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## **Glossary**

DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DPD	Development Plan Document
FIT	Fields in Trust
FOG	Friends of Group
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
MUGA	Multi-use Games Area (an enclosed area using a synthetic grass or hard surface for informal play)
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NSALG	National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PPG	Planning Policy Guidance
SOA	Super Output Areas
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
SSSI	Sites of Special Scientific Interest

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## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Open Space Assessment Report prepared by Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) for Derby City Council (DCC). It focuses on reporting the findings of the research, site assessments, consultation, data analysis and GIS mapping that underpins the study.

The focus for the study is on assessing the quality of existing open space provision across the City. As part of this process it is also necessary to take account of the levels of provision that exist, its distribution, usage and role. It sets in place a mechanism used for scoring and rating sites based on their quality whilst recognising the quantity and accessibility of provision. The benefits of having high quality open space include health & wellbeing, climate change, improves the built environment and enables Derby an attractive place for employers

The processes established within the study can be used in the future to consistently and robustly assess other areas of open space and to help inform decision making process as part of the Local Plan Part 2, the determination of planning applications and estate rationalisation.

The study builds upon a previous Open Space Assessment undertaken in 2009. This helped to set the strategic approach to open spaces with the overarching quantity and accessibility standards being incorporated into the Derby City Local Plan – Part 1. Consequently, this study is not reviewing or updating the adopted quantity and accessibility standards. However, both are used within the report to help inform the work.

This study has been prepared in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); which sets out the Governments planning policies for England. In order for planning policies to be ‘sound’ local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities. Paragraph 96 of the NPPF refers to the need for assessments to identify qualitative or quantitative deficiencies or surpluses of open space.

The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) suggests Sport England’s Guidance may be followed to assess the needs for recreation facilities. However, this only focuses on indoor and outdoor sport facilities and not wider open space provision.

For outdoor sports, DCC is undertaking a separate Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy as supported by Sport England. This should be sought with regard to the current and future need of playing pitches and outdoor sports provision.

We therefore advocate the methodology to undertake an assessment of open space should still be informed by best practice including the Planning Policy Guidance 17 Companion Guidance. Although PPG17 has been replaced by the NPPF, the assessment of open space facilities is carried out using the PPG17 Companion Guide entitled ‘Assessing Needs and Opportunities’ published in September 2002 as it remains the only national guidance on carrying out an open space assessment. The Companion Guidance covers quantity, quality and accessibility of provision.

In accordance with best practice recommendations\* a size threshold of 0.2 hectares has been applied to the inclusion of some typologies within the study. This means that, in general, sites that fall below this threshold are not audited.

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\* Companion Guidance to PPG17

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The open space typologies included within the study are detailed in Table 1.1:

*Table 1.1: Open space typology definitions*

Typology	Primary purpose
Parks	Accessible, high quality opportunities for more formal recreation and community events. Sites likely to include more formal layouts, boundaries and features.
Natural and semi-natural greenspaces	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.
Amenity greenspace	Provides opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas.
Provision for children and young people	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, MUGAs and skateboard areas.
Allotments	Provides opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion.

## 1.1 National context

The NPPF sets out the planning policies for England. It details how these are expected to be applied to the planning system and provides a framework to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

It states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It establishes that the planning system needs to focus on three themes of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. A presumption in favour of sustainable development is a key aspect for any plan-making and decision-taking processes. In relation to plan-making the NPPF sets out that Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs.

The NPPF recognises that access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can provide an important contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities. It sets out that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficiencies and surpluses in local areas should also be identified.

As a prerequisite the NPPF (advocated by the NPPG), states that existing open space, sports and recreation sites, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- ◀ An assessment has been undertaken, which has clearly shown the site to be surplus to requirements; or
- ◀ The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- ◀ The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

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The requirements of the NPPF have been incorporated into the Council's Part 1 Local Plan, specifically Policy CP17: Public Green Space.

## 1.2 Local context

### ***The Council Plan 2016 – 2019***

The Council's vision is to create a safe, strong and ambitious City; to achieve this, the Plan sets out eight priority outcomes. Priority 3 states that the Council will work with key partners to improve health and wellbeing for everyone irrespective of age while Priority 6 states that the Council will make the most of its assets.

Aligned to this, the Council has to deliver savings of £45 million between 2016 and 2019. Key priority outcomes to help deliver the savings include making the most of the Council's existing assets and improving housing, supporting job creation and regeneration. An additional Council priority is to promote health and well-being and, in particular, reduce the level of obesity, particularly in children.

### ***Derby City Local Plan***

The Derby City Local Plan Part 1 (DCLP1) was adopted in January 2017 and sets a clear strategic approach to protecting and securing open space.

Policy CP16: Green Infrastructure is the overarching green infrastructure policy which sets out the Council's aspirations over the plan period; these include protection of Green Belt and Green Wedges, ensuring that everyone has access to high quality open space and the continued support of partner organisations projects

Policy CP17: Public Green Space sets out in detail how the Council will protect and enhance the provision of Public Green Space in the City in-line with national policy. It carries forward the standard of 3.8 hectares per 1000 people from the City of Derby Local Plan Review and sets new accessibility standards. It is this policy which sets out the Council's commitment to undertaking a review of public green space '*to assess the overall provision across the City and explore opportunities to rationalise to create qualitative improvements that address existing deficiencies*'.

Policy CP19 recognises the important role biodiversity plays in creating safe and sustainable communities and, reflecting the NPPF, sets out criteria for the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.

Given the age of the existing Open Space Study, changes in planning policy, along with ongoing pressures on existing open space provision, there is a clear need for a new robust and consistent way of assessing existing spaces to inform decisions about future open space strategy in the City.



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## PART 2: METHODOLOGY

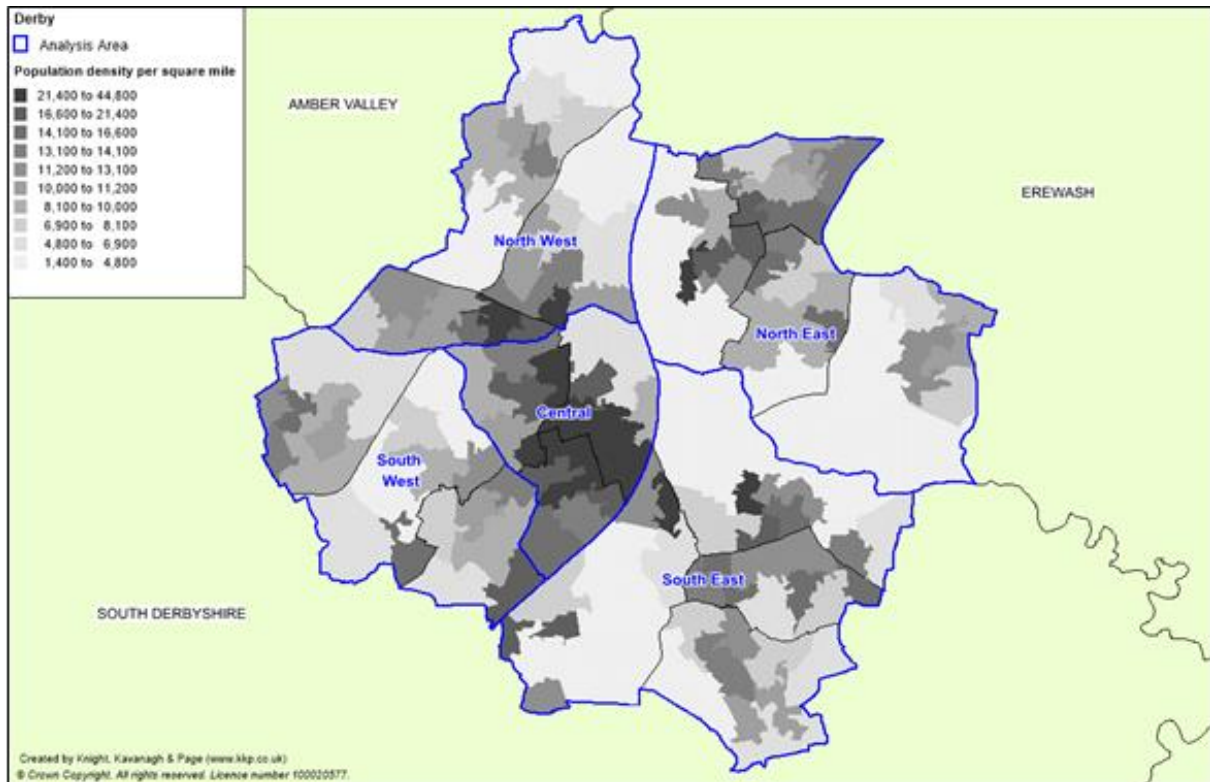
### 2.1 Analysis areas

For mapping purposes and audit analysis, the City is divided into five analysis areas (reflecting the geographical and demographical nature of the area). This allows more localised assessment of provision in addition to examination of open space surplus and deficiencies at a more local level as well as city wide. The City is therefore, broken down as follows:

Table 2.1: Population by analysis area

Analysis area	Population*
Central	54,560
North East	53,291
North West	43,520
South East	62,264
South West	42,097
<b>Derby City</b>	<b>256,732</b>

Figure 2.1: Analysis areas in Derby



\* Source: Mid 2016 ONS Population Estimates

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## 2.2 Auditing local provision

Consultation to identify and verify open space provision has been carried out through face-to-face meetings and telephone/survey interviews. This was undertaken with relevant council officers and key stakeholders such as friend's groups and associations. This helped to identify views on quantity, quality and accessibility at any specific sites and/or areas. It also allowed any local issues and aspirations to be identified.

The audit, and the report, utilise the following typologies in accordance with best practice:

- ◀ Parks
- ◀ Natural & semi-natural greenspace
- ◀ Amenity greenspace
- ◀ Provision for children & young people
- ◀ Allotments

Each site is classified based on its primary open space purpose, so that each type of space is counted only once. Only sites publicly accessible are included (i.e. private sites or land, which people cannot access, are not included).

The site audit for this study was undertaken by the KKP Field Research Team. In total, 433 open spaces (including provision for children and young people) were visited and assessed to evaluate site value and quality\*.

In accordance with best practice recommendations a size threshold of 0.2 hectares has been applied to the inclusion of some typologies within the study. This means that, in general, sites that fall below this threshold are not audited. However, if a site below the size threshold is identified as being of significance it is included. The table below details the size threshold for each typology:

Typology	Size threshold
Parks	0.2 ha
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	0.2 ha
Amenity greenspace	0.2 ha
Provision for children and young people	no threshold
Allotments	no threshold

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\* A total of 538 sites were initially highlighted for inclusion but 104 were discounted due to either being below the 0.2 ha threshold or identified as no longer existing and/or not accessible for general public use (e.g. school sites, private gardens)

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## ***Database development***

All information relating to open spaces across the City are collated in the project open space database (an Excel electronic file) and GIS. All sites included within the audit, those identified and assessed, are included within it. The database details for each site are as follows:

Sites are primarily identified by KKP in the audit using official site names, where possible, and/or secondly using road names and locations.

### **Data held on open spaces database**

- ◀ KKP reference number (used for mapping)
- ◀ Site name
- ◀ Ownership (if known)
- ◀ Management (if known)
- ◀ Typology
- ◀ Size (hectares)
- ◀ Site visit data

## **2.3 Quality and value**

Each site is assessed for quality and value through the auditing of local provision; with each site receiving a separate score for quality and value. As part of the reporting, these individual scores are used to provide a combined quality/value rating. However, in order to provide a more detailed analysis of provision and to help inform future strategic direction, the individual scores are still retained. An explanation to the assessment of quality and value is set out on the following pages.

Quality and value are fundamentally different and can be unrelated. For example, a high quality site may be in an inaccessible location and thus provide minimal use or reasons to visit. It could, consequently, be of little value. Conversely, a rundown (poor quality) site may be the only one in an area and thus be immensely valuable.

As a result, quality and value are also treated separately in terms of scoring. This allows the application of a quality/value matrix (which along with analysing the quantity and accessibility of provision) can help to further determine prioritisation of investment and to identify sites that may be potentially surplus.

### ***Analysis of quality***

Data collated from site visits is initially based upon those scoring elements derived from the Green Flag Award scheme (a national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales, operated by Keep Britain Tidy). This is utilised to calculate a quality score for each site visited. Scores in the database are presented as percentage figures.

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The table below provides a summary to quality criteria for the open space assessments.

## **Quality criteria for open space site visit (score)**

- ▶ Physical access, e.g. public transport links, directional signposts,
- ▶ Personal security, e.g. site is overlooked, natural surveillance
- ▶ Access-social, e.g. appropriate minimum entrance widths
- ▶ Parking, e.g. availability, specific, disabled parking
- ▶ Information signage, e.g. presence of up to date site information, notice boards
- ▶ Equipment and facilities, e.g. assessment of both adequacy and maintenance of provision such as seats, benches, bins, toilets
- ▶ Location value, e.g. proximity of housing, other greenspace
- ▶ Site problems, e.g. presence of vandalism, graffiti
- ▶ Healthy, safe and secure, e.g. fencing, gates, staff on site
- ▶ Maintenance and cleanliness, e.g. condition of general landscape & features
- ▶ Groups that the site meets the needs of, e.g. elderly, young people
- ▶ Site potential i.e. could site or a feature be enhanced to reflect its location/role

For the provision for children and young people, the criteria is also built around Green Flag and is a non-technical visual assessment of the whole site, including general equipment and surface quality/appearance but also including an assessment of, for example, bench and bin provision. This differs, for example, from an independent Royal Society of Prevention of Accidents (RosPA) review, which is a more technical assessment of equipment in terms of play and risk assessment grade.

## **Analysis of value**

Using data calculated from the site visits and desk based research a value score for each site is identified. Value is defined in a Companion Guide to PPG17 in relation to the following three issues:

- ▶ Context of the site i.e. its accessibility, scarcity value and historic value.
- ▶ Level and type of use.
- ▶ The wider benefits it generates for people, biodiversity and the wider environment.

The value criteria set for audit assessment is derived as:

## **Value criteria for open space site visits (score)**

- ▶ Level of use (observations only), is there evidence of different types of users (e.g. dog walkers, joggers, children) throughout day, located near school and/or community facility
- ▶ Context of site in relation to other open spaces
- ▶ Structural and landscape benefits, e.g., well located, high quality defining the identity/ area
- ▶ Ecological benefits, e.g., supports/promotes biodiversity and wildlife habitats
- ▶ Educational benefits, e.g., provides learning opportunities on nature/historic landscapes
- ▶ Social inclusion and health benefits, e.g., promotes civic pride, community ownership and a sense of belonging; helping to promote physical and mental well-being
- ▶ Cultural and heritage benefits, e.g., statutory or locally listed buildings, historic elements/links (e.g. statues) and high-profile symbols of local area
- ▶ Amenity benefits and a sense of place, e.g., attractive places that are safe and well maintained; helping to create specific neighbourhoods and landmarks
- ▶ Economic benefits, e.g., enhances property values, promotes economic activity attracts visitors

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Children's and young people play provision is scored for value as part of the audit assessment. In particular, value is recognised in terms of size of sites and the range of equipment they host. For instance, a small site with only a single piece of equipment is likely to be of a lower value than a site with several different forms of equipment designed to cater for wider age ranges.

## ***Weighting of scores***

Using all the criteria to allocate a score is not relevant for certain types of open space. Consequently, criteria are weighted differently for some types of open space to reflect the importance of that criterion for that open space type. In some instances, criteria may be omitted so it is not taken into account when calculating a quality/value score (i.e. if a specific criterion is not relevant to a particular type of open space).

It is important that different criteria and weightings are set for different typologies as each typology serves a different purpose. For example, seating has greater emphasis in parks than say allotments or natural and semi natural sites. Consequently, the weighting given to such criteria is amended to reflect such circumstances.

The quality and value criteria used to score each type of open space site and the weighting placed on certain criteria is set out in Appendix One. In summary, the greater the relevance/importance of a criterion to a type of open space the higher the weighting value.

Once all sites have been assessed and allocated an actual total score, it can be compared to the potential maximum score it could, in theory, receive based on the type of open space. This is shown as a percentage figure. A simplified example is, if the maximum a site could achieve is 100 for quality (i.e. the total points that could potential be awarded), and its actual mark from the site visit is 50, it will have a quality score of 50%.

## **2.4 Quality and value thresholds**

In order to determine whether sites are of higher or lower quality (as recommended by guidance); the results of the site assessments have been colour-coded against quality and value thresholds. These are represented by three classifications; high being green, average being amber and low being red. Further explanation to these classifications is set out below.

	Generally high-quality and high value sites which are well maintained with a variety of features and facilities catering to a wide range of users
	Includes sites considered as being of an acceptable quality or value. There may be opportunities to enhance the quality of these sites while others may fall into the low quality category.
	Generally low quality or low value sites needing further investigation. This category includes sites which in comparison to other forms of similar provision may be lacking in facilities, poorly maintained or not used by the community. Sites falling in this category may have the potential for improvement or an alternative use.

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The assessment criteria are derived from the criteria used as part of the Green Flag Award scheme. The threshold for assessing quality in the Green Flag Awards is 66%; based on the pass rate for Green Flag Award assessments. This is the only national benchmark available for quality of parks and open spaces. However, the site visit criteria used for Green Flag is designed to represent a sufficiently high standard of open space. It is not appropriate to use the Green Flag pass mark/threshold in this study as the criteria used is not the same as that of the Green Flag.

Furthermore, each typology of open space is assessed against differing quality and value criteria (which in turn may be given different weighting to reflect its importance). It is important that different criteria and weightings are set for different typologies as each typology serves a different purpose. For example, seating has greater emphasis in parks than say allotments or natural and semi natural sites. Consequently, the weighting given to such criteria is amended to reflect such circumstances. The quality and value criteria used to score each type of open space site and the weighting placed on certain criteria is set out in Appendix One.

Quality thresholds are, thus, adjusted to better reflect average scores for each typology. In our experience this works effectively as a locally reflective method to distinguish between higher and lower quality sites.

Consequently, the quality thresholds in this study are set above and below the average score to distinguish high to average and average to low quality.

*Table 2.3: Quality and value thresholds by typology*

Typology	Quality threshold			Value threshold
	Low	Average	High	
Parks	<50%	51-70%	≥70%	40%
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	<40%	41-60%	≥60%	30%
Amenity greenspace	<47%	47-59%	≥60%	40%
Provision for children and young people	<60%	60-80%	≥80%	50%
Allotments	<50%	51-65%	≥65%	35%

For value there is no national guidance on the setting of thresholds. The value thresholds applied are therefore set just below the average value score for each type of open space to help distinguish sites of a higher or lower value. Two categories (high and low) are used for value as opposed to the three for quality (high, average, low). Value is more subjective in comparison to quality. Consequently, the two value categories are used in order to provide a straight forward level of analysis and to not over complicate the process. When used in conjunction with the quality scores, an informed understanding to a site is provided.

The individual quality and value ratings are then used to provide each site with a combined quality/value rating. This combined rating is based on the individual ratings for quality and value (i.e. if a site is high quality and high value, it receives a high quality/value rating). For sites with an average quality rating or with a quality or value score close to a threshold to another rating, a decision has been made to determine its overall quality and value.

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## 2.5 Accessibility standards

Accessibility standards for different types of provision are a tool to identify communities currently not served by existing facilities. It is recognised that factors that underpin catchment areas vary from person to person, day to day and hour to hour. This problem is overcome by accepting the concept of 'effective catchments', defined as the distance that would be travelled by the majority of users.

The catchment mapping takes account of known major barriers to movement in order to further reflect how people travel to access provision. Major barriers such as the River Derwent, railway lines and main roads such as A5111, A52 and A38 are taken in to account as infrastructure which may impact on people's ability to access a site.

The Council already has accessibility standards established for different types of open space. Policy CP17: Public Green Space and Appendix D within the Local Plan Part 1 sets out the accessibility standards for eight different types of open space. As per the brief, these have been used to help inform the analysis of existing provision.

*Table 2.4: Accessibility standards to travel to open space provision*

Open space type		Applied standard
Parks	City Parks	10-minute drive time
	District Parks	15-minute walk time (1200m)
	Neighbourhood Parks	10-minute walk time (800m)
Natural and semi-natural		10-minute walk time (800m)
Amenity greenspace		5 minute walk time (400m)
Provision for children and young people	Children's play	10-minute walk time (800m)
	Facilities for young people	15-minute walk time (1200m)
Allotments		15 minute walk time (1200m)

No accessibility standard is set for amenity green space within Appendix D of the Local Plan. The previous PPG17 study set a distance of 240m (equivalent to 3 minutes). However, for the purposes of this study a 5-minute walk time (equivalent to 400m) has been utilised to provide a catchment distance for amenity green space. This is considered to be more reflective of its typical role and usage whilst being in line with national guidance (e.g. Fields In Trust suggest a 6 minute walk time for amenity provision). In addition, the 3 minute walk time used in the previous PPG17 study is considered to be too small to offer any meaningful analysis.



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## PART 3: GENERAL OPEN SPACE SUMMARY

### 3.1 Site Visit Overview

This section provides a summary from the quality and value audit for all types of open space in Derby. Further, detailed analysis of each typology is provided in subsequent chapters.

Within Derby City, there is a total of over 873 hectares of open space which equates to approximately 11% of the total administrative area. The largest contributor to provision is parks (459 hectares); accounting for 53%. Overall, there are 433 sites. All are assessed for quality and value. Any site-specific concerns are set out within the relevant typology section.

Table 3.1: Overview of open space provision

Open space typology	Number of sites	Total amount (hectares)*
Parks	47	459
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	61	214
Amenity greenspace	162	123
Provision for children & young people	133	12
Allotments	30	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>873</b>

Types of provision not assessed or included as part of the study are private gardens, institutional grounds, school playing fields or private sport clubs. Such forms of provision are not available to members of the public to access to the same level as typical open space.

### 3.2 Quality

The methodology for assessing quality is set out in Part 2. The table below (Table 3.2) summarises the results of all the quality assessments for open spaces across the City.

Table 3.2: Quality scores for all open space typologies

Typology	Scores (%)			No. of sites		
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low	Average	High
Parks	30%	63%	98%	8	26	13
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	21%	49%	82%	15	36	10
Amenity greenspace	29%	56%	80%	27	84	51
Provision for children & young people	37%	74%	92%	17	56	60
Allotments	45%	60%	76%	3	18	9
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>70</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>143</b>

\* Rounded to the nearest whole number



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Table 3.2 shows that over half of open space in the City is assessed as average quality (51%). A third of open space provision is assessed as high quality with a further 16% rated as low quality. There is generally a good level of quality across provision. This is reflected in a greater proportion of sites rating average or high in terms of quality.

### 3.3 Value

The methodology for assessing value is set out in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below (Table 3.3) summarises the results of the value assessment for open spaces across the City.

Table 3.3: Value scores for all open space typologies

Typology	Scores (%)			No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low	High
Parks	30%	61%	89%	2	45
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	20%	40%	64%	5	56
Amenity greenspace	23%	54%	81%	7	155
Provision for children & young people	40%	63%	92%	8	125
Allotments	29%	43%	59%	1	29
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>23</b>	<b>410</b>

The majority of sites (410) are assessed as being above the threshold for value. Lower value sites often reflect a lack of ancillary facilities and range of features at sites. If a site offers less amounts and diverse features, it may be likely to have less value and benefits in comparison to those sites that do contain such features. However, such sites may still provide some value in offering a visual and recreational function.

A higher value site is considered to be one that is well used by the local community, well maintained (with a balance for conservation), provides a safe environment and/or has features of interest; for example, play equipment and landscaping. Sites that provide for a cross section of users and have a multi-functional use are more likely to be considered to have a higher value than those that offer limited functions and use and/or are thought of as appearing bland and unattractive. This does not mean however that a site with a single function does not have some value if it performs that function well or it is an important function.

### 3.4 Summary

#### General summary

- ◀ In total there are 433 sites equating to over 873 hectares. A quality and value score is provided for all sites.
- ◀ The majority of open spaces rate average for quality (51%), a third rate as high quality and further 16% rate low for quality.
- ◀ The majority of open spaces are assessed as being above high value. This is often a reflection towards the importance in providing social, environmental and health benefits.

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## PART 4: PARKS

### 4.1 Introduction

The typology of parks covers urban parks, country parks and formal gardens (including designed landscapes), which provide accessible high-quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events.

Parks are often viewed as sites with formal layouts, well defined boundaries and entrances that normally include a network of paths, seating and/or other facilities and features to be enjoyed by the public.

### 4.2 Current provision

There are 47 sites classified as parks. This is an equivalent of over 499 hectares. No site size threshold has been applied and, as such, all known sites are included within the typology.

*Table 4.1: Distribution of parks*

Analysis area	Parks	
	Number	Size (ha)
Central	8	32.21
North East	10	75.07
North West	9	206.30
South East	11	89.74
South West	9	55.31
<b>Derby City</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>458.64</b>

All analysis areas are identified as having provision of parks. The greatest amount of provision (206 hectares) is to be found in the North West Analysis Area. This is predominantly due to the analysis area containing Allestree Park. The site is the largest park site across the City at 90 hectares.

Other significantly sized sites include Markeaton Park (64 hectares) and Darley Park (27 hectares) in the North West Analysis Area; The Racecourse (30 hectares) in the North East Analysis Area and Sinfin Moor Park (30 hectares) in the South East Analysis Area.

It is important to recognise that many of the sites classified as parks also provide secondary roles such as to the provision of natural and semi-natural greenspace. For instance, larger sites such as Allestree Park and Sinfin Moor Park are identified as having areas of land designated as Local Nature Reserves (LNR). Other sites such as Pit Close Lane Recreation Ground and Sunnysdale Park are also highlighted as having conservation designations. However, for the purpose of this part of the study such sites are identified and categorised by their primary role.

To reflect the different roles of parks, sites can be categorised by their sub-classification. Table 4.2 sets out the distribution of the different sub-categories for parks across the City.

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Table 4.2: Distribution of parks by sub-category

Analysis area	Parks			
	City	District	Neighbourhood	TOTAL
North East	-	3	7	10
North West	2	2	5	9
South East	-	2	9	11
South West	-	-	9	9
Central			8	8
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>47</b>

The majority of parks provision is observed as being classified as a Neighbourhood Park. Both City and District Parks are considered to offer a more strategic role and level of appeal.

