

APPENDIX 1

OPEN SPACE PROVISION ASSESSMENT BY WARD

Quantity of open space					Access	Quality
Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
ABBHEY WARD						
Parks & Gardens	39.81	6.36	33.45	District Parks	Abbey Park provides good access for most of the ward, with a gap to the north of the ward. Ring road can act as barrier to access (particularly for pedestrians).	Abbey Park is the only park in the ward, it is an excellent park, which has achieved Green Flag status. However, the audit did identify some need for improvement, particularly in terms of access. Ongoing implementation of the management plan should continue to ensure gradual continual improvement of the site.
				Local Parks		
Informal open space	10.51	6.36	4.15		Some areas of provision within the north of the ward, no provision in the south, although Abbey Park in the south provides significant access to open space.	Thurcaston Road and Ingold Avenue are the two key areas of amenity open space within the ward. Clearly there is a need to improve Ingold Avenue, which is currently in a poor condition, but offers significant opportunity for improvement. This sites really needs an improvement plan, which considers all aspects of the open space and its future. This plan should be developed in consultation with local people, and should consider all options for the site including wholesale improvement, as well as the potential to dispose of parts of the site for development to fund improvements
Children & Young People's space	1.63	1.02	0.61	Children	Children - reasonable access across the ward, however, there is a gap against the standard in the centre of the ward.	Children - There are 5 LAP's around the Border Drive area, by their very nature and size, these offer little opportunity for improvement. However, consideration should be given to whether having 5 play areas in such close proximity is sustainable and if they actually meet the needs of the community in that part of the ward. As a longer term plan, it may be more beneficial to de-commission these LAP's and seek a new location for one larger play area providing better play value and opportunity. There are also play facilities at Bewcastle Road (part of Thurcaston Road open space) which is larger and offers wider range of play opportunity. The play area at Abbey Park offers an attraction in itself (NEAP), and is well provided for. Young People -
				Young People	Young people - No provision within the ward	There are no facilities for young people in the ward.

Outdoor sports facilities	10.36	12.71	-2.36		Meets access standard	There are facilities for outdoor sport at Thurcaston Road, Mowmacre Sports Ground and St. Margaret's Pastures. Clearly there is significant opportunity to improve Mowmacre sports ground, which need an improvement plan to be developed to determine its future function. A management plan should be developed for Thurcaston Rd to guide ongoing improvements.
Natural Greenspace	3.10	6.36	-3.26		No primary provision within the ward, although there is access to Natural Greenspace within Abbey Park, and the riverside.	None of the sites have a primary purpose as natural green space, however, clearly sites such as Abbey Park do have natural areas (e.g. ponds, river, woodland). Management of natural green space within Abbey Park is appropriate and ongoing management should be continued.
Allotments	10.43	3.81	6.62		Meets access standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There is an area of green wedge to the east of the ward providing opportunity for links into Watermead Country Park, especially from Mowmacre and Thurcaston Road. There are also links from Abbey Park along the river via a cycle way and footpath.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Only Belgrave Cemetery was included in the audit, which is in good condition and well maintained.
General	Waterside regeneration area falls within this ward, which is likely to provide additional open space.					

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AYLESTONE WARD						
Parks & Gardens	1.74	5.40	-3.66	District Parks	Access falls below the standard across the Ward.	Aylestone Hall Gardens is the only Park and garden within the ward, whilst it is a pleasant enough park, it does provide significant opportunity for improvement, this is reflected in both the quality audit, and the detailed management plan produced by LCC. This site should be a priority for the area, and the recommendations in the management plan implemented.
				Local Parks	There is good access in the centre of the Ward, the south and north do not meet the standard.	
Informal open space	3.53	5.40	-1.87		Reasonable access in north of ward, falls below standard across rest of ward.	There are areas of amenity space at Gilmorton Avenue and Montrose Rd, the site at Glimorton Avenue shows significant potential for improvement, and is currently in poor condition. It is also in close proximity to areas of green wedge to the west of the ward.
Children & Young People's space	0.75	0.86	-0.12	Children	Significant gap in access in the centre of the ward.	There are several play areas within the ward, two LAP's in the Gilmorton Rd area which are close to a much larger play area at Gilmorton Rd Open Space, and as such the need for the two LAP's should be considered. There are also play areas at Montrose Rd Open Space and a larger facility at Aylestone recreation ground. However, access to play facilities across the ward is below the recommended standard of provision, with a particular gap in access in the centre of the ward. Provision for play does need addressing in the ward, from a quality, quantity and access point.
				Young People	Falls below standard across the ward.	There are facilities for young people at Aylestone Playing Fields including a MUGA and basketball court, this provision seems to be reasonable for the fairly low resident population of young people in the ward.
Outdoor sports facilities	24.73	10.80	13.93		Meets access standard.	There is one facility at Aylestone Playing Fields, which has a range of facilities for outdoor sport, including a MUGA sports pitches, basketball. The audit identified some need for improvement at this site (e.g. improved access), which should be co-ordinated through a management plan.
Natural Greenspace	63.37	5.40	57.97		Good access in the north of the ward, rest of the ward falls below the standard.	There is a significant area of natural green space at Aylestone Meadows, whilst there is a good range of habitats here, which is generally managed appropriately, there is opportunity for improvement across the site, including provision of information and interpretation.
Allotments	4.42	3.24	1.18		Meets access standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There are significant tracts of green wedge and open space to the west and north of the ward, and green corridor along the canal and riverside. These are valuable assets and contribute significantly to the value of the overall appearance and environment of the ward.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There are no cemeteries within the ward.

