



Ideas and Options Paper

Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop Area Green Space Plan

A spatial and investment plan





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Vision for Green Space in Bristol

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

Source: Parks and Green Space Strategy



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Section 1.

Introduction

This draft Ideas and Options Paper is for the Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop. 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 Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop Area Green Space Plan - how to make your comments.

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

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

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

All ideas and options are open for comment.

How to make your comments

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

Online at www.bristol.gov.uk/agsp

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

Paper and cd versions

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

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

Or by telephoning: 0117 922 3719

Or by e-mailing: Park.Strategy@bristol.gov.uk

Drop in sessions

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

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Available to view

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What happens next

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

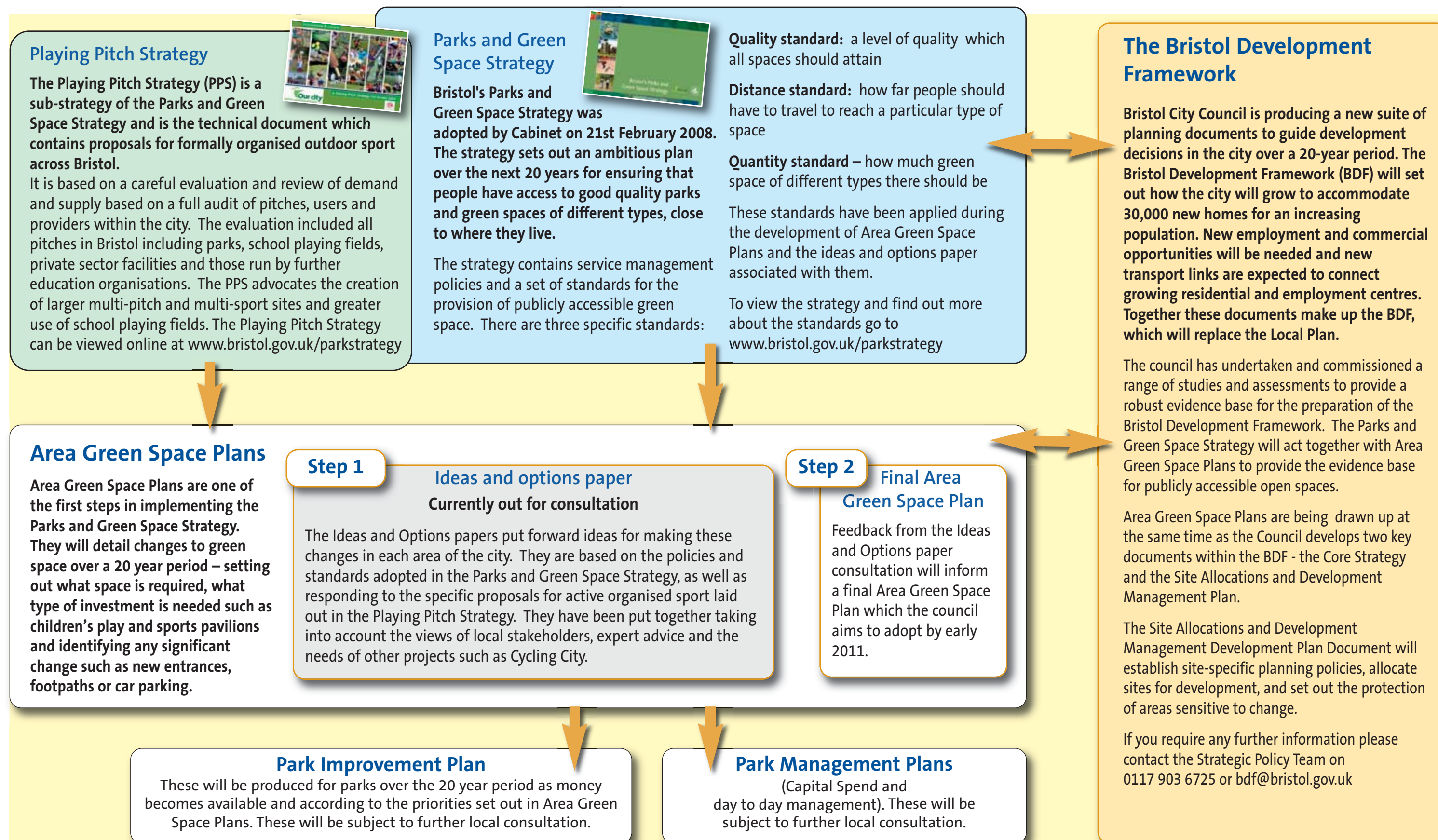
In addition to Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop, ideas and options papers are also available for comment on the following areas:

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

Other consultations you may be interested in

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

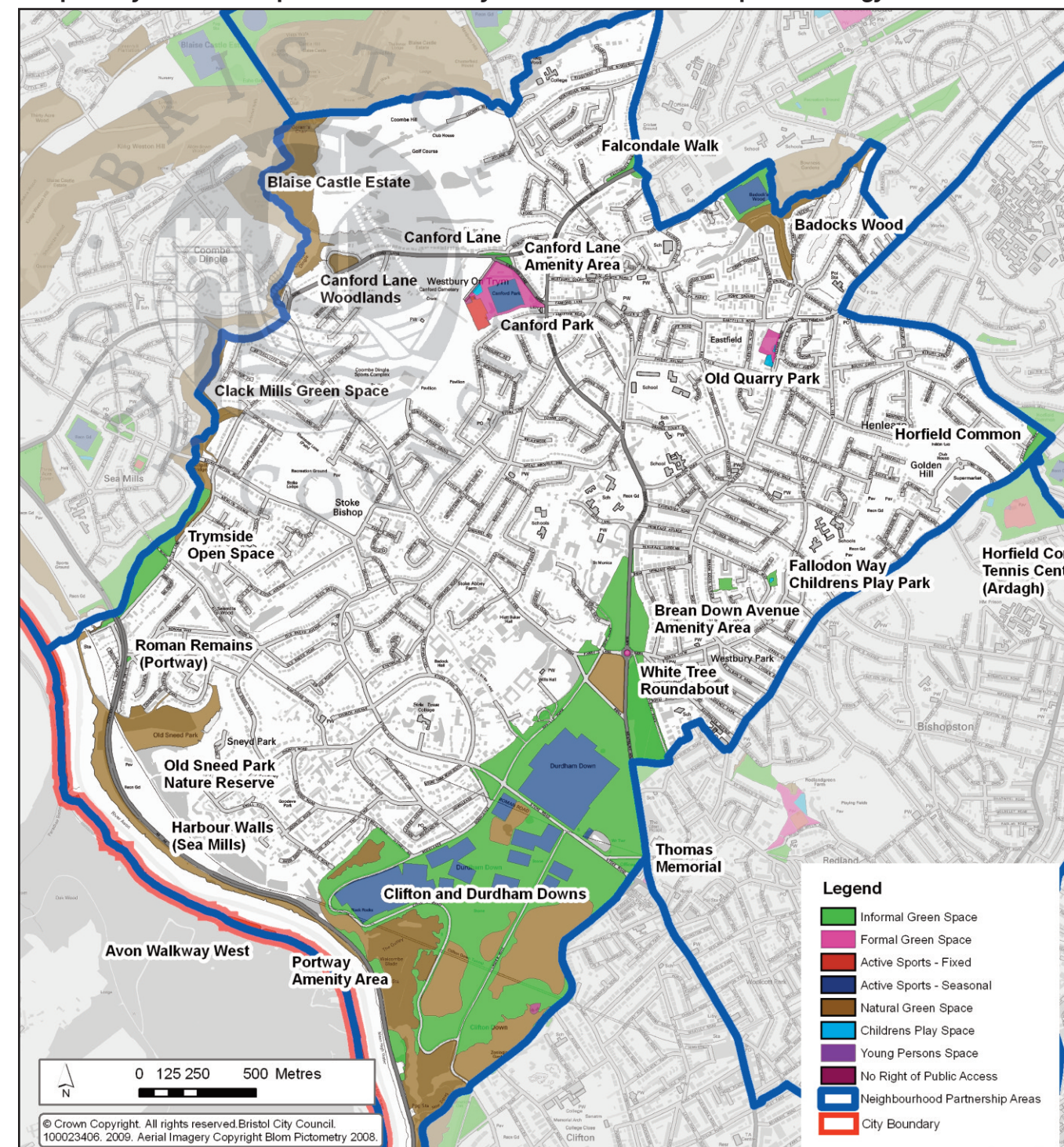
What isn't included in an Area Green Space Plan?

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

land that don't serve any recreational purpose such as road verges and small areas within housing.

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

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



Green Space in Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop

The Area Green Space Plan is defined by the boundaries of the Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop Neighbourhood Partnership area - itself defined by the three electoral wards.

The Neighbourhood Partnership Area contains a mixture of spaces including public open space, allotments, private sports facilities, churchyards and school grounds. The area is green in appearance with large swathes of land being in University and independent school ownership. Many households have proportionally large gardens. Surprisingly few publicly accessible open spaces are to be found across this area but there are some significant spaces. Most of Clifton and Durdham Downs, ('The Downs') and a small part of the Blaise Estate fall within the area. Other accessible spaces include Canford Park, Old Quarry Park, Falloden Way Children's Play Area, Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve, Badock's Wood and the Trym Valley. The Avon Gorge also falls within the area which is extremely significant for its landscape and wildlife value but to which access is limited.

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



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

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

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

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

Space	Why?
Canford Lane Amenity Area-North	This space is a narrow strip of road verge and has very little recreational value.



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

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

People from across the city use the destination parks of The Downs, Ashton Court, Blaise and Kingsweston, Hengrove Play Park, Oldbury Court Estate & Snuff Mills, city centre spaces and sports facilities throughout the city for organized sport.

The Downs fall within this Neighbourhood Partnership Area. This is one of Bristol's most historic and popular open spaces, used for sport, large events and general recreation, it attracts people from across the city and beyond, as well as being widely used by local people.

Consultation to date has indicated that trips to open spaces across the boundary are common. Blaise Castle Estate is very popular, as is Horfield Common and Redland Green. The Trym

Valley is shared with the Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership Area and Badocks Wood with Henbury and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

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 Estate;
- the role of Badocks Wood and natural green spaces for the wider community;
- the use of the traditional parks at Canford Park and Old Quarry Park by residents outside the area;
- cycle and pedestrian routes
- the wider influence of neighbourhood sports facilities such as Stoke Lodge Playing Field and Coombe Dingle Sports Complex;
- the provision of different types of space where the boundary between Neighbourhood Partnership Area.



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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 Henleaze, Westbury- on -Trym and Stoke Bishop included:

- Local groups such as Henleaze Society, Westbury- on- Trym Society, Friends of Badock Wood, Friends of Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve, Friends of Stoke Lodge
- Representatives of the Neighbourhood Partnership
- The Police and Community Safety Officers
- Local residents commenting on specific sites
- Local primary schools.
- Bristol City Council officers including park managers, landscape designers, archaeologists, ecologists, highway engineers, 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 some well established park specific groups in this area who were actively involved in the stakeholder consultation process to include Friends of Badocks Wood and Friends of Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve.

There is a Friends of Stoke Lodge group, which is keen to develop public access to this school site.

The Henleaze and Westbury on Trym Societies include open spaces as one of their main interests and work hard to improve their parks through fund raising. There was a strong interest in setting up a Friends of Canford Park group.

Funding the proposals

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

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

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

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

There are no proposed disposals in Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop.

Proposed disposals in other Neighbourhood Partnership Areas are listed in a separate section in the relevant Ideas and Options Paper.

Section 3.

Investment ideas and options

This section presents a range of spatial and investment options and proposals for all accessible green spaces within the Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym & Stoke Bishop Neighbourhood Partnership Area. The proposals aim to meet the policies and open space standards set out in the Parks and Green Space Strategy and also to respond to ideas gathered from members of the local community and professional stakeholders in 2008/9.

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

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

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

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

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Old Quarry Park

Old Quarry Park is a small well used and well equipped neighbourhood park in Henleaze. There is a strong and active park group associated with the park which have raised money for the playground in the past.

Located on Henleaze Road in the former Eastfield Quarry

- Secluded park with an excellent range of facilities and well established mature tree structure
- Single path from Henleaze Road through the park to Henleaze Terrace via a flight of steps
- The site is relatively flat but there is a change of level of around 2m between the western boundary along Henleaze Terrace and the park along what would have been the old quarry edge



KEY

- Existing footpath
- Boundaries and Edges
 - (A) Limited surveillance due to residential properties /development backing onto park
 - (C) Boundaries in poor condition
- Access / Entrances



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Old Quarry Park

What we want to achieve

To enhance the park to provide a multi-functional space with improved light and visibility.