The South West/Central Analysis Area is the only analysis area to not contain a District or City Park. It does however have a greater number of Neighbourhood Parks.

The two City Parks (i.e. Allestree Park and Markeaton Park) are both located within the North West Analysis Area. In addition, Elvaston Castle Country Park (in South Derbyshire District) is considered to serve as a city park despite it being situated outside of the City boundary. As it located outside of the boundary it is not assessed as part of this study.

## 4.3 Accessibility

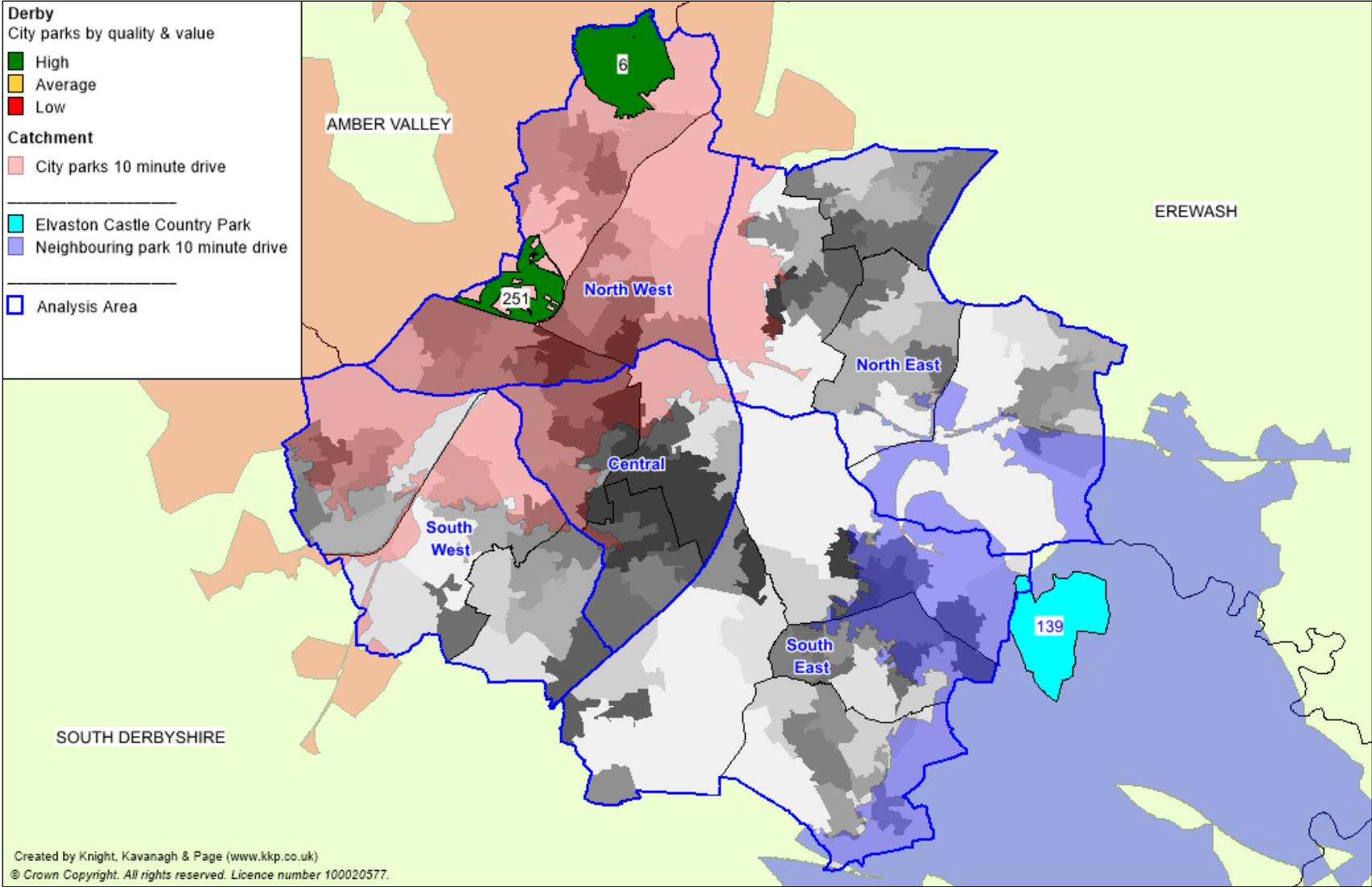
The Council already has accessibility standards in place for parks. City Parks have a 10-minute drive time, District Parks have a 15-minute walk time and Neighbourhood Parks have a 10-minute walk time.

Figures 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 shows the accessibility standards applied to parks to help inform where deficiencies in provision may be located.

A sites' overall quality/value rating is also provided as part of the mapping. The quality/value rating is a combination of the individual quality and value score each site receives as part of the audit assessment. Section 4.4 and 4.5 provide a further breakdown to the quality and value scores.

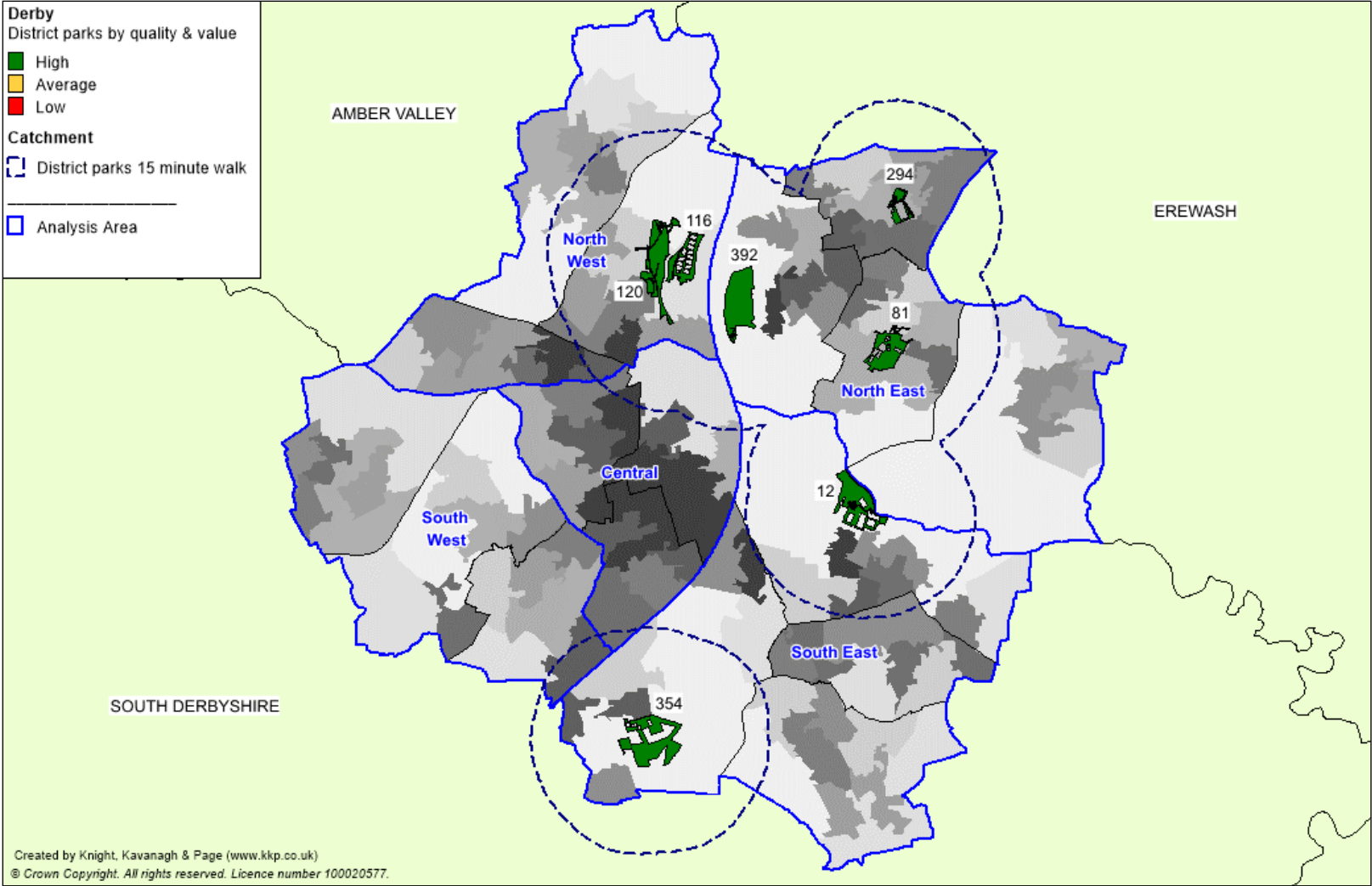
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Figure 4.1: City Parks with a 10-minute drive time



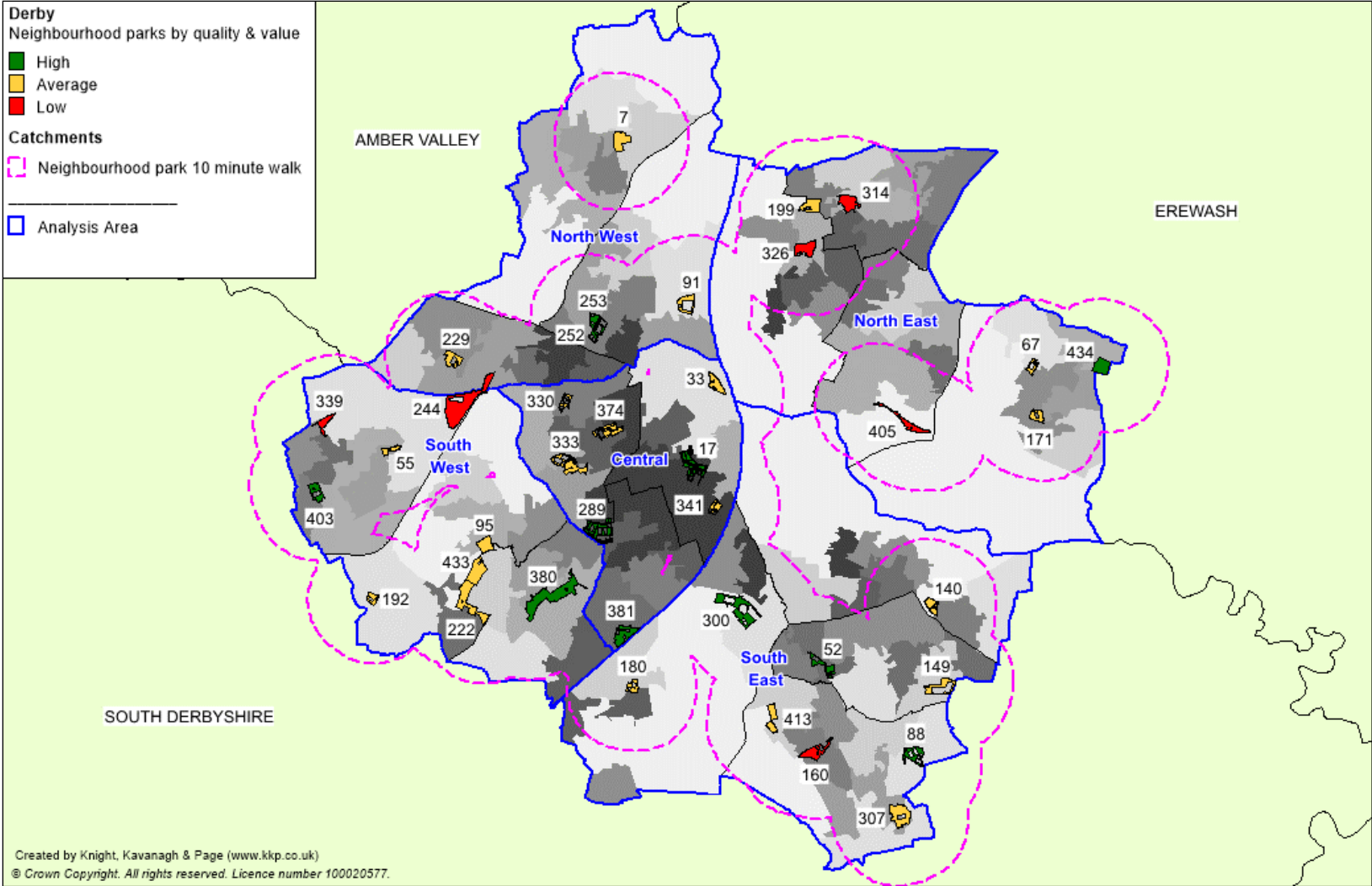
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Figure 4.2: District Parks with a 15-minute walk time



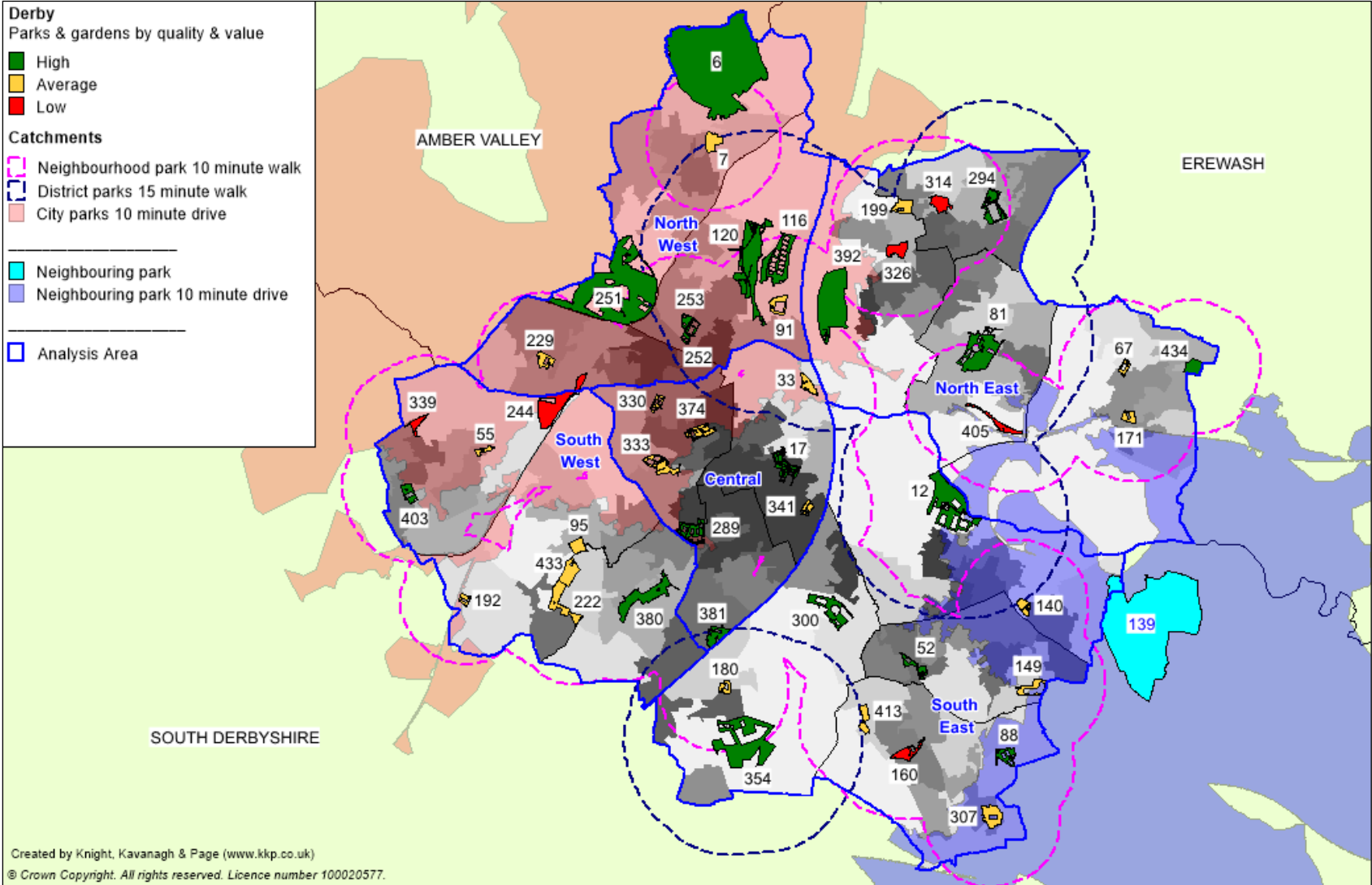
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Figure 4.3: Neighbourhood Parks with a 10-minute walk time



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Figure 4.4: All parks with associated catchments





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Table 4.3: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Level	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
6	Allestree Park	City	North West	High
7	Allestree Recreation Ground	Neighbourhood	North West	Medium
12	Alvaston Park	District	South East	High
17	Arboretum Park	Neighbourhood	Central	High
33	Bass's Recreation Ground	Neighbourhood	Central	Medium
52	Boulton Lane Rec	Neighbourhood	South East	High
55	Bramble Brook Rec	Neighbourhood	South West	Medium
67	Brunswood Recreation Ground	Neighbourhood	North East	Medium
81	Chaddesden Park	District	North East	High
88	Chellaston Park	Neighbourhood	South East	High
91	Chester Green	Neighbourhood	North West	Medium
95	Clemsons Park	Neighbourhood	South West	Medium
116	Darley Fields	District	North West	High
120	Darley Park	District	North West	High
140	Elvaston Lane Recreation Ground	Neighbourhood	South East	Medium
149	Field Lane Rec	Neighbourhood	South East	Medium
160	Fullens Lock Park	Neighbourhood	South East	Low
171	Gravel Pit Lane Rec	Neighbourhood	North East	Medium
180	Sinfin Lane AGS	Neighbourhood	South East	Medium
192	Haven Baulk Lane Rec	Neighbourhood	South West	Medium
199	High View Park	Neighbourhood	North East	Medium
222	Griffe Field Park	Neighbourhood	South West	Medium
229	Knightsbridge Rec	Neighbourhood	North West	Medium
244	Mackworth Park	Neighbourhood	South West	Medium
251	Markeaton Park	City	North West	High
252	Markeaton Rec Park	Neighbourhood	North West	High
253	Markeaton Recreation Ground	Neighbourhood	North West	High
289	Normanton Park	Neighbourhood	Central	High
294	Oakwood Park	District	North East	High
300	Osmaston Park	Neighbourhood	South East	High
307	Pit Close Lane Recreational Ground	Neighbourhood	South East	Medium
314	Priory Park	Neighbourhood	North East	Low
326	Roe Farm Recreation Ground	Neighbourhood	North East	Low
330	Rowditch Park	Neighbourhood	Central	Medium
333	Rykneld Recreational	Neighbourhood	Central	Medium
339	Saxondale Avenue	Neighbourhood	South West	Low
341	Shaftsbury Sports Centre	Neighbourhood	Central	Low
354	Sinfin Moor Park	District	South East	High



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Site ID	Site name	Level	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
374	Stockbrook Recreational Park	Neighbourhood	Central	
380	Sunnydale Park	Neighbourhood	South West	
381	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground	Neighbourhood	Central	
392	The Racecourse	District	North East	
403	Vicarage Road Park	Neighbourhood	South West	
405	Waterford Drive	Neighbourhood	North East	
413	Whitehouse Farm Park	Neighbourhood	South East	
433	King George V Playing Fields	Neighbourhood	South West	
434	Dale Road Park	Neighbourhood	North East	

Application of the 10-minute drive time standard for City Parks shows the North West Analysis Area is well served along with part of the South West/Central Analysis Area.

The 15-minute walk time standard for District Parks shows a generally good level of coverage to the North East Analysis Area and parts of the North West Analysis Area and South East Analysis Area. The South West Analysis Area and Central Analysis Area are not covered by the catchments of any District parks.

Application of the 10-minute walk time standard for Neighbourhood Parks shows only minor gaps in catchment mapping to parts of the North East Analysis Area and North West Analysis Area.

When viewed together, there are no areas identified as not being served by at least one form of parks provision. There are some parts of the North West Analysis Area and North East Analysis Area that are served by multiple forms of parks.

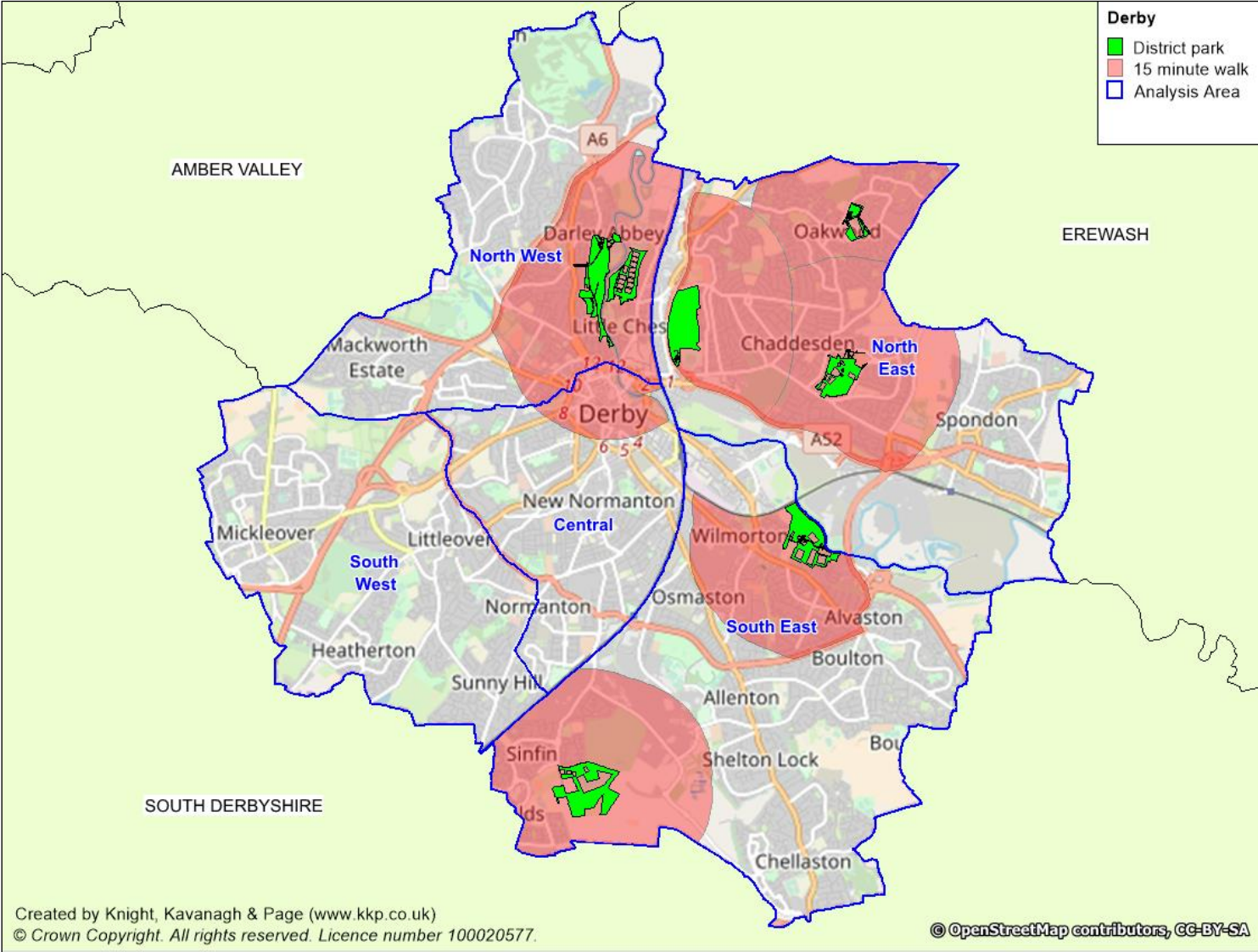
It is recognised for some forms of parks provision (i.e. those with walk time catchments) that barriers to movement will influence how people access such sites. The following maps take account of the significant infrastructure barriers such as the A6 and A52 roads, railway lines and the River Derwent. There may also, in some instances, be more localised barriers.

Taking into account significant barriers to movement against the 15-minute walk for District Parks results in a less extensive level of coverage compared to the previous map (Figure 4.2). The North West and North East analysis areas are still well served by provision although gaps are noted. A gap in provision is also observed to the north of the South East Analysis Area.

The 10-minute walk time standard for Neighbourhood Parks incorporating barriers to movement results in more obvious gaps being observed to the North East Analysis Area and North West Analysis Area. In addition, gaps to the South West Analysis Area and South East Analysis Area are also identified.

