



# Ideas and Options Paper

## Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill

## Area Green Space Plan

A spatial and investment plan for the next 20 years





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## Vision for Green Space in Bristol

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

Source: Parks and Green Space Strategy 2008



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## Section 1.

### Introduction

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

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



## Consultation on the Ideas and Options Paper for Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill - how to make your comments.

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

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

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

*All ideas and options are open for comment.*

### How to make your comments

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

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

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

### Paper and cd versions

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

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

Or by telephoning: 0117 922 3719

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

### Drop in sessions

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

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### 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 Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill, 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;
- Avonmouth and Kingsweston;
- Eastville, Frome Vale and Hillfields; and
- St George East and West.

### Other consultations you may be interested in

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



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

### Playing Pitch Strategy

The Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is a sub-strategy of the Parks and Green Space Strategy and is the technical document which contains proposals for formally organised outdoor sport across Bristol.

It is based on a careful evaluation and review of demand and supply based on a full audit of pitches, users and providers within the city. The evaluation included all pitches in Bristol including parks, school playing fields, private sector facilities and those run by further education organisations. The PPS advocates the creation of larger multi-pitch and multi-sport sites and greater use of school playing fields. The Playing Pitch Strategy can be viewed online at [www.bristol.gov.uk/parkstrategy](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/parkstrategy)



### Parks and Green Space Strategy

Bristol's Parks and Green Space Strategy was adopted by Cabinet on 21st February 2008. The strategy sets out an ambitious plan over the next 20 years for ensuring that people have access to good quality parks and green spaces of different types, close to where they live.

The strategy contains service management policies and a set of standards for the provision of publicly accessible green space. There are three specific standards:



**Quality standard:** a level of quality which all spaces should attain

**Distance standard:** how far people should have to travel to reach a particular type of space

**Quantity standard** – how much green space of different types there should be

These standards have been applied during the development of Area Green Space Plans and the ideas and options paper associated with them.

To view the strategy and find out more about the standards go to [www.bristol.gov.uk/parkstrategy](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/parkstrategy)

### The Bristol Development Framework

Bristol City Council is producing a new suite of planning documents to guide development decisions in the city over a 20-year period. The Bristol Development Framework (BDF) will set out how the city will grow to accommodate 30,000 new homes for an increasing population. New employment and commercial opportunities will be needed and new transport links are expected to connect growing residential and employment centres. Together these documents make up the BDF, which will replace the Local Plan.

The council has undertaken and commissioned a range of studies and assessments to provide a robust evidence base for the preparation of the Bristol Development Framework. The Parks and Green Space Strategy will act together with Area Green Space Plans to provide the evidence base for publicly accessible open spaces.

Area Green Space Plans are being drawn up at the same time as the Council develops two key documents within the BDF - the Core Strategy and the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan.

The Site Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document will establish site-specific planning policies, allocate sites for development, and set out the protection of areas sensitive to change.

If you require any further information please contact the Strategic Policy Team on 0117 903 6725 or [bdf@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:bdf@bristol.gov.uk)

### Area Green Space Plans

Area Green Space Plans are one of the first steps in implementing the Parks and Green Space Strategy. They will detail changes to green space over a 20 year period – setting out what space is required, what type of investment is needed such as children's play and sports pavilions and identifying any significant change such as new entrances, footpaths or car parking.

#### Step 1

#### Ideas and options paper Currently out for consultation

The Ideas and Options papers put forward ideas for making these changes in each area of the city. They are based on the policies and standards adopted in the Parks and Green Space Strategy, as well as responding to the specific proposals for active organised sport laid out in the Playing Pitch Strategy. They have been put together taking into account the views of local stakeholders, expert advice and the needs of other projects such as Cycling City.

#### Step 2

#### Final Area Green Space Plan

Feedback from the Ideas and Options paper consultation will inform a final Area Green Space Plan which the council aims to adopt by early 2011.

### Park Improvement Plan

These will be produced for parks over the 20 year period as money becomes available and according to the priorities set out in Area Green Space Plans. These will be subject to further local consultation.

### Park Management Plans

(Capital Spend and day to day management). These will be subject to further local consultation.





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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



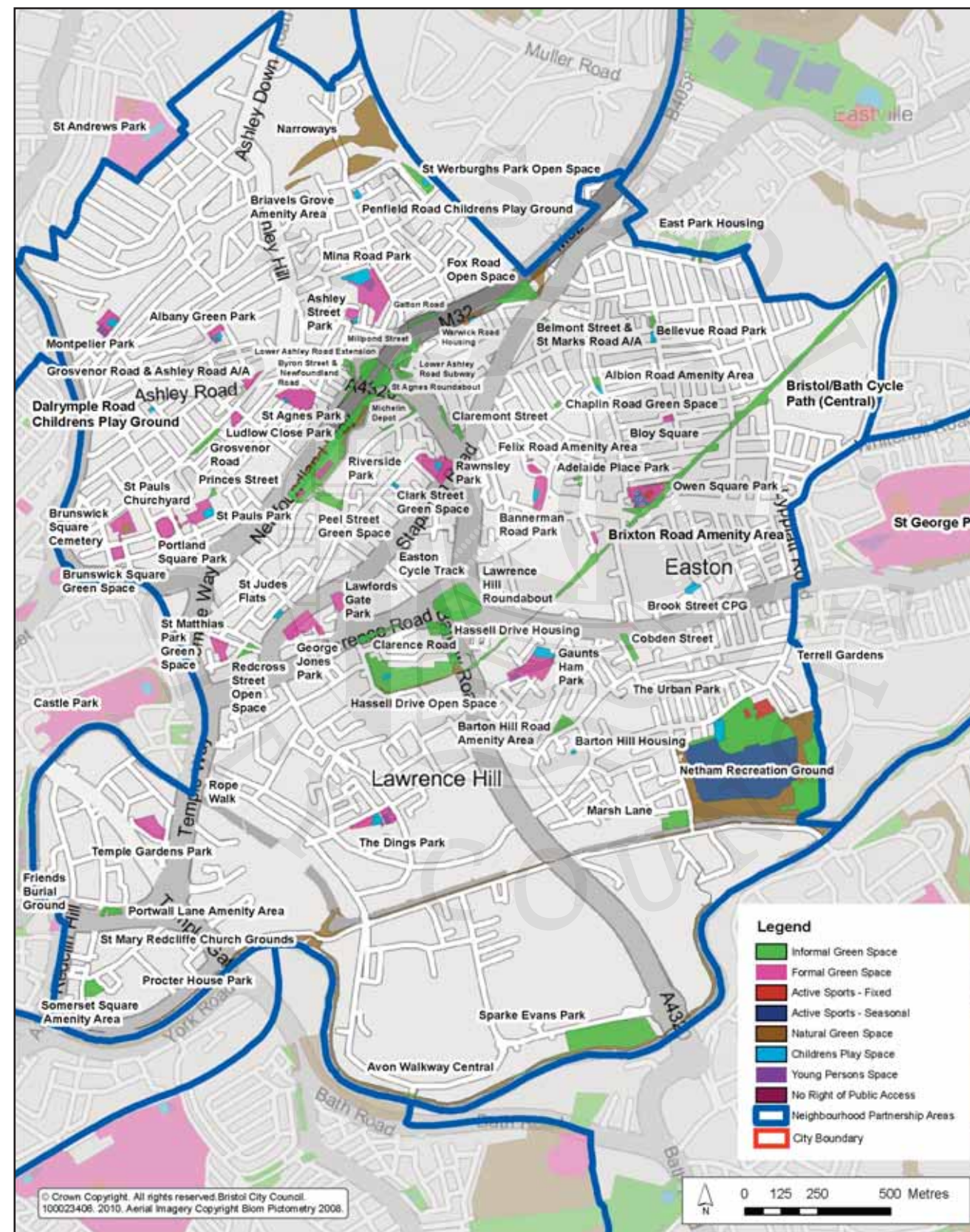
Sites providing people with access to, and experience of nature. It includes woodland, grassland, scrub, hedgerows and wetland.

#### 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 Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill

The Area Green Space Plan is defined by the boundaries of the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area - itself defined by the three electoral wards.

The Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area has a wide range of different green space including public open space, allotments, private sports facilities, churchyards and schools' grounds. The Area Green Space Plan considers only the public open space element of this. The map of green space that will be considered by the plan, and therefore by this Ideas and Options Paper is shown here. These spaces are categorised into five different types as outlined in the Parks and Green Space Strategy 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.

**In addition to the spaces already identified as publicly accessible in 2008 the following spaces will be added:**

Space	Why?
Barton Hill Urban Park	A fully publicly accessible space that has been created since the original PGSS survey.
Proctor House Playground (Redcliffe)	The play space is publicly accessible, popular and well used. It serves the dense population of south Redcliffe.
Riverside Walk from Temple Bridge to Temple Meads Station (Rope Walk)	Used as a cycle and pedestrian link from the city centre to Temple Meads and is publicly accessible at all times, though is not owned nor managed by the council.
Land to the rear of Easton Leisure Centre	Currently under lease from the council to the Cycle Speedway League.

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?
St Pauls Churchyard	The site is not legitimately publicly accessible and is part of St Pauls Church currently occupied by Circomedia.
Gatton Road	Considered to be a road verge and not publicly accessible for recreation.
Michelin Depot	Considered to be a road verge and not publicly accessible for recreation.
Byron St and Newfoundland St	Considered to be a road verge and not publicly accessible for recreation.
Claremont St	Considered to be a road verge and not publicly accessible for recreation.
Barton Hill Housing	Play area has been removed prior to the AGSP process
Millpond St	As part of the Junction 3 development that has gained planning permission, part of the site will be lost.

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

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

It is also recognised that people from across the city use the destination parks of Ashton, Blaise and Kingsweston, The Downs, Hengrove Play Park and Oldbury Court Estate & Snuff Mills, city centre spaces and sports facilities for organised sport, and that often people travel to visit other spaces outside their Neighbourhood Partnership Area. During local stakeholder consultation it was evident that people in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill travelled over the boundary to visit St Andrews Park, Victoria Park, Castle Park, Eastville Park and St George's Park.

Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill also have strong connections to the wider area through long distance footpath networks and cycle routes - whether they are specifically marked out or just in common use. Residents can easily cross the 'boundary' via the Bristol to Bath Railway Path and the River Avon Trail.

The Netham is the main attraction for visitors from outside the Neighbourhood Partnership Area and provides good quality sports and recreation facilities.

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

- the provision of sports surfaces and facilities at Netham Park
- the provision of different types of space where the boundary between Neighbourhood Partnership Area is easily crossed
- the role of the major green links of the Bristol and Bath Railway Path and The River Avon Trail
- the strategic management of natural green spaces for the benefit of wildlife
- the provision of large parks across the boundary and the facilities it may offer
- The provision of natural space across the boundary

In practical terms, the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area is easily connected with all the surrounding Neighbourhood Partnerships, with very good road and pedestrian links. The spaces in these neighbouring areas also serve the community of Ashley Easton and Lawrence Hill.

## 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 Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill included:**

- representatives of the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership;
- local park groups;
- the police and Safer Bristol;
- local youth workers;
- community led groups such as Community at Heart, St Pauls Unlimited, The Redcliffe Community Forum, Redcliffe Futures and Love Easton;
- local primary schools.
- Bristol City Council officers including park managers, landscape designers, archaeologists, ecologists, highways engineers, the cycling team, planners and sports development workers

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

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

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

## The role of park groups

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

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

Mina Road Park Group  
Narrowways Millennium Green Trust  
Friends of Fox Park  
Albany Green Residents Association  
Friends of Netham Park  
Montpelier Park Group  
St Werburghs 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. Section 4 gives options as to which sites in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill could be disposed of. One space has been identified for disposal at St Judes Children's Playground, as part of a potential land swap. Please see page 32 for more details.

In some cases the value of a space could be improved by the partial development of it - allowing housing to be built facing onto the space and providing natural surveillance. In this case, what is often a poorly and misused backland site, can become of greater value to the local community with the opportunity to make improvements which attract more people to use it. There are no spaces in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill where this applies.



## Bristol Central Area Action Plan (BCAAP)

This document will form the basis for making planning decisions. It will build on the general planning policies which are included in the adopted 'Core Strategy' and once approved will form part of the Bristol Development Framework. As well as the city centre the BCAAP will cover Redcliffe, St Pauls, St Judes, The Dings and Old Market.

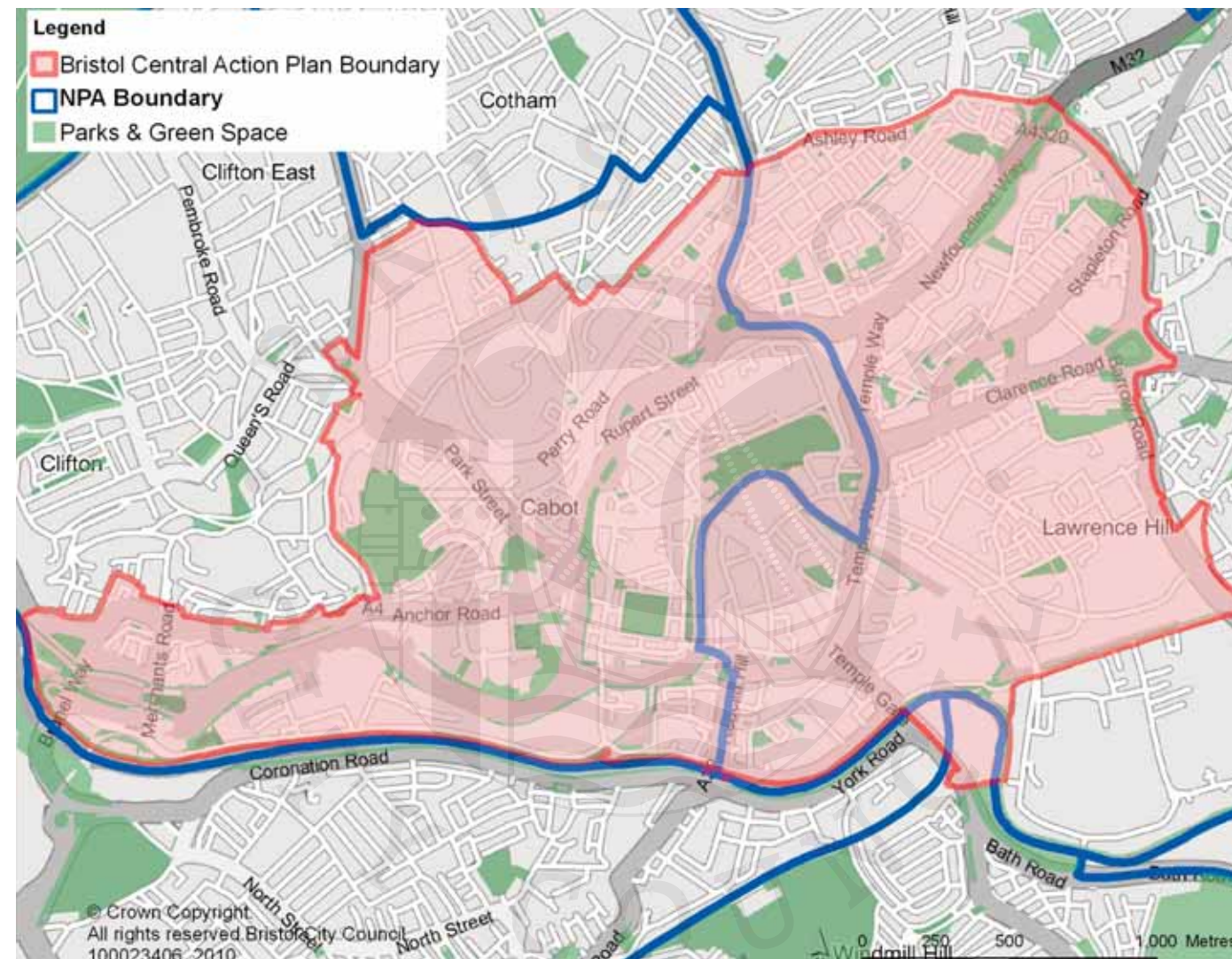
A map showing the boundary of the area is shown here.