Ideas and Options

- Improve pathways and entrances at Henleaze Road and Henleaze Terrace. Create new ramped pathway to allow disabled access
- Improve children and youth play areas
- Manage trees in the park so that it is lighter, brighter and helps ground conditions.



KEY

- Existing trees
- Close mown grass
- Hedge
- Footpaths - existing
- Footpaths - proposed
- Enhanced entrances
- Play area
- Seating area
- Youth area
- Railings
- Lighting

“Make main entrance more open, secure and visible. Have an eye-catching element in heart of the park - perhaps a shelter or public art”

local resident's ideas

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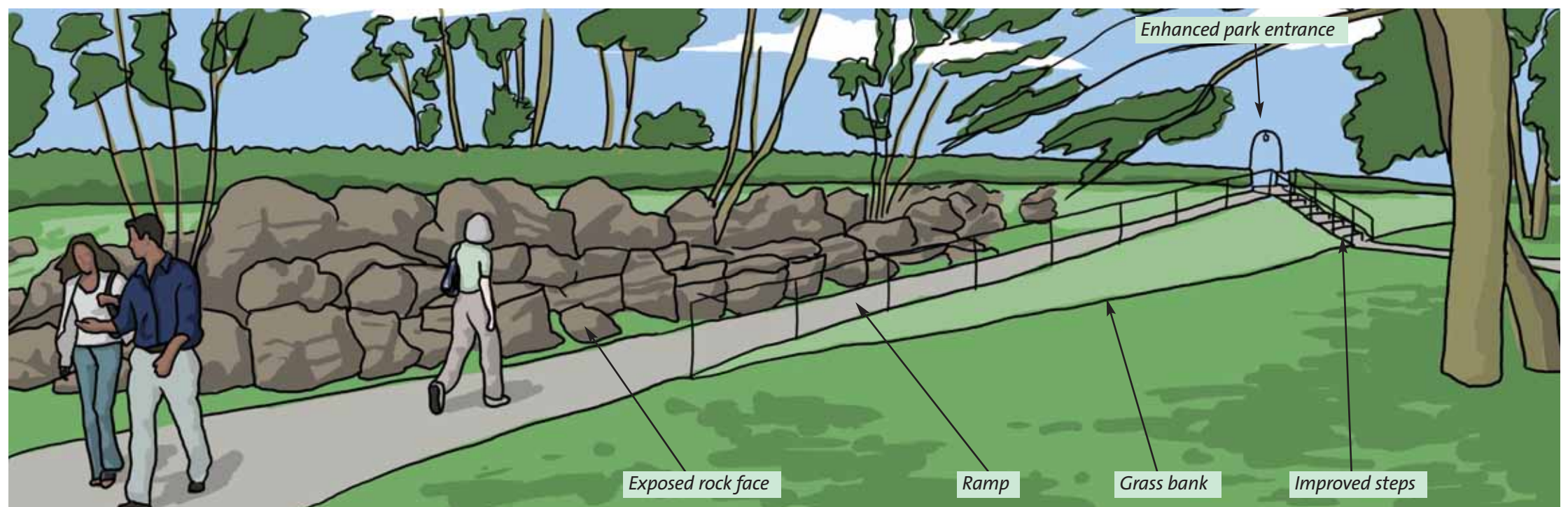
Old Quarry Park



Current play equipment



Western boundary has remnants of old quarry edge



Suggested improvement with disabled access point and play / climbing opportunities on exposed rock face



Brean Down Avenue Amenity Area

This informal green space provides a lovely view for residents and fulfills an important function as a place for taking exercise and keeping fit. It is also part of a pleasant cut-through to local services. Families with young children appreciate its distance from the busy roads and use it for informal play. It is also used for dog-walking which will remain important as the proposal for Falloden Way is to become dog free.

What we want to achieve:

- To retain this space as a natural open space, enjoyed by families for informal activities and as a pleasant cut through.

Ideas and Options:

- Manage the trees to ensure their long-term health.
- Trim back hedges to the level of the walls.
- Keep entrance from Fallodon Way unobstructed to prevent it becoming slippery.
- Maintain a mown strip of grass around the edge for dog walkers and through the centre of the site to Falloden Court. The rest is left to be left longer and managed as a wildlife meadow, with meadow flowers planted.
- Install dog and litter bins
- Introduce a bed of imaginative and colourful perennial plants.



Brean Down Avenue amenity area

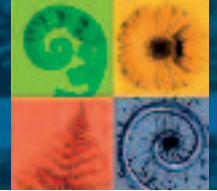
'A safe area away from the busy local roads for children to ride and run around. Makes a lovely backdrop for the path through to Henleaze Road.'

Local resident's comment

'This is a much enjoyed, pleasant, safe and peaceful informal open space, 'a green lung, abundant with birds and wild life'.

Local resident's comment

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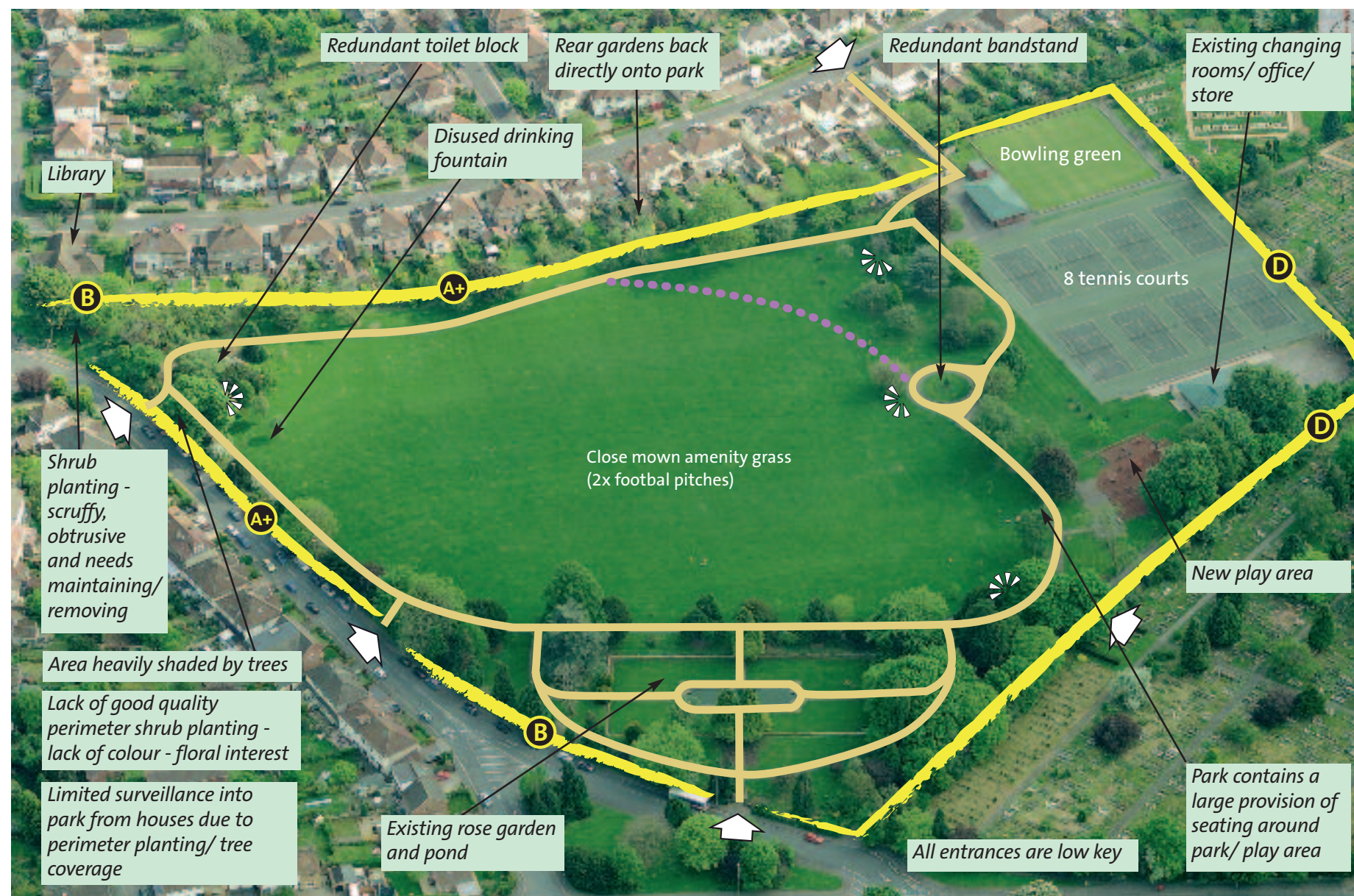
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Canford Park

Canford Park operates as the main traditional park linking the wards of Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop, incorporating a large amenity space with sports facilities (tennis, football, bowls), formal space, play and a fine collection of mature trees. The space is well used by a range of users. The main issue is that the park looks somewhat tired and needs invigorating to make it a fully functioning neighbourhood space. There is also nothing to announce that you are entering a main neighbourhood park. Westbury on Trym Library is adjacent to the park and better links could be made with this community facility.

Key features are as follows:

- Entrances are not well marked and are unwelcoming with overgrown and obscured sightlines.
- The boundaries are in poor condition with a mixture of over grown shrubs and chain link fencing.
- The space is mainly flat and there are two football pitches in the centre of the park. There are 8 tennis courts.
- The pavilion has recently been upgraded, accommodating toilets and sports changing rooms.
- There is an active bowling club.



- There are 'rooms' accommodating the children's play area, pond and rose garden. The rose garden has recently been replanted.
- There is no provision for young people on site.
- A paved path runs around the edge of the park.
- There is some anti-social behaviour during the evenings by the drinking fountain near the main entrance.



Existing Play Area

KEY

- Existing footpath
- Boundaries and Edges**
- A+** Good level of surveillance from adjoining residential properties which face towards the park
- B** Limited surveillance due to density of vegetation
- D** No surveillance of park from beyond boundary
- Access / Entrances**
- View**
- Desire line**
- N**

"A new entrance required 'opening' up the park. Can we think big for Canford Park for future generations"

Local resident's comment

Canford Park

What we want to achieve

We recommend that the site is retained and enhanced for recreational purposes, creating a neighbourhood park with areas for all sectors of the community to enjoy. We shall create a series of vibrant functions for a wide range of uses and age groups.

Ideas and Options

- Create a new main entrance off Canford Lane to link with the library, provide a new arched entrance sign.
- Reinstate disused drinking fountain by new entrance amongst flower beds and mown grass.
- Revamp existing pavilion to incorporate a cafe facility, while retaining changing and toilet facilities.
- Create an outside seating area for cafe users.
- Remove old toilet facilities.
- Create a kickabout space.
- Introduce formal seating around the rose garden.
- Create new planted areas around the boundaries of the park with interesting modern herbaceous beds.
- Clear existing vegetation to open up sight lines.
- Enhance pathways around the site for shared pedestrian/cyclist use, incorporating a new route with a measured mile.



- Adapt two of the tennis courts to provide a multi-use-games area so it can be used for more sports e.g. football, netball and basket ball, plus a BMX area or wheels park.
- Install estate railings around the park.
- Introduce more signs or notice boards to guide users around the park.

"We know that bedding and planting is expensive and passé, but people notice it and it would be good to have at least a couple of examples across the city, that people talk about – it makes a difference and lots of people like it".

Local resident's comments

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Canford Park



Existing view towards proposed new park entrance off Canford Lane



Impression of proposed view towards new park entrance off Canford Lane



Example of 'up and over' sign



Existing view towards pavilion building, play area & tennis courts



Impression of proposed view towards pavilion building, play area and tennis courts



Example of proposed skate park



Example of proposed M.U.G.A.
(Multi-Use Games Area)



Canford Park



Existing view of rose garden & pond



Impression of view looking towards rose garden and pond



Example of how rose garden could look

Examples of how these proposals are implemented elsewhere



Perimeter Planting



Cafe and Seating area



Bandstand / Events Space



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Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve

Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve is in a valley lying between Old Sneed Park and the Severn Beach railway line. It is a haven for wildlife situated amongst houses and gardens in Sneed Park. Most of the land was originally a deer park and has been historically free from herbicides. There are many interesting grasses and wildflowers on site. It's habitats include hay meadows, scrubland edges, woodland and a lake. Friends of Old Sneed Park was formed in 1995 and has taken on enormous amounts of work to transform the neglected site into the wildlife haven it is today. The most recent achievement of the friends group has been the successful application to the Heritage Lottery fund to allow essential work to be carried out to restore the lake.