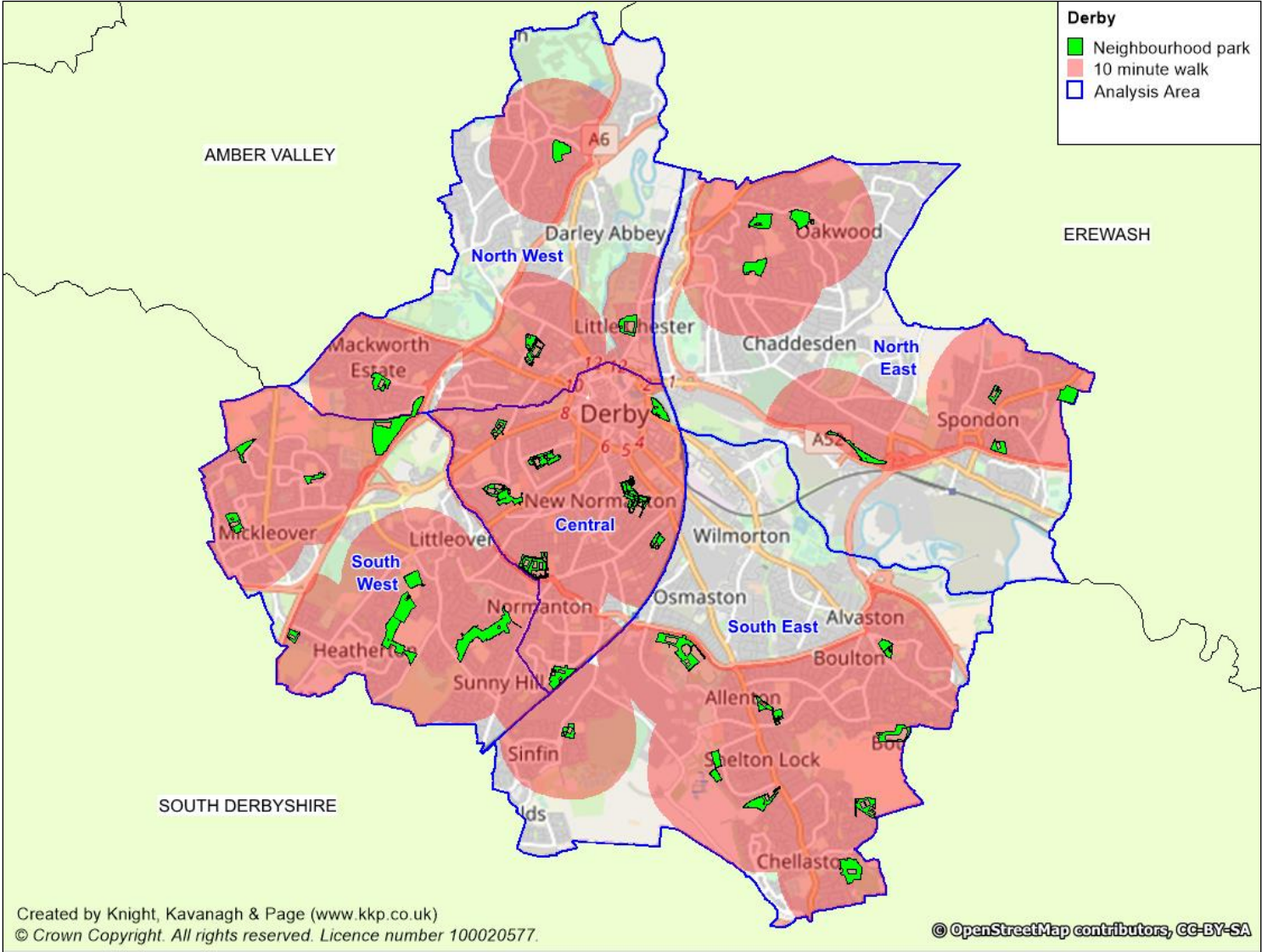
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Figure 4.5: District Parks with a 15-minute walk time incorporating barriers to movement



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Figure 4.6: Neighbourhood Parks with a 10-minute walk time incorporating barriers to movement



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## 4.4 Quality

In order to determine whether sites are high, average or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green, average being amber and low being red). This is explained further in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for parks provision in Derby. Explanation of the quality scoring and thresholds can be found in Part 2.

Table 4.4: Quality ratings for parks by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites		
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <60%	Average 60%-80%	High >80%
Central	51%	63%	78%	0	6	2
North East	30%	54%	75%	4	4	2
North West	58%	72%	98%	0	6	3
South East	44%	66%	88%	2	5	4
South West	34%	59%	74%	2	5	2
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>

Most parks in Derby (55%) rate average for quality with 28% rating as high quality; demonstrating the generally excellent standard of existing provision. In addition, there are eight sites to rate below the quality threshold.

Out of the eight sites to rate low for quality, four are located in the North East Analysis Area. This area has a greater proportion of sites which rate low for quality compared to others. In comparison to other parks, the sites are identified as lacking ancillary features such as seating, signage and bins. Furthermore, Roe Farm Recreation Ground is noted as containing play equipment but this is observed as being of a poorer general appearance.

Other sites to rate lower for quality tend to reflect an overall lack of looking to appear to like a typical park and garden. Many of the lower scoring park sites are more informal in appearance with a general lack of features and/or facilities. This is particularly observed at site such as:

- ◀ Waterford Drive (30%)
- ◀ Roe Farm Recreational Ground (31%)
- ◀ Mackworth Park (34%)
- ◀ Fullens Lock Park (44%)
- ◀ Priors Park (44%)
- ◀ Saxondale Avenue (45%)

All the sites are identified as having no benches or bins with the exception of Saxondale Avenue; although most sites do contain a play area. Drainage is also highlighted as an issue at the sites. At the time of the assessment, surface conditions were considered to inhibit general usage of the sites.

In general, quality of parks provision is viewed as being good across Derby. Sites assessed as being of particularly excellent quality and which rate highly for quality are:

- ◀ Markeaton Park (98%)
- ◀ Alvaston Park (88%)
- ◀ Darley Park (86%)
- ◀ Sinfin Moor Park (79%)
- ◀ Chaddesden Park (79%)
- ◀ Arboretum Park (78%)



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All the sites are highlighted as having excellent landscaped features as well as a significant range of good quality facilities. For instance, all have provision of equipped play facilities for children and young people as well as opportunities to learn and socialise and participate in sporting activities. Other ancillary features and facilities include toilets, parking, water features, wildlife areas and an abundant supply of seating. There is a cost for car parking at Markeaton Park however given the offer and opportunities at the site it seems very good value for money. Furthermore, the sites provide an excellent network of well cared for pathways, allowing for people of all abilities to access the site for different levels of physical activity (e.g. walking, jogging etc).

Some sites such as Alvaston Park boasts a science garden, cafe and national BMX track. Chaddesden Park contains a library whilst Markeaton Park, Derby's most visited park, boasts a wheeled sports area, high ropes (fee charged), a paddling pool and craft village. Consequently, all these parks sites score exceptionally high for overall quality.

The high quality of provision is evidenced by six of the sites having Green Flag Award status.

### ***Green Flag***

The Green Flag Award scheme is licensed and managed by Keep Britain Tidy. It provides national standards for parks and greenspaces across England and Wales. Public service agreements, identified by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) highlight the importance placed on Green Flag status as an indicator of high quality. This in turn impacts upon the way parks are managed and maintained.

A survey by improvement charity GreenSpace highlights that parks with a Green Flag Award provide more satisfaction to members of the public compared to those sites without it. The survey of 16,000 park users found that more than 90% of Green Flag Award park visitors were very satisfied or satisfied with their chosen site, compared to 65% of visitors to non-Green Flag parks.

There are 14 sites in the City identified as achieving Green Flag Award status (2017/18). Park sites with a Green Flag Award include:

- ◀ Alvaston Park (Green Flag)
- ◀ Arboretum Park (Green Flag)
- ◀ Chaddesden Park (Green Flag)
- ◀ Darley Park (Green Flag)
- ◀ Markeaton Park (Green Flag and Community Award))
- ◀ Sunnydale Park (Green Flag)

Other sites with Green Flag Award but categorised as a different open space include:

- ◀ Chaddesden Wood (Green Flag Community Award)
- ◀ Chellaston Brickworks LNR including Pit Close Rec (Green Flag Community Award)
- ◀ Darley Nutwood (Green Flag Community Award)
- ◀ Little Chester Allotments (Green Flag Community Award)
- ◀ Sinfin Moor Park and LNR (Green Flag Community Award)
- ◀ Markeaton Walled Garden (Green Flag Community Award)
- ◀ Ashbourne Road Allotments (Green Flag Community Award)
- ◀ Darley Hydrangea Garden (Green Flag Community Award)

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To be successfully awarded a Green Flag, sites must be considered to be maintained and managed to a high standard. The work of both the Council maintenance team/contractors and the Friends of Groups located at sites are important to their continuing achievement.

### 4.5 Value

In order to determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for parks in Derby. A minimum threshold of 40% is applied in order to identify sites of a higher and lower value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 4.5: Value ratings for parks by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <40%	High >40%
Central	53%	67%	83%	0	8
North East	37%	54%	76%	1	9
North West	56%	66%	82%	0	9
South East	44%	63%	89%	0	11
South West	48%	57%	77%	1	8
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>45</b>

Nearly all parks are rated as being above the value threshold. This demonstrates the high social inclusion and health benefits, ecological value and sense of place that park offer.

Only two sites rate below the value threshold; Priory Park and Saxondale Avenue. Both sites also rate lower for quality. The ratings are a reflection to the sites general lack of features. However, both are recognised as offering some uses such as opportunities for informal exercise (e.g. walking) and play.

Generally, sites scoring higher for value are those which offer a more diverse range of uses and functions whilst catering for a wider range of users. Some of the highest scoring sites for value include:

- ◀ Sinfin Moor Park (89%)
- ◀ Normanton Park (83%)
- ◀ Darley Park (82%)
- ◀ Alvaston Park (82%)
- ◀ Arboretum Park (79%)

Most of these sites are identified as having community involvement to some degree. All either have a friends group or community run café linked to the site; which help to enhance the value and benefits offered. Arboretum Park also scores highly for value due to its collection of trees, historic significance (as the first Public Park in Britain) and role of the site.

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One of the key aspects of the value placed on parks provision is their ability to function as a multipurpose form of open space provision. Parks provide opportunities for local communities and individuals to socialise and undertake a range of different activities, such as exercise, dog walking and taking children to the play area.

Furthermore, parks sites often have ecological value, providing habitats for a variety of wildlife. Sites such as Allestree Park, Pit Close Lane Recreation Ground, Sinfin Moor Park and Sunnydale Park are all observed as containing a LNR designation.

Taking all this into account, parks are recognised as being heavily integrated into people's everyday lives.

Evidence of this is noted from a number of parks having an associated and active Friends Group. These groups provide additional value and quality benefits to sites. Many groups carry out additional maintenance activities, such as litter picks and coppicing, as well as arranging and helping with regular community events.

## 4.6 Summary

### Parks

- ◀ There are 47 sites classified as parks totalling over 450 hectares.
- ◀ Application of the accessibility standards does not highlight any noticeable gaps in catchment mapping; suggesting all areas are well served in terms of access to parks provision.
- ◀ There are 13 parks to rate above the threshold for quality, 26 parks rate as average quality with eight parks scoring low. Lower scoring sites tend to lack facilities and features in comparison to other parks.
- ◀ High scoring sites for quality, such as Markeaton Park, Alvaston Park and Darley Park, do so due to the wide range of provision and excellent standard of appearance.
- ◀ There are currently six park sites in the City with Green Flag Award status; Alvaston Park, Arboretum Park, Chaddesden Park, Darley Park, Markeaton Park and Sunnydale Park.
- ◀ Nearly all parks, are assessed as being of high value, with the important social interaction, health benefits, ecological value and sense of place sites offer being recognised. Only two rate below the value threshold (Priory Park and Saxondale Park). Both rate low for quality and are perceived to generally lack features and facilities associated with parks provision.

**PART 5: NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL GREENSPACE**

**5.1 Introduction**

The natural and semi-natural greenspace typology includes woodland (coniferous, deciduous, mixed) and scrub, grassland (e.g. down-land, meadow), heath or moor, wetlands (e.g. marsh, fen), wastelands (including disturbed ground), and bare rock habitats (e.g. cliffs, quarries, pits) and commons. Such sites are often associated with providing wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.

**5.2 Current provision**

In total, 61 sites are identified as natural and semi-natural greenspace, totalling over 214 hectares of provision. These totals may not include all provision in the City as a site size threshold of 0.2 hectares has been applied. Guidance recommends that sites smaller than this may be of less recreational value but may still have some biodiversity value.

*Table 5.1: Distribution of natural and semi-natural greenspace*

Analysis area	Natural and semi-natural greenspace	
	Number	Size (ha)
Central	2	2.05
North East	16	67.09
North West	14	40.08
South East	14	67.02
South West	15	38.25
<b>Derby City</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>214.49</b>

All analysis areas are identified as having natural and semi-natural greenspace provision. The greatest amounts of provision are located in the North East Analysis Area (67 hectares) and the South East Analysis Area (67 hectares).

The North West Analysis Area also contains the Allestree Park site which has large areas of land with a role and function similar to natural and semi-natural greenspace. Approximately 50 hectares of Allestree Park is recognised as having a natural and semi-natural role. If such areas of land are also included, the North West Analysis Area would have 90 hectares of natural provision. The total across Derby would be nearly 265 hectares.

Other sites of a significant size are Darley Nutwood (10 hectares) in the North West Analysis Area, Acorn Way (15 hectares) in the North East Analysis Area as well as Pit Close Rec/Chellaston Brickworks (14 hectares) and The Sanctuary (13 hectares) in the South East Analysis Area.

It is important to recognise that many of the sites classified as parks also provide secondary roles such as to the provision of natural and semi-natural greenspace. In addition to Allestree Park mentioned above, sites such as Sinfin Moor Park and Sunnysdale Park are identified as having areas of land designated as Local Nature Reserves (LNR). However, for the purpose of this part of the study such sites are identified and categorised by their wider primary role.



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## ***Designations***

In terms of national designations, there are 11 Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) identified in Derby:

- ◀ Allestree Park
- ◀ Chaddesden Wood (9.8 ha)
- ◀ Darley & Nutwood (10.3 ha)
- ◀ Elmwood (2.0 ha)
- ◀ Onslow Road (3.3 ha)
- ◀ Onslow Road NSN (2.9 ha)
- ◀ Pit Close Rec/Chellaston - Brickworks (14.3 ha)
- ◀ Sinfyn Moor LNR (2.9 ha)
- ◀ Lime Lane Wood LNR (0.8 ha)
- ◀ West Park Meadows (4.3 ha)
- ◀ The Sanctuary (12.6 ha)

The areas recorded above are for the sites identified as part of the audit which may not reflect the area of land actually designated as LNR.

The Sanctuary LNR is the only site which access is not permitted. The site is a haven for wildlife but cannot be accessed due to conservation reasons.

## **5.3 Accessibility**

The Council already has accessibility standards in place for open space provision. For natural and semi-natural greenspace, sites have a 10-minute walk time.

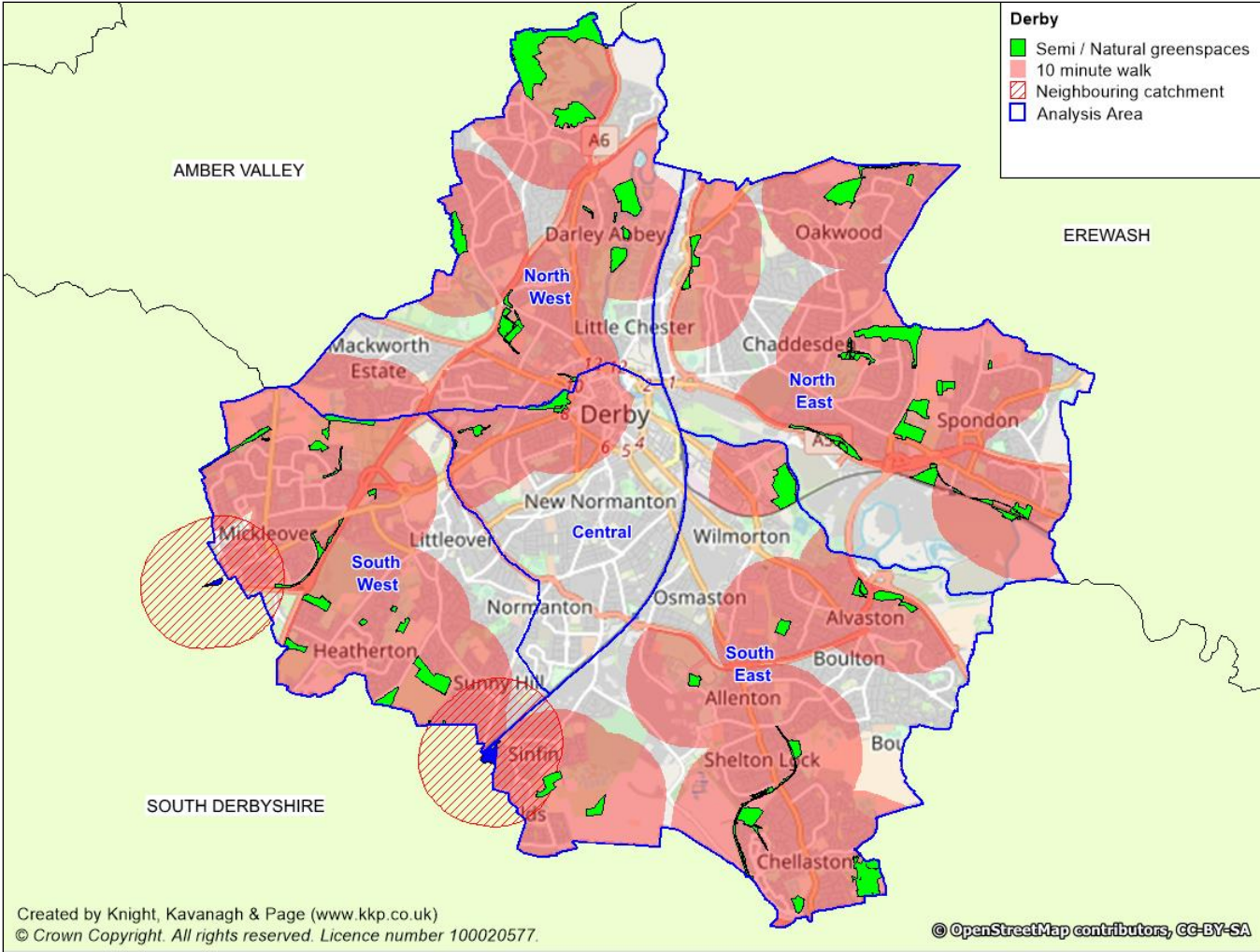
Figure 5.1 shows the accessibility standard applied to natural and semi-natural greenspace to help inform where deficiencies in provision may be located.

A sites overall quality and value rating is also provided as part of the mapping. The quality/value rating is a combination of the individual quality and value score each site receives as part of the audit assessment. Section 5.4 and 5.5 provide a further breakdown to the quality and value scores.

It is recognised for some forms of open space provision (including natural provision) that barriers to movement will influence how people access such sites. The following map takes account of the significant infrastructure barriers such as the A6 and A52 roads, railway lines and the River Derwent. There may also, in some instances, be more localised barriers.

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Figure 5.1: Natural and semi-natural greenspace with a 10-minute walk time\*



\* The areas of Allestree Park (KKP 5) with a natural and semi-natural function are included with the catchment mapping given its identified role and use

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Table 5.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
2	Acorn Way*	North East	
21	Arleston Lane Natural Area	North West	
37	Beech Drive	South East	
56	Bramble Brook	North West	
61	Brierfield Way	South West	
66	Brook Street Walk	North West	
74	Badgerdale Way	North West	
80	Chaddesden Wood	South West	
83	Chaddesden Park Reserve	North East	
99	Coleman St Meadow	North East	
115	Darley Abbey Riverside	South East	
117	Darley Fields NSN	North West	
119	Darley Nutwood	North West	
123	Derby Canal Walk	North West	
127	Derby Road	North East	
128	Derby Road	North West	
138	Elmwood	North East	
143	Ex Springfield Allotments	South East	
144	Fairbourne Drive	North East	
152	Finmere Close	South West	
155	Former Canal Path	South West	
161	Fullens Lock Park NSN	South East	
165	Glen Park Close	South East	
173	Great Northern Road	South East	
174	Green Lane (Alvaston)	North West	
175	Greenfields Avenue	South East	
179	Grovebury Drive West	South West	
183	Hampshire Road	South West	
186	Hippo Wood	North East	
189	Haslams Lane	South East	
212	Humbleton View	North West	
216	John Berrysford Close Natural Area	South West	
226	Kingsway	North East	
236	Lime Lane	Central	
242	Lousie Greaves Lane	North East	
245	Maine Drive	North East	

\* Part of the site is allocated for housing in DCLP1

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
250	Marina Drive	North East	Yellow
254	Markeaton Street	North East	Yellow
257	Mayvale Grove	North West	Red
271	Mill Pond	Central	Yellow
274	Moorway Lane Millenium Wood	North West	Green
275	Moorway Lane/Balancing Pond	South West	Green
281	N. of Saxondale Park	South West	Yellow
284	Nether Park Drive	South West	Yellow
290	Nottingham Road	North West	Red
296	Old Mansfield Road Paddock	North East	Yellow
297	Onslow Road	North East	Yellow
298	Onslow Road NSN	South West	Yellow
305	Pendleside Way	South West	Red
308	Pit Close Rec and (Chellaston Brickworks)	South West	Green
311	Pritchett Drive	South East	Yellow
320	Queensway	South West	Yellow
355	Sinfin Moor LNR	North West	Green
357	Lime Lane Wood LNR	South East	Green
384	Swallowdale Road	South East	Red
391	The Copse	North West	Yellow
393	The Sanctuary	North West	Green
400	University of Derby NSN	South East	Yellow
408	West Park Meadows	North West	Green
428	Wye Street	North East	Red
430	Alvaston Community Nature Area	South East	Green

Despite not allowing access, it is assumed that The Sanctuary at Pride Park is of high quality and value due to its LNR designation and provision of wildlife habitats.

The map shows that the majority of provision is located towards the outskirts of the densely populated urban core of Derby. It is not unusual for natural and semi-natural provision sites to be situated in these locations.

Most analysis areas are served by the 10-minute walk time standard applied for natural and semi-natural greenspace (and incorporating barriers to movement). Large parts of the Central Analysis Area and parts of the North East Analysis Area and South East Analysis Area are not covered by any catchments. However, these gaps are served to some extent by other forms of provision such as Sunnydale Park, Normanton Park, Shaftsbury Sports Centre, Arboretum Park and Sunnyhill Recreation Ground as well as Roe Farm Recreation Ground, The Racecourse, Chaddesden Park and Alvaston Park. In addition, a number of amenity greenspaces are also identified as serving these areas.

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Promoting sites such as the City's parks to include features and elements with a natural and semi-natural perspective is important to offset this deficit; as is ensuring the quality/access to existing natural sites.

### 5.4 Quality

In order to determine whether sites are high, average or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green, average being amber and low being red). This is explained further in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for natural and semi-natural greenspace provision in Derby. Further explanation of the quality scoring and thresholds can be found in Part 2.

Table 5.3: Quality ratings for natural and semi-natural greenspace by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites		
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <40%	Average 40%-59%	High >60%
Central	32%	33%	33%	2	0	0
North East	28%	49%	82%	4	8	4
North West	32%	54%	79%	2	10	2
South East	33%	51%	75%	3	8	3
South West	28%	47%	72%	4	10	1
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>

Please note, access to The Sanctuary site is not permitted. However as stated earlier, it is assumed to be of a high standard given its LNR designation.

Most natural and semi-natural sites assessed in the City (36) rate average for quality. There are 15 sites to rate low for quality and 10 sites to rate as high quality.

Table 5.4 shows proportionally; the North East Analysis Area (25%) and South East Analysis Area (21%) have a slightly higher proportion of high quality sites compared to other analysis areas. The proportion of low quality sites is fairly evenly distributed across the City. However, the Central Analysis Area only has low quality sites in the area (two).

Both the North West Analysis Area and the South West Analysis Area are observed as having a greater proportion of sites to rate as average quality (71% and 67% respectively).

Table 5.4: Proportional quality by analysis area

Analysis area	Proportion of sites		
	Low	Average	High
Central	100%	0%	0%
North East	25%	50%	25%
North West	14%	71%	14%
South East	21%	57%	21%
South West	26%	67%	7%

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There are 15 sites to rate low for quality. Some of the lowest rating sites are:

- ◀ Ex Springfield Allotments (28%)
- ◀ Greenfields Avenue (28%)
- ◀ Derby Road (30%)
- ◀ Great Northern Road (32%)
- ◀ Mayvale Grove (32%)

These sites all score lower for overall maintenance and cleanliness. Observations from the site audit assessments highlights evidence of misuse and lack of regular maintenance. Issues with fly tipping and rubbish was observed at all the sites (with the exception of Ex Springfield Allotments). Mayvale Grove is the only site to contain any form of seating. Access to and within the sites is also noted as being difficult with surface quality and maintenance appearing limited; over grown vegetation and poor sight lines were also observed. This is likely to impact and limit the use of the sites for some users.

Furthermore, fly tipping and issues with rubbish are observed at other lower rating sites including Swallowdale Road, Kingsway and Nottingham Road.

All sites rating low for quality tend to lack basic ancillary features such as benches and bins. However, this may be due to a focus on providing habitat opportunities. Out of the 15 sites to rate low for quality, only Swallowdale Road and Mayvale Grove are highlighted as containing bins or benches. While this may not be expected of all forms of natural provision, some sites of this type do contain such features and consequently sites without such features may have a lower score in comparison.

The nine sites to rate high for quality are observed as attractive and generally well maintained. Sites also offer plenty of good quality ancillary features such as bins, benches, pathways, car parking and interpretation boards. They are considered to be well used by people for recreational purposes whilst also offering significant opportunities for wildlife promotion. Sites scoring particularly high include:

- ◀ Chaddesden Wood (82%)
- ◀ Sinfin Moor LNR (75%)
- ◀ Moorway Lane Millennium Wood (72%)
- ◀ Chaddesden Park Reserve (70%)
- ◀ West Park Meadows (70%)
- ◀ Haslams Lane (68%)
- ◀ Pit Close Rec and Chellaston Brickworks (65%)
- ◀ Darley Fields NSN (61%)
- ◀ Lime Lane NSN (61%)

Five of these sites are identified as having LNR designation; Chaddesden Wood, Sinfin Moor LNR, West Park Meadows, Pit Close Rec and Chellaston Brickworks and Lime Lane NSN. These sites demonstrate the ability for natural sites to balance the needs for sometimes competing roles in terms of recreational and conservation purposes.

Furthermore, three of these sites are identified as having Green Flag Award status.



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## Green Flag

The Green Flag Award scheme is licensed and managed by Keep Britain Tidy. It provides national standards for parks and greenspaces across England and Wales. Public service agreements, identified by the MHCLG highlight the importance placed on Green Flag status as an indicator of high quality. This in turn impacts upon the way sites are managed and maintained.

There are five natural and semi-natural greenspace sites in the City identified as achieving a Green Flag Award status (2017/18). These include:

- ◀ Chaddesden Wood
- ◀ Chellaston Brickworks LNR
- ◀ Sinfyn Moor Park and LNR
- ◀ Sunnydale Park LNR
- ◀ Darley & Nutwood LNR

To be successfully awarded a Green Flag, sites must be considered to be maintained and managed to a high standard. The work of both the Council maintenance team/contractors and the Friends of Groups located at sites are important to their continuing achievement.