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BEAUMONT LEYS WARD						
Parks & Gardens	47.92	6.92	41.00	District Parks	Abbey park provides good access for most of the ward, with a gap to the north of the ward.	Beaumont Park is the only formal park and garden, it has a range of facilities including space for young people and children, playing fields, artificial turf pitch, footpaths, benches etc. Whilst there are some good quality facilities at the park, signage to and within the park is poor. The park lacks the 'formality' of other parks in Leicester, and offers significant opportunity for improvement.
				Local Parks	There are no local parks within the ward.	
Informal open space	29.83	6.92	22.92		Some areas of provision within the north of the ward, no provision in the south, although Abbey Park in the south provides significant access to open space.	There are several amenity open spaces within this area, they are largely interspersed within the housing estates, typically contain a play facility, and a number are linked through green corridors at the back of the housing. It is fair to say that the quality of these sites is lacking, and offer significant opportunity for improvement. It is acknowledged that improving these sites offers quite a challenge, as they suffer from anti social behaviour and vandalism, and require significant re-investment and community involvement. A strategy for improving these spaces is required, and this should consider which sites are really required, if any can be disposed off and funds targeted at creating fewer, better quality spaces.
Children & Young People's space	1.16	1.11	0.06	Children	Reasonable access across the ward, however, there is a gap against the standard in the centre of the ward.	There are eight areas identified as having facilities for children, the quality of which are varied. The sites within the amenity open spaces suffer from considerable vandalism, and a number of items of equipment have actually been removed. The general observation for children's play facilities is that quality needs improving across the area, and potentially there is a need to rationalise provision, providing fewer higher quality play areas which can be effectively managed and maintained. This should also be supported by 'secure by design' principles, e.g. ensure new housing faces onto play areas.
				Young People	No provision within the ward.	There are four sites with facilities for young people, with a good mix of facilities including a MUGA, skate ramp, and basketball. The quality of these facilities is also good, and resources should be targeted to maintain this quality.
Outdoor sports facilities	2.40	13.84	-11.44		Meets access standard.	There are facilities for outdoor sport at Beaumont Park, including playing fields and artificial pitch and multi-use hard courts. Facilities are of good quality.
Natural Greenspace	106.40	6.92	99.48		No provision within the ward, although there is access to Natural Greenspace within Abbey Park.	There are a number of areas of natural green space including the large Castle Hill Country Park, and the smaller nature reserves. In general, these sites are well managed and maintained. The smaller nature reserves have excellent information provision and offer valuable wildlife corridors. The Country Park could be improved for access, and there is some need for woodland thinning and improved information provision.
Allotments	2.37	4.15	-1.78		Meets access standard.	

Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	The routeways link the amenity spaces outlined above, and are in similar need for improved quality and management. They provide quite a challenge in terms of management, as they largely back on to housing which gives them a 'backland' feel.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Gilroes cemetery is well managed and maintained with little need for additional facilities.

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BELGRAVE WARD						
Parks & Gardens	2.24	5.15	-2.91	District Parks	Does not meet access standard across the Ward.	<p>As there are only three sites within the Belgrave ward, a site specific analysis of the quality is provided:</p> <p>Thurcaston Road: The site at Thurcsaton Rd has a NEAP play area and is directly adjacent to Belgrave Gardens, within links to the river path. The play area is in need of some improvement, with particular potential to provide additional facilities for young people (currently limited to a 'kick board').</p> <p>Belgrave Gardens: Formal Garden in need of general improvement, site management plan in place which needs implementing to improve key aspects such as access, safety aspects, signage and entrances.</p> <p>Loughborough Road Play Area: Play provision is reasonable, however, site feels rather unsafe, however, it is landlocked so difficult to know how this can be improved. There is a play area at Thurcaston Rd very nearby, and perhaps consideration should be given to making that facility bigger and better quality to meet the needs of the nearby community.</p> <p>Belgrave Meadow: Natural Greenspace between Loughborough Road and Thurcaston Road, with further Natural Greenspace links along the river. This are was not assessed as part of the audit, but does provide valuable natural greenspace and links to the river.</p>
				Local Parks	Access in the north and west of Ward – rest of ward falls below standard.	
Informal open space	0.00	5.15	-5.15		Does not meet access standard across the Ward.	
Children & Young People's space	0.55	0.82	-0.27	Children	Access in north and north-west, rest of Ward falls below standard.	
				Young People	Falls below standard across Ward.	
Outdoor sports facilities	0.00	10.30	-10.30		Meets the access standard.	
Natural Greenspace	1.59	5.15	-3.56		Access to riverside in the west of the Ward, rest of ward falls below standard.	
Allotments	3.21	3.09	0.12		Meets the access standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A			