The intention of the BCAAP is to provide a detailed vision to reinforce the unique character and international reputation of the city centre. Work is underway looking at the character of the central area and how new homes and commercial, creative and leisure space can be provided. Consistent with the Core Strategy, the Plan will also seek to maintain and improve the role of the harbour and waterways, conserve the city centre's architectural heritage, improve transport services and revitalise areas in need of change. An Issues and Options paper will be published for consultation in late 2010.

Policies within the BCAAP will be shaped by the recommendations for works to public open spaces contained in this Ideas and Options paper and the results of this consultation exercise. In return the final Area Green Space Plan may be informed by work and consultation on the BCAAP.

Reference is included in this document to the BCAAP where spaces are affected- look for:

Central Area Action Plan



Central Area Action Plan



Temple Gardens Park



St Pauls Park





## 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 Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area. 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 in 2008/9.*

Area Green Space Plan Officers considered all ideas put forward alongside any constraints and an analysis of individual open spaces. For each open space or park, ideas and options are highlighted for each site.

Your comments, ideas and priorities will be used to inform a final Area Green Space Plan for Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill.

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

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

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## Riverside Park & Peel Street Green Space

Riverside Park is a large open space that runs alongside the M32 to the north west and bounded by the River Frome to the south east. Peel Street Green Space leads into Riverside Park from Pennywell Road to the south. Recent work to the space has seen the former tennis courts removed and a new circular path installed to take advantage of the riverside walk the park has to offer. A cycle path also runs through the site linking it to other green spaces, Fox Park to the north and Mina Road Park via a bridge across the motorway.

The space has wildlife interest with areas of semi-improved grassland, scrub and trees. The wall adjacent to the River Frome and the river system itself is also good for wildlife.

The position of the park along the M32 means the space should be seen as a gateway into Bristol and should be visually interesting and attractive.

Due to its isolated nature, the park has suffered from anti-social behaviour and crime, which deters visitors from using the space for anything more than passing through. However, during the stakeholder consultation process, this space was identified as an important space for residents, where many opportunities existed.

A current project to improve the Frome Greenway that runs through these spaces is currently underway.



View of Peel Street Open Space

### What we want to achieve

To create a safe and welcoming environment that offers young people's facilities and an enhanced natural experience.

### Ideas and Options

- Introduce adventurous equipment for young people at the southern end of the space. Depending on consultation with young people at the time of investment this could include:
    - climbing walls,
    - skate facilities,
    - parkour equipment
    - graffiti walls
    - bike track
  - Introduce facilities for natural play using robust natural materials
  - Introduce a mobile cafe
- 1 Create a better link with Peel Street Green Space as the 'entrance' to the park with new signs and robust seating
  - 2 Create a 'pictorial meadow' adjacent to the motorway to improve its visual amenity
    - Improve all entrances and footpaths
    - Enhance the cycle route with good lighting
  - 3 Enhance natural area adjacent to the river with seating, information boards and wildflower planting
    - Introduce adequate lighting along all footpath
  - 4 Introduce allotments or a community garden into part of the Peel Street Space

### Central Area Action Plan

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## Rawnsley Park

Rawnsley Park sits on the busy junction of Easton Way and Stapleton Road, with quieter side roads forming the other boundaries. The park is very well used and is popular with the whole community.

Easton Way is considered to be a barrier to residents to the east, although a pedestrian crossing is near to the park.

There has been problems in the past with anti-social behaviour, though this has reduced in recent times. This is in part to the regeneration of the playground under the Play Pathfinder scheme, which has considerably increased the size of the play space and is a welcome addition to the park.

The park also has a small kickabout area with goals that is popular among residents. A multi-use-games-area also exists, although this is outside the park in the car parking area to the north of the flats.

Opposite the park, across Goodhind Street, are more areas of green that are not formally part of the park. There is an opportunity here to improve these areas and make a better connection with the park itself.



Central Area Action Plan



## Rawnsley Park

### What we want to achieve

To create a good quality multi-functional green space that is larger and that provides for the whole community.

### Ideas and options

- Explore the opportunity to remove part of Goodhind Street and bring the space into park use. This will allow the park to extend into the existing green space the other side of Goodhind Street. Any works to the highway would require a further detailed public consultation in the future.
- Create a central entrance at the junction of Goodhind Street and Beaumont Street with ornamental planting and seating
- Provide landscape features in the existing space north of Goodhind Street with new seating areas and flower beds
- Retain and enhance all pedestrian entrances around the site
- Enlarge the dog-free area to include the informal kickabout space
- Upgrade all footpaths and introduce new footpaths where required
- Create a formal seating area with planting next to the play area
- Explore the opportunity with Highways department to improve pedestrian crossings over Easton Way



Central Area Action Plan

### KEY

- | Existing |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
|          | Trees             |
|          | Footpaths         |
|          | Close mown grass  |
| Proposed |                   |
|          | Trees             |
|          | Footpaths         |
|          | Parking           |
|          | Play area         |
|          | Enhanced entrance |
|          | MUGA              |
|          | Seating area      |
|          | Dog-free area     |

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## Rawnsley Park



*Existing view looking south towards the play area*



*Existing view looking west from Highett Drive*



*Impression of the view looking south towards the play area*



*Impression of the view looking west from Highett Drive*



## Mina Road Park & Ashley Street Park

Mina Road Park is located just to the north of the M32 and comprises play facilities for both younger and older children as well as grassed areas used for informal play. A brook also runs through the park and works to enhance this are currently underway funded by money raised by the Mina Road Park group. This includes a bridge and new planting. The park also contains a Victorian cast-iron urinal at the south east corner of the park, which has recently been restored. The Mina Road Park Group are an active group who raise funds and organise activities for the park.

Ashley Street Park lies immediately to the south west of Mina Road Park, though there is no direct link between the two spaces. The park also has a children's play area.

The Brooks Dye Works site is positioned next to both sites and is likely to be redeveloped in the near future, which will have an impact on both Mina Road Park and Ashley Street Park.



### What we want to achieve

To enhance the parks designated traditional status, providing improved children's play and formal features.

### Ideas and Options

- ① Enhance the stream to create a main feature for the park. Works could include looking for solutions where flooding is problematic at the northern end of the stream and enhancing its landscape setting with new planting. This could also include reinstating the historical lake for both visual amenity value and a means of sustainable drainage.
- ② The Ashley Street site is required because the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is below the minimum quantity standard for accessible green space. However, because of the poor recreational design and value of the site, it may be better to 'swap' the space for another should a suitable opportunity arise in the immediate vicinity.
  - Introduce toilets
- ③ Upgrade and modernise the children's play area in Mina Road Park
- ④ Remove play from Ashley Street Park
- ⑤ Look for opportunities to create a new entrance from Jubilee Road. This would require the purchase of private land
  - Maintain trees and shrubs to a high standard
  - Upgrade all entrances and boundary treatments
- ⑥ Retain areas of grass for informal kickabout

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## Hassell Drive Open Space

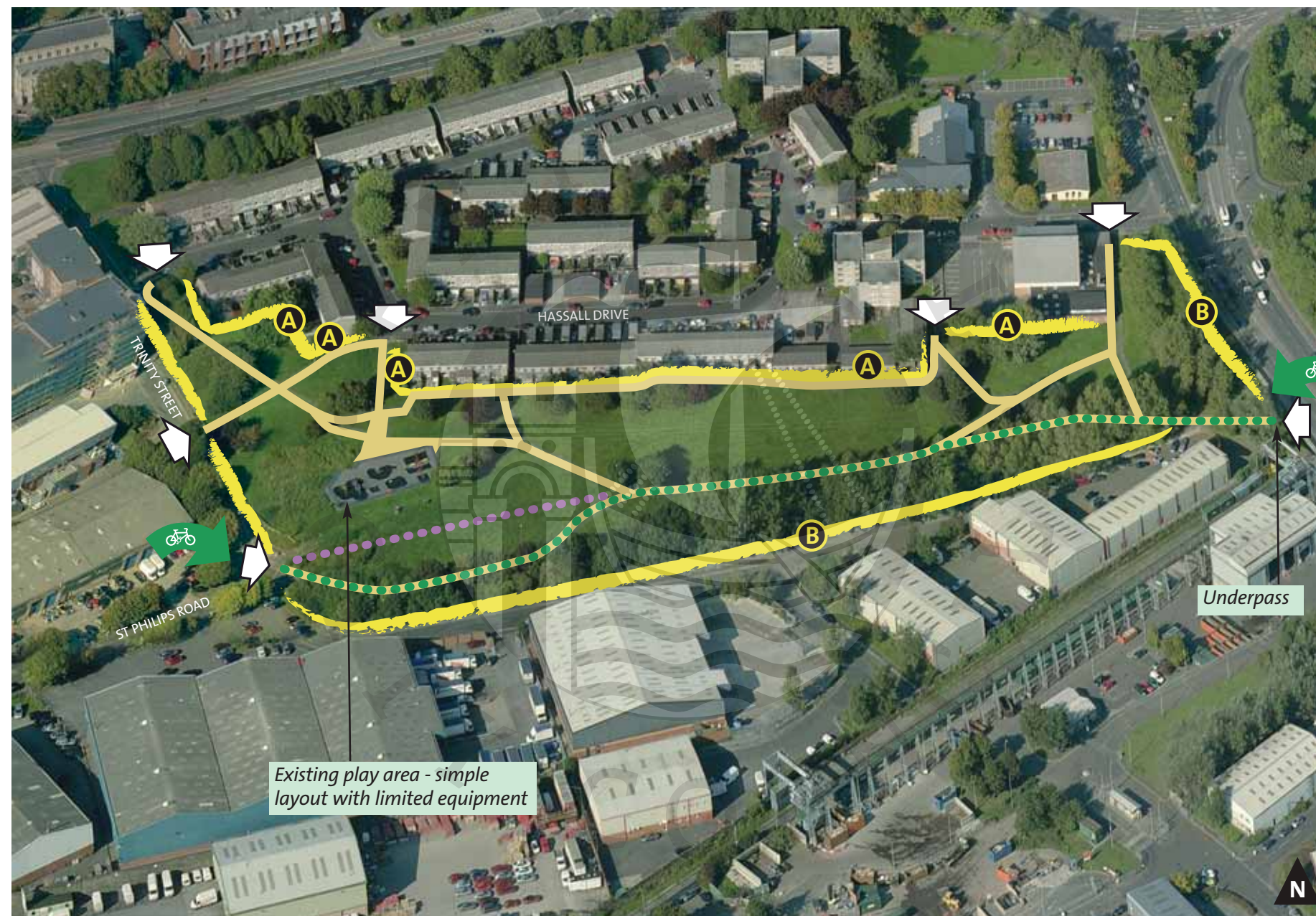
Hassell Drive Open Space is a large Informal Green Space serving a relatively small, densely populated area.

Towards the west of the space is a children's play area and some seating, which has received investment through Community at Heart and has been vastly improved.

The space suffers from its location on the periphery of the St Philips industrial estate and residents have highlighted that the park can feel intimidating at times. However, the park is a large space in a Neighbourhood Partnership Area that has a severe lack of large spaces and is, therefore, important to local residents.

Residents and others feel that the space is not fulfilling its potential and that it needs to offer more to attract visitors and offer them a safe recreational environment.

The park forms an entrance point to the Bristol and Bath Railway Path and contains a cycle route along the southern boundary, linking to the Railway Path via an underpass beneath Barrow Road to the east. The park caters for a limited range of people and is principally used as a cycle and pedestrian route, with few facilities.



### KEY

- Existing footpath
- Desire line
- Boundaries and Edges
- (A) Limited surveillance due to residential properties /development backing onto park
- (B) Limited surveillance due to density of vegetation
- Cycleway
- Bristol & Bath Railway Path
- Access / Entrances

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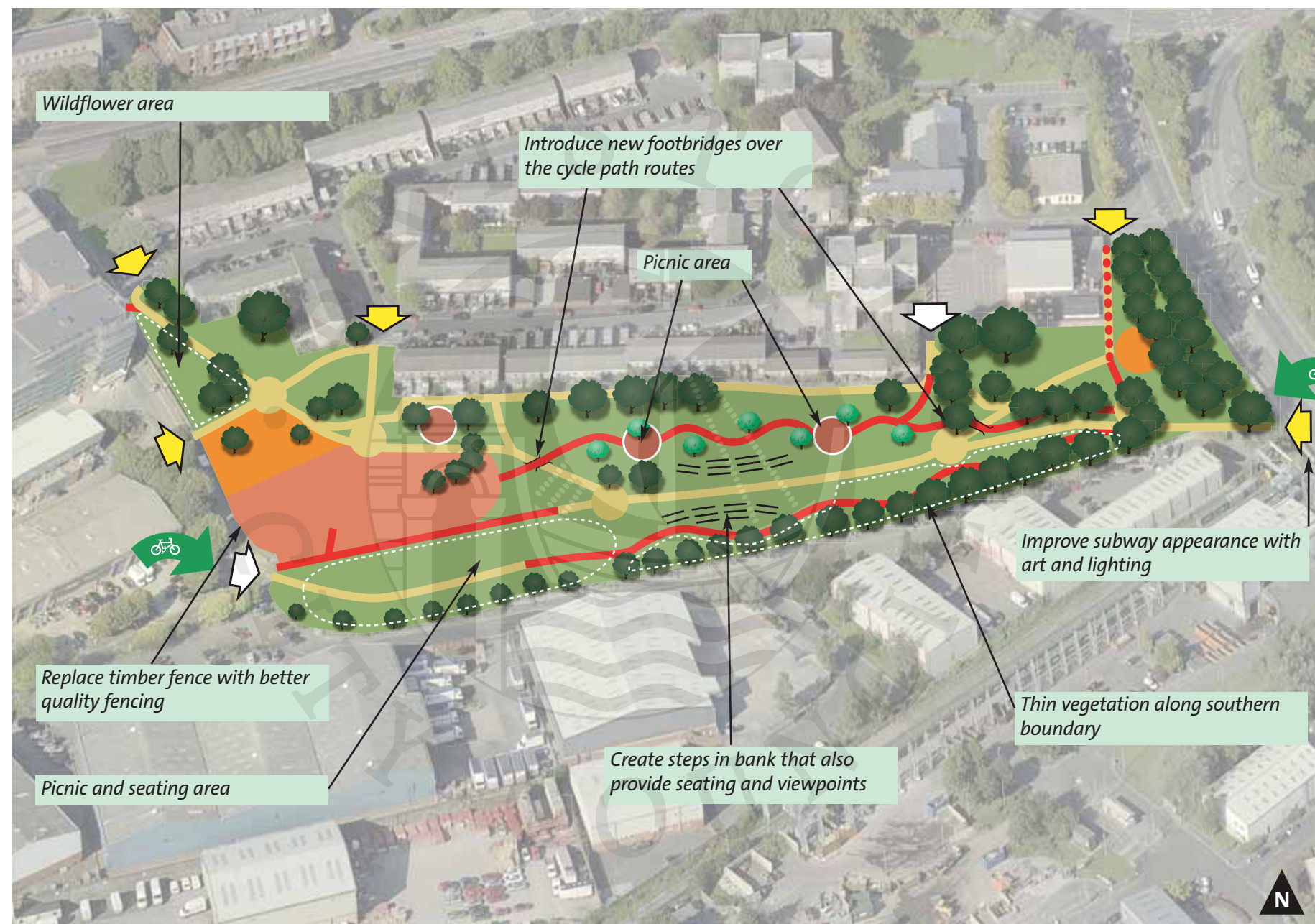
## Hassell Drive Open Space

### What we want to achieve

To attract a wider range of visitors into the park by creating a multifunctional green space that benefits all the community and forms a strong link with the Bristol to Bath Railway Path

### Ideas and options

- Retain and enhance all pedestrian entrances around the site
- Straighten the Railway Path (along southern boundary) to follow current desire line (short cut) leading to Trinity Street
- Widen and upgrade footpaths
- Enlarge and upgrade existing play area to cater for a range of ages and extend the dog free area
- Selectively remove trees at the eastern entrance of the park adjacent to the Railway Path link underpass at Barrow Road and upgrade entrance to make this space more inviting
- Create an area of 'pictorial meadow' - an area of wildflower planting - in the north west corner of the site and surrounding the Railway Path
- Create an area of informal green space to the front of the existing housing
- Provide space for young people to include a teen shelter, adventurous play equipment and informal sport
- Improve access through the park with better designed entrances and enhanced footpaths to allow easy movement for all visitors.
- Use of landscape features (mounds near to housing) as natural play and incorporating elements such as slides, steps and bridges.