## 5.5 Value

In order to determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for natural and semi-natural greenspaces in Derby. A minimum threshold of 30% is applied in order to identify sites of a higher and lower value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 5.5: Value ratings for natural and semi-natural greenspace by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <30%	High >30%
Central	31%	34%	38%	0	2
North East	28%	40%	64%	2	14
North West	30%	40%	58%	1	13
South East	32%	43%	59%	0	14
South West	20%	36%	52%	2	13
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>56</b>

Of the natural and semi-natural greenspace sites assessed, the majority (92%) rate above the threshold for value. Only five sites rate below the value threshold. These are:

- ◀ Greenfields Avenue (20%)
- ◀ Lousie Greaves Lane (28%)
- ◀ Ex Springfield Allotments (30%)
- ◀ North of Saxondale Park (30%)
- ◀ The Copse (30%)

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Greenfields Avenue is the lowest scoring site for value. The site is observed as having no clear entrances and the pathways on site are narrow and limited. This is considered to inhibit access and reduce the sites use. It is however noted as providing some ecological benefits and value. Greenfields Avenue and Ex Springfield Allotments are the two sites to rate low for quality and value. Other low scoring sites are also noted as having poor access and use; with natural surveillance and sight lines highlighted as limited.

Some of the highest scoring sites for value are those sites which rate high for quality. The highest rating sites for value are:

- ◀ Chaddesden Wood (64%)
- ◀ Pit Close and Chellaston Brickworks (59%)
- ◀ Haslams Lane (58%)
- ◀ Sinfin Moor LNR (57%)
- ◀ Darley Fields NSN (55%)
- ◀ West Park Meadows (55%)

Chaddesden Wood is the highest scoring site for value. It is one of two ancient woodlands in the City. The site is a Green Flag Award winner and a LNR. It has a friends group who host regular task mornings to carry out practical nature conservation work such as butterfly glade creation and footpath restoration. There is a noticeboard featuring a map and information about the nature reserve. This, along with well-maintained and wide pathways, provides excellent and accessible opportunities for a range of users to visit and learn at the site.

Pit Close Rec and Chellaston Brickworks, locally known as Chellaston Brickworks Local Nature Reserve, also scores high for value (59%). The site is a LNR with a Friends Group consisting of a small group of volunteers who undertake frequent work parties to help provide extra maintenance and enhancements to the site.

Sites to rate above the threshold for value often demonstrate the added benefit natural and semi-natural greenspaces can provide especially in terms of contributing to flora and fauna promotion. Sites are recognised as providing habitat opportunities as well as breaking up the urban form; larger sites can also provide a good recreational offer.

As cited earlier, there are 11 sites identified as having a LNR designation. Ten of these rate above the threshold for value. The Sanctuary LNR does not receive a quality and value score as access is not permitted.

## 5.6 Summary

**Natural and semi-natural greenspace summary**

- ◀ There are 61 sites identified as natural greenspace; a total of over 214 hectares.
- ◀ In addition, a number of parks also contribute to the provision of natural greenspace; particularly sites such as Allestree Park and Sunnydale Park.
- ◀ An accessibility standard of a 10-minute walk time shows some gaps in catchment mapping to the South West, Central as well North East and South East analysis areas. However, these are met by other forms of open space provision such as parks and amenity greenspaces.
- ◀ 11 sites are designated as a LNRs across Derby. All rate highly for value.
- ◀ Most sites are average quality (59%) with 16% high and 25% low quality. The Central Analysis Area has a slightly greater proportion of sites to rate low quality.
- ◀ Value of provision is positive with only five sites rating below the threshold. Sites of lower value reflect the quality issues highlighted at some sites. However, sites roles as forms of habitat provision is often still acknowledged.



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## PART 6: AMENITY GREENSPACE

### 6.1 Introduction

This is defined as sites offering opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas. It can include informal recreation spaces, housing green spaces, village greens and other similar space.

### 6.2 Current provision

There is a total of 162 amenity greenspace sites identified in the City with nearly 123 hectares of provision. Amenity greenspaces are most often found within areas of housing and function as informal recreation spaces or as open spaces along highways that provide a visual amenity. A site threshold of 0.2 hectares has been applied.

*Table 6.1: Distribution of amenity greenspace*

Analysis area	Amenity greenspace	
	Number	Size (ha)
Central	12	7.07
North East	50	27.51
North West	28	24.34
South East	50	43.06
South West	22	21.02
<b>Derby City</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>123.00</b>

Site sizes of provision vary from the smallest open space, such as Park Street/Liversage Walk at 0.16 hectares, to the largest, Derby Canal Walk, at over eight hectares. Despite being below 0.2 ha, Park Street/Liversage Walk is a well-used valuable amenity greenspace therefore, is included in the study and has been assessed.

It is important to note that whilst a large proportion of provision may be considered as being small grassed areas or visual landscaped space, there is some variation of sites within this typology. For example, some large sized sites, such as Derby Canal Walk, Mornington Crescent and Mickleover Park are included under amenity greenspace. These larger sites often serve a different purpose to smaller grassed areas and verges; often providing an extended range of opportunities for recreational activities due to their size and features.

There is a noticeable smaller amount of provision in the Central Analysis Area (seven hectares) in comparison to other analysis areas. The South East Analysis Area has the greatest amount of amenity greenspace with 43 hectares.

### 6.3 Accessibility

The Council already has accessibility standards in place for open space provision. The previous PPG17 study set a distance of 240m (equivalent to 3 minutes). However, for the purposes of this study a 5-minute walk time (equivalent to 400m) has been utilised to provide a catchment distance for amenity green space. This is considered to be more reflective of its typical role and usage whilst being in line with national guidance (e.g. Fields In Trust suggest a 6 minute walk time for amenity provision). In addition, the 3 minute walk time used in the previous PPG17 study is considered to be too small to offer any meaningful analysis.

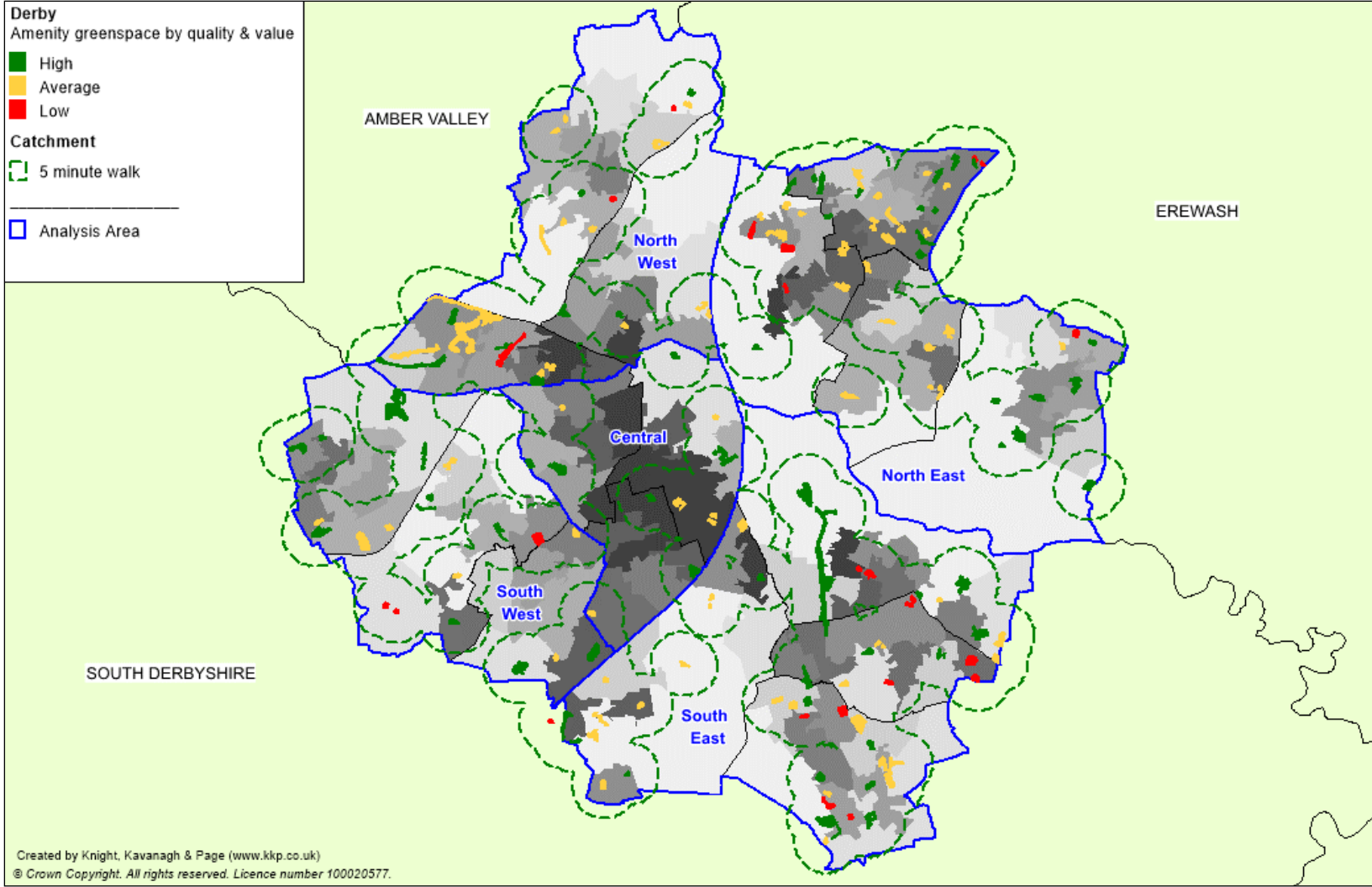
Figure 6.1 shows the accessibility standard applied to amenity greenspace to help inform where deficiencies in provision may be located.

A sites overall quality and value rating is also provided as part of the mapping. The quality/value rating is a combination of the individual quality and value score each site receives as part of the audit assessment. Section 6.4 and 6.5 provide a further breakdown to the quality and value scores.

No barriers to movement are considered due to the number and extent of amenity greenspace across the City.

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Figure 6.1: Amenity greenspace mapped against 5 minute walk time



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Table 6.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
1	Abbey Hill Road	North West	High
3	Alder Close	North East	High
11	Alsager Close	North East	Medium
13	Alvaston St Manor Farm	South East	High
15	Amesbury Lane	North East	High
19	Arboretum Primary School AGS	Central	Medium
22	Arleston Lane West Amenity Space	South East	Medium
26	Athlone Close	North East	Low
27	Averham Close	North East	High
29	Aycliffe Gardens	South East	Medium
30	Back Lane POS	South East	Medium
38	Belfry Close	South West	High
39	Bembridge Drive/Medina Close	South East	Low
41	Bendall Green	South West	High
42	Berwick Drive	South East	Low
44	Bewdley Close	South East	High
45	Birdcage Walk	North West	Medium
46	Bonsall Avenue	South West	Medium
48	Borrow Wood Recreation Ground	North East	High
53	Boulton Lane/Crayford Road	South East	High
58	Brampton Close	South West	High
59	Breadsall Hilltop/Scarborough Rise	North East	Medium
64	Brighton Road Lower POS	South East	Low
65	Brighton Road Upper POS	South East	Low
70	Cambridge Street Recreation Ground	North East	High
71	Cardean Close	North West	Medium
72	Carlton Avenue	South East	Low
73	Carron Close	South East	Medium
77	Castleshaw Drive	South West	Low
79	Cathedral Green	Central	High
84	Charingworth/Bishops	North East	High
85	Charingworth/Springwood	North East	Medium
87	Chedworth Drive	South East	Medium
90	Chellaston Rec	South East	High
92	Cheviot Street Rec	North West	High
93	Church Street	Central	High
96	Clipstone Gardens	North East	High
97	Cloverdale Drive	South East	High

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
98	Cobden St	North West	Yellow
101	Corinium Close	South East	Yellow
103	Cotton Lane Rec AGS	South East	Yellow
105	Courtway Crescent	South East	Green
107	Crecy Close	Central	Green
108	Cromer Close	South West	Yellow
110	Cuttle Brook Close	Central	Yellow
111	Cypress Walk/Oregon Way	North East	Yellow
112	Dahlia Drive	North East	Green
113	Dale Road Public Open Space	South East	Yellow
122	Derby Canal Walk	South East	Green
130	Dickinson Street	South East	Green
131	Dorchester Avenue	North East	Yellow
132	Dovedale Rise	North West	Yellow
133	Downing Close	North West	Yellow
135	Eland Close	North East	Green
137	Elmtree Avenue	South East	Yellow
141	Elvaston Lane/Shardlon Road	South East	Green
142	Euston Drive	North West	Yellow
146	Fallow Road	North East	Red
151	Fincham Close	North East	Yellow
153	Finningley Drive	North West	Red
158	Foxbrook Close	South West	Yellow
162	Gathorpe Court	North East	Green
170	Goodsmoor Road	South East	Yellow
172	Gary Close	South West	Yellow
178	Greenwich Drive North	North West	Red
181	Half Moon Plantation	North East	Yellow
182	Hamilton Road	North East	Yellow
188	Harvest Way	North East	Green
194	Hawke Street	North West	Yellow
195	Hawkshead Avenue	North East	Yellow
197	Herald Grove	South East	Yellow
198	Heron Way	South West	Yellow
203	Hill Park Close	South West	Green
205	Holbrook Road	South East	Green
210	Holymead Drive	North East	Green
211	Hornbeam Close	North East	Green
213	Huntingdon Green	North East	Green

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
215	John Berrysford Close	North East	Yellow
217	Kedleston Road	North West	Red
218	Keeper's Green	Central	Yellow
220	Keldholme Lane Park	South East	Green
221	Kibworth Close	North East	Green
225	Kingsley Road	North West	Yellow
227	Kintyre Drive	South East	Green
228	Kipling Drive	South West	Yellow
230	Ladybank Road	South West	Green
231	Lambourne Court	North West	Yellow
232	Lathkill Road	North East	Yellow
233	Lauder Close	South East	Yellow
240	Lodge Lane POS	North East	Green
246	Maine Drive West	North East	Yellow
247	Maize Close	South West	Green
248	Mansfield Road/Bishops Drive	North East	Green
249	Maple Drive/Diseworth Close	South East	Green
259	Medway Drive	North West	Green
263	Merrill House	South East	Yellow
265	Mickleover Campus	South West	Green
266	Mickleover Manor	South West	Green
269	Mickleover Park	South West	Green
272	Meirlin Green	South East	Green
273	Monarch Drive	North East	Red
276	Mornington Crescent	North West	Yellow
277	Mowbray Gardens	South East	Green
279	Muirfield Drive	South West	Green
280	Muswell Road	North West	Yellow
288	Normanton Lane	South West	Red
291	Nottingham Road AGS	North East	Green
293	Nunsfield House	South East	Red
299	Oriel Court	Central	Green
302	Oxenhope Close	South West	Red
303	Park Street/Liversage Walk	Central	Yellow
304	Parkway/Ryebutts	South East	Red
306	Pimlico	North West	Green
309	Porter's Lane	North East	Yellow
312	Prince Charles Avenue	North West	Green
313	Priory Gardens	North East	Yellow

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
315	Quarn Street	North West	High
316	Quarn Way	North West	Medium
319	Queensferry Gardens	South East	High
321	Queensway/Markeaton Street	North West	High
324	Rockbourne Close	South East	Medium
325	Rockingham Close	North West	Low
328	Roseberry Close	North East	Medium
330.3	Rowditch Recreation Ground	Central	Medium
337	Santolina Drive/Wayfaring Road	North East	Medium
338	Saundersfoot Way	North East	Medium
342	Baseball Drive	Central	Medium
343	Shakespeare Street	South East	Medium
347	Sheroside Close	North West	Medium
348	Sherwood Rec	Central	High
349	Silverburn Drive/Opal Close	North East	Medium
350	Sinfin Avenue/Morningside Close	South East	Medium
353	Sinfin Moor Lane	South East	High
356	Skipton Green	North East	Low
358	South Avenue	South East	Medium
359	South Avenue Rec	North East	High
360	Spenbeck Drive	North West	Medium
362	Springdale Court	South West	Medium
364	St Andrews View	North East	Medium
365	St Clares Close	Central	High
371	Station Road	South East	Low
372	Staunton Avenue	South West	High
385	Sweetbriar Close	South East	Low
386	Swift Close	South West	Medium
388	Taddington Road	North East	Medium
389	Thanet Drive	South East	Medium
390	The Chase	South East	Medium
394	Thorpelands Drive	North West	Medium
395	Thurstone Furlong	South East	Medium
396	Timbersbrook Close	North East	Medium
398	Twickenham Drive	North West	Medium
399	Linacres Drive	South East	Medium
404	War Memorial Village	South East	High
412	Whitby Avenue	North East	Low
415	Willowside Gardens	North East	High



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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
417	Wiltshire Road	North East	
418	Wimbledon Road	North West	
421	Winslow Green	North East	
423	Wood Road/Wayfaring Road	North East	
426	Woodsorrel Drive	North East	
435	Jubilee Avenue	South East	
436	Bembridge Drive	South East	

Catchment mapping with a five-minute walk time applied shows most areas of the City is served by amenity greenspace provision.

There are, however, gaps highlighted to the South West Analysis Area and Central Analysis Area. Such gaps are to some extent met by other forms of provision such as natural and semi-natural greenspaces like Moorway Lane Millennium Wood and Great Northern Road as well as parks like Sunnysdale Park, Normanton Park, Rykneld Recreational and Stockbrook Recreational Park. The potential role and value of these sites should therefore be recognised.

### 6.4 Quality

In order to determine whether sites are high, average or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green, average being amber and low being red). This is explained further in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for amenity greenspace provision in Derby. Further explanation of the quality scoring and thresholds can be found in Part 2.

Table 6.3: Quality ratings for amenity greenspace by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites		
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <47%	Average 47%-60%	High >60%
Central	49%	60%	74%	0	8	4
North East	40%	57%	69%	8	24	18
North West	39%	56%	80%	4	19	5
South East	29%	55%	78%	12	23	15
South West	41%	58%	73%	3	10	9
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>51</b>

Most amenity greenspace sites assessed in the City (84) rate average for quality. There are 27 sites to rate low for quality and 51 sites to rate as high quality.

Table 6.4 shows proportionally; the South West Analysis Area (41%) and North East Analysis Area (36%) have a slightly greater proportion of high quality sites compared to other analysis areas.

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The South East Analysis Area has a greater proportion of low quality sites (24%) in comparison. The North West Analysis Area (68%) and Central Analysis Area (67%) have a greater proportion of average quality sites.

Table 6.4: Proportional quality by analysis area

Analysis area	Proportion of sites		
	Low	Average	High
Central	0%	67%	33%
North East	16%	48%	36%
North West	14%	68%	18%
South East	24%	46%	30%
South West	14%	45%	41%

There are 27 amenity greenspace sites to rate low for quality. The lowest scoring are:

- ↳ Brighton Road Lower POS (29%)
- ↳ Brighton Road Upper POS (30%)
- ↳ Greenwich Drive North (39%)
- ↳ Sweetbriar Close (39%)

Such sites all lack ancillary features, such as bins and benches, as well as having issues with misuse. Both Brighton Road sites contain evidence of fly tipping and are viewed as unattractive. They are situated behind houses and only have one narrow access point. The sites do not appear to be used for any intended recreational purposes. Sweetbriar Close has no particular concerning quality issues but does lack ancillary features.

Most sites that rate low for quality are observed as being fairly basic areas of green space sometimes with a poor general appearance. They also tend to lack ancillary facilities to encourage extensive recreational use. While this may not be expected of all forms of provision, some sites of this type do contain such features and consequently sites without such features score lower in comparison.

A total of 51 assessed amenity greenspace sites rate high for quality. The highest scoring are:

- ↳ Cheviot Street Rec (80%)
- ↳ Courtway Crescent (78%)
- ↳ Mowbray Gardens (77%)
- ↳ Derby Canal Walk (75%)

High scoring sites, such as the ones above, reflect the range/quality of ancillary facilities available as well as the good standard of appearance and maintenance found at such sites. They also often have plenty of ancillary facilities such as bins, signage, benches, etc. Features such as these contribute to their overall quality and help to create more opportunities and reasons for people to access such provision.

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The four example sites are observed as having a good standard of maintenance and cleanliness, resulting in a positive overall appearance. The sites have good signage, bins to limit excessive littering and accessible pathways suitable for various users. In addition, the sites provide sufficient levels of user security as well as recreational opportunities with each containing a play area.

### 6.5 Value

In order to determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for amenity greenspaces in Derby. A minimum threshold of 40% is applied in order to identify sites of a higher and lower value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 6.5: Value ratings for amenity greenspace by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <40%	High >40%
Central	52%	63%	79%	0	12
North East	23%	51%	67%	2	48
North West	36%	52%	81%	2	26
South East	34%	56%	84%	2	48
South West	38%	53%	76%	1	21
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>155</b>

The majority of amenity greenspaces (96%) rate above the threshold for value. Overall a greater proportion of sites are rated as high value compared to high quality. Only seven sites rate below the threshold for value. Five of these sites also rate below the threshold for quality. Sites to rate low for quality and value are:

- ◀ Brighton Road Lower POS
- ◀ Brighton Road Upper POS
- ◀ Wiltshire Road
- ◀ Monarch Drive
- ◀ Rockingham Close

Sites scoring below the value threshold tend to be grassed areas with no noticeable added facilities. Some are, however acknowledged as acting as a visual amenity to their localities. In some instances, the main role of a site may be to act as a grassed area and to provide a break in the urban form.

Wiltshire Road is a very small greenspace and easy to miss. There are no specific issues highlighted but given its size it is likely to not be used much. Similarly, with both Brighton Road sites. These are also small grassed areas and, due to location and layout, are likely to not be used much. One of the entrances at Brighton Road Upper is locked and the site is overgrown limiting options to access the site.

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The majority of amenity greenspaces rate above the value threshold. The highest scoring sites for value are:

- ◀ Derby Canal Walk (84%)
- ◀ Cheviot Street Rec (81%)
- ◀ Back Lane POS (79%)
- ◀ Cathedral Green (79%)
- ◀ Staunton Avenue (76%)

Higher value sites are those that appear well used, providing social and health benefits with suitable ancillary facilities to enable a range of people to use. Often, they can also contain a play provision of some form. Derby Canal Walk is the largest amenity greenspace and rates the highest for value. It is considered to meet the needs of many users including cyclists, dog walkers, children, and families.

Amenity greenspace should also be recognised for its multi-purpose function, offering opportunities for a variety of leisure and recreational activities. Sites can often accommodate informal recreational activity such as casual play and dog walking. Many sites in Derby are likely to offer a dual function and are amenity resources for residents as well as being visually pleasing. These attributes add to the quality, accessibility and visibility of amenity greenspace. Combined with the presence of facilities (e.g. benches, landscaping and trees) this means that the better-quality sites are likely to be more respected and valued by the local community.

## 6.6 Summary

**Amenity greenspace summary**

- ◀ A total of 162 amenity greenspace sites are identified; equating to 123 hectares.
- ◀ The 5 minute walk time suggests a reasonable level of coverage. Gaps in provision are noted particularly to the South West/Central Analysis Area. These are, however, served by other open space typologies such as natural greenspace and parks.
- ◀ Most sites (52%) rate as average quality with a further 31% rating as high quality and 17% as low quality. Lower quality sites are often observed as lacking any noticeable features or facilities. Maintenance and issues with fly tipping are also highlighted in some instances.
- ◀ In addition to its multifunctional role, amenity greenspace makes a valuable contribution to visual aesthetics for communities – hence the majority of sites (96%) rate above the threshold for value.

**PART 7: PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**7.1 Introduction**

This type of provision includes areas designated primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.

Provision for children is deemed to be sites consisting of formal equipped play facilities typically associated with play areas. This is usually perceived to be for children under 12 years of age. Provision for young people can also include equipped sites that provide more robust equipment catering to older age ranges. It can include facilities such as skate parks, BMX, basketball courts, youth shelters and Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs).

**7.2 Current provision**

A total of 133 sites are identified in the City as provision for children and young people. This combines to create a total of more than 12 hectares. The table below shows the distribution of provision. No site size threshold has been applied and as such all provision is identified and included within the audit.

*Table 7.1: Distribution of provision for children and young people*

Analysis area	Provision for children and young people	
	Number	Size (ha)
Central	27	2.26
North East	21	1.58
North West	16	1.25
South East	51	5.70
South West	18	1.52
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>12.31</b>

The greatest amount of provision is found in the South East Analysis Area (5.7 hectares) which also has the greatest number of sites (51). Both the North West Analysis Area and South West Analysis Area have a smaller number of sites in comparison to other areas.

Play sites are categorised by the Council into two types of provision;

- ◀ Children’s Play Provision – areas designed for younger children. Equipment is normally age group specific to reduce unintended users.
- ◀ Young People’s Provision – offers more extensive range of play equipment. Includes features such as Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGA) and skate parks

Most play provision is identified as Children’s Play (62%) classification i.e. catering for younger age ranges. It is important to recognise that there are a number of sites with play provision classified within both categories and therefore catering for a wide range of ages.

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Table 7.2: Distribution of provision for children and young people by sub-category

Analysis area	Provision for children and young people		
	Children's	Young People	TOTAL
Central	10	17	27
North East	15	6	21
North West	11	5	16
South East	33	18	51
South West	13	5	18
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>133</b>

Provision catering for older age ranges is found in all analysis areas. The South West Analysis Area has a lower proportion of facilities aimed at young people (28%). However, when compared to other analysis areas the amount of play sites identified as provision for young people in the South West (29%) is similar to proportions in the North East (29%) and North West (31%). The Central Analysis Area is the exception with over half of play sites classified as provision for young people (63%).

### 7.3 Accessibility

The Council already has accessibility standards in place for play provision. Provision for Children's Play has a 10-minute walk time whilst provision for Young People has a 15-minute walk time.