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BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS WARD						
Parks & Gardens	70.54	8.31	62.23	District Parks	Braunstone Park provides good access for most of the ward, with a gap to the north of the ward.	Braunstone Park and Wescotes Park are both within the ward. The priority for the ward should be to improve Braunstone Park, which is large centrally located park, with considerable opportunity for improvement of the facilities it provides. Whilst there is a management plan for the site, it is also recommended that an improvement plan be developed to guide larger scale re-investment, and a programme of community engagement takes place to support the development of the park.
				Local Parks	There are no local parks within the ward.	
Informal open space	7.28	8.31	-1.03		Some areas of provision within the north of the ward, no provision in the south, although Braunstone Park in the south provides significant access to open space.	Hockley Farm and Church Fields show significant opportunity for improvement, particularly with regards to improving access, signage, entrances and habitat development within the sites.
Children & Young People's space	0.63	1.33	-0.70	Children	Reasonable access across the ward, however, there is a gap against the standard in the centre of the ward.	There are seven equipped play areas identified in the ward, there is opportunity to invest in a number, with a focus on the most strategic sites such as at Braunstone Park and Hockley Farm.
				Young People	No provision within the ward.	Space for young people has been identified at Braunstone Park and Hockley Farm, the facilities appear to be well used and ongoing investment in these sites should be a priority.
Outdoor sports facilities	0.30	16.61	-16.31		Meets access standard.	There are facilities for outdoor sport at Braunstone Park, improvement of these should be considered alongside the need to develop an improvement plan for the park, and ensure effective implementation of the site management plan.
Natural Greenspace	8.55	8.31	0.24		No provision within the ward, although there is access to Natural Greenspace within Braunstone Park.	Whilst none of the sites are classified as having a primary purpose of natural green space, clearly there are natural features within a number of the sites including Braunstone Park, Meynells Gorse and Church Fields. The audits identified that there is potential for habitat development and creation within these sites.
Allotments	17.52	4.98	12.53		Meets access standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There are strategic links between open spaces at the north of the ward, through Highway Spinney, Meynells Gorse and Hockley Farm. There are also areas of green wedge to the south of the ward linking into Aylestone Meadows and wider countryside.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	None present in ward.

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CASTLE WARD						
Parks & Gardens	36.26	6.73	29.53	District Parks	Victoria Park provides good access for the Ward, although ring road can act as major barrier to access.	There is a high concentration of Parks and Gardens in the ward, which is expected due to its central location within the City. A number of sites are of high quality, including War Memorial Approach and De Montfort Hall Gardens. There is a high concentration of Parks and Gardens in the ward, which is expected due to its central location within the City. A number of sites are of high quality, including War Memorial Approach and De Montfort Hall Gardens. Victoria Park is the major park, and has potential for improvement, a management plan is in place for the park, and this needs to be implemented to improve the park, significant re-investment is required. Castle Gardens would benefit from some lower key improvements such as better interpretation and improved soft landscaping. Nelson Mandella Park is also in need of lower key improvements, and there is evidence of improvement already in place through implementation of the site management plan.
				Local Parks	Good access across majority of Ward (gap to the north of Ward).	
Informal open space	2.64	6.73	-4.09		Limited provision, however, majority of Ward covered by Local/District Parks.	There is little general amenity space in the ward, as the majority of open space is more formal, however, this does provide valuable amenity space in its own right.
Children & Young People's space	0.73	1.08	-0.35	Children	Good access in the south of the Ward, falls below standard in the north.	There are 11 equipped play areas for children or young people in the ward. A number are located within parks (Victoria Park, Nelson Mandella Park). There are a couple of LAP's near Thirlmere st which are potentially surplus to requirement. Priority for investment should be in the larger parks.
				Young People	Meets standard – largely through provision at Victoria Park.	There is a good facility for young people at Thirlmere Street Gardens, with an excellent floodlight MUGA. There is also a skate ramp at Victoria park. Both facilities appear to be well used and in reasonable condition.
Outdoor sports facilities	5.13	13.47	-8.34		Meets standard.	Victoria Park provides the major venue for outdoor sport with facilities for football, rugby and cricket. The pitches appear to be in reasonable condition, however, improvements to sports buildings are required (to be considered in line with site management plan).
Natural Greenspace	0.72	6.73	-6.01		Falls below standard across majority of Ward.	Freeman's Common Nature Reserve is in need of significant improvement in terms of access and maintenance if it is to provide a public benefit. The site has obvious value for nature conservation, but is currently poor in terms of public access, being difficult to find.
Allotments	0.00	4.04	-4.04		Meets standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Routes along the river linking Castle Gardens with the city centre are key, there are also green links from Victoria Park, and important green walkways along New Walk.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	The major cemetery within the ward is Welford Rd cemetery, which is currently under refurbishment with new paths, entrances and a visitor centre.

General

Waterside regeneration area falls within this ward, which is likely to provide additional open space.