### KEY

- New tree planting
- Existing trees
- Close mown grass
- Footpaths - existing
- Footpaths - enhanced
- Footpaths - proposed
- Entrance to Railway Path
- Entrance - existing
- Entrance - enhanced
- Play area
- Seating area
- Youth area

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## Owen Square Park

Owen Square Park is located adjacent to the Bristol and Bath Railway Path, the Easton Community Centre and a local Mosque. The park is popular with young people and offers play equipment and a games court. The park itself is owned by the King George V Trust and managed by Bristol City Council. The well used playground has recently received investment.

The park has suffered from anti-social behaviour including the use of mini-motos and graffiti. Fencing has been introduced to try and prevent motorbikes.

There is high community use and several groups use the sports facilities, but the fear of crime puts off other potential park users.

### What we want to achieve

Create a safe environment that makes better use of the space with a wider choice of facilities that cater for all groups.

### Ideas and Options

- 1 Make use of the southern bank for spectator seating in conjunction with an upgraded Multi-use-games-area
  - Introduce other activities such as external table tennis and climbing walls
  - Provide a teen meeting sheltered area
  - Make the whole park dog free
- 2 Introduce a new boundary adjacent to the Railway Path with gated access points - railings are advised to keep visibility to a maximum.
- 3 Upgrade and modernise the play area
- 4 Create a new well designed formal entrance from Chelsea Road that includes seating area and planting
  - Provide natural play on the banks around the park



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## Fox Road Open Space & Warwick Road Housing

Located next to the M32 these spaces offer a welcome visual break from the built up surroundings. Fox Road Open Space can be accessed from Stapleton Road underneath the railway bridge and follows the original path of the River Frome. The Frome Greenway cycle route enters the space from the east, running through the park before moving along-side the M32 and the rear of the playground at Warwick Road.

The space hosts some historic features including the railway bridge and original floor stones from the cottages that used to stand along Stapleton Road. These features are on land owned by Network Rail along the southern boundary of the park underneath the railway bridge.

The Friends of Fox Park group work to maintain the space and regularly pick litter and clean graffiti from walls, but anti-social behaviour is a problem in the space, especially at the playground due to its isolated nature. This threat reduces use of the space and deters children using it as a route to the nearby Millpond Primary School.

A current project to improve the Frome Greenway, that runs through these spaces, is currently underway in partnership with Sustrans. This will include improvements to the cycle way and, potentially, a new play area in Fox Road Park.

### What we want to achieve

To create a safer environment for visitors to the park and provide new facilities for children.

### Ideas and Options

- 1 Relocate the existing play area from Warwick Road Housing to Fox Road Park (this may need to proceed within the consultation period as part of the cycle way improvements)
- 2 Re-route the cycle path to run to the front of the open space
- 3 Reinstate part of the river bed as a water feature or pond. This would also act as a sustainable urban drainage system.

- Restore all boundary walls and consider an acoustic barrier fence alongside the M32
- Clear unwanted vegetation to improve visibility across the site
- Upgrade all footpaths and introduce new ones on existing desire lines (short cuts)
- 4 Create a 'pictorial meadow' - wildflower planting - along side the motorway to improve visual interest



Stapleton Road entrance

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## St Werburghs Park Open Space

St Werburghs Park is located on the periphery of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, but remains popular due to St Werburghs Primary School opposite the park. The park lies immediately south of Narrowways Millennium Green, though no link between the two exists due to the restriction of the railway line and embankment.

The park itself offers limited children's play facilities and an area of grass amenity land. Although there is a lack of facilities, the space is important to the local residents, who feel that the space is very important for children.

### What we want to achieve

To provide a good quality environment that offers a range of play activities, while retaining the existing character.

### Ideas and Options

- 1 Provide a range of upgraded play equipment
- 2 Removing the existing mound to make it more visible from the road
- 3 Provide a seating area adjacent to the playground
- 4 Introduce new fencing/railing along the boundary with the road, with a new entrance gate
- 5 Provide an informal kickabout area with fixed goal posts
- 6 Create a 'wildlife area', which could be used for educational purposes



View of the playground

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## Temple Gardens Park

This secluded space is located in the heart of Redcliffe's commercial district and is overlooked by Temple Church, a Scheduled Ancient Monument owned by English Heritage. The park is the former graveyard. The historical aspect of the site is significant, as the church site dates back to mid 12th Century as a church of the Knights Templar. The existing structure was gutted during the Bristol Blitz and though the church is not part of the park, it is important to recognise its influence over the space.

A Lime Tree avenue runs across the park east to west linking the two entrances to the park, while a hedge and other vegetation forms the boundary along Church Lane.

The park is predominantly used by office workers during the day, but is held in very high regard by local residents both for its recreational value and as an escape from the built environment. It is important to retain the existing character of the space and enhance its formal nature.

### What we want to achieve

To enhance the setting of the church while providing a pleasant recreational environment for visitors to enjoy.

### Ideas and Options

- ① Improve the setting of the Grade II\* Listed Church Structure. The works could include creating a formal garden space at the foot of the building with seating and improved ornamental planting.
- ② Improve the boundary along Church Lane, possibly removing the hedge, with new access points through the hedge. This would also improve visibility into the site.
- ③ Retain and maintain the Lime Avenue
- ④ Create a water feature/pond towards the south of the site
- ⑤ Introduce a new formal/ornamental entrance at both Temple Street and Church Street
  - Introduce new ornamental planting around the park
  - Install additional seating around the park
  - Provide information boards highlighting the historical significance of the site

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## Bristol and Bath Railway Path (Central)

The Railway Path follows the route of the former railway line entering the Neighbourhood Partnership in the north east and terminating at Hassell Drive Open Space. The space has suffered from anti-social behaviour and crime in the past, although this has been reduced through measures such as clear signs, floor markings and lighting as well as regular maintenance of vegetation to improve visibility.

As part the Cycling City project, it is an aspiration to appropriate the remainder of the disused railway line running from Hassell Drive to Temple Meads Station, which will create a direct cycle link to the station.

The Avon Frome Partnership has been closely



Section of the Railway Path from Greenbank Cemetery to Owen Square Park

involved in projects on this path, including maintenance of vegetation and the introduction of new lighting. For more information you can visit their website at [www.bristolbathrailwaypath.org.uk](http://www.bristolbathrailwaypath.org.uk).

### Ideas and Options

- The further introduction of direction signs and interpretation boards along the route as well as appropriate lighting
- Facilities for natural play and activities where space allows along the route. This could include scramble nets and climbing walls.
- Works are also proposed to improve the section that links to Hassell Drive Open Space. Please refer to the proposals for Hassell Drive on page 12 for more information.



Section of the Railway Path from Owen Square Park to Hassell Drive Open Space

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## Brunswick Square Cemetery, Brunswick Square Green Space & Portland Square Park

These spaces form a formal green link through St Pauls leading from Newfoundland Street to St Pauls Park and not only offer a green visual break but also an area of significant historic interest. The spaces are important to allow movement through a built up environment and also offer a place for office workers in the area to use during the day. The spaces also suffer from some anti-social behaviour and can be perceived as threatening after dark.

As part of the City Centre Strategy (which will be replaced by the emerging Central Area Action Plan) these spaces have been identified as a priority for improvement, with a focus on their

restoration as historic spaces, improvement to footpaths and enhancing the spaces for community use and addressing security issues.

Brunswick Cemetery has been awarded £360,500 for improvement works as part of the 'Green Spaces for People' Big Lottery Changing Spaces Programme. Bristol Parks is working in partnership with Places for People, who received the funding, to deliver the improvements, including public art and tackling anti-social behaviour issues. The work is due to be completed in the near future.

In strategic terms the spaces perform well as formal squares as intended when they were originally designed in the Georgian era and no further specific proposals are made for these sites outside the aspirations of the City Centre Strategy. For more information on the City Centre Strategy and emerging Central Area Action Plan, please visit the website at [www.bristol.gov.uk/planning](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/planning).

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## Netham Park

Netham Park has undergone large scale improvement works in recent years with the goal to create a significant sports hub site and to achieve Green Flag Status. The park functions as a sporting venue with multiple football pitches, a bowling green and a cricket wicket and also provides natural green space and play facilities. Works have included a new pavilion and changing rooms as the focus of the park, a new multi-use-games-area and other improvements to pathways and boundary walls. A new playground is under construction and other future improvements will provide new direction signs, fencing and upgraded entrances and further footpaths. New lighting will also be introduced along main walkways.

The park is an important strategic sports venue and will continue to be maintained and invested in as such.



Taken from the Netham Park Management Plan



## Albany Green Park

Albany Green Park is a small popular space that works hard in relation to the density of population surrounding it, and must therefore cater for a mix of uses.

The Albany Green Residents Group seek to ensure that the park is maintained to a good standard and to ensure it caters for the wide range of visitors. The park has received investment recently and, during the stakeholder consultation, users have indicated how satisfied they are with the park.

### What we want to achieve

To create a space which works well for all users, enhancing play and opening up the park.

### Ideas and Options

- Upgrade and modernise all play equipment
- Selective removal of some trees and vegetation to open up the space
- Install extra litter and dog bins
- Introduce new boundary treatments, such as wooden posts, and restrict vehicles encroaching the boundary
- New seating and planting schemes



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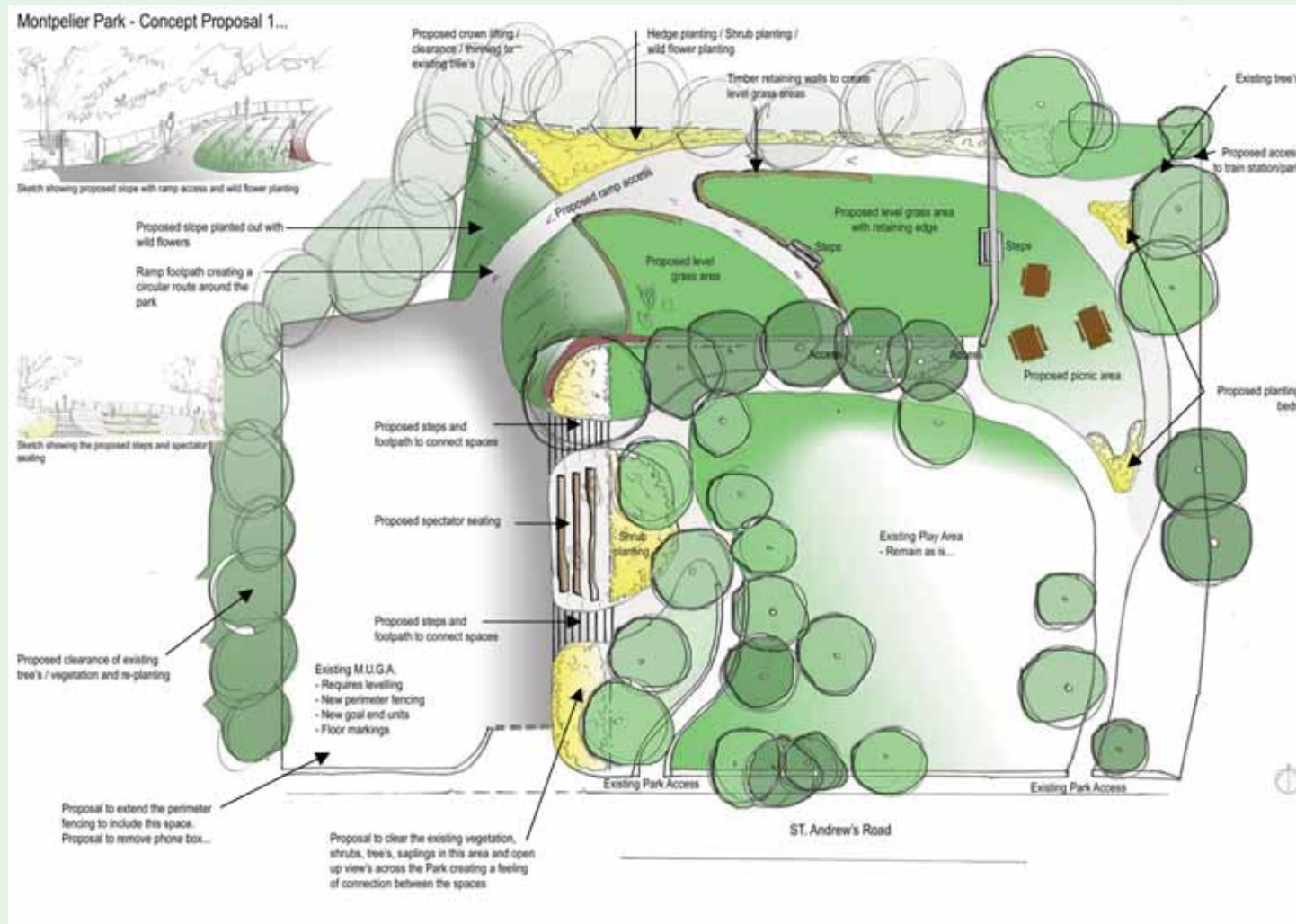
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## Montpelier Park

A large scale project to improve the park is currently ongoing led by a local community group. Several concept drawings were created (including the example below), that propose improvements to the park. The improvements seek to retain and enhance both the multi-use-games-area and children's play area, create seating areas and improve access and movement around the park.

There is a strip of land running through the centre of the park that is not owned by the council.

The Area Green Space Plan supports the aims and aspirations of the project and does not propose anything further to this, but will seek to maintain the park to a high standard.



## St Agnes Park

St Agnes Park has seen recent investment which included renovating the lodge to accommodate an on-site park keeper and engaging the community in various park events. This investment has also seen the implementation of a project to link the park to the adventure playground, including new equipment and a revised cycle and pedestrian route along Thomas Street.

The Area Green Space Plan does not propose anything further to this, but will seek to maintain the park to a high standard.



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## St Pauls Park

St Pauls Park is a very good example of a successful major redevelopment leading to a Green Flag Award. It is the result of a long collaboration between Bristol City Council and the residents and agencies involved in St Paul's Unlimited. The park offers play facilities for young children and teenagers and has been fully landscaped to create a welcoming environment.

The area of Dove Lane adjacent to the park could potentially see a great deal of change with large scale development. Although the park itself will remain physically unaffected, it is likely that there will be a rise in visitors using the park and the possibility of other green space being created.

The Area Green Space Plan does not propose anything further to this, but will seek to maintain the park to a high standard.



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## St Matthias Park Green Space and Redcross Street Open Space

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Located in close proximity to Cabot Circus, St Matthias Park is a gateway into the town centre. The park is undergoing improvement works to increase the size of the park by expanding into the now closed road and introducing a new element called Champions Square. A new planting scheme and picnic areas will also be created along with a Boules court. Additional tree planting will also take place in Redcross Street



Open Space The Area Green Space Plan does not propose anything further to this, but will seek to maintain the park to a high standard.







## George Jones Park

George Jones Park can be seen from both Lamb Street to the north and Bragg Street to the south. The park is relatively large and offers amenity grassland, but, although it is currently designated as a formal space, lacks facilities usually associated with this kind of provision, and is used predominantly for informal activities. A multi-use-games-area will be introduced later this year as part of improvement works to the space.