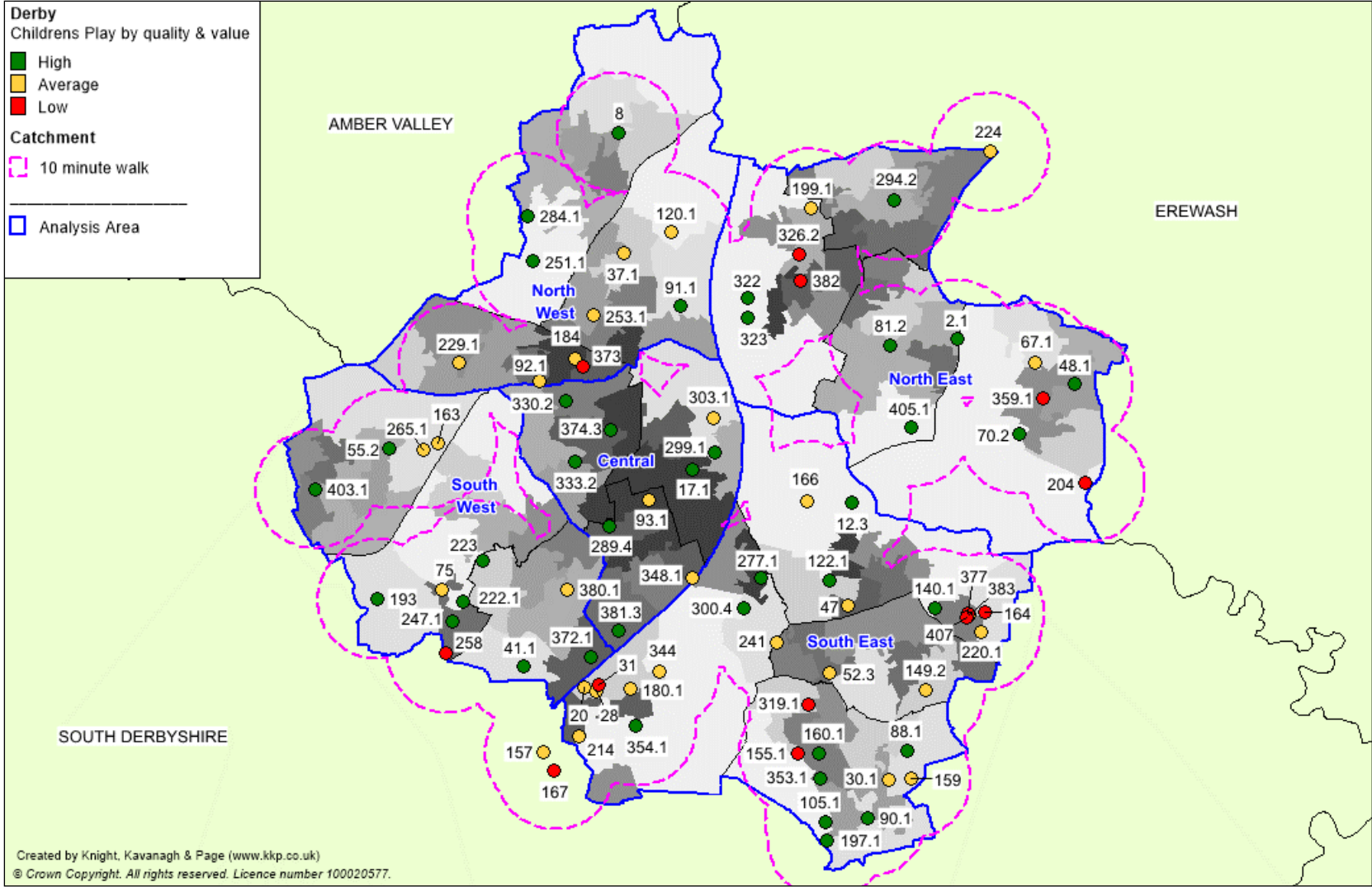
Figures 7.1 and 7.2 shows the accessibility standards applied to play provision to help inform where deficiencies in provision may be located.

A sites overall quality and value rating is also provided as part of the mapping. The quality/value rating is a combination of the individual quality and value score each site receives as part of the audit assessment. Section 7.4 and 7.5 provide a further breakdown to the quality and value scores.

No barriers to movement are considered due to the number and extent of provision for children and young people across the City.

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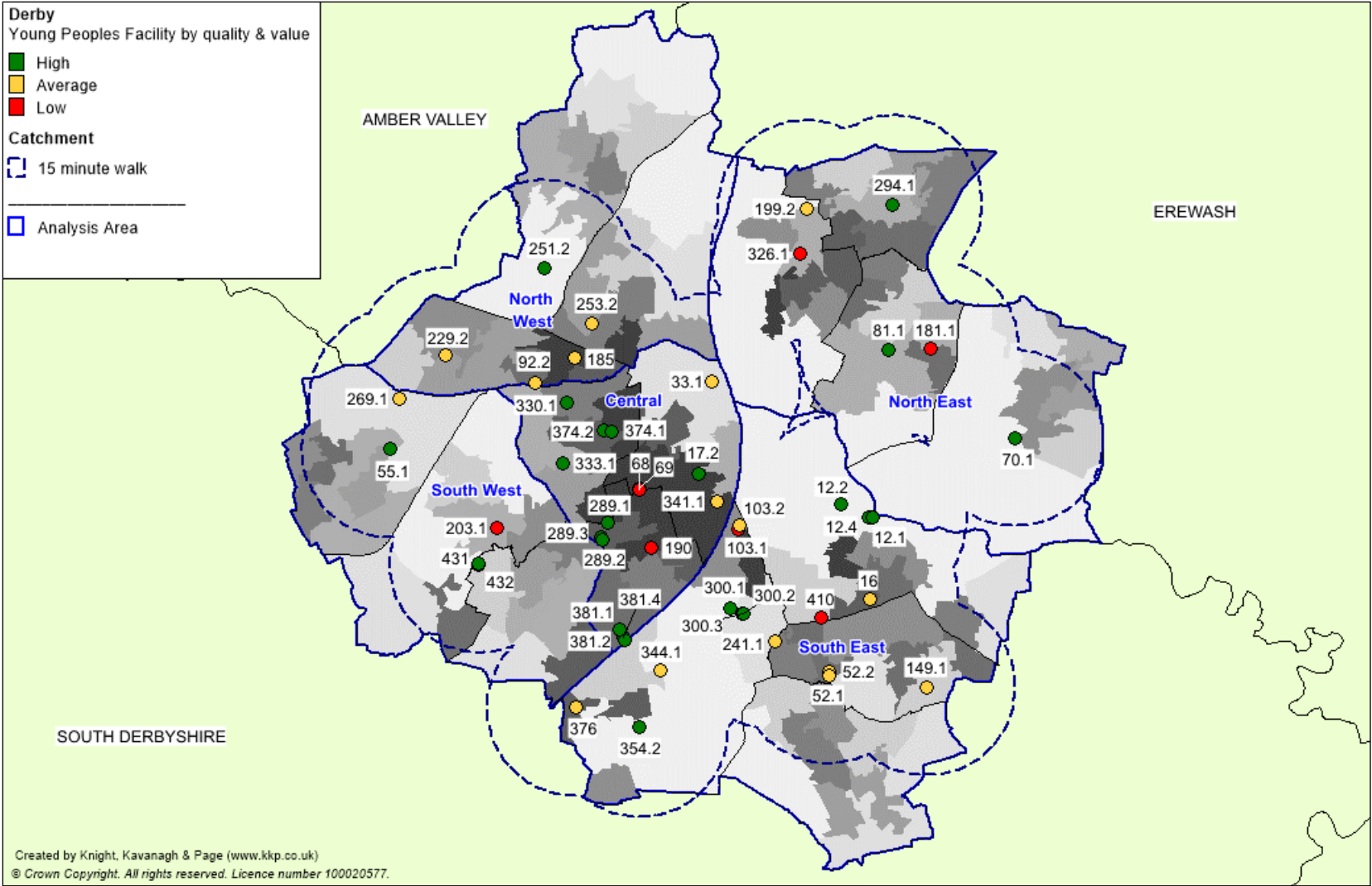
Figure 7.1: Children’s Play Provision with a 10-minute walk time





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Figure 7.2: Young Peoples Provision with a 15-minute walk time



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Table 7.3: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Type	Analysis area	Quality/ Value Rating
2.1	Oregon Way Play Area	Children's Play	North East	High
8	Allestree Recreational Ground Play Area	Children's Play	North West	High
12.1	Alvaston Park BMX Track	Young Peoples Facility	South East	High
12.2	Alvaston Park MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South East	High
12.3	Alvaston Park Play Area	Children's Play	South East	High
12.4	Alvaston Park Skateboard Ramp	Young Peoples Facility	South East	High
16	Anderson Street MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South East	Medium
17.1	Arboretum Park Play Area	Children's Play	Central	High
17.2	Arboretum Park MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	Central	High
20	Arkle Green Play Area	Children's Play	South East	Medium
28	Aviemore Way Play Area	Children's Play	South East	Medium
30.1	Back Lane Play Area	Children's Play	South East	Medium
31	Ballater Close Play Area	Children's Play	South East	Low
33.1	Bass Rec Ground Skate Park	Young Peoples Facility	Central	Medium
37.1	Beech Drive Play Area	Children's Play	North West	Medium
41.1	Bendall Green Play Area	Children's Play	South West	High
47	Booth Street Play Area	Children's Play	South East	Medium
48.1	Sandringham Drive Play Area	Children's Play	North East	High
52.1	Boulton Lane Park Tyre Swing	Young Peoples Facility	South East	Medium
52.2	Boulton Lane Rec MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South East	Medium
52.3	Boulton Lane Rec Play Area	Children's Play	South East	Medium
55.1	Bramble Brook Rec MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South West	High
55.2	Bramble Brook Rec Play Area	Children's Play	South West	High
67.1	Brunswood Recreational Ground Play Area	Children's Play	North East	Medium
68	Byron Street MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	Central	Low
69	Byron Street Play Area	Young Peoples Facility	Central	Low
70.1	Cambridge Street MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	North East	High
70.2	Cambridge Street Play Area	Children's Play	North East	High

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Site ID	Site name	Type	Analysis area	Quality/ Value Rating
75	Cascade Grove Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
81.1	Chaddesden Park BMX Track	Young Peoples Facility	North East	
81.2	Chaddesden Park Play Area	Children's Play	North East	
88.1	Chellaston New Park Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
90.1	Chellaston Rec Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
91.1	Chester Green Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
92.1	Cheviot Street Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
92.2	Cheviot Street Skate Park	Young Peoples Facility	North West	
93.1	Church Street Play Area	Children's Play	Central	
103.1	Cotton Lane Rec MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
103.2	Cotton Lane BMX Track	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
105.1	Courtway Crescent Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
120.1	Darley Park Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
122.1	Tayberry Close Rec Ground Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
140.1	Elvaston Lane Recreational Ground Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
149.1	Field Lane Recreational Ground MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
149.2	Field Lane Recreational Ground Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
155.1	Hoveton Close Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
157	Fox Close Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
159	Foxdell Way Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
160.1	Fullens Lock Park Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
163	Homerton Vale Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
164	Glaisdale Nook Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
166	Gloster Street Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
167	Goathland Road Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
180.1	Sinfin Lane Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
181.1	Half Moon Plantation MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	North East	
184	Handford Street Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
185	Handford Street Wall Games	Young Peoples Facility	North West	
190	Havelock Road MUGAs	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
191	Havelock Road Play Area	Young Peoples Facility	Central	

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Site ID	Site name	Type	Analysis area	Quality/ Value Rating
193	Haven Baulk Lane Rec Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
197.1	Herald Grove Play Area (aka Duchess Way Recreational Ground)	Children's Play	South East	
199.1	Rainbow Play Area	Children's Play	North East	
199.2	Breadsall Hilltop Adult and Youth Centre MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	North East	
203.1	Hill Park Close MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South West	
204	Hobsons Close Play Area	Children's Play	North East	
214	Inveraray Close Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
220.1	Keldholme Cone Park Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
222.1	Griffe Field Park Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
223	King George V Fields Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
224	Kings Corner Pub Play Area	Children's Play	North East	
229.1	Knightsbridge Park Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
229.2	Knightsbridge Rec MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	North West	
241	Lord Street Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
241.1	Lord Street MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
247.1	Maize Close Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
251.1	Markeaton Park Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
251.2	Markeaton Park Skateboard Ramp	Young Peoples Facility	North West	
253.1	Markeaton Rec Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
253.2	Markeaton Street Rec Games Wall	Young Peoples Facility	North West	
258	Brookdale Drive Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
265.1	College Green Walk Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
269.1	Onslow Road BMX Track	Young Peoples Facility	South West	
277.1	Oscar Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
284.1	Nether Park Drive Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
289.1	Normanton Park Basketball Court	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
289.2	Normanton Park MUGAs	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
289.3	Normanton Park MUGAs	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
289.4	Normanton Park Play Area	Children's Play	Central	
294.1	Oakwood Park MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	North East	
294.2	Oakwood Park Play Area	Children's Play	North East	

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Site ID	Site name	Type	Analysis area	Quality/ Value Rating
299.1	Oriel Court Play Area	Children's Play	Central	
300.1	Osmaston Park BMX Track	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
300.2	Osmaston Park MUGA East	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
300.3	Osmaston Park MUGA West	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
300.4	Osmaston Park Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
303.1	Liversage Square Play Area	Children's Play	Central	
319.1	Queensferry Gardens Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
322	Racecourse Park Play Area	Children's Play	North East	
323	Racecourse Play Area	Children's Play	North East	
326.1	Roe Farm Skate Park	Young Peoples Facility	North East	
326.2	Roe Farm Play Area	Children's Play	North East	
330.1	Rowditch Recreation Ground MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
330.2	Rowditch Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's Play	Central	
333.1	Ryknel Rec MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
333.2	Ryknel Rec Play Area	Children's Play	Central	
341.1	Shaftsbury Sports Centre MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
344	Shakespeare Street Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
344.1	Shakespeare Street MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
348.1	Sherwood Rec Play Area	Children's Play	Central	
353.1	Sinfin Moor Lane Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
354.1	Sinfin Moor Lane Park Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
354.2	Sinfin Moor Park BMX Track	Young Peoples Facility	North East	
359.1	South Avenue Play Area East	Children's Play	South West	
372.1	Lawnlea Close Play Area	Children's Play	North West	
373	Stepping Close Play Area	Children's Play	Central	
374.1	Stockbrook Park MUGA East	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
374.2	Stockbrook Street Park MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	Central	
374.3	Stockbrook Street Rec Play Area	Children's Play	South East	
376	Stockdove Close MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South East	
377	Stonesdale Court Play Area	Children's Play	South West	
380.1	Sunnydale Park Play Area	Children's Play	Central	

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Site ID	Site name	Type	Analysis area	Quality/ Value Rating
381.1	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	Central	High
381.2	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	Central	High
381.3	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's Play	Central	High
381.4	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground Skate Park	Young Peoples Facility	North East	High
382	Sussex Circus Play Ground	Children's Play	South East	Low
383	Swaledale Court Play Area	Children's Play	South West	Average
403.1	Vicarage Road Park Play Area	Children's Play	North East	High
405.1	Waterford Drive Play Area	Children's Play	South East	High
407	Wensleydale Walk Play Area	Children's Play	South East	Low
410	Wetherby Road MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South West	Low
431	King George V Fields MUGA	Young Peoples Facility	South West	High
432	King George V Fields Skate Park	Young Peoples Facility	South East	High

There is generally a good spread of play provision across the City. No significant gaps in the 10-minute walk time standard for children's play is highlighted. There may even be some potential areas of the South West, Central and South East analysis areas where several sites are located in close proximity to one another.

Provision for young people is also generally sufficient in terms of accessibility. Gaps are however noted to the north of the North West Analysis Area and to the south of the South East Analysis Area.

## 7.4 Quality

In order to determine whether sites are high, average or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green, average being amber and low being red). This is explained further in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for children's and young people's play provision in Derby. Further explanation of the quality scoring and thresholds can be found in Part 2.

Quality assessments for play sites do not include a detailed technical risk assessment of equipment. For an informed report on the condition of play equipment the Council's own inspection reports should be sought.

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Table 7.4: Quality ratings for provision for children and young people by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites		
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <60%	Average 60%-80%	High >80%
Central	51%	74%	84%	4	7	16
North East	49%	73%	92%	4	7	10
North West	58%	76%	92%	1	10	5
South East	37%	73%	91%	7	25	19
South West	58%	76%	89%	1	7	10
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>

Most play provision is assessed as either being high quality (60) or average quality (56). There are 17 sites which rate low for quality.

Table 6.4 shows proportionally; the Central Analysis Area (59%) and South West Analysis Area (56%) have a greater proportion of high quality sites compared to other analysis areas. The North East Analysis Area has a greater proportion of low quality sites (19%) than the North West Analysis Area (6%) and South West Analysis Area (5%).

The North West Analysis Area (63%) and South East Analysis Area (49%) have a greater proportion of average quality sites in comparison.

Table 6.4: Proportional quality by analysis area

Analysis area	Proportion of sites		
	Low	Average	High
Central	15%	26%	59%
North East	19%	33%	48%
North West	6%	63%	31%
South East	14%	49%	37%
South West	5%	39%	56%

There are 17 play provision sites to rate low for quality. The lowest scoring sites are:

- ◀ Goathland Road Play Area (37%)
- ◀ Glaisdale Nook Play Area (44%)
- ◀ Hoveton Close Play Area (44%)
- ◀ Half Moon Plantation MUGA (49%)
- ◀ Byron Street Play Area (51%)
- ◀ Byron Street MUGA (51%)
- ◀ Cotton Lane Rec MUGA (54%)
- ◀ Roe Farm Play Area (56%)
- ◀ Roe Farm Skate Park (56%)
- ◀ Hill Park Close MUGA (58%)
- ◀ Stepping Close MUGA (58%)
- ◀ Stonesdale Court Play Area (58%)

Most sites rating lower for quality is due to the amount and condition of play equipment. Sites such as Goathland Road, Glaisdale Nook, Hoveton Close and Stepping Close are all observed as containing limited forms of equipment with no supporting ancillary facilities (e.g. seating, bins). The equipment that is present is noted as appearing tired and dated. Similar observations are highlighted for other lower quality scoring sites.



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Roe Farm is identified as having missing equipment and poor surfaces. Gaps in the fencing to the skate park are also noted. Hill Park Close MUGA and Half Moon Plantation MUGA are both considered to have a lack in range of equipment and ancillary features.

A greater number of play sites rate high for quality (60). The highest scoring sites are Markeaton Park Play Area and Skate Ramp (92%), Oakwood Park Play Area and MUGA (92%) and Osmaston Park Play Area, MUGA and BMX (92%).

These sites receive the highest scores due to the wide range and condition of play equipment. Higher rating sites also tend to benefit from additional features such as seating, signage, bins, fencing and car parking. Sites like Markeaton Park Play Area and Skate Ramp includes added play elements such as a MUGA as well as a paddling pool and high ropes (charge applicable). Oakwood Park Play Area and MUGA (including outdoor gym equipment) and Osmaston Park Play Area, MUGA and BMX are also recognised for their extensive range and condition of equipment and ancillary features.

Play sites to receive particularly high ratings for quality include:

- ◀ Markeaton Park Play Area and Skate Ramp (92%)
- ◀ Oakwood Park Play Area and MUGA (92%)
- ◀ Osmaston Park Play Area, MUGA and BMX (92%)
- ◀ Alvaston Park Play Area, MUGA, BMX and Skate Ramp (89%)
- ◀ Sinfin Moor Lane Park Play Area and BMX (89%)
- ◀ Lawnlea Close Play Area (89%)
- ◀ Racecourse Park Play Area (88%)

These sites are all noted as having a range and good standard of equipment catering for different ages. The sites also contain other ancillary features such as benches, signage and bins which are assessed as being of a generally excellent condition. Furthermore, Alvaston Park Play Area, MUGA, BMX and Skate Ramp benefits from a national BMX track as well as around 14 units of fitness equipment.

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## 7.5 Value

In order to determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for children's and young people's play provision in Derby. A minimum threshold of 50% is applied in order to identify sites of a higher and lower value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 7.5: Value ratings for provision for children and young people by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <50%	High >50%
Central	40%	74%	80%	2	25
North East	46%	60%	80%	4	17
North West	56%	68%	92%	0	16
South East	44%	63%	90%	2	49
South West	52%	61%	78%	0	18
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>125</b>

Nearly all play provision is rated as being of high value in the City. This demonstrates the role play provision provides in allowing children to play but also the contribution sites make in terms of giving children and young people safe places to learn, to socialise with others and in creating aesthetically pleasing and safe local environments.

There are eight sites to rate low for value. Of these, five also rate low for quality. The five sites to rate low for quality and value are:

- ✦ Byron Street MUGA
- ✦ Byron Street Play Area
- ✦ Glaisdale Nook Play Area
- ✦ Roe Farm Skate Park
- ✦ Roe farm Play Area

In addition, there are two sites which rate low for value and average for quality (i.e. Hobson Drive Play Area and South Avenue Play Area East). Sinfin Moor Lane Play Area is the only low value site to rate high for quality. This is a reflection to the good condition of equipment at the site but which is observed as being limited.

Sites scoring particularly high for value tend to reflect the size and amount/range and standard of equipment present on site. Some of the highest scoring sites for value are:

- ✦ Markeaton Park Play Area and Skate Ramp (92%)
- ✦ Osmaston Park Play Area, MUGA and BMX (90%)
- ✦ Alvaston Park Play Area, MUGA, BMX and Skate Ramp (88%)
- ✦ Sinfin Moor Park Play Area and BMX (86%)
- ✦ Racecourse Park Play Area (88%)
- ✦ Oscar Play Area (80%)

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- ◀ Normanton Park Play Area, MUGA and Basketball Court (80%)
- ◀ Arboretum Park Play Area and MUGA (80%)

These high standard play areas are often within large parks and offer social, health, educational and amenity benefits. Many of the sites scoring higher for value are the ones which offer a wider range of equipment and activities.

Diverse equipment to cater for a range of ages is essential. Provision such as skate park facilities and MUGAs are highly valued forms of play. Sites containing such forms of provision often tend to rate higher for value as they provide more uses and appeal to a greater number of people.

It is important to recognise the benefits of play in terms of healthy, active lifestyles, social inclusion and interaction between children plus its developmental and educational value. The importance of play and of children's rights to play in their local communities is essential.

### 7.6 Summary

#### **Provision for children and young people summary**

- ◀ There is a total of 133 sites identified as play provision in the City; a total of over 12 hectares. A slightly greater proportion are identified as children's play provision (62%).
- ◀ No major gaps in provision are identified against the 10-minute walk time standard for children's play. Two potential gaps are highlighted in the 15-minute catchment mapping for young people's provision; to the north of the North West and to the south of the South East analysis areas.
- ◀ Most play sites (45%) are assessed as being of high quality. This is closely followed by sites assessed as average quality (42%). There are 17 sites of low quality. Sites rating low quality are often due to a lack in range and quality of equipment as well as ancillary features.
- ◀ Nearly all play provision is rated as being of high value reflecting its role in providing healthy, inclusive and safe access to play opportunities across the City. There are however a handful of sites that rate low for quality and value.

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## PART 8: ALLOTMENTS

### 8.1 Introduction

The allotments typology covers open spaces that provide opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce as part of the long-term promotion of sustainability, health and social interaction. This may include provision such as allotments, community gardens and city/urban farms.

Councils cannot dispose of statutory allotment land without the Secretary of State's consent. Section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925 states "Where a local authority has purchased or appropriated land for use as allotments the local authority shall not sell, appropriate, use or dispose of the land for any purpose other than use for allotments without the consent of the Secretary of State".

### 8.2 Current provision

There are 30 active sites classified as allotments in Derby, equating to over 64 hectares. No site size threshold has been applied to allotments and as such all provision is identified and included within the audit.

*Table 8.1: Distribution of allotment sites*

Analysis area	Allotments		
	Number of sites	Size (ha)	Number of plots
Central	5	13.72	415
North East	6	13.44	478
North West	5	7.50	248
South East	8	13.88	414
South West	6	16.11	688
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>64.65</b>	<b>2,243</b>

Three analysis areas contain eight sites. The North East Analysis Area contains six sites. In terms of hectares the most provision is in the South West/Central Analysis Area (26.83) which is nearly double the North West Analysis Area (which contains the same number of sites).

Overall, there are a combined total of circa 2,243 plots, including half plots and quarter plots. Nine allotment sites are not council owned, for example, Firs Estate Allotments is privately owned and has a self-managed association.

Most allotment sites are owned by Derby City Council and managed through lease agreements. In total, 19 sites are leased from the council, two are managed by the council and an additional 9 are privately owned and managed.

The number of plots offered at each site varies with the largest at Normanton Allotments in the South West Analysis Area (212 plots). As well as plot numbers, Normanton Allotments is also the largest site in terms of hectares at 6.34 hectares.

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Other significant contributors are Littleover Lane Allotments (172 plots) in the South West Analysis Area, Little Chester Allotments in the North East Analysis Area (162 plots) and Mackworth Community Allotments (132 plots) in the South West Analysis Area. The smallest allotment site is Near Arnhem Terrace containing 10 plots.

The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) suggest a national standard of 20 allotments per 1,000 households (i.e. approximately 20 allotments per 2,000 people based on two people per house) or 1 allotment per 200 people. This equates to 0.25 hectares per 1,000 population based on an average plot-size of 250 metres squared (0.025 hectares per plot).

Based on the current population of 256,233 (ONS Mid-Year 2016 Population Estimates) the City, as a whole, should have 64.06 hectares based on the NSALG standard. The existing provision of 64.65 hectares therefore meets the NSALG suggestion.

If any allotment sites were ever to be disposed they would need to be replaced as the NSALG standard is only just met. In addition, replacement of any loss of provision may be a requirement for statutory sites as these have to be approved by the Secretary of State.

### 8.3 Accessibility

The Council already has accessibility standards in place for open space provision. For allotments, sites have a 15-minute walk time.

