Parks & Green Spaces Strategy Typology Quality Assessment Advisory Note

Typology: - Active Sports Space -Fixed

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Name of Park/Green Space _

Fixed sports spaces are mainly all-weather surface areas that are for year-round use, either casually or hired out. They are usually fenced areas within another typology (usually formal parks or informal green space). This typology also includes permanent grass facilities (e.g. bowling greens) and MUGAs (multi-use games areas) that are bookable for active sports (as opposed to MUGAs that are informal kickabout areas, included within Children & Young people's Space typology). The setting, design, facilities, condition & maintenance of changing room buildings are an important factor that needs to be assessed when assessing fixed sport where they exist, but detailed surveys or risk assessments are not expected.

Do not score individual questions. Simply tick each as poor, fair, good etc. Then enter a maximum of 10 points for each of provision, condition and maintenance based on the following: -

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Very Poor		Poor		Fair	Goo	d	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
Issues	to consider when making the assessment: -										
	Provision (the user experience & quality of facilities)										
		Very Poor		Poor		Fair	Goo	d	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
	Is the facility in an optimum location within the park to integrate it into its setting?										
	Is the facility sited at a distance so as to minimise nuisance or hazards to nearby residents, highways or other park users?										
	Do pitch(es) size, including safety margins, meet national governing body (NGB) /Sport England standards?										
4	Is the facility utilized to maximum carrying capacity?										
	Is the facility orientated optimally in relation to low winter sun (ie east-west) if relevant to the sport?										
	Are any boundary hedges, trees and shrubs suitable for the site, providing shelter for user comfort but not excessively shading the area?										

7	Are there notice boards and other relevant information in appropriate locations for the public to clearly read and understand (eg for hire of facility)?										
8	Is there adequate seating, litter bins, floodlighting and other appropriate furniture?										
	Bowling Greens	Very Poor		Poor		Fair		Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
1	Are any bowling greens, where present, suitable for their purpose as laid out by national governing body (NGB) guidelines and in relation to projected club fixtures, including ditches and surrounds?										
	Changing Rooms/Pavilions										
1	Are there changing facilities within the correct distance of the pitches as per relevant guidelines?										
2	Does the siting of the pavilion/changing room facility contribute positively to the character of the site and setting and are the design and materials sensitively integrated and aesthetically appropriate to the context and use?										
3	Is the location of the pavilion/changing room appropriate to its function, including accessibility to users and views over the sports activity and in relation to the green space within which it is set?										
4	Is the building in an optimum location to meet standards for all users i.e. is it logically linked to the path network and is there optimum 'passing supervision' of all 'open' building sides without hidden space 'around the back' to allow ASB/vandalism?										
5	Is the building internally and externally fit for its current and projected purpose, use and service provision, meeting current standards, including in respect of access?										
6	Is there an adequate amount of provision for male and female users and disabled people including accessible toilets and baby changing facilities?										
	Overall Score for Provision (1-10)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Very Poor		Poor		Fair		Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional

В	Condition (cyclical maintenance) ie the standard of repairs								
	of items	Very Poor	Ро	or	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
1	Are pitch(es) generally fit for purpose?								
2	Is there an appropriate depth of synthetic turf carpet pile?								
	Are pitch(es) flat and level with no settlement/subsidence?								
4	Is there a fully effective pitch drainage system or is there water ponding on surface?								
5	Is the surface compliant with manufacturer's own specification and performance standard and is it laid within tolerances laid down by each sport's national governing body?								
	Is synthetic turf carpet free from damage or disintegration?								
7	Does any hard surface have good traction and is it free from surface spalling, holes, puddles or trip hazards?								
8	Is there signage that is clearly readable, with notice boards and fixings in a sound and usable condition?								
9	Are the fences and gates in good condition and fit for purpose or are there holes in the chain link, or is it rusty and coming away from the straining wires or loose/broken fence/gate posts?								
	Bowling Greens								
1	Are bowling green grass surfaces fit for purpose, flat and level with no settlement/subsidence and with a fully effective surface and sub-surface drainage system?								
2	Are the ditch and surrounds free draining, straight and compliant with National Governing Body standards?								
3	Is the bowling green growing media free draining, free of compaction and of a depth and texture conducive to a consistent healthy grass sward, and is grass coverage free of localised wear?								
4	Is the irrigation system fully effective and functioning?								
5	Is the grass of a mix suitable for fine turf/bowling green use?								
	Are all score boards, benches, litter bins and other site furniture safe, secure and in a good and usable condition?								

	Pavilions/Changing Rooms										
	Is the pavilion/changing room building in a safe and secure condition, weatherproof and painted?										
	Do water, gas, electricity, heating and other mechanical plant in the building work satisfactorily?										
	Have fire safety checks been carried out and fire extinguishers checked within correct timescales?										
	Is the building in optimum, 'as new' structural condition and generally sound with only routine maintenance needed?										
5	Is the external brickwork and pointing of the building sound?										
6	Is the building free from vandalism or other damage?										
7	Is the building operating efficiently as intended?										
	Overall score for Condition (1-10)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	Pavilions/Changing Rooms										
1	Are buildings/pavilions/changing rooms' mechanical and electrical plant, including lighting, in optimum order and the subject of a regular routine maintenance regime, including gas/electric/fire safety checks carried out (evidenced via certification to demonstrate that they are compliant with current standards)?										
2	Are WCs, showers and changing rooms all clean and in good order, provisioned and free from blockages?										
3	Is external paintwork on pavilions/changing room buildings fresh and effectively protecting surfaces against weathering?										
4	Do buildings have clearly signed escape routes from hazards?										
5	Are buildings' security systems, including alarms functional and locks sound?										
6	Are buildings externally and internally clean and free of damage, litter and graffiti?										
	Overall score for maintenance (1-10)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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