

## SECTION V -APPLY PROVISION STANDARDS

### Accessibility Standards

- 5.1 In order to establish accessibility standards the travel distance has been calculated from responses in the door to door survey. The average travel distance has been linked through GIS to identify areas of poor access to the different types of provision based in responses people gave by typology and is outlined below in Figure 5.1:

Figure 5.1 Accessibility Standards for Future Provision

Typology	Average Travel Time	Required Travel Distance
<b>Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds</b>	7.42 Minutes	Residents should have access to a good quality formal space within <b>0.37 mile walk or 2.47 mile drive from their home</b>
<b>Semi Natural Greenspace</b>	11.81 Minutes	Residents should have access to good quality natural/semi natural greenspace within <b>0.59 mile walk or 3.94 mile drive from their home</b>
<b>Amenity Greenspace</b>	4.58 Minutes	Residents should have access to good quality amenity space within <b>0.23 mile walk or 1.53 mile drive from their home</b>
<b>Outdoor Sports</b>	8.34 Minutes	Residents should have access to good quality outdoor sports within <b>0.42 mile walk or 2.78mile drive from their home</b>
<b>Allotments</b>	13.17 Minutes	Residents should have access to good quality Allotments within <b>0.66 mile walk or 4.39 mile drive from their home</b>
<b>Provision for Children and Young People</b>	6.58 Minutes to fixed Play 12.67 Minutes to skate park	Residents should have access to good quality Play facilities within <b>0.33 mile walk or 2.19 mile drive from their home</b> <b>For skate parks residents should have access to good quality facilities within 0.63 mile walk or 4.22 mile drive from their home</b>

(Note that the responses relating to travel time to allotments and provision for children and young people need to be treated with caution. Allotments are a specialised form of provision and the response from a 500 door to door survey does not reflect the use of the people that actually visit them. As the age of respondents to the door to door survey is restricted to people 16 or over, the travel time to play is also not a true representation of the people that use these facilities rather it is from parents or older teenagers)

- 5.2 Distance buffers have been applied to all facilities that scored 'good' quality or above using GIS. Buffers have been developed by turning the identified local travel times (identified above) into distance and then plotting this distance as a representation on a base map of the District. The buffers help to identify deficiencies in good provision of open space throughout the District. Due to the rural nature of the District driving buffers have been applied with the exception of the 6 towns where walking buffers have been applied.
- 5.3 When applying the walking buffers the following areas of deficiency were discovered:
- The western side of the Poundbury development in Dorchester
  - The southern extremity of Bridport including West Bay
  - The south west area of Sherborne
  - The eastern and western extremities of Beaminster
- 5.4 When applying the driving buffers the following areas of deficiency were discovered:
- The northern half of South Perrott CP, Corscombe CP, West Chelborough CP and the western half of Halstock CP. Also sections of East Chelborough CP, Evershot CP and Rampisham CP
  - A large part of Holwell CP, and the eastern sections of Bishop's Caundle CP, Holnest CP and Purse Caundle CP.
  - The majority of Melcombe Horsey CP and the eastern sections of Cheselbourne CP, Dewlish CP and Tolpuddle CP.
  - The majority of Owermoigne CP and Osmington CP and the eastern sections of Poxwell CP and Crossways CP.
- 5.5 Driving buffers were applied to assess deficiencies for each typology. Figure 5.2 summarises the findings.

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Figure 5.2 Deficiencies by typology using the driving buffers

