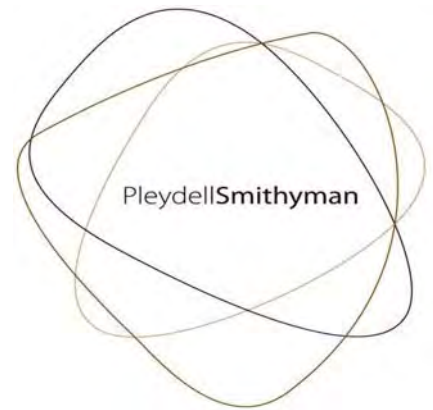




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1.0 NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Warwick District Parks and Open Spaces Audit Report has been completed to gain an understanding of how parks, green space and open spaces can be planned and managed in the future to meet the needs of local people. This final report brings together research from community consultation, spatial mapping analysis and quality assessments so that the combined evidence can be used to inform future planning policies and set priorities for the long term strategic management of parks and open spaces.
- 1.2 The report has been produced to comply with elements of Planning Policy Guidance 17 and has followed the guidance set out in *Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A companion guide to PPG17*. The findings of the report include the following key themes.
- Quantity
 - Accessibility
 - Quality
 - Value
- 1.3 Overall the policy review and results of the consultation show that the public appreciation of open spaces within the District is relatively good in general terms. However this is related only to specific high profile sites such as St. Nicholas Park, Warwick and Jephson Gardens, Leamington and does not reflect the need for improvements at a more localised level. Despite the positive feedback from local people, there is still a recognition that there is room for improvement, in particular to address management issues such as dog fouling, addressing personal safety and providing better facilities for children and young people.
- 1.4 Pleydell Smithyman strongly recommends that a local minimum standard of 5.47 hectares of unrestricted green space per 1000 population be adopted by Warwick District Council. This reflects the findings of the open space audit and has been calculated to help inform new policies and strategies for the area.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Warwick District Parks and Open Space Audit has been prepared by Pleydell Smithyman Limited Design, Planning, Environment and Management Consultants of Ironbridge, Shropshire in fulfilment of Warwick District Council's Tender Brief for a Parks and Open Spaces Audit October 2007.
- 2.2 The report sets out the methodologies and findings of various pieces of research to ascertain quality, quantity and accessibility analysis for parks and open spaces with in the Warwick District.
- 2.3 The study and assessment has been undertaken in conjunction with Planning Policy and Parks Officers of Warwick District Council between December 2007 and April 2008. Information has been provided as an evidence base to underpin the production of Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Council's emergent Local Development Scheme and the Council's planned aspiration to complete a Green Space Strategy.
- 2.4 The primary aims, identified by Warwick District Council, are to complete a Parks and Open Spaces Audit to:
- *"Prepare an assessment that will form a key element of the Council's robust and credible Green Space Strategy. This will inform future parks development, management and maintenance. The outputs of the assessment will also be central in providing the evidence base required to underpin the production of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on open space. It is envisaged that this SPD will include local standards for open space provision to provide a robust basis for the procurement of appropriate levels/types of future developer contributions.*
 - *To ensure that the study is prepared in accordance with the approach set out in the Council's Consultation Strategy (revised December 2003) including all Equality and Diversity requirements.*
 - *To inform any additional strategies and programmes that the Council may prepare or revise during the plan period i.e. biodiversity, sports and recreation, tourism, trees and woodlands, play, regeneration plans as well as Town Plans etc.*

- *To identify and present a range of key issues facing the District to inform the Green Space Strategy and the Planning Department's intended SPD on open space.*

2.5 The scope of the study has been led by the initial brief for consultants and developed during the project phase. The report focuses on assessing current and future needs of parks and open spaces within the Warwick District by considering a number of elements, which include:

- A review of the District profile;
- Assimilation of relevant existing policies and strategies;
- Developing typologies for parks and open spaces;
- Evaluation of local demand for parks and open spaces;
- Conducting accessibility/distribution mapping for parks and open spaces within the District;
- Developing comparative quality and value scores for parks and open spaces.

2.6 A number of interconnecting areas of research have been completed for this project, coupled with existing current information and presented to provide an overall assessment of the current provision and future opportunities based on quality, quantity and accessibility. The study has been undertaken in accordance with the requirement of Policy Planning Guidance no 17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation and informed by the accompanying document Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A companion guide for PPG17. It should be noted that this study focuses on the elements for parks, green spaces and outdoor recreation and has not considered the requirements for indoor sport and recreation.

3.0 APPROACH

3.1 General Methodology

- 3.1.1 In developing the Parks and Open Space Audit for the District, the following general approach has been followed (where relevant, further detailed methodologies are provided elsewhere within the report and appendices).

3.2 Selection of Parks and Open Spaces

- 3.2.1 The Companion Guide to Planning Policy Guidance (PPG17) does not prescribe or provide definitive guidance in respect of the significance of size of parks and open spaces when conducting audits and the strategic assessment of parks and green spaces. Within the Guide it is assumed that a pragmatic approach is taken based on local knowledge and available resources.
- 3.2.2 During the process of preparing the parks audit consideration has been given to the issues of green space size, and whether it should be a determinant within the overall approach. It is easy to adopt a view that there must be a cut-off point, below which a green space is so physically limited and that it is unable to provide sufficient usefulness to the local community. Originally sites smaller than 0.2 hectares (Ha) were not to be considered, however, as a result of detailed consultation, it was acknowledged that smaller sites were of significant value and should not be underestimated.
- 3.2.3 The sites identified below 0.2Ha sometimes provide no more than a park bench but give residents the opportunity to relax, chat or read; many people do little more when appreciating some of the larger parks and open spaces. A typical example of a small site is Clapham Street open space in Leamington, which is only 0.06Ha in size, but offers an area for relaxation in a residential urban area. Likewise Red Lane Play Area Kenilworth, which is only 0.08Ha in size, offers local children the opportunity to play on such a small site. These small sites become even more vital to those areas within the District where there is limited or no scope for larger scale provision.
- 3.2.4 There are however some small sites that do not satisfy any user related needs, their role being more simply one of providing visual amenity, softening or screening e.g. landscaped areas associated with residential properties, office blocks and retail or industrial premises, these have been discounted from the audit. Highway verges have also been excluded from the parks audit.

3.3 Scoping assessment

Initial meetings with Council Officers to determine known evidence and sources of information to influence the study, identify local needs and set parameters of study.

3.4 Policy Review

Detailed review of relevant and existing policies, which include:

- Corporate strategies and community plans;
- Planning policy documentation;
- Results of general satisfaction surveys;
- Results of community/public consultation;
- Local service plans and strategies;
- On site user surveys;
- Feedback and analysis from citizen's panels.

Further analysis can be found in appendix 3.

3.5 Quantitative assessment

Paper records and excel spreadsheets were provided by Warwick District Council which identified the name, size, type, ownership and location of 463 green spaces within the District. The data was compiled into a central spreadsheet and sizes of green spaces checked using a Geographical Information System (GIS).

3.6 Qualitative assessment

An excel spreadsheet was provided by Warwick District Council which provided a comprehensive quality audit of 463 open spaces undertaken between 2007 and 2008. The information was compiled into a central spreadsheet and combined with the quantitative records.

3.7 Value assessment

As an extension of the quality audit, a value assessment has been undertaken for each open space identified by Warwick District Council. This has considered the more tangible wider benefits such as context, level/type of use, landscape/heritage, education and social inclusion.

3.8 Spatial analysis

The distribution and location of each of the 463 green spaces were mapped using a GIS system compatible with systems used by Warwick District Council. Each site was attributed with a unique data set including site name, reference number, typology, size and location. Mapping was conducted based on the quantitative and qualitative assessments and a colour coded legend assigned to various typologies.

3.9 Consultation

A resident's survey was sent to over 5000 randomly selected households within the District. The data collected was analysed and used to determine local perceptions, barriers to the use of parks and open spaces and patterns of use for specific typologies and hierarchies. The data collected was compared to local demographic profiles to ensure a representative sample had been achieved. Further evidence from current sources were used to support data where there was no apparent representative sample.

3.10 Typologies

Classification of existing and known open spaces, parks and green spaces was conducted in conjunction with Officers of Warwick District Council based upon a primary and secondary purpose. The typology framework is adapted from the prescribed national guidance within *Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A companion guide for PPG17* and can be summarised within table 01.

Typology	Description	Example
Parks and Gardens	Accessible, high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events.	Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa
Natural Areas including Urban Woodland	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.	Crackley Wood, Kenilworth
Green Corridors	Walking, cycling or horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel and opportunities for wildlife migration.	Riverside Walk – Mercia Way, Warwick

Typology	Description	Example
Outdoor Sports Facilities	Participation in outdoor sports, such as pitch sports, tennis, bowls, athletics or countryside and water sports.	The Warwickshire Golf Course, Leek Wootton
Amenity green space	Opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas.	Lydstep Grove Open Space, Leamington
Children's and Youth Areas	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboards areas and teenage shelters.	Red Lane Play Area, Kenilworth
Allotments, Community Gardens and Urban Farms	Opportunities for those people who wish to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion.	Dobson Lane Allotments, Whitnash
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	Quiet contemplation and burial of the dead, often linked to the promotion of wildlife conservation and biodiversity.	St. Mary's Church, Lapworth
Civic Space	Civic or market square providing a setting for civic buildings, public gatherings and community events.	Market Place, Warwick

Typology	Description	Example
Institutional Land	Open spaces predominantly associated with schools, but may also include communal areas within hospitals.	Our Lady Roman Catholic School, Cubbington

Table 01: Primary Purpose Typology Framework

- 3.10.1 Within the scope of this report it is recognised that the assignment of particular green space to a prescribed typology does not necessarily reflect the wider function of a particular site. In most cases each green space may contain several elements which contribute to the overall character of the site. The methodology within this report has therefore also taken into consideration a secondary typology to reflect the multi-faceted nature of green space within the District. For example, the typology “children’s and youth areas” can stand alone where there is a definitive primary purpose at certain locations e.g. Elizabeth Road Play Area in Leamington Spa. In other circumstances, “children’s and youth areas” will form a secondary typology within the context of the overall primary purpose. For example Mill Garden is classified as a park or garden, whilst containing several secondary typologies including; a green corridor, outdoor sports facility and children’s and youth areas.
- 3.10.2 Table 02 sets out the relationship between primary and secondary typology examples within Warwick District. The classification of each site’s primary purpose has been mapped using a GIS system.

Primary Typology	Secondary Typology	Example
Parks & Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s and Youth Areas • Outdoor Sports Facilities • Natural Areas including Urban Woodland • Green Corridors • Civic Space 	St. Nicholas Park, Warwick
Natural Areas including Urban Woodland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Corridors 	Welches Meadow, Leamington
Green Corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenity Green Space. • Natural Areas including Urban Woodland. 	Woodmill Meadow, Kenilworth

Primary Typology	Secondary Typology	Example
Outdoor Sports Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's and Youth Areas. • Natural Areas including Urban Woodland. • Green Corridors. 	Harbury Lane Playing Fields, Bishops Tachbrook
Amenity Green Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park or Garden. • Green Corridors. • Children's and Youth Areas. 	Lillington Close, Kenilworth
Children's and Youth Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenity Green Space. • Green Corridor. 	Mander Grove Play Area, Warwick
Allotments, Community Gardens and Urban Farms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Corridors. • Natural Areas including Urban Woodland. 	St. Mary's Allotment, Leamington
Burial Ground including Disused Churchyards and Closed Cemeteries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Corridors. • Natural Areas including Urban Woodland. • Amenity Green Space. 	Lillington Parish Churchyard, Leamington
Civic Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenity Green Space. 	Euston Place, Leamington
Institutional Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Corridor. • Children's and Youth Areas. • Natural Areas including Urban Woodland. 	Campion School Grounds, Whitnash

Table 02: Secondary Typology Framework

3.11 Access

Within the Parks and Open Spaces Audit for Warwick District, each typology has been assigned a classification for differing levels of public accessibility. Table 03 below sets out a description for the accessibility levels used for the purposes of this study.

Accessibility	Description	Example
Unrestricted	Locations and venues where public access is freely available at the point of delivery. Typically the premise is for uninterrupted public access -24hrs per day over 365 days per year. Within this framework, there may be minor/ partial physical or operational restrictions to prevent anti social behaviour.	Abbey Fields, Kenilworth
Limited	Locations or venues that project an element of exclusion presented through physical, social, emotional or economic barriers. Typically this may be where sites are publicly or privately managed for a specific user group or purpose.	Sydenham Primary School grounds, Leamington
Not accessible	Sites which are not open or accessible to the general public.	Clarendon Crescent Private Gardens

Table 03: Accessibility

3.12 Hierarchy

Within the context of the report, hierarchies have been developed for specific open spaces. Each open space has a particular sphere of influence driven by user patterns identified as part of household survey. Table 04 provides a summary definition of hierarchy levels applied to open spaces within Warwick District as part of this overall assessment.

Hierarchy	Description	Example
Destination	A site with a particularly strong sphere of influence within a sub regional context. Typically includes sites with a well established tourism base or associated with a particular or unique cultural, social or historical event.	Warwick Castle grounds, Warwick
District	Usually a site that has a sphere of influence at a district-wide level. Typically large to medium sized open spaces with a multifaceted range of features and activities, which attract a wide audience.	Priory Park, Warwick
Neighbourhood	A site with a sphere of influence across a specific audience or distinct geographical area. Function is likely to have a strong community identity and unlikely to attract people from the wider District.	Castle Farm, Kenilworth
Local	Areas with a very localised sphere of influence attributed to amenity open space. Typically likely to be only relevant to communities on a street by street basis.	The Dell, Leamington

Table 04: Hierarchy

4.0 CONTEXT

4.1 The District of Warwick

- 4.1.1 Warwick District lies within the heart of Warwickshire and is due south of Coventry. According to the Warwick District Local Plan 1996 - 2011 the District covers an area of 28,226 hectares comprising of the four towns of Royal Leamington Spa, Warwick, Kenilworth and Whitnash.
- 4.1.2 Warwick District is perceived to have a high quality environment with attractive historic towns surrounded by rural landscapes. Communication links are good with a network of rail and road links to major conurbations in the West Midlands and London.
- 4.1.3 A location plan of the study area is provided within Figure 01.



Figure 01:Warwick District Location Plan

4.2 District Profile

4.2.1 Political Administration

Warwick District Council is made up of 20 wards, with each ward represented by 1 to 3 Councillors depending on its size. There are 46 elected Councillors and following the last election in May 2007 the composition of the Council is as follows; Conservatives (24 seats), Labour (9 seats), Liberal Democrats (9 seats) and Independents (9 seats).

4.2.2 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

In the 2004 Index of Multiple Deprivation, Warwick was ranked as 250th least deprived local authority area, out of total of 354 local authorities (where rank position number 1 is the most deprived and rank 354 the least deprived).

The IMD uses six summary measures to measure deprivation at Super Output Area (SOA) Level, these are as follows:

Average of SOA scores - The population weighted average of the combined scores for the SOAs in a District.

Average of SOA ranks - The population weighted average of the combined ranks for the SOAs in the District.

Extent - The proportion of a District's population living in the most deprived SOAs in the county.

Local Concentration - Identifies particular 'hotspots' of deprivation, this is the population weighted average of the ranks of a District's most deprived SOAs that contain exactly 10% of the District's population.

Income - The number of people (in absolute numbers) who are income deprived.

Employment - The number of people (in absolute numbers) who are employment deprived.

The District of Warwick can be compared at a wider context, as outlined in the following tables.

Warwickshire

(District Rankings 1 = most deprived; 354 = least deprived)

	Average SOA Score	Rank of Average SOA Score	Rank of Extent	Local Concentration Rank	Income Rank*	Employment Rank*
North Warwickshire	16.38	186	214	220	302	271
Nuneaton & Bedworth	21.17	123	123	129	133	125
Rugby	13.60	231	228	225	250	247
Stratford-on-Avon	8.80	315	298	333	272	272
Warwick	12.56	250	245	237	201	192
<i>Warwickshire</i>	<i>14.41</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>51</i>

Table 05: Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 – District Level Summary Results (The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 in Warwickshire)¹

*NB: Income and Employment ranks are calculated on absolute numbers rather than rates, therefore these figures do not take into account different population levels across Warwickshire.

	Income Scale	% of population (mid-2001)	Income Rank*	Employment Scale	% of population (mid-2001)	Employment Rank*
North Warwickshire	5,692	9.2%	302	3,160	5.1%	271
Nuneaton & Bedworth	14,945	12.5%	133	7,276	6.1%	125
Rugby	7,777	8.9%	250	3,552	4.1%	247
Stratford-on-Avon	7,001	6.3%	272	3,152	2.8%	272
Warwick	9,949	7.9%	201	4,727	3.7%	192
<i>Warwickshire</i>	<i>45,364</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>21,867</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>51</i>

Table 06: Numbers of People Experiencing Income and/or Employment Deprivation in Warwickshire (The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 in Warwickshire)²

*NB: These are national rankings based upon absolute numbers.

- 1 Warwickshire County Council Research Report published July 2004
- 2 Warwickshire County Council Research Report published July 2004

4.2.3 Warwick District

The most deprived Super Output Area in Warwick District is in the east Crown ward, Leamington and the Lillington area of Leamington Spa. This is the only SOA in Warwick to feature in the 20% most deprived SOAs in England. A further three SOA's, within the Packmores area of Warwick West, the very South East of Brunswick ward, Leamington and the Kingsway area of western Brunswick ward, Leamington, are in the 30% most deprived areas in England.

4.2.4 Census 2001

At the last Census in 2001 the District of Warwick had a population of 125,391 people, with an almost even male female ratio, although it should be noted that the proportion of male residents is slightly higher than both the regional and national averages. The population of Warwick District equates to a population density of 4.45 people per hectare which is higher than both the regional (4.05) and national (3.77) average.

	Warwick District	West Midlands	England
All Persons (count)	125,931	5,267,308	49,138,831
Males (percentage)	49.2%	48.9%	48.7%
Females (percentage)	50.8%	51.1%	51.3%

Table 07: Population of Warwick by Gender

Year	Total Population	Male Population	Female Population
1991	116,522	56,711	59,811
2001	125,931	61,965	63,966

Table08: Population Change Since 1991

The table above illustrates that the population of the District has increased by 8% between 1991 and 2001.

	Warwick District	West Midlands	England
People aged under 16	19.4%	22.1%	21.4%
People aged 16 – 24	10.4%	9.7%	9.6%
People aged 25 – 29	6.6%	6.2%	6.7%
People aged 30 – 39	15.6%	15.0%	15.6%
People aged 40 – 49	13.5%	13.1%	13.4%
People aged 50 – 59	13.1%	12.8%	12.6%
People aged 60 – 74	13.2%	13.6%	13.2%
People aged 75 – 84	6.0%	5.6%	5.6%
People aged over 84	2.1%	1.8%	1.9%

Table 09: Age (2001 Census)

Table 09 above shows the age structure of Warwick District compared against the West Midlands and England. The age of the population in Warwick District essentially follows the same patterns as the region and nation. It should be noted that there are less under 16's in Warwick District when compared to both national and regional statistics.

	Warwick DistrictNº	Warwick District %	West Midlands %	England %
White	117,015	92.9	88.7	90.9
White: British	111,043	88.2	86.2	87.0
White: Irish	2,524	2.0	1.4	1.3
White: Other White	3,448	2.7	1.2	2.7
Mixed	1,383	1.1	1.4	1.3
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	506	0.4	0.8	0.5
Mixed: White and Black African	91	0.1	0.1	0.2
Mixed: White and Asian	505	0.4	0.3	0.4
Mixed: Other Mixed	281	0.2	0.2	0.3
Asian or Asian British	5,917	4.7	7.3	4.6
Asian or Asian British: Indian	5,219	4.1	3.4	2.1

	Warwick DistrictNº	Warwick District %	West Midlands %	England %
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	226	0.2	2.9	1.4
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	35	0.0	0.6	0.6
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	437	0.3	0.4	0.5
Black or Black British	590	0.5	2.0	2.3
Black or Black British: Caribbean	362	0.3	1.6	1.1
Black or Black British: African	174	0.1	0.2	1.0
Black or Black British: Other Black	54	0.0	0.2	0.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1,026	0.8	0.6	0.9
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Chinese	521	0.4	0.3	0.4
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other Ethnic Group	505	0.4	0.3	0.4

Table 10: Ethnicity (2001 Census)

The data in the ethnicity table shows that Warwick District has a slightly higher white population than the regional average across the West Midlands. It should also be noted that while the Asian or Asian British population is smaller than the regional average the Asian or Asian British; the Indian population is slightly larger than both the regional and national averages.

Long Term Illness	Warwick District N°	Warwick District %	West Midlands %	England %
	19,424	15.4	18.9	17.9

Table 11: Limiting Long Term Illness (2001 Census)

There is a significantly lower proportion of the Warwick District population with a limiting long-term illness when compared with the national average. This goes against the trend for the region which has a 1% higher rate than the national average.

	Warwick District N°	Warwick District %	West Midlands %	England %
All Households (Households)	53,356	100	100	100.0
Married couple household with dependent child(ren) (Households)	10,058	18.9	19.4	18.5
Married couple household with no dependent child(ren) (Households)	15,707	29.4	29.9	28.8
Cohabiting couple household with dependent child(ren) (Households)	1,399	2.6	3.5	3.4
Cohabiting couple household with no dependent child(ren) (Households)	3,433	6.4	5.1	5.7
Lone parent household with dependent child(ren) (Households)	2,769	5.2	7.4	7.1

	Warwick District N°	Warwick District %	West Midlands %	England %
Lone parent household with no dependent child(ren) (Households)1	1,581	3.0	3.6	3.3
One person household (Households)	16,402	30.7	28.8	30.1
Multi person household: All student (Households)	527	1.0	0.4	0.4
Multi person household: All other (Households)	1,480	2.8	1.9	2.6

Table 12: Household Types (2001 Census)

The table above shows the types of households in the Warwick District. It is notable that there are more cohabiting couples with no dependents in Warwick District than the national or regional average. Also there are significantly less lone parent households.

	Warwick District	West Midlands	England
Number of people per hectare	4.45	4.05	3.77
Owner occupied housing	73.24%	69.56%	68.72%
Vacant household spaces (empty properties)	2.9%	3.07%	3.18%
Housing without central heating	4.52%	11.24%	8.53%

Table 13: Housing & Environment (2001 Census)

Warwick District has a denser population than both the regional and national averages. However, household ownership in Warwick District is significantly higher than the national average and properties are more likely to have central heating.

	Warwick District N°	Warwick District %	West Midlands %	England %
No vehicles	10,341	19.4%	26.8%	26.8%
1 car or van	22,626	42.4%	42.9%	43.7%
2 cars or vans	16,322	30.6%	24.2%	23.6%
3 or more cars or vans	4,067	7.6%	6.1%	5.9%

Table 14: Vehicle Ownership (2001 Census)

Average Number of Cars or Vans per Household	Warwick District	West Midlands	England
	1.3	1.1	1.1

Table 15: Vehicles per Household (2001 Census)

The tables above show that Warwick District has a higher level of car ownership than the regional and national averages, with 80.6% with at least one car per household compared to the West Midlands (73.2%) and England (73.2%). The average household in Warwick District owns 1.3 vehicles.

4.3 Summary Conclusions

4.3.1 In considering the context and demographic profile of Warwick, the following summary trends have been observed:-

- The District is centrally located within England and the West Midlands Region;
- There are slightly less young people under the age of 16 when compared to the West Midlands average;
- Overall the District is rural in character with four distinct urban settlements;
- People within Warwick District are comparatively affluent with good levels of household and car ownership;
- There is a slightly higher level of population density, although this is not significant;
- Ethnic diversity reflects national and regional averages with the population of Asian/Asian British Indians slightly higher than average;
- The total population has increased by approximately 10,000 people between 1991 and 2001;
- Lone parent households are below the national and regional averages.



5.0 LOCAL DEMAND AND ASPIRATIONS

5.1 Consultation with the local community has formed a key part in preparing the Parks and Open Spaces Audit for the Warwick District. The data collected has enabled qualitative judgements and assessments to be made about local demand and aspirations in relation to publicly accessible green space. In particular, evidence from the community consultation has been used to gain an understanding of existing use and to determine effective catchment areas. For the purposes of the Warwick District Parks and Open Spaces Audit a household survey was conducted and complemented by recent consultation held with young people.

5.2 Household Survey

The following section explores the methodology and findings of the Parks and Open Spaces Household Survey.

5.3 Methodology

5.3.1 Pleydell Smithyman Limited worked in conjunction with Warwick District Council to develop the Parks and Open Spaces Household Survey. The survey was distributed via post, with a covering letter and pre-paid return envelope, to a random sample of 5,000 residents. As an incentive for completing the questionnaire respondents were offered entry into a free prize draw to encourage a higher response rate.

5.3.2 The return rate for the questionnaires was 19.6%, with a total of 979 questionnaires returned. However, 31 were void responses so a total of 948 questionnaires were inputted for analysis, which is equal to a return rate of 18.9%. A detailed analysis of the Household Survey is provided within Appendix 1.

5.4 Key Findings

5.4.1 The vast majority of respondents, 94%, use parks, open spaces and/or children's play areas within Warwick District. Walking is given as the main reason for visiting followed by relaxation and experiencing nature. Lack of time is the main barrier preventing further visits. It should also be noted that almost a quarter of respondents "don't feel safe" in parks and open spaces, with young people hanging around being the number one reason for this. However, amongst the 6% of non-users, age and disability are the primary barriers to more visits to parks and open spaces.

- 5.4.2 Parks and gardens are the most visited typology of open space with over 50% of respondents visiting them at least once a week. Allotments and community spaces are the least likely to be experienced with 52.2% never visiting them. Children's/youth areas also appear to be unpopular with 23.8% visiting less than once a month and 33.7% never using them. This can be attributed to only 2.5% of respondents being under the age of 24 with only one respondent was under the age of 16.
- 5.4.3 81.8% of those who completed the household survey believe there are enough parks and open spaces in their local area. 44% believe the provision for children's play is sufficient, however, a third think there should be more.
- 5.4.4 Just over half of those surveyed gave a mark of eight or more out of ten for the quality of parks and open spaces in the Warwick District, with the mean average score being seven out of ten.
- 5.4.5 Respondents were asked to name the park or open space they visit most often. A total of 150 different parks and open spaces were named by those surveyed. Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa was the most popular with 29%, followed by Abbey Fields, Kenilworth (19%) and St Nicholas Park, Warwick (15%). It should also be noted that 4% of respondents didn't answer the question and 15% of respondents gave more than one answer. For a complete list of the parks and open spaces named by respondents please refer to Appendix 1 – Household Survey.
- 5.4.6 69% of respondents to the household survey visit the park or open space they use most often at least once a week, with just over 1 in 10 visiting on a daily basis. Walking is the most popular method of travel, however just over a third of people travel by car. This reliance on cars may be because respondents tend to visit higher profile parks such as Jephson Gardens, Leamington or St Nicholas Park, Warwick as opposed to smaller parks and play areas closer to home. In terms of access it takes less than 10 minutes for 59% of those who returned the questionnaire to reach the park or open space they use most often.
- 5.4.7 58% gave the park or open space they visit most often a mark of eight out of ten or higher, however, 15% awarded a score of five or under. "It is managed in an environmentally friendly way" and "overall/generally the space is well managed" were the highest scoring Green Flag Criteria statements each receiving a mean average score of 7.2 out of ten. The lowest scoring criteria, with a score of six, was "it is properly promoted and celebrated".

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- 5.4.8 Despite the high approval ratings, 80% of respondents believe the park or open space they visit most often could be improved. "Better quality facilities e.g. toilets" was the most requested improvement, followed by "more seating & tables" and "more litter bins".
- 5.4.9 When asked to rank the ten typologies of parks and open space in order of priority, parks and gardens were voted number one by 40% of respondents. In terms of current service delivery respondents (refer to appendix 1 for details) all thirteen services scored their highest marks in fairly satisfied. However, the following rated fairly or very dissatisfying by 25% or more of respondents:
- Control of dog mess;
 - Maintenance of footpaths and hard surfaces;
 - Removal of graffiti and fly-tipping;
 - Removal of litter; and
 - Control of vandalism.
- 5.4.10 Overall respondents believe that the District Council should prioritise:
1. Facilities for older children/teenagers;
 2. Play areas for younger children;
 3. More areas of public open space;
 4. More dog free areas;
 5. More wardens/rangers.
- 5.4.11 There was a stronger response from females than males, however it should be noted that around 10% of respondents did not complete the equal opportunities monitoring form. The vast majority of respondents described their ethnic background as white, this reflects the demographic of the District (please refer to section 4.0 District Profile). The younger age groups were under represented with only 6% under the age of 29.

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5.5 Play Strategy Consultation

5.5.1 As part of the development of the Warwick District Play Strategy 2007 – 2012 a programme of consultation was carried out by Warwick District Council, this included the distribution of 1200 questionnaires to schools, young people's activity events and leisure centres during September 2006. Key findings from the returned questionnaires are detailed below.

5.5.2 *Where do children and young people most like to go in their free leisure time?*

The most popular place for children and young people to spend their leisure time was at a friend's house, with 39% selecting this answer. Local parks and recreation grounds came second with 15%, followed by the local play area (12%), with a preference for more supervised play activities.



5.5.3 *What do they most like to do when there?*

Meeting and chatting with friends (18%) was the most popular response. Other popular activities include riding bikes (17%), inventing games (14%), playing ball games (13.5%) and exploring (13%).

5.5.4 *How often do they go to their most favoured place to play?*

The majority of children and young people, 61%, visit their favourite place to play more than once a week, with 39% of respondents saying they visit less than once per week.

5.5.5 *What was the main reason for choosing this location?*

For 29% of respondents having many things to do was the main reason for going to their favoured location. Other important factors were being close to home 24%, catching up with friends 23%, easy to get to (12%) and a feeling of safety (12%).

5.5.6 *How often do children and young people visit their local play area?*

45% of those who took part in the survey visit their local play area less than once a week and 29% never visit. Just over a quarter of children surveyed say that they use their local play area more than once a week.

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5.5.7 *What stops children and young children visiting the local play area more often?*

Boring play areas with limited facilities were the biggest barrier (43%) to visiting the local play area. 27% of respondents believe their local play area is too far away while 18% feel it is not looked after very well. 12% of those surveyed do not feel safe in their local play area.

5.5.8 *How often do children and young people visit their local park or recreation ground?*

Half of respondents said they visit the local park less than once a week. 34% visit more than once a week and 16% never visit their local park or recreation ground.

5.5.9 *What was the main reason for not visiting the local park more often?*

As with local play areas “boring or limited facilities” (45%) were the main reason for not visiting the local park. 26% said their local park is too far away, 15% don’t always feel safe and 14% that the local park isn’t looked after very well.

5.5.10 *What stops children and young people from feeling safe when playing outside with friends?*

The main reasons for children and young people not feeling safe when playing outside are fear of gangs (29%) and strangers (29%). Other contributing factors include road traffic (25%), fear of bullying (9%) and being told off by adults (8%).

5.5.11 *What would be the most important feature if children and young people could design their own perfect place to play?*

For 41% of respondents “an interesting landscape where they could run, jump, hide, make dens etc” would be the most important feature for a perfect place to play. Other popular features include being away from cars and traffic (24%), lots of play equipment (22%) and adults to keep an eye on things (11%).

5.5.12 *Should parents/carers be encouraged to support and join their children’s leisure activities?*

68% of respondents believe that parents and carers should be encouraged to join in with their leisure activities.

5.5.13 *Demographic Profile*

The gender of the respondents was evenly split with 52% male and 48% female. 73% of those questioned were aged between 5 and 11. 12 – 14 year olds made up 20% of the respondents and 7% were aged 15 – 19.

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5.6 Youth Facilities Strategy Consultation

In October 2005 consultation was carried out with young people as part of the Youth Facilities Strategy. In total 70 questionnaires were returned, key findings in relation to the provision of parks and open spaces are detailed below:

- 88.6% of respondents currently visit parks, playing fields and open spaces in their local area.
- St Nicholas Park Warwick is the most popular site followed by Victoria Park Leamington, Acre Close Whitnash and Abbey Fields Kenilworth.
- 35.7% of those surveyed don't feel safe in parks and open spaces. Other barriers to visiting more often include lack of facilities (34.3%) and lack of time (30%).
- A third of respondents visit their most frequently used site two or three times a week.
- Meeting friends (51.4%) is the most popular reason for visiting the park or open space they use most often, followed by playing informal sports/games (25.7%).
- Walking is the most popular method of getting to parks and open spaces, with 38.6% of respondents spending 5 minutes or less getting there on foot.
- 5.9 out of ten is the mean average quality score for respondents when rating the park or open space they visit most often.
- 40% of teenagers would like to see more "teenage play equipment" in the District's parks and open spaces. Outdoor basketball, 37.1%, teenage shelters, 35.7%, and mini goals, 34.3% were also popular. Skate facilities (15.7%) were the least popular suggestion.
- 51.4% of those surveyed were male and 47.1% female. 7.1% of respondents are registered disabled.

5.7 Summary Conclusions

Understanding local demand and aspirations has provided an effective and representative baseline which reflects the desires of the local community. Typically the evidence derived from all the consultation strategies reflects many national trends and similar studies undertaken at Sandwell, Bristol and Cheltenham. In particular the following information is pertinent:-

- The majority of people have used parks and open spaces in their local area in some form or another, with parks and gardens being the most popular type of venue.
- Major barriers to use include “lack of time” and issues relating to not feeling safe. Personal safety is a reoccurring theme amongst adults, young people and children.
- In general terms local people feel that the existing provision of green spaces within the District is about right.
- A desire for improved play spaces and further provision for young people is reflected in all consultation. In particular this is perceived by older people as being “something for young people to do” and also meeting demand based on the needs of young people.
- The quality of open space within the District is perceived as being high but this does not relate to specific venues.
- Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa and St Nicholas Park, Warwick were cited as the most popular publicly accessible green spaces.
- The frequency of use tends to be at least once a month and people tend to walk to their chosen venue.
- Respondents still feel there is scope for continual improvement of parks and open spaces with proper promotion and celebration given as a factor for overall improvement.
- Management issues relating to dog fouling, maintenance of infrastructure and responding to litter and vandalism need to be addressed to improve customer satisfaction levels.

6.0 LOCAL PROVISION AND SUPPLY

This section of the report investigates the current provision and supply of green space in the Warwick District in terms of typology, hierarchy and accessibility. The amount and type of green space within the Warwick District has been derived from the Warwick District Parks and Open Spaces Audit in 2007/08. This section of the report seeks to understand the current provision and supply of green space in the District by typology and settlement type.

6.1 All Sites

The following summary relates to all green space within the District including unrestricted, limited and not accessible typologies.

Primary Typology	Nº	% of Nº	Total area (ha)	% of Total Area
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	27	5.86	55.55	3.13
Amenity Green space	164	35.57	97.15	5.47
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	43	9.33	48.69	2.74
Children's/Youth Area	13	2.82	2.76	0.16
Civic Space	5	1.08	1.06	0.06
Green Corridor	24	5.21	25.69	1.45
Institutional Land	49	10.63	142.93	8.05
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	38	8.24	532.58	29.99
Outdoor Sports Facility	46	9.98	539.58	30.38
Parks or Garden	52	11.28	329.95	18.58
Total	461	100.00	1775.95	100.00

Table 16: Distribution by green space type

- 6.1.1 Table 16 provides information on the amount and typology of green space currently available in the Warwick District. In total 461 green space sites cover an area of 1775.95 hectares. Warwick District covers a total area of 28,253 hectares and parks and open spaces therefore cover 6.29% of the District's total land mass.

6.1.2 With 164 sites, amenity green space is the most common type of green space in the District followed by parks or gardens (52 sites) and institutional land (49). Civic space (5 sites) is the least common.

6.1.3 In terms of area, outdoor sports facilities cover the largest amount of space (539.58 hectares) which equates to 30.38% of the total provision. However it should be noted that there are several significantly sized private golf courses for example The Warwickshire Golf Course in Leek Wootton covers an area 181.31 hectares. Between them outdoor sports facilities (30.38%) and parks or gardens (18.58%) make up just under half of the green space provision in terms of area. Despite having the greatest number of sites, amenity green space accounts for only 5.47% of the total green space area.

Settlement	Nº of Sites	Area (Ha)	% of Total Area
Kenilworth	61.00	195.10	10.99
Leamington	130.00	284.73	16.03
Rural	131.00	619.53	34.88
Warwick	112.00	593.86	33.44
Whitnash	27.00	82.73	4.66
Total	461.00	1775.95	100.00

Table17: Green space by settlement

6.1.4 Table 17 breakdowns the green space provision into the five settlements which make up the Warwick District.

6.1.5 The District's Rural areas contain the greatest amount of green space both in terms of site numbers (131 sites) and area (619.53 hectares), in total green spaces within the Rural areas account for 34.88% of the District's provision.

6.1.6 Leamington contains 130 sites, 18 more than Warwick, however in terms of area Leamington has 284.73 hectares (16.03%) compared to Warwick's 593.86 hectares (33.44%). Although Leamington and Warwick are comparable in terms of population density, it should be noted that Warwick contains two very large open spaces, Warwick Castle Grounds and Warwick Racecourse. Whitnash has the smallest amount of green space with 27 sites making up 82.73 hectares, which accounts for 4.66% of the District's green space.

Typology - Primary	Kenilworth	Leamington	Rural	Warwick	Whitnash	Total
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	3	3	13	5	3	27
Amenity green space	19	61	36	41	7	164
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	2	4	27	5	5	43
Children's/Youth Area	2	6	2	3	0	13
Civic Space	0	2	0	1	2	5
Green Corridor	2	4	2	16	0	24
Institutional Land	10	11	13	10	5	49
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	10	10	5	13	0	38
Outdoor Sports Facility	8	8	22	5	3	46
Park or Garden	5	21	11	13	2	52
Total	61	130	131	112	27	461

Table 18: Distribution of Green space by Type and Settlement (Number)

6.1.7 Table 18 provides details of the number of green spaces by primary typology across the five areas which make up the District. Leamington has the greatest number of amenity green space sites at 61, which represents 37% of the District's provision. Warwick has 41 sites, Rural 36, Kenilworth 19 and Whitnash 7.

6.1.8 Leamington, with 21 sites, also has the greatest number of parks and gardens compared to Warwick 13, Rural 11, Kenilworth 5 and Whitnash 2. 48% of outdoor sports facilities are in the Rural areas of the District. 46% of children's/youth areas are in Leamington, by contrast Whitnash has none. Whitnash also has no green corridors or natural areas including urban woodland. Despite the apparent lack of play area provision within the settlements, secondary typologies (see section 3.10) mean that facilities for young children are present. For example equipped play facilities are provided at Acre Close Recreation Ground, Whitnash despite its classification as a park or garden.

Typology - Primary	Kenilworth	Leamington	Rural	Warwick	Whitnash	Total
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	7.84	22.53	15.30	5.51	4.37	55.55
Amenity green space	6.21	27.40	19.98	39.43	4.13	97.15
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	5.07	9.57	19.81	10.22	4.02	48.69
Children's/Youth Area	0.25	1.35	0.56	0.61	0.00	2.76
Civic Space	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.52	0.10	1.06
Green Corridor	2.10	2.27	8.88	12.43	0.00	25.69
Institutional Land	21.83	18.09	56.99	34.42	11.59	142.93
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	28.87	19.23	101.56	382.93	0.00	532.58
Outdoor Sports Facility	81.43	16.17	328.73	59.99	53.26	539.58
Park or Garden	41.49	167.68	67.73	47.80	5.25	329.95
Total	195.10	284.73	619.53	593.86	82.73	1775.95

Table 18: Distribution of Green space by Type and Settlement (Area)

- 6.1.9 Warwick has the largest amount of amenity green space in terms of area with 39.43 hectares, therefore Warwick provides over a third of the District's amenity green space.
- 6.1.10 Natural areas including urban woodland make up 532.58 hectares of Warwick District parks and open spaces, 71% of this total can be found in the settlement of Warwick. Outdoors sports facilities account for 539.58 hectares with 328.73 hectares (61%) in the rural settlements.

Size Range	Nº	%
Over 20	14	3.04
10 to 20	11	2.39
5.0 to 9.9	26	5.64
2.0 to 4.9	59	12.80
1.0 to 1.9	62	13.45
0.5 to 0.9	89	19.31
Under 0.5	200	43.38
Total	461	100.00

Table 20: Distribution of all sites by size

6.1.11 Table 20 illustrates the distribution of all sites by size. The table shows that within the Warwick District the provision essentially follows a “pyramid distribution” with a greater number of smaller sites and fewer larger sites. 43.38% of sites are under 0.5 hectares in size. Half of sites are between 0.5 and 9.9 hectares in size. A total of 25 sites cover an area of more than 10 hectares.

6.2 Green Space with Unrestricted Access

6.2.1 This section of the reports focuses on those green spaces with unrestricted access. Unrestricted Parks and Open Spaces, as opposed to restricted and limited, reflect those types of open space which are freely available to the public. Therefore sites that have limited access or are not accessible have been removed from the analysis as these sites typically provide less recreational value than those which offer unrestricted access to the public.

Accessibility	Nº of Sites	%
Unrestricted	311	67.46%
Limited	142	30.80%
Not Accessible	8	1.74%
Total	461	100.00

Table 21: Accessibility of Green spaces in Warwick District

6.2.2 Table 21 shows the accessibility of all green spaces in the Warwick District. Just over two thirds of the sites have unrestricted access, 30.80% have limited access and 1.74% of sites are not accessible.

Primary Typology	Number	Area (Ha)	Percentage of Total Area
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0	0	0.00
Amenity Green space	156.00	93.29	13.54
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	42.00	48.35	7.02
Children's/Youth Area	12.00	2.51	0.36
Civic Space	5.00	1.06	0.15
Green Corridor	22.00	20.55	2.98
Institutional Land	0	0	0.00
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	32.00	241.77	35.10
Outdoor Sports Facility	2.00	31.22	4.53
Park or Garden	40.00	250.05	36.30
Total	311	688.81	100.00

Table22: Distribution by Type – Unrestricted green spaces

- 6.2.3 Table 22 shows the number and area of unrestricted green space by primary typology. Of the 461 parks and open spaces in the District a total of 311 sites have unrestricted access covering an area of 688.81 hectares, which equates to 38.79% of the District's parks and open space land provision being accessible. Therefore, as the District covers an area of 28,253 hectares, 2.44% of the District's total overall land mass consists of unrestricted green space.
- 6.2.4 In terms of number of sites amenity green space is the predominant primary typology, making up 50% of the unrestricted green space with 156 sites covering 93.29 hectares. In terms of area, parks or gardens (36.3%) and natural areas included urban woodland (35.10%) make up the largest overall contribution.
- 6.2.5 In terms of site numbers, burial grounds including disused churchyards and closed cemeteries rank second, with 42 unrestricted sites, however they account for just 7.02% of the total area.
- 6.2.6 Of a total of 45 outdoor sports facilities only two have unrestricted access, covering an area of 31.22 hectares. This is likely to be because the vast majority of outdoor sports facilities require membership or payment of fees.



An example of Unrestricted Parks and Open Spaces - Jephson Gardens, Leamington

Settlement	Number	Area (Ha)	Percentage of Total Area
Kenilworth	39.00	88.67	12.87
Leamington	99.00	223.98	32.52
Rural	76.00	186.79	27.12
Warwick	81.00	175.88	25.53
Whitnash	16.00	13.5	1.96
Total	311.00	688.81	100.00

Table 23: Unrestricted Green space Area by Settlement

- 6.2.7 Table 23 breaks down the number and area of unrestricted green spaces by settlement and shows that Leamington has the largest amount of unrestricted green space both in terms of number of sites (99) and area (223.98 hectares). In total Leamington provides 32.52% of the unrestricted areas in the District.
- 6.2.8 Warwick is ranked second in terms of number of sites, however, the rural settlement accounts for a larger area 186.79 hectares compared to Warwick's 175.88 hectares.
- 6.2.9 In terms of percentage of total area, unrestricted green space is spread evenly over Leamington, Rural and Warwick. However, between them Kenilworth and Whitnash provide 55 sites or 14.83% of the District's unrestricted green space.

Typology - Primary	Kenilworth	Leamington	Rural	Warwick	Whitnash	Total
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amenity Green space	19.00	58.00	31.00	41.00	7.00	156.00
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	2.00	4.00	26.00	5.00	5.00	42.00
Children's/Youth Area	2.00	5.00	2.00	3.00	0.00	12.00
Civic Space	0.00	2.00	0.00	1.00	2.00	5.00
Green Corridor	2.00	4.00	2.00	14.00	0.00	22.00
Institutional Land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	9.00	7.00	4.00	12.00	0.00	32.00
Outdoor Sports Facility	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Park or Garden	4.00	19.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	40.00
Total	39.00	99.00	76.00	81.00	16.00	311.00

Table 24: Distribution of Unrestricted Green space by Type and Settlement (Number)

- 6.2.10 Table 24 shows the number of unrestricted green spaces sites across the District by town and primary typology. With 99 sites Leamington has the greatest number of unrestricted green spaces, of these 59% are amenity green spaces and 19% parks or gardens.
- 6.2.11 With 16 sites, Whitnash accounts for 5% of the unrestricted green space in the District. Amenity green space and burial grounds make up 75% of Whitnash's unrestricted green space. Whitnash has no unrestricted children's/youth areas, green corridors, institutional land, natural areas or outdoor sports facilities. This is comparable given the amount of limited green space and the relatively smaller size of Whitnash.
- 6.2.12 Between Leamington, Rural and Warwick, 82% of the District's unrestricted green space is spread relatively evenly.

Typology - Primary	Kenilworth	Leamington	Rural	Warwick	Whitnash	Total
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amenity Green space	6.21	25.73	17.79	39.43	4.13	93.29
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	5.07	9.57	19.47	10.22	4.02	48.35
Children's/Youth Area	0.25	1.1	0.56	0.61	0.00	2.52
Civic Space	0.00	0.44	0	0.52	0.10	1.06
Green Corridor	2.10	2.27	8.88	7.3	0.00	20.55
Institutional Land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	28.6	17.56	101.14	94.47	0.00	241.77
Outdoor Sports Facility	13.76	0.00	17.45	0.00	0.00	31.21
Park or Garden	32.67	167.31	21.5	23.33	5.25	250.06
Total	88.67	223.98	186.79	175.88	13.50	688.81

Table 25: Unrestricted Green space by Type and Settlement (Area)

- 6.2.13 Table 25 shows the area of unrestricted green spaces sites across the District by town and primary typology.
- 6.2.14 As well as having the largest number unrestricted sites, Leamington also has the largest area with 223.98 hectares or 33%. At the other end of the spectrum Whitnash provides just 2% of the unrestricted sites, which is relative to the overall provision.
- 6.2.15 Leamington has the highest amount of parks or gardens with 167.31 hectares of unrestricted green space for this typology. Kenilworth and Rural account for all the unrestricted outdoor sports facilities in the District. 42% of unrestricted natural areas including urban woodland are found in the Rural area; 39% is in Warwick, Whitnash however has no provision of this type of green space. Rural and Kenilworth have no areas of unrestricted civic space with the 1.06 hectares provided located within the three remaining settlements.

Size Range (Ha)	Number	%
Over 20	5.00	1.61
10 to 20	6.00	1.93
5.0 to 9.9	16.00	5.14
2.0 to 4.9	27.00	8.68
1.0 to 1.9	30.00	9.65
0.5 to 0.9	59.00	18.97
Under 0.5	168	54.02
Total	311.00	100.00

Table 26: Unrestricted Green space Sites by Size

6.2.16 Table 26 shows the size distribution of unrestricted green space sites throughout the District. As with table 20 which looked at all sites, the distribution of unrestricted sites follows a pyramid pattern, with larger numbers of smaller sites and smaller numbers of larger sites. This is illustrated by the fact that just over half of unrestricted sites area under 0.5 hectares in size, while just 3.54% are over 10 hectares in size.

Primary Typology	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha)	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha) per 1,000 population
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0	0.00
Amenity Green space	93.29	0.74
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	48.35	0.38
Children's/Youth Area	2.51	0.02
Civic Space	1.06	0.01
Green Corridor	20.55	0.16
Institutional Land	0	0.00
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	241.77	1.92
Outdoor Sports Facility	31.22	0.25
Park or Garden	250.05	1.99
District Total	688.81	5.47

Table 27: Quantity of Unrestricted Green space per 1000 population

6.2.17 Table 27 illustrates that Warwick District has an average of 5.47 hectares of unrestricted green space per 1000 population. Parks or gardens have the best ratio of area to people with 1.99 hectares per 1000 population followed by natural areas including urban woodland 1.92 hectares per 1000 population.

Local Authority	Hectares of Unrestricted Green Space per 1,000 population
Canterbury City Council	27.95 hectares/1,000 population
Harrogate District Council	7.19 hectares/1,000 population (draft standard)
Chelmsford Borough Council	6.83 hectares/1,000 population
Warwick District Council	5.61 hectares/1,000 population
North Hertfordshire District Council	4 hectares/1,000 population
Charnwood District Council	3.78 hectares/1,000 population
Chester City Council	3.6 hectares/1,000 population (draft standard)
Macclesfield Borough Council	3.23 hectares/1,000 population
Cheltenham Borough Council	3.10 hectares/1,000 population
Colchester Borough Council	2.64 hectares/1,000 population
Mid Sussex District Council	1.81 hectares/1,000 population
Cherwell District Council	Rural: 0.59 hectares/1,000 population Urban: 0.42 hectares/1,000 population

Table 28: Quantity of Provision in Other Local Authority Areas

6.2.18 Table 28 compares the provision of unrestricted green space in the Warwick District with a selection of other similar local authorities. Overall Warwick District compares reasonable well and is ranked fourth out of the twelve local authorities within the comparison group. It is noticeable that Warwick District has more hectares per 1000 population of unrestricted green space than Chester City and Cheltenham Borough.

Settlement	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha)	Town Population	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha) per 1,000 population
Kenilworth	88.67	23,219	3.82
Leamington	223.98	45,114	4.96
Rural	186.79	24,366	7.67
Warwick	175.88	25,434	6.92
Whitnash	13.5	7,798	1.73
District Average	688.81	125,931	5.47

Table 29: Quantity of Unrestricted Green space per 1000 Population by Settlement

6.2.19 The ratio of unrestricted green space per 1000 population by town is shown in table 29 above. Both the rural settlements and Warwick are above the District average with Leamington, Kenilworth and Whitnash below the District average.

Electoral Ward	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha)	Population	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha) per 1,000 population
Bishop's Tachbrook	80.42	2,514	31.99
Leamington Clarendon	144.31	4,954	29.13
Warwick West	104.92	8,377	12.52
Kenilworth Abbey	45.86	7,552	6.07
District Average	688.81	125,931	5.47
Stoneleigh	15.88	3,049	5.21
Warwick South	41.79	8,569	4.88
Kenilworth Park Hill	31.8	8,124	3.91
Warwick North	29.17	8,488	3.44
Leamington Milverton	23.02	8,269	2.78
Leamington Willes	23.41	8,601	2.72
Leamington Brunswick	17.91	9,299	1.93

Electoral Ward	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha)	Population	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha) per 1,000 population
Whitnash	13.5	7,798	1.73
Kenilworth St. John's	11.01	7,543	1.46
Leamington Crown	7.41	5,829	1.27
Leek Wootton	2.96	2,439	1.21
Radford Semele	2.45	2,494	0.98
Leamington Manor	7.92	8,162	0.97
Cubbington	3.91	5,777	0.68
Budbrooke	2.7	5,223	0.52
Lapworth	1.48	2,870	0.52

Table 30: Quantity of Unrestricted Green space per 1000 Population by Ward

6.2.20 Table 30 shows the amount of unrestricted green space per 1000 population for each of the twenty wards which make up the Warwick District. There is a significant level of variation at ward level, with a difference of 31.47 hectares per 1000 population between the ward with the highest ratio and that with the lowest. This equates to Lapworth having 98.37% less hectares per 1000 population than Bishop's Tachbrook.

6.2.21 Four wards (Bishop's Tachbrook, Leamington Clarendon, Warwick West and Kenilworth Abbey) have more hectares of unrestricted green space per 1000 population than the District average. Between them these four wards contain just over half of the whole District's unrestricted green space in hectares. Radford Semele, Leamington Manor, Budbrooke and Lapworth have less than one hectare per thousand population. This should be understood in the context of the overall level of analysis. For example, although Bishop's Tachbrook has the largest amount of space it does contain one of the largest natural areas – Oakley Wood (47.75 hectares).

6.3 Summary Conclusions

6.3.1 The information gained from the quantity audit provides a detailed summary of the existing provision of green space within the District. The principle finding is that Warwick District currently has **5.47 hectares of unrestricted green space per 1,000 head of population**, which is probably the most critical figure in determining future strategies for planning green infrastructure within the District. Not only does it provide a baseline, the figure should also act as a minimum standard or threshold by which to benchmark green space provision within the District.

6.3.2 Further analysis reveals a number of key factors.

- Unsurprisingly amenity green space, natural areas, parks/gardens and green corridors make up the vast majority of unrestricted green space within the District.
- In relation to the urban settlements of Whitnash, Leamington, Warwick and Kenilworth the most frequently occurring typology is amenity greenspace.
- Leamington possesses the highest amount of green space but is proportionally comparable with other settlements.
- When considering the amount of green space per 1,000 head of population, parks and gardens represent the highest proportion.
- Warwick District compares favourable with similar local authorities in terms of green space per 1,000 head of population.
- Warwick is the only urban settlement which exceeds the District average of 5.47 hectares of unrestricted green space per 1,000 head of population.
- When further analysed at Parish/Ward Level, only four wards or parishes exceed the District average.

7.0 QUALITY ASSESSMENT

7.1 Methodology

- 7.1.1 The quality assessment carried out as part of this parks and open space audit followed the methodology for "Grounds Maintenance Quality Assessment" detailed in Assessing Needs and Opportunities a companion guide to PPG17 (2002). Developed by the City of Lincoln Council working together with councils in Cambridge, Oxford, Norwich and Welwyn Hatfield, the assessment covers formal amenity space, informal amenity space, play areas, allotments, cemeteries, nine types of outdoor sports facility, highway verges and areas of land on housing estates. Within the context of this report formal amenity open space refers to sites that have a clearly defined boundary and are frequently maintained.
- 7.1.2 In total 408 sites within Warwick District were audited during 2007 using the framework within table 31 below. Each element was assessed using a scoring range of 1-5 (with 1 being poor and 5 being good).

Attribute	Element	1	2	3	4	5
Main Entrance						
Boundary Conditions						
Roads/Paths & Access						
Grass Areas						
Facilities	Bins					
	Seats					
	Toilets					
	Parking					
	Lighting					
	Information					
Cleanliness						
Events Programme						
	Total Score out of 62					
	Score as a %					

Table 31: Quality Assessment Score Sheet

7.1.3 The scoring criteria for each element is provided within appendix 4.

7.1.4 This scoring process enables the comparison of sites throughout the District, the higher the score the better the space. There is however some limitations in relation to the methodology employed as part of the quality audit, which should be clarified. Although the quality assessment provides a robust method for assessing overall quality, it should be noted that the assessment criteria are focused on the maintenance of more formal parks and gardens rather than the wider spectrum of green spaces, which include more naturalistic venues with differing maintenance regimes. For example “patchy” grass cover can be interpreted as a positive when considering such habitats as lowland heath, whereas conversely this can be construed as negative when considering formal sports pitches. Outside of this the quality audit does not consider other elements such as good design or the quality of children’s play opportunities, which may also be important within the context of amenity green space. What the quality audit does achieve is a comparable baseline assessment to identify general patterns in provision across the District, which in turn will help address shortcomings in resources and plan future management strategies.

7.2 Findings - All Sites

7.2.1 In total 408 sites were assessed as part of the Quality Audit. Table 31 below provides a breakdown of all sites (including unrestricted, limited and not accessible) which were included within the quality audit. Further details are provided in appendices two and six.

Settlement	Nº of Sites	Sites not audited	Nº of Sites Audited
Kenilworth	61	10	51
Leamington	130	13	117
Rural Parishes	131	15	116
Warwick	112	12	100
Whitnash	27	5	22
Total	463	55	406

Table 32: Site Assessed by Settlement

7.2.2 Table 33 below sets out the average quality scores by settlement in relation to unrestricted, limited and not accessible sites. The District average quality score for all sites is 42.29%.

Ward	Average Quality % Rating
Lapworth	51.27
Whitnash	45.81
Leek Wootton	44.56
Bishop's Tachbrook	44.52
Budbrooke	43.42
Stoneleigh	42.36
Leamington Brunswick	40.62
District Average	42.29
Leamington Clarendon	39.08
Cubbington	38.60
Kenilworth Abbey	38.48
Warwick West	37.50
Radford Semele	35.67
Kenilworth Park Hill	35.03
Warwick South	34.04
Leamington Milverton	31.75
Leamington Manor	31.48
Kenilworth St. John's	30.41
Warwick North	29.32
Leamington Willes	26.74
Leamington Crown	14.91

Table 33: Quality Assessment Scores by Ward (all sites)

7.2.3 Lapworth rates the highest with an average quality rating of 51.27%, in contrast Leamington Crown has the lowest score with an average of 14.91%. Seven wards score above the District average and 13 below.

Primary Typology	Nº of Sites Assessed	Average Quality % Rating
Outdoor Sports Facility	45	71.89
Civic Space	5	64.91
Park or Garden	51	53.49
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	43	51.24
Children's/Youth Area	13	44.26
Amenity Green space	164	35.01
Green Corridor	25	32.35
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	26	27.26
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	36	25.73
Institutional Land	0	0.00

Table 34: Average Quality Score by Typology (all sites)

7.2.4 Overall outdoor sports facility is the typology with the highest average quality rating, with a score of 71.89%. Because of their limited accessibility no institutional land sites were audited. Of the sites audited, natural areas included urban woodland has the lowest score with an average of 25.73%.

Settlement	Nº of Sites Assessed	Range of Quality Ratings	Average Quality % Rating
Whitnash	22	10 – 55	56.25
Rural	116	9 – 50	52.41
District Average	406	1 - 55	42.29
Kenilworth	51	5 - 52	41.55
Warwick	100	1 - 54	37.05
Leamington	117	1 - 55	34.38

Table 35: Range of Quality Scores by Settlement (all sites)

7.2.5 Leamington is the settlement with the lowest average percentage quality rating, however the settlement does contain sites ranging from the highest score (55 – Leamington Bowls Club) to the lowest (1 - land between Bury Road and the Canal).

7.2.6 The 22 sites audited in Whitnash have the highest average percentage quality rating, 56.25% which is 14% above the District average. However, it should be noted that the range of quality ratings across all the wards is significant with an average difference of 94.74% between the highest and the lowest rated sites.

Ward	Nº of Sites Assessed	Range of Quality Ratings	Average % Quality Rating
Lapworth	7	24 - 50	65.91
Whitnash	22	10 - 55	56.22
Leek Wootton	4	25 - 42	55.70
Radford Semele	2	24 - 37	53.51
Cubbington	6	14 - 45	51.46
Stoneleigh	6	15-49	49.42
Kenilworth Abbey	11	7 - 51	48.10
Bishop's Tachbrook	15	9 - 48	47.49
Budbrooke	11	14 - 45	47.37
Leamington Brunswick	12	1 - 37	44.01
District Average	408	1 - 55	42.29
Warwick West	28	8 - 48	41.54
Kenilworth St. John's	11	10 - 47	41.47
Leamington Clarendon	17	10 - 47	41.38
Warwick South	32	1 - 54	39.36
Kenilworth Park Hill	28	5 - 52	38.78
Leamington Manor	15	4 - 54	37.78
Leamington Milverton	35	5 - 55	36.29
Warwick North	41	7 - 38	32.18
Leamington Willes	27	4 - 40	28.72
Leamington Crown	11	2 - 22	16.27

Table 36: Range of Quality Scores by Ward (all sites)

7.2.7 The table above shows the average quality scores by ward. Leek Wootton is the only ward where all the sites have a higher than District average quality rating.

7.2.8 In contrast the Leamington Milverton ward despite having the joint highest scoring site, Leamington Bowls Club with a ranking of 96.5%, has a poor average rating of 36.29% putting it in the bottom five wards. Leamington Crown is the ward that scores the lowest coming 26.02% below the District average.

7.3 Findings - Unrestricted Sites

7.3.1 An important element within the overall Warwick Parks and Open Spaces Audit is the currently quality provision for unrestricted sites. Perception of open spaces for local people and users is most commonly linked to publicly accessible open spaces. For this reason a further breakdown and analysis of unrestricted sites is provided to give a comparison with the quality assessment for all open spaces. Table 37 below provides a rank table of quality ratings for the 311 unrestricted sites included as part of the quality assessment.

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
WW10	Market place	84.21
BT3	Playing Field, Kingsley Road	84.21
LC2	Jephson Gardens	82.46
BB4	Playing Fields	82.46
LC15	Royal Spa Centre forecourt	78.95
KA1	Abbey Fields	78.95
KA2	Castle Farm Recreation area	78.95
BD1	RC Church of St Charles Borromeo, Hampton on the Hill	78.95
LP1	Brome Hall Lane picnic site	78.95
NL2	Village Hall and Playing Fields, Wolverton Road	78.95
BT7	Harbury Lane Playing Fields	77.19
BT12	Oakley Wood Crematorium	77.19
WR1	Wren Hall Recreation Ground	77.19
WU2	Sabins drive Playing Fields	77.19
LV3	Victoria Park	73.68
LV34	St Mark's churchyard	70.18
WW16	SWW, Purser Drive POS	70.18
LW20	All Saints Parish Church forecourt	68.42
KS7	Kenilworth Cemetery	68.42

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
BR7	Village Hall, Church Street	68.42
BB3	Ryton Pools	68.42
HA3	Hatton Park Community Hall	68.42
NL1	Holy Trinity Church	68.42
LC18	Euston Place	66.67
WH24	St Margaret's Church	66.67
LB1	Leamington Cemetery	64.91
WW9	Birmingham Road Side Canal	64.91
WH20	Leamington Cemetery (Whitnash Section)	64.91
RS1	Playing Field	64.91
WH14	Land adj. Heathcote Lane, Juliet Drive	63.16
WH23	Whitnash Road land adj. (in front of St. Margarets Church)	63.16
WH25	St Jospeh's Catholic Church, Murcott Road	63.16
BD6	St Michaeal's Church, Hampton Magna	63.16
LB5	Shrublands Park	61.40
WW21	St Paul's churchyard	61.40
WH21	Chapel Green (Land adj. Plough and Harrow) Heathcote Road	61.40
CU1	Recreation Ground	61.40
CU5	St Mary's churchyard	61.40
BT5	Tachbrook Road (Part of Warwick Gates)	61.40
BT16	Oakley Wood	61.40
LW1	Mill Gardens	59.65
WS1	St Nicholas Park	59.65
WH13	Land adj. Tachbrook Road/Warwick Gates	59.65
WH18	Cox's Orchard	59.65
WH26	Murcott Road Church and Grounds	59.65
ST2	Playing fields / Village hall	59.65
R06	St Lukes Church, Lowsonford	59.65
WS4	Pageant Gardens	57.89

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
WW18	Mander Grove Play Area	57.89
LW2	Memorial Park	57.89
LC4	Newbold Comyn Park	56.14
WS2	Myton Fields	56.14
BT1	Harbury Lane path, east half	56.14
ST7	Crackley Wood	56.14
HA2	Hatton Park Estate POS	56.14
LC1	Pump Room Gardens	54.39
WH22	Church Lane Cemetery	54.39
BT10	St Chad's Church	54.39
BD3	Montgomery Avenue, Hampton Magna	54.39
BD4	Styles Close Playing Field, Hampton Magna	54.39
OF2	Village Hall and Playing Field, School Hill	54.39
WU3	St Michael's Church	54.39
LB4	Elizabeth Road Play area.	52.63
WN1	Twycross Walk/Raynsford Walk/Stanton Walk p.o.s.	52.63
KA10	St Nicholas Churchyard	52.63
KP8	Glendale Avenue Play area	52.63
WH12	Eglamour Way/Othello Avenue, Whitnash	52.63
HA4	Holy Trinity Church, Birmingham Road	52.63
WH7	South View recreation ground	50.88
BD12	Canalside Area, Budbrooke Road	50.88
LP6	St Giles Church	50.88
BB2	St Giles Church	50.88
OF3	St Gregory's Church, Village Street	50.88
LB8	Maxstoke Gardens / Kingsway	49.12
LB11	Canalside sitting area, Old War'k Rd	49.12
KP5	Littleton Close	49.12
WH11	Box Close Incidental Open Space	49.12
BR3	Church Lane Playing Field	49.12
WN2	Canalside (Eastern Section)	47.37

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
KP9	Woodmill Meadow	47.37
KS3	Bates Memorial Field	47.37
KS6	St John's Playing Fields	47.37
CU2	Austen Court play area	47.37
BG3	Lucy Price Playing Field	47.37
HA1	Hatton Park Public Open Space	47.37
WA1	St John the Baptist Church	47.37
LV18	St Mark's Road	45.61
WW22	St Mary's churchyard	45.61
WU5	Rugby Road/ Sabins Drive	45.61
WU7	Weston Play Area, St Michaels Close	45.61
LB2	Redland Recreation Ground	43.86
LB3	Wych Elm Arboretum - Play area.	43.86
WW19	Theatre Street / Barrack Street O.S.	43.86
KA3	Red Lane Play Area	43.86
KA6	Castle Road / Clinton Rd	43.86
KP12	Powis Grove	43.86
KP15	Harlech Close	43.86
KP20	Dencer Drive / Leyes Lane	43.86
BR2	Wellesbourne Road	43.86
BR5	St Peter's Church	43.86
BT8	Mallory Road	43.86
BG1	St John The Baptist Church	43.86
LW3	All Saints Churchyard	43.86
LC6	Holly Walk	42.11
LM10	Lillington Parish Churchyard and cemetery extension	42.11
WN34	Kilnsey Grove Open Space	42.11
WS7	Myton cycleway	42.11
KP18	Stansfield Grove	42.11
RS3	St Nicholas' Church	42.11
BT4	Oakley Wood Road / St Chad's Road	42.11

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
LP5	St Mary's Church, Church Lane	42.11
AS1	St Mary's Church	42.11
BB1	Bubbenhall Road	42.11
WP3	Open Space Adjacent to Camp Farm	42.11
HO1	St John the Baptist Church	42.11
R02	The Church of St. Laurence	42.11
WU4	Alderman Way	42.11
LV5	Milverton Cemetery	40.35
LV19	Dragon Cottage open space	40.35
LV33	Goodfellow Street play area	40.35
LW6	Rushmore Street play area	40.35
WN16	Greenway, Woodloes South	40.35
WS29	Myton Croft communal garden	40.35
WW1	Priory Park	40.35
KP14	Jacox Crescent	40.35
ST4	St Mary's Church	40.35
BG2	Millenium Field	40.35
HU2	St Margarets Church	40.35
WP2	St John the Baptist Church	40.35
WU1	Sabins Drive	40.35
LK1	Mason Avenue Park	38.60
LM3	College Park open space	38.60
LV1	York Walk	38.60
LV13	The Dell	38.60
LV14	Stamford Gardens	38.60
LV30	Clarendon Square 11 - 21	38.60
LV36	Potterton's sportsfield	38.60
WN3	Warwick Cemetery (old)	38.60
WN27	Boswell Grove	38.60
WW2	Saltisford Common	38.60
WW15	Mander Grove and Gog Brook	38.60

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
KA5	School Lane	38.60
KP16	Turton Way	38.60
KP19	The Wardens	38.60
OF4	Disused Railway Cutting	38.60
R03	Rowington Playing Fields	38.60
District Average		38.04
LB7	Westlea Road Island	36.84
LV29	Clarendon Place O.S.	36.84
WN17	Kirby Avenue footpaths	36.84
WN20	Dwarris Walk o.s.	36.84
WS16	Earl Park	36.84
WW3	St Mary's Lands	36.84
KP11	Parkfield Drive	36.84
BT15	Church Hill	36.84
BB6	Spring Hill	36.84
LC5	Christchurch Gardens	35.09
LC14	Beauchamp Avenue O.S.	35.09
LM1	Midland Oak open space	35.09
WN7	Millbank p.o.s.	35.09
WN14	Primrose Hill East open space	35.09
WN18	Buckden Close o.s.	35.09
WN19	Hathaway Drive West o.s.	35.09
WN21	Eliot Close o.s.	35.09
KP6	Tainters Hill	35.09
KS1	Farmer Ward Open Space	35.09
OM1	St James's churchyard, Old Milverton	35.09
LB6	Eagle Recreation Ground	33.33
LV31	New Brook Street O.S.	33.33
LW10	Fallow Hill play area	33.33
LW16	Sydenham Canalside	33.33
WN13	Oakwood Gr & Blacklow Rd spinneys	33.33

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
WN33	Woodloes Avenue South Open Space	33.33
WS8	Myton Lane o.s.	33.33
WS12	Othello Park & Jourdain Way o.s.	33.33
WS13	Cordelia Green	33.33
WS20	Emscote Lawns	33.33
WW5	Eastley Crescent vacant playspace	33.33
WW17	Coventry Road/Guys Cross Park Road	33.33
KA7	Castle Green	33.33
KP10	Webster Avenue	33.33
BD9	Old Budbrooke Road/Field Barn Lane, Hampton Magna	33.33
LW7	Warneford Green	31.58
WN26	Deansway o.s.	31.58
WN36	Millbank flats grounds	31.58
WS18	St Nicholas Churchyard, Warwick	31.58
WW7	Priory Pools	31.58
WH10	Franklin Road POS	31.58
BD8	Old Budbrooke Road Public Open Space, Hampton Magna	31.58
LM2	Napton Drive open space	29.82
LW2	Welches Meadow	29.82
WN4	Warwick Cemetery (new)	29.82
WN8	Austin Edwards Drive o.s.	29.82
WN10	Montague Road open space	29.82
WN15	Brese Avenue o.s.	29.82
WN30	Oakwood Grove Open Space	29.82
WN35	Dickens Road Open Space	29.82
WS11	Macbeth Approach cycleway	29.82
KS2	Farmer Ward Road	29.82
WH1	Acre Close Recreation Ground	29.82
HU3	Hall Farm Meadow	29.82
WP1	Wappenbury Lane	29.82
LC3	Newbold Terrace East open space	28.07

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
LC8	Villiers Street open space	28.07
LC9	Kennedy Square	28.07
LM7	Cubbington Waterworks open space	28.07
LV20	Beverley Hills open space	28.07
LW11	Sydenham Drive north (west side)	28.07
WN5	The Chantry	28.07
WN23	Knoll Drive o.s.	28.07
WN24	Woodloes Avenue North o.s.	28.07
WN31	Greville Road Open Space	28.07
WS24	Howard Walk	28.07
KP2	Knowle Hill	28.07
BR6	Church Lane Cemetery	28.07
ST3	The Green	28.07
LB9	Canalside (Europa Way to Flavels Railway Bridge)	26.32
LC7	Clarendon Square	26.32
LM8	Chestnut Square	26.32
LV6	Saxon Meadows play area	26.32
LV8	Avonside South play area	26.32
LV16	The Spinney	26.32
LV21	Windermere Drive	26.32
LW3	Whitnash Brook North	26.32
LW13	Gainsborough Drive East	26.32
LW18	Sydenham Drive south (west side)	26.32
LW23	Canal towpath (Flavels to Sydenham Drive)	26.32
LW28	Grand Union Canal (Sydenham Drive / Western Stretch)	26.32
WN6	Pattens Road play area	26.32
WN28	Hughes Close o.s.	26.32
WS10	Riverside Walk - Mercia Way	26.32
WW4	Northern Enclosure	26.32
KP21	Casita Grove	26.32
BT9	St Chad's Road	26.32

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
ST1	Hall Close	26.32
LM9	Roxburgh Croft	24.56
LV2	Station Walk	24.56
LV17	Beverley Road	24.56
LV23	Acacia Road O.S.	24.56
LW4	New Street closed burial ground	24.56
LW15	Lydstep Grove open space	24.56
WS14	Rose Garden, Warwick Gates	24.56
KP1	Kenilworth Common	24.56
BT14	Kingsley Road	24.56
BD7	Field Barn Road, Hampton Magna	24.56
LC11	Russell Street Open Space	22.81
LK2	Cumberland Crescent open space	22.81
LM4	Almond Avenue open space	22.81
LV15	Keswick Green	22.81
LW19	Elephant Walk	22.81
WS15	Harbury Lane path (west)	22.81
WW14	Shelley Avenue Brookside	22.81
KA4	Beehive Hill Playing Fields	22.81
LK8	Haddon Road open space	21.05
LW5	Crabtree Meadow	21.05
LW9	Gulliman's Way	21.05
LW14	Sydenham Central open space	21.05
WN11	Coventry Road spinney	21.05
WN29	Primrose Hill West	21.05
WN37	Canalside (Central Section)	21.05
WS5	Lodge Crescent	21.05
WS9	Myton Pool	21.05

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
WW12	Queen's Square	21.05
KS4	Dudley Road island	21.05
WH9	Land opposite Golf Lane Allotment Site	21.05
LM5	Belmont Drive spinney	19.30
LV9	Highcroft Crescent South open space	19.30
LV22	The Fairways - 3x small O.S. areas	19.30
LV24	Coniston Road O.S.	19.30
LV25	Edmondscote Road Island	19.30
WN22	Inchford Avenue footpath	19.30
WS3	Riverside Walk - Grange Close	19.30
WW8	Wedgnock Green	19.30
KP7	Knowle Hill plantation	19.30
LC10	Campion Hills	17.54
LK11	rear Crown Way south-west	17.54
LM6	The Holt	17.54
LW21	Willes Terrace communal garden	17.54
LW29	Leam Terrace closed burial ground	17.54
WN12	Blacklow Road hillside	17.54
WS21	Riverside Walk rear of Tesco	17.54
WW11	St Laurence Avenue island	17.54
WW13	Townsend Meadow	17.54
KP4	Highland Road island	17.54
KS5	Walker's Way	17.54
KS8	John O'Gaunt Road	17.54
LK5	Hanworth Close	15.79
LV7	Avonside North open space	15.79
LV10	Edmondscote Field	15.79
LW12	Clapham Street canalside	15.79
WN9	All Saints Road o.s.	15.79
WS6	Leam View	15.79

Site Reference	Site Name	Quality % Rating
LK7	Buckley Road corner	14.04
LV11	Mill House open space	14.04
WW6	St Michael's Open Space	14.04
KP13	Rawnsley Drive	14.04
LK9	Buckley Road island	12.28
LK10	Haddon Road island	12.28
WN32	Cape Road triangle	12.28
WS17	Macbeth Valley	12.28
KA8	Hyde Road island	12.28
KP17	Parliament Piece	12.28
LK3	Valley Road open space	10.53
LK4	Cromer Road island	10.53
LW8	Radford Road car park	10.53
WS25	Riverside Walk - Brindley's field	10.53
LV12	Milverton Riverside	8.77
KP3	Common Lane spinney	8.77
KP31	Cherry Orchard reclamation site	8.77
LW17	Chesterton Drive spinney	7.02
LK6	Denby Close / Elton Close	3.51
WS30	Former Dormer Hall School site	0.00

Table 37: Quality Percentage Ratings for Unrestricted Sites

7.3.2 Unlike the quality assessment for all sites, the average quality rating for unrestricted sites is 38.04%, approximately 3% below the average rating for all sites.

7.3.3 The following tables breakdown the unrestricted sites by ward, typology and settlement.

Ward	Average Quality % Rating
Lapworth	57.31
Cubbington	56.73
Bishop's Tachbrook	53.80
Radford Semele	53.51
Whitnash	53.18
Leek Wootton	50.88
Budbrooke	48.90
Leamington Brunswick	46.14
Kenilworth Abbey	45.03
Leamington Clarendon	42.98
Stoneleigh	42.11
Warwick West	39.01
District Average	38.04
Kenilworth St. John's	35.53
Kenilworth Park Hill	32.06
Leamington Milverton	31.17
Warwick North	30.58
Warwick South	29.46
Leamington Manor	28.42
Leamington Willes	27.49
Leamington Crown	17.89

Table 38: Unrestricted Sites Quality Assessment Scores by Ward

7.3.4 Lapworth has the highest average quality percentage rating with 57.31%. In contrast Leamington Crown has the lowest score with an average quality percentage rating of 17.89%. 12 wards score above the District average and 8 below.

Primary Typology	Number of Sites Assessed	Average Quality % Rating
Outdoor Sports Facility	2	78.07
Civic Space	5	64.91
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	42	51.21
Park or Garden	40	48.51
Children's/Youth Area	12	42.54
Amenity Green space	157	33.30
Green Corridor	23	31.20
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	32	27.47
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0	0
Institutional Land	0	0

Table 39: Unrestricted Sites Quality Assessment Scores by Typology

7.3.5 Outdoor sports facilities have the highest average quality percentage rating for unrestricted sites with 78.07%. Natural areas including urban woodland score the lowest and there are no unrestricted allotments or institutional land sites.

Settlement	Nº of Sites Assessed	Range of Quality % Ratings	Average Quality % Rating
Whitnash	16	12 – 38	53.18
Rural Parishes	77	14 – 48	50.42
District Average	313	2 – 48	38.04
Kenilworth	39	5 – 45	35.76
Warwick	82	6 – 48	32.41
Leamington	99	2 – 47	31.53

Table 40: Unrestricted Sites Quality Assessment Scores by Settlement

7.3.6 Despite having the lowest average percentage quality rating (31.53%) Leamington does contain the second highest scoring unrestricted site, Jephson Gardens. The unrestricted sites in Whitnash have the highest average percentage quality rating (53.18%).

Ward	Nº of Sites Assessed	Range of Quality Ratings	Average % Quality Rating
Lapworth	3	24 – 45	57.31
Cubbington	3	27 – 35	56.73
Bishop's Tachbrook	12	14 – 48	53.80
Radford Semele	2	24 – 37	53.51
Whitnash	16	12 - 38	53.18
Leek Wootton	2	25 – 33	50.88
Budbrooke	8	14 – 45	48.90
Leamington Brunswick	10	15 – 37	46.14
Kenilworth Abbey	9	7 – 45	45.03
Leamington Clarendon	14	10- 47	42.98
Stoneleigh	5	15 – 34	42.11
Warwick West	21	8 – 48	39.01
District Average	313	2 - 48	38.04
Kenilworth St. John's	8	10 – 39	35.53
Kenilworth Park Hill	22	5 – 30	32.06
Leamington Milverton	30	5 – 42	31.17
Warwick North	37	7 – 30	30.58
Warwick South	24	6 – 34	29.46
Leamington Manor	10	10 – 24	28.42
Leamington Willes	24	4 – 39	27.49
Leamington Crown	11	2 – 22	17.89

Table 41: Unrestricted Sites Quality Assessment Scores by Ward

7.3.7 Table 41 above shows the average quality assessment scores for unrestricted sites by ward. In total 12 wards have average percentage quality ratings above the District average.

7.4 Summary Conclusions

- 7.4.1 The quality audit and analysis provides baseline information in which to compare green spaces across the District. Overall there is a wide range of scores, which reflect the diversity and range of sites throughout the District. The primary figure for consideration is the District average quality rating for unrestricted green space of 38.04%. This mean figure provides a working standard in which to bench mark other spaces and can act as performance measure to check overall progress and successful management. Interestingly there is almost a 50:50 divide between sites falling above and below this threshold. There is also a definite trend of poorer quality open spaces within urban areas with specific areas of concern in Leamington Willies and Leamington Crown Wards. These also relate to areas of relatively high social deprivation and so perhaps need to form the focus for improvement over subsequent years.
- 7.4.2 In contrast, 50% of green spaces have a relatively good quality rating with approximately 24 sites scoring above a 65% rating. In broad terms, given the results of this assessment, there is potential for these sites to obtain a Green Flag Award. This would need to be considered in further detail but this can be interpreted as positive sign of quality management regimes, especially considering the results in relation to the public perception of quality maintenance obtained as part of the household survey.

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8.1 Methodology

- 8.1.1 Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A good companion guide to PPG17 recognises that quality alone is not a true representation of the overall value of parks and open spaces. Indeed it is widely recognised that some green spaces may appear poor on face value but may still offer often unseen wider cultural, landscape, educational, historical or even economic benefits. Value is a different concept to quality and invariably relates to the context of the site, level/type of use and wider benefits such as biodiversity.
- 8.1.2 In determining a value rating for the Warwick District Parks and Open Spaces Audit, ancillary details collated as part of the Council's original audit have been utilised in conjunction with published and available information e.g. known Sites Important to Nature Conservation have been evaluated to provide a scoring matrix based on range of factors and criteria.
- 8.1.3 Table 38 overleaf provides a summary of the value scoring methodology employed as part of the Warwick District Parks and Open Spaces Audit.



Factor	Criteria	Rationale	Measure	Score	Weight
Context	Accessibility	Based on Audit.	Unrestricted	10	25%
			Limited	5	
			Restricted	0	
	Proximity	Based on GIS analysis using 400m buffer zone for unrestricted open space. No overlaps = relative high value, increased overlaps relative low value.	No Overlap	10	
			1 overlap	9	
			2 overlap	8	
			3 overlap	7	
			4 overlap	6	
			5 overlap	5	
			6 overlap	4	
			7 overlap	3	
			8 overlap	2	
			9 or more overlap	1	
	Quantity	Comparative accessible green space per 1000 head of population at ward level.	< 1 ha	10	
			1-2 ha	9	
			2-3 ha	8	
			3- 4 ha	7	
			4-5 ha	6	
			5- 6 ha	5	
			6- 7 ha	4	
			7-8 ha	3	
			8-9 ha	2	
			> 9 ha	1	
Level & Type of Use	Hierarchy	Based on prescribed hierarchy developed as part of the audit.	Sub Regional	10	25%
			District	7	
			Neighbourhood	5	
			Local	3	
	Level of Use	Number of people from household survey stating preferred/favourite open space.	>200	10	
			150 - 199	8	
			100 - 149	5	
			50 - 99	3	
			0 - 49	1	

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Factor	Criteria	Rationale	Measure	Score	Weight
Wider Benefits	Landscape & Heritage	Statutory designations for protected landscape including National Park & AONB. Views with appeal from site. Presence of tree preservation order (TPO). No of historic features or elements associated with the venue (site audit). Within designated conservation area