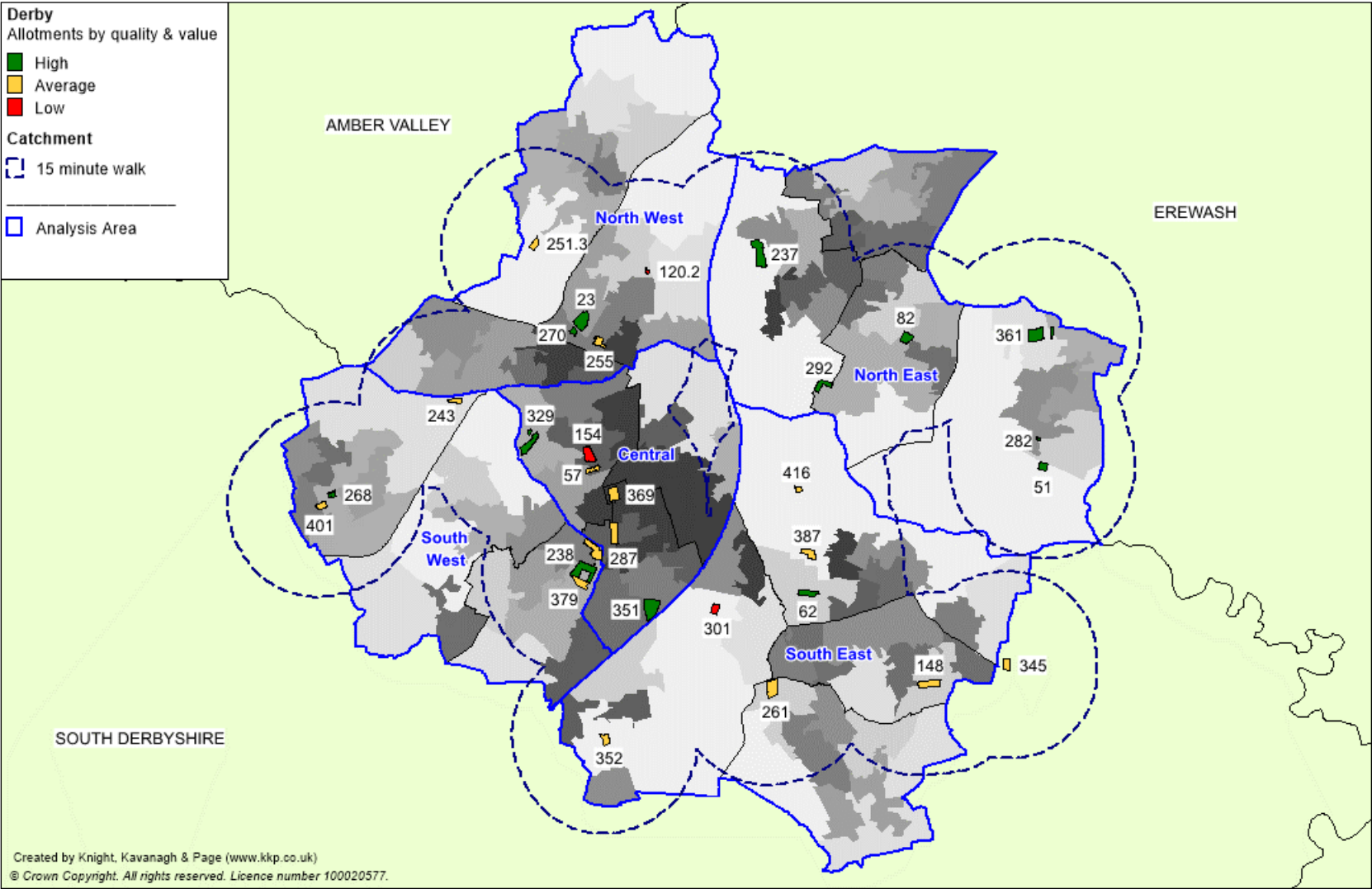
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A sites overall quality and value rating is also provided as part of the mapping. The quality/value rating is a combination of the individual quality and value score each site receives as part of the audit assessment. Section 8.4 and 8.5 provide a further breakdown to the quality and value scores.

It is recognised for some forms of open space provision (including allotments) that barriers to movement will influence how people access such sites. Figure 8.2 takes account of the significant infrastructure barriers such as the A6 and A52 roads, railway lines and the River Derwent. There may also, in some instances, be more localised barriers.

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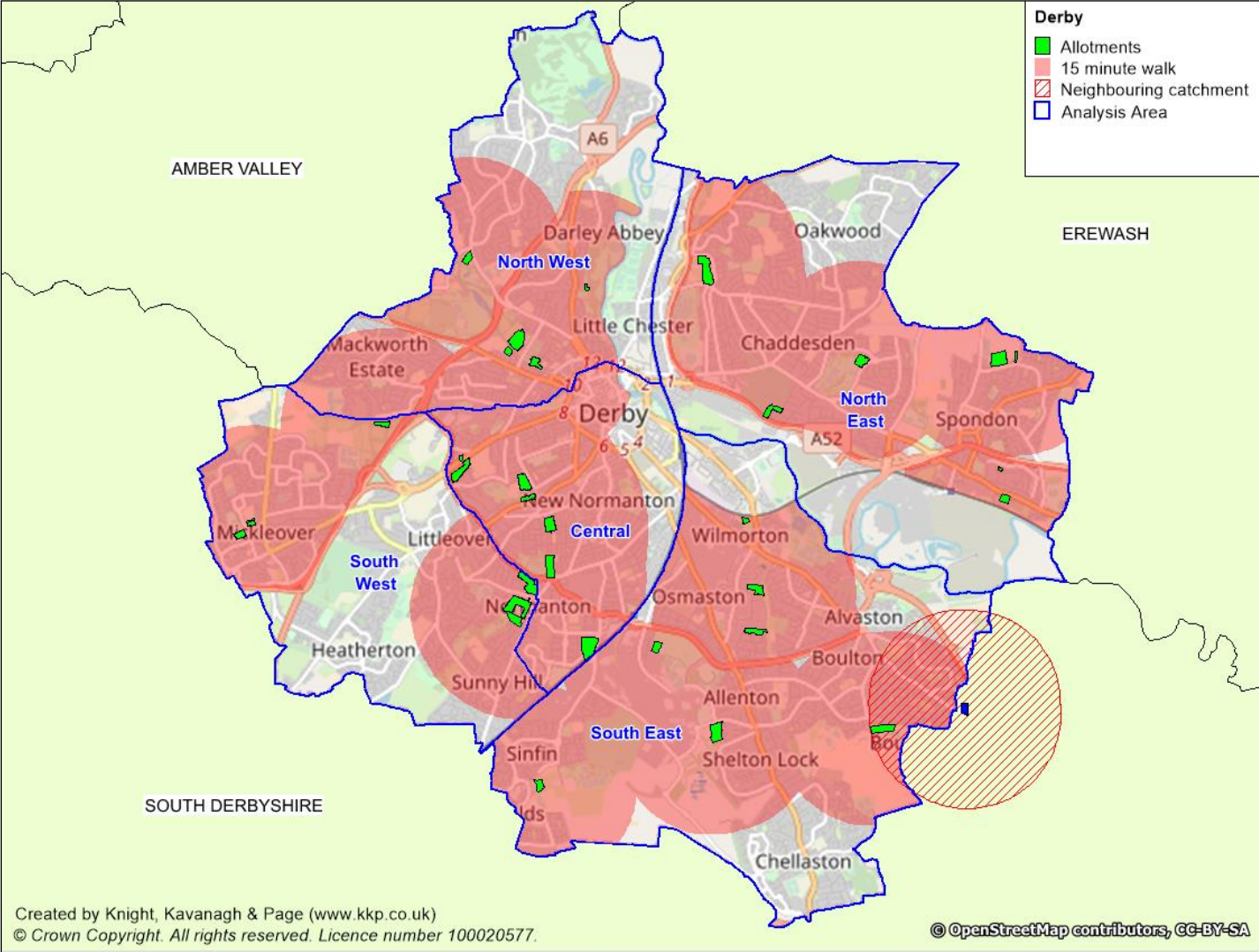
Figure 8.1: Allotments mapped against analysis areas





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Figure 8.2: Allotments mapped against 15-minute walk time incorporating barriers to movement





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Table 8.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality/Value Rating
23	Ashbourne Road and District Allotments	North West	High
51	Borrowfield Allotments	North East	High
57	Bramfield Avenue Allotments	Central	Medium
62	Brigden Avenue Allotments	South East	High
82	Chaddesden Park Allotments	North East	High
120.2	Derwent Park Allotments	North West	Medium
148	Field Lane Park Allotments	South East	Medium
154	Firs Estate Allotments	Central	Low
237	Little Chester Allotments	North East	High
238	Littleover Lane Allotments	South West	High
243	Mackworth Community Allotments	South West	Medium
251.3	Kedleston Road Allotments	North West	Medium
255	Markeaton St Allotments	North West	Medium
261	Merrill Way Allotments	South East	Medium
268	Mickleover Old Allotments	South West	High
270	Mill Dam Gardens	North West	High
282	Near Arnhem Terrace	North East	High
287	Normanton Allotments	South West	Medium
292	Nottingham Road and District Allotments	North East	High
301	Osmaston Park Allotments	South East	Low
329	Rowditch Allotments	Central	High
345	Shardlow Road Allotments	South East	Medium
351	Sinfin Lane Allotments	Central	High
352	Sinfin Moor Allotments	South East	Medium
361	Spondon Horticultural Society Allotments	North East	High
369	Glebe Gardens Allotments	Central	Medium
379	Sunnydale Allotments	South West	Medium
387	Swiss Cottage Allotments	South East	Medium
401	Vicarage Park Allotments	South West	Medium
416	Wilmorton Allotments	South East	Medium

Most areas of high population density are serviced by an allotment within a 15-minute walk time standard. However, gaps are noted to the peripheries of all four analysis areas.

Taking into account significant barriers to movement against the 15-minute walk for allotments results in a less extensive level of coverage compared to the previous map (Figure 8.1). The North West, North East and South West analysis areas are observed as having more significant gaps in provision.

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## 8.4 Quality

In order to determine whether sites are high, average or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green, average being amber and low being red). This is explained further in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for allotment provision in Derby. Further explanation of the quality scoring and thresholds can be found in Part 2.

Table 8.3: Quality ratings for allotments by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites		
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <50%	Average 50%-65%	High >65%
North East	64%	68%	75%	0	2	4
North West	49%	60%	66%	1	2	2
South East	49%	57%	68%	1	6	1
South West	53%	61%	76%	0	5	1
Central	47%	58%	74%	1	3	1
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>

Overall, quality of provision is generally good with only three sites (10%) scoring low quality. However, most sites (60%) rate average for quality.

Of the 30 sites, 13 are known to have car parking and a shop/community room. Nine are identified as having toilets. The presence of such facilities contributes to a sites overall quality.

The highest scoring sites for quality are:

- ◆ Littleover Lane Allotment (76%)
- ◆ Rowditch Allotments (74%)
- ◆ Little Chester Allotments (72%)
- ◆ Near Arnhem Terrace (72%)

All four sites score high for boundary fencing, user security and signage. They are all observed as having high standards of maintenance and cleanliness, resulting in a good overall appearance. The sites have good pathways suitable for various users. In addition, Little Chester Allotments and Littleover Lane Allotments have toilets. Furthermore, these sites all have site marketing usually in the form of a noticeboard providing current information about plots available and the association.

The high quality of Little Chester Allotments is evidenced by it having a Green Flag Community Award. The Green Flag Award scheme is licensed and managed by Keep Britain Tidy. It provides national standards for parks and greenspaces across England and Wales. Public service agreements, identified by the MHCLG highlight the importance placed on Green Flag status as an indicator of high quality. This in turn impacts upon the way sites are managed and maintained.

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To be successfully awarded a Green Flag, sites must be considered to be maintained and managed to a high standard. The work of both the Council maintenance team/contractors and the community groups located at sites are important to their continuing achievement.

There are three sites that rate low for quality:

- ◀ Firs Estate Allotments (48%)
- ◀ Osmaston Park Allotments (49%)
- ◀ Derwent Park Allotments (50%)

All three sites only just score below the threshold. Osmaston Park Allotments is observed as having some vacant plots. Rubbish was also noted at the time of the visit. At Derwent Park Allotments, some plots appear overgrown and not well maintained. Both sites score lower for overall maintenance and cleanliness in comparison to other sites. However, this may be a short-term issue which at another time of the year could score above the threshold; when plots are better maintained and rubbish has been cleared up.

Several sites are noted as having issues with boundary fencing:

- ◀ Ashbourne Road and District Allotment Association-boundary fencing along brook is in poor condition
- ◀ Brigden Avenue Allotments - some security issues with the boundary fence
- ◀ Merrill Way Allotments - boundary fence is in poor condition.
- ◀ Normanton Allotments -private fence in poor condition on park side
- ◀ Osmaston Park Allotments - boundary fence is in poor condition in some locations
- ◀ Sinfin Moor Allotments - high locked gate but boundary fencing is in poor condition in places
- ◀ Derwent Park Allotments - boundary fence is weak in some locations

Potentially linked to this is the sites which highlight having experienced vandalism

- ◀ Borrowfield Allotment Association
- ◀ Little Chester Allotment Association
- ◀ Mill Dam Allotments Association
- ◀ Chaddesden Park Allotments Association

To try and reduce vandalism, the associations are continually undertaking and exploring site security maintenance and enhancements to improve security.

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## 8.5 Value

In order to determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for allotment provision in Derby. A minimum threshold of 35% is applied in order to identify sites of a higher and lower value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 8.5: Value ratings for allotments by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores			No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low <35%	High >35%
North East	36%	44%	50%	0	6
North West	36%	40%	44%	0	5
South East	36%	43%	51%	0	8
South West	39%	44%	53%	0	6
Central	40%	46%	51%	0	5
<b>DERBY</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>

All allotment sites score high for value. This is a reflection of the associated social inclusion and health benefits, amenity value and the sense of place offered by such types of provision. The value of allotments is also demonstrated by the existence of waiting lists identified at sites signalling a continued level of demand for provision. Moreover, the majority of allotments (28) have associations, again mirroring the community value of allotments.

The highest scoring sites for value are:

- ↳ Littleover Lane Allotments (53%)
- ↳ Merrill Way Allotments (51%)
- ↳ Sinfin Moor Allotments (51%)
- ↳ Normanton Allotments (50%)
- ↳ Little Chester Allotments (50%)
- ↳ Brigden Avenue Allotments (50%)

Each has an allotment association enhancing its social and cultural value. Higher value sites also tend to have additional ancillary facilities such as a shop, community room and/or toilets.

Consultation with Little Chester Allotments Association indicates that external groups use the site such as Disability Direct - Plot to Plate Project, Derwent Green Gym and Derbyshire Healthcare. The Plot to Plate Project was formed by Disability Direct in 2017 and enables disabled and older people to grow their own produce in a safe, accessible environment supported by experienced allotment holders and volunteers. Derwent Green Gym Project attracts several volunteers who tend the organic vegetable plots, pond and orchard.

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The Association also highlights that recent site improvements include the purchasing of a toilet block, consisting of two ladies, three gents and an accessible toilet. It is also in the process of extending the site shop and has aspirations of making the communal area used for events to be more accessible for disabled and older people (by replacing the gravel with cement or flag stones).

Firs Estate Allotments identifies that they previously had a primary school group visit as well as welcoming a few people with mental health problems. Disability Direct are looking for a full plot at the site for young people with disabilities to use. The People’s Kitchen are planning to get involved and encourage people to grow produce to use in their kitchen. There is an open day held annually and scarecrow competitions, attracting mainly local people.

Several allotments host events with many catering for wider members of the community. For example, Ashbourne Road and District Allotment Association held a centenary celebration and show, Little Chester Allotments Association host an annual open day with stalls and a BBQ, Nottingham Road and District Allotments Association had an outdoor theatre production and open day with stalls and BBQ. Such communal events help to enhance their social and cultural value.

### 8.6 Summary

<p><b>Allotments summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◀ A total of 30 sites are classified as allotments in the City, equating to over 64 hectares. The majority of sites are owned by Derby City Council and self-managed by associations.</li><li>◀ If the NSALG standard is applied, the current provision of 64.65 hectares is sufficient against the NSALG recommended amount of 64.06 hectares.</li><li>◀ Gaps in the 15-minute walk time standard are noted to the peripheries of all four analysis areas.</li><li>◀ Quality is generally positive with most sites (60%) rating average; followed by 30% rating as high. Only three site rates low for quality.</li><li>◀ All allotments are viewed as being of high value reflecting the associated social inclusion and health benefits, their amenity value and the sense of place offered by provision.</li></ul>
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### **PART 9: PROVISION STANDARDS**

Open space provision standards should be used to inform local plan and decision-making processes by identifying any potential deficiencies and surpluses in provision. This can assist the Council in decisions regarding maintenance, management and need of open space.

Assessing the quality of existing open space provision across the City has been the focus of this study. However, it is also necessary to take account of quantity and accessibility in order to enable the Council to consistently and robustly assess other areas of open space and to help inform decision making process as part of the Local Plan Part 2.

This assessment has been prepared in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); which sets out the Governments planning policies for England. In order for planning policies to be 'sound' local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities. Paragraph 96 of the NPPF refers to the need to identify qualitative or quantitative deficiencies or surpluses of open space.

It is important to recognise any deficiencies in other standards (i.e. quantity and accessibility) will help to provide a fully informed view on quality of provision and potential future actions. For instance, a poor-quality site may be a vital form of open space helping to serve a particular area. Without the site, the area may become deficient in accessibility as well as quality. Conversely, a site may be in an area well served in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility which could present the possibility of alternative uses or changes in management etc.

This is particularly important with regard to the City's growing population over the Local Plan period. It is therefore vital that the Council is aware of the potential shortfalls and surpluses of provision in order to help inform decision making processes.

The focus on this section is therefore on reporting the outcomes of applying and reviewing and the quantity, quality and accessibility of provision. The methodology established will enable the Council to consistently assess the function of any open space site now and in the future.

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## 9.1 Quantity

To fully understand the quality and role of provision, it is useful to identify whether there are any shortfalls in terms of quantity. The Council already has an adopted standard for open spaces of 3.8 hectares per 1,000 population. As this existing standard includes outdoor sports provision, and to provide a true comparison, it is also necessary to add outdoor sports provision to the current provision levels for each analysis area.

Current provision levels can be used to help identify whether any areas may have a shortfall against the open space quantity standard for Derby. Table 9.1 details the current provision levels for each analysis area.

Table 9.1: Current provision levels

Analysis area	Central	North East	North West	South East	South West
<b>Parks</b>	32.21	75.07	206.30	89.74	55.31
<b>Natural and Semi-Natural</b>	2.05	67.09	40.08	67.02	38.25
<b>Amenity</b>	7.07	27.51	24.34	43.06	21.02
<b>Play</b>	2.26	1.58	1.25	5.70	1.52
<b>Allotments</b>	13.72	13.44	7.50	13.88	16.11
<b>Outdoor Sports</b>	19.78	86.01	117.04	140.49	127.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>77.09</b>	<b>270.70</b>	<b>396.51</b>	<b>359.89</b>	<b>259.83</b>

Table 9.2 sets out whether each analysis area is sufficient or identified as having a shortfall against the quantity standard of 3.8 hectares per 1,000 population.

Table 9.2: Current provision against quantity standard

Analysis area	Central	North East	North West	South East	South West
<b>Current open space provision</b>	<b>77.08</b>	<b>270.69</b>	<b>396.51</b>	<b>359.89</b>	<b>259.83</b>
<b>Population*</b>	54,560	53,291	43,520	62,264	42,097
<b>Provision per 1,000 population</b>	1.41	5.08	9.11	5.78	6.17
<b>Sufficiency/deficiency</b>	<b>-2.39</b>	<b>+1.28</b>	<b>+5.31</b>	<b>+1.98</b>	<b>+2.37</b>

The North West Analysis Area is identified as having a current provision level (9.11 hectares per 1,000 population) noticeably greater than that of the quantity standard for Derby (3.80 hectares per 1,000 population). This is predominantly due to both City Parks (Allestree and Markeaton) being located in the area.

\* Source: Mid 2016 ONS Population Estimates



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The Central Analysis Area is observed to be short of the quantity standard. Such numbers would suggest that potential shortfalls in provision could exist. All other analysis areas are identified as having a current provision level above the Derby standard.

## 9.2 Quality and Value

The quality standard is represented in the form of a quality and value matrix. In order to determine whether sites are high, average or low quality (as recommended by best practice guidance), the results of the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold; high being green, average being amber and low being red.

The aim of applying the quality thresholds (along with analysing the quantity and accessibility of provision) is to help further determine prioritisation of investment, protection and to identify sites that may be potentially surplus.

The assessment criteria are derived from the criteria used as part of the Green Flag Award scheme. The threshold for assessing quality in the Green Flag Awards is 66%; based on the pass rate for Green Flag Award assessments. This is the only national benchmark available for quality of parks and open spaces. However, the site visit criteria used for Green Flag is designed to represent a sufficiently high standard of open space. It is not appropriate to use the Green Flag pass mark/threshold in this study as the criteria used is not the same as that of the Green Flag. Therefore, the quality thresholds in this study are centered around the average score for each type of open space.

For quality, thresholds are set around the average score to distinguish high to average and average to low quality sites.

*Table 9.3: Quality and value thresholds by typology*

Typology	Quality threshold			Value threshold
	Low	Average	High	
Parks	<50%	51-70%	≥70%	40%
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	<40%	41-60%	≥60%	30%
Amenity greenspace	<47%	47-59%	≥60%	40%
Provision for children and young people	<60%	60-80%	≥80%	50%
Allotments	<50%	51-65%	≥65%	35%

For value there is no national guidance on the setting of thresholds. The value thresholds applied are therefore set just below the average value score for each type of open space to help distinguish sites of a higher or lower value.

### **Quality and value matrix**

Assessing the quality and value of open spaces is used to identify those sites which should be regarded as of greatest importance, those which require enhancement in some way and those which may no longer be needed for their present purpose.

The purpose of the following tables is to highlight sites for each typology scoring lower for quality and/or value and to provide an indication to its level of priority and/or importance.

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There is a need for flexibility in the potential enhancement of low quality sites within close proximity to other forms of provision. In some instances, a better use of resources and investment may be to focus on more suitable sites for enhancement as opposed to trying to enhance a site that is not appropriate or cost effective to do so.

When analysing the quality/value of a site it should be done in conjunction with regard to the other forms of provision in the area (i.e. whether there may be an accessibility deficiency).

Presented on page 73 is a high/average/low classification giving the following possible combinations of quality and value for open spaces.

A summary of the quality and value matrix is set out in Appendix Two. These are presented on an analysis area by analysis area basis to help provide a more local level of investigation.

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### **High Quality High Value**

Open space sites within this category should generally be viewed as being important forms of provision. These sites represent those of a better quality with many likely to provide key roles and opportunities to open space provision and associated activities. An aspiration should be for all key forms of open space to come into this category.

### **Average Quality High Value**

Most average quality but high value sites will not warrant any special enhancements or alterations. Most sites are likely to already be serving an acceptable function and role. However, there will be some sites that sit on the border of the quality thresholds and which subsequently may be considered to justify further examination. For instance, a site close to the high-quality threshold could benefit from some minor enhancements to improve its overall quality. Conversely, a site could only just be rated as average quality. In such instances, following the approach for low quality/high value sites may be more appropriate. Determining the role of many sites classified as average quality/high value will be dependent upon other factors such as accessibility and proximity to other open space sites.

### **High Quality Low Value**

A site in this category should be explored for opportunities to enhance its value in terms of its present primary open space type. If this is not possible, then considering whether it might be of higher value if converted to some other open space type is advised. Only if this is also impossible should a change of use be considered.

### **Average Quality Low Value**

Similarly, sites in this category should initially be examined to determine if any suitable quality improvements could also enhance the sites value. Sites in this category may become 'surplus to requirements' in terms of their present primary purpose if value cannot be increased

### **Low Quality High Value**

Some sites rating as low quality/high value may benefit from simple or minor enhancements in order to increase their quality to better reflect their value. However, other sites may require more significant enhancements in order to improve overall quality. These sites may only provide a beneficial role through acting as a visual amenity. In some instances, there may be alternative sites better suited for enhancement within close proximity. Consequently, and in situations where other forms of suitable provision are located nearby, such sites could be explored for alternative uses. Exploring sites on an individual case by case basis is advisable.

### **Low Quality Low Value**

Sites within this category are more likely to be observed as forms of provision lacking in appeal and use for a variety of reasons. It is also likely that any sites with issues and/or a lack of community involvement will be found within this category.

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Consequently, sites in this category are going to be better placed for consideration to a change in use or for potential disposal. It will however be necessary to ensure accessibility standards are not adversely affected as a result of any change to open space provision.

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## 9.3 Accessibility

Accessibility standards for different types of provision are a tool to identify communities currently not served by existing facilities. It is recognised that factors that underpin catchment areas vary from person to person, day to day and hour to hour. This problem is overcome by accepting the concept of 'effective catchments', defined as the distance that would be travelled by the majority of users. Catchment area mapping also takes into account known barriers to movement such as major roads (A38, A52, A5111), River Derwent and railway lines.

The Council already has accessibility standards established for different types of open space. Policy CP17: Public Green Space within the Local Plan refers to Appendix D which sets out the accessibility standards for eight different types of open space. As per the brief, these have been used to help inform the analysis of existing provision.

*Table 9.4: Accessibility standards to travel to open space provision*

Open space type		Applied standard
Parks	City Parks	10-minute drive time
	District Parks	15-minute walk time (1200m)
	Neighbourhood Parks	10-minute walk time (800m)
Natural and semi-natural		10-minute walk time (800m)
Amenity greenspace		5 minute walk time (400m)
Provision for children and young people	Children's play	10-minute walk time (800m)
	Facilities for young people	15-minute walk time (1200m)
Allotments		15 minute walk time (1200m)

No accessibility standard is set for amenity green space within Appendix D of the Local Plan. For the purposes of this study, a 5-minute walk time has been utilised to provide a catchment distance for amenity green space. This is considered to be reflective of its typical role and usage whilst being in line with national guidance (e.g. Fields In Trust suggest a 6 minute walk time for amenity provision).

### ***Identifying potential deficiencies***

If an area does not have access to the required level of provision (consistent with the catchments and utilising the settlement hierarchy) it is deemed deficient. KKP has identified instances where new sites may be needed or potential opportunities could be explored in order to provide comprehensive access to this typology of provision (i.e. a gap in one form of provision may exist but the area in question may be served by another form of open space).

In general, the applied catchments tend to provide a sufficient level of coverage to the analysis areas. However, some minor gaps are highlighted for certain typologies.