What we want to achieve:

To maintain, enhance and protect this site as a haven for wildlife and a place for people to enjoy peacefully.

Ideas and Options

To continue improvements to the lake area.

A huge amount of work has taken place to improve the lake and more work needs to be carried out to finish off this work. Elements to be tackled include:

- Use the silt removed from the lake and plant with native species
- reinstate railings around the edge of the lake and creation of a riverside walkway.
- Install a reed bed filter or silt trap at the top of the lake to benefit wildlife.

- Build a bridge over the sluice.
- Creation of a pond dipping platform on the lake to enable local school children to be able to use the site as an outdoor classroom resource.

Improve entrances and access.

- Install new gates of improved design throughout.
- Install a welcome sign at the entrance at the top of the site and thin adjacent vegetation to improve access.
- Reinstate the footpath at the bottom of the site from the Woodland Trust.
- Improve paths through wood and woodland grove.

Overall natural management of site.

- Continue to remove the Japanese knotweed.
- Cut back scrub on bottom field.
- Realign the field boundary/hedge at edge of sloping field- including planting and installaation of protective post and wire fencing.
- Encourage managed use by more young people; scouts, brownies and youth group input.



View into Old Sneed Park nature reserve



Winter view of bottom field

“All we want is a replacement entrance gate – a natural one in keeping with the site”.

Local resident's comment

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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 carries on north joining with Blaise Castle Estate. The spaces form the boundary with and natural barrier to the neighbouring Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Avonmouth and Kingsweston. This green corridor is framed by trees and provides an important off-road route. It is used for dog walking and informal play, home made bike jumps have been created within the woods. Unfortunately there is a history of vandalism and nuisance from motorbike use.

What we want to achieve:

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

Ideas and Options:

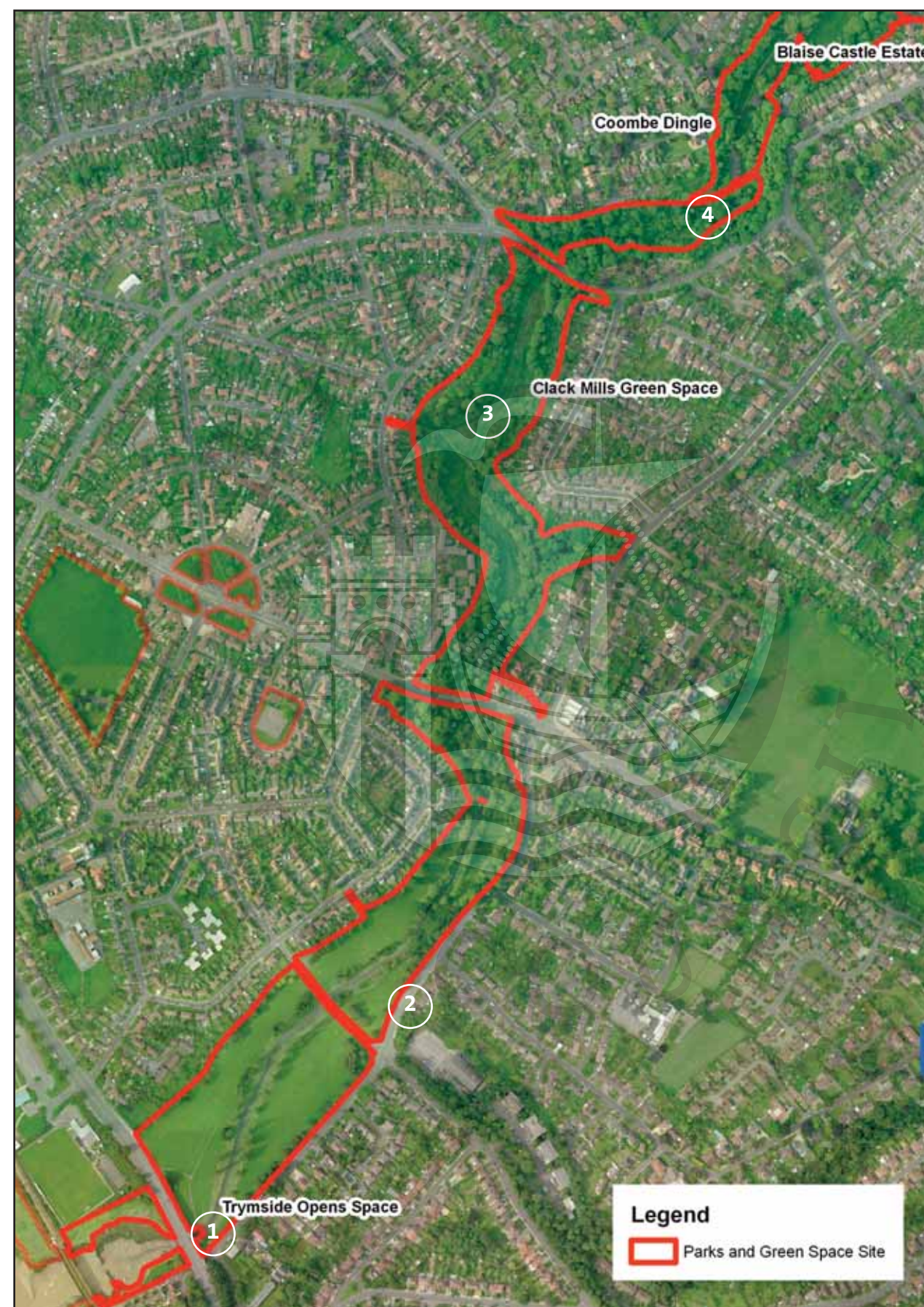
- Improve existing walkways and entrances.
- Create new walkways connecting entrances.
- Introduce information boards about wildlife along the route.
- Provide opportunities for informal play throughout the space, particularly around the Coombe Dingle end e.g. some additional mounding for off road cycling.
- Vary grass cutting and introduce meadow plants to create a wild flower meadow.
- Enhance the wildlife value the river corridor, woodland and grassland habitats through a habitat creation scheme.
- Manage woodland to ensure ongoing health of trees.
- Plant new trees.
- Manage bushes to prevent encroachment.

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

Local resident's comment



① Start of Trym Valley



② Trym Valley silver birches



③ Evidence of illegal motorcycling



④ Home made bike jumps.

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Badock's Wood

Badocks Wood covers an area of approximately 10 hectares. It is a small, ancient, semi-natural, broad-leaved woodland situated in a limestone valley (with adjacent areas of grassland) sitting between Henleaze and Southmead wards and providing a wildlife haven in an urban setting. To the north of the site, in an area of open grassland, is a Bronze Age burial mound (tumulus).

The site has been in the care of Bristol City Council since 1937, when it was given to the city by a local industrialist Sir Stanley Badock.

The woodland is probably at least 400 years old in parts, as indicated by the presence of ancient woodland flora. It has a surprisingly good bird life for an urban site. The River Trym flows through the floor of the valley and meets one of its (unnamed) tributaries in the centre of the wood. To the north of the wood, there is an area of semi-improved grassland (which includes the tumulus) which was created in the mid-1980s when temporary post-war prefabs were removed.

An active Friends Group, (Friends of Badock's Wood: FOBW) work in conjunction with Bristol Parks and actively raise funds. They are currently working on improving entrances. With their efforts interpretation of the site has much improved and new habitats have been created and maintained.

Badock's Wood was assessed and awarded the status of a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in January 2008. Although it is a significant site, while talking to people during the preparation of this plan, it was clear that many people did not know it existed.

The River Trym is classed as a main river and therefore falls under the control of the Environment Agency.

What we want to achieve:

- To manage the site so it maintains its status as a Local Nature Reserve, raise awareness of the space among local people, enable and encourage use of the space by the community as a whole.



“New uses not needed. Local people are making use for children and dog walking increasingly. The habitats for wildlife are improving and wild flower seeding is bringing back a taste of real countryside for town children.”

Local residents ideas



Badocks Wood

Ideas and Options:

Enhance wildlife value

Extend the wildflower meadow on the former playing field to create wildlife habitats, incorporate it into the Local Nature Reserve.

Improve entrances and boundaries

- Create a more welcoming and visible entrance at the main Lakewood Road entrance, maybe incorporating a large metalwork arch reading “Badocks Wood.”
- Improve entrance and introduce signage at Park Lane.
- Plans have been prepared for a new entrance feature at the Doncaster Road entrance. These plans have formed the basis of an application for National Lottery funding through the Community Spaces Awards scheme.
- Continued upgrading of the boundary fencing and entrances in an effort to combat the illegal entry of cars and off-road motorbikes.

Improve pathways, waterways and bridges

- Explore with the Environment Agency the possibility of the following works;
 - a railway sleeper bridge over the open gully,
 - a grill across the stream to catch debris,
 - the refurbishment and reinstatement of the Victorian weirs and bridges, and pond upstream- to look into the possibility of Heritage Lottery Funding for this major project.
- Maintain all paths in an appropriate manner.
- Improve path from the Greenway Centre and some paths by the river edge.

Seating and bins

- Replace existing seats with ones appropriate to their location, for example metal in the more open areas and wood in the wooded area.
- Introduce new litter ins across the site in an appropriate design.
- Introduce new dog bins at Doncaster Road entrance and playing field site.
- Raise awareness of problems caused by dog waste bags being thrown into trees and enforce as appropriate.

Develop the old playing pitch as a community facility

- Meadow planting is suggested above for wildlife reasons, other options include its development as a small community orchard to add to the foraging appeal of the hedgerow alongside or a site for community events.

Management

- The services of a Park Keeper should continue.
- Consideration by Friends of Badocks Wood whether they could increase their area of interest to include the Trym Valley site across Doncaster Road.

Signage

Consider the installation of direction signs in the streets around the entrances particularly near the main Lakewood Road entrance, also the entrances at Eastfield Road and Southmead Road.



Badocks Wood



Onsite meeting



Badocks Wood meadow



Badock's Wood tumulus

“Too many dog walkers chuck their poo bags into the leaves. More deposit bins are needed. They need to walk a long way back to use the one at Lakewood Road.”

Local resident's ideas

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



Falloden Way Children's Play Area

This is a much appreciated local space with a small fenced off playground, woodland edge and open area and is well used during the day by smaller children with parents and grandparents. It is clearly a space that is working extremely hard for its local community despite its very small size.

There is an element of anti social behaviour being experienced on site in the evening where some young people have been gathering - especially at weekends where there have been incidents of young people "camping" overnight in the play house.

Many residents felt the space should be dog free. There was interest in setting up a friends group for the site.

What we want to achieve:

- To maximise the benefits of this space, enhance the children's play area, introduce play for a wider age range. Remove the inner fence, make the whole area dog free creating a space where children can play safely and families picnic.



Falloden Way existing play area



"Can we celebrate this space – it is such a fantastic area, used by so many people within the community".

Local resident's ideas

Options and Ideas

Expand the children's play area

- The current equipment with small roofed playhouse serves it's purpose, but there is an issue around anti-social behaviour. In line with comments recieved so far, more equipment for young children is recommended with elements being provided for children up to age 12 including a climbing structure.
- The Henleaze Society is in the process of installing a small children's picnic area.

Take steps to combat anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour after dark, especially at weekends, is upsetting for a number of local people.

Recommendations for tackling this problem include:

- Manage the 'woodland area', remove damaged trees, thin the self seeded sycamores, raise tree canopies and remove undergrowth. This will open up sight lines, allow daylight and night time street lighting to penetrate the area and so deter anti-social behaviour but also enhance the area for informal play.
- Improve overlooking of the site by trimming back boundary hedges.

More seating and a formal area for older people

- Install more seating for people bringing children to the play area and for older people, who do not use the space at present. This should be carefully planned with local people to offset any risk of anti-social behaviour.
- Introduce a formal area with seating in an attractive planted area.

Signs

- Provide a notice board that can be regularly updated with information available to local people.

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

Avon Gorge (incorporating Avon Walkway West)

The Avon Gorge is not just a spectacular local landmark, it is of exceptional nature conservation importance, being designated nationally as one of Britain's top wildlife sites. The site is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and has also been recognised internationally as a candidate for Special Area of Conservation.

The area is famous for its rare plants that are found in the open and rocky parts of the gorge. It also supports a large number of internationally rare invertebrates, breeding peregrine falcons and rare horseshoe bats.

The Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project take action to protect the outstanding wildlife interest of the Bristol side of the Gorge and Downs and to raise awareness and understanding about the importance of this site for people and wildlife. The Project is a partnership of Bristol City Council, Bristol Zoo Gardens, Natural England, Society of Merchant Venturers, University of Bristol and the Downs Committee. The Project has three elements:

- Wildlife surveying and monitoring
- Habitat management work
- Education

A draft management plan for the Avon Gorge was consulted upon in 2009 and is scheduled to be adopted in 2010.

