

Green spaces audit

Date:

Assessed by:

Ref No.

Name	
Street	
Size (ha)	
Type ⁱ	
Ownership	
Planning Designations (e.g. Conservation Area etc)	
Scale ⁱⁱ	

Assessment ⁱⁱⁱ	Score (1 poor, 5 excellent)
1. Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Are entrances well located and accessible? <input type="checkbox"/> Are entrances welcoming? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the infrastructure meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act? (see www.disability.gov.uk/dda) <input type="checkbox"/> Does signage communicate effectively? 	
2. Landscape quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the space a rich and stimulating environment? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a variety of scales of space? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the space's boundaries attractive? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the space's structure understandable with a clear focus and orientating features? 	
3. Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the furniture well designed and located? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the facilities appropriate to the space's size and location? <input type="checkbox"/> Are buildings well designed and located? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there special features that give the space local distinctiveness? 	
4. Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well maintained? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the planting well maintained? <input type="checkbox"/> Are grass areas well maintained? <input type="checkbox"/> Are areas managed for wildlife habitat value appropriately maintained? 	
5. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space? <input type="checkbox"/> Are staff based on site? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there information on how to contact management services? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there information on events and activities? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there evidence of community involvement? 	
6. Security and safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What is the sense of personal security in the space? <input type="checkbox"/> What are the levels of vandalism? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there evidence of anti-social behaviour? <input type="checkbox"/> To what extent is there self-surveillance from surrounding areas or through pedestrian traffic? 	

<p>7. Natural heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To what extent are areas managed as natural habitats? <input type="checkbox"/> Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there evidence of sustainable management practices? 	
<p>8. Cultural heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the historic landscape structure well conserved? <input type="checkbox"/> Are historic buildings and features appropriately conserved? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there evidence of cultural activities such as art or theatre? 	
<p>9. Education & Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is there interpretation of elements in the space? <input type="checkbox"/> Are educational activities carried out (e.g. by schools or rangers)? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there an appropriate level of sports/exercise facilities? 	
<p>10. Responses to people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does the space meet the needs of, or encourage use by, elderly and young people, children, people with disabilities, diverse cultures, and families? 	

ⁱ Opens space types

- i. parks and gardens
- ii. natural and semi-natural urban greenspaces
- iii. green corridors
- iv. outdoor sports facilities (no or limited public access)
- v. amenity greenspace (most commonly, but not exclusively in housing areas)
- vi. play and activity space for children and teenagers
- vii. allotments, community gardens, and city (urban) farms;
- viii. cemeteries
- ix. accessible countryside in urban fringe areas; and
- x. civic spaces

ⁱⁱ Scale types

Town & parish significant sites (Local) such as large formal parks and destination play areas have strategic importance within the towns and contain sufficient facility to potentially attract visitors from outside the immediate community.

Neighbourhood 1 (small) sites have local importance and contain sufficient provision to meet the needs of the local community

Neighbourhood 2 (pocket size) sites are the least equipped or most basic amenity, and merely serve residents from the immediate area.

ⁱⁱⁱ Assessment scoring

Where a question is not relevant, it should be omitted so as not to skew the results; for example, the question about buildings may be irrelevant to a wild open space.