### Ideas and Options

- Introduce a Wheels Park with associated teen shelter and skate facilities
- Reinforce informal uses with a kickabout area with fixed goalposts
- Create new entrances
- Introduce a new boundary fence
- Install a limited seating area with ornamental planting



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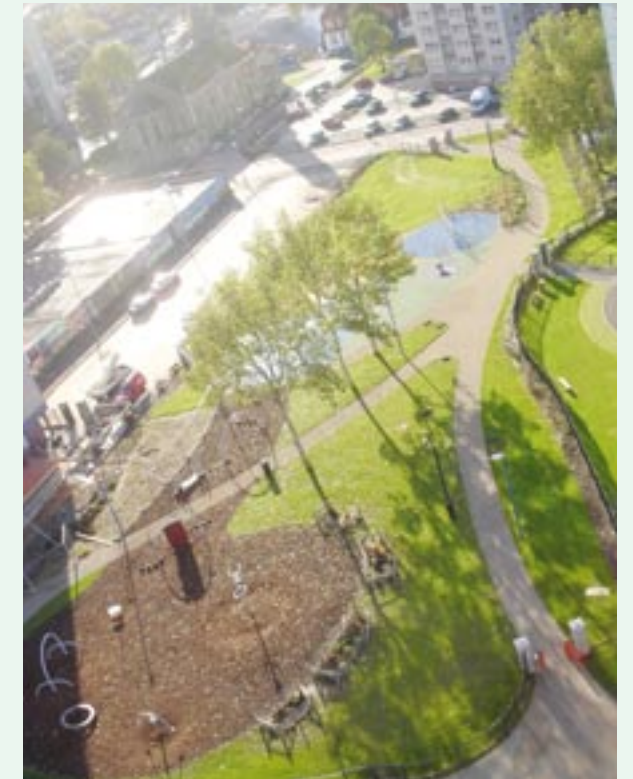
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## Barton Hill Urban Park

The Urban Park, formed in partnership with Community at Heart, is a successful example of transforming an area, that suffered from anti-social behaviour into a thriving family-orientated space.

No strategic proposals are put forward for this space other than the ongoing maintenance of the existing facilities to a high standard. This will include the replacement of worn-out equipment.





## Bannerman Road Park & Felix Road Amenity Area

Located just to the north of Easton Road, these two sites sit on opposite sides of Felix Road and comprise grassed amenity areas and a children's playground. Both spaces are currently designated as formal space, but lack the features expected in this type of space.

### Ideas and Options

- Upgrade and modernise the existing play facilities
- Introduce a formal seating area, including ornamental planting and new footpath layout
- Create a new formal entrance from Bouverie Street
- Make the majority of the space dog-free
- Look for opportunities to introduce a new pedestrian crossing on Easton Road to increase pedestrian safety
- The possibility of linking the spaces together, with a possible re-layout of the road network could also be explored. Any future project involving this would require a full public consultation

## Somerset Square

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Somerset Square is adjacent to the residential blocks to the south of the Redcliffe area and is well used by residents, school children and workers on their lunch break. The Square has recently had a good deal of improvement in partnership with the Redcliffe Open Spaces Group, who help with maintenance of the park. Work to date has included boundary treatments to some of the park, a new routeway and some spring planting. However, more work needs to be done to raise the quality of the park.

Introducing play is an option here, although in the stakeholder consultation this was widely rejected. If there is more support for such a facility, it will be considered more closely.

### Ideas and Options

- New formal gated entrances
- New high quality boundary fences for all boundaries
- Introduction of additional benches with associated ornamental planting
- Improved lighting throughout the park

## Bellevue Road Park

Bellevue Road Park is a very popular space fronting Bellevue Road and split by Greenbank Avenue. The southern part of the space comprises a children's play area while the northern half is amenity grassland. The site lies in a densely populated area and the play area can become very busy and crowded, while the northern part is largely disused.

### Ideas and Options

- Upgrade and modernise all play equipment
- Introduce new natural play equipment, possibly including sand and water play to the northern area
- Make the space entirely dog-free
- Upgrade all boundary treatments and entrances
- Introduce new seating and planting schemes

## Brook Street Children's Play Ground

This space is found to the rear of the City Academy of Bristol and is accessed via an entrance on Heber Street/Brook Street and from Edward Street. The space contains some play equipment along with a grassed area. The space is popular with local residents and a resident group helps with the maintenance of the space. Evidence of vandalism of the equipment is apparent however.

### Ideas and Options

- Upgrade and modernise all play equipment
- Introduce new equipment such as external table tennis tables
- Retain and enhance a grass area for kickabout with fixed goal posts
- Improve the boundary treatment and entrances
- New robust seating with ornamental planting schemes



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## Gaunts Ham Park

Gaunts Ham Park is located in Barton Hill and has received investment in recent years with a new planting scheme, playground and multi-use-games-area. The park has suffered from anti-social behaviour during the evening, but is well-used during the day.

A park group was formed to help the regeneration of the park, although problems do persist. Improvements should focus on creating a safe and welcoming environment for visitors.

### Ideas and Options

- Upgrade and modernise the play facilities
- Upgrade the Multi-Use-Games-Area to a good standard with associated teen shelter
- Introduce lockable gates to restrict use at night
- New appropriate lighting



## Narrowways & Briavels Grove Amenity Area

Narrowways, found at the northern tip of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, is designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest and is home to a diverse and rich wildlife habitat. The land is leased to the Narrowways Millennium Trust who are involved in all aspects of maintenance on the site.

The Area Green Space Plan supports the management of both sites to enhance the wildlife interest and improve access for people.



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## The Dings Park

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The Dings Park, bounded by Oxford Street, Kingsland Road and the railway line as it enters Temple Meads Station, lies immediately to the east of the new, high-density housing development. The park is another example of a successful investment project and comprises a Multi-Use-Games-Area, play equipment and a formal garden element. There is also a very successful community building that is used for youth events in conjunction with the park.

There are no further strategic proposals for this space other than to continue its present function and ensure good future maintenance of the existing facilities. This will include the replacement of worn-out equipment.



## Avon Walkway Central & Sparke Evans Park

This part of the Avon Walkway follows the river from Temple Meads Station almost up to Netham Park to the south of St Philip's Marsh and joins with Sparke Evans Park just before it reaches St Philips Causeway.

The river walk offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy wildlife, while Sparke Evans Park provides a welcome green break in the heart of the commercial district.

Sparke Evans Park will be used for either sports activity or to convert part of the space into allotments, although the space is not a sufficient size for both of these uses.

The sites should be managed and maintained to enhance the wildlife interest and improve access for people. This would also include upgrading footpaths and introducing information boards. The sites will be surveyed for their ecological diversity and improvements will be informed by these results.











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## Other sites

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Name	Description	What we want to achieve	
Dalrymple Road CPG	This small but popular playground is found located between the terraced residential properties fronting Dalrymple Road. This is not an ideal place for a playground due to its close proximity to houses.	The site is required because the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is below the minimum quantity standard for accessible green space. However, because of the poor recreational design and value of the site, it may be better to 'swap' the space for another should a suitable opportunity arise in the immediate vicinity.	
Ludlow Close Park, Grosvenor Road & Grosvenor Road and Ashley Road Amenity Area	Ludlow Close Park, otherwise known as St Pauls Green, was formed when the adjacent Learning Centre was built and reflects its formal designation. To the east of the Learning Centre is Grosvenor Road which acts as a green visual break along the roadside.  Grosvenor Road and Ashley Road Amenity Area lie in a prominent position at the junction of both roads. The park also offers a formal green break in the dense city environment with seating and public art.	No proposals are put forward for these sites other than ongoing maintenance to a good standard.	
Penfield Road Children's Play Ground	This compact site is found immediately adjacent to the Miners Arms Public House and accommodates limited play facilities and is predominantly used by patrons of the pub. Due to the proximity of St Werburghs Park - and the improvements to that play space - it is not considered that retaining play at this site is feasible.	The site is required because the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is below the minimum quantity standard for accessible green space. However, because of the poor recreational design and value of the site, it may be better to 'swap' the space for another should a suitable opportunity arise in the immediate vicinity.	
Albion Road Amenity Area	Albion Road Amenity Area is located where Albion Road meets Roman Road and accommodates a small play area and an amenity grass area. The play area is not able to expand as its surrounding trees prevent this and, due to the location on a busy intersection and restrictive size of the site, it is not considered that the space is suitable to host a play area.  Play can be found nearby at Bellevue Road Park, Owens Square, Fox Road Park and Rawnsley Park where proposals are made to expand and enhance the play facilities.	The site is required because the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is below the minimum quantity standard for accessible green space. However, because of the poor recreational design and value of the site, it may be better to 'swap' the space for another should a suitable opportunity arise in the immediate vicinity.	








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Cobden Street	This space is located adjacent to Cobdon Street and acts as a green visual break along the roadside, but offers little recreational value.	The site is required because the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is below the minimum quantity standard for accessible green space. However, because of the poor recreational design and value of the site, it may be better to ‘swap’ the space for another should a suitable opportunity arise in the immediate vicinity.	
Adelaide Place Park	Adelaide Place is a small plot of land located off All Hallows Road and houses a service road and electrical sub station. It is likely that the land surrounding the space will be developed with residential properties.	The site is required because the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is below the minimum quantity standard for accessible green space. However, because of the poor recreational design and value of the site, it may be better to ‘swap’ the space for another should a suitable opportunity arise in the immediate vicinity.	
Barton Hill Road Amenity Area	This space fronts Barton Hill Road with the rear of the site backing on to the railway line.	There are no strategic proposals for this space other than to continue its present function and ensure good future maintenance.	
Lower Ashley Road Extension, Lower Ashley Road Subway, Millpond Street, St Agnes Roundabout, Claremont Street & Byron Street and Newfoundland Road	<p>This series of spaces surround the access road and roundabout at Junction 3 of the M32. The spaces are predominately formed by amenity grassland that offer a visual break from the built environment, with pedestrian and cycle paths running from and through the spaces.</p> <p>A new development at Millpond Street that will provide community facilities does reduce the amount of space to the south of the M32, but will enhance the remaining space. Furthermore some the more peripheral areas in these spaces do not serve a recreational purpose and are no longer considered by the plan. Please see page 5 for more details.</p>	There are no strategic proposals for this space other than to continue its present function and ensure good future maintenance.	
Brixton Road Amenity Area	Brixton Amenity Area forms part of the formal street pattern and is popular with the houses immediately adjacent to the space. Opportunities are restricted on-site and its value lays in its visual amenity as part of the streetscene, rather than as a recreational space.	The space has been identified as a potential investment site under a separate project. Any improvement works will go through a public consultation process.	

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Belmont Street & St Marks Road Amenity Area	This small green space is found between houses in a densely residential area and offers a green break from the built environment.	There are no strategic proposals for this space other than to continue its present function and ensure good future maintenance.	
Marsh Lane	The space is found immediately to the west of Netham Park on the bank of the Feeder Canal.	The site had been identified for sale and development prior to the Area Green Space Plan process, but this has been re-assessed in light of the adopted standards. An option to dispose of the space should be explored if another, more effective recreational space became available. Another option is to convert the space in to allotment use.	
Chaplin Road Green Space	This small green space is found between houses in a densely residential area and offers a green break from the built environment.	There are no strategic proposals for this space other than to continue its present function and ensure good future maintenance.	
Clarence Road, Hassell Drive Housing & Lawrence Hill Roundabout	This series of spaces run from the Lawrence Hill Roundabout along the road frontage of Clarence Street leading to West Street. The spaces are predominately formed by amenity grassland that offer a visual break from the built environment, with pedestrian and cycle paths running from and through the spaces.	The sites at Clarence Road and Hassell Drive Housing are required because the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is below the minimum quantity standard for accessible green space. However, because of the poor recreational design and value of the site, it may be better to 'swap' the space for another should a suitable opportunity arise in the immediate vicinity. Lawrence Hill Roundabout will be maintained as present.	
Clark Street Green Space	Clark Street Green Space lies on the junction of Goodhind Street and Clark Street and is currently designated as a children's play space. However, it is considered that the site is not appropriate to accommodate play facilities and, combined with the enlargement of Rawnsley Park playground, will not be continued as such.	The site is required because the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is below the minimum quantity standard for accessible green space. However, because of the poor recreational design and value of the site, it may be better to 'swap' the space for another should a suitable opportunity arise in the immediate vicinity.	

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In addition to those featured in detail, there are a significant number of small sites in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill. The following management is proposed for the sites listed below:

Name	Description	What we want to achieve	
Gordon Road	Located on the periphery to the east of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area and straddling the boundary with Eastville, Frome Vale and Hillfields, this space offers a green visual break along the roadside.	No proposals are put forward for this space other than its maintenance for visual amenity.	
Lawfords Gate Park	Lawfords Gate Park lies on the junction of Lawfords Gate and Trinity Road and provides a formal garden with seating.	There are no strategic proposals for this space other than to continue its present function and ensure good future maintenance.	
Central Area Action Plan			
New Cut	The New Cut is a tidal waterway, which was excavated between 1804 and 1809. The linear open space to the south of the water contains a variety of flora and fauna and its designation as a Local Nature Reserve is under consideration. The Friends of the New Cut 'F.R.A.N.C' are a well established group who promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the New Cut - its history, wildlife and geology.	Ongoing appropriate management is recommended through directional signs and information boards, proposed at key locations, for example by bridges.	
Central Area Action Plan			
Portwall Lane Amenity Area	Portwall Lane Amenity Area is located on the historical site of the former city wall. Its present function is as a green break along the busy Redcliffe Way thoroughfare and also accommodates trees and planting.	There are no strategic proposals for this space other than to continue its present function and ensure good future maintenance and visual amenity.	
Central Area Action Plan	The site falls within a potential Masterplan area defined in Supplementary Planning Document 3: Future of Redcliffe. Any future development would be informed by the Parks and Green Spaces adopted standards.		
Bloy Square	Bloy Square is a formal square located at the junction of Bloy Street and King Street. The space is paved and contains some vegetation and public art.	No large scale proposals are put forward for this site other than to enhance the formal character with additional seating and planting boxes.	



## Section 4. Possible open space disposals in the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area

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

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

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

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

### How have disposal sites been identified?

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

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

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

#### Factors for assessing value

**The following factors have been included in the assessment:**

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

A value assessment took place for all sites identified for possible disposal in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill. Through stakeholder involvement, views from the local community were sought, to help determine level of use, key barriers to use and whether these barriers could be overcome.

In Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill, one site has been put forward for disposal, St Judes Flats Children's Play Ground. It is proposed to remove the playground to another location nearby. See page 32 for more details.

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 does not apply to any spaces in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill.