What we want to achieve:

To conserve the Gorge's special wildlife, explore how the landscape can be conserved and enhanced as well as making sure the Gorge stays as an enjoyable and accessible place for visitors.

To achieve this it is recommended that the proposals and policies in the management plan are implemented.



View along Avon Gorge



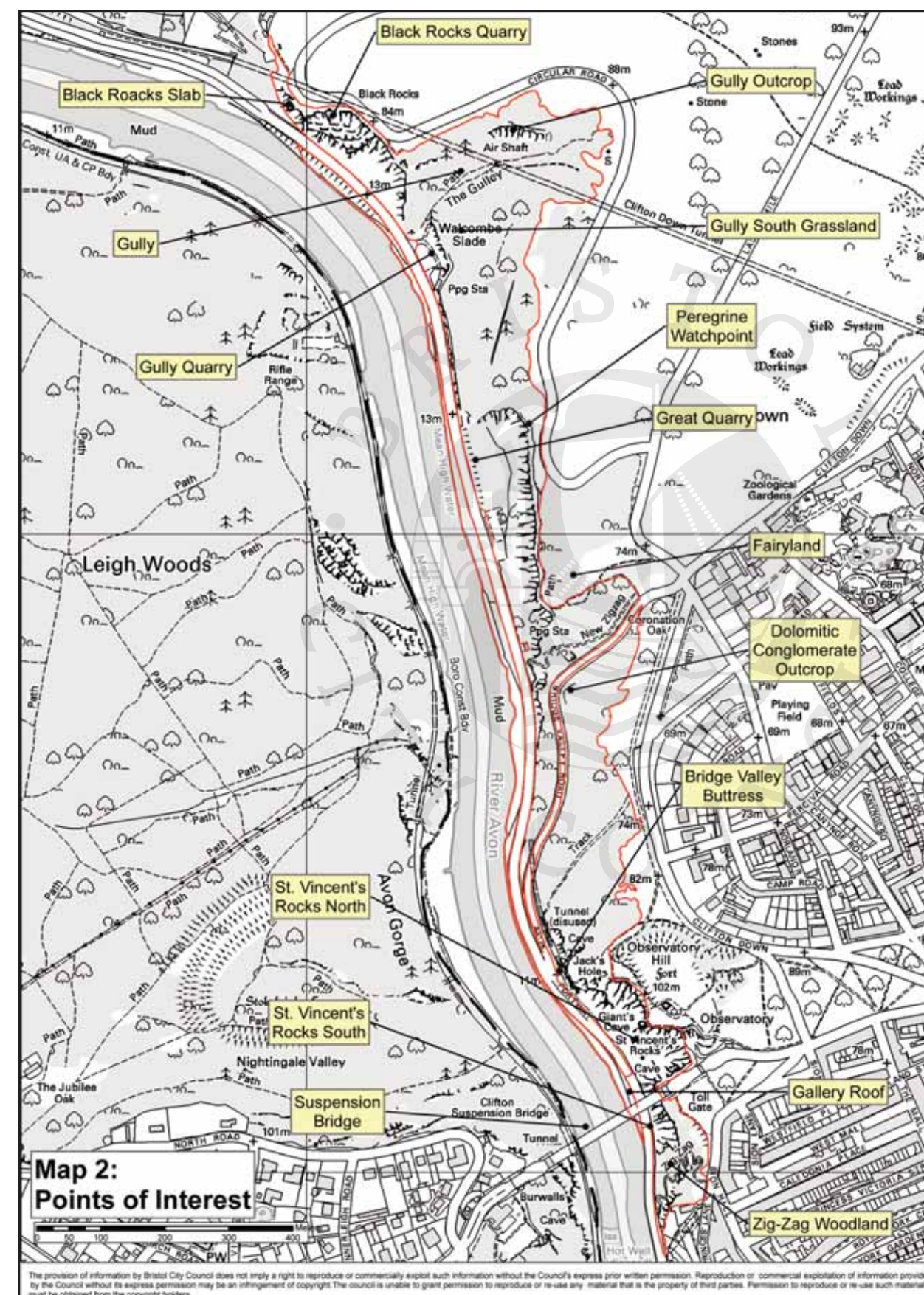
Bridge from glass slide



View from the top of Avon Gorge

A management plan has been prepared for this area and we are not revisiting options as part of the Area Green Space Plan.

You can view the proposals at www.bristol.gov.uk/gorgeproposals





The Downs

The Downs is a large area of green space, which is well used by residents and visitors alike. It hosts the Downs Football League and other events, such as fairs and circuses, otherwise it is mainly used for informal recreation.

The Downs are made up of Clifton Down and Durdham Down. There is an act of parliament; The Downs Act 1861, which requires that the space be available to the public for recreation purposes and sets out what buildings and activities can and cannot take place. A Management Plan was adopted for The Downs in 2007.

Ownership of The Downs is shared by the Merchant Venturers and Bristol City Council. It is managed by The Downs Committee, which is made up of representatives of both owners.

Most of The Downs fall in this Neighbourhood Partnership Area with a small area in the adjoining Neighbourhood Partnership Area of Clifton, Cabot and Clifton East.

Any proposal for The Downs in this plan will need to be mindful of the provisions of the Downs Act, the Management Plan and the need to seek consent of The Downs Committee.

An issue that has arisen during consultation is the lack of children's play space in Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym. There is also a shortfall in children's play in the northern part of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area to the south, made up of Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East and to the east in Redland and Cotham. The result is a large gap that falls outside the distance standard for children's play (see Appendix 1).

Aside from The Downs there is very little public open space which could accommodate a new play area to help fill this gap. It is suggested that the views of The Downs Committee be sought on the option of a new play area somewhere on The Downs.



Cafe facility



Durdham Downs

A Management Plan has been prepared for The Downs and we are not revisiting options as part of the Area Green Space Plan.

You can view the plan at www.bristol.gov.uk











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Other sites;

Henleaze, Westbury-Trym-Stoke Bishop have a significant number of small green spaces. The following management is suggested for the sites listed below;

Name	Description	What we want to achieve	
Roman Remains (Portway)	An archaeological site, showing terraces of a Roman Building, and possibly one of many which stood on a street in the Roman town of Abonae - now known as Sea Mills.	Continue to manage as at present.	
Portway Amenity Area	Area of cliffside, off the Portway, regularly used by climbers and charity abseiling events. The site falls within the Avon Gorge Management Plan.	Manage as at present and continue to use as event site. Investigate how it could improve visitor access to The Gorge.	
Falcolndale Walk	Grass verge on edge of Falcolndale Road - swathes of spring bulbs	Continue to manage as at present.	
White Tree Roundabout	Formally planted roundabout providing visual amenity at busy road junction.	Continue to manage as at present.	
Canford Lane Woodlands	Small woodland site off Canford Lane providing natural green space - overlooked by residents of Coombe House Elderly Persons Home.	Continue to manage as at present.	
Canford Lane Amenity area.	A triangle of informal green space opposite Canford Park. Bulbs in spring, (it is suggested that the verge opposite is no longer viewed as a public open space of recreational value).	Continue to manage as at present.	

Section 4.

Future opportunities

Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop are only partly served by publicly accessible open space. The Neighbourhood Partnership Area contains the jewel in Bristol's crown "the Downs" and additionally two very popular neighbourhood parks. However other publicly accessible space is limited and there are few opportunities to address this.

The Downs- the possibility of a new play area on The Downs has been mentioned, to achieve this it will be necessary to reach agreement with The Downs Committee.

The options for new space that could be looked into are as follows;

To explore with local independent schools any provision available for children and young people's space in line with the school's charitable status requirements.

Within this area lies Stoke Lodge off-site sports provision to meet the needs of Cotham Grammar School. The Council propose to improve sports facilities for school and community use and will explore opportunities for public recreational use on part of the site. This might include provision of a children's play area. A satisfactory management regime would need to be agreed.

To look at what future options might be for two privately owned space. This would include the practicalities and costs of being acquired by Bristol City Council;

- a) The old allotment site behind the doctors surgery in Westbury on Trym.

This has been landscaped and is maintained by the surgery, who own the land. There is a legal agreement attached to the planning consent for the surgery which requires the public to have continued access to the path across the site, which connects the village to Holy Trinity Church.

- b) Packhorse Gardens.

This small garden has been laid out and is maintained by the Westbury-on-Trym Society. It is currently open to use by the public.





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 Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop.

Quality

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

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

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

Distance Standard

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

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

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

The distances proposed are in the table below:

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

Barriers to access

When applying distance standards barriers to accessing parks such as railways, rivers, major roads, hills 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.

There are no barriers that have been identified in the Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop Area.

Children's and young people's space

Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop is currently under-provided for in terms of children's play, with just three playgrounds in the area. An extension to the play area at Canford Park was provided under the Play Pathfinder project in 2009. Two other play spaces are provided at Falloden Way, (which caters for under 5's), and Old Quarry Park. There are large areas outside the children's play standard across Stoke Bishop - which has no children's play facilities. Blaise Castle Estate accommodates a large play area just outside the Neighbourhood Partnership Area which caters for some of the residents within this area.

Because of the restrictions on the public open space available it is difficult to propose changes that would improve opportunities for play.

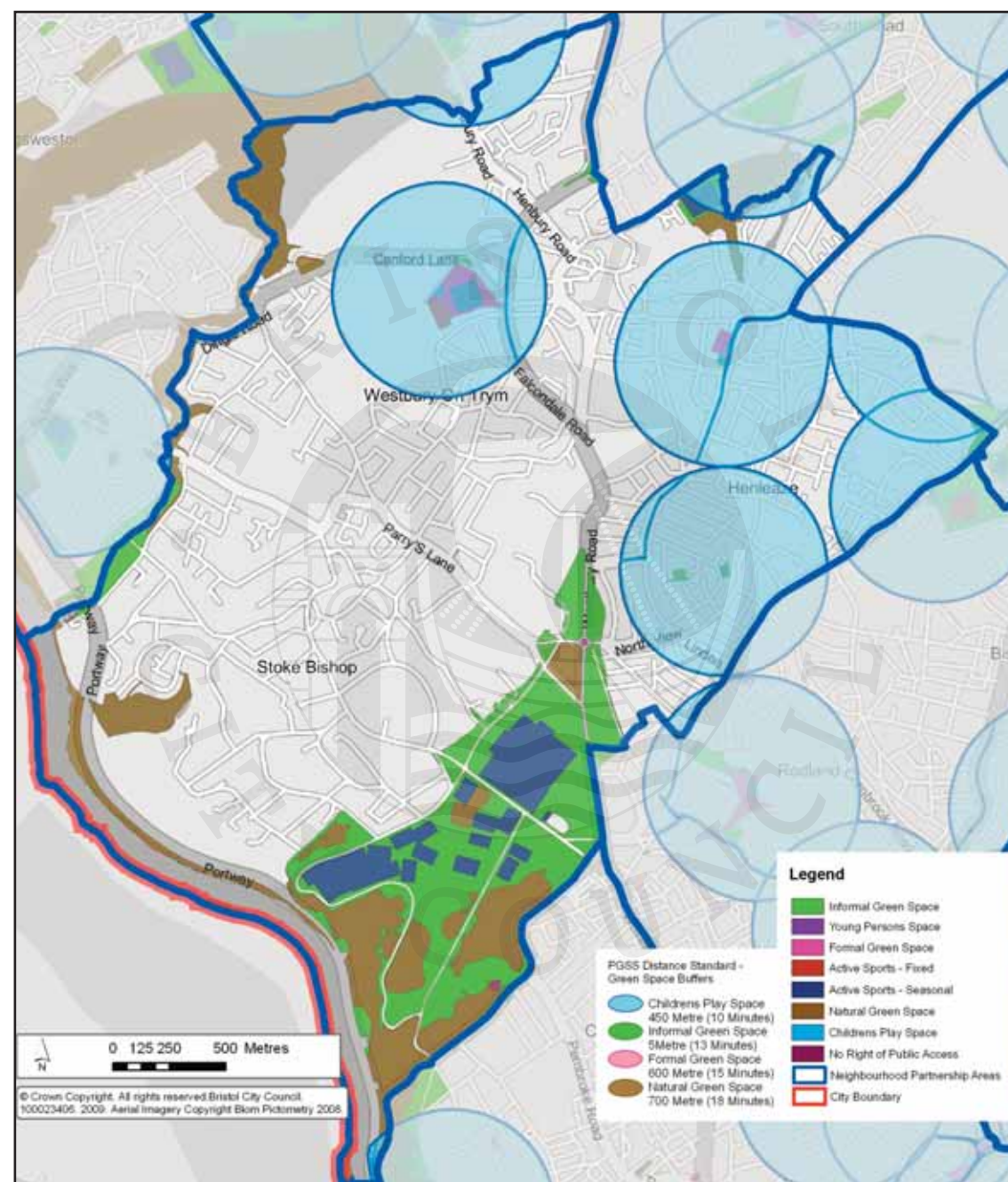
There may be an opportunity to provide a new play area at Stoke Lodge but at present this land is predominantly used as school playing fields for Cotham Grammar School and is not publicly accessible.