Tables 9.5 to 9.9 summarises the gaps in catchment mapping identified from the application of the accessibility standards. Please refer to the accessibility maps set out earlier in the report under each typology section.

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Table 9.5: Central Analysis Area

Typology	Catchment gap	Comment
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gaps in 10-minute drive time for City Parks</li> <li>◀ Gaps in 15-minute walk time for District Parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Arboretum Park, Normanton Park, Sunnyhill Recreation Ground)</li> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Arboretum Park, Normanton Park, Sunnydale Park, Sunnyhill Recreation Ground, Markeaton Park)</li> </ul>
Natural and semi/natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gaps in walk time catchment identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of open space such as parks (Normanton Park, Arboretum Park, Sunnydale Park, Sunnyhill Recreation Ground) and amenity greenspaces (Oriel Court, Church Street, Arboretum PS AGS, Baseball Drive, Keeper's Green, Bonsall Avenue)</li> </ul>
Amenity greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Minor gap in 5-minute walk time identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of open space such as parks (Arboretum Park, Normanton Park, Stockbrook Recreational Park)</li> </ul>
Provision for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No gap in 10-minute walk time for children's play</li> <li>◀ No gap in 15-minute walk time for young people's provision</li> </ul>	
Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gap in 15-minute walk time to north-east</li> </ul>	

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Table 9.6: North East Analysis Area

Typology	Catchment gap	Comment
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gaps in 10-minute drive time for City Parks</li> <li>◀ Minor gaps in 15-minute walk time for District Parks</li> <li>◀ Minor gaps in 10-minute walk time for Neighbourhood Parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Chaddesden Park, Oakwood Park)</li> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Brunswood Recreation Ground, Gravel Pit Lane Rec, Dale Road Park)</li> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Chaddesden Park, Oakwood Park, The Racecourse)</li> </ul>
Natural and semi/natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Minor gaps in 10-minute walk time identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of open space such as parks (The Racecourse, Roe Farm Recreation Ground, Chaddesden Park, Priory Park, Oakwood Park) and amenity (Taddington Road, Dorchester Avenue)</li> </ul>
Amenity greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Minor gap in 5-minute walk time identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of open space such as parks (Chaddesden Park) and natural &amp; semi-natural greenspaces (Chaddesen Park Reserve)</li> </ul>
Provision for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No gap in 10-minute walk time for children's play</li> <li>◀ No gap in 15-minute walk time for young people's provision</li> </ul>	
Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gap in 15-minute walk time to north and south</li> </ul>	



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Table 9.7: North West Analysis Area

Typology	Catchment gap	Comment
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gaps in 15-minute walk time for District Parks</li> <li>◀ Minor gaps in 10-minute walk time for Neighbourhood Parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Allestree Park, Markeaton Park)</li> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (KKP 6, Markeaton Park, Darley Park, Darley Fields)</li> </ul>
Natural and semi/natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No gap in 10-minute walk time identified</li> </ul>	
Amenity greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Minor gap in 5-minute walk time identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of open space such as parks (Allestree Recreation Ground, Bramble Brook Rec, Vicarage Road Park, Darley Park)</li> </ul>
Provision for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No gap in 10-minute walk time for children's play</li> <li>◀ Gap in 15-minute walk time for young people's provision to north</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Exploring opportunities to expand provision for young people at other existing play sites (Allestree Recreation Ground Play Area, Nether Park Drive Play Area) should be considered</li> </ul>
Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gap in 15-minute walk time to north</li> </ul>	

Table 9.8: South East Analysis Area

Typology	Catchment gap	Comment
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gaps in 10-minute drive time for City Parks</li> <li>◀ Gaps in 15-minute walk time for District Parks</li> <li>◀ Minor gaps in 10-minute walk time for Neighbourhood Parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Alvaston Park, Sinfin Moor Park)</li> <li>◀ Served by other forms of park provision (Osmaston Park, Boulton Lane Rec, Fullens Lock Park, Pit Close Lane Recreational Ground, Chellaston Park, Field Lane Rec)</li> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Alvaston Park, Sinfin Moor Park)</li> </ul>
Natural and semi/natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Minor gaps in 10-minute walk time identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of open space such as parks (Rowditch Park, Field Lane Rec) and amenity greenspaces (Cotton Lane Rec AGS, Mowbray Gardens, Bembridge Drive/Medina Close, Sweetbriar Close)</li> </ul>
Amenity greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No gap in 5-minute walk time identified</li> </ul>	
Provision for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No gap in 10-minute walk time for children's play</li> <li>◀ Gap in 15-minute walk time for young people's provision to south</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Exploring opportunities to expand provision for young people at other existing play sites (Back Lane Play Area, Chellaston Rec Play Area, Courtway Crescent Play Area, Duchess Way Play Area) should be considered</li> </ul>
Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Minor gap in 15-minute walk time to the north and south</li> </ul>	

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Table 9.9: South West Analysis Area

Typology	Catchment gap	Comment
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gaps in 10-minute drive time for City Parks</li> <li>◀ Gaps in 15-minute walk time for District Parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Normanton Park, Sunnysdale Park, Sunnysdale Recreation Ground, Clemsons Park, King George V Playing Fields, Griffie Field Park, Haven Baulk Lane Rec)</li> <li>◀ Served by other forms of parks provision (Normanton Park, Sunnysdale Park, Sunnysdale Recreation Ground, Clemsons Park, King George V Playing Fields, Griffie Field Park, Haven Baulk Lane Rec, Markeaton Park)</li> </ul>
Natural and semi/natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gaps in walk time catchment identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of open space such as parks (Normanton Park, Sunnysdale Park) and amenity greenspaces (Bonsall Avenue, Crecy Close, Normanton Lane)</li> </ul>
Amenity greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Minor gap in 5-minute walk time identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Served by other forms of open space such as parks (Clemsons Park, Sunnysdale Park)</li> </ul>
Provision for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No gap in 10-minute walk time for children's play</li> <li>◀ No gap in 15-minute walk time for young people's provision</li> </ul>	
Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Gap in 15-minute walk time to centre</li> </ul>	

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## PART 10: APPROACH AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following section uses the application of the standards to provide a series of recommendations to help establish an approach to enable the Council to consistently and robustly assess other areas of open space and to help inform decision making processes as part of the Local Plan Part 2, the determination of planning applications, estate rationalisation and future maintenance priorities.

It is intended to help inform the Council's decision-making processes and, along with the audit assessment act, as a toolkit towards effective future strategic decision making.

### **Recommendation 1**

Sites helping to serve areas identified as having gaps in catchment mapping for one type of open space should be recognised for their multifunctional role

The accessibility catchment mapping (section 9.3) including recognition to barriers of movement highlights those sites that help to serve gaps identified for other forms of open space provision. A summary of the sites helping to serve catchment gaps is set out in Table 10.1.

*Table 10.1: Summary of sites helping to serve catchment gaps*

KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Helps to meet gap in:
6	Allestree Park	Park (City)	District Parks Neighbourhood Parks
7	Allestree Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	Amenity greenspace
8	Allestree Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's Play	Young Peoples Provision (potentially)
12	Alvaston Park	Park (District)	City Parks Neighbourhood Parks Amenity greenspace
17	Arboretum Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Natural/semi-natural Amenity greenspace
19	Arboretum Primary School AGS	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
30.1	Back Lane Play Area	Children's Play	Young Peoples Provision (potentially)
39	Bembridge Drive/Medina Close	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
46	Bonsall Avenue	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
52	Boulton Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks Amenity greenspace
55	Bramble Brook Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	Amenity greenspace
67	Brunswood Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks

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KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Helps to meet gap in:
81	Chaddesden Park	Park (District)	City Parks Neighbourhood Parks Natural/semi-natural Amenity greenspace
83	Chaddesden Park Reserve	Natural/semi-natural	Amenity greenspace
88	Chellaston Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks
90.1	Chaddesden Rec Play Area	Children's Play	Young Peoples Provision (potentially)
93	Church Street	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
95	Clemsons Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Amenity greenspace
103	Cotton Lane Rec AGS	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
105.1	Courtway Crescent Play Area	Children's Play	Young Peoples Provision (potentially)
107	Crecy Close	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
116	Darley Fields	Park (District)	Neighbourhood Parks
120	Darley Park	Park (District)	Neighbourhood Parks Amenity greenspace
131	Dorchester Avenue	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
149	Field Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks Natural/semi-natural
160	Fullens Lock Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks
171	Gravel Pit Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks
180	Sinfin Lane AGS	Park (Neighbourhood)	Amenity greenspace
192	Haven Baulk Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Amenity greenspace
197.1	Duchess Way Play Area	Children's Play	Young Peoples Provision (potentially)
218	Keeper's Green	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
222	Griffe Field Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Amenity greenspace
251	Markeaton Park	Park (City)	District Parks Neighbourhood Parks Natural/semi-natural
277	Mowbray Gardens	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
284	Nether Park Drive	Children's Play	Young Peoples Provision (potentially)

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KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Helps to meet gap in:
288	Normanton Lane	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
289	Normanton Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Natural/semi-natural Amenity greenspace
294	Oakwood Park	Park (District)	City Parks Neighbourhood Parks Natural/semi-natural
299	Oriel Court	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
300	Osmaston Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks Natural/semi-natural Amenity greenspace
307	Pit Close Lane Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks
314	Priory Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	Natural/semi-natural
326	Roe Farm Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	Natural/semi-natural
342	Baseball Drive	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
354	Sinfin Moor Park	Park (District)	City Parks Neighbourhood Parks
374	Stockbrook Recreational Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	Amenity greenspace
380	Sunnydale Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Natural/semi-natural Amenity greenspace
381	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Natural/semi-natural Amenity greenspace
385	Sweetbriar Close	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
388	Normanton Lane	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
392	The Racecourse	Park (District)	Neighbourhood Parks Natural/semi-natural
403	Vicarage Road Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks Amenity greenspace
433	King George V Playing Fields	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Amenity greenspace
434	Dale Road Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks

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These sites currently help to meet the identified catchment gaps for other types of open space. In most instances, such sites should be viewed as being key forms of open space provision as they are likely to provide multiple social, health and value benefits. On this basis, ensuring the quality of these sites and where necessary, or opportunities are presented, enhancing their quality should also be supported.

### **Recommendation 2**

The role of lower quality/value sites helping to serve areas identified as having gaps in catchment mapping for some types of open space should be explored

The summary of the quality and value matrix (section 9.2) identifies the approach for sites based on their quality and value rating. This should help to inform future actions and roles for sites on this basis. The approach for some sites may be to enhance their quality. For others, considering proximity of other forms of provision (and their quality/accessibility) may lead to exploring alternative uses.

A summary of the quality and value matrix is set out in Appendix Two. A list of low and average quality and/or value sites currently helping to serve catchment gaps in provision is set out in Table 10.2.

*Table 10.2: Summary of low/average quality sites helping to serve catchment gaps*

KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Helps to meet gap in
7	Allestree Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	Amenity greenspace
19	Arboretum Primary School AGS	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
30.1	Back Lane Play Area	Children's Play	Young Peoples Provision (potentially)
39	Bembridge Drive/Medina Close	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
46	Bonsall Avenue	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
52	Boulton Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks Amenity greenspace
55	Bramble Brook Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	Amenity greenspace
67	Brunswood Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks
93	Church Street	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
95	Clemsons Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Amenity greenspace
103	Cotton Lane Rec AGS	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
116	Darley Fields	Park (District)	Neighbourhood Parks
131	Dorchester Avenue	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
149	Field Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks Natural/semi-natural
160	Fullens Lock Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks

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KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Helps to meet gap in
171	Gravel Pit Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks
180	Sinfin Lane AGS	Park (Neighbourhood)	Amenity greenspace
192	Haven Baulk Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Amenity greenspace
218	Keeper's Green	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
222	Griffe Field Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Amenity greenspace
284	Nether Park Drive	Children's Play	Young Peoples Provision (potentially)
288	Normanton Lane	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
294	Oakwood Park	Park (District)	City Parks Neighbourhood Parks Natural/semi-natural
314	Priory Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	Natural/semi-natural
326	Roe Farm Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	Natural/semi-natural
342	Baseball Drive	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
381	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Natural/semi-natural Amenity greenspace
385	Sweetbriar Close	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
388	Normanton Lane	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
433	King George V Playing Fields	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Amenity greenspace
434	Dale Road Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks

Several of these identified sites are considered generally to have a high combined quality/value rating (Appendix Two). This is often due to such sites falling just short of the individual quality threshold for sites to be categorised as high quality. Therefore, despite being average quality, it is important that these sites are recognised for their general quality; particularly those providing a multifunctional role (i.e. helping to serve gaps in other forms of provision). Table 10.3 identifies such sites helping to serve catchment gaps.

*Table 10.3: Average to High quality sites helping to serve catchment gaps*

KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Helps to meet gap in
52	Boulton Lane Rec	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks Amenity greenspace
93	Church Street	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
116	Darley Fields	Park (District)	Neighbourhood Parks



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KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Helps to meet gap in
294	Oakwood Park	Park (District)	City Parks Neighbourhood Parks Natural/semi-natural
299	Oriel Court	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
381	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	City Parks District Parks Natural/semi-natural Amenity greenspace
434	Dale Road Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks

It is also important for other lower quality sites (that may also score low for value) to be examined in terms of their quality deficiency.

### **Recommendation 3**

Examine role and use of lower quality and value site

Sites of a lower quality/value rating (including some average quality sites) are identified in Appendix Two.

There are 69 sites identified as having a combined quality/value rating which is low. Six of these sites are identified (in Table 13.2) as helping to serve catchment gaps in other types of open space. A summary of these sites is set out in Table 10.4.

*Table 10.4: Low quality sites serving catchment gap*

KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Helps to meet gap in
39	Bembridge Drive/Medina Close	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
160	Fullens Lock Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	District Parks
288	Normanton Lane	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural
314	Priory Park	Park (Neighbourhood)	Natural/semi-natural
326	Roe Farm Recreation Ground	Park (Neighbourhood)	Natural/semi-natural
385	Sweetbriar Close	Amenity greenspace	Natural/semi-natural

On this basis, these six sites<sup>8</sup> should be reviewed to establish whether improvements to quality or enhancement of secondary functions is warranted. Most of the sites help to meet a gap in natural and semi-natural greenspace. Therefore, sites could be reviewed further to see if secondary features and functions associated with natural and semi-natural greenspace can be boosted.

Consequently, there are 60 sites of low quality/value, which do not help to serve any highlighted gaps in catchment mapping for other types of open space (Table 10.5).

<sup>8</sup> Three allotment sites are also rated as low quality which should also be reviewed

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Table 10.5: Low quality/value sites not meeting gap in other provision

KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type
26	Athlone Close	Amenity greenspace
31	Ballater Close Play Area	Children's play areas
42	Berwick Drive	Amenity greenspace
64	Brighton Road Lower POS	Amenity greenspace
65	Brighton Road Upper POS	Amenity greenspace
68	Byron Street MUGA	Children's play areas - Young Person
69	Byron Street Play Area	Children's play areas - Young Person
72	Carlton Avenue	Amenity greenspace
77	Castleshaw Drive	Amenity greenspace
103.1	Cotton Lane Rec MUGA	Children's play areas - Young Person
128	Derby Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces
143	Ex Springfield Allotments	Semi / Natural greenspaces
144	Fairbourne Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces
146	Fallow Road	Amenity greenspace
153	Finningley Drive	Amenity greenspace
155.1	Hoveton Close Play Area	Children's play areas
161	Fullens Lock Park NSN	Semi / Natural greenspaces
164	Glaisdale Nook Play Area	Children's play areas
167	Goathland Road Play Area	Children's play areas
173	Great Northern Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces
175	Greenfields Avenue	Semi / Natural greenspaces
178	Greenwich Drive North	Amenity greenspace
181.1	Half Moon Plantation MUGA	Children's play areas - Young Person
190	Havelock Road MUGAs	Children's play areas - Young Person
191	Havelock Road Play Area	Children's play areas - Young Person
203.1	Hill Park Close MUGA	Children's play areas - Young Person
204	Hobson Drive Play Area	Children's play areas
217	Kedleston Road	Amenity greenspace
226	Kingsway	Semi / Natural greenspaces
242	Lousie Greaves Lane	Semi / Natural greenspaces
245	Maine Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces
257	Mayvale Grove	Semi / Natural greenspaces
258	Brookdale Drive Play Area	Children's play areas
273	Monarch Drive	Amenity greenspace
290	Nottingham Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces
293	Nunsfield House	Amenity greenspace
302	Oxenhope Close	Amenity greenspace
304	Parkway/Ryebutts	Amenity greenspace

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KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type
305	Pendleside Way	Semi / Natural greenspaces
319.1	Queensferry Gardens Play Area	Children's play areas
325	Rockingham Close	Amenity greenspace
326.1	Roe Farm Skate Park	Children's play areas - Young Person
326.2	Roe Farm Play Area	Children's play areas
339	Saxondale Avenue	Parks
341	The Shaftesbury Centre	Parks
356	Skipton Green	Amenity greenspace
359.1	South Avenue Play Area East	Children's play areas
371	Station Road	Amenity greenspace
373	Stepping Close Play Area	Children's play areas
377	Stonesdale Court Play Area	Children's play areas
382	Sussex Circus Play Ground	Children's play areas
384	Swallowdale Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces
405	Waterford Drive	Parks
407	Wensleydale Walk Play Area	Children's play areas
410	Kettlewell Close MUGA	Children's play areas - Young Person
412	Whitby Avenue	Amenity greenspace
417	Wiltshire Road	Amenity greenspace
428	Wye Street	Semi / Natural greenspaces
435	Jubilee Avenue	Amenity greenspace
436	Bembridge Drive	Amenity greenspace

Nearly all these sites are considered to have catchment areas covered by or substantially overlapped by the catchment of another open space. The sites are set out in Table 10.6. Further exploration into these sites should be undertaken to establish whether they are potentially surplus to requirements or if quality should look to be enhanced.

It is important to recognise that there are quantitative deficits identified in most of the analysis areas of the City. Any loss of existing provision would exacerbate this. Furthermore, in some instances the removal of more than one site in an area could lead to a catchment gap being created. These elements need to be balanced against other factors such as quality of provision. For instance, disposal of a site may enable developer contributions to improve the quality of a nearby site and/or allow improved maintenance resources.

Careful analysis and testing of any removal of sites should be undertaken to ensure a sufficient level of access to high quality provision.

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Table 10.6: Sites of low quality/value covered by catchment of another site

KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Overlapping catchment (KKP Ref)
26	Athlone Close	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 210, 338 Parks: 294 NSN: 80, 236, 357
31	Ballater Close Play Area	Children's play areas	CP: 20, 28, 180.1, 372.1 YP: 376, 344.1
42	Berwick Drive	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 227, 272 Parks: 354 NSN: 21 384
64	Brighton Road Lower POS	Amenity greenspace	Parks: 12, 140 NSN: 99, 428
65	Brighton Road Upper POS	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 122 Parks: 12 NSN: 99, 428
68	Byron Street MUGA	Children's play areas - YP	CP: 93.1, 289.4
69	Byron Street Play Area	Children's play areas - YP	YP: 17.2, 289.1, 289.3
72	Carlton Avenue	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 263, 319 Parks: 160, 413 NSN: 161, 186
77	Castleshaw Drive	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 302 Parks: 192 NSN: 74, 305
103.1	Cotton Lane Rec MUGA	Children's play areas - YP	CP: 277.1 YP: 103.2, 341.1
128	Derby Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 111 Parks: 81, 405 NSN: 123, 143, 216, 408
143	Ex Springfield Allotments	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 421 Parks: 67, 81 NSN: 2, 128, 250, 408
144	Fairbourne Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 230 Parks: 251, 339 NSN: 144, 298
146	Fallow Road	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 135, 182 Parks: 67, 434 NSN: 242
153	Finningley Drive	Amenity greenspace	Parks: 6, 7
155.1	Hoveton Close Play Area	Children's play areas	CP: 160.1, 353.1 YP: 52.1, 52.2
161	Fullens Lock Park NSN	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 353 Parks: 160,413 NSN:155

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KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Overlapping catchment (KKP Ref)
164	Glaisdale Nook Play Area	Children's play areas	CP: 220.1, 377, 383, 407 YP: 149.1
167	Goathland Road Play Area	Children's play areas	CP: 157, 214 YP: 376
173	Great Northern Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: Parks: 120, 251, 253, 374 NSN:66
175	Greenfields Avenue	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 158 Parks: 95, 222, 433 NSN: 74, 152, 274, 275
178	Greenwich Drive North	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 306 Parks: 244, 251, 252 NSN: 254, 257
181.1	Half Moon Plantation MUGA	Children's play areas - YP	CP: 2.1, 81.2 YP: 81.1
190	Havelock Road MUGAs	Children's play areas - YP	CP: 93.1, 348.1, 289.4 YP: 289.1, 289.2, 289.3, 341.1
191	Havelock Road Play Area	Children's play areas - YP	
203.1	Hill Park Close MUGA	Children's play areas - YP	CP: 223 YP: 431, 432
204	Hobson Drive Play Area	Children's play areas	YP: 70.1
217	Kedleston Road	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 132 Parks: 120, 251 NSN:254, 284, 320
226	Kingsway	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 92, 330.3 Parks: 251, 330 NSN: 257
242	Lousie Greaves Lane	Semi / Natural greenspaces	Parks: 67 NSN: 143, 250
244	Mackworth Park	Parks	Parks: 55, 229, 251 NSN: 297
245	Maine Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 246 Parks: 81 NSN: 2, 83
257	Mayvale Grove	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 92, 330.3 Parks: 251, 330 NSN: 173, 226
258	Brookdale Drive Play Area	Children's play areas	CP: 247.1
273	Monarch Drive	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 112, 188 Parks: 294 NSN: 236, 357
290	Nottingham Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces	AGS: 291

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KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Overlapping catchment (KKP Ref)
			<i>Parks: 171 NSN: 123</i>
293	Nunsfield House	Amenity greenspace	<i>AGS: 113, 141 Parks: 12, 140 NSN: 174, 428, 430</i>
302	Oxenhope Close	Amenity greenspace	<i>AGS: 77 Parks: 192 NSN: 74, 305, 311</i>
304	Parkway/Ryebutts	Amenity greenspace	<i>AGS: 105, 395 Parks: 160, 413, NSN: 155, 161, 165</i>
305	Pendleside Way	Semi / Natural greenspaces	<i>AGS: 77, 302 Parks: 192 NSN: 311</i>
319.1	Queensferry Gardens Play Area	Children's play areas	<i>CP: 52.3, 155.1, 160.1 YP: 52.1, 52.2, 241.1</i>
325	Rockingham Close	Amenity greenspace	<i>AGS: 360 Parks: 6, 7</i>
326.1	Roe Farm Skate Park	Children's play areas - YP	<i>CP: 199.1, 382</i>
326.2	Roe Farm Play Area	Children's play areas	<i>YP: 199.2</i>
339	Saxondale Avenue	Parks	<i>AGS: 58, 230 Parks: 251 NSN: 144, 281</i>
341	The Shaftesbury Centre	Parks	<i>AGS: 218, 342 Parks: 17</i>
356	Skipton Green	Amenity greenspace	<i>AGS: 151, 195 Parks: 6, 326, 392 NSN: 183, 296</i>
359.1	South Avenue Play Area East	Children's play areas	<i>CP: 48.1, 67.1, 70.2, YP: 70.1</i>
371	Station Road	Amenity greenspace	<i>AGS: 90, 105, 304, 395 Parks: 160, 307 NSN: 155, 161, 165, 308</i>
373	Stepping Close Play Area	Children's play areas	<i>CP: 184, 330.2 YP: 92.2, 185, 253.2, 330.1</i>
377	Stonesdale Court Play Area	Children's play areas	<i>CP: 140.1, 220.1, 377, 383, 407 YP: 149.1</i>
382	Sussex Circus Play Ground	Children's play areas	<i>CP: 326.2 YP: 326.1</i>
384	Swallowdale Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces	<i>AGS: 272 Parks: 354</i>

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KKP Ref	Site name	Open space type	Overlapping catchment (KKP Ref)
			NSN: 21
405	Waterford Drive	Parks	AGS: 215 Parks: 12, 81 NSN: 216, 393
407	Wensleydale Walk Play Area	Children's play areas	CP: 140.1, 220.1, 377, 383, 407 YP: 149.1
410	Kettlewell Close MUGA	Children's play areas - YP	CP: 47, 241 YP: 16, 52.1, 52.2, 241.1
412	Whitby Avenue	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 151, 195, 412 Parks: 6, 326, 392 NSN: 183, 296
417	Wiltshire Road	Amenity greenspace	Parks: 326, 392 NSN: 183
428	Wye Street	Semi / Natural greenspaces	Parks: 12, 140 NSN: 174, 430
435	Jubilee Avenue	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 358, Parks: 52, 160 NSN: 155, 161, 186
436	Bembridge Drive	Amenity greenspace	AGS: 39, 101, 205, 220 Parks: 149

A particular focus should be to improve the quality of play provision. Adopting a hierarchy of provision will help to direct likely limited council funding opportunities (i.e. ensuring the quality and range of provision at key strategic sites) in order to provide bigger and better forms of play provision which residents are willing to travel further in order to access. This should also help to reduce the number of smaller play sites with a limited range of equipment being created. Such sites tend to have a limited appeal and can further add to future maintenance costs.

The above tables should be used to inform decision-making processes by identifying any potential deficiencies and surpluses in provision. This can assist the Council in future decisions regarding maintenance, management and need of open space.



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### Appendix One: Quality and Value Criteria and Weighting

The quality and value criteria used to mark each type of open space are set out in the tables below.