Typology	Average Travel Time	Deficiencies in...
<b>Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds</b>	7.42 Minutes	Bettiscombe CP, Bincombe CP, Bradford Abbas CP, Cattistock CP, Cheselbourne CP, Clifton Maybank CP, Corscombe CP, Compton Valence CP, Frome St. Quintin CP, Hermitage CP, Holnest CP, Maiden Newton CP, Marshwood CP, Melcombe Horsey CP, Owermoigne CP, Pilsdon CP, Rampisham CP, Thorncombe CP, Trent CP, Woodsford CP
<b>Semi Natural Greenspace</b>	11.81 Minutes	Alton Pancras CP, Buckland Newton CP, Cheselbourne CP, East Chelborough CP, Halstock CP, Melcombe Horsey CP, Osmington CP, Owermoigne CP, Piddletrenthide CP, Poxwell CP, West Chelborough CP
<b>Amenity Greenspace</b>	4.58 Minutes	Large areas of deficiency outside the main urban areas.
<b>Outdoor Sports</b>	8.34 Minutes	Batcombe CP, Buckland Newton CP, Cheselbourne CP, Dewlish CP, Frampton CP, Hilfield CP, Hermitage CP, Holwell CP, Hooke CP, Litton Cheney CP, Marshwood CP, Minterne Magna CP, Owermoigne CP, Osmington CP, Poxwell CP, Purse Caundle CP
<b>Allotments</b>	13.17 Minutes	Burleston CP, Cheselbourne CP, Dewlish CP, Halstock CP, Holwell CP, Melcombe Horsey CP, Thorncombe CP, Tolpuddle CP
<b>Provision for Children and Young People</b>	6.58 Minutes to fixed Play	Batcombe CP, Bettiscombe CP, Buckland Newton CP, Bincombe CP, Cheselbourne CP, Compton Valence CP, Dewlish CP, Frome St. Quintin CP, Holnest CP, Hooke CP, Marshwood CP, Melcombe Horsey CP, Minterne Magna CP, North Poorton CP, Purse Caundle CP, Rampisham CP, Winterbourne Steepleton CP, Wootton Fitzpaine CP
	12.67 Minutes to skate park	There are 5 skate parks within the district, 3 in the Dorchester area, 1 in Bridport and 1 in Sherbourne

5.6 From the above figure it is clear that the District has to make some informed decisions with regards to future provision. This information above also needs to be considered in terms of the role that planning policies can play in enabling new provision (either through the allocation of sites for recreation use or the requirements for provision in association with new development) in order to ensure that residents have equal accessibility to provision.

5.7 It is important to note that this assessment of provision has identified where the District is at the moment: the provision identified is the starting point and should be used as the guide for the future. PPG17 advocates that the assessment should not be seen as a means of disposing of sites where there is an over provision. The guidance advocates that the first point should be to use over provision of one type to redress deficiencies in another. For example an over provision of adult pitches could be utilised to balance an under provision in junior or mini pitches or deficiencies in other sports. Another example would be where there is an over provision in formal space and a deficiency in natural and semi natural then through appropriate changes in management formal open space over provision could be transferred to natural and semi natural greenspace.

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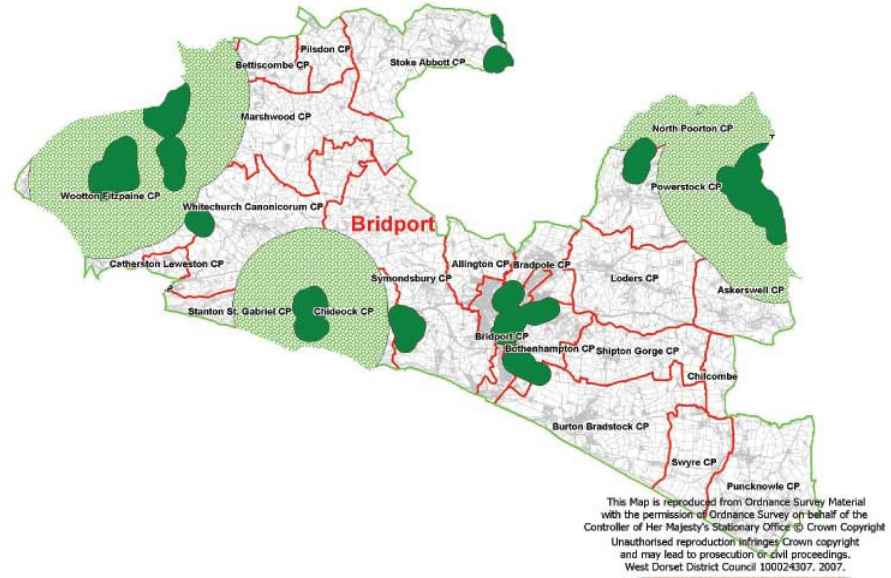
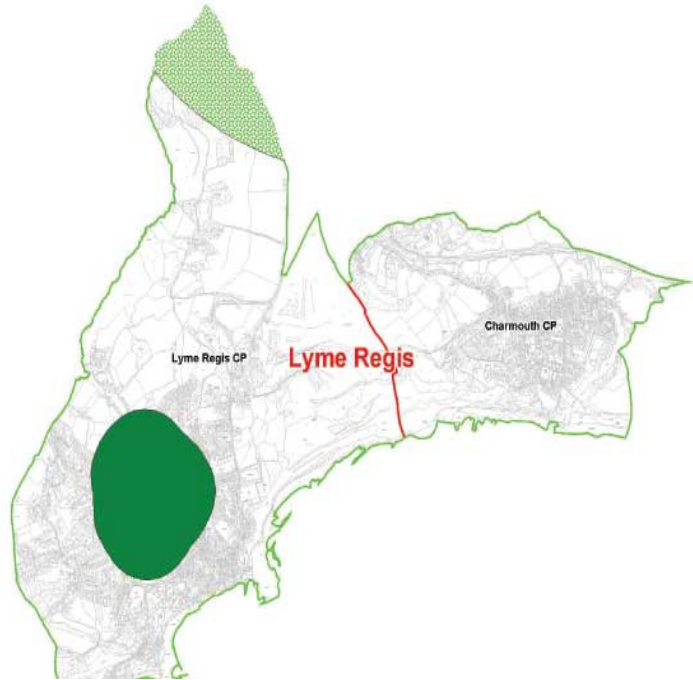
### **Natural England (formerly English Nature) Standards**