### 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.



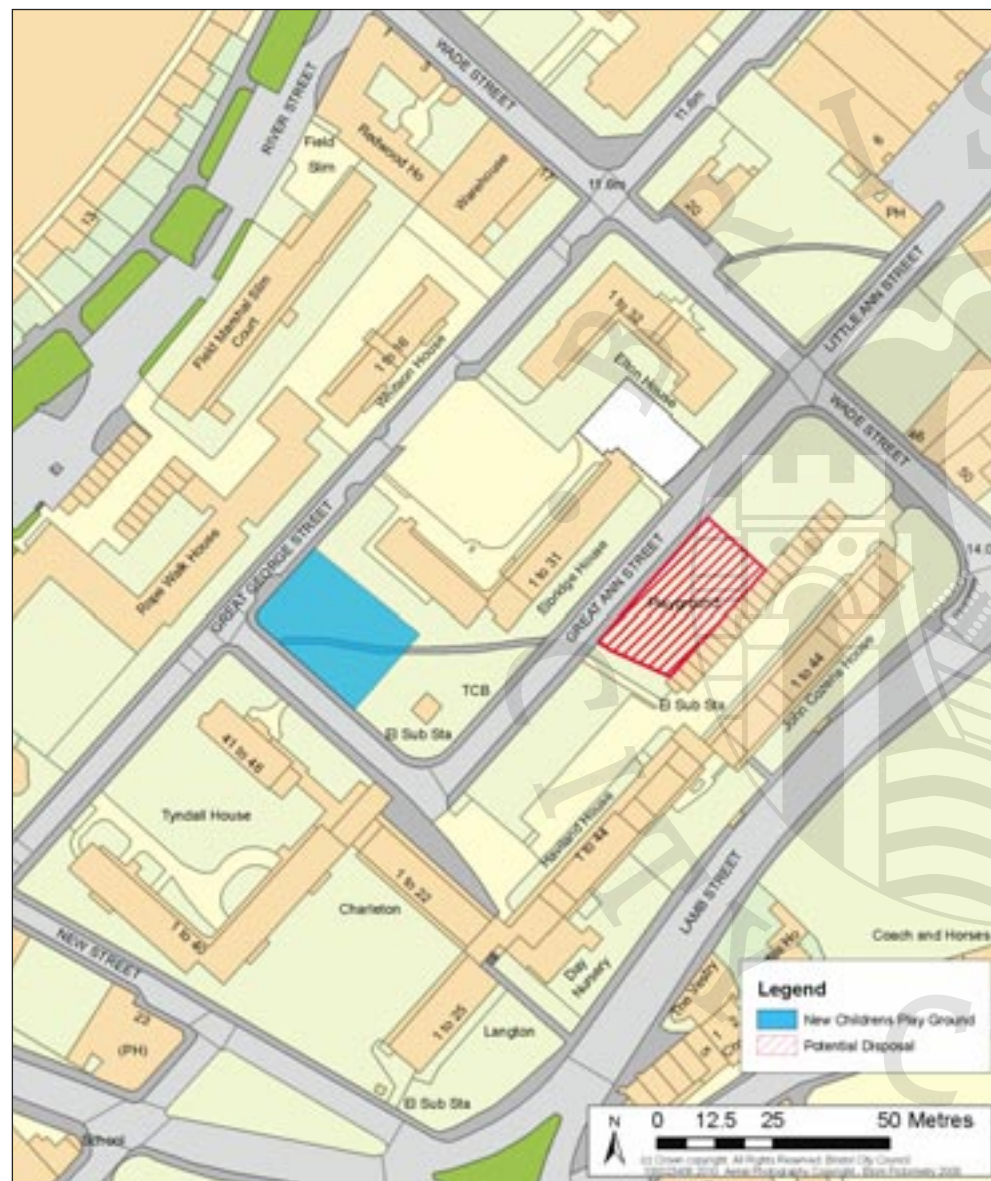


## Disposal Sites

### St Judes Flats

The site is located on Great Ann Street and currently provides a small children's play space, which is popular with the local residents. This site is to be retained by the Housing Revenue Account, meaning the space may not be available for public use.

In the future, the playground will be relocated to the area of green space bounded by Great George Street, Great Ann Street and Eyer's Lane, just a short distance from its current location. This will offer a larger space and the opportunity for an enhanced play area.



Map showing the location of the existing and future play areas







## Section 5.

### Future opportunities

Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill suffers in terms of both the quantity and quality of open space. The Area Green Space Plan strives to improve the quality of the existing open spaces, but in a densely built up inner-city area, opportunities to provide new open space is limited. 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 over the 20 year lifetime of the AGSP a number of further opportunities could be explored:**

#### Links

The area contains an extensive network of pedestrian, cycle routes and other links which should be used as connections between green spaces. Various cycle paths are being improved under the Cycle City scheme which is investing heavily in cycle routes. This includes the possibility of extending the Bristol and Bath Railway Path along the entirety of the former rail line and connecting directly to Temple Meads Station. If this land is appropriated, it should be included into the Area Green Space Plan and invested in as per the rest of the railway.

The Area Green Space Plan will support other projects to improve potential links between green spaces, including cycle routes and major pedestrian routes and future projects to enhance greenways.

#### Development

The Area Green Space Plan should also support the aims and objectives of the Supplementary Planning Documents for Redcliffe and St Pauls. Both documents encourage the provision of open space through development as well as the creation of green links through the area.

The emerging Core Strategy will have an impact upon the area with the proposal of new office floorspace and high levels of new housing. When assessing proposals for new residential development within this Neighbourhood Partnership Area the possibility of providing new public open space on site, as opposed to a financial contribution towards the improvement of existing public open space, will be explored. What and where will be informed by the amount and type of existing public open space in the vicinity of the site and its individual characteristics.

Otherwise efforts will be concentrated on improving and maximising the use of existing open spaces and improving the connections to, and between, those spaces.

The Central Area Action Plan will also acknowledge the shortfall in public open space and look at all land within the public realm, including roads as well as spaces.

#### Low value sites

The green spaces shown on the map overleaf have been identified as having low recreational value. The majority are small sites, where introducing facilities and improvement is difficult or unfeasible. However, to comply with the council's Quantity Standard the spaces must be retained. These spaces have been identified for potential land swaps if more suitable land becomes available, for example through large scale development, then a space for space swap will be considered. No investment options have been suggested for these sites in this context, but have been presented here for comment.

As such, these spaces will not be protected as 'important open spaces' in the Site Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document.

These spaces will not be disposed of unless a suitable alternative is found.



## Low Value Sites

1.

### Adelaide Place

Given its secluded location, the site is underused. The area surrounding the site is likely to be redeveloped with residential properties, which may benefit the space. An option to dispose of the space should be explored if another, more appropriate site can be taken on in replacement.

2.

### Claremont Street

Found at the side of the busy Easton Way dual carriage way, the space offers little recreational value. An option to dispose of the space should be explored if another, more appropriate site can be taken on in replacement.

3.

### Dalrymple Road Children's Play Ground

Though small, this play area is popular with local residents. If an opportunity were to arise to provide play space in a more suitable site in the vicinity, this space could be replaced. A larger area with better facilities would serve the densely populated locality more effectively.

4.

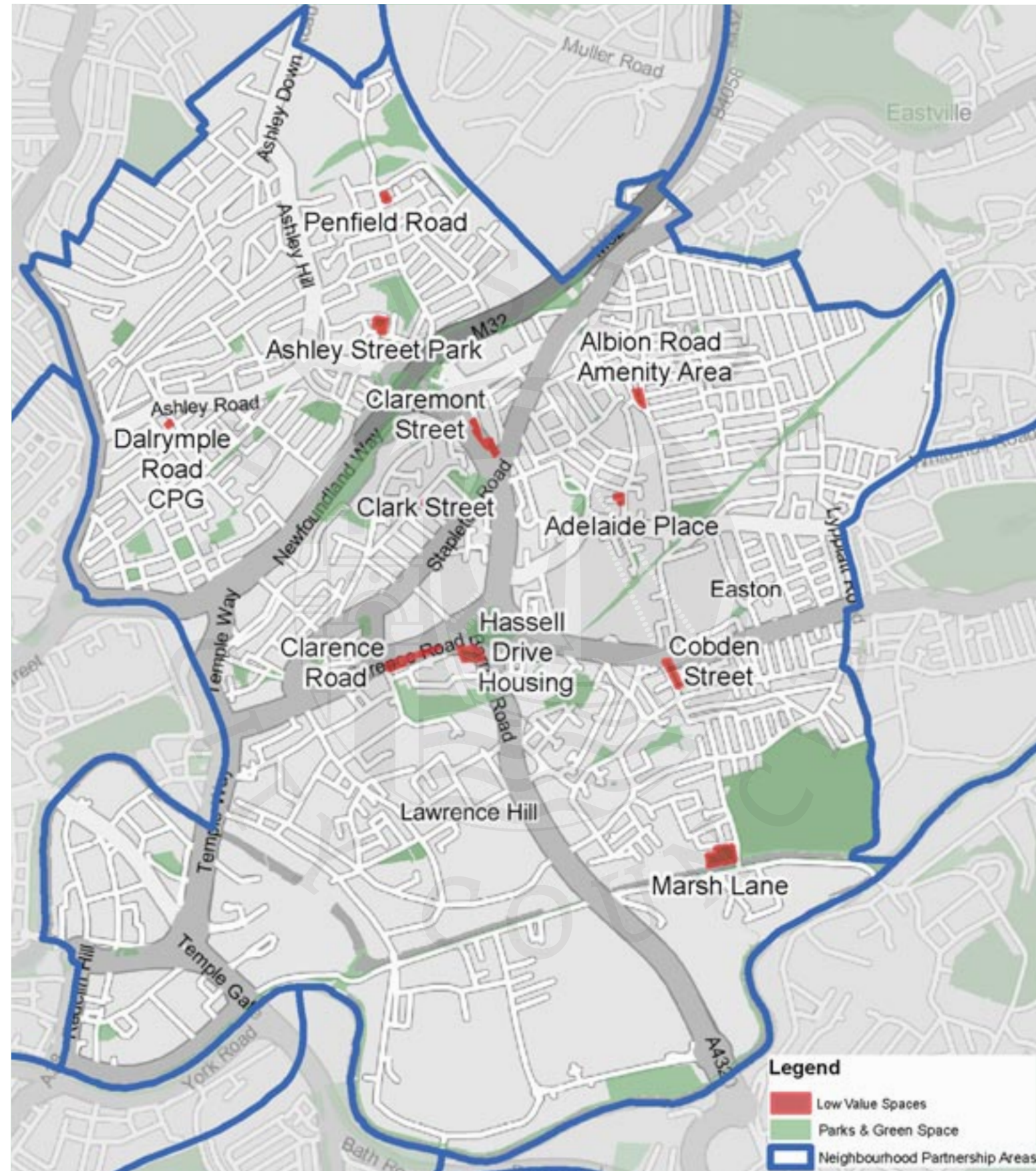
### Penfield Road Children's Play Ground

Located next to the Miners Arms Public House, this space formally accommodated play, but its size restricts how it could be used. Due to its proximity to the pub it is perceived to be a pub garden and this could be a realistic future use of the site, if a more appropriate site to accommodate play became available.

5.

### Ashley Street

Located to the front of houses, The site is too small to house play facilities or more formal features and offers little potential for recreational improvements. The site could be replaced with a more effective recreational space if one were to become available.



6.

### Cobden Street

This space is located adjacent to Cobdon Street and acts as a green visual break. The site is not appropriate to house play or more formal features and offers little potential for recreational improvements. The site could be replaced with a more effective recreational space if one were to become available.

7.

### Clark Street Green Space

It is suggested that the play facilities are removed from the site given its restricted size and proximity to the larger Rawnsley Park. Given the lack of potential of the site, it could be replaced with a more effective recreational space if one were to become available.

8.

### Marsh Lane

The space is found near to The Netham and on the bank of the Feeder Canal. The site had been identified for sale and development prior to the Area Green Space Plan process, but this has been re-assessed in light of the adopted standards. An option to dispose of the space should be explored if another, more effective recreational space became available. Another option is to convert the space in to allotment use.

9.

### Clarence Road and Hassell Drive Housing

Both sites are located close to the Lawrence Hill Roundabout and sit alongside the road. Neither space offer a good quality recreational space and are not well used. An option to dispose of the space should be explored if another, more appropriate site can be taken on in replacement.

10.

### Albion Road Amenity Area

The site is not considered appropriate for a play area given its restricted size and location adjacent to busy roads. An option to dispose of the space should be explored if another, more appropriate site can be taken on in replacement.



## Appendix 1. How the Area Green Space Plan is meeting the Parks and Green Space Strategy 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 Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill.

### Quality

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

Before the adoption of the Parks and Green Space Strategy, each park and green space across the city was assessed for its quality. As a result the council was able to know which sites met the Quality Standard and which sites

needed improving. On a 1 to 4 scale (poor, fair, good and excellent), where 3, or 'good', is the quality standard threshold, the quality assessment process revealed an average quality level across Bristol of 2 (fair).

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

### Distance Standard

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

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

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

The distances proposed are in the table below:

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

### Barriers to access

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

When open spaces are proposed to be disposed of, they are not included in the application of distance standards. In most circumstances, open space is not recommended for disposal if it is needed to meet minimum open space provision. Please refer to page 32 for a map and explanation of open space disposals in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill.

Given the inner city nature of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, there are many main roads that can be considered as significant barriers to access. The M32 divides the Ashley Ward from both Easton and Lawrence Hill, though a number of footbridges and underpasses link into the open spaces of Riverside Park, Fox Road Park and through the St Agnes subway. In addition to this, Easton Way separates Easton from Lawrence Hill to the west, which continues south as St Philips Causeway. Again pedestrian crossings allow people to cross the road at numerous points.

More substantial barriers are the New Cut, the Feeder Canal and River Avon, which restricts movement to other Neighbourhood Partnership Areas to the south as there are fewer opportunities to cross.

Also to the south of the area is the large St Philips Industrial Estate, which, despite a network of routes through for pedestrians and cyclists, is considered to be a barrier to access.

