Parks & Green Spa	ices Strategy Typology Quality Assessment Advisory Note
Typology: - Inform	al Green Space
Date	Assessed by
Version 6	
Name of Park/Gre	en Space

Informal green space is, as suggested by the title, green space that has been laid out in an informal style. It typically includes less features than formal green space, although it should still have a stimulating design that is appropriate to informal recreation uses such as casual sport, dog walking, cycling and children's play. It typically includes paths, furniture and trees and shrubs but other features such as water, informal flower planting and works of art may also be present. The overall design of the site should be welcoming and safe.

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 Issues to consider when making the assessment: -

	Provision (the user experience & quality of facilities)								
		Very Poor	F	oor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
1	Does the site have a welcoming and safe feel, is it open & overlooked with clearly visible entrances or enclosed, hidden from view or with unsightly industrial units or eyesores?								
2	Does the site have a 'community' feel about it, does it appear to be well-used?								
3	Is the boundary suitable for the site (eg informal style fencing, railings or hedge) if applicable?								
4	Is any hedging, shrubs, trees, flowers etc suitable for the location and planted in appropriate locations in terms of the design and safety of the site?								
5	Are paths and entrances of a type and width that gives good access to all users (including wheelchair users and buggies on the main accesses), whilst still in keeping with the informal nature of the green space(subject to limitations of site topography)?								
6	Is the area clearly signposted and are there notice boards and other relevant information in appropriate locations?								

7 Is there adequate seating, litter bins and other appropriate furniture on site?										
8 Are trees planted in suitable locations and of suitable species in relation to the design of the site?										
9 Are there information boards in appropriate locations for the public to clearly read and understand?										
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
Condition (cyclical maintenance) ie the standard of repairs										
of items	Very Poor	l	Poor		Fair		Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
¹ Do the entrance(s) look well-managed and welcoming?										
2 Does the area look attractive and well-managed or dingy and unattractive?										
3 Are the fences, barriers and gates in a safe and sound condition (if applicable)?										
4 Are shrubs, hedges and other plants healthy and well managed or are they gappy, dead or in poor health?										
5 5. Are paths free of patches, potholes, puddles and trip hazards, and are loose materials on paths (eg stone, wood chip) topped up regularly or is the surface worn and muddy?										
6 Are all notice boards and other user information clearly readable?										
7 Are all benches, litter bins, lighting and other site furniture safe, secure and in a good and usable condition, or are there slats missing from benches, graffiti or damaged bins or lighting not working?										
8 Are any landscape features in a satisfactory condition (if applicable)?										
9 Are cyclical inspections and maintenance of trees carried out regularly, and are trees in good health?										
Overall score for Condition (1-10)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Very Poor		Poor		Fair		Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional

	Maintenance (how well-managed is the area in terms of regular										
	maintenance?)	Very Poor		Poor		Fair		Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
1	Is the site free from dog fouling, glass, litter and fly tipping?										
3	Is grass cut regularly including strimming/back up?										
4	Are trees regularly inspected and appropriate maintenance carried out, and are young trees watered and stakes etc checked and loosened?										
5	Are shrubs and hedges pruned appropriately to prevent the entrance and other areas from feeling unwelcoming and unsafe?										
6	Have any fences or barriers been regularly painted and any missing/rotten timbers/materials replaced?										
7	Are all notice boards and user-information clean of dirt and graffiti and is information shown up to date and relevant, including any events or 'Friends Group' that is actively involved in the management of the area?										
8	Are bins being emptied regularly, or are they full or overflowing?										
9	Are benches and any other furniture being regularly maintained (ie preservative application, cleaning)?										
	Overall score for maintenance (1-10)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
·		Very Poor	Poor		Fair		Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional	