

Strategy for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Outdoor Play Provision 2025

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Aims of this strategy

This strategy sets out the Council's approach to the management and development of its outdoor play provision in the Borough. It aims to:

- **Maintain a range of good quality play areas**
- **Achieve a fair and equitable distribution of outdoor play provision across the Borough**
- **Deliver welcoming, accessible and inclusive play spaces, while acknowledging that not all sites can cater for all needs and abilities**
- **Ensure the overall scale of provision is at a level which is sustainable in terms of Council resource**

1.2 Scope

The strategy focuses primarily on Council-owned outdoor play areas which can be accessed free of charge by the public and which are generally available for use during daytime and evenings. However, it also takes account of other play provision which is freely available for public use, including play areas managed by third parties and informal sport facilities (e.g. multi-use games areas) managed by the Council or third parties. It is important to consider the location and nature of Council-owned play areas in the context of this alternative provision.

While play areas are used predominantly by children and young people, it is important to recognise that there are some facilities which can be enjoyed by adults too. It should also be highlighted that other outdoor environments such as parks and natural green spaces can have a high play value, even though no play equipment may be present.

Privately operated play facilities, and equipment within school grounds or other areas not accessible to the public, are not within the scope of the strategy, but these do provide additional opportunities for play in some communities.

1.3 What is play and why is it important?

Through play children and young people develop social, physical and cognitive skills, resilience and creativity, as well as learning to make decisions and manage risk. Play England's Charter for Play describes play as 'what children and young people do when they follow their own ideas and interests, in their own way, and for their own reasons'. Under this Charter, Play England also summarises the many benefits of play, highlighting that "recent research suggests that children's access to good play provision can:

- increase their self-awareness, self-esteem and self-respect
- improve and maintain their physical and mental health
- give them the opportunity to mix with other children
- allow them to increase their confidence through developing new skills
- promote their imagination, independence and creativity
- offer opportunities for children of all abilities and backgrounds to play together
- provide opportunities for developing social skills and learning
- build resilience through risk taking and challenge, problem solving, and dealing with new and novel situations
- provide opportunities to learn about their environment and the wider community.”¹

1.4 The value of outdoor play provision

Play areas and informal sport facilities provided by the Council and others provide opportunities for many different types of outdoor play.

Outdoor play benefits children and young people in many ways:

- It allows children and young people to learn physical skills that may be difficult to practice at home. This could include jumping, climbing, cycling, skating, or informal team sports.
- It encourages independence and decision-making. Because outdoor play typically has less structure than indoor activities, children can direct their own activities.
- Compared to home or school a play space is a relatively unfamiliar environment, so children have to think creatively about play. They may use their imagination to invent games that make use of the space.
- When playing with others, children have to learn how to cooperate with each other. For example, they may have to work together to decide how to share equipment and space, and which games to play.
- Being in an outdoor environment enables children to use a wide range of senses. They can experience natural elements through touch, smell, sight and hearing, stimulating sensory development and awareness

¹ Play England (2018): [Charter For Play — PlayEngland](#)

- Children can challenge themselves and learn to assess and navigate minor risks. This builds confidence and helps them develop skills needs to handle different situations.

A well-deigned play space can offer a wide range of play experiences in a relatively small, safe and stimulating environment, and unlike some other leisure facilities, most play areas are located within areas of public open spaces meaning they can be accessed free of charge by the whole community. In addition to their play value, they often deliver wider benefits; for example, they provide places where children and adults of different ages and backgrounds can interact, and they add to the overall value of the Borough's parks and green spaces, encouraging people to visit and enjoy these spaces.

Finally, we shouldn't overlook the play value of other outdoor settings, such as green spaces areas of public realm. Locations in the Borough such as the water feature in Stockton High Street, areas of amenity grassland and woodlands are all provide stimulating play environments, whether that is paddling in summer, sledging in winter or enjoying all kinds of games and activities throughout the year.

1.5 Strategic context

There is no legal requirement for a local authority to provide outdoor play areas or informal sport facilities. However, councils obviously have a very long history of providing outdoor play spaces and there is a public expectation that they should do so. The way that this Council develops and manages outdoor play provision can help to deliver against a number of priorities set out in the Council Plan 2024², including:

- **Creating a fairer Stockton-on-Tees and reducing inequality**³ - e.g. by targeting resources at those areas in greatest need and helping to ensure all our children ensuring that
- **Improving population health outcomes** – e.g. by providing good quality play spaces which promote physical and mental health and wellbeing
- **The best start in life to achieve big ambitions** - e.g. by creating safe and inclusive play spaces which families can enjoy and which help to improve the health and development of children and young people.
- **A great place to live, work and visit** - e.g. by working with partners and communities to improve the places and spaces that impact people's lives.

² [Our five priorities - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council](#)

³ [A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees Framework 2021 to 2031 \(PDF\) \[1MB\]](#)

2. CURRENT AND PLANNED OUTDOOR PLAY PROVISION

2.1 Quantity and types of provision

Play areas

The Borough currently has 57 play areas which are available for the public to use free of charge at all reasonable times⁴:

- 40 are owned and managed by Stockton Borough Council.
- 9 are owned by town / parish councils but managed by the Borough Council.
- 8 are owned and managed by housing developers / management companies.

There are also plans for a further 12 play areas to be delivered over the next few years (3 to be provided by the Council and 9 to be provided by housing developers) although this is subject to change.

Existing and planned play areas are listed and mapped at **Appendix A**.

Play areas vary in size from very small sites with a limited amount of equipment, through to large sites which offer a diverse range of equipment and play environments. Most are located in parks or other areas of green space. This strategy categorises play areas as follows, based mainly on the scale of provision measured in 'Play Units' (see **Appendix B** for details of how these scores are calculated) and other characteristics of the site:

- Destination play areas
- Neighbourhood play areas
- Doorstep play areas

These classifications relate closely to those developed by Fields In Trust⁵ which are often used in the planning system and by some local authorities and housing developers.

Further details and examples are shown below. As these illustrations show there can be significant variations in the scale of provision within these categories. Also it should be noted that Play Unit scores are only an indicator of the relative size and scale of play areas and are not a true indicator of 'play value' or how inclusive or accessible a site is; those issues are covered in **Section 2.3**

⁴ Data from March 2025

⁵ Fields in Trust recognise a further category which captures sites that are smaller than a Doorstep Play Area or 'LEAP'. This is defined as a Local Area for Play or 'LAP' and may contain no play equipment at all but includes "demonstrative features indicating that play is positively encouraged" (Fields in Trust⁵). However, this strategy does not take into consideration such sites.
[Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play | Fields in Trust](#)

Destination play areas (currently 4 with 1 planned)

- offer an extensive range of equipment, equating to over 45 Play Units
- may offer a range of play environments.
- generally designed to meet the needs of all age ranges, from toddlers (5 years or younger), to juniors (aged 5-11) and teenagers.
- always located within a larger green space or park with supporting infrastructure including toilets, catering and car parking.
- may be used by accompanied and unaccompanied children
- serve a large catchment area

Examples of destination play areas:



Preston Park (64 play units)



John Whitehead Park (49 play units)

Neighbourhood play areas (currently 16)

(equates broadly to Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play or 'NEAP' as defined by Fields in Trust)

- offer a moderate range of equipment, equating to 20 or more Play Units
- may offer a range of play environments
- generally designed to meet the needs of juniors (aged 5 to 11 years), although they may also cater for toddlers and teenagers too.
- often located within a larger green space or park and may have some supporting infrastructure (e.g. seating, car parking)
- may be used by accompanied and unaccompanied children
- serve a moderate catchment area

Examples of neighbourhood play areas:



Victoria Park (36 play units)



Windmill Park (27 play units)

Doorstep Play Areas (currently 37 with 11 planned)

(equates broadly to Locally Equipped Area for Play or 'LEAP' as defined by Fields in Trust)

- offer a limited range of equipment, equating to fewer than 20 Play Units
- generally do not offer a range of play environments
- generally designed to meet the needs of toddlers (aged 5 years or younger) but may cater for some older children too.
- usually not part of a larger green space or park and with very limited supporting infrastructure (e.g. seating)
- normally only used by accompanied children
- serve a small catchment area

Examples of doorstep play areas:



Hazeldene (18 play units)



Hartburn (9 play units)

Informal sport facilities

While this strategy is primarily focused on the provision of play areas, it is important to take account of existing and planned informal sport facilities since these add to the overall play 'offer' across the Borough. Furthermore, in many cases informal sport facilities are located immediately adjacent to play areas, so this may be a factor when considering how sites are used and managed.

The Borough currently has 25 sites with informal sport facilities which are available for the public to use free of charge at all reasonable times (excluding goal posts on areas of green space) ⁶:

- 21 sites are owned by Stockton Borough Council,
- 1 owned by a town / parish council
- 3 owned by housing developers / management companies

There are also plans for a further 4 informal sport facilities to be provided over the next few years (1 to be provided by the Council and 3 by housing developers), although this is subject to change.

Existing and planned informal sport facilities are listed and mapped at **Appendix C**.

The facilities at these sites range in scale from large wheeled sport facilities through to small kick walls. Some sites have more than one type of facility and as with play areas, most informal sport facilities are located in parks or other areas of green space.

The Borough has four main categories of provision:

- Multi-use games areas (MUGAs)
- Kick walls / other surfaced games areas
- Wheeled sport facilities
- Outdoor gyms / trim trails

Further details and examples are shown in **Appendix D**.

⁶ Data from March 2025

2.2 Distribution and access to play provision

The plans at **Appendix E** show indicative 'catchment areas' for current and planned play areas and informal sport facilities, based on the distances residents are likely to travel to access the categories of provision as shown in the following table. These distances are derived from local research carried out part of the Stockton-on-Tees Open Space Assessment and Strategy, 2017⁷. The catchments represent true walking distances using roads and footpaths.

<i>Destination play area</i> Likely to serve a catchment area of approximately 2400m (a 30 minute walk time), although people may also cycle, drive or use public transport and travel from a wider catchment area.
<i>Neighbourhood play area</i> Likely to serve a catchment area of approximately 1000m (a 12½ minute walk time), although people may also cycle, drive or use public transport and travel from a wider catchment area.
<i>Doorstep play area</i> Likely to serve a catchment area of approximately 400m (a 5 minute walk time). It is not anticipated that many people would travel longer distances by car, cycle or public transport specially to access these sites.
<i>Informal sport provision</i> Likely to serve a catchment area of approximately 1200m (15 minute walk time), although larger or more specialist facilities such as the skate park at Preston Park attract users from a much wider catchment area. Conversely, users are unlikely to walk 15 minutes to access a small kick-wall or single basketball net.

Of course the distances people travel to specific facilities will vary greatly due to individual circumstances and the characteristics of each site. But applying these standard catchment areas provides an indication of which areas may be well-served or poorly-served by existing and planned play provision.

The plans also indicate where they may be some potential duplication in provision where catchment areas overlap. However, this catchment mapping does not take account of the quality and exact nature of the facilities available, so overlapping catchment areas does not necessarily reflect duplication of provision; e.g. a community may be located within the catchment of both a small Doorstep Play Area and a larger Neighbourhood Play Area, but they may have a totally different range of equipment and may serve different age groups.

⁷ These distances are derived from local research carried out part of the Stockton-on-Tees Open Spaces Strategy, 2017: [Stockton-on-Tees Open Space Assessment Report Part 1 March 2017](#) [Stockton-on-Tees Open Spaces Strategy Part 2 March 2017](#)

2.3 Play value, inclusivity and accessibility

Play value

The Council commissions RoSPA to undertake Play Value Assessments for all existing play areas and at the design stage for any planned provision. Detailed assessment criteria are set out under the following headings, and a full list of criteria is included at **Appendix F**:

- Site overall (excluding equipment)
- Ambience
- Provision for toddlers (if applicable)
- Provision for juniors (if applicable)
- Provision for teenagers (if applicable)

Many play areas, especially ‘doorstep’ sites and smaller ‘neighbourhood’ sites have not been designed to be used by all age ranges, and most ‘doorstep’ sites are targeted at younger children. So these assessments only calculate the play value for those age groups for which the site is designed. Total scores are then calculated for relevant age categories, resulting in an overall rating of excellent, good, average, below average or poor.

While some play areas may not be designed for (and therefore not assessed by) juniors or teenagers, some sites may also include informal sport facilities which do cater for those age ranges.

Informal sport facilities are not assessed in this way but tend to be used more by juniors and teenagers.

Inclusivity and accessibility

The Sensory Trust defines ‘inclusive play’ as providing opportunities for all children to play ‘regardless of ability and background’⁸. It is stressed that “Inclusive play doesn’t mean that every element is accessible to everyone, but it does mean that the combination of experiences adds to something equally great for each child. Some children can’t climb to the top of a rope, some don’t want to, others really need to. The same is true with quieter, more creative activities. Diverse and flexible opportunities are needed”.

There has been no overall assessment to determine how inclusive or accessible existing play areas are to children and young people with disabilities, but the design and location of equipment, and surfacing in and around play areas, will restrict access for some and prevent some children and young people from playing alongside others. 24 Council sites (from a total of 40) contain equipment which is deemed to be ‘inclusive’, enabling children with a wide range of abilities to use it, although it is accepted that not all equipment will be accessible to all people. Examples of such equipment are shown in **Appendix G**.

⁸ [Guide to inclusive play - Sensory Trust](#)

3. CHANGES IN OUTDOOR PLAY PROVISION

The Borough's outdoor play provision has evolved over several decades; some play areas being subject to several phases of renewal while in other cases the equipment or layout has not changed for many years. Some sites have been decommissioned when it hasn't been possible to replace failing equipment or when other alternative facilities have been provided.

In recent years any new play provision, or improvements to existing sites, have been delivered through one of the following mechanisms (or a combination of these):

- Through new housing developments, with new play areas or informal sport facilities being integrated into the new development or by contributing to 'off-site' provision delivered by the Council and funded through Section 106 agreements⁹.
- External funding secured through various grants or central government funding¹⁰.
- Local authority funding, through the Borough Council and town/parish councils.

Most Council-led schemes are delivered through the following process:

- If the project is to be delivered in a new location (as opposed to improvements to an existing site) an options appraisal is carried out to determine a preferred site which is both feasible and eligible under the terms of the available funding (e.g. Section 106 funds must be allocated to a site within reasonable proximity to the housing development it is designed to serve). A final site is agreed in consultation with the relevant ward councillors.
- A design brief is developed in liaison with relevant officers, partner organisations and in consultation with ward councillors. This sets out the broad aspirations for the scheme, which will generally aim to achieve a RoSPA play value rating of 'good' or 'excellent' for the target age range. The brief also confirms the available budget.
- Potential suppliers are invited to submit costed designs in accordance with the design brief
- Designs are reviewed by officers and, if acceptable, forwarded to members of the Stockton Parent Carer Forum for comment
- Designs are also submitted to RoSPA to undertake a play value assessment
- The preferred design is forwarded to ward councillors for comment.
- Once agreed, planning consent is sought if required.
- An order is placed with the preferred supplier to implement the scheme.

New play areas and informal sport facilities which form part of a housing development are approved through the formal planning process. The Council's Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document includes technical guidance and standards to inform the design of play provision¹¹. In the past the Council often agreed to the title-transfer of these sites from the housing developer, with a requirement that a commuted lump sum was paid to the Council to cover on-going management and maintenance costs. However, in recent years most developers have chosen to appoint private management companies to maintain these sites rather than transfer to the Council.

⁹ Section 106 agreements are legal agreements between a planning authority and a developer, or undertakings offered unilaterally by a developer, that ensure certain extra works related to a development are undertaken.

¹⁰ This includes a total of £1,119,903 capital funding (and £44,673 revenue funding) received by the Council between 2008 and 2011 through the government's Playbuilder programme.

¹¹ Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (2023) [Local Design Guide; Supplementary Planning Document](#)

Most recent improvements to Council-owned play areas have been funded primarily through Section 106 contributions. This has included major refurbishments at sites such as Ropner Park (see **Figure 1**), Redbrook Park and Harold Wilson recreation ground.



Figure 1: New equipment and safety surfacing installed at Ropner Park in 2024

As at March 2025 a number of schemes are being developed to increase or improve play provision across the Borough, and all planned schemes are listed in **Appendices A and B**. This includes new play areas in south Billingham and south Norton, both aimed at addressing current gaps in provision. However, the most significant scheme is the development of the Stockton Waterfront Urban Park, due to open 2026.

At the Waterfront Urban Park play provision is fully integrated into the entire design (see **Figure 2**). The upper park will have a large, dedicated play area comprising a wide range of play equipment and features. This will include two towers, incorporating slides and other play elements. These are to be connected

by accessible walkways, allowing interactive play below, within and above the structures. There will be smaller 'totter trails' for younger children as well as a water play extension and a swing structure.

Children will be taken on a journey of discovery throughout the wider park with 'play on the way' features including a large six metre slide down the amphitheatre, making the most of the descent between High Street and riverside. Provision of play features in the lower park, closest to the river, are aimed at older children with climbing boulders, swings and hammocks.

Across the main play space and the wider park there will be a total of nine swings including various seat types for all ages and abilities. There will also be opportunities for children to engage with waterplay and loose fill material such as sand.

There has been a focus on designing a park and play area which is both accessible and inclusive, ensuring it is a space that everyone can enjoy. The play provision has been assessed by RoSPA and rated 'excellent' for play value. When complete it will become the Borough's largest 'destination' play area.



Figure 2: Examples of play provision within Stockton Waterfront Urban Park, due to open 2026

4. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

4.1 Inspections, repairs and maintenance

The Council has a legal responsibility to ensure all play areas and informal sport facilities are safe to use¹². Regular inspections and maintenance of facilities are carried out to ensure compliance with the British and European Standards for playground equipment and surfacing. BS EN1176 sets out standards for “good practice in the design, manufacture, installation and maintenance of playground equipment in public spaces. The standards recognise that ‘good risks’ are an important part of children’s play and the main aim is to reduce ‘bad’ risks – which are those that children and their parents (or other carers) cannot realistically foresee or avoid¹³.

Inspections for play areas and informal sport facilities are carried out as follows:

Scheduled routine (visual) inspections carried out by council staff	Weekly or fortnightly (depending on levels of use and how prone it is to damage and vandalism)
Scheduled detailed inspections carried out by council staff	Quarterly
Independent inspections (in line with BS EN1176), usually undertaken by RoSPA	Annually
Reactive inspections	When required

These inspections identify any equipment, safety surfacing or other items which require maintenance or repair. Such repairs are funded through the Council’s revenue budget for parks, open spaces, cemeteries and allotments and represent a significant pressure on that budget (£114,000 in 2024/25). Due to those budgetary pressures it is sometimes necessary to remove equipment rather than repair or replace items.

The Council also has service level agreements in place to undertake inspections on a number of sites owned by town and parish councils. Those costs, and the costs for any necessary repairs, are recharged to those councils.

Unfortunately, in addition to normal ‘wear and tear’ there are occasions when facilities are subject to deliberate damage which can be very costly to repair. For example, damage to the play area at Newham Gange Park in 2023 led to entire sites being temporary closed until repairs costing over £31,000 could be implemented. Other sites are prone to repeated smaller-scale damage which represents an on-going drain on limited resources, and in some cases results in equipment being removed as illustrated in **Figure 3**.

¹² Relevant legislation includes the Health & safety at work act 1974, management of health and safety at work reg 1999 and the Occupier’s liability act (revised 1984)

¹³ [childrens-playground-stds-hi-res.pdf](#)



Figure 3: Swings permanently removed due to repeated damage at Bishopsgarth Park

Irrespective of normal wear and tear and deliberate damage, all equipment, safety surfacing and infrastructure has a limited lifespan and generally needs to be replaced after a period of 15 to 25 years. Given that a number of our play areas were created or improved with funding under the government's Playbuilder programme between 2008 and 2011 it is anticipated that a high proportion of the equipment installed at that time is likely to reach the end of its natural lifespan in the next 10 to 15 years. However, often it is only feasible to replace these assets if external capital funding can be secured through one of the mechanisms identified in **Section 3**, and it is not possible to secure funding for all sites in this way.

4.2 Grounds maintenance and cleansing

In addition to the maintenance of play equipment, safety surfacing and informal sport facilities the Council also commits resources to associated grounds maintenance and cleansing operations. The Council undertakes these activities on parish and town council sites as well, but unlike inspections / repairs of play provision, these costs are not recharged to the respective town/parish councils with the exception of a service level agreement which covers Yarm Town Council's Layfield play area.

4.3 Safety and security

The Council's Community Services maintain records of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour in and around play areas and informal sport facilities. Many sites are monitored by CCTV cameras.

5. PRINCIPLES GUIDING THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL OUTDOOR PLAY PROVISION

5.1 Principles guiding the distribution, range and quality of outdoor play provision

Principle 1: We aim to have a network of outdoor play provision which, taken as a whole, provides play opportunities to all our residents (including consideration of age group relevance and physical/sensory accessibility).

Principle 2: Larger 'destination' and 'neighbourhood' sites will be prioritised over small 'doorstep' sites because of cost effectiveness and the increased likelihood that they can incorporate features that are accessible to a wide range of users.

Principle 3: We will prioritise quality and 'play value' over quantity of provision.

Principle 4: We aim to achieve an equitable distribution of play sites, informed by need and at locations likely to serve the most users.

Principle 5: New or improved play facilities should only be considered where there are significant 'gaps' in provision, or where existing sites have poor play value.

Principle 6: We aim to limit the overall scale of provision to a level which is sustainable in terms of Council resources for management and maintenance

5.2 Principles underpinning the development, design and management of play provision

Principle 7: Play provision should be designed and maintained to be as welcoming, accessible and inclusive as possible, but we recognise that individual sites cannot meet all needs.

Principle 8: The Council will only support the development of new play provision if:

- it aligns with our strategic aims (in accordance with Principles 4 to 6)
- external capital funding can be secured
- it will achieve 'good' or 'excellent' play value (based on RoSPA assessment)

- funding is secured to cover inspection and maintenance for the anticipated lifespan of the equipment (e.g. a commuted lump sum if the site is to be title-transferred to the Council).

Principle 9: We recognise that demand and Council resources can change and we should not assume that play areas are necessarily permanent. All sites will be subject to a review of viability and suitability every ten years (this is in addition to safety and maintenance inspections)

Principle 10: When considering the creation of a new play area or the removal of an existing one, we will consult and engage local communities to fully understand the impacts of the change

Principle 11: Where resources allow we will seek to deliver measures that enhance the value of existing provision, such as improved toilets and changing places, landscaping and improved access and security

Principle 12: Where feasible we will implement other measures which encourage outdoor play, aside from the provision of play areas and informal sport facilities. For example, creating play environments in areas of public realm and 'natural' play spaces in parks and green spaces.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXISTING AND PLANNED PLAY PROVISION

A comprehensive analysis of existing and planned play provision has been undertaken to inform the future scale, nature and distribution of play provision in the Borough. Full details are set out in **Appendix I**. Applying the principles set out in **Section 5.1**, the main purpose of this analysis has been to highlight priority sites for retention and possible re-development, as well as identifying a number of lower priority sites that would need to be decommissioned in order to achieve an overall level of provision which is sustainable in terms of Council resource¹⁴.

The analysis takes into consideration the following data and information:

- a) *Play needs index* – which provides an approximate indication of the need or demand for outdoor play provision. It is calculated by combining three data sets, to generate a single value:
 - Income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI)
 - Proportion of population under 16 years of age
 - Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) health dataThe play needs index values are mapped against existing and planned play provision in **Appendix H**.
- b) *Scale of existing provision* - based on the 'play unit' scores for each site (see **Appendix B**).
- c) *Number of 'inclusive' play items* – the number of pieces of equipment which are assessed as 'inclusive', enabling children with a wide range of abilities to use them (see **Section 2.3** and **Appendix G**).
- d) *Number of households in catchment areas* - based on both 400m and 1000m catchments as mapped in **Appendix E**. Both catchment sizes have been applied to all sites (irrespective of whether they have been categorised as 'neighbourhood' or 'doorstep' sites) because this may help to determine whether there are any small doorstep sites which have the potential to serve a wider area, and whether any neighbourhood sites are primarily serving a more local area.
- e) *Play value for different age ranges* based on the RoSPA assessments (see **Section 2.3** and **Appendix F**).
- f) *Vandalism* - sites have been assessed by Community Services to identify those which are most prone to vandalism
- g) *Life expectancy of equipment and estimated replacement costs* - this provides an indication of when some or all the equipment and safety surfacing is likely to need replacing and the estimated costs for doing so based on current prices.

¹⁴ Based on the revenue funding required to manage and maintain existing provision. Additional external funding may be secured but this is likely to be in the form of capital funding only, to deliver new or improved play provision.

- h) *Provision of any informal sport facilities at the site* – whether the play area is located immediately adjacent to a multi-use games area, kick wall or other surfaced games area, wheeled sport facility or outdoor gym / trim trail. The presence of such facilities may have a bearing on how the play area is used and managed.
- i) *Proximity to other play areas* - other play areas within a 1000m catchment of a give site are listed, along with the walking distances between the two locations. This gives an indication of where there may be a duplication of provision in a given area, although it is possible that two sites are offering very different play experiences.

Based on this analysis, Council-owned play areas have been categorised as follows:

Category	Detail
Priority site - play area to be developed	Sites where new play areas are planned and/or under development
Priority site - play area to be retained and/or re-developed	Sites which the Council will prioritise for maintenance and replacement of equipment, safety surfacing and other infrastructure. In most cases we will seek to maintain or improve current play value.
Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources	Sites which will be maintained in a safe condition but where equipment will only be replaced if resources allow
Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed	Sites where we will remove individual items of play equipment once they require repairs or would need to be replaced. The entire site may be decommissioned at an earlier stage subject to local engagement. In all cases once approximately 75% of play units are removed it is recommended that the entire site is decommissioned. Proposals for re-purposing sites to be subject to engagement with local communities. Consideration could be given to potential asset transfer of play area to a third party such as a parish/town council.

7. STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL PLAY AREAS: PROPOSED ACTIONS

Proposals for Council-owned play areas are shown in the following table and **Figure 4**. This is based on the analysis and categorisation process outlined in **Section 6** and **Appendix I**.

In total:

- 3 new play areas are to be developed;
- 20 play areas are identified as priorities for retention and/or re-development;
- 9 play areas are to be retained subject to availability of resources
- 11 play areas are earmarked for phased decommissioning

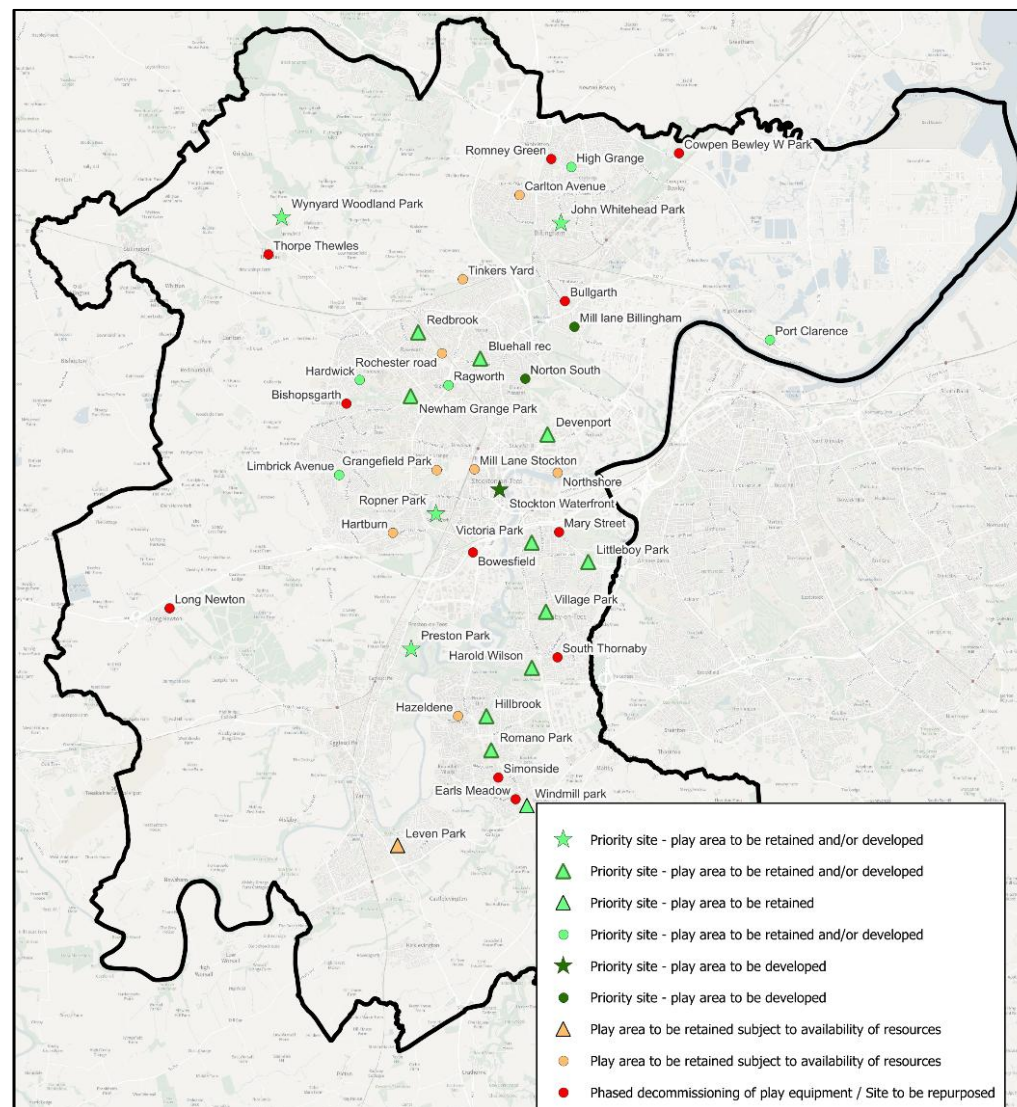


Figure 4: Council-owned play areas - proposed actions ¹⁵

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Billingham

Site	Designation / play units	Proposed actions & rationale
Bullgarth	Doorstep 6	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site has poor play value • Estimated £2,084 to replace equipment in 5 to 10 years • Alternative provision with higher play value planned at Mill Lane, Billingham (700m) <i>Note: Environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i>
Carlton Avenue	Doorstep 12	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park	Doorstep 11	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No local community and very small number households in catchment area • Site has poor and below average play value • Estimated £22,050 to replace equipment in 5 to 10 years <i>Note: Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i>
High Grange	Doorstep 12	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High number of households in 400m catchment • Site provides alternative provision to mitigate for proposed decommissioning of Romney Green play area (645m) • Anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years.

Site	Designation / play units	Proposed actions & rationale
John Whitehead Park	Destination 49	<p>Priority site - play area to be retained</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has high 'play need index' value High number of households in 400m and 1,000m catchments 'Destination' play area located in major park with other complementary features <p><i>Note: Estimated £42,273 to replace equipment in 5 to 10 years. Estimated £179,973 to replace equipment in 10+ years.</i></p>
Mill Lane – Billingham (planned)	Doorstep N/A	<p>Priority site - play area to be developed</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has high 'play need index' value High number of households in 400m catchment Site provides alternative provision to mitigate for proposed decommissioning of Bullgarth play area (700m) <p><i>Note: Funding is secured for development.</i></p>
Port Clarence	Doorstep 19	<p>Priority site - play area to be retained</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has high 'play need index' value No alternative provision for this community Anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years.
Romney Green	Doorstep 4	<p>Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has low 'play need index' value Site has poor play value Alternative provision available at High Grange Avenue (645m) <p><i>Note: Estimated cost to remove and reinstate to grass is £2,834, but environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i></p>

Eaglescliffe

Site	Designation / play units	Proposed actions & rationale
Preston Park	Destination 64	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key destination play area serving large catchment • 'Destination' play area located in major park with other complementary features • Subject to recent improvements.

Ingleby Barwick

Site	Designation / play units	Proposed actions & rationale
Earls Meadow	Doorstep 8	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area has low 'play need index' value • Site has poor play value • Alternative provision with higher play value at Windmill Park (460m) <i>Note: Estimated cost to remove and reinstate to grass is £1,876, but environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i>
Hazeldene	Doorstep 18	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Hillbrook	Neighbourhood 28	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very high number of households in 400m and 1000m catchments • Anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years • Prioritised over Hazeldene (580m) since this is a 'neighbourhood' site with larger number of play units
Romano Park	Neighbourhood 57	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very high number of households in 1000m catchment

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in Ingleby Barwick's main park with other complementary features • Site has been subject to recent improvements.
Simonside	Doorstep 4	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area has low 'play need index' value • Site has poor play value • Alternative provision with higher play value at Romano Park (730m) <i>Note: Estimated cost to remove and reinstate to grass is £1,531 but environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i>
Windmill Park	Neighbourhood 27	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area has high 'play need index' value • Site is well-located to serve the southern area of Ingleby Barwick (although very low number of households in 400m catchment) • Site provides alternative provision to mitigate for proposed decommissioning of Earls Meadow play area.

Stockton / Norton

Site	Designation / play units	Proposed actions & rationale
Bishopsgarth	Doorstep 13	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some equipment has been subject to repeated damage and has been removed • Remaining equipment is satisfactory but lack of natural surveillance makes the site vulnerable to damage • Alternative site at Hardwick (725m) could be developed for alternative junior provision, and has a higher play need index value <i>Note: Other environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i>
Bluehall Rec	Neighbourhood 23	Priority site - play area to be retained

		<p>Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has high 'play need index' value Very high number of households in 400m and 1000m catchments.
Bowesfield	Doorstep 4	<p>Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site has poor play value Estimated £10,372 to replace equipment in next 5 years Alternative provision with higher play value being developed at Stockton Waterfront (1600m) and existing at Ropner Park (1800m) <p><i>Note: Estimated cost to remove and reinstate to grass: £3,369, but environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i></p>
Devonport	Neighbourhood 23	<p>Priority site - play area to be retained</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has high 'play need index' value Site has been subject to recent significant improvements. Anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years.
Grangefield Park	Doorstep 16	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Hardwick	Doorstep 18	<p>Priority site - play area to be retained</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has high 'play need index' value Very high number of households in 400m and 1000m catchments Recently constructed and it is anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years.
Hartburn	Doorstep 9	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Limbrick Avenue	Doorstep 1	<p>Priority site – play area to be re-developed if resources can be secured</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High number of households in 400m catchment Currently has very poor play value so needs improvements if site is to be retained

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No alternative provision in the area (new play area planned for Yarm Back Lane is on opposite side of major road).
Mill Lane – Stockton	Doorstep 15	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Newham Grange Park	Neighbourhood 20	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has high 'play need index' value Located in a large urban park the site has the potential to serve a wide catchment area Anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years.
Northshore	Doorstep 9	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Norton South (planned)	Doorstep N/A	Priority site - play area to be developed Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has very high 'play need index' value Very high number of households in 400m catchment and high number in 1000m catchment <i>Note: Funding is secured for development.</i>
Ragworth Community Centre	Doorstep 8	Priority site – play area to be retained and re-developed if resources can be secured Rationale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has very high 'play need index' value High number of households in 400m catchment Site has poor play value across all categories.
Redbrook	Neighbourhood 26	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area has very high 'play need index' value High number of households in 400m and 1000m catchments Site has been subject to recent improvements Anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years.
Rochester Road	Doorstep 5	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources

Ropner Park	Destination 68	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High number of households in 1,000m catchments' • Destination' play area located in major park with other complementary features • Site has been subject to recent improvements.
Stockton Waterfront (Planned)	Destination TBC	Priority site – play area to be developed
Tinkers Yard	Doorstep 15	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources

Thornaby

Site	Designation / play units	Proposed actions & rationale
Harold Wilson	Neighbourhood 37	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High number of households in 400m and 1000m catchments • Site provides alternative provision to mitigate for proposed decommissioning of South Thornaby play area • Site has been subject to recent significant improvements • Anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years.
Littleboy Park	Neighbourhood 29	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High number of households in 1000m catchment • Key play area located in one of Thornaby's main parks • Site has been subject to recent significant improvements
Mary Street	Doorstep 4	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site has poor play value • Alternative provision with higher play value is available at Victoria Park (820m) and Littleboy Park (960m)

		<i>Note: Estimated cost to remove and reinstate to grass is £3,000, but environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i>
South Thornaby	Doorstep 15	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site has poor play value • Alternative provision with high play value at Harold Wilson (970m) <i>Note: Estimated cost to remove and reinstate to grass is £6,764, but environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i>
Victoria Park	Neighbourhood 36	Priority site - play area to be retained Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area has very high 'play need index' value • Very high number of households in 400m catchment and high number in 1000m catchment • Site provides some alternative provision to mitigate for decommissioning of Mary Street play area (820m) • Significant recent improvements implemented • Anticipated that there will be no need to replace equipment over next 10 years
Village Park	Neighbourhood 25	Priority site – play area to be retained and re-developed if resources can be secured Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area has high 'play need index' value • Very high number of households in 400m catchment and a high number in 1000m catchment. • Site provides some alternative provision to mitigate for decommissioning of Mary Street play area

Yarm / Kirklevington

Site	Designation / play units	Proposed actions & rationale
Leven Park	Neighbourhood 20	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources

Rural / Wynyard

Site	Designation / play units	Proposed actions & rationale
Long Newton	Doorstep 6	<p>Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area has very low 'play need index' value • Very low number of households in 400m and 1000m catchments • Site has poor play value • Estimated £8,645 replace equipment in 0 to 4 years, and an additional £7,899 to replace in 5 to 10 years <p><i>Note: Estimated cost to remove and reinstate to grass is £2,834, but environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i></p>
Thorpe Thewles	Doorstep 14	<p>Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area has low play need index value • Very low number of households in 400m and 1000m catchments • Estimated £23,360 to replace equipment in 5 to 10 years and an additional £16,750 in years 5 to 10. <p><i>Note: Estimated cost to remove and reinstate to grass is £6,764, but environmental improvements or other uses may be possible. Opportunity for community engagement in re-purposing of site.</i></p>
Wynyard Woodland Park	Destination 50	<p>Priority site – play area to be retained with partial decommissioning (when selected equipment reaches the end of its lifespan)</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destination' play area located in major park with other complementary features • Site provides some alternative provision to mitigate for decommissioning of play area in neighbouring Thorpe Thewles village • Play area encourages people to visit the country park (and the wider benefits that delivers) and generates demand for the Council-operated Station House Tea Room. <p><i>Note: Possible opportunities to incorporate complementary natural play and/or 'play along the way' features into the wider park, subject to securing any necessary capital / revenue funding.</i></p>

Implementation of the above actions, and delivery of play areas to be provided by third parties, will result in the distribution of play areas listed below and as shown in **Figure 5**. To some extent this reflects the population distribution across the Borough¹⁶. It also highlights the contribution made by parish councils to provide play facilities in some areas of the Borough, and shows the significant number of play areas delivered in association with housing developments.

Play provision following strategy implementation and delivery of third-party sites (*those shown in italics are currently under development or planned*):

Site	Designation	Owner
Billingham		
Carlton Avenue	Doorstep	SBC
High Grange	Doorstep	SBC
John Whitehead Park	Destination	SBC
<i>Mill Lane - Billingham</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>SBC</i>
Port Clarence	Doorstep	SBC
Eaglescliffe		
<i>Allens West 1</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Allens West 2</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
Amberley Way	Neighbourhood	Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe PC
Kingsmead	Doorstep	Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe PC
Leven Close	Doorstep	Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe PC
Preston Park	Destination	SBC
St Margaret's	Neighbourhood	Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe PC
Ingleby Barwick		
Hazeldene	Doorstep	SBC
Hillbrook	Neighbourhood	SBC
<i>Little Maltby Farm</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
Romano Park	Neighbourhood	SBC
Windmill Park	Neighbourhood	SBC
Stockton / Norton		
Bluehall Rec	Neighbourhood	SBC
Devonport	Neighbourhood	SBC
Grangefield Park	Doorstep	SBC
Hardwick	Doorstep	SBC
Hartburn	Doorstep	SBC
<i>Harrogate Lane</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
Limbrick Avenue	Doorstep	SBC
Mill Lane – Stockton	Doorstep	SBC
Newham Grange Park	Neighbourhood	SBC
Northshore	Doorstep	SBC
Norton Meadows	Doorstep	Developer / management company

<i>Norton South</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>SBC</i>
Ragworth	Doorstep	SBC
Redbrook	Neighbourhood	SBC
Rochester Road	Doorstep	SBC
Ropner Park	Destination	SBC
Spencer Drive	Doorstep	Developer / management company
<i>Stockton Waterfront</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>SBC</i>
<i>Summerville Farm</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
Sycamores Estate	Doorstep	Developer / management company
Tinkers Yard	Doorstep	SBC
<i>Yarm Back Lane 1</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Yarm Back Lane 2</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
Thornaby		
Harold Wilson	Neighbourhood	SBC
Littleboy Park	Neighbourhood	SBC
Victoria Park	Neighbourhood	SBC
Village Park	Neighbourhood	SBC
Yarm / Kirklevington		
Conyers Green	Doorstep	Developer / management company
Kirklevington	Doorstep	Kirklevington & C L PC
Kirklevington 2	Doorstep	Developer / management company
Layfield	Doorstep	Yarm TC
Leven Park	Neighbourhood	SBC
Morley Carr	Doorstep	Developer / management company
<i>Tall Trees</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
West Street	Neighbourhood	Yarm TC
Rural / Wynyard		
Carlton Village	Doorstep	Carlton PC
Stillington	Neighbourhood	Stillington PC
<i>Wynyard Village 1</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Wynyard Village 2</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
Wynyard Woodland Pk	Destination	SBC

¹⁶ 2022 population data is as follows, but does not reflect recent and on-going housing development in some areas: 35,211 in Billingham; 23,361 in Ingleby Barwick; 77,502 in Stockton & Norton; 23,713 in Thornaby, 12,528 in Eaglescliffe; 6,636 in Northern Parishes; 2,639 in Southern Villages; 9,635 in Yarm.

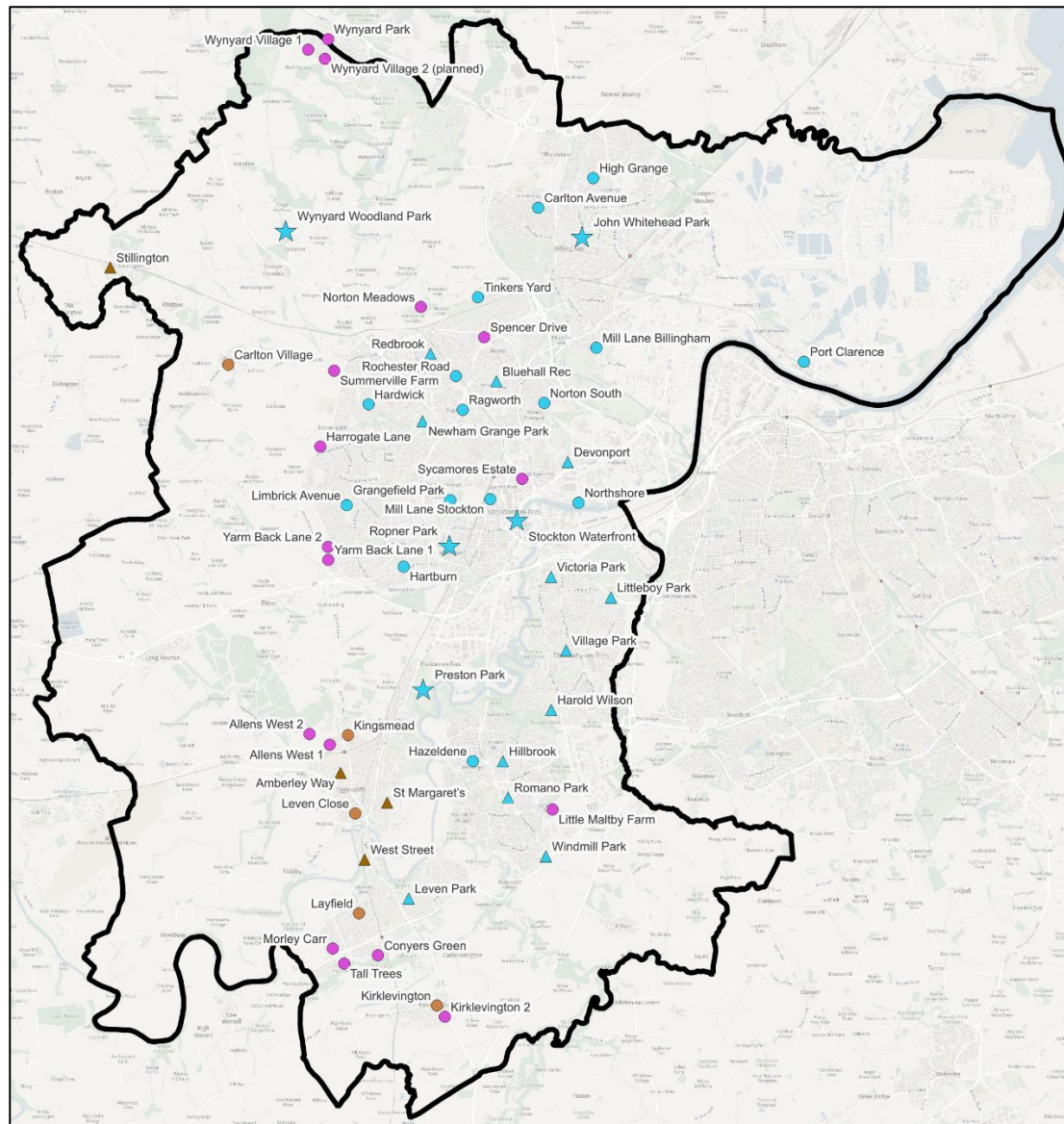


Figure 5: Play provision following strategy implementation and delivery of third-party sites ¹⁷

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8. DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF PLAY PROVISION: PROPOSED ACTIONS

In parallel with the implementation of the site-specific actions outlined in **Section 6** we will undertake the following cross-cutting measures in line with the principles identified in Section 5:

		Key guiding principles:
1	Undertake a 10-year review of the viability and suitability of the Council's play provision Demand for outdoor play provision is likely to vary over time and there will also be changes in the types of play environment that people want the Council to provide. Furthermore, all equipment and associated infrastructure has a natural lifespan and the Council's capacity to maintain play areas is also subject to change. So it will be essential to carry out periodic reviews of Council play provision in line with the overall approach set out in this strategy.	1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9
2	Address 'gaps' in play provision in those areas of greatest need Where possible we will secure external funding, and work with partners, to address remaining 'gaps' in the current network of provision, provided resources are available to cover on-going maintenance costs.. In particular we will seek to improve provision in those areas of greatest need, as informed by the Play Needs Index or other local evidence.	1,2,4,5,6,8,12
3	Deliver well-designed play environments which achieve high play value and make our overall play offer as accessible and inclusive as possible Where feasible we will seek to achieve 'good' or 'excellent' play value across all Council sites, adopting a 'design-led' approach as set out in the Council's Technical Guidance and Standards for Play Areas ¹⁸ . This states that play provision should ¹⁹ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be bespoke • Well-located • Use natural elements • Offer a range of experience • Be accessible to all (although it is recognised this cannot be achieved on all sites and for all equipment) • Meet needs • Allow joint play • Be sustainable and maintainable • Allow change 	1,3,7,8,12

¹⁸ Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document, Part 5: Play Area Technical Guidance and Standards: [Play Areas March 2023](#)

¹⁹ These reflect the principles identified by Play England: *Design for play: A guide to creating successful play spaces* (2008) Play England [Design for Play — Play England](#)

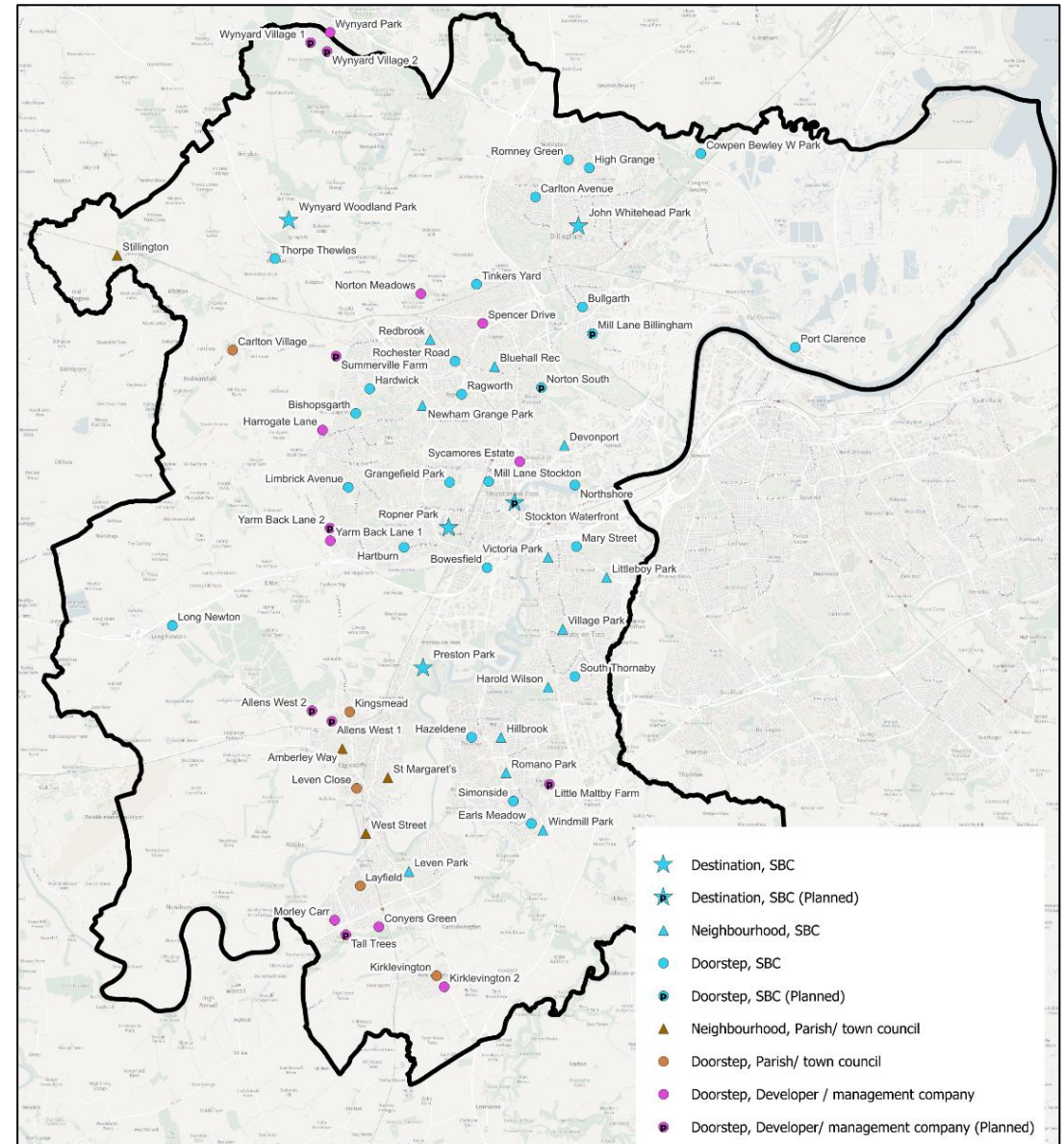
4	Seek opportunities to add value to existing play provision through the development of other infrastructure and services Provision of complementary facilities and services will often make play areas more welcoming to users, or help to attract a wider range of users. While some facilities such as toilets and changing places may be desirable, the costs of providing such infrastructure will generally be prohibitive. But it may be feasible to implement other improvements, e.g. providing pop-up catering facilities or supporting community-led events and activities. In parks, environmental or access improvements may help to make a site more welcoming for visitors and complement the 'play offer'.	2,3,7,11
5	Consider the introduction of 'natural' play environments to complement, or as an alternative to, formal play areas 'Natural' environments and features can provide stimulating and exciting conditions for play, so consideration should be given to where these can form part of the overall play offer. Some settings, such as country parks, may be better suited to 'natural play', but even in more urban locations features such as trees, woodlands, grasslands, pathways can be managed in ways which promote play.	1,7,8,12
6	Engage local communities in the development, design and management of play areas and any proposals for re-purposing sites We currently engage with Stockton Parent Carer Forum when planning new play areas or improving existing provision. But wherever possible we will work more closely with local communities to ensure future provision meets local needs and aspirations. Increased community participation in the planning of play provision may create a greater sense of 'community ownership' of play areas. There may also be opportunities to increase community involvement in the management of play provision, in the context of wider community participation in parks and green spaces. This may help to reduce some of the damage which is a significant drain on Council resources.	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,10,12
7	Where appropriate, design play areas to minimise future maintenance costs ensure they are more resistant to damage and mis-use. Consideration should be given to installing equipment, surfacing and other features which will minimise future liabilities (e.g. minimising the number of play items with moving parts). However, this may have some implications for the overall 'play value' of sites, so it is not an approach which will be appropriate in all settings.	6,8
8	Encourage housing developers to design and deliver high quality play environments which achieve good or excellent play value	1,3,4,7,

	Through the planning and development process there is an opportunity to deliver innovative and stimulating play environments, fully integrated into the overall design of green infrastructure and public realm ²⁰ . New provision should achieve good or excellent play value for the target age ranges and be as inclusive and accessible as possible.	
9	<p>Explore the possibility of parish / town councils or other third parties contributing to the cost of maintaining, managing or developing play provision, in addition to those councils which already adopt this approach.</p> <p>We will be pleased to discuss possible partnership arrangements with town / parish councils or other third parties which may help to care for existing sites and/or deliver improved play provision.</p>	1,3,4,5,6,8
10	<p>Review the Council's approach to the inspection and maintenance of play equipment</p> <p>The Council carries out a planned programme of inspections to ensure play equipment, safety surfacing or other items are in a safe condition and to identify any necessary repairs and maintenance. However, these procedures should be kept under review and particular consideration given to the on-going, regular maintenance of play equipment, which is an important factor in prolonging the life of equipment and reducing the likelihood of more costly repairs at a later stage.</p>	6,8

²⁰ Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (2023) [Local Design Guide: Supplementary Planning Document](#), including Part 5 Play Area Technical Guidance and Standards: [Play Areas March 2023](#)

Appendix A:

Existing and planned play areas (Sept 2025) ²¹



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Existing play areas (Sept 2025)

Site	Ward	Town/ Village	Designation	Play units	Owner
Amberley Way	Eaglescliffe West	Eaglescliffe	Neighbourhood	20	Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe PC
Bishopsgarth	Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree	Stockton	Doorstep	13	SBC
Bluehall Rec	Norton Central	Stockton	Neighbourhood	23	SBC
Bowesfield	Eaglescliffe East	Stockton	Doorstep	4	SBC
Bullgarth	Billingham South	Billingham	Doorstep	6	SBC
Carlton Avenue	Billingham West	Billingham	Doorstep	12	SBC
Carlton Village	Northern Parishes	Carlton	Doorstep	N/A	Carlton PC
Conyers Green	Yarm	Yarm	Doorstep	N/A	Developer / management company
Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park	Billingham East	Billingham	Doorstep	11	SBC
Devonport	Stockton Town Centre	Stockton	Neighbourhood	23	SBC
Earls Meadow	Ingleby Barwick South	Ingleby Barwick	Doorstep	8	SBC
Grangefield Park	Grangefield	Stockton	Doorstep	16	SBC
Hardwick	Harwick & Salters Lane	Stockton	Doorstep	18	SBC
Harold Wilson	Village	Thornaby	Neighbourhood	37	SBC
Hartburn	Hartburn	Stockton	Doorstep	9	SBC
Hazeldene	Ingleby Barwick North	Ingleby Barwick	Doorstep	18	SBC
High Grange	Billingham North	Billingham	Doorstep	12	SBC
Hillbrook	Ingleby Barwick North	Ingleby Barwick	Neighbourhood	28	SBC
John Whitehead Park	Billingham Central	Billingham	Destination	49	SBC
Kingsmead	Eaglescliffe West	Eaglescliffe	Doorstep	23	Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe PC
Kirklevington	Yarm	Kirklevington	Doorstep	16	Kirklevington & C L PC
Kirklevington 2	Yarm	Kirklevington	Doorstep	N/A	Developer / management company
Layfield	Yarm	Yarm	Doorstep	15	Yarm TC
Leven Close	Eaglescliffe West	Eaglescliffe	Doorstep	13	Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe PC
Leven Park	Yarm	Yarm	Neighbourhood	20	SBC
Limbrick Avenue	Fairfield	Stockton	Doorstep	1	SBC
Littleboy Park	Mandale & Victoria	Thornaby	Neighbourhood	29	SBC
Long Newton	Eaglescliffe West	Long Newton	Doorstep	6	SBC
Mary Street	Mandale & Victoria	Thornaby	Doorstep	4	SBC
Mill Lane - Stockton	Stockton Town Centre	Stockton	Doorstep	15	SBC
Morley Carr	Yarm	Yarm	Doorstep	N/A	Developer / management company
Newham Grange Park	Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree	Stockton	Neighbourhood	20	SBC
Northshore	Stockton Town Centre	Stockton	Doorstep	9	SBC
Norton Meadows	Norton West	Stockton	Doorstep	N/A	Developer / management company
Port Clarence	Billingham South	Billingham	Doorstep	19	SBC
Preston Park	Eaglescliffe East	Eaglescliffe	Destination	64	SBC

Ragworth	Roseworth	Stockton	Doorstep	8	SBC
Redbrook	Roseworth	Stockton	Neighbourhood	26	SBC
Rochester Road	Roseworth	Stockton	Doorstep	5	SBC
Romano Park	Ingleby Barwick South	Ingleby Barwick	Neighbourhood	57	SBC
Romney Green	Billingham North	Billingham	Doorstep	4	SBC
Ropner Park	Ropner	Stockton	Destination	68	SBC
Simonside	Ingleby Barwick South	Ingleby Barwick	Doorstep	4	SBC
South Thornaby	Stainsby Hill	Thornaby	Doorstep	15	SBC
Spencer Drive	Norton West	Stockton	Doorstep	N/A	Developer / management company
St Margaret's	Eaglescliffe East	Eaglescliffe	Neighbourhood	35	Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe PC
Stillington	Northern Parishes	Stillington	Neighbourhood	23	Stillington PC
Sycamores Estate	Stockton Town Centre	Stockton	Doorstep	N/A	Developer / management company
Thorpe Thewles	Northern Parishes	T Thewles	Doorstep	14	SBC
Tinkers Yard	Norton North	Stockton	Doorstep	15	SBC
Victoria Park	Mandale & Victoria	Thornaby	Neighbourhood	36	SBC
Village Park	Village	Thornaby	Neighbourhood	25	SBC
West Street	Yarm	Yarm	Neighbourhood	22	Yarm TC
Windmill Park	Ingeby Barwick South	Ingleby Barwick	Neighbourhood	27	SBC
Wynyard Park	Northern Parishes	Wynyard	Doorstep		Developer / management company
Wynyard Woodland Park	Northern Parishes	Thorpe Thewles	Destination	50	SBC
Yarm Back Lane 1	Hartburn	Stockton	Doorstep	N/A	Developer / management company

Planned play areas (March 2025)

Site	Ward	Town/ Village	Designation	Play units	Owner
<i>Allens West 1</i>	<i>Eaglescliffe West</i>	<i>Eaglescliffe</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Allens West 2</i>	<i>Eaglescliffe West</i>	<i>Eaglescliffe</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Harrogate Lane</i>	<i>Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree</i>	<i>Stockton</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Little Maltby Farm</i>	<i>Southern Villages</i>	<i>Ingleby Barwick</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Mill Lane - Billingham</i>	<i>Billingham South</i>	<i>Billingham</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>SBC</i>
<i>Norton South</i>	<i>Norton South</i>	<i>Stockton</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>SBC</i>
<i>Stockton Waterfront</i>	<i>Stockton Town Centre</i>	<i>Stockton</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>SBC</i>
<i>Summerville Farm</i>	<i>Harwick & Salters Lane / Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree</i>	<i>Stockton</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Tall Trees</i>	<i>Yarm</i>	<i>Yarm</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Wynyard Village 1</i>	<i>Northern Parishes</i>	<i>Wynyard</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>		<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Wynyard Village 2</i>	<i>Northern Parishes</i>	<i>Wynyard</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>		<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Yarm Back Lane 2</i>	<i>Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree</i>	<i>Stockton</i>	<i>Doorstep</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Developer / management company</i>

Appendix B: Play unit scores

Individual items of play equipment are allocated a play unit score based on the approximate number of people who can use the equipment at the same time (1, 2, 3 or 4 or more), e.g.



2 users = 2 play units



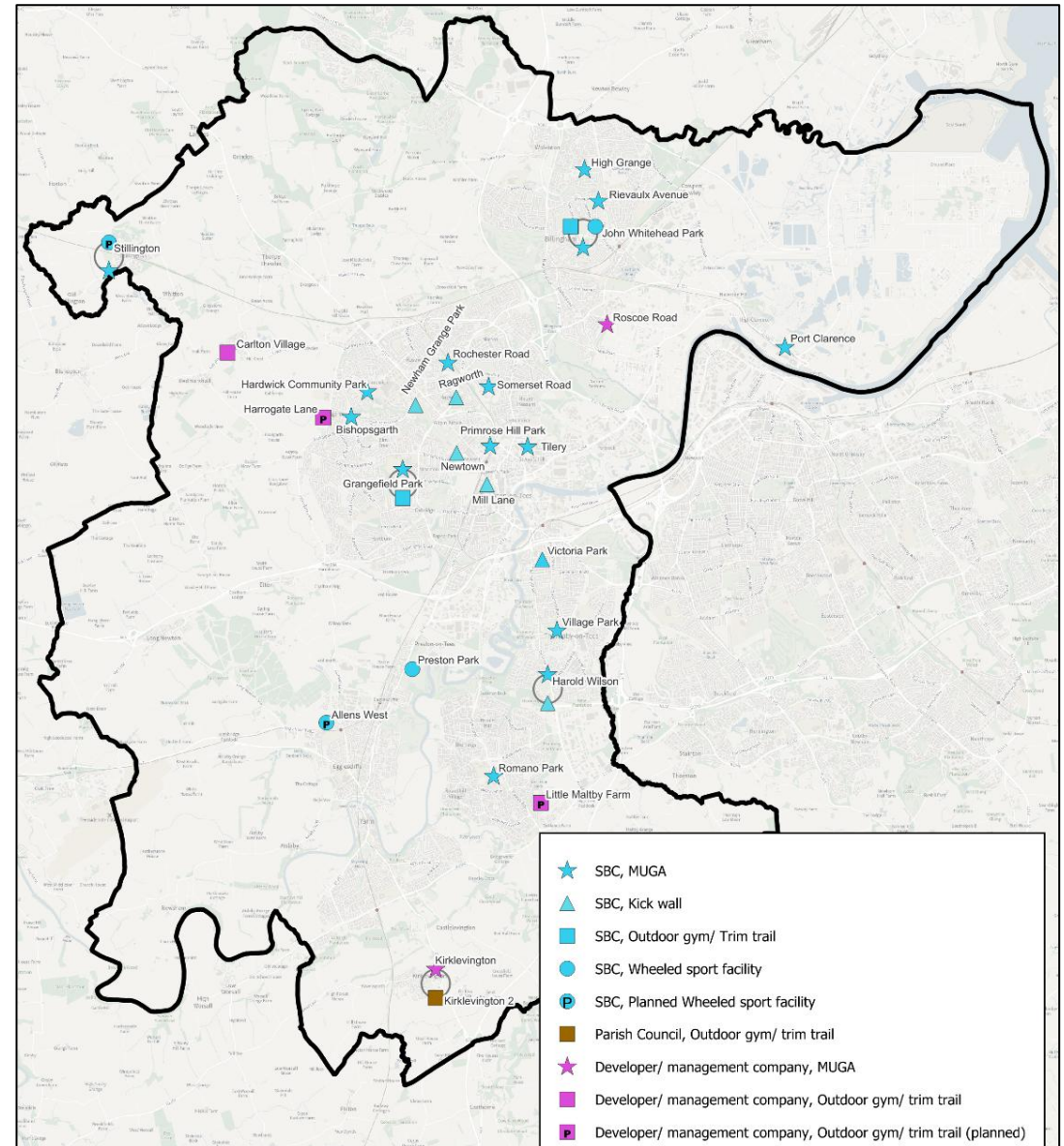
3 users = 3 play units



4 users or more = 4 play units

Appendix C:

Existing and planned informal sport facilities (Sept 2025) ²²



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Existing informal sport facilities (Sept 2025)

Site	Ward	Town / Village	Type:				Owner
			Wheeled sport facility	Multi use games area	Kick wall / other surfaced games area	Outdoor gym / trim trail	
Bishopsgarth	Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree	Stockton		✓			SBC
Carlton Village	Carlton	N Parishes				✓	Developer / management company
Grangefield Park	Grangefield	Stockton		✓		✓	SBC
Hardwick Comm Park	Hardwick	Stockton		✓			SBC
Harold Wilson	Village	Thornaby		✓	✓		SBC
High Grange	Billingham North	Billingham		✓			SBC
John Whitehead Park	Billingham Central	Billingham	✓	✓		✓	SBC
Kirklevington	Yarm	Kirklevington				✓	Kirklevington & C L PC
Kirklevington 2	Yarm	Kirklevington		✓			Developer / management company
Mill Lane	Stockton Town Centre	Stockton			✓		SBC
Newham Grange Park	Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree	Stockton			✓		SBC
Newtown	Newtown	Stockton			✓		SBC
Port Clarence	Billingham South	Billingham		✓			SBC
Preston Park	Eaglescliffe East	Eaglescliffe	✓				SBC
Primrose Hill Park	Newtown	Stockton		✓			SBC
Ragworth	Roseworth	Stockton			✓		SBC
Rievaulx Avenue	Billingham Central	Billingham		✓			SBC
Rochester Road	Roseworth	Stockton		✓			SBC
Romano Park	Ingleby Barwick South	Ingleby Barwick		✓			SBC
Roscoe Road	Billingham South	Billingham		✓			Developer / management company
Somerset Road	Norton Central	Stockton		✓			SBC
Stillington	Northern Parishes	Stillington		✓			SBC
Tilery	Stockton Town Centre	Stockton		✓			SBC
Victoria Park	Mandale & Victoria	Thornaby			✓		SBC
Village Park	Village	Thornaby		✓			SBC

Planned informal sport facilities (Sept 2025)

Site	Ward	Town / Village	Type:				Owner
			Wheeled sport facility	Multi use games area	Kick wall / other surfaced games area	Outdoor gym / trim trail	
<i>Allens West</i>	<i>Eaglescliffe West</i>	<i>Eaglescliffe</i>		✓			<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Harrogate Lane</i>	<i>Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree</i>	<i>Stockton</i>				✓	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Little Maltby Farm</i>	<i>Southern Villages</i>	<i>Ingleby Barwick</i>				✓	<i>Developer / management company</i>
<i>Stillington</i>	<i>Northern Parishes</i>	<i>Stillington</i>	✓				SBC

Appendix D: Types of informal sport provision

Multi-use games area (currently 17 with 1 planned)

- Offer surfaced and fenced areas for playing a variety of ball games such as football, basketball and cricket



e.g. Multi use games area at John Whitehead Park

Kick wall / other surfaced games area (currently 6)

- Offer surfaced areas playing a variety of ball games such as football, basketball and cricket, but may not be fenced



e.g. Surfaced games area at Victoria Park

Wheeled sport facility (currently 2 with 1 planned)

- Can generally accommodate users with BMX bikes, skateboards, inline skates and skateboards



e.g. Skate park at Preston Park

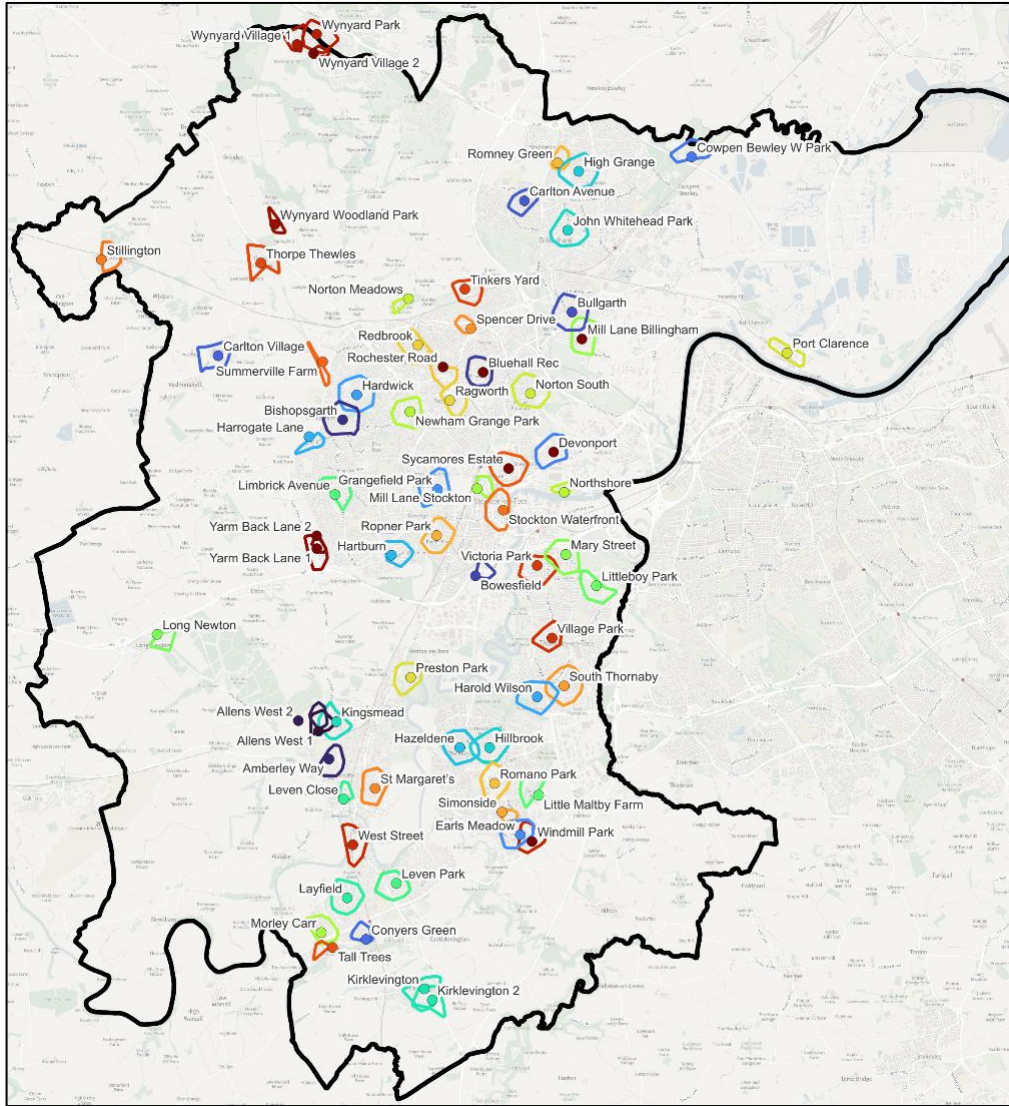
Outdoor gym / trim trail (currently 4 with 2 planned)

- Offer a range of equipment enabling users to exercise in the outdoors

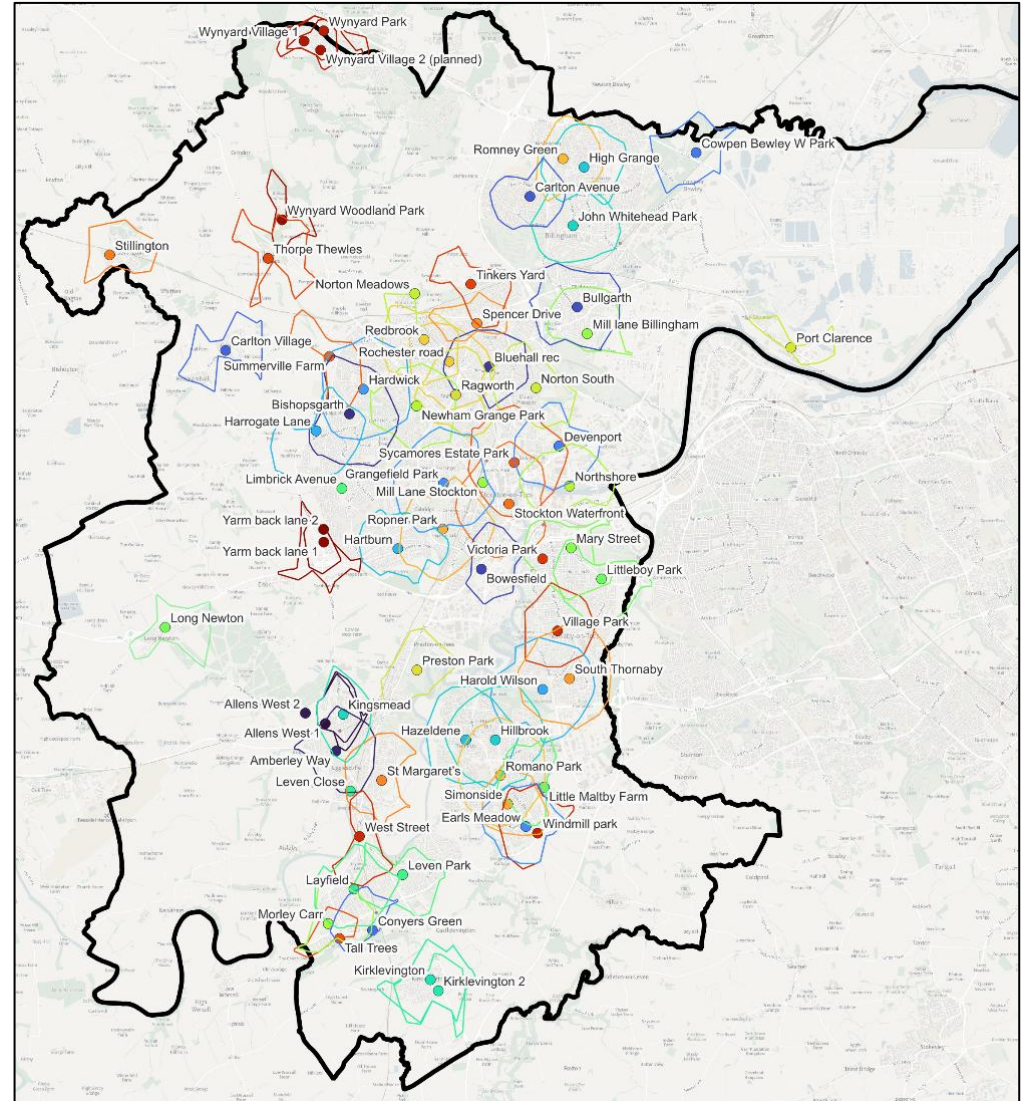


e.g. Outdoor gym at John Whitehead Park

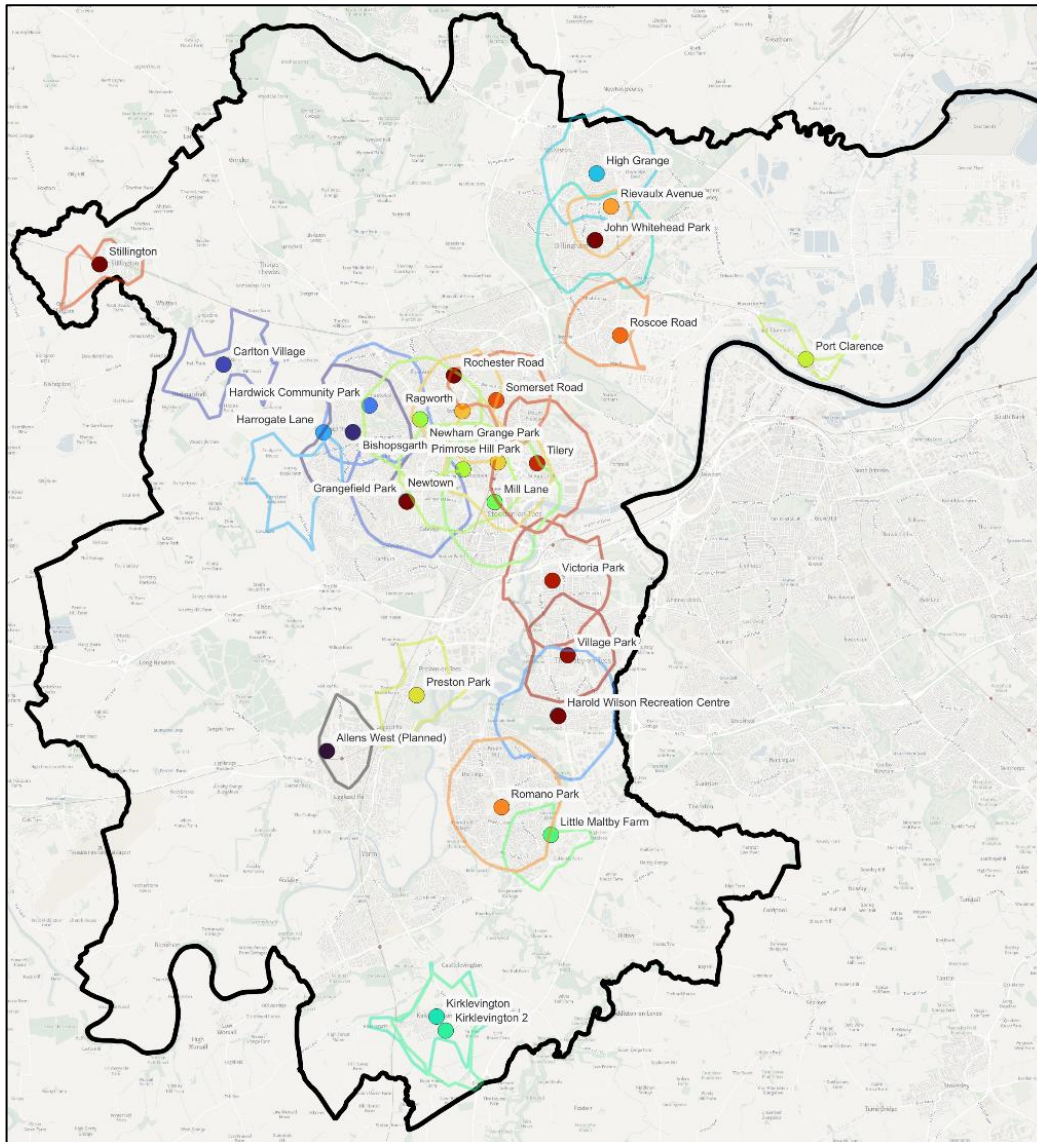
Appendix E: Indicative catchment areas for existing and planned play provision



Play areas: 400m catchments ²³



Play areas: 1000m catchments ²⁴



Informal sport facilities: 1200m catchments ²⁵

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Appendix F: RoSPA play value assessment criteria (worked example)

PLAY VALUE ASSESSMENT

Site: Littleboy Park Play Area

Date: 29.02.2024

The Play Value of each element of the site should be looked upon individually and assessed against the purpose that the operator has designated for the site (ie Toddler, Junior, Mixed, Teenage etc). The Operator should aim for a minimum rating of Good for: the Site Overall, Ambience, and for those age groups for which the site is designed. As can be seen from the indicated maximum score some elements have greater play value than others.

SITE OVERALL (Ignoring Equipment)		
	Max	Score
Social Safety	4	4
Physical safety	4	4
Pollution free	1	
Noise free	2	
Min of Two gates (Pedestrian) – Area 1 has 2 gates & Area 2 has 1 gate	3	3
Gates suitable for wheelchairs	2	2
Vehicle access gate	1	
Emergency vehicle access	2	1
Age Separation	4	2
Ground Contours	3	1
Shade present	1	1
Shelter (all ages)	2	1
Access for disabled – path leads to both areas and the grass inside	3	3
Suitability	2	2
Quality	3	3
Adult Seats (score extra 1 if arm rests)	1	1
Suitable litter bins	1	1
Environmental suitability	2	2
Locally related	3	
Ethnic	3	
Use of planting	2	1
Wild Flowers	3	2
Trees	3	1
Long Grass	3	3
Orientation	1	1
Appropriate signage	1	1
Colour suitability	2	2
Open Space – outside fenced area	3	3
Wheelchair friendly surfacing linking items – grass between units	4	4
TOTAL	69	48
Excellent = 47+	Good = 36-47	Average = 29-35
OVERALL SITE ASSESSED AS EXCELLENT		

Ambience		
Visual appeal	10	7
Condition (litter and graffiti)	2	2
Layout	2	2
TOTAL	14	11
Excellent = 10+	Good = 8-10	Average = 6-7
OVERALL AMBIENCE ASSESSED AS EXCELLENT		

Toddlers		
Balancing	1	1
Crawling (short tunnels etc)	1	1
Rocking	1	1
Rotating	1	1
Sliding	1	1
Swinging	1	1
Sand Play	6	
Water Play	6	
Sensory Items	3	2
Textural variety	2	1
3+ Primary Colours	2	2
Toddler seating	1	1
Imaginative play (Area lending to use of child's imagination)	5	4
Interactive ability (Items encouraging group play)	2	2
Parental Seating (in Toddler section)	1	1
TOTAL	34	19
Excellent = 22+	Good = 18-22	Average = 13-17
OVERALL TODDLER ASSESSMENT = GOOD		

Juniors		
Balancing	2	1
Crawling (Short tunnels)	1	1
Rocking	1	1
Rotating	1	1
Rotating (Multi User ie roundabouts etc)	2	2
Rocking and rotating (Mobilus, Waltz etc)	4	2
Sliding conventional (ie slide etc)	1	1
Sliding (firemans pole etc)	1	1
Swinging (Single)	1	1
Swinging (Group)	2	
Gliding (Aerial runways etc)	2	
Hanging	1	
Climbing	2	2
Gymnastics	1	
Agility (Clatter bridges etc)	2	1
Ball Play (Basketball/netball/football) – open space, basketball & cricket wicket	4	
Sand Play	4	
Water Play	4	
Sensory Items	2	1
Textural variety	2	1
Wheeled Play (for bikes, skateboards etc)	6	
3+ Primary colours	1	1
Interactive ability (Items encouraging group play)	4	3
Junior Seating	1	1
Imaginative play (Area lending to use of child's imagination)	4	3
Educational Play (abacus etc)	1	
Ground Graphics (Hopscotch etc)	2	1
TOTAL	59	25
Excellent = 40+	Good = 32-40	Average = 26-31
OVERALL JUNIOR ASSESSMENT = BELOW AVERAGE		

Appendix G: Examples of inclusive play equipment and surfacing

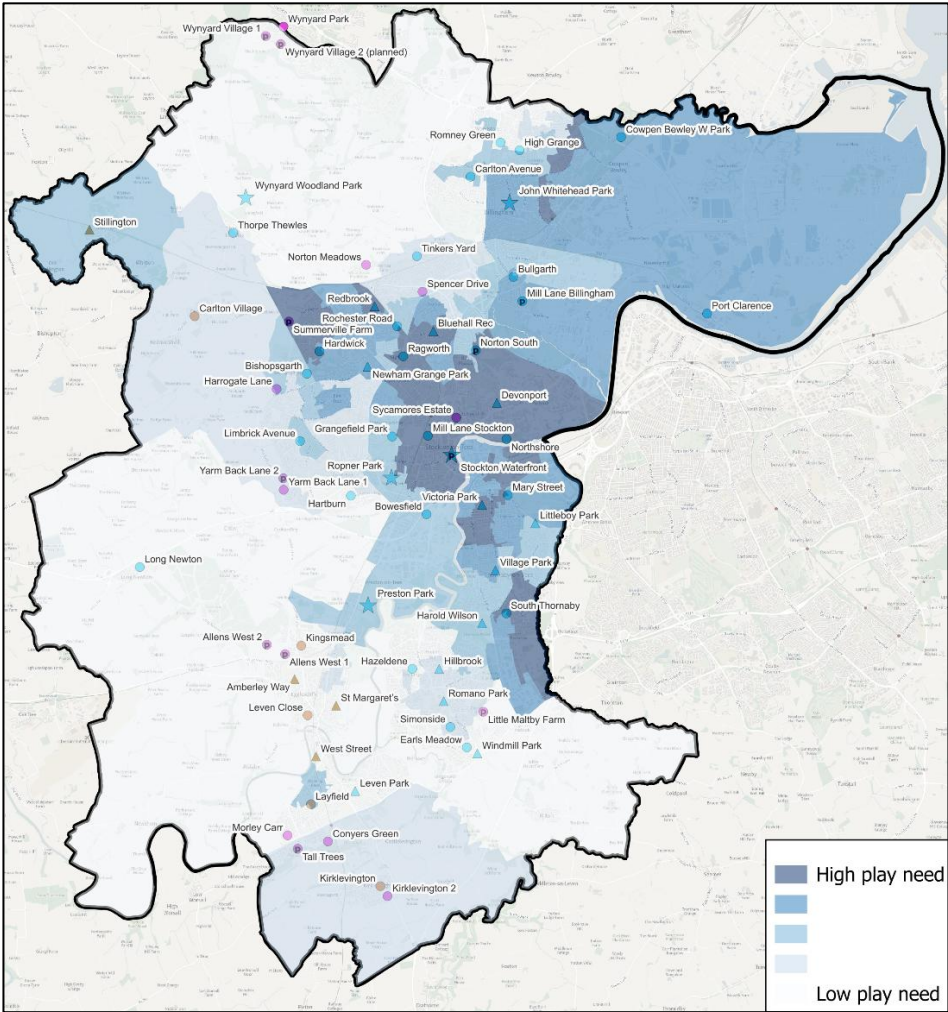


Basket swing at Romano Park

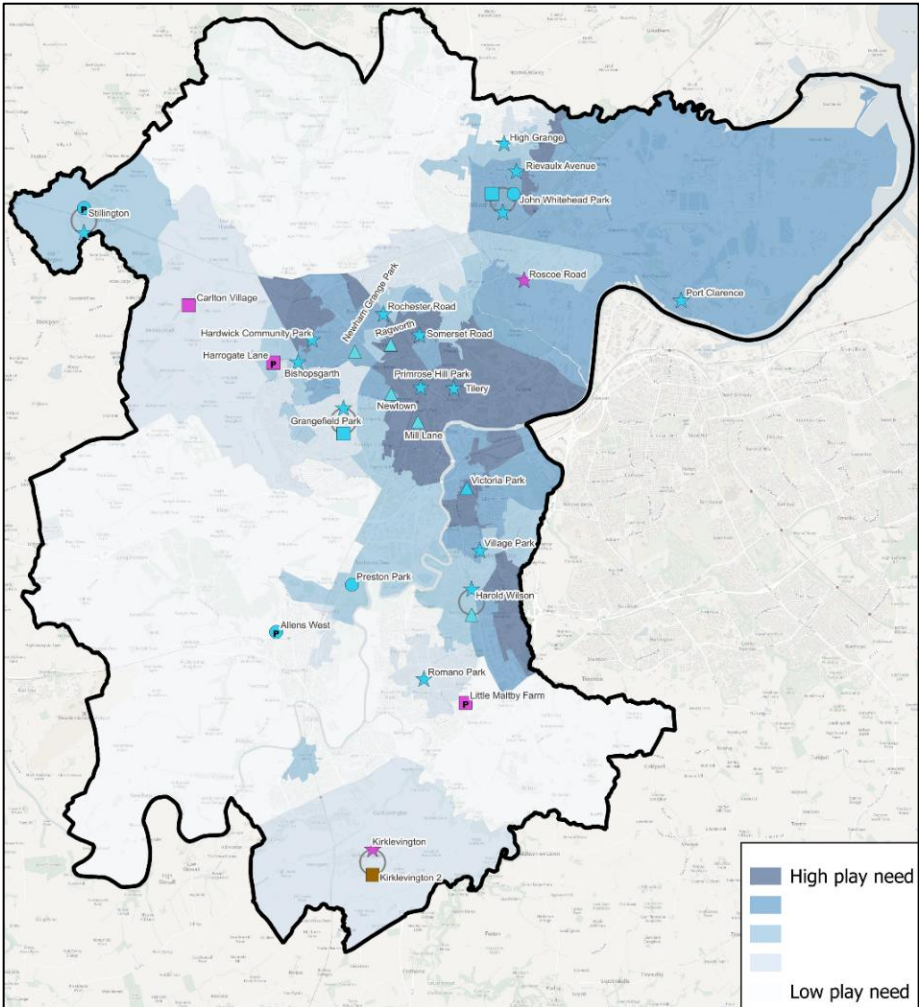


Flush carousel at Victoria Park)

Appendix H: Play provision mapped against play need index



Play areas²⁶



Informal sport facilities²⁷

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Appendix I: Analysis of existing and planned play areas

Play needs index	Classification	No. inclusive play units	No, Households in 400m catchment	No, Households in 1000m catchment	RoSPA Play Value score	Vandalism (current – not historical)
5 = Very high	Destination: 45 or more play units	1 = no units	1 = Very Low	1 = Very Low	1 = Poor	1 = High incidence
4 = High	Neighbourhood: – 20 or more play units	2 = 1-2 units	2 = Low	2 = Low	2 = Below average	3 = Medium incidence
3 = Medium	Doorstep: 1 to 19 play units	3 = 3-4 units	3 = Medium	3 = Medium	3 = Average	5 = Low or zero incidence
2 = Low		4 = 5-6 units	4 = High	4 = High	4 = Good	
1 = Very low		5 = 7 or more units	5 = Very High	5 = Very High	5 = Excellent	

Site	Owner	Town/ Village	Play Needs Index	Classification / No. play units	No. inclusive play items	Informal sports facilities at the site (existing or planned)	No. households in 400m catchment	No. households in 1000m catchment	Play value					Vandalism	Estimated replacement costs £			Other play area within 1000m catchment	Proposed Actions (SBC sites only) Further details in Section 7
									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
Allens West 1 (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company	Eaglescliffe		Doorstep N/A		Yes												Kingsmead - 500m on opposite side of Durham Road	
Allens West 2 (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company	Eaglescliffe		Doorstep N/A		No													
Amberley Way	Parish / Town Council	Eaglescliffe	1	Neighbourhood 20	1	No	3	3	4	5	2	1	N/A	5	0	0	51,519	Kingsmead - 920m on opposite side of Durham Road and railway line	
Bishopsgarth	SBC	Stockton	3	Doorstep 13	2	Yes	4	5	4	4	3	2	3	5	0	7,400	65,884	Hardwick - 725m Harrowgate Lane (planned) - 750m on	Phased decommissioning of play equipment /

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									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
																		opposite side of Harrogate Lane	Site to be repurposed
Bluehall Rec	SBC	Stockton	5	Neighbourhood 23	3	No	5	5	5	5	2	3	2	3	0	17,367	110,732	Rochester Road - 990m on opposite side of A1027	Priority site - play area to be retained
Bowesfield	SBC	Stockton	3	Doorstep 4	1	No	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	10,372	0	6,708	No	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
Bullgarth	SBC	Billingham	4	Doorstep 6	6	No	5	3	4	4	1	N/A	N/A	5	0	2,084	7,500	Mill Lane, Billingham (planned) -700m	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
Carlton Avenue	SBC	Billingham	3	Doorstep 12	0	No	4	3	4	4	1	2	N/A	5	0	4,860	47,388	No	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Carlton Village	Parish / Town Council	Carlton	2	Doorstep N/A	N/A	No	2	1						5				No	
Conyers Green	Developer / Mgt. Company	Yarm		Doorstep N/A		No													
Cowpen Bewley W Park	SBC	Billingham	4	Doorstep 11	0	No	1	1	4	4	2	1	N/A	5	0	22,050	0	No	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed

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									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
Devonport	SBC	Stockton	5	Neighbourhood 23	1	No	3	2	4	5	3	2	N/A	5	0	0	84,431	No	Priority site - play area to be retained
Earls Meadow	SBC	Ingleby Barwick	1	Doorstep 8	1	No	3	2	3	4	1	1	N/A	5	0	0	19,470	Windmill Park - 460m Simonside - 830m	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
Grangefield Park	SBC	Stockton	3	Doorstep 16	1	No	2	5	5	5	3	2	N/A	5	0	0	54,670	No	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Hardwick	SBC	Stockton	5	Doorstep 18	3	No	5	5	N/A	N/A	5	N/A	N/A	5	0	0	48,089	Bishopsgarth - 725m	Priority site - play area to be retained
Harold Wilson	SBC	Thornaby	3	Neighbourhood 37	5	Yes	4	4	5	5	3	3	N/A	5	0	4,885	111,711	South Thornaby - 970m	Priority site - play area to be retained
Harrogate Lane (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company		3	Doorstep N/A	N/A	Yes												Bishopsgarth - 750m on opposite side of Harrogate Lane	
Hartburn	SBC	Stockton	1	Doorstep 9	1	No	2	3						5	0	0	33,580	No	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Hazeldene	SBC	Ingleby Barwick	1	Doorstep 18	3	No	5	4	5	5	3	2	N/A	5	0	0	88,067	Hillbrook - 580mk	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
High Grange	SBC	Billingham	3	Doorstep 12	0	Yes	4	3	5	5	2	2	N/A	5	0	0	68,701	Romney Green – 645m	Priority site - play area to be retained

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									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
Hillbrook	SBC	Ingleby Barwick	2	Neighbourhood 28	2	No	5	5	5	5	3	2	N/A	5	0	0	120,094	Hazeldene - 580m Romano Park - 920m	Priority site - play area to be retained
John Whitehead Park	SBC	Billingham	4	Destination 49	6	Yes	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	5	0	42,273	179,973	No	Priority site - play area to be retained
Kingsmead	Parish / Town Council	Eaglescliffe	1	Doorstep 23	N/A	No	3	2	5	5	3	2	N/A	5	0	0	87,664	Allens West (planned) - 500m on opposite side of Durham Road Amberley Way - 920m on opposite sides of Durham Road and railway line	
Kirklevington	Parish / Town Council	Kirklevington	2	Doorstep 16	N/A	Yes	2	1	4	5	2	2	N/A	5	0	17,417	40,839	Kirklevington 2 - 255m	
Kirklevington 2	Developer / Mgt. Company	Kirklevington	2	Doorstep N/A	N/A	Yes	1											Kirklevington - 255m	
Layfield	Parish / Town Council	Yarm	3	Doorstep 15	1	No	4	3	5	5	2	2	N/A	3	0	0	84,185	No	
Leven Close	Parish / Town Council	Eaglescliffe	1	Doorstep 13	N/A	No	3	2	2	4	1	1	N/A	5	0	0	29,153	No	
Leven Park	SBC	Yarm	1	Neighbourhood 20	3	No	2	2	4	5	3	2	N/A	5	0	27,845	70,845	No	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Limbrick Avenue	SBC	Stockton	3	Doorstep 1	0	No	4	3	3	2	1	1	N/A	5	0	0	6,230	Yarm Back Lane 2 - 925m on opposite side of Yarm Back Lane	Priority site – play area to be re-developed if

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									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
																			resources can be secured
Littleboy Park	SBC	Thornaby	3	Neighbour-hood 29	1	Yes	3	4	5	5	4	2	N/A	5	0	0	69,460	Mary Street - 960m	Priority site - play area to be retained
Little Maltby Farm (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company	Southern Villages		Doorstep 1		Yes													
Long Newton	SBC	Long Newton	1	Doorstep 6	0	No	1	1	4	4	1	1	N/A	5	8,645	7,899	0	No	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
Mary Street	SBC	Thornaby	4	Doorstep 4	0	No	4	4	4	4	1	1	N/A	5	0	0	23,475	Victoria Park - 820m Littleboy Park - 960m	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
Mill Lane - Billingham (planned)	SBC	Billingham	4	Doorstep N/A	N/A	No	4	2										Bullgarth - 700m	Priority site - play area to be developed
Mill Lane - Stockton	SBC	Stockton	5	Doorstep 15	0	No	5	5	1	4	1	1	N/A	5	0	0	56,361	Stockton Waterfront - 800m	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Morley Carr	Developer / Mgt. Company	Yarm		Doorstep 1		No													

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									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
Newham Grange Park	SBC	Stockton	4	Neighbourhood 20	0	Yes	3	3	5	2	2	1	N/A	5	0	0	87,695	No	Priority site - play area to be retained
Northshore	SBC	Stockton	5	Doorstep 9	1	No	2	2	4	5	2	1	N/A	5	0	8,914	12,402	No	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Norton Meadows	Developer / Mgt. Company	Stockton	1	Doorstep N/A		No												No	
Norton South (planned)	SBC	Stockton	5	Doorstep N/A	N/A	No	5	4										No	Priority site - play area to be developed
Port Clarence	SBC	Billingham	4	Doorstep 19	0	Yes	1	1	4	3	1	3	4	5	0	0	75,898	No	Priority site - play area to be retained
Preston Park	SBC	Eaglescliffe	3	Destination 64	3	Yes	1	1	5	5	4	4	N/A	5	9,880	156,543	652,380	No	Priority site - play area to be retained
Ragworth Community Centre	SBC	Stockton	5	Doorstep 8	0	Yes	4	3	2	3	1	1	1	3	0	0	40,130	Rochester Road - 870m	Priority site – play area to be retained and re-developed if resources can be secured
Redbrook	SBC	Stockton	5	Neighbourhood 26	8	No	4	4	5	5	3	3	N/A	3	0	0	131,179	Rochester Road - 700m	Priority site - play area to be retained
Rochester Road	SBC	Stockton	5	Doorstep 5	1	Yes	2	5	3	4	N/A	2	3	3	0	36,900	0	Redbrook - 700m Ragworth Community Centre - 870m on opposite side of A1027 Blue Hall Rec - 990m	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources

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									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
																		on opposite side of A1027	
Romano Park	SBC	Ingleby Barwick	2	Neighbourhood 57	9	Yes	2	5	5	5	5	4	N/A	5	30,060	276,790	117,636	Earl's Meadow - 730m Hillbrook 920m	Priority site - play area to be retained
Romney Green	SBC	Billingham	1	Doorstep 4	0	No	3	3	4	2	1	1	N/A	5	0	0	21,394	High Grange - 645m	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
Ropner Park	SBC	Stockton	3	Destination 68	7	No	3	5	5	5	3	3	N/A	5	0	255,554	109,561	No	Priority site - play area to be retained
Simonside	SBC	Ingleby Barwick	2	Doorstep 4	0	No	1	3	4	3	1	1	N/A	5	0	0	19,973	Romano Park - 730m Earl's Meadow - 830m	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
South Thornaby	SBC	Thornaby	5	Doorstep 15	0	No	5	4	4	4	2	3	N/A	5	0	0	54,960	Harold Wilson - 970m	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
Spencer Drive	Developer		3	Doorstep N/A	N/A	No												Tinkers Yard - 850m	
St Margaret's	Parish / Town Council	Eaglescliffe	1	Neighbourhood 35	N/A	No	3	2	4	5	3	2			25,418	51,977	39,456	No	

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									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
Stillington	Parish / Town Council	Stillington	4	Neighbourhood 23	1	No	1	1							0	13401	73,849	No	
Stockton Waterfront (Planned)	SBC	Stockton	5	Destination TBC		No	2	5										Mill Lane, Stockton - 800m Sycamores Estate – 700m	Priority site - play area to be developed
Summerville Farm (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company		3	Doorstep N/A	N/A	No												No	
Sycamores Estate	Developer / Mgt. Company	Stockton	5	Doorstep N/A	N/A	No	5	5										Stockton Waterfront – 700m Mill Lane - 700m Devonport - 980m	
Tall Trees (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company	Yarm				No													
Thorpe Thewles	SBC	Thorpe Thewles	2	Doorstep 14	0	No	2	1	2	4	2	2	N/A	5	23,360	16,750	14,621	Wynyard Woodland Park - 960m (via underpass on A177)	Phased decommissioning of play equipment / Site to be repurposed
Tinkers Yard	SBC	Stockton	2	Doorstep 15	2	No	1	1	5	5	4	3	N/A	5	0	32,662	16,663	Spencer Drive - 850m	Play area to be retained subject to availability of resources
Victoria Park	SBC	Thornaby	5	Neighbourhood 36	5	Yes	5	4	5	5	4	5	N/A	5	0	0	169,515	Mary Street – 820m	Priority site - play area to be retained
Village Park	SBC	Thornaby	4	Neighbourhood 25	0	Yes	5	4	5	5	3	3	2	5	0	0	127,888	No	Priority site – play area to be retained and re-developed if

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									Overall site Rating	Ambience Rating	Toddlers Rating	Juniors Rating	Teens Rating		0 to 4 years	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs +		
																			resources can be secured
West Street	Parish / Town Council	Yarm	1	Neighbourhood 22	2	No	3	2	5	5	3	2	N/A	5	0	5,875	63,789	No	
Windmill Park	SBC	Ingleby Barwick	1	Neighbourhood 27	4	No	1	2	5	5	3	3	N/A	5	8,900	136,205	9,990	Earl's Meadow - 460m	Priority site - play area to be retained
Wynyard Park	Developer / Mgt. Company	Wynyard		Doorstep N/A		No													
Wynyard Village 1 (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company	Wynyard		Doorstep N/A		No													
Wynyard Village 2 (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company	Wynyard		Doorstep N/A		No													
Wynyard Woodland Park	SBC	Thorpe Thewles	1	Destination 50	2	No	1	1	4	5	5	4	2	5	0	271,750	17,860	Thorpe Thewles - 960m	Priority site – play area to be retained with partial decommissioning
Yarm Back Lane 1	Developer / Mgt. Company		2	Doorstep N/A		No												No	
Yarm Back Lane 2 (planned)	Developer / Mgt. Company		2	Doorstep N/A		No												Limbrick Avenue - 925m on opposite side of Yarm Back Lane	