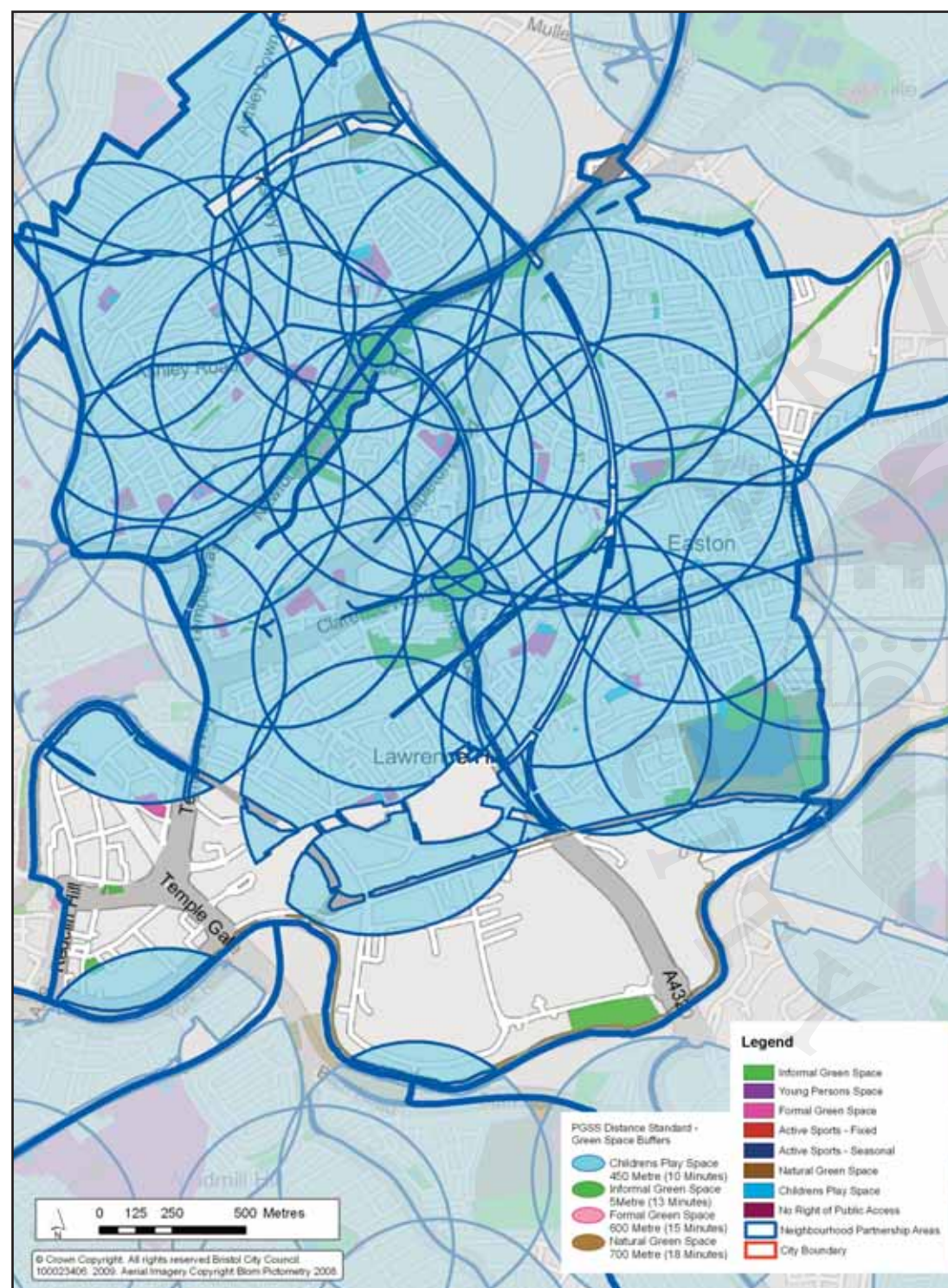


## Children and young people's space

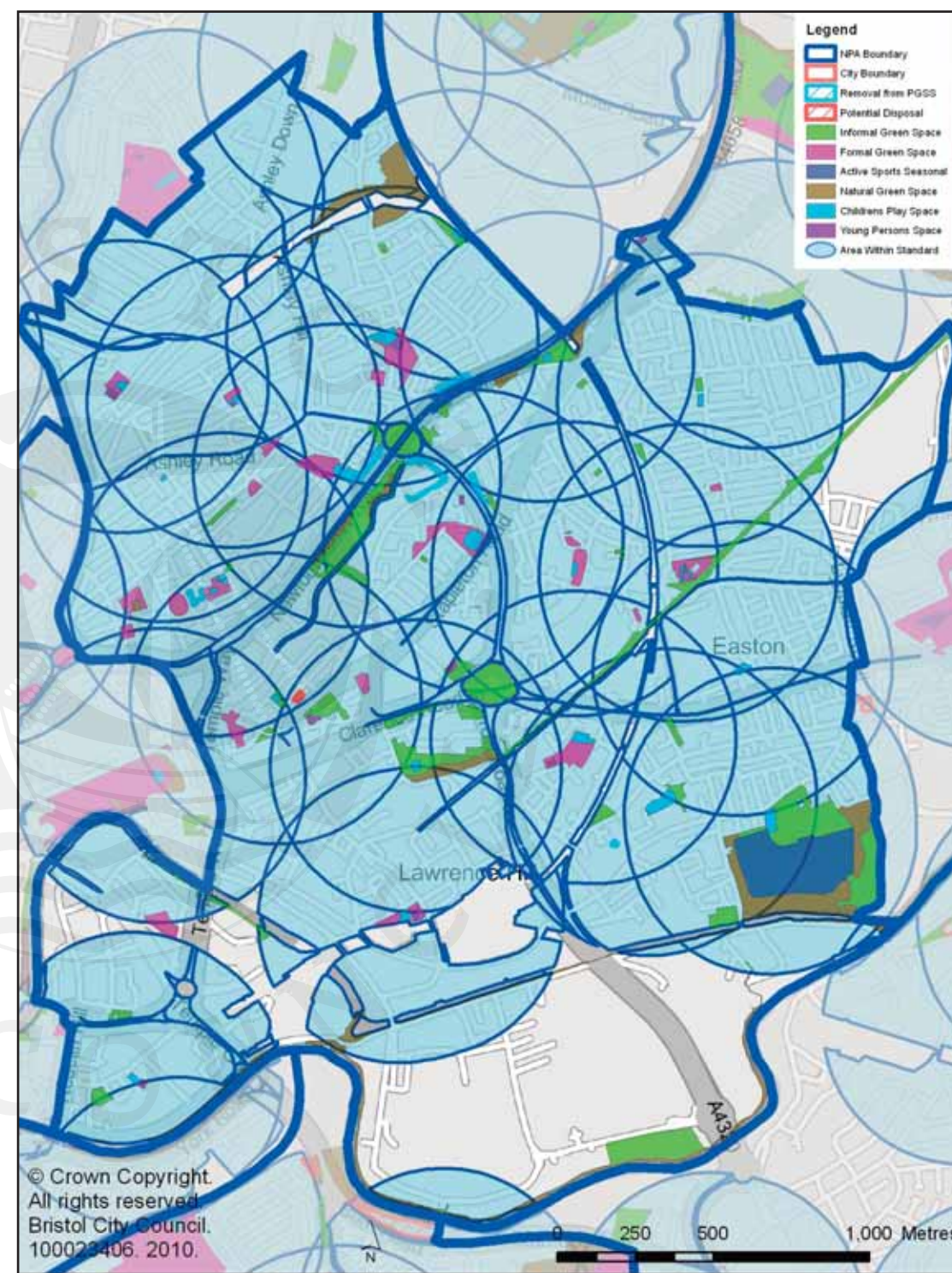
Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill is currently well provided for in terms of children's play, with the majority of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area within the Distance Standard. Proposals include the removal of four play spaces at Clark Street, Penfield Road, Ashley Street and Albion Road, but this will not reduce the total population within 450m of a playground. Furthermore, the inclusion of the Barton Hill Urban Park (this wasn't children's play when the Parks and Green Space Strategy was adopted and sites were originally mapped), Proctor House in Redcliffe and just across the boundary in East Park Housing will increase coverage.

Small gaps of provision remain in the Redcliffe area and the periphery of Easton, but a lack of suitable play sites mean these are not able to be filled. The total population outside the 450m distance standard will fall from 6% to 3%.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





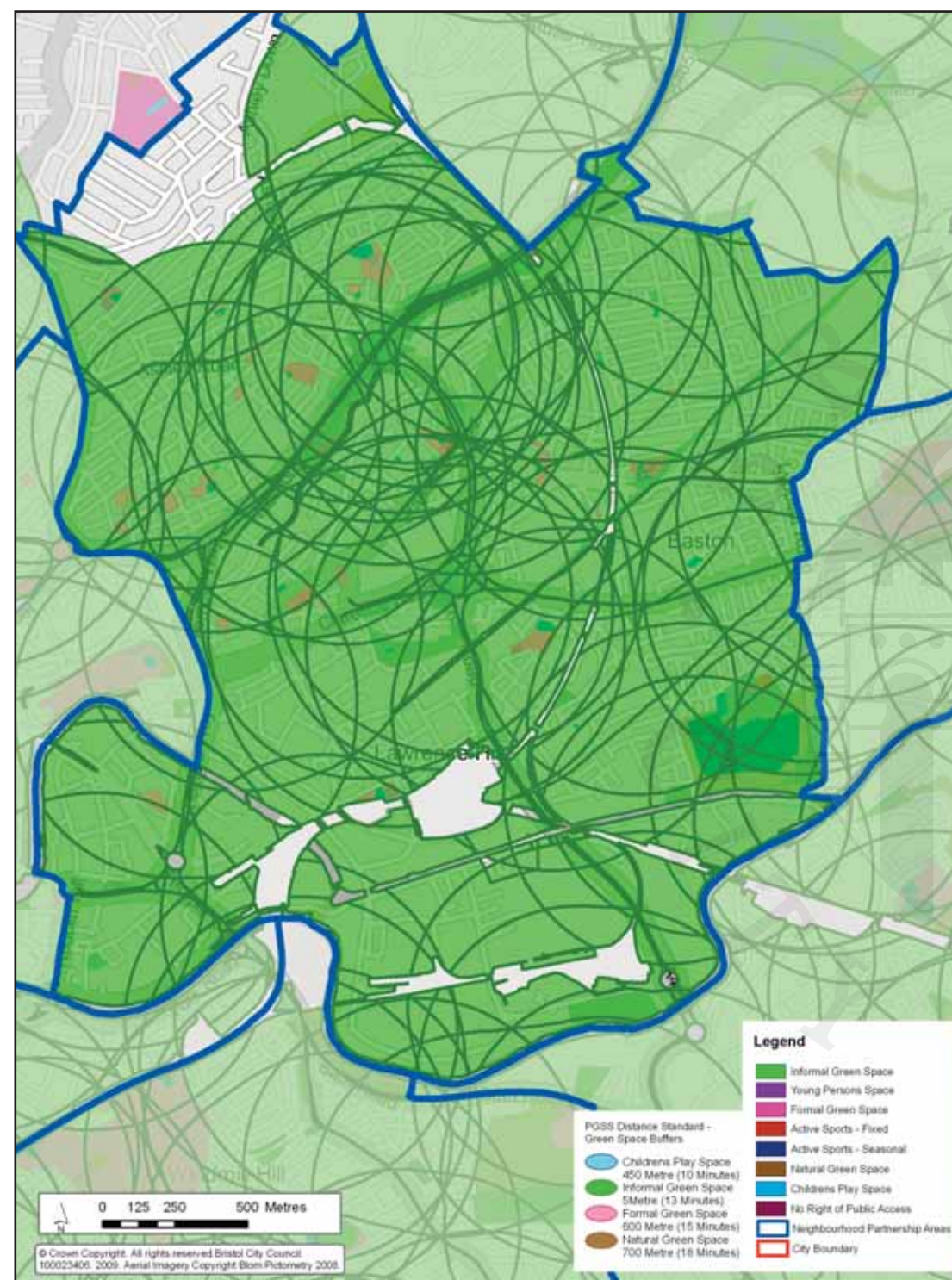
## Informal Green Space

Informal Green Space provision is good in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, with all but a small area in the Montpelier area within the distance standard. The formal space of St Andrews Park lies adjacent to this space but it would not be considered appropriate to redesignate this as Informal Space for the purposes of the Area Green Space Plan. The park offers a good quality, multifunctional open space and so a gap in provision of informal space here does not critically disadvantage surrounding residents.

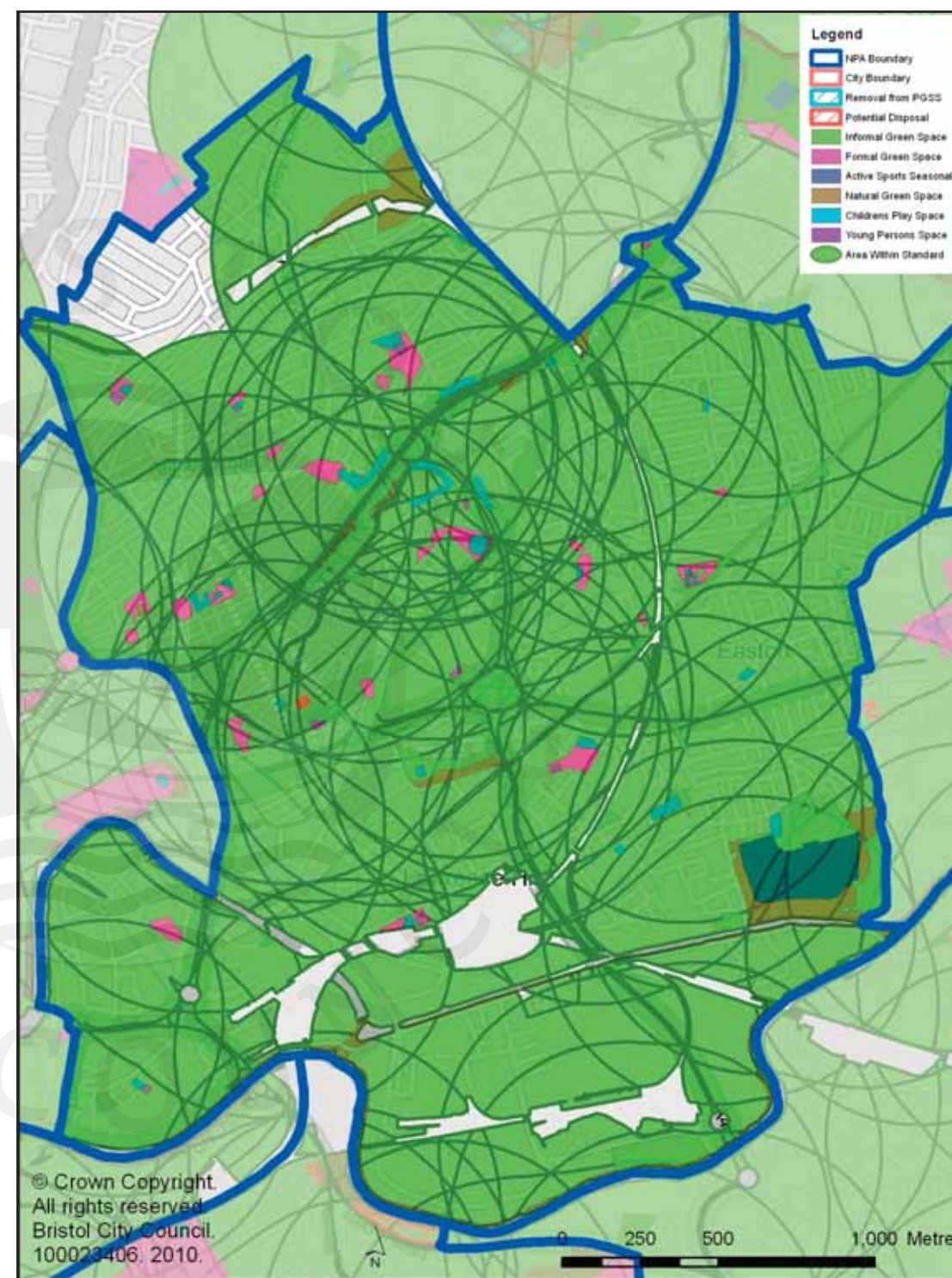
New Informal Green Space is also proposed with the inclusion of new sites comprising land along Rope Walk in Redcliffe, at Barton Hill Urban Park and adjacent to Easton Leisure Centre. Although this will increase the quantity levels it will have little impact on the distance standard as the relevant areas are already well covered. Small areas will be lost in favour of natural green space in Riverside Park and Hassell Drive Open Space, though the effect of this on the distance standard will be negligible.

The percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for Informal Green Space will drop from 7% to 4%.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