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CHARNWOOD WARD						
Parks & Gardens	0.00	5.33	-5.33	District Parks	Gap in access to north of Ward.	There are no parks and gardens within the ward.
				Local Parks	Gap in access to north of Ward.	
Informal open space	4.05	5.33	-1.28		Gap in the South – but this area covered by access to District / Local Parks.	There are four key amenity open spaces within the ward: Overton Road Open Space; Craven Recreation Ground; Waddesdon Walk Open Space and Morton Walk Open Space. All sites are in need of general improvement, particularly Craven Recreation Ground and Morton walk Open Space. Management plans should be developed for these sites, to guide on going improvements. These plans should be developed in consultation with local people to improve community ownership of these sites.
Children & Young People's space	0.67	0.85	-0.18	Children	Good access across Ward – some gaps in the east of Ward.	There are seven play areas across the ward, 6 LEAP's and one NEAP at Hastings Rd. Provision is reasonable, however, further specific details are required on the quality of each site to determine future priorities and investment.
				Young People	Falls below standard.	There is a ball court at Overton Rd which is in reasonable condition and well used.
Outdoor sports facilities	0.00	10.66	-10.66		Meets standard.	There are no facilities for outdoor sport within the ward.
Natural Greenspace	0.00	5.33	-5.33		Falls below standard across Ward.	There are no areas of natural green space within the ward.
Allotments	2.88	3.20	-0.32		Meets standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Waddeson Walk open space is an important green link the cycle ways and walkway that leads north to Rushey Meade ward.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	None present in ward.

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COLEMAN WARD						
Parks & Gardens	12.74	6.05	6.69	District Parks	Good access across the Ward.	Humberstone Park is a formal Park with a range of facilities for play, a skate park, natural areas and provision for sport. The park shows significant opportunity for improvement, and although a site management plan is in place, it is recommended that an improvement plan is developed for the park to guide its long term future and provision of facilities. The aim should be to bring this park up to green flag standard. There is also a park at Lily Marriot Gardens, which has a good play area, and quite a natural feel to the site, with plenty of woodland copses, hedgerows and a pond. The site is in need of improvement, particularly to site furniture, interpretation and footpaths. A site management plan is in place which should be implemented to guide improvements. Sparrow Park is a small park with a play area, some improvements are required, but these are not as significant a priority as Humberstone Park.
				Local Parks	Good access in east of Ward.	
Informal open space	0.19	6.05	-5.86		Limited provision – however, good access to District / Local Parks across Ward.	There is an area of amenity open space at Bridge Rd, which includes a play area, the site is in need of low key improvements, which should be implemented through a site management plan.
Children & Young People's space	0.78	0.97	-0.19	Children	Gap in access in centre of Ward.	There are larger play areas at Humberstone Park and Lily Marriot Gardens which are in reasonable condition with some new equipment. There are several play areas to the east of the ward, a mixture of LAP's and LEAP's. consideration should be given to the need to provide equipped play facilities at all of these sites.
				Young People	Meets access standard.	There are facilities, including a skate park at Humberstone park, any additional facilities located here should be set in context of the suggested improvement plan for the park. Lily Marriot Gardens has also incorporated provision for young people with a teen shelter and some equipment targeted at older age group.
Outdoor sports facilities	0.80	12.10	-11.30		Meets access standard.	Humberstone Park has provision for outdoor sport, including football and tennis, provision is reasonable, but improvements to associated buildings are required.
Natural Greenspace	2.35	6.05	-3.70		Good access to Rally Bank Nature Reserve.	There are areas of natural green space to the south of Humberstone Park (The Rally Bank Nature Reserve), which has a good range of habitat including woodland, grassland and wet areas. The site would benefit from interpretation.
Allotments	7.05	3.63	3.43		Meets access standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	The Rally Bank Nature Reserve forms a valuable green corridor, there are no other areas in the ward.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	None present.

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EVINGTON WARD						
Parks & Gardens	28.10	4.89	23.20	District Parks	Good access across the Ward	Evington Park is the major park in the ward, it has a range of good facilities which are well maintained, and currently has a Green Flag. Ongoing implementation of the management plan should be a priority.
				Local Parks	Gap in centre of ward – but this area has access to District Park	
Informal open space	1.10	4.89	-3.79		Falls below standard – however, there is good access	Evington Recreation Ground is the main amenity open space, this is in need of improving, and a management plan should be developed for this site. Key issues are entrances and provision for play.
Children & Young People's space	0.53	0.78	-0.25	Children	Gap in access to the south-west and east of the ward.	There is a reasonable facility at Evington Park, which could be extended to provide wider play value, particularly promoting natural play opportunities in the rest of the park. The facility at Evington Recreation Ground is very poor and has the potential to be removed due to its proximity to Evington Park.
				Young People	Falls below standard	There are no specific facilities for young people in the ward, however, Evington Park does have tennis courts, and could provide a location for specific facilities if required.
Outdoor sports facilities	13.97	9.79	4.18		Meets standard	
Natural Greenspace	6.02	4.89	1.13		Falls below standard across ward – however, there is good access to District / Local Parks	There are significant areas of natural green space at Piggy's Hollow and the Arboretum, both could be improved with better access, signage and interpretation.
Allotments	6.82	2.94	3.89		Meets standard	The main facility for outdoor sport is at Evington Park, which are in reasonable condition.
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There are important green corridors and links to green wedge across the ward, particularly in the south via Piggy's Hollow and The Arboretum
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	St. Deny's Church is a small pleasant natural churchyard which links Piggy's Hollow and The Arboretum.

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EYRES MONSELL WARD						
Parks & Gardens	0.00	5.61	-5.61	District Parks	Does not meet standard across the Ward	There are no Parks and Gardens in the ward.
				Local Parks	Does not meet standard across the Ward	
Informal open space	22.52	5.61	16.91		Reasonable access across the Ward	The open space in the ward is predominantly amenity open space, the majority of the sites are in need of improvement, Sturdee Road Recreation Ground and Featherstone Drive providing larger areas of space which have the potential for additional facilities and to be developed into more formal landscapes.
Children & Young People's space	0.85	0.90	-0.05	Children	Gaps in access in the north of the Ward	There are only four play areas within the ward, all have potential for improvement, the ones within the amenity open spaces (e.g. Featherstone and Sturdee Rd) with potential for expansion and provision of additional facilities.
				Young People	Falls below standard	There is ballcourt/ half MUGA and teen shelter at Hillsborough Road Recreation Ground, this site provides the best potential for any additional facilities if required.
Outdoor sports facilities	8.96	11.23	-2.27		Meets standard	There are facilities for outdoor sport in the open space adjacent to Sturdee Road Recreation Ground, provision is reasonable and predominantly for football.
Natural Greenspace	2.43	5.61	-3.18		Gaps in access in the north of the Ward	There are natural green space areas at Grange Spinney and Her Ladyship's Covert, the latter being in need of significant improvement.
Allotments	0.00	3.37	-3.37		Meets standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There are no significant routeways or green corridors within the ward.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Safron Hill Cemetery is within the ward which is well managed and maintained.

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FOSSE WARD						
Parks & Gardens	0.00	5.37	-5.37	District Parks	Meets standard across majority of the Ward	The Rally Park is a good linear park with a range of facilities including a BMX track and adventure play area, it would benefit from improved signage and maintenance of shrub borders and features. Tudor Park is a small urban garden which is in a poor condition, but could easily be improved with new planting, better entrances and paths.
				Local Parks	Gap in the north of the Ward	
Informal open space	8.42	5.37	3.05		Gap in the south of the Ward	Jean Drive is a backland site on a steep slope, and offers little opportunity for improvement. St. Helens has a play area which could be improved, and would benefit from better entrances and internal footpaths.
Children & Young People's space	0.62	0.86	-0.24	Children	Gap in access in the centre of the ward	There is a good facility at the Rally Park, however, the other sites within the ward are in fairly poor condition and would be in need of improvement.
				Young People	Good access in the centre of the Ward	There is a BMX track at the Rally Park which appears to be well used, this would provide an ideal site for any further provision if required.
Outdoor sports facilities	0.45	10.74	-10.29		Meets access standard	There are facilities for outdoor sport at The Rally Park, including junior football.
Natural Greenspace	0.00	5.37	-5.37		Gap in access across whole of the Ward	There are no areas of natural green space, however, there are natural features within the Rally Park.
Allotments	0.00	3.22	-3.22		Meets access standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	The Rally Park itself is an important green corridor, it would benefit from improved signage within the park and at entrances, with additional opportunity for interpretation signage of the site.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Not present in ward.
General	Waterside regeneration area falls within this ward, which is likely to provide additional open space.					

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FREEMEN WARD						
Parks & Gardens	0.00	4.99	-4.99	District Parks	Gap in access across majority of the Ward	<p>As there are only three sites in the ward, analysis is presented by site.</p> <p>Aylestone Recreation Ground South: Urban Park with range of facilities, many for sport. There is a site management plan in place, which identifies the need for significant improvement of the site. However, it is recommended that an improvement plan is developed for this site, to provide strategic direction to future investment and use of the site. The aim should be to re-invest in the park in order that it is able to reach green flag status. Significant investment is needed at the site, therefore the plan should include an investment strategy.</p> <p>Elston Fields Recreation Ground: Amenity space with three play areas, an infant area, NEAP and ballcourt, all in reasonable condition. The site would benefit from 'formalising', with potential to create boundaries and entrances, a plan of improvement is required to co-ordinate reinvestment.</p> <p>Meadow Gardens: Amenity space with LEAP, in need of improvement including boundaries, tree planting, footpaths, signage. Site really needs a plan for improvement and re-investment.</p>
				Local Parks	Gap in access in the north and south of the Ward	
Informal open space	16.11	4.99	11.12		Gaps in access across the Ward	
Children & Young People's space	0.27	0.80	-0.53	Children	Gap in access particularly in north of ward	
				Young People	Gap in access across the Ward	
Outdoor sports facilities	3.09	9.98	-6.89		Meets access standard	
Natural Greenspace	1.66	4.99	-3.34		Gap in access across the majority of the Ward	
Allotments	7.38	2.99	4.39		Meets access standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	

Quantity of open space					Access	Quality
Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
HUMBERSTONE & HAMILTON WARD						
Parks & Gardens	7.96	5.95	2.01	District Parks	Access in the south-west of the Ward - gap in access across rest of the Ward	Monks' Rest Gardens are in need of general improvement to access, horticulture and signage, there is a management plan in place which should be a priority for implementation in the ward. Humberstone Community Gardens are well maintained and provide a good local facility.
				Local Parks	Access only in the south of the Ward	
Informal open space	19.07	5.95	13.13		Gap in access across majority of the Ward	There are a number of amenity spaces within the ward, the two most significant, Netherhall Open Space and Keyham Lane Recreation Ground are both in need of improvement, and management plans should be developed and implemented for the sites to guide future improvement.
Children & Young People's space	0.81	0.95	-0.14	Children	Reasonable provision across the Ward – some gaps.	There are 9 equipped play areas across the ward, the most significant being at Netherall Recreation Ground and a site at Keyham Lane Recreation Ground. Provision across the ward is well distributed. Further work is required to determine priorities for investment in play across the ward.
				Young People	Meets access standard	There is a MUGA in Hamilton Park and a ballcourt at Armadale Drive both of which are in reasonable condition and well used.
Outdoor sports facilities	1.71	11.89	-10.18		Meets access standard	There are facilities for outdoor sport at Netherall Road Open Space, the whole site is in need of improvement and better maintenance, which should encompass provision for sport.
Natural Greenspace	18.54	5.95	-5.95		Gap in access across the Ward	There are no areas designated primarily as natural green space, there is however, areas of natural space at sites such as Netherall Open Space, Humberstone Recreation Ground and Monks' Rest Gardens.
Allotments	0.78	3.57	-2.79		Meets access standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There are large tracts of open space to the west and north of the ward, including a large golf course and some farmland. As areas are developed here, consideration should be given to maintaining and creating routes through this area.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	None present.

Quantity of open space					Access	Quality
Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
KNIGHTON WARD						
Parks & Gardens	25.98	8.13	17.84	District Parks	Good access across Ward	<p>As there are only three sites within the ward, a summary of each site follows.</p> <p>Knighton Park: A Green Flag Park with a range of excellent facilities, well maintained providing a major resource for the whole ward and performing a function as a District park. This park is important to the ward and the whole city, and should be a priority for ongoing investment and improvement in line with the well presented management plan.</p> <p>Church Lane Gardens: Small park with play area, opportunity for small scale improvements to entrances, shrubs and play.</p> <p>Chiltern Green Open Space: Amenity space with children's play facility, in need of low key improvements to paths and potential for additional planting. Facilities for young people could also be installed.</p>
				Local Parks	Gaps in access across most of the Ward	
Informal open space	1.29	8.13	-6.84		Gaps in access across most of the Ward	
Children & Young People's space	1.05	1.30	-0.25	Children	Gaps in access across most of the Ward	
				Young People	Meets access standard	
Outdoor sports facilities	4.03	16.27	-12.23		Meets access standard	
Natural Greenspace	6.46	8.13	-1.67		Gap in access across the Ward – although Knighton Park provides access to Natural Greenspace	
Allotments	6.16	4.88	1.28		Meets access standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	

Quantity of open space					Access	Quality
Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
LATIMER WARD						
Parks & Gardens	4.39	5.79	-1.40	District Parks	Gap in access to the east of the ward	Cossington Street Recreation Ground is the only Park in the ward, it has a floodlight playing field and facilities for play, perimeter paths and entrances. It is in reasonable condition, and a site management plan is in place to guide low key improvements.
				Local Parks	Gap in access to the south and east of the Ward	
Informal open space	4.30	5.79	-1.49		Gap in access across the Ward	Two key areas at St. Marks Open Space and Martin Street. St. Marks has a play area and a ballcourt, which are in reasonable condition. The site at Martin Street is in need of some improvement particularly to improve access.
Children & Young People's space	0.58	0.93	-0.35	Children	Reasonable access across the Ward	There are seven equipped play areas within the ward, only two are set within areas of open space, the rest within the housing area. The sites at Cossington Street Recreation Ground and St. Marks would offer the best potential for future re-investment. Consideration should be given to the need for providing all the smaller play areas within the housing areas.
				Young People	Meets access standard across the Ward	There are three areas provided, ballcourts at Orchardson Ave, Garfield Street and Cossington Street Recreation Ground, which would seem to be good provision for the ward.
Outdoor sports facilities	0.88	11.58	-10.70		Meets access standard	There are facilities for outdoor sport at Cossington Street Recreation Ground and Martin Street. The facility at Cossington is good, with good play areas and playing fields. The facilities at Martin Street could be improved.
Natural Greenspace	0.00	5.79	-5.79		Gap in access across the Ward	There are no areas of natural green space in the ward.
Allotments	0.00	3.47	-3.47		Meets access standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There are no areas within the ward.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	None present.
General	Additional open space will be created as part of the Abbey Meadows Regeneration Area					

Quantity of open space					Access	Quality
Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
NEW PARKS WARD						
Parks & Gardens	0.00	8.01	-8.01	District Parks	Good access across most of the Ward, gap in provision in the south west corner	Parts of Stokeswood Park have been identified as Park & Garden on the GIS database, however, this area is largely natural green space with informal footpaths running through areas of grassland and copse. The site, however, does show potential for significant improvement, particularly to entrances, footpaths and signage.
				Local Parks	Provision only in the north east corner of the ward	
Informal open space	5.14	8.01	-2.87		Provision falls below standard across the Ward	The amenity open spaces at Battersbee Road, Allextion Gardens and Sharmon Crescent are in need of improvement, these sites need management plans to guide future provision of facilities and to improve the infrastructure of the sites. Priorities include improved site furniture, better entrances, footpaths and signage.
Children & Young People's space	0.86	1.28	-0.42	Children	Gaps in provision in far the north and south of the Ward	There are a number of small LAP's around Dupont gardens, Yew Tree Avenue and Mulberry Drive which are all in close proximity. There is also a larger play area at Ryder Road (also includes provision for young people). Consideration should be given to rationalising provision in this part of the ward, choosing to invest in developing the facility at Ryder Road, rather than the small LAP's. The facility at Battersbee Road is in good condition, but the surrounding amenity space is in need of improvement. The play area at Sharmon Crescent is reasonable, but would benefit from more updated equipment.
				Young People	Meets access standard	There is a ball court at Ryder Road which is reasonable and in good condition. A youth shelter has been included as part of the new facilities at Battersbee Rd, which also adds vale. The ward is also adjacent to Western Park which has a BMX track.
Outdoor sports facilities	7.50	16.02	-8.52		Meets access standard	Parts of Western Park fall within the ward, which has facilities for outdoor sport. Western Park has a site management plan, it is understood that improvements are required to the whole park, including sports pitches, buildings and fixed sports areas such as the tennis courts and bowling green.
Natural Greenspace	17.70	8.01	9.69		Provision falls below standard across the Ward	There is a significant area of natural green space at Stokeswood Park, which shows significant opportunity for improvement (se above).
Allotments	9.20	4.81	4.39		Meets access standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	The golf course to the west of the ward is a significant area of open space, and there is the potential for green links to it. Stokeswood Park is a valuable green corridor, which could be improved for access, particularly linking cycle ways together.

Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	None within the ward.
Quantity of open space					Access	Quality
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RUSHEY MEAD WARD						
Parks & Gardens	17.23	7.57	9.66	District Parks	No access across the Ward	Appleton Park is the key park in the ward, it is laid out on reclaimed landfill site and is still a 'developing' park. A site management plan is in place which identifies key improvements required at the site, including fencing of the play area, and improving the internal footpath network.
				Local Parks	Provision only in the south and centre of the Ward	
Informal open space	4.00	7.57	-3.57		Provision limited to the north of the Ward	There are amenity open space at Nagle Grove and Trevino Drive, these sites would benefit from management plans to guide low key improvements to soft and hard landscape features.
Children & Young People's space	1.12	1.21	-0.09	Children	Good access in the north of the Ward – gap in access elsewhere	There are facilities for juniors and infants at Appleton Park, which would benefit from fencing, and offers good opportunity to extend provision for the ward. There are two areas at the recreation ground, provision is reasonable, but they are in need of refurbishment. There are additional smaller facilities at Troon Way and Barnes Close.
				Young People	Falls below standard – existing provision in need up updating	There is a hard kick about area at Rushey Fields Recreation Ground, which is well used, but in need of refurbishment. This site offers potential for additional facilities for young people.
Outdoor sports facilities	2.45	15.13	-12.69		Meets standard	Parts of Rushey Fields Recreation Ground fall within the ward, the sports pitches are well used and in reasonable condition. There is a site management plan in place which identifies the need to improve the associated buildings.
Natural Greenspace	61.35	7.57	53.79		Access in the centre and north west of the Ward. Watermead Country Park contributes significant District provision	There are significant tracts of natural green space at Watermead Country Park, and also an important little area at Peebles Way. The facility at Watermead is a Green Flag park, and offers significant value as a regional facility and attraction. The nature reserve at Peebles Way, shows good signs of local involvement, and should continue to be developed as a local resource.
Allotments	4.00	4.54	-0.54		Meets standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Watermead Country Park and Ecology Park are key green corridors located to the west and north of the ward (and City).
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	None within the ward.

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Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
SPINNEY HILLS WARD						
Parks & Gardens	14.37	10.62	3.74	District Parks	Good access across the Ward	The key site, Spinney Hill Park is a large Victorian park, with a range of facilities including a staffed adventure play ground. The site has a management plan, but it is recommended that an improvement plan (or HLF type conservation management plan) is developed for the park to guide long term investment and restoration.
				Local Parks	Access limited to centre of the Ward	
Informal open space	1.72	10.62	-8.90		Poor access across the Ward	There is an area of amenity space at Kamloops Crescent, this is in need of some improvement, particularly to shrub borders and signage.
Children & Young People's space	1.62	1.70	-0.08	Children	Over provision in the centre and north-west of the ward, under provision in the south-east	There are over twenty equipped children's play areas all within close proximity, the majority of sites are small LAP's with few pieces of equipment. It is difficult to see how many play areas can be required, and this area is a priority for addressing in the Play Strategy. Consideration should be given to removing play equipment in key areas, and providing fewer, larger, better quality play facilities which the Council can afford to provide and maintain. Alternative uses should be sought for play areas which are de-commissioned.
				Young People	Good access across the Ward	There are facilities at Spinney Hill Park and Melbourne Street which are in good condition and well used. Provision for young people is a priority in this ward, which has the second highest percentage of 16-19 year olds in Leicester.
Outdoor sports facilities	0.00	21.25	-21.25		Meets the access standard	There are playing fields at Spinney Hill Park which are in reasonable condition, there is potential to improve the changing facilities.
Natural Greenspace	0.00	10.62	-10.62		No access across the Ward	There are no areas of natural green space within the ward.
Allotments	5.07	6.37	-1.31		Meets the access standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	There are no significant areas within the ward.
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	None present

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Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
STONEYGATE WARD						
Parks & Gardens	0.00	10.62	-10.62	District Parks	Gap in access in the south-east of the Ward	<p>A there are only a small number of sites within the ward, all of which are play areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medway Street Nursery School • Medway Street School • Cedar Road Play Area • Onslow Street Play Area <p>The main priority for improvement is Onslow Street Play Area, which would benefit from improved entrances, signage needs improving, more seating, better play facilities and improved shrub beds.</p>
				Local Parks	Gap in access across the Ward	
Informal open space	0.00	10.62	-10.62		Gap in access across the Ward	
Children & Young People's space	0.51	1.70	-1.19	Children	Provision limited to the north-west of the Ward	
				Young People	Falls below standard across the Ward	
Outdoor sports facilities	0.00	21.25	-21.25		Meets standard	
Natural Greenspace	0.00	10.62	-10.62		Gap in access across the Ward	
Allotments	1.22	6.37	-5.16		Meets standard	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	

Quantity of open space					Access	Quality
Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
THURNCOURT WARD						
Parks & Gardens	11.57	4.97	6.60	District Parks	Access limited to the west of the Ward	<p>There are only two sites within the ward, Ocean Road Open Space and Willowbrook Park. Both are linked and form part of an important green corridor that runs through the ward. They have a mixture of natural green space areas, 2 play areas, a ball court and sports pitches. The open space is a valuable facility within the ward, and is reasonable well maintained.</p> <p>As they are the only significant areas of open space within the ward, implementation of the site management plans to ensure ongoing improvement and development is a priority. There is potential to 'formalise' some of the areas, particularly at Willowbrook Park, by creating boundaries, entrances and improving internal access routes and signage.</p>
				Local Parks	Gaps in access in the centre and north-east of the Ward	
Informal open space	6.56	4.97	1.59		Access limited to the centre of the Ward	
Children & Young People's space	0.08	0.79	-0.71	Children	Access limited to the south-east of the Ward	
				Young People	Falls below standard across the Ward	
Outdoor sports facilities	3.07	9.94	-6.86		Meets access standard.	
Natural Greenspace	0.00	4.97	-4.97		Gap in access across the Ward	
Allotments	1.18	2.98	-1.80		Meets access standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	

Quantity of open space					Access	Quality
Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
WESTCOTES WARD						
Parks & Gardens	2.00	4.33	-2.32	District Parks	Gap in access across the majority of the Ward	There are two main sites within the ward, Bede Park and Manor House NC. The most significant park is Bede Park, which is a new park with a good range of facilities, including play and cycle ways. The park requires some attention to detail in terms of minor vandalism (e.g. graffiti), there is also potential for additional tree planting and enhanced shrub beds. There is a site management plan in place which should be implemented to ensure ongoing improvement of the site.
				Local Parks	Gap in access in the south of the Ward	
Informal open space	0.00	4.33	-4.33		Gap in access across the Ward	
Children & Young People's space	0.39	0.69	-0.30	Children	Good provision across the Ward	
				Young People	Gap in access across the Ward	
Outdoor sports facilities	3.35	8.65	-5.30		Meets access standard.	
Natural Greenspace	0.00	4.33	-4.33		Gap in access across the Ward	
Allotments	0.00	2.60	-2.60		Meets access standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
General	Additional open space will be created as part of the Abbey Meadows Regeneration Area					

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Typology	Existing	Required standard	Provision (+/-)			
WESTERN PARK WARD						
Parks & Gardens	68.36	4.33	64.04	District Parks	Small gap in access in the east of the Ward	<p>As there is only a small number of sites within the ward, analysis of quality is made on a site by site basis.</p> <p>St. Paul's Pocket Park: Small park with equipped play area, there is a need to improve access to the site (site next to a busy junction), would also benefit from improved entrances.</p> <p>Western Golf Course: Large golf course with areas of natural green space. No significant issues in terms of opportunity for improvements.</p> <p>Western Park: Large park with range of facilities and functions, there is a site management plan in place which identifies a range of issues associated with the site. The park is in need of re-investment, and whilst the management plan will guide this, it is felt that the numerous issues involved with the site and the scale of improvements required that a park improvement plan should be developed. The park is one of the largest in Leicester, and should be a priority for investment, aiming to achieve green flag status through a co-ordinated programme of re-investment and management.</p> <p>Fosse Park: Another park within the ward, with a good range of facilities, it would benefit from some refurbishment e.g. repair fencing on MUGA, repair benches and install signage. A site management plan is in place for this park, and this should be implemented to ensure ongoing improvement of the site.</p> <p>Westcotes Gardens: Another small Park and Garden, the focus on being the provision of horticulture and trees, with a small play area. The site has a management plan, which should be implemented to ensure ongoing improvement and development of the site, key improvements to the site furniture and soft landscaping are priorities.</p>
				Local Parks	Gap in access in the north and centre of the Ward	
Informal open space	0.00	4.33	-4.33		Gap in access across the Ward	
Children & Young People's space	1.57	0.87	0.70	Children	Gap in access in the centre and east of the Ward	
				Young People	Gap in access in the centre and east of the Ward	
Outdoor sports facilities	0.00	8.65	-8.65		Meets access standard.	
Natural Greenspace	0.00	4.33	-4.33		Gap in access across the Ward	
Allotments	2.73	2.60	0.13		Meets access standard.	
Routeway/Green Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Cemetery	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	