The possibility of a new play area on The Downs is to be explored,

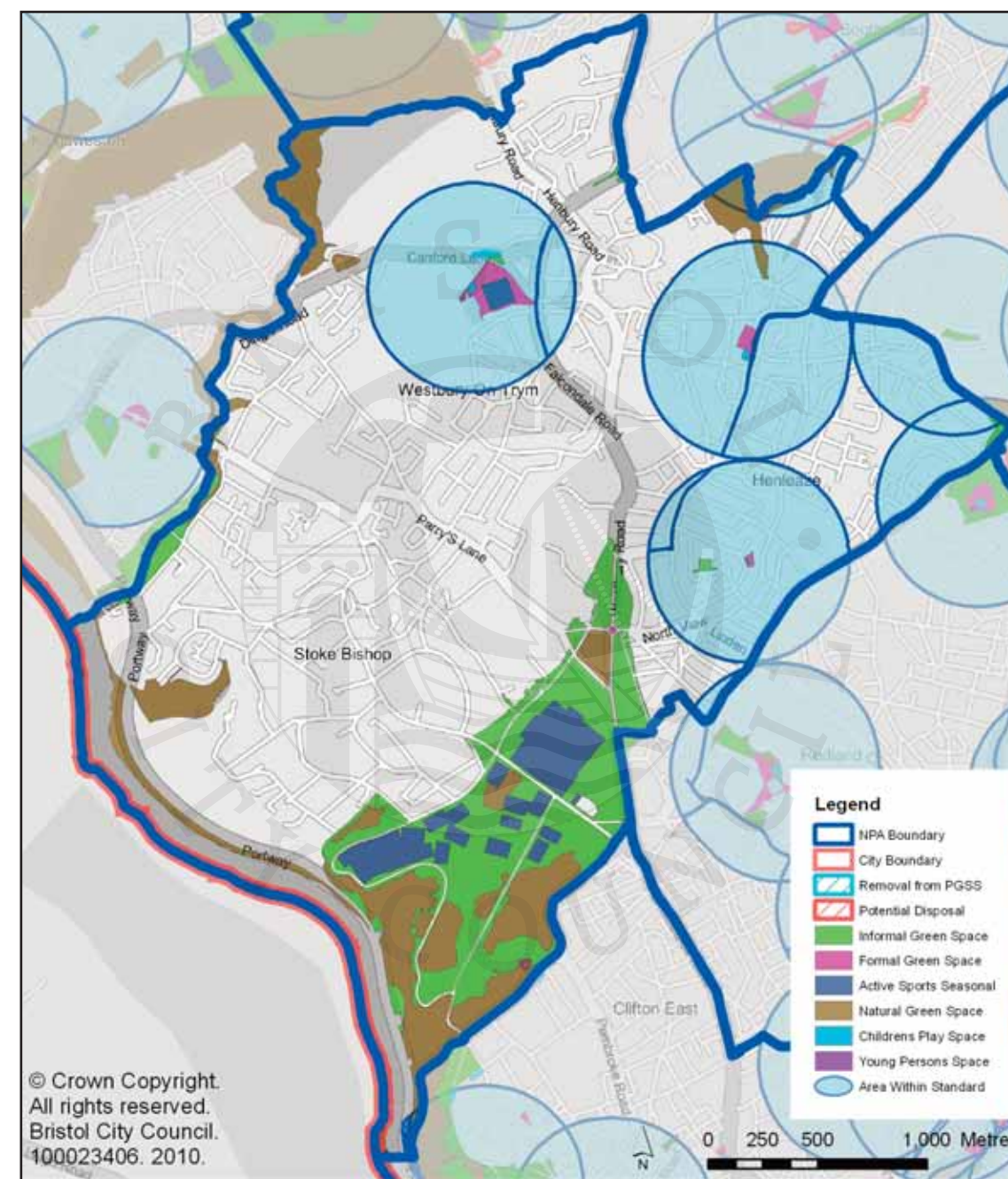
Given the lack of play facilities the priority across the neighbourhood partnership area is to ensure that all current publicly accessible play facilities are improved to an excellent standard.

The lack of current opportunity to provide new accessible and safe play will mean that taking account of the projected increase in population will mean the total population outside the 450m distance standard will increase from 65% to 67%.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years



Formal Green Space

Two publicly accessible formal green spaces are currently available in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area; Old Quarry Park and Canford Park.

These are both successful in providing a traditional form park experience for the residents of Henleaze and Westbury.

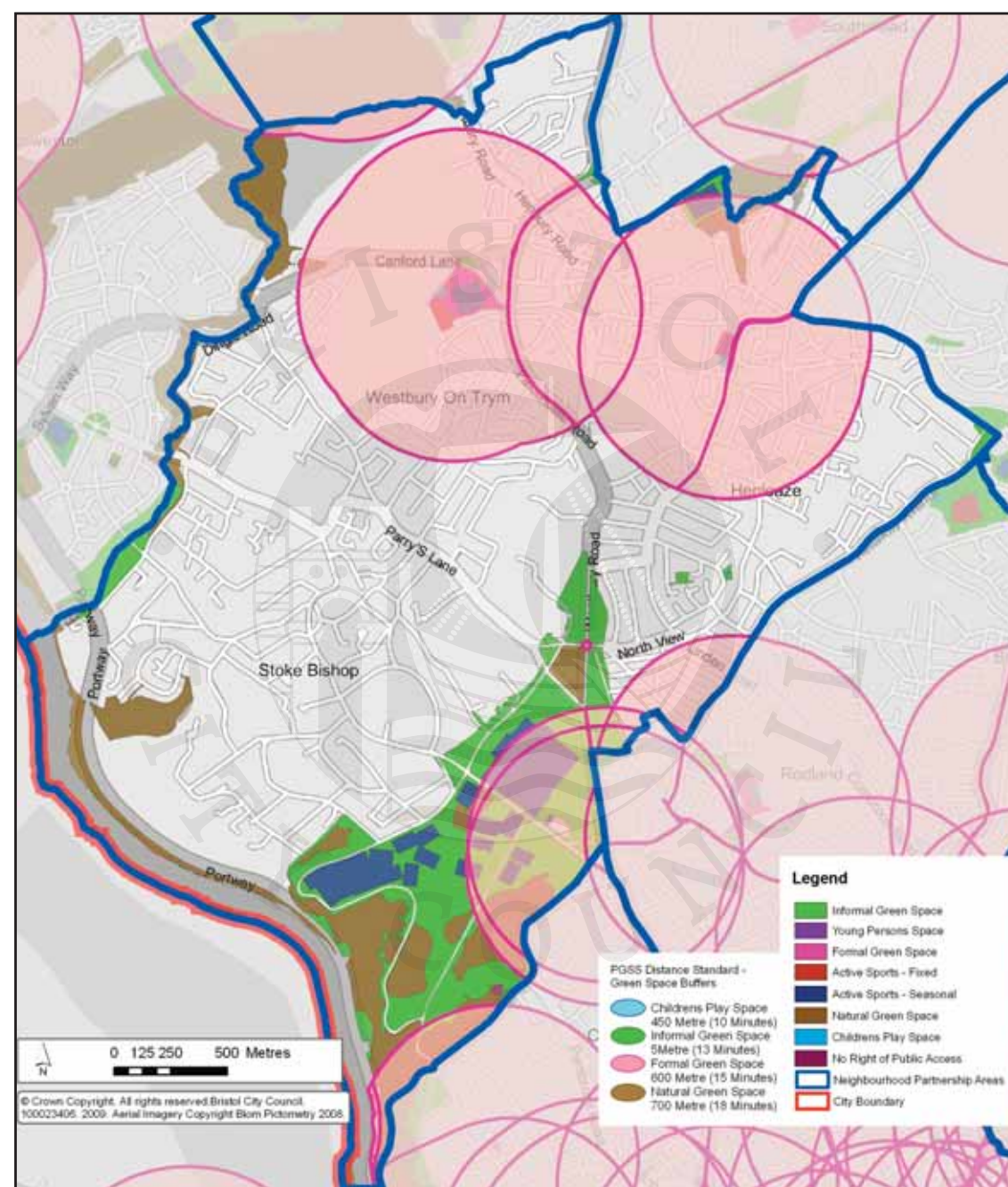
It is proposed to re-designate the Informal space at Falloden Way to Formal Green Space (see informal space section).

As a result the provision of formal green space will be slightly higher, but gaps will still exist, mostly across Stoke Bishop ward.

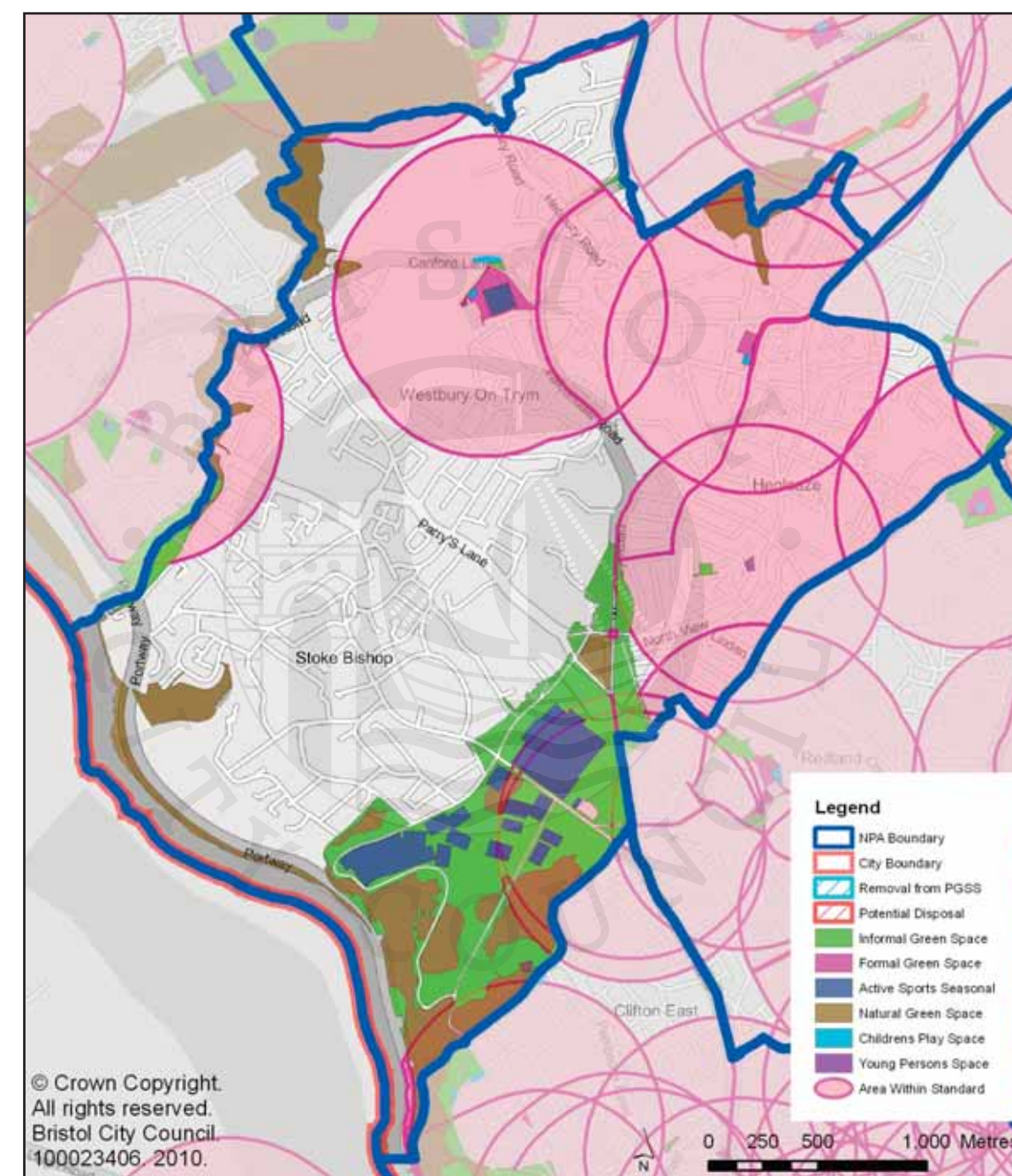
There is currently no suitable space to address this shortfall.

The percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for Formal Green Space will go down from 62% to 42%.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





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Informal Green Space

Much of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is well provided for Informal Green space due to the inclusion of the Downs within the area, but there are large gaps.

It is proposed to add The Furlong as an informal space, which will serve the eastern part of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

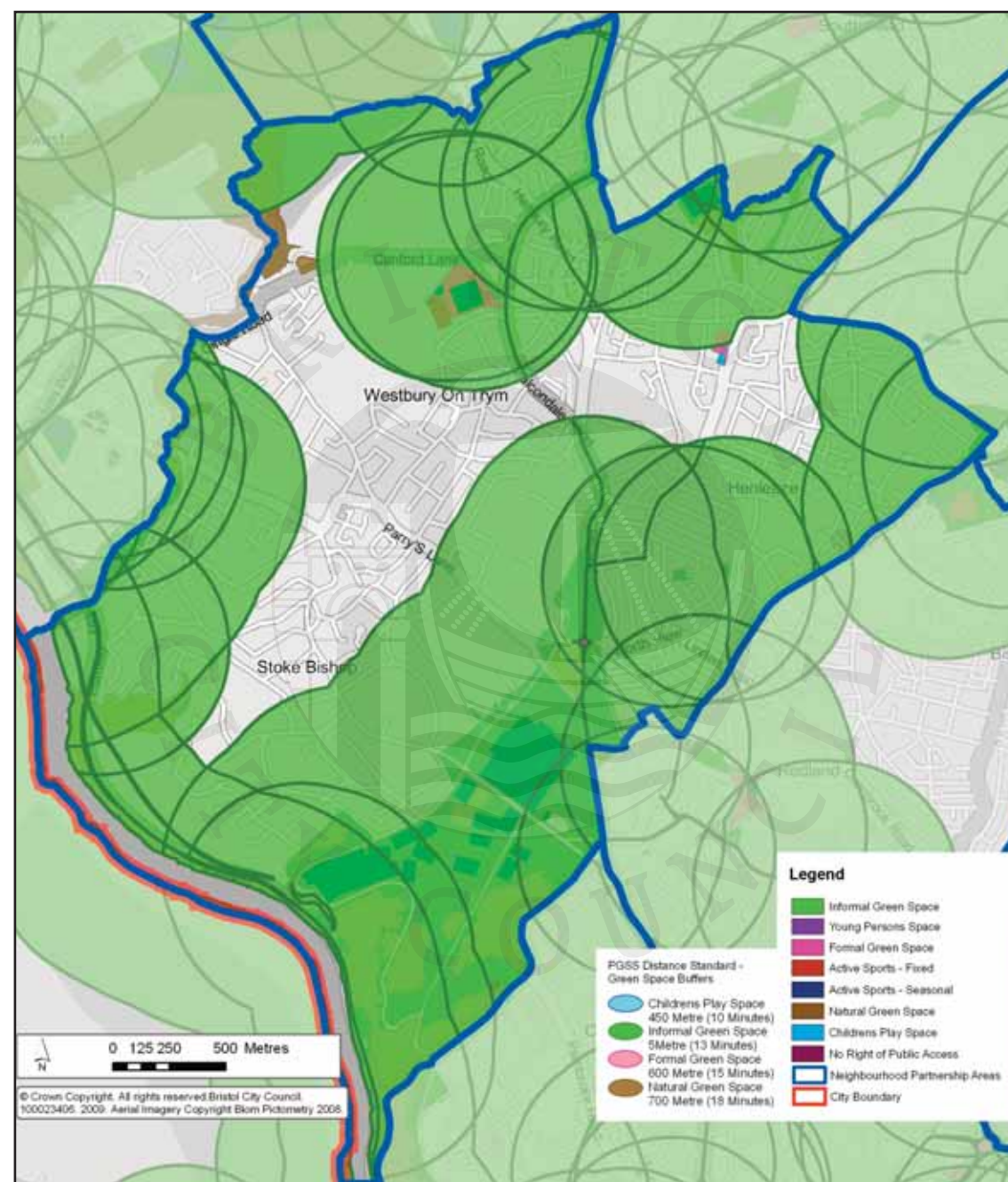
However because a suggestion to convert the area surrounding Falloden Way Children's Play area to formal space, this will no longer act as informal space.

The Council is exploring opportunities for public recreational use on part of Stoke Lodge Playing Fields.

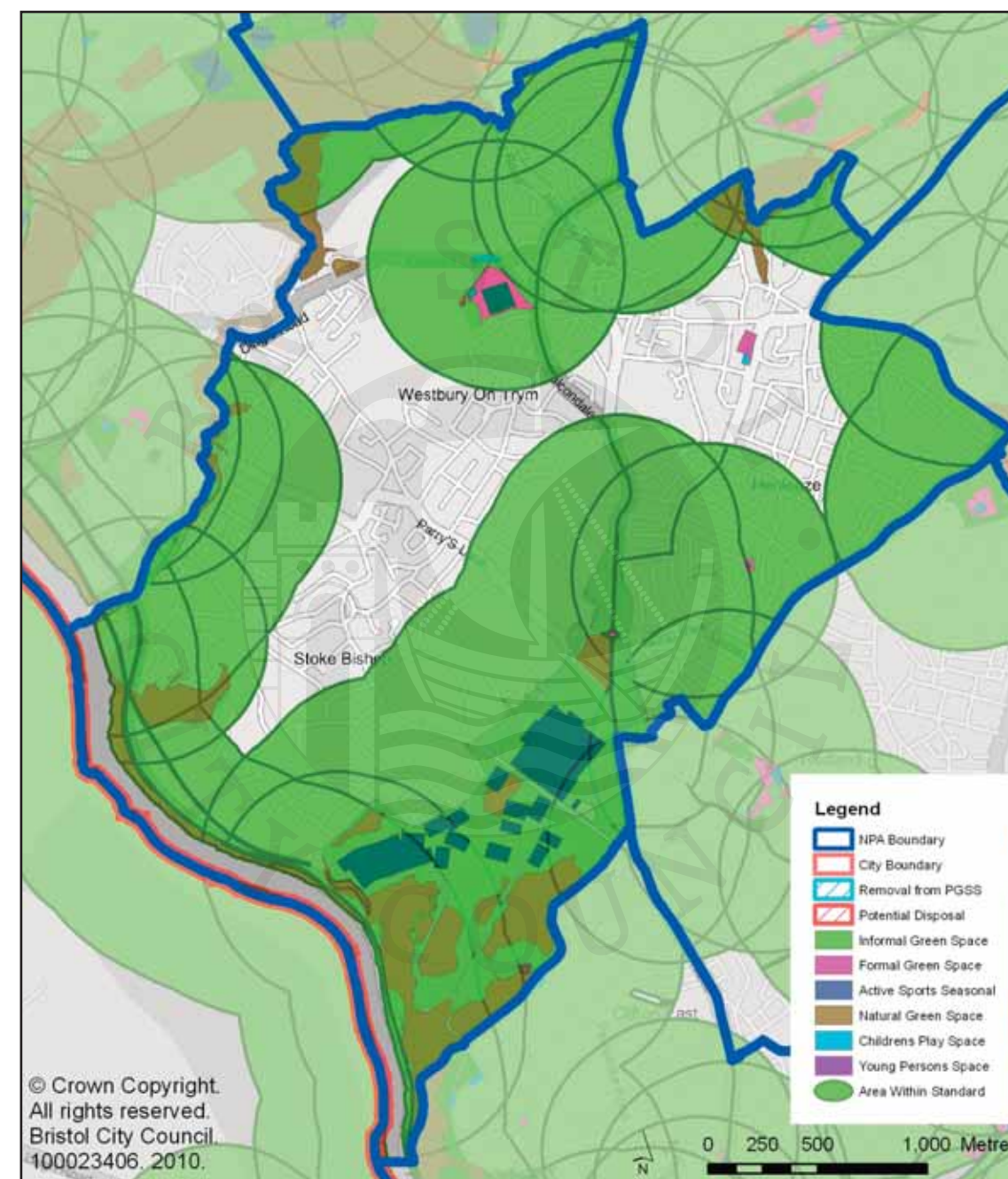
The inclusion of space here as Informal Green Space would have a positive impact on meeting the distance standard.

As a result of these slight changes the the percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standards for Informal space will increase from 27% to 32%..