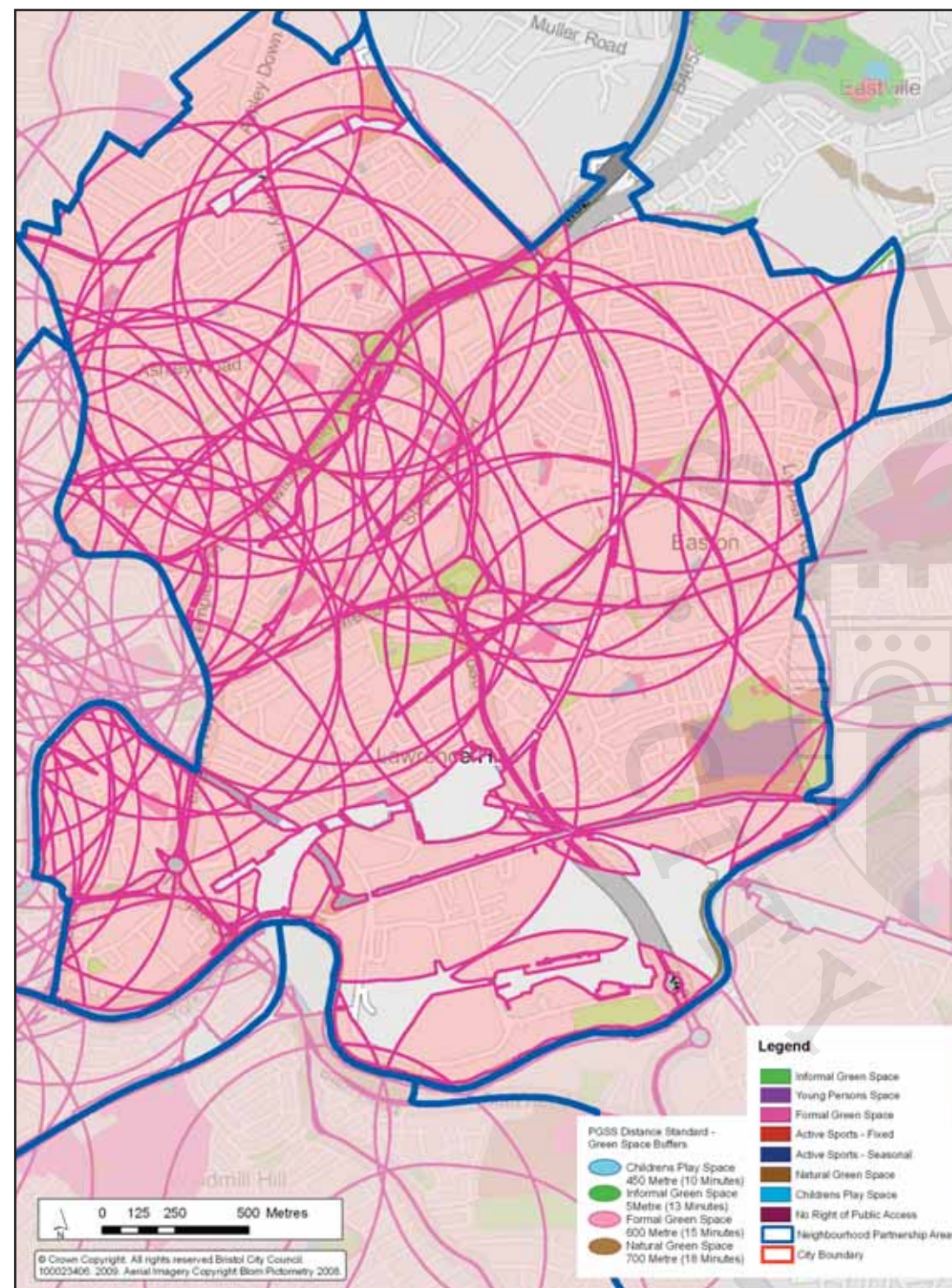


## Formal Green Space

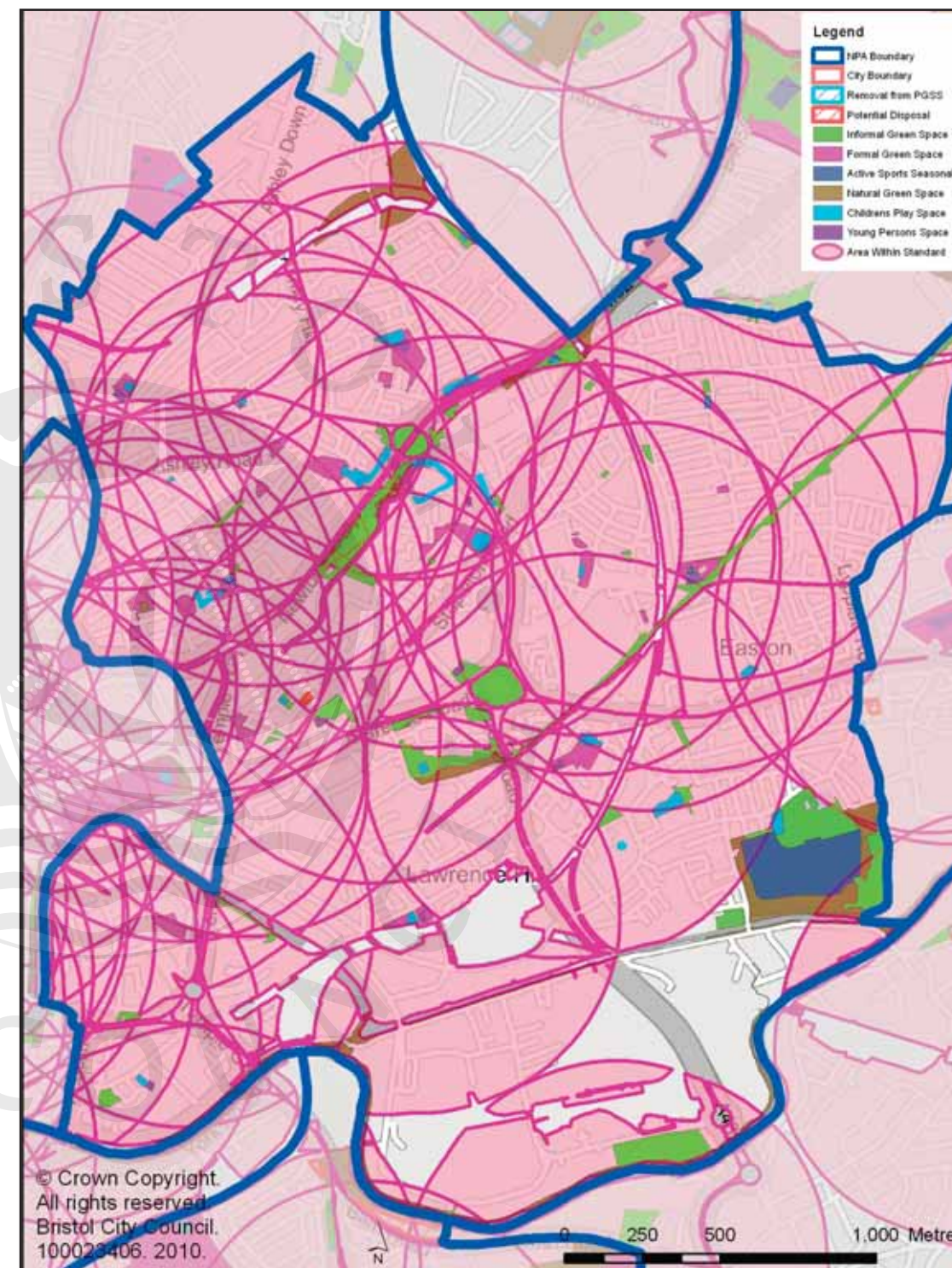
Formal Green Space provision will remain largely unaltered, with small increases of formal space at Rawnsley Park. Although this will affect the quantity standard, there is no impact on the distance standard.

The percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for Formal Green Space will alter from 1% to 2%. This is due to the predicted rise in population in the area. However, the Urban Park in Barton Hill designated as Informal Open Space, but also acts as a Formal Open Space. This would also cover the small gaps in provision to the north and west of Netham Park.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years





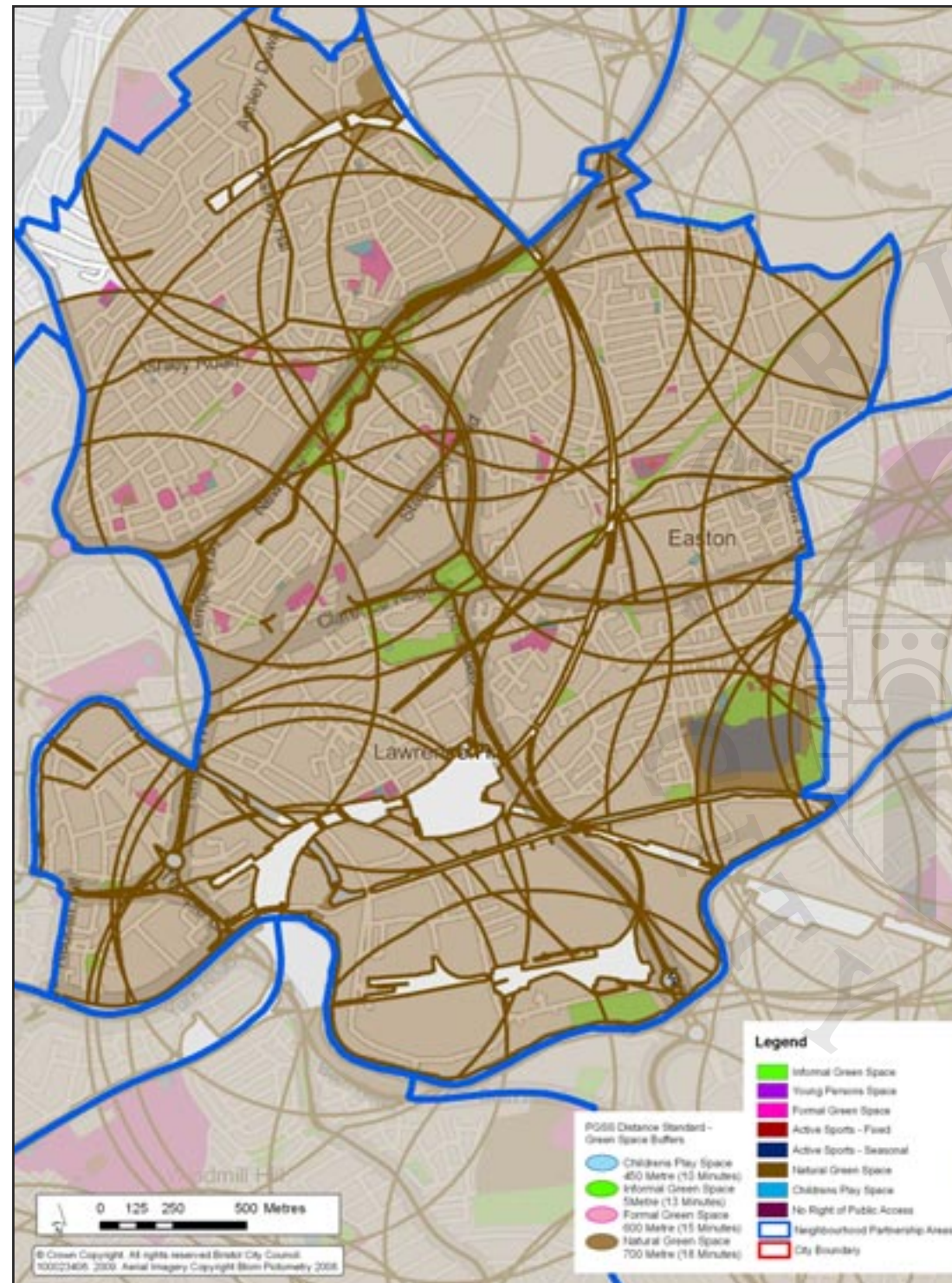
## Natural Green Space

Natural Green Space will remain largely unaltered, with small increases in Riverside Park and Hassell Drive Open Space. Although this will affect the quantity standard, the impact on the distance standard will be negligible. New natural space located in Cotham Gardens across the boundary fill a gap of provision in the north west of the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

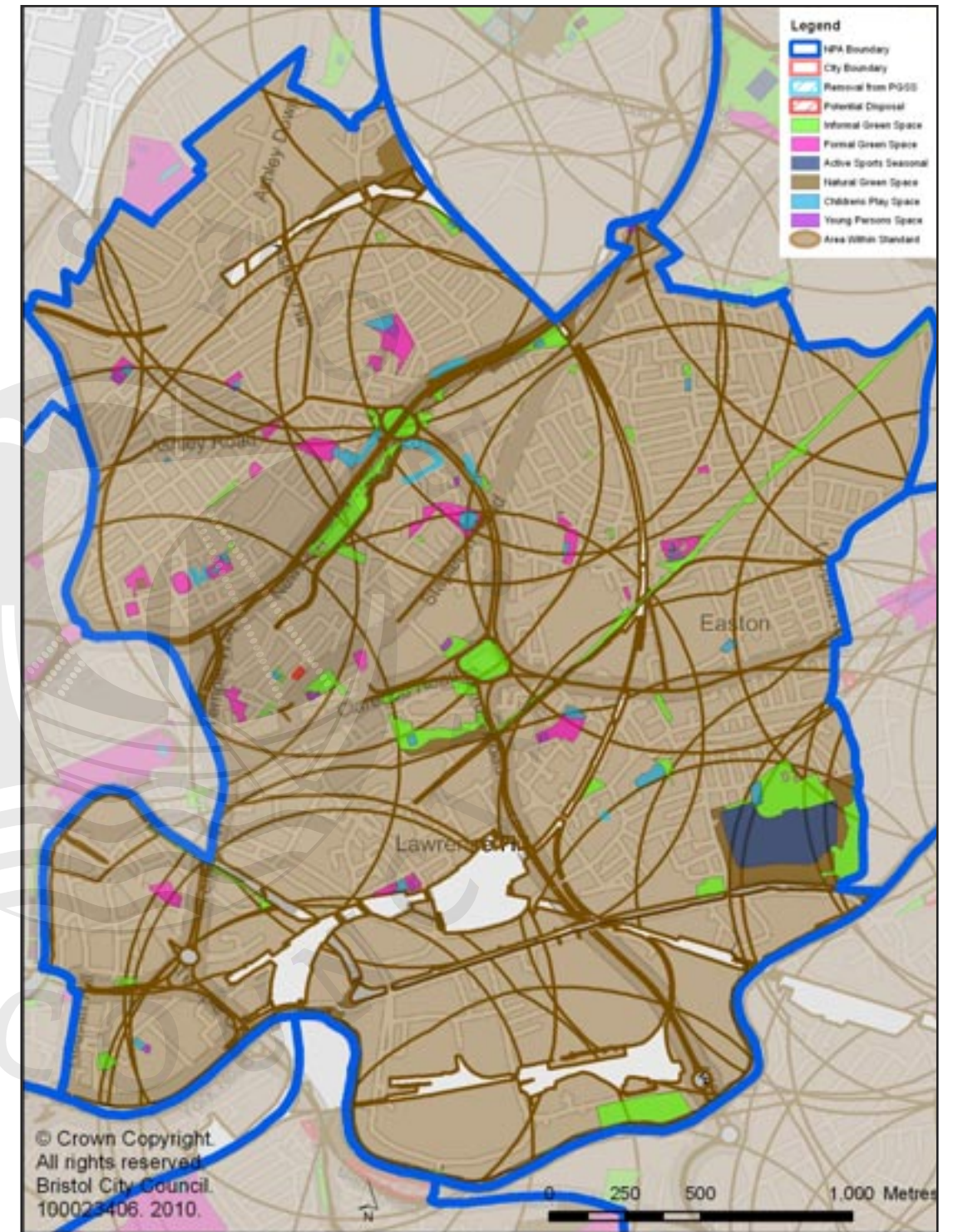
The percentage of the predicted future population that will be outside the distance standard for Natural Green Space will drop from 1% to 0%.

Although the Neighbourhood Partnership Area does not appear to be lacking Natural Green Space according to how the distance standards applied, clearly access to natural space in order to enjoy wildlife or a natural experience is very limited. In developing the Area Green Space Plan it was found that opportunities to convert space in to Natural Green Space is limited and that residents accepted that city centre living precluded this. It was also evident that residents would visit natural spaces outside the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, such as Purdown to the north, for a natural experience.