5.8 In assessing natural and semi natural greenspace, consideration has been given to Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards. Natural England present a number of recommendations in relation to provision levels, specifically:

- No person should live more than 300m from their nearest area of natural greenspace of at least 2ha in size
- Provision of 1ha of Local Nature Reserve per 1000 population
- There should be one 20ha natural greenspace within 2km from peoples homes

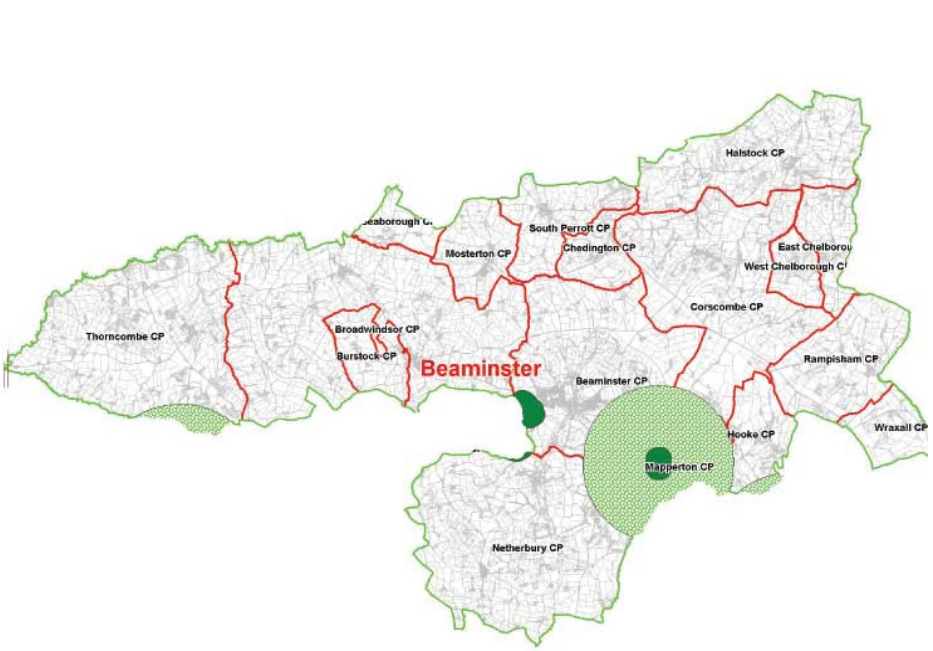
The following maps identify the provision of natural and semi natural greenspace across West Dorset (the maps illustrate provision on an area basis

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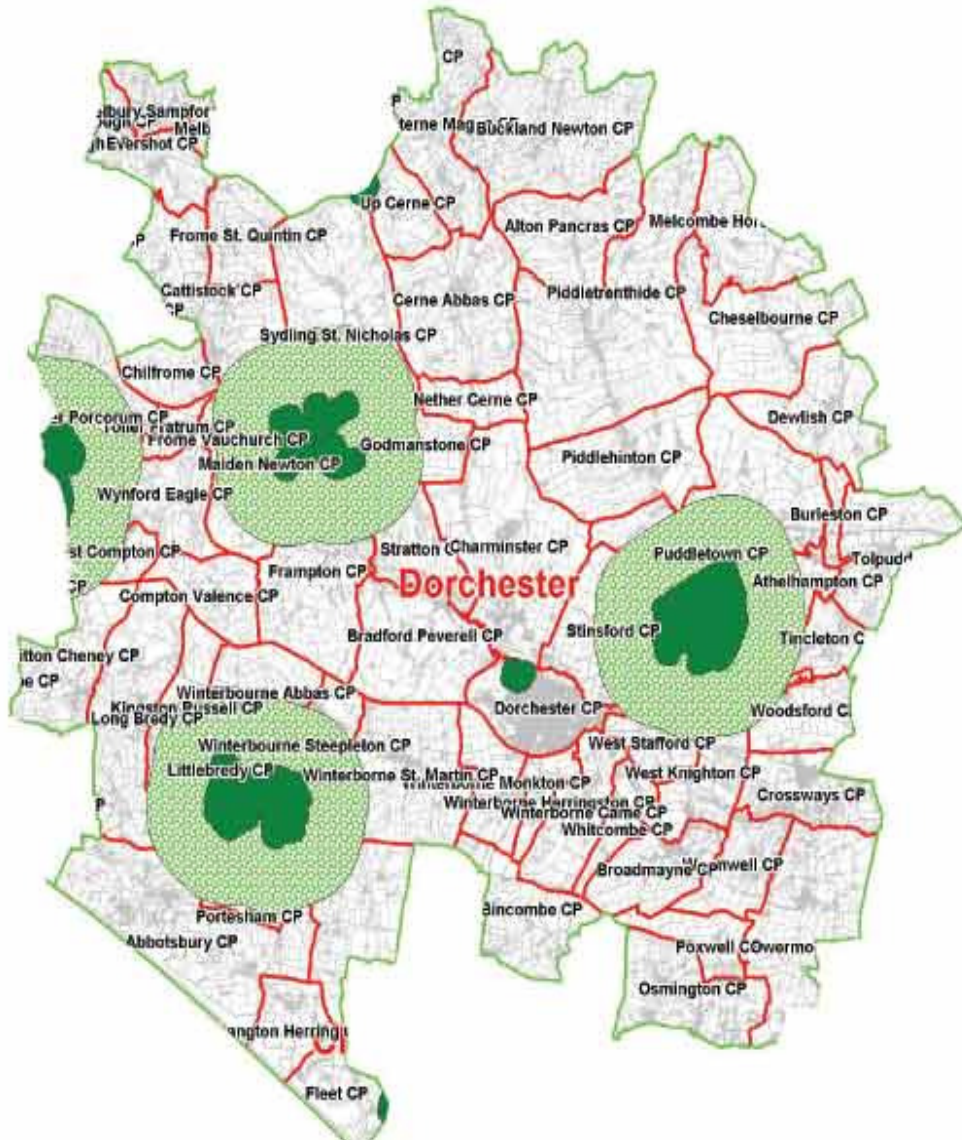
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- 5.9 **Assessment against Natural England Standards of Provision** (encompassing woodland, commons and natural greenspace sites) is considered in more detail within Section IV of the report (Standards of Provision). Initial findings reveal that:
- There are deficiencies across West Dorset against the standards set by Natural England. From the maps it is clear that West Dorset does not achieve the standard as large areas within each area are lacking identified sites of accessible natural and semi natural greenspace.
  - It is important to recognise that the Accessible Natural Greenspace standards are very much set for urban areas and do not consider the role the wider countryside plays in compensating for this deficiency. West Dorset is primarily a rural area and as such people are on the whole surrounded by countryside. The beach and cliff tops also have a significant role to play and have to be recognised as potentially redressing this deficiency.
  - It is also important to recognise that other sites such as recreation grounds or amenity may provide elements of natural or semi natural greenspace within them.
  - There are 9 sites designated as Local Nature Reserves (LNR). These are:
    - The Quarr 3.21 ha (Sherborne Area)
    - Hilfield Hill 15.49 ha (Sherborne Area)
    - Jellyfields 2.67 ha (Bridport Area)
    - Bothenhampton Nature Reserve 6.34 ha (Bridport Area)
    - Askers Meadow 9.15 ha (Bridport Area)
    - Thorncombe Wood 24.75 ha (Dorchester Area)
    - Millstream Nature Reserve 0.56 ha (Dorchester Area)
    - Prince's Plot, Charminster 0.52 ha (Dorchester Area)
    - Crookhill Brickpits 4.77ha (Chickerell Area)
- 5.10 The total area of Local Nature Reserves in the District is 67.46 ha. Natural England standards identify 1 ha of LNR per 1000 population, which equals a requirement of 100 ha for the District. Therefore West Dorset has a shortfall of 32.54 ha of Local Nature Reserve provision.
- 5.11 Planning policy needs to redress the surplus and deficiencies on an area by area basis. It may be appropriate to consider the disposal of sites in areas above the minimum standard to cater for the deficiencies in other typologies or to ensure that disposal secures funding for outdoor sport and open space facilities. However this should only be seen as a last resort as current over-provision may provide for future demand, and may also already be providing for other types of open space – underused pitches may for example be used informally as amenity greenspace. It is important to recognise the role of the coast and wider countryside of West Dorset when considering under provision as the coast, countryside and local beaches may serve to meet local needs as recreational facilities that are accessible locally.
- 5.12 The local development framework should include policies protecting existing areas of open space from development, particularly in those areas low in provision.

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### Sites that fall below a 'Good' quality rating

5.13 Figure 5.3 below identifies the deficiencies in quality by typology, from the quality assessment of open space and recreational facilities. It is encouraging that only a few of the sites were found to be very poor in West Dorset.

Figure 5.3 Sites Rated Below a Good Standard

Area	Site Name	Typology	Score	Rating
Beaminster	Beaminster Allotments	Allotments	35%	Poor
	Broadwindsor Allotments	Allotments	18%	Very Poor
	Boyden Wood	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	42%	Average
	Millennium Green Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	37%	Average
	Mosterton Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	29%	Poor
	Netherbury Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	25%	Poor
	Salway Ash Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	43%	Average
	Corscombe Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	36%	Poor
	Thorncombe Children's Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	41%	Average
Bridport	Burton Bradstock Allotments	Allotments	40%	Average
	Flaxhayes Allotments	Allotments	58%	Average
	Luke Lane Allotments	Allotments	33%	Poor
	North Allington Allotment Gardens	Allotments	23%	Poor
	Priory Lane Allotments	Allotments	20%	Poor
	St Mary's Allotment Gardens	Allotments	58%	Average
	Walditch Allotments	Allotments	33%	Poor
	Gore Cross	Amenity Greenspace	44%	Average
	Asker's Meadow LNR	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	43%	Average
	Beningfield Wood	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	43%	Average
	Bothenhampton LNR	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	43%	Average
	Champernhayes Marsh	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	31%	Average
	Conegar Hill	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	29%	Poor
	Coneygar Hill and Woodland Walk	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	45%	Average
	Coney's Castle	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	41%	Average
	Eype Down	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	21%	Poor
	Jellyfields LNR	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	37%	Average
	South Mill Lane Greenspace	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	28%	Poor
	Cemetery Fields Play Area	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	21%	Poor
	Chideock Recreation Ground	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	37%	Average
	Pageants Close	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	43%	Average
	Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	34%	Average
	Cherry Tree Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	41%	Average
	Flaxhayes Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	42%	Average
	John Holt Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	55%	Average
	Meadowlands Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	43%	Average
	Peter Foot Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	49%	Average
	Skilling Oval	Provision for Children and Young People	48%	Average
	St Mary's Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	39%	Poor
	Whitchurch Canonicorum Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	51%	Average
Chickerell	Chickerell Allotments	Allotments	25%	Poor
	Putton Lane Amenity	Amenity Greenspace	38%	Average
	Victoria Old Hall	Amenity Greenspace	37%	Average



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	Old School Playing Fields	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	35%	Average
	Fisherman's Close Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	28%	Poor
Dorchester	Abbotsbury Allotments	Allotments	23%	Poor
	Cerne Abbas Allotments	Allotments	40%	Average
	Chalky Road Allotments	Allotments	35%	Poor
	Charminster Allotments	Allotments	23%	Poor
	Fenway Close Allotments	Allotments	38%	Poor
	Maiden Newton Allotments	Allotments	30%	Poor
	Mill Stream Allotments	Allotments	50%	Average
	Poundbury Allotments	Allotments	35%	Poor
	Poundbury Crescent Allotments	Allotments	48%	Average
	St Georges Road Allotments	Allotments	45%	Average
	Toller Porcorum Allotments	Allotments	48%	Average
	Cheselbourne Village Hall Playing Field	Amenity Greenspace	43%	Average
	Millenium Field	Amenity Greenspace	32%	Average
	Sydling St Nicholas Village Green	Amenity Greenspace	41%	Average
	Syward Close	Amenity Greenspace	40%	Average
	Goose Hill Field	Formal Outdoor Sport	25%	Poor
	Hog Cliff NNR	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	45%	Average
	Mill Stream Nature Reserve LNR	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	44%	Average
	Poundbury Hill	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	37%	Average
	Puddletown Forest	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	35%	Average
	Shatcombe Lane Picnic Area	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	37%	Average
	Tibbs Hollow Picnic Site	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	42%	Average
	Valley of Stones NNR	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	43%	Average
	Broadmayne Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	37%	Average
	Elizabeth Place Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	46%	Average
	Holmead Walk Park	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	44%	Average
	Jubilee Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	35%	Average
	Litton Cheney Recreation Ground	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	37%	Average
	Long Bredy Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	38%	Average
	Stratton Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	30%	Poor
	Toller Porcorum Recreation Area	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	37%	Average
	Woodlands Crescent	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	42%	Average
	Alfred Road Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	33%	Poor
	Butt Close Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	17%	Very Poor
	Cattistock Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	48%	Average
	Cedar Grove Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	30%	Poor
	Charles Street Skatepark	Provision for Children and Young People	32%	Poor
	Charminster Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	32%	Poor
	Church Playground	Provision for Children and Young People	17%	Very Poor
	Clyfe View Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	30%	Poor
Combe Way Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	23%	Poor	
Edward Road Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	52%	Average	
Kensington Walk Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	48%	Average	
Maiden Newton Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	29%	Poor	
Melstock Avenue Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	43%	Average	

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Area	Site Name	Typology	Score	Rating
	Osmington Village Hall Playing Field	Provision for Children and Young People	33%	Poor
	Owermoigne Playing Field	Provision for Children and Young People	23%	Poor
	Poundbury Crescent Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	36%	Poor
	Sydling St. Nicholas Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	33%	Poor
	Syward Close Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	45%	Average
	Warmwell Leisure Resort	Provision for Children and Young People	17%	Very Poor
	West Stafford Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	33%	Poor
Lyme Regis	Lyme Regis Allotments	Allotments	18%	Very Poor
	Anning Road Playing Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	36%	Average
	Henry's Way Playground	Provision for Children and Young People	35%	Poor
Sherborne	Allotments adj to Sherborne Primary School	Allotments	33%	Poor
	Bradford Abbas Allotments	Allotments	58%	Average
	Bristol Road Allotments	Allotments	33%	Poor
	Harbour Road Allotments	Allotments	10%	Very Poor
	Lenthay Road Allotments	Allotments	50%	Average
	Nether Compton Allotments	Allotments	38%	Poor
	South Court Allotments	Allotments	48%	Average
	St Aldhelm's Road	Allotments	58%	Average
	Yetminster Allotments	Allotments	45%	Average
	Abbots Way Amenity	Amenity Greenspace	35%	Average
	Hermitage Green	Amenity Greenspace	45%	Average
	Lenthay Close Amenity	Amenity Greenspace	31%	Average
	Roselyn Crescent	Amenity Greenspace	36%	Average
	Bradford Abbas Sports Ground	Formal Outdoor Sport	46%	Average
	Stoneyacres, Yetminster	Formal Outdoor Sport	43%	Average
	Yetminster Playing Fields	Formal Outdoor Sport	43%	Average
	Brounlie Wood	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	35%	Average
	Folke Wood	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	34%	Average
	Lenthay Common	Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	32%	Average
	Bishops Caundle Playing Fields	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	42%	Average
	Lambs Field	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	30%	Poor
	McCreery Road Play Area	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	36%	Average
	Melbury Osmond Recreation Ground	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	41%	Average
	Midleaze Park	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	31%	Average
	Ridgeway Playing Fields	Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds	38%	Average
	Blackberry Lane Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	48%	Average
	Bradford Abbas Playing Area	Provision for Children and Young People	42%	Average
	Brierley Hay Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	41%	Average
	Culverhayes Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	33%	Poor
	Granville Way Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	38%	Poor
	Leigh Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	26%	Poor
	Play Area opposite St. Cuthbert's Church	Provision for Children and Young People	33%	Poor
St Pauls Green Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	35%	Poor	
Trent Village Hall Play Area	Provision for Children and Young People	30%	Poor	