

**Principal Public Space Officer (OPEN Space)**

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The NDP includes a section specifically on open spaces that uses the evidence taken from the St Erth Parish Open Space Study commissioned from Cornwall Council's Public Space Team. The evidence is generally well used and informs the recommendations put forward, and the interpretation of data has been corrected.

Page 25 correctly asserts that the main priority is to address the need for free outdoor recreational/ sports facilities for all ages, which in particular needs to tackle the deficiency in type 5 (teenage provision) space. However the plan does not indicate how this will be achieved, as contributions from local development are unlikely to be sufficient alone. I wonder therefore if this will be given sufficient attention in the long term, especially as it is not addressed in an actual policy, as for instance allotments are, which are already fairly well catered for.

Policies OS1 and OS2 duplicate the protection & loss of open space, which is already covered under paragraph 74 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 anyway. In Policy OS 2 - Open Space Protection, the Well Field (WF), as stated previously, is not an 'open space', and its protection as such may weaken the protection afforded to the rest listed under the title 'green space' in table 4. The Karting track also listed is neither open or green. If it is essential to include protection of features not shown as POS on map 4, I would suggest that OS1 is restricted to open space provision and its protection, and OS2 be used for other non-OS leisure attractions or areas of local landscape value.

Thank you for consulting the Public Space Team

## RESPONSE

There is a clear distinction between OS 1 Open Space Provision and OS2 Open Space Protection

### Introduction extract with suggested amendments - page 25

While provision for equipped play areas for children aged up to 10/11 is good within the village, more provision of free outdoor recreational/sports facilities for all ages, particularly teens, is needed. The Parish Council would support such development and recognises the need for financial contributions from its own funds and other sources including grant funding, and the Parish Council will work with all relevant bodies to enable the delivery of the facilities. This deficiency will also be highlighted when producing the new Parish Plan. A priority is to plan for and provide new sports facilities in a positive and integrated way. Opportunities for new facilities should be pursued to meet current and future demands for sporting participation.

### SUGGESTED REVISION TO OS 1 Page 27

#### **POLICY OS 1 - Open space provision**

Development will only be supported where provision is made for the open space needs of the development, consisting of 40.00 square metres per dwelling, made up of appropriate typologies. Play areas and sports facilities should be designed to be easily accessible by sustainable and active travel modes. Where there is access to alternative facilities, or the scale of the development will not allow for on-site provision, financial contributions to the development or ongoing maintenance and management of alternative facilities may be required.

Separate 'stand-alone' schemes for publicly accessible free outdoor recreational facilities, will be considered in locations that are appropriate in terms of safe access and visibility, in particular for children's play space, and the development's potential impact on existing residents, such as noise or light pollution.

Applications to provide new and diverse leisure and recreational activities in order to promote healthy and crime-free lifestyles, particularly for teenagers will be supported.

Applications for the provision of new outdoor sports facilities on open or green space identified in Tables 2 and 4 or proposals for its redevelopment for recreational facilities will be considered where the proposal would:

- i. be sited in an appropriate location and designed to be easily accessible by sustainable and active travel modes where reasonably practicable;
- ii. be wholly for outdoor sport, expand or enhance existing amenities, or develop new facilities for use by the school and/or the local community;
- iii. increase public access and accessibility to open space or recreational facilities in safe and secure surroundings;
- iv. have no significant adverse impacts on existing residents, such as noise or light pollution the environment, highway safety, traffic or parking;
- v. have no significant adverse impact on the character of the landscape.

The lighting of outdoor sports facilities will not be permitted where it would result in light pollution, or adversely affect the character of the countryside or impact on wildlife or be a nuisance to neighbouring properties.

**REVISED TABLE 4 PAGE 28 listing only sites not included in Table 2 (avoiding repetition) and divided into sections dependent upon accessibility**

**Introduction**

In addition to the open spaces identified in the Open Space Assessment and listed in Table 2 the following areas had previously been specifically identified by residents as locally important green space:

**Table 4: Green spaces**

Green space	Reason for protection
<b>ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC</b>	
Field footpaths, bridleways and other public rights of way, cycle paths (Appendix E)	Community recreation; health and well-being; green corridors
<b>NOT ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC WITHOUT PERMISSION</b>	
Glebe field to rear of school	Possible future public sports; children's and community health and well-being
Woodland throughout Parish, including Treloweth Woods, sited within a County Wildlife Site	Wildlife; ecology; trees; green
Land bounded by Chenhalls Close, Chenhalls Road and the existing cemeteries	Identified as the only likely candidate area for expansion of burial facilities/garden of remembrance, and for quiet contemplation
Well Field off Church Street	Used for occasional community
Green area - St Erth Bridge to Pitch and Putt	Part privately owned part owned by Parish Council; wildlife refuge and flood defence
<b>NOT CLASSIFIED AS GREEN SPACE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC WITHOUT PERMISSION</b>	
Karting track	Community recreation; health and well-being; a valued local and tourist attraction

**SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO OS 2 page 29**

**POLICY OS 2 - Open space protection**

Land that provides important formal or ... exceptional circumstances where:

- i. sport and ... site; or
- ii. alternative provision ... active travel modes.

Development proposals for privately owned sites of locally valued open or green space, due to the significant contribution it makes to public amenity by virtue of its character, appearance and/or function will only be permitted where:

- iii. it would support ...

NATURAL ENGLAND requested that Carrack Gladden SSSI and St Erth Pits SSSI be indicated on a map. Open Spaces Map 4 seem the most logical, with reference made where mentioned in text. Stuart Wallace has been requested to amend Map 4 accordingly.