*Table A1.1: Quality criteria used against each open space type*

	Parks	Semi / Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace	Allotments	Play provision
<i>Main entrance</i>	1	1		1	1
<i>Other entrances</i>	1			1	
<i>Gradient and value</i>	1		1	1	1
<i>Personal security</i>	1		1	1	1
<i>Ramps and guardrails adequacy</i>	1			1	
<i>Boundary fencing adequacy</i>	1	1		1	1
<i>Controls to prevent illegal use adequacy</i>	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Parking Number and location</i>	0.333				0.333
<i>Parking - Appropriateness of provision</i>	0.333				0.333
<i>Parking - Quality</i>	0.333				0.333
<i>Toilets accessibility and appearance</i>	1			1	
<i>Seats and benches - Number and location</i>	1	0.333	0.333		0.333
<i>Seats and benches - Appropriateness of provision</i>	1	0.333	0.333		0.333
<i>Seats and benches - Maintenance</i>	1	0.333	0.333		0.333
<i>Picnic tables - Number and location</i>	1				
<i>Picnic tables - Appropriateness of provision</i>	1				
<i>Picnic tables - Maintenance</i>	1				

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	<b>Parks</b>	<b>Semi / Natural greenspace</b>	<b>Amenity greenspace</b>	<b>Allotments</b>	<b>Play provision</b>
<i>Litter bins - Number and location</i>	1	0.333	0.333		0.333
<i>Litter bins - Appropriateness of provision</i>	1	0.333	0.333		0.333
<i>Litter bins - Maintenance</i>	1	0.333	0.333		0.333
<i>Dog foul bins - Number and location</i>	0.333	0.333	0.333		
<i>Dog foul bins - Appropriateness of provision</i>	0.333	0.333	0.333		
<i>Dog foul bins - Maintenance</i>	0.333	0.333	0.333		
<i>Lighting - Number and location</i>	0.333		0.333		
<i>Lighting - Appropriateness of provision</i>	0.333		0.333		
<i>Lighting - Maintenance</i>	0.333		0.333		
<i>Overall maintenance and cleanliness</i>	1	1	1	1	
<i>Play Site Appearance</i>					2
<i>Play Surface Quality</i>					2
<i>Play Equipment Quality</i>					3
<i>Drainage</i>	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Landscaping design</i>	0.5		0.5		
<i>Landscaping maintenance</i>	0.5		0.5		
<i>Paths</i>	1	1	1	1	
<i>Conservation</i>	1	2		1	
<i>Maintenance of buildings and artefacts</i>	1			1	
<i>Needles</i>	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5
<i>Motor bikes</i>	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5
<i>Glass</i>	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5
<i>Abandoned cars</i>	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5
<i>Fire damage</i>	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5

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	Parks	Semi / Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace	Allotments	Play provision
<i>Horse tracks</i>	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5
<i>Physical access - public transport links/stops</i>	5	5	5	5	
<i>Physical access - safe crossing places</i>	5	5	5	5	
<i>Access social - minimum entrance widths 1.5m</i>	5	5	5	5	5
<i>Access social - directional signposts</i>	5	5	5	5	
<i>Parking well signed</i>	3	3	3		
<i>Easy to read/clear messages</i>	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Well maintained and free from graffiti</i>	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Basic up to date information</i>	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Signage that detracts from quality of the site</i>	-3	-3		-3	
<i>Situated at entrance</i>	3	3		3	3
<i>Maps and graphics</i>	3	3			
<i>Evidence of site marketing</i>	3	3		3	
<i>Signs at accessible height</i>	3	3	3	3	3

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Table A1.2: Value criteria used against each open space type

	Parks	Semi / Natural greenspace	Amenity greenspace	Allotments	Play provision
<i>Other green space of the same typology close by</i>	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Level of use (observations only)</i>	4	1	4	3	2
<i>IOD Multiple Deprivation Rank</i>	4	1	2	2	1
<i>Space meets needs of Elderly</i>	5	3	3	5	
<i>Space meets needs of Juniors</i>	5	3	3	5	
<i>Space meets needs of Teenagers</i>	5	3	3	5	
<i>Space meets needs of Disabled</i>	5	3	3	5	
<i>Space meets needs of Families</i>	5	3	3	5	
<i>Space meets needs of Visual amenity</i>	5	5	5	3	
<i>Space meets needs of Other</i>	5	3	3		
<i>Structural and landscape benefits</i>	5	5	5	2	5
<i>Ecological benefits</i>	3	5	2	4	
<i>Educational benefits</i>	3	5	2	4	5
<i>Social inclusion and health benefits</i>	5	5	5	5	5
<i>Cultural and heritage benefits</i>	5	5	2	5	5
<i>Amenity benefits and a sense of place</i>	5	5	5	5	5
<i>Economic benefits</i>	5	5	3	3	5
<i>Designated as LNR or SSSI</i>	5	5			
<i>Educational programme in place</i>	5	5		5	
<i>Historic building on site</i>	5	5	1	3	
<i>Listed building on site or site with long history</i>	5	5	1	3	
<i>Registered 'friends of group' to the site</i>	5	5		2	

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### Appendix Two: Quality and Value Matrix Summary

A summary of the quality and value matrix is set out in the following tables. These are presented on an analysis area by analysis area basis to help provide a more local level of investigation.

Table A2.1: Central Analysis Area

Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
17	Arboretum Park	Parks			
17.1	Arboretum Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
17.2	Arboretum Park MUGA	Children's play areas			
19	Arboretum Primary School AGS	Amenity greenspace			
33	Bass's Recreation Ground	Parks			
33.1	Bass Rec Ground Skate Park	Children's play areas			
57	Bramfield Avenue Allotments	Allotments			
68	Byron Street MUGA	Children's play areas			
69	Byron Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
79	Cathedral Green	Amenity greenspace			
93	Church Street	Amenity greenspace			
93.1	Church Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
107	Crecy Close	Amenity greenspace			
110	Cuttle Brook Close	Amenity greenspace			
154	Firs Estate Allotments	Allotments			
190	Havelock Road MUGAs	Children's play areas			
191	Havelock Road Play Area	Children's play areas			
218	Keeper's Green	Amenity greenspace			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
226	Kingsway	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
257	Mayvale Grove	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
289	Normanton Park	Parks			
289.1	Normanton Park Basketball Court	Children's play areas			
289.2	Normanton Park MUGA 1	Children's play areas			
289.3	Normanton Park MUGA 2	Children's play areas			
289.4	Normanton Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
299	Oriel Court	Amenity greenspace			
299.1	Oriel Court Play Area	Children's play areas			
303	Park Street/Liversage Walk	Amenity greenspace			
303.1	Liversage Square Play Area	Children's play areas			
329	Rowditch Allotments	Allotments			
330	Rowditch Park	Parks			
330.1	Rowditch Recreation Ground MUGA	Children's play areas			
330.2	Rowditch Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's play areas			
330.3	Rowditch Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace			
333	Rykneld Recreational	Parks			
333.1	Rykneld Rec MUGA	Children's play areas			
333.2	Rykneld Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			
341	Shaftsbury Sports Centre	Parks			
341.1	Shaftsbury Sports Centre MUGA	Children's play areas			
342	Baseball Drive	Amenity greenspace			
348	Sherwood Rec	Amenity greenspace			
348.1	Sherwood Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
351	Sinfin Lane Allotments	Allotments			
365	St Clares Close	Amenity greenspace			
369	Glebe Gardens Allotments	Allotments			
374	Stockbrook Recreational Park	Parks			
374.1	Stockbrook Park MUGA East	Children's play areas			
374.2	Stockbrook Street Park MUGA	Children's play areas			
374.3	Stockbrook Street Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			
381	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground	Parks			
381.1	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground MUGA	Children's play areas			
381.2	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground MUGA	Children's play areas			
381.3	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's play areas			
381.4	Sunnyhill Recreation Ground Skate Park	Children's play areas			

Table A2.2: North East Analysis Area

Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
2	Acorn Way	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
2.1	Oregon Way Play Area	Children's play areas			
3	Alder Close	Amenity greenspace			
11	Alsager Close	Amenity greenspace			
15	Amesbury Lane	Amenity greenspace			
26	Athlone Close	Amenity greenspace			
27	Averham Close	Amenity greenspace			
48	Borrow Wood Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace			



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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
48.1	Sandringham Drive Play Area	Children's play areas			
51	Borrowfield Allotments	Allotments			
59	Breadsall Hilltop/Scarborough Rise	Amenity greenspace			
67	Brunswood Recreation Ground	Parks			
67.1	Brunswood Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's play areas			
70	Cambridge Street Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace			
70.1	Cambridge Street MUGA	Children's play areas			
70.2	Cambridge Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
80	Chaddesden Wood	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
81	Chaddesden Park	Parks			
81.1	Chaddesden Park BMX Track	Children's play areas			
81.2	Chaddesden Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
82	Chaddesden Park Allotments	Allotments			
83	Chaddesden Park Reserve	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
84	Charingworth/Bishops	Amenity greenspace			
85	Charingworth/Springwood	Amenity greenspace			
96	Clipstone Gardens	Amenity greenspace			
111	Cypress Walk/Oregon Way	Amenity greenspace			
112	Dahlia Drive	Amenity greenspace			
123	Derby Canal Walk	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
128	Derby Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
131	Dorchester Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
135	Eland Close	Amenity greenspace			
143	Ex Springfield Allotments	Semi / Natural greenspaces			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
146	Fallow Road	Amenity greenspace			
151	Fincham Close	Amenity greenspace			
162	Gathorpe Court	Amenity greenspace			
171	Gravel Pit Lane Rec	Parks			
181	Half Moon Plantation	Amenity greenspace			
181.1	Half Moon Plantation MUGA	Children's play areas			
182	Hamilton Road	Amenity greenspace			
183	Hampshire Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
188	Harvest Way	Amenity greenspace			
195	Hawkshead Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
199	High View Park	Parks			
199.1	Rainbow Play Area	Children's play areas			
199.2	Breadsall Hilltop Adult and Youth Centre MUGA	Children's play areas			
204	Hobson Drive Play Area	Children's play areas			
210	Holymead Drive	Amenity greenspace			
211	Hornbeam Close	Amenity greenspace			
213	Huntingdon Green	Amenity greenspace			
215	John Berrysford Close	Amenity greenspace			
216	John Berrysford Close Natural Area	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
221	Kibworth Close	Amenity greenspace			
224	Kings Corner Pub Play Area	Children's play areas			
232	Lathkill Road	Amenity greenspace			
236	Lime Lane	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
237	Little Chester Allotments	Allotments			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
240	Lodge Lane POS	Amenity greenspace			
242	Lousie Greaves Lane	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
245	Maine Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
246	Maine Drive West	Amenity greenspace			
248	Mansfield Road/Bishops Drive	Amenity greenspace			
250	Marina Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
273	Monarch Drive	Amenity greenspace			
282	Near Arnhem Terrace	Allotments			
290	Nottingham Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
291	Nottingham Road AGS	Amenity greenspace			
292	Nottingham Road and District Allotments	Allotments			
294	Oakwood Park	Parks			
294.1	Oakwood Park MUGA	Children's play areas			
294.2	Oakwood Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
296	Old Mansfield Road Paddock	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
309	Porter's Lane	Amenity greenspace			
313	Priory Gardens	Amenity greenspace			
314	Priory Park	Parks			
322	Racecourse Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
323	Racecourse Play Area	Children's play areas			
326	Roe Farm Recreation Ground	Parks			
326.1	Roe Farm Skate Park	Children's play areas			
326.2	Roe Farm Play Area	Children's play areas			
328	Roseberry Close	Amenity greenspace			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
337	Santolina Drive/Wayfaring Road	Amenity greenspace			
338	Saundersfoot Way	Amenity greenspace			
349	Silverburn Drive/Opal Close	Amenity greenspace			
356	Skipton Green	Amenity greenspace			
357	Lime Lane Wood LNR	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
359	South Avenue Rec	Amenity greenspace			
359.1	South Avenue Play Area East	Children's play areas			
361	Spondon Horticultural Society Allotments	Allotments			
364	St Andrews View	Amenity greenspace			
382	Sussex Circus Play Ground	Children's play areas			
388	Taddington Road	Amenity greenspace			
392	The Racecourse	Parks			
396	Timbersbrook Close	Amenity greenspace			
405	Waterford Drive	Parks			
405.1	Waterford Drive Play Area	Children's play areas			
408	West Park Meadows	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
412	Whitby Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
415	Willowside Gardens	Amenity greenspace			
417	Wiltshire Road	Amenity greenspace			
421	Winslow Green	Amenity greenspace			
423	Wood Road/Wayfaring Road	Amenity greenspace			
426	Woodsorrel Drive	Amenity greenspace			
434	Dale Road Park	Parks			

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Table A2.3: North West Analysis Area

Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
1	Abbey Hill Road	Amenity greenspace			
5	Allestree NSN	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
6	Allestree Park	Parks			
7	Allestree Recreation Ground	Parks			
8	Allestree Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's play areas			
23	Ashbourne Road and District Allotments	Allotments			
37	Beech Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
37.1	Beech Drive Play Area	Children's play areas			
45	Birdcage Walk	Amenity greenspace			
55	Bramble Brook Rec	Parks			
55.1	Bramble Brook Rec MUGA	Children's play areas			
55.2	Bramble Brook Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			
56	Bramble Brook	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
58	Brampton Close	Amenity greenspace			
61	Brierfield Way	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
66	Brook Street Walk	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
71	Cardean Close	Amenity greenspace			
91	Chester Green	Parks			
91.1	Chester Green Play Area	Children's play areas			
92	Cheviot Street Rec	Amenity greenspace			
92.1	Cheviot Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
92.2	Cheviot Street Skate Park	Children's play areas			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
98	Cobden St	Amenity greenspace			
108	Cromer Close	Amenity greenspace			
115	Darley Abbey Riverside	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
116	Darley Fields	Parks			
117	Darley Fields NSN	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
119	Darley Nutwood	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
120	Darley Park	Parks			
120.1	Darley Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
120.2	Derwent Park Allotments	Allotments			
127	Derby Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
132	Dovedale Rise	Amenity greenspace			
133	Downing Close	Amenity greenspace			
142	Euston Drive	Amenity greenspace			
144	Fairbourne Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
153	Finningley Drive	Amenity greenspace			
163	Homerton Vale Play Area	Children's play areas			
173	Great Northern Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
178	Greenwich Drive North	Amenity greenspace			
184	Handford Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
185	Handford Street Wall Games	Children's play areas			
189	Haslams Lane	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
194	Hawke Street	Amenity greenspace			
217	Kedleston Road	Amenity greenspace			
225	Kingsley Road	Amenity greenspace			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
228	Kipling Drive	Amenity greenspace			
229	Knightsbridge Rec	Parks			
229.1	Knightsbridge Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
229.2	Knightsbridge Rec MUGA	Children's play areas			
230	Ladybank Road	Amenity greenspace			
231	Lambourne Court	Amenity greenspace			
243	Mackworth Community Allotments	Allotments			
251	Markeaton Park	Parks			
251.1	Markeaton Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
251.2	Markeaton Park Skateboard Ramp	Children's play areas			
251.3	Kedleston Road Allotments	Allotments			
252	Markeaton Rec Park	Parks			
253	Markeaton Recreation Ground	Parks			
253.1	Markeaton Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			
253.2	Markeaton Street Rec Games Wall	Children's play areas			
254	Markeaton Street	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
255	Markeaton St Allotments	Allotments			
259	Medway Drive	Amenity greenspace			
265	Mickleover Campus	Amenity greenspace			
265.1	College Green Walk Play Area	Children's play areas			
266	Mickleover Manor	Amenity greenspace			
268	Mickleover Old Allotments	Allotments			
269	Mickleover Park	Amenity greenspace			
269.1	Onslow Road BMX Track	Children's play areas			



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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
270	Mill Dam Gardens	Allotments			
271	Mill Pond	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
276	Mornington Crescent	Amenity greenspace			
280	Muswell Road	Amenity greenspace			
281	N. of Saxondale Park	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
284	Nether Park Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
284.1	Nether Park Drive Play Area	Children's play areas			
297	Onslow Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
298	Onslow Road NSN	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
306	Pimlico	Amenity greenspace			
312	Prince Charles Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
315	Quarn Street	Amenity greenspace			
316	Quarn Way	Amenity greenspace			
320	Queensway	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
321	Queensway/Markeaton Street	Amenity greenspace			
325	Rockingham Close	Amenity greenspace			
339	Saxondale Avenue	Parks			
347	Sheroside Close	Amenity greenspace			
360	Spenbeck Drive	Amenity greenspace			
362	Springdale Court	Amenity greenspace			
373	Stepping Close Play Area	Children's play areas			
391	The Copse	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
394	Thorpelands Drive	Amenity greenspace			
398	Twickenham Drive	Amenity greenspace			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
400	University of Derby NSN	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
401	Vicarage Park Allotments	Allotments			
403	Vicarage Road Park	Parks			
403.1	Vicarage Road Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
418	Wimbledon Road	Amenity greenspace			

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Table A2.4: South East Analysis Area

Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
12	Alvaston Park	Parks			
12.1	Alvaston Park BMX Track	Children's play areas			
12.2	Alvaston Park MUGA	Children's play areas			
12.3	Alvaston Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
12.4	Alvaston Park Skateboard Ramp	Children's play areas			
13	Alvaston St Manor Farm	Amenity greenspace			
16	Anderson Street MUGA	Children's play areas			
20	Arkle Green Play Area	Children's play areas			
21	Arleston Lane Natural Area	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
22	Arleston Lane West Amenity Space	Amenity greenspace			
28	Aviemore Way Play Area	Children's play areas			
29	Aycliffe Gardens	Amenity greenspace			
30	Back Lane POS	Amenity greenspace			
30.1	Back Lane Play Area	Children's play areas			
31	Ballater Close Play Area	Children's play areas			
39	Bembridge Drive/Medina Close	Amenity greenspace			
42	Berwick Drive	Amenity greenspace			
44	Bewdley Close	Amenity greenspace			
47	Booth Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
52	Boulton Lane Rec	Parks			
52.1	Boulton Lane Park Tyre Swing	Children's play areas			
52.2	Boulton Lane Rec MUGA	Children's play areas			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
52.3	Boulton Lane Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			
53	Boulton Lane/Crayford Road	Amenity greenspace			
62	Brigden Avenue Allotments	Allotments			
64	Brighton Road Lower POS	Amenity greenspace			
65	Brighton Road Upper POS	Amenity greenspace			
72	Carlton Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
73	Carron Close	Amenity greenspace			
87	Chedworth Drive	Amenity greenspace			
88	Chellaston Park	Parks			
88.1	Chellaston Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
90	Chellaston Rec	Amenity greenspace			
90.1	Chellaston Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			
97	Cloverdale Drive	Amenity greenspace			
99	Coleman St Meadow	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
101	Corinium Close	Amenity greenspace			
103	Cotton Lane Rec AGS	Amenity greenspace			
103.1	Cotton Lane Rec MUGA	Children's play areas			
105	Courtway Crescent	Amenity greenspace			
105.1	Courtway Crescent Play Area	Children's play areas			
113	Dale Road Public Open Space	Amenity greenspace			
122	Derby Canal Walk	Amenity greenspace			
122.1	Tayberry Close Rec Ground Play Area	Children's play areas			
130	Dickinson Street	Amenity greenspace			
137	Elmtree Avenue	Amenity greenspace			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
138	Elmwood	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
140	Elvaston Lane Recreation Ground	Parks			
140.1	Elvaston Lane Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's play areas			
141	Elvaston Lane/Shardlon Road	Amenity greenspace			
148	Field Lane Park Allotments	Allotments			
149	Field Lane Rec	Parks			
149.1	Field Lane Recreation Ground MUGA	Children's play areas			
149.2	Field Lane Recreation Ground Play Area	Children's play areas			
155	Former Canal Path	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
155.1	Hoveton Close Play Area	Children's play areas			
157	Fox Close Play Area	Children's play areas			
159	Foxdell Way Play Area	Children's play areas			
160	Fullens Lock Park	Parks			
160.1	Fullens Lock Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
161	Fullens Lock Park NSN	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
164	Glaisdale Nook Play Area	Children's play areas			
165	Glen Park Close	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
166	Gloster Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
167	Goathland Road Play Area	Children's play areas			
170	Goodsmoor Road	Amenity greenspace			
174	Green Lane (Alvaston)	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
180	Sinfin Lane AGS	Parks			
180.1	Sinfin Lane Play Area	Children's play areas			
186	Hippo Wood	Semi / Natural greenspaces			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
197	Herald Grove	Amenity greenspace			
197.1	Duchess Way Play Area	Children's play areas			
205	Holbrook Road	Amenity greenspace			
214	Inveraray Close Play Area	Children's play areas			
220	Keldholme Lane Park	Amenity greenspace			
220.1	Keldholme Lane Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
227	Kintyre Drive	Amenity greenspace			
233	Lauder Close	Amenity greenspace			
241	Lord Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
241.1	Lord Street MUGA	Children's play areas			
249	Maple Drive/Diseworth Close	Amenity greenspace			
261	Merrill Way Allotments	Allotments			
263	Merrill House	Amenity greenspace			
272	Meirlin Green	Amenity greenspace			
277	Mowbray Gardens	Amenity greenspace			
277.1	Oscar Play Area	Children's play areas			
293	Nunsfield House	Amenity greenspace			
300	Osmaston Park	Parks			
300.1	Osmaston Park BMX Track	Children's play areas			
300.2	Osmaston Park MUGA East	Children's play areas			
300.3	Osmaston Park MUGA West	Children's play areas			
300.4	Osmaston Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
301	Osmaston Park Allotments	Allotments			
304	Parkway/Ryebutts	Amenity greenspace			

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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
307	Pit Close Lane Recreational Ground	Parks			
308	Pit Close Rec and (Hell Chellaston Brickworks)	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
319	Queensferry Gardens	Amenity greenspace			
319.1	Queensferry Gardens Play Area	Children's play areas			
324	Rockbourne Close	Amenity greenspace			
343	Shakespeare Street	Amenity greenspace			
344	Shakespeare Street Play Area	Children's play areas			
344.1	Shakespeare Street MUGA	Children's play areas			
345	Shardlow Road Allotments	Allotments			
350	Sinfin Avenue/Morningside Close	Amenity greenspace			
352	Sinfin Moor Allotments	Allotments			
353	Sinfin Moor Lane	Amenity greenspace			
353.1	Sinfin Moor Lane Play Area	Children's play areas			
354	Sinfin Moor Park	Parks			
354.1	Sinfin Moor Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
355	Sinfin Moor LNR	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
358	South Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
371	Station Road	Amenity greenspace			
376	Stockdove Close MUGA	Children's play areas			
377	Stonesdale Court Play Area	Children's play areas			
383	Swaledale Court Play Area	Children's play areas			
384	Swallowdale Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
385	Sweetbriar Close	Amenity greenspace			
387	Swiss Cottage Allotments	Allotments			



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Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
389	Thanet Drive	Amenity greenspace			
390	The Chase	Amenity greenspace			
393	The Sanctuary	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
395	Thurstone Furlong	Amenity greenspace			
399	Linacres Drive	Amenity greenspace			
404	War Memorial Village	Amenity greenspace			
407	Wensleydale Walk Play Area	Children's play areas			
410	Kettlewell Close MUGA	Children's play areas			
413	Whitehouse Farm Park	Parks			
416	Wilmorton Allotments	Allotments			
428	Wye Street	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
430	Alvaston Community Nature Area	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
103.2	Cotton Lane BMX Track	Children's play areas			
354.2	Sifin Moor Park BMX Track	Children's play areas			
435	Jubilee Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
436	Bembridge Drive	Amenity greenspace			

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Table A2.5: South West Analysis Area

Site ID	Site name	Open Space Type	Quality score	Value Score	Quality/Value Rating
38	Belfry Close	Amenity greenspace			
41	Bendall Green	Amenity greenspace			
41.1	Bendall Green Play Area	Children's play areas			
46	Bonsall Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
55	Bramble Brook Rec	Parks			
55.1	Bramble Brook Rec MUGA	Children's play areas			
55.2	Bramble Brook Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			
56	Bramble Brook	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
58	Brampton Close	Amenity greenspace			
61	Brierfield Way	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
74	Badgerdale Way	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
75	Cascade Grove Play Area	Children's play areas			
77	Castleshaw Drive	Amenity greenspace			
95	Clemsons Park	Parks			
108	Cromer Close	Amenity greenspace			
144	Fairbourne Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
152	Finmere Close	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
158	Foxbrook Close	Amenity greenspace			
163	Homerton Vale Play Area	Children's play areas			
172	Gary Close	Amenity greenspace			
175	Greenfields Avenue	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
179	Grovebury Drive West	Semi / Natural greenspaces			

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192	Haven Baulk Lane Rec	Parks			
193	Haven Baulk Lane Rec Play Area	Children's play areas			
198	Heron Way	Amenity greenspace			
203	Hill Park Close	Amenity greenspace			
203.1	Hill Park Close MUGA	Children's play areas			
212	Humbleton View	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
218	Keeper's Green	Amenity greenspace			
222	Griffe Field Park	Parks			
222.1	Griffe Field Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
223	King George V Fields Play Area	Children's play areas			
228	Kipling Drive	Amenity greenspace			
230	Ladybank Road	Amenity greenspace			
238	Littleover Lane Allotments	Allotments			
243	Mackworth Community Allotments	Allotments			
244	Mackworth Park	Parks			
247	Maize Close	Amenity greenspace			
247.1	Maize Close Play Area	Children's play areas			
258	Brookdale Drive Play Area	Children's play areas			
265	Mickleover Campus	Amenity greenspace			
265.1	College Green Walk Play Area	Children's play areas			
266	Mickleover Manor	Amenity greenspace			
268	Mickleover Old Allotments	Allotments			
269	Mickleover Park	Amenity greenspace			
269.1	Onslow Road BMX Track	Children's play areas			

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274	Moorway Lane Millenium Wood	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
275	Moorway Lane/Balancing Pond	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
279	Muirfield Drive	Amenity greenspace			
281	N. of Saxondale Park	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
287	Normanton Allotments	Allotments			
288	Normanton Lane	Amenity greenspace			
297	Onslow Road	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
298	Onslow Road NSN	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
302	Oxenhope Close	Amenity greenspace			
305	Pendleside Way	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
311	Pritchett Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces			
339	Saxondale Avenue	Park			
362	Springdale Court	Amenity greenspace			
372	Staunton Avenue	Amenity greenspace			
372.1	Lawnlea Close Play Area	Children's play areas			
379	Sunnydale Allotments	Allotments			
380	Sunnydale Park	Parks			
380.1	Sunnydale Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
386	Swift Close	Amenity greenspace			
401	Vicarage Park Allotments	Allotments			
403	Vicarage Road Park	Parks			
403.1	Vicarage Road Park Play Area	Children's play areas			
431	King George V Fields MUGA	Children's play areas			
432	King George V Fields Skate Park	Children's play areas			

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433	King George V Playing Fields	Parks			