Areas where the standard is currently met



Areas predicted to be within the standard in 20 years







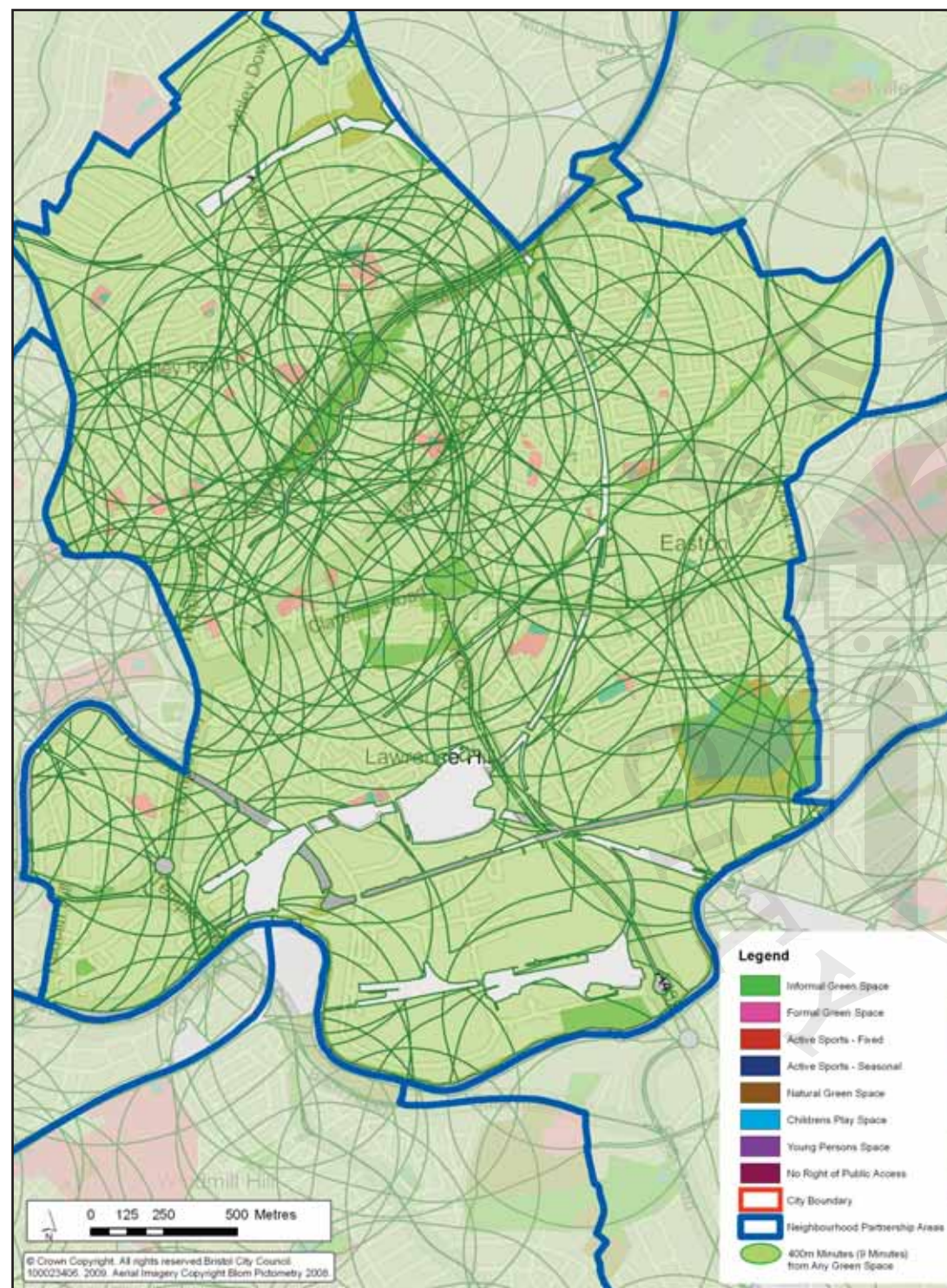
## Distance to the nearest green space

The Neighbourhood Partnership Area currently has very good access to open space with 100% of the population within the basic 400m standard for access to all public open space.

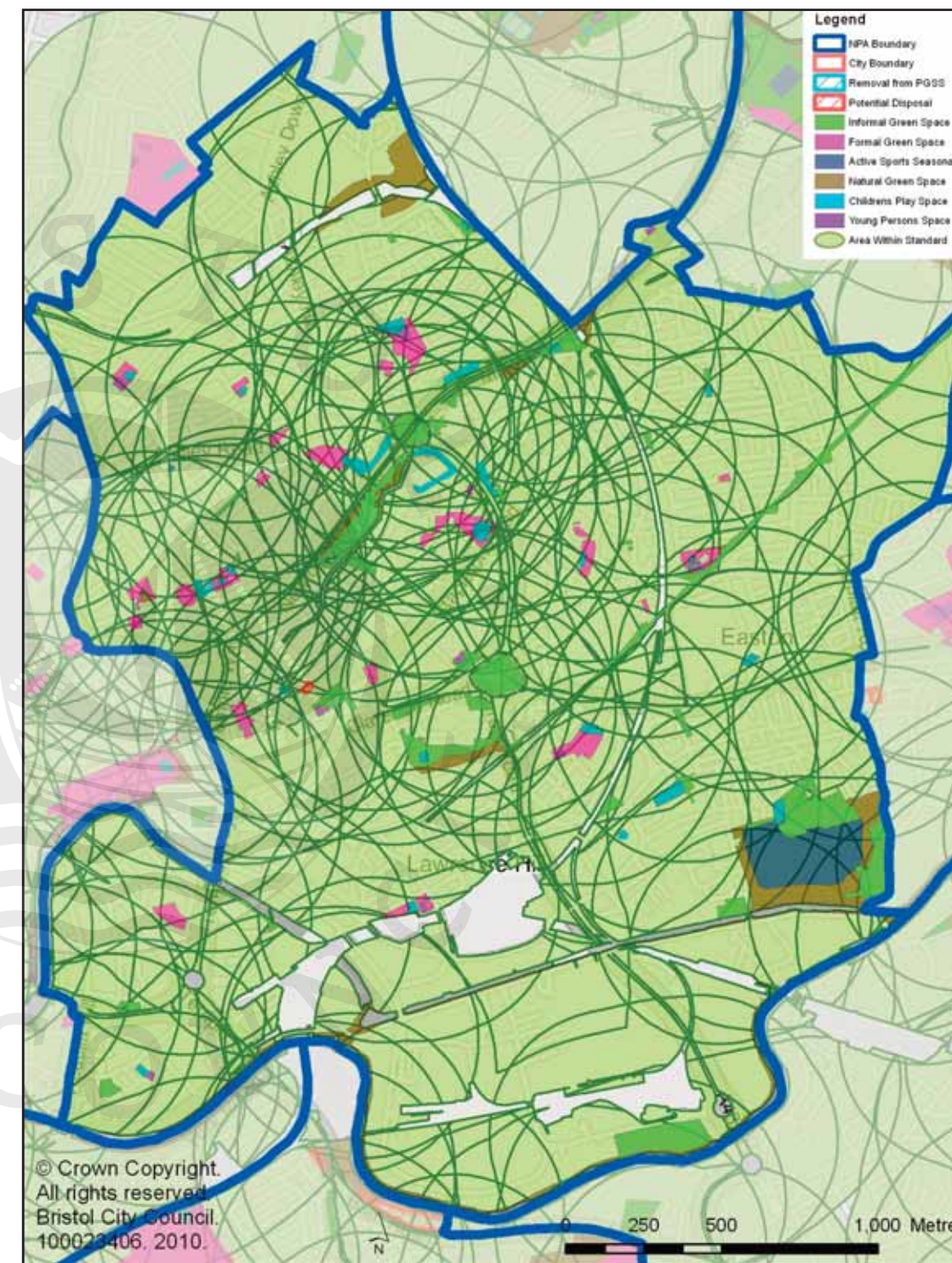
As mentioned, new spaces are being proposed to be included within the Area Green Space Plan around the Neighbourhood Partnership Area, which will predominantly affect the quantity levels rather than the Distance Standard coverage.

The percentage of the future population within the basic distance standard will remain at 100%.

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
<b>Total Bristol Standard</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>2.78</b>

### 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	0.51	0.48	0.51
Formal green space	2.0	1.81	1.29	1.39
Informal green space	8.0	6.02	4.68	5.03
Natural green space	9.0	2.50	2.00	2.15
Locality standard	18.0	10.84	8.45	9.08





## Appendix 2.

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

Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Children and young people		
	Developing a diverse range of children's play spaces including natural play <b>CY1</b>	Improvements to all play spaces across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.  Introduction of natural play equipment in Riverside Park, Hassell Drive and St Werburghs Park.
	Provide diverse, exciting and challenging spaces for young people <b>CY2</b>	New Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA), Wheels Park and young people's facilities introduced to George Jones Park.  Upgrade of young people's facilities at Montpelier Park, Mina Road Park, Owen Square and Gaunts Ham Park.  Introduction of new young people's facilities at Riverside Park.  Refer to the MUGA and Wheels Park map on page 43.
	Enhance the wider park environment for play <b>CY4</b>	Various activities and equipment along the Bristol and Bath Railway Path.  The enhancement of natural play and trails in Hassell Drive Open Space.  Provision of informal kickabout areas at Rawnsley Park, Mina Road Park and St Werburghs Park.



## Wheels Parks and MUGAs

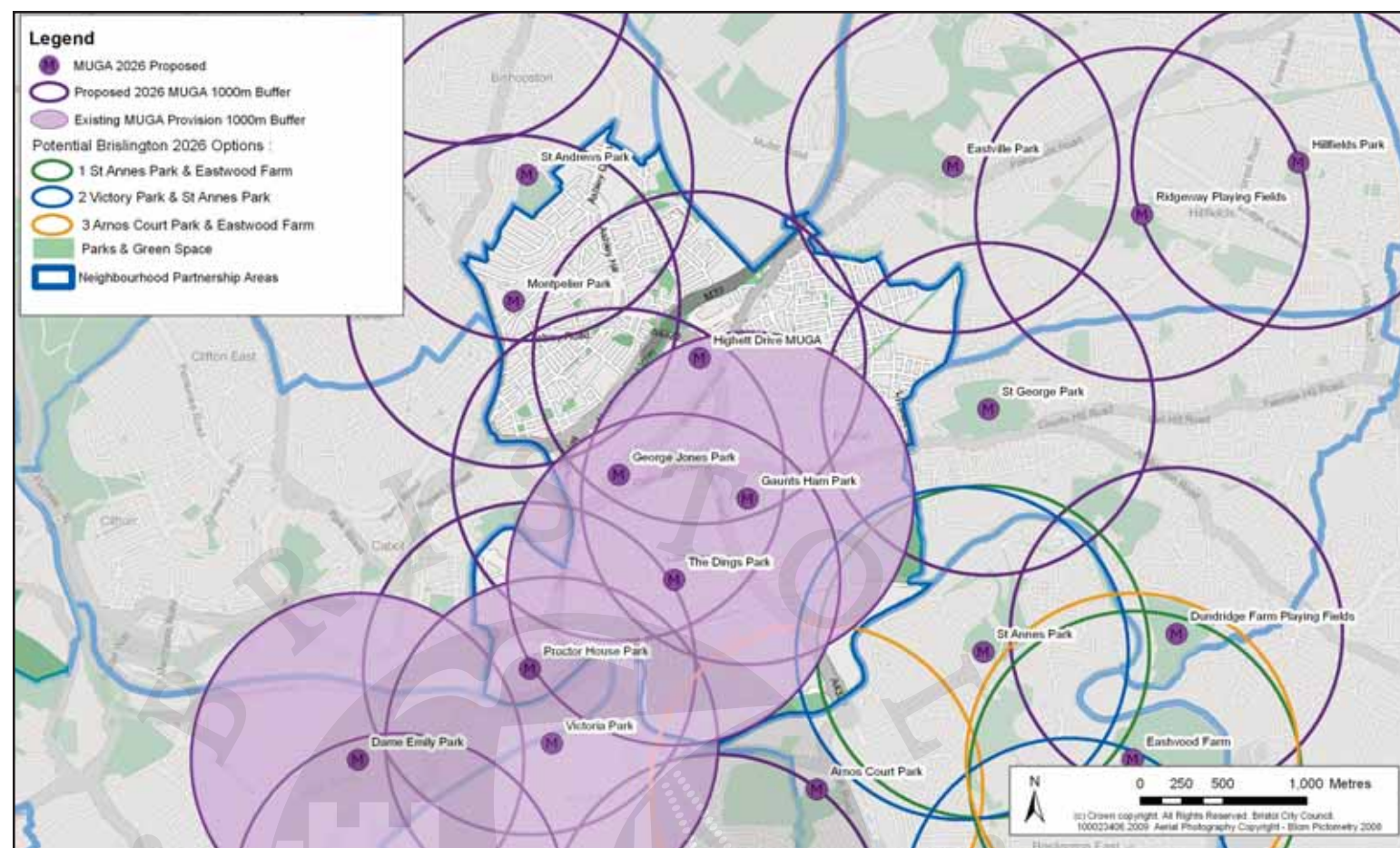
The Parks and Green Space Strategy sets out that young people should have access to a Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) within 1km of where they live and access to a Wheels Park within 2km.

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 map identifies that there are currently several MUGAs in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area that fit the required standard for young people to use.

MUGA facilities currently exist at Montpelier Park, Gaunts Ham Park, Owen Square and The Dings, while the Neighbourhood Partnership Area is served by a Wheels Parks outside the boundary in St George's Park, Victoria Park and Dame Emily Park.



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

### Preferred option -

Retain existing facilities at Montpelier Park. Gaunts Ham Park, Owen Square and The Dings, while introducing new MUGA's at George Jones Park and adjacent to Proctor House in Redcliffe.

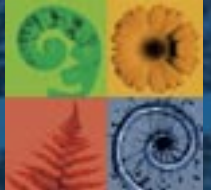




## Potential Wheels Parks with 2km Distance Performance Target

### Preferred option -


Introduce a new facility at George Jones Park.






Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.		How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Formal Green Space			
	Ensure there is a good traditional park within easy reach of home offering a range of facilities (multi-functional park with a range of facilities including a Park Keeper)	FG1	In the main, because of limits on size and the ability of the park to be multi-functional, there are no ‘traditional parks’ in this Neighbourhood Partnership Area as the Parks and Green Space Strategy describes them. There are a number of formal, designed parks including: Mina Road Park, St Pauls Park, St Agnes Park, Rawnsley Park, The Dings Park and Owen Square.
	Providing a Park Keeper in all main traditional parks as a minimum	FG2	St Pauls Park, St Agnes Park and the local area currently share a Park Keeper, as does the Urban Park, the Dings, Gaunts Ham and the Bristol to Bath Railway Path. There is also a Park Keeper at Netham Park.
	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.
Informal Green Space			
	Improve grounds maintenance focusing on the basics of grass cutting, litter and fly-tipping and dog fouling	IG1	Several dog-free areas have been proposed to be enlarged, with Owen Square Park and Bannerman Road Park proposed to be dog-free.  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	All investment proposals made in the Area Green Space Plan aim to reduce the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour in the long-term by ensuring that the number of visitors increases.



Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
<b>Natural Green Space</b>  		
	<p>Improve maintenance and management regimes in natural green space to improve welcome and accessibility</p> <p>Improve entrances and routes through natural green space to improve welcome and security</p>	<p><b>NG2</b></p> <p>Proposals to increase areas of natural green space at Hassell Drive and Riverside Park will ensure better access to natural green space across the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.</p> <p>Improved access and links through Narrowways, Netham Park and Fox Road Park.</p>
<b>Active Sports Space</b>  	<p>The quality of experience and carrying capacity of a playing pitch will be enhanced by improving changing facilities, pavilions and pitch quality.</p>	<p><b>AS1</b></p> <p>Long term proposals for sport will be identified in the final Area Green Space Plan.</p> <p>Netham provision includes; Bowling Green, Cricket Wicket and three football pitches. Served by changing room facility. The Netham has received considerable investment in recent years and will continue to act as a strategic sports hub site through the life of the plan.</p>
	<p>A smaller number of locations will provide tennis courts - but these will have multiple courts (ideally four or more) managed by either a club or someone to take bookings.</p>	<p><b>AS2</b></p> <p>There are no plans to provide more tennis courts in public open space in the Ashely, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area.</p>
	<p>Review and rationalisation of bowling provision.</p>	<p><b>AS3</b></p> <p>The bowling green at the Netham is not necessarily strategically important for good citywide bowls provision. There are no proposals for new bowling greens.</p>





Policy Area	PGSS Policy No.	How ideas and options would act to meet the policy
Other land management policies		
	Provide good quality accessible toilets	LM4 Toilets are proposed at Mina Road Park.
	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 will be fenced off and made dog-free spaces.  Proposed dog-free areas at Owen Square and Rawnsley Park.
	Build into our green space planning, measure to adapt to, and mitigate, the effects of climate change	LM8 Proposals at Mina Road Park and Fox Road Open Space create sustainable urban drainage.
	Establish greater connection with transport planning to improve access, entrances and pathways to and within sites for different users	LM11 See individual proposals. The majority of investment proposals include the enhancement of entrances and pathways.
	Improve the quality of green corridors, riverside routes and cycle/walkways for recreation, biodiversity and commuting	LM12 Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill has several elements of the Strategic Green Infrastructure network as proposed in the Core Strategy of the Bristol Development Framework. These are the along the River Avon Trail passing through Sparke Evans Park and the Feeder Canal connecting to Netham Park and to spaces in Brislington. The Bristol to Bath Railway Path also links several spaces, including Hassell Drive to outside the Neighbourhood Partnership boundary. The From Greenway links the city centre spaces of St Matthias Park, Riverside Park and Fox Road Park to Eastville Park.





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