG3 Various proposals across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area include improvements to Informal Green Space. In particular, proposals at Beverston Gardens and Springfield Avenue Amenity Area will create a good quality informal and dog-free environment.
	Where there is a large extent of low value green space, some will be considered for alternative purposes, either to change its use to another type or for built development in order to generate the funds for reinvestment. Where there is a shortage the aim will be to upgrade Informal Green Space.	IG4 Partial disposal of sites have been proposed where land has been identified as low value. The proposed disposal sites will not, however, impact on meeting the required standards for open space set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy.

Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
<p>Natural Green Space</p> 	Establish a network of 16 Local Nature Reserves across the city	NG1 The Neighbourhood Partnership Area is currently served by the Lawrence Weston Local Nature Reserve. Future opportunities include the creation of an LNR at Lamplighters Marsh, consisting of West Town Lane, Portway Tip and the private land located at Lamplighters Marsh
	Improve maintenance and management regimes in natural green space to improve welcome and accessibility	NG2 Proposals include the improvements to Wildlife Network Sites including Henacre Open Space and those along the River Avon, as well as enhancements and better management of woodland at Kingsweston Estate and Sylvan Way. This will ensure better access to Natural Green Space across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.
	Improve entrances and routes through natural green space to improve welcome and security.	
<p>Active Sports Space</p> 	The quality of experience and carrying capacity of a playing pitch will be enhanced by improving changing facilities, pavilions and pitch quality.	AS1 / AS4 Avonmouth and Kingsweston currently has the following formal active sports facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2x adult football pitches at Kingsweston Estate 2x adult football pitches at Blaise Castle Estate 2x adult football pitches at Sea Mills Recreation Ground 2x tennis courts at Dingle Close 1x cricket pitch at Shirehampton Sports Ground 3x cricket pitches at Blaise Estate (two of these are just over the Neighbourhood Partnership Area boundary) <p>This does not include sports facilities close to Barracks Lane (rugby and bowls), the Portway Rugby Club and Lawrence Weston Sports Ground (football). These sites are not fully and legitimately publicly accessible.</p> <p>Through analysis in the Playing Pitch Strategy it has been recommended that one cricket pitch should be removed from Blaise Castle Estate and, due to the poor quality playing surface at Sea Mills Recreation Ground, the football pitches be decommissioned and the team that currently uses it be relocated to a more suitable location.</p>

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Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Active Sports Space		
	AS1 / AS4	<p>..continued</p> <p>The active sport provisions at Shirehampton Sports Ground are under a long-term lease and the club presently manage and maintain the facilities on a private basis. However, it is recognised that the pavilion and other facilities are in need of upgrading.</p> <p>The club currently occupying Kingsweston Sports Ground is successful and improved facilities may be required here.</p>
	AS3	<p>Bowls</p> <p>There are no city council-owned bowls facilities located in publicly accessible open space in this Neighbourhood Partnership Area, with no current proposals to establish one.</p>

Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Other land management policies		
	Enhance destination parks and city centre spaces fitting Bristol's status as a major city with international and national profile, maintaining them to the highest standard.	LM1 See proposals for Kingsweston Estate.
	Restore and develop park buildings for a range of alternative uses	LM3 / 4 The disused toilets at Avonmouth Park will be restored and brought back into use. The changing facilities at Sea Mills Recreation Ground will not be required if the football is relocated and that area of the park will no longer be fenced off. It is also suggested that a new cafe and toilet be provided at Henacre Open Space.
	Provide good quality accessible toilets	
	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 All new play areas should be fenced off and made dog-free spaces. It is suggested that Springfield Avenue and Beverston Gardens become fully dog-free, retaining dog walking opportunities at all other nearby spaces. The introduction of new play areas across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, as well as the expansion of some existing playgrounds, will require new dog-free areas within the wider space.
	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 Proposals include the development at Henacre Open Space and Merriman's Drive Roundabout to provide housing to overlook the space.
	Put measures in place to reduce motorbike access to green space	LM10 All proposals within the Area Green Space Plan will include the good maintenance of trees and vegetation. Proposals at Henacre in particular will see the introduction of new trees.
	Establish greater connection with transport planning to improve access, entrances and pathways to and within sites for different users	LM11 Where partial disposal of a site is proposed, access will need to be improved to a high level, which will benefit the parks this relates to. All other proposals within the Area Green Space Plan will include the improvement, good maintenance and, in some cases, the introduction of new footways. The improvements will ensure easy movement around the space for all users.



Policy Area

PGSS Policy No.

How ideas and options would act to meet the policy

Other land management policies continued

Improve the quality of green corridors, riverside routes and cycle/walkways for recreation, biodiversity and commuting

LM12

Improve the quality and access to green corridors, wildlife network sites and Sites of Nature Conservation Interest across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area. This includes improvements to spaces along the River Avon, and the important historic green space of Kingsweston and Blaise Castle Estates. Likewise, the Wildlife Network Sites of Merriman’s Drive Roundabout and Henacre Open Space will be enhanced and improved.

A possible future opportunity could be an enhanced cycle route through Trymside Open Space and Clack Mills Open Space Leading to Blaise Castle.