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years

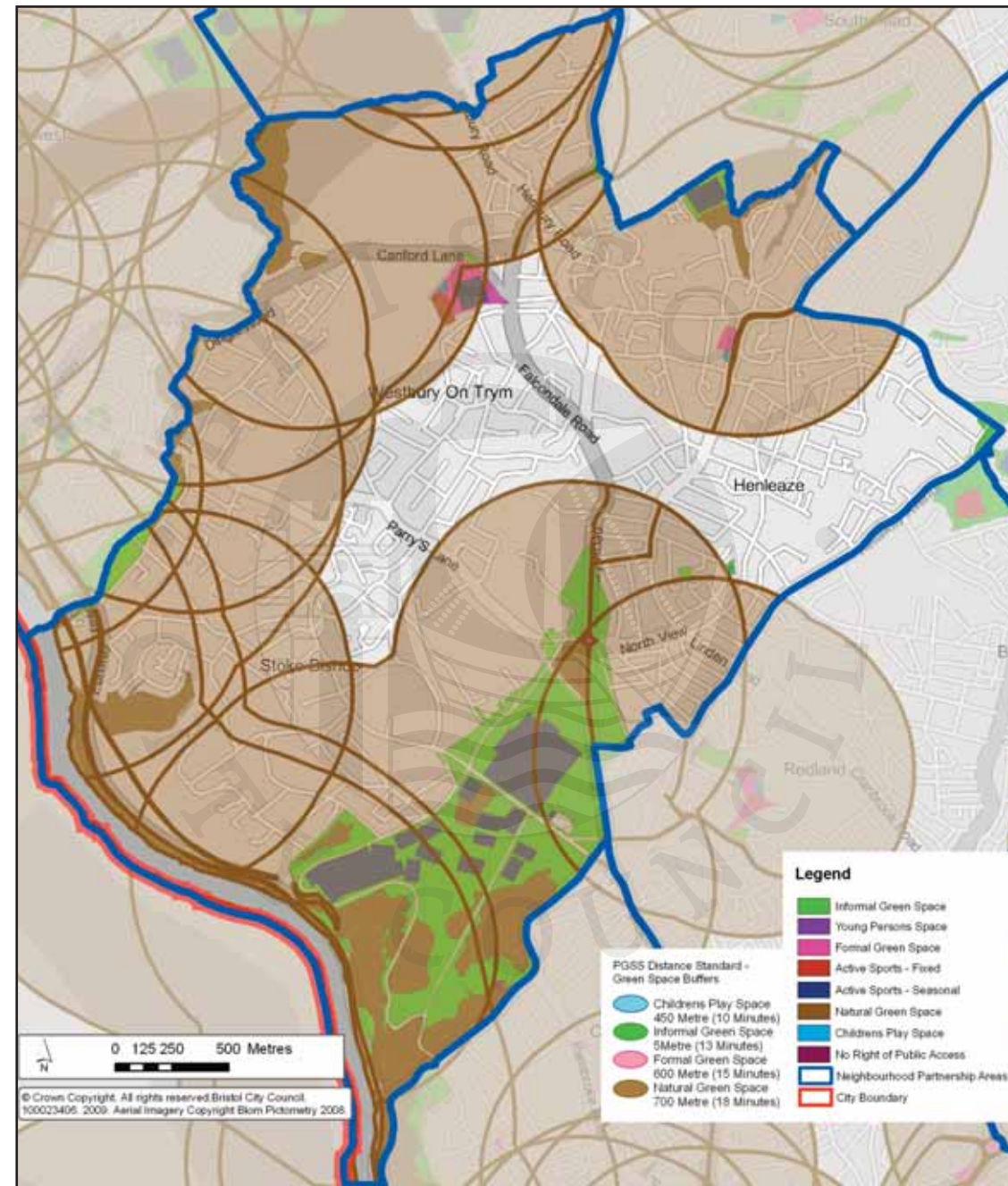


Natural Green Space

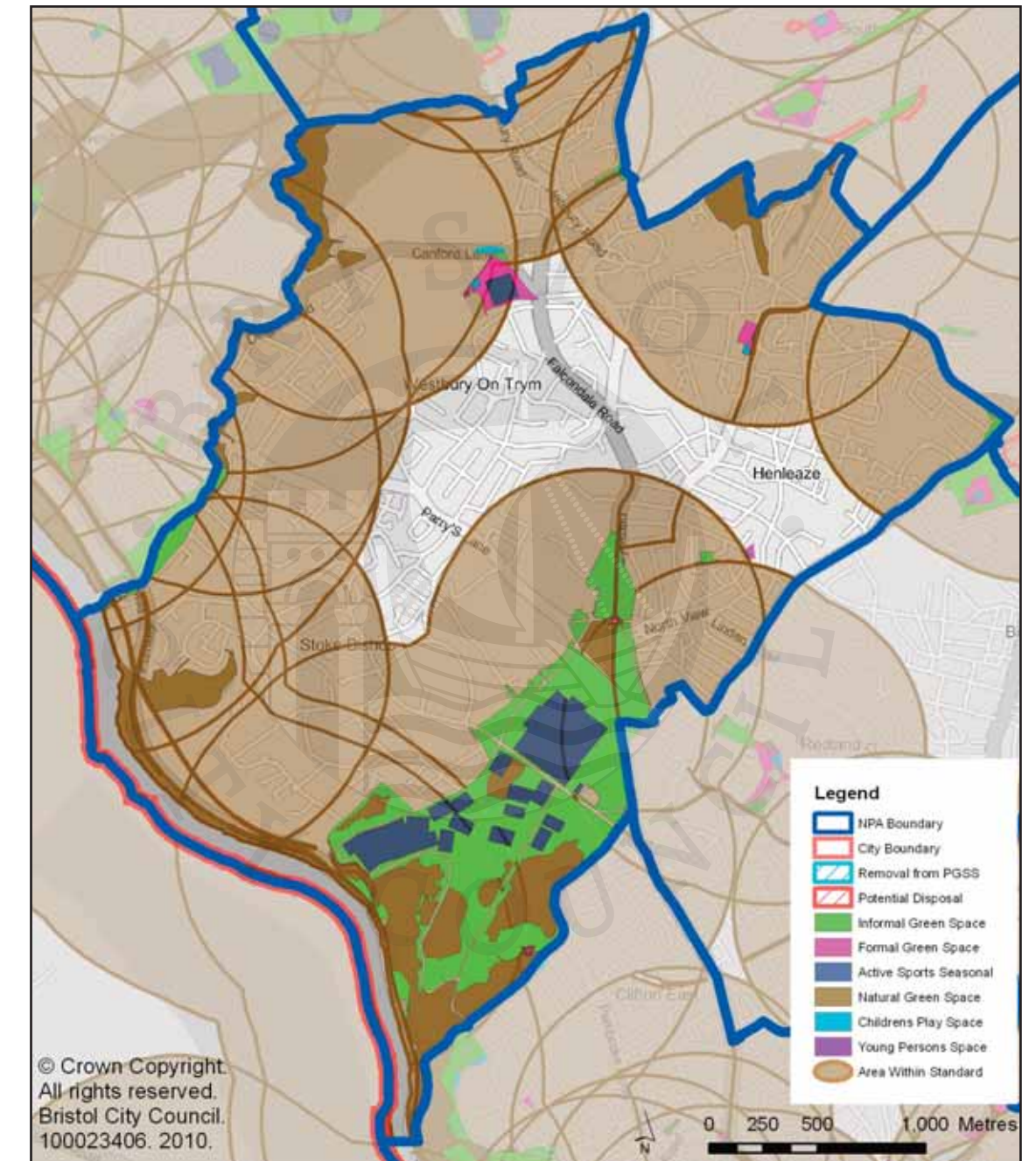
The Neighbourhood Partnership Area is better provided for Natural Green space than other types of publicly accessible open space but there is a gap in provision which spreads out towards Horfield and a lack of suitable sites to fill that gap. However it is proposed to redesignate part of an Informal Green Space to Natural at Horfield Common, which will serve part of Henleaze.

Consequently the percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for Natural Green Space will fall from 30% to 24%.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





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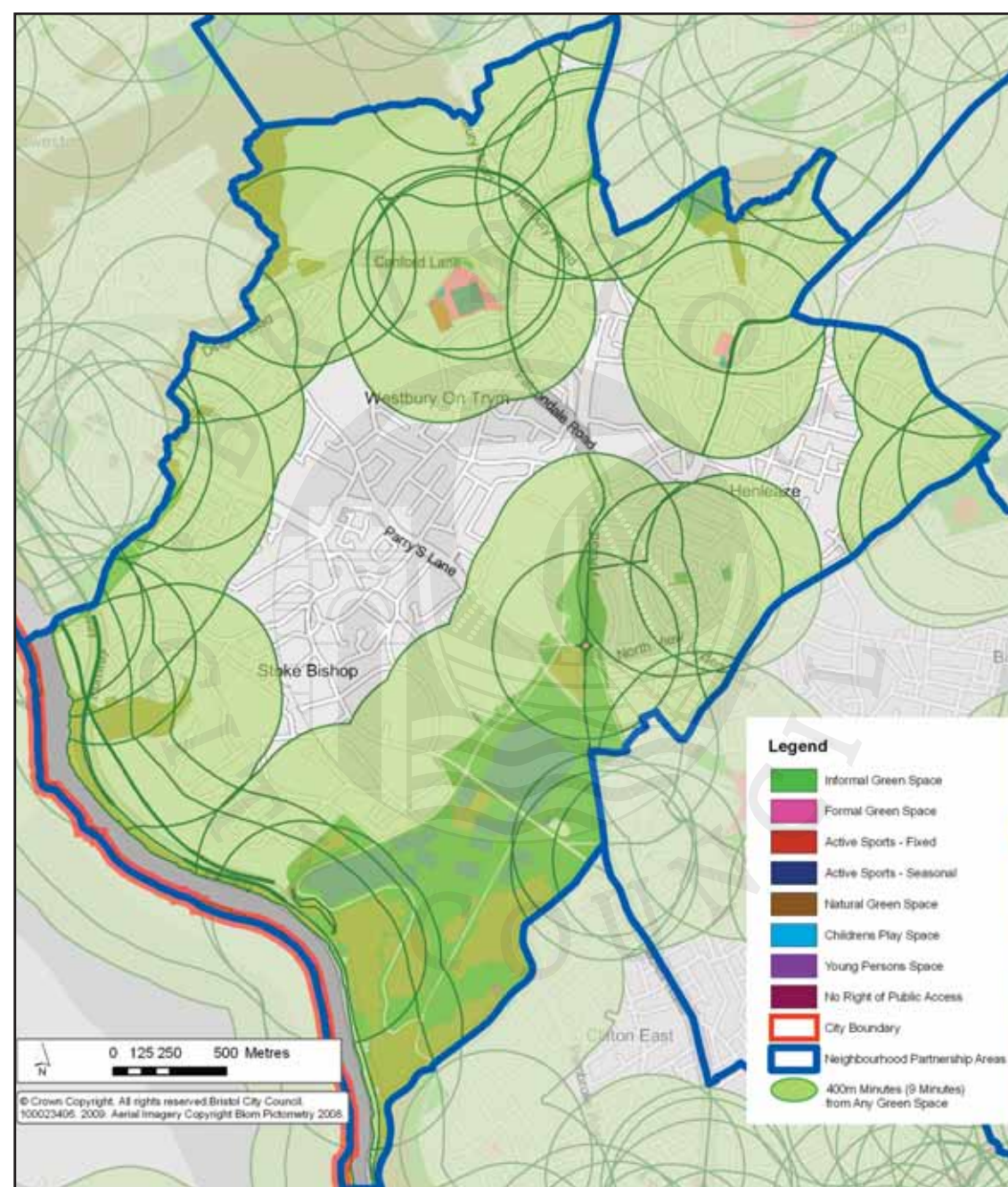
Distance to the nearest green space

There is a gap in the provision of all types of open space in the central part of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

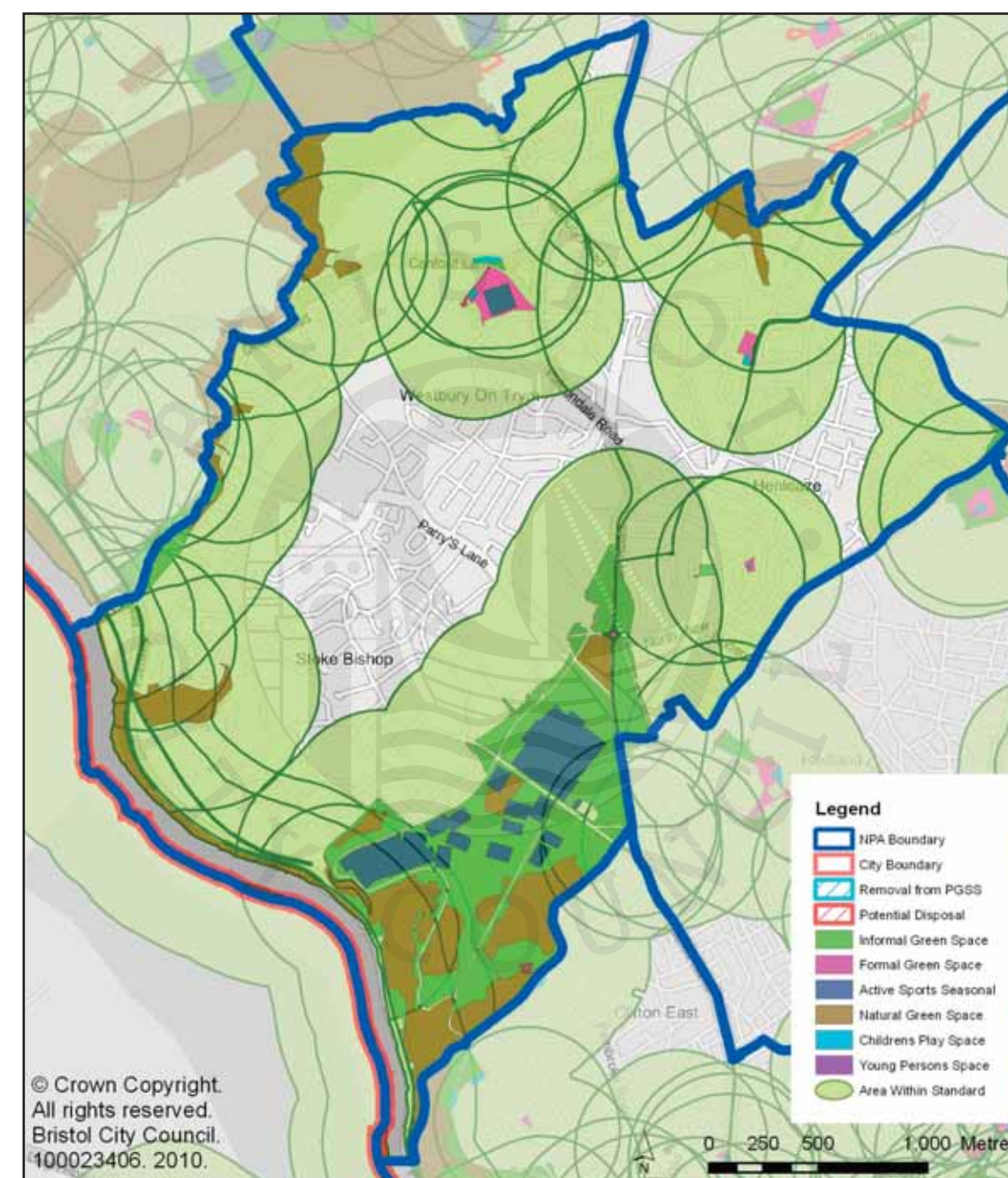
The main open space provision is The Downs.

The proposals in 'Future Opportunities' could make some change to the situation but ownership issues means that they cannot be formally taken into account at this stage. The percentage of the future population that will be outside the distance for any green space stay at 25%.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





Quantity

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

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

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

Proposed minimum quantity standard:

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

Locality Standards for different types of space:

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

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

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

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

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


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

	Standard sq m/person	Current provision sq m/person	ONS 2026 population estimate sq m/person	GLA 2026 population estimate sq m/person
Children's play space	0.3	0.11	0.09	0.11
Formal green space	2.0	1.48	1.35	1.58
Informal green space	8.0	33.87	28.84	33.80
Natural green space	9.0	25.07	22.96	26.90
Locality standard	18.0	60.53	53.24	62.39



Appendix 2.

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

Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Children and young people		
	CY1	Maintenance and enhancement of children's play facilities across the neighbourhood partnership area. Explore if there could be a future opportunity to site children's play facility at Stoke Lodge Playing fields Exploration of future opportunity to site new natural children's play facility on the Downs.
	CY2	Enhancement of youth provision at Old Quarry Park Please refer to proposals for Wheels Parks and MUGA's on page 33
	CY4	Enhancing Young People's opportunities at Canford Park with MUGA and Wheels Park. Enhancing woodland nature trails through Trym Side Open Space Enhancing woodland play opportunities at Badocks Wood Encouragement of informal kickabout areas in Old Quarry Park and Canford Park



Wheels Parks and MUGAs

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

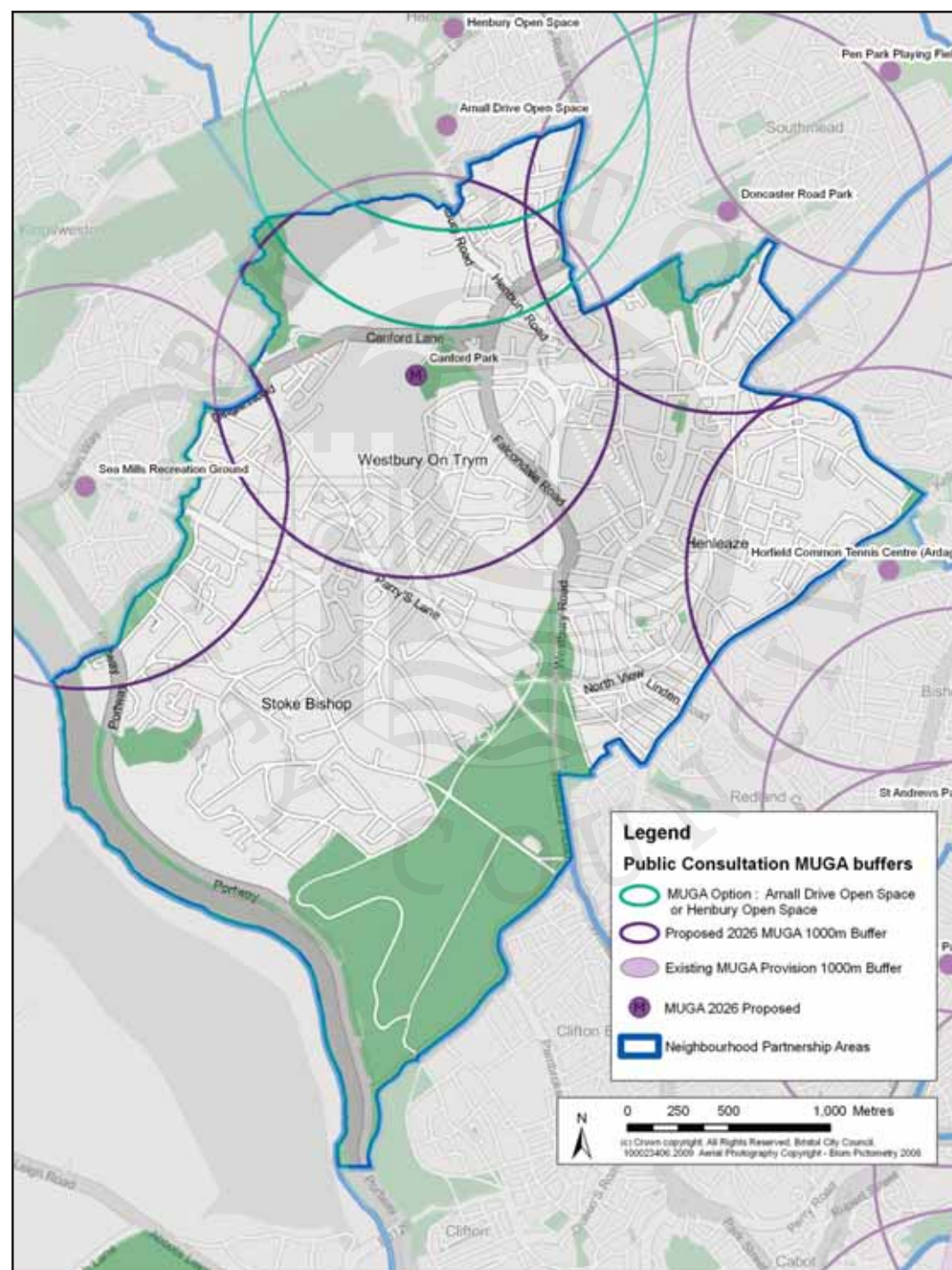
A MUGA is an all-weather surfaced, fenced, ball court with goalposts and basketball hoops. They are commonly lit during the darker months to a set time in the evening.

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

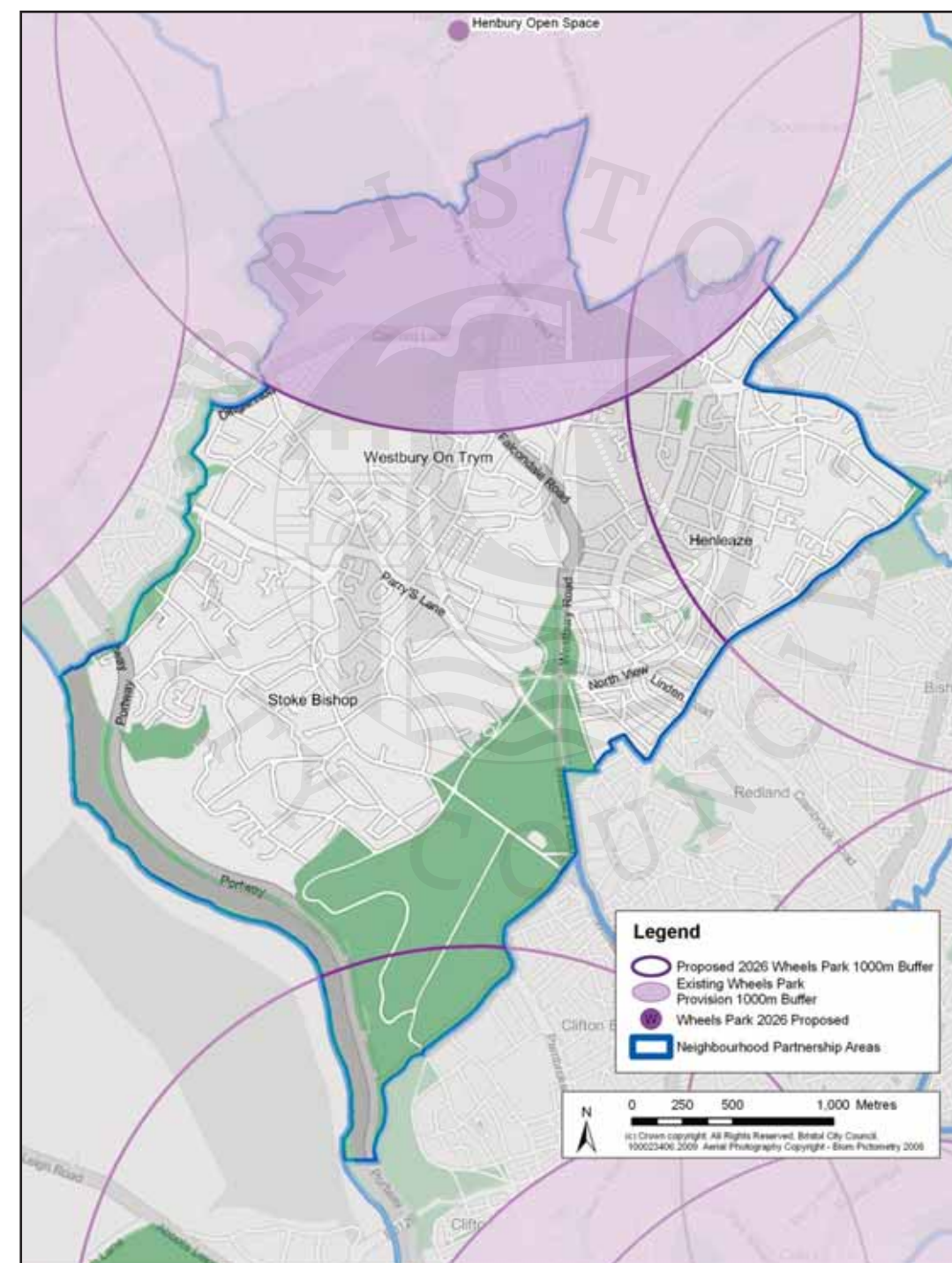
The maps opposite show that there are no MUGA's or wheels park currently serving the Neighbourhood Partnership Area although there are facilities outside the area which meet the needs of young people from this area; the Wheels Park at Crow Lane and the Horfield facility.

A new MUGA and Wheels facility is proposed at Canford Park which will significantly reduce the gaps in provision for this area.

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





Potential Wheels Parks with 2km Distance Performance Target







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Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Formal Green Space		
	Ensure there is a good traditional park within easy reach of home offering a range of facilities (multi-functional park with a range of facilities including a Park Keeper)	FG1 Canford Park already acts as a traditional park. Old Quarry Park will also provide a traditional park for the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.
	Providing a Park Keeper in all main traditional parks as a minimum	FG2 Canford Park , Badocks Wood and the Downs already benefit from Park Keepers. The intention will be to provide a Park Keeper for Old Quarry Park.
	Enhance entry points and boundaries	FG4 The Area Green Space Plan proposes improvements to boundaries and entrances across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area. See concept plans for Old Quarry Park and Canford Park and plans for Badocks Wood for more details.
	Provide visual planting schemes in key formal green spaces	FG7 Planting schemes already exist in the formal spaces of Canford Park with the reinstatement in 2008 of the rose garden. White Tree Roundabout provides a pleasant visual amenity on a busy thoroughfare adjacent to the Downs. Proposals for Old Quarry Park and Falloden Way will enhance these provisions.
Informal Green Space		
	Improve grounds maintenance, focusing on the basics of grass cutting, litter, fly tipping nd dog fouling.	IG1 All proposals in the Area Green Space Plan will ensure the good quality maintenance of informal space.
	Tackle anti-social behaviour focusing on prevention and greater responsiveness to incidents, access and visibility	IG2 Measures suggested within the concept plans for Old Quarry Park such as thinning of trees and moving the drinking fountain at Canford Park are specifically designed to reduce Anti Social Behaviour. The highest instances of Anti Social Behaviour in parks across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area have been reported for Falloden Way. It is proposed that by careful management of this site, with modification of the children's play space that some of these elements can be reduced in the future.
	Upgrade some areas of informal green space for safe play and sport, including enclosing them with railings and making them dog free	IG3 The proposal for Falloden Way will create a good quality formal space and dog free environment.




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Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Natural Green Space 	Establish a network of 16 Local Nature Reserves across the city	NG1 The Neighbourhood Partnership Area is currently served by Badocks Wood Local Nature Reserve. Old Sneed park Nature Reserve may be considered in the future.
	Improve maintenance and management regimes in natural green space to improve welcome and accessibility	NG2 Proposals include the improvements to Wildlife Network sites those along the River Trym and the Nature Reserves at Old Sneed Park and Badocks Wood.
	Improve entrances and routes through natural green space to improve welcome and security.	
Active Sports Space 	Enhance the quality of playing pitches through the improvement of changing facilities, pavilions and pitch quality.	AS1 Canford Park operates as a mini sports hub with 2 football pitches on a seasonal hire basis, 8 tennis courts are part of the Community Tennis Initiative and bowls green is used on a seasonal hire basis. 28 football pitches are provided at the Downs
	Provision of Tennis	AS2 Eight tennis courts at Canford Park are provided as part of the Community Tennis Initiative, four of which have recently been updated. Canford Park will be an LTA Beacon site for tennis.
	Provision of bowls	AS3 A bowls facility is located at Canford Park.





Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Other land management policies		
	Restore and develop park buildings for a range of alternative uses.	<p>LM3/LM4</p> <p>Part of the changing facilities at Canford Park will be converted to accommodate a cafe facility. Disused toilet block at Canford Park will be demolished but toilets are available in the club house.</p> <p>It is also a desire that a tea wagon/cafe could be provided at Old Quarry Park, like the facility at St. Andrew’s Park.</p>
	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	<p>LM5</p> <p>It is suggested that Falloden Way becomes fully dog free, retaining dog walking opportunities at Brean Down Avenue</p>
	Manage and plant more trees	<p>LM10</p> <p>All proposals within the Area Green Space Plan will include the good maintenance of trees and vegetation. Proposals for Badocks Wood will see the introduction of some new trees</p>
	Improve the quality of green corridors, riverside routes and cycle/walkways for recreation, biodiversity and commuting	<p>LM12</p> <p>Improve the quality and access to the green corridors, wildlife network sites and SNCI land across the NPA. This includes improvements to spaces along the River Trym.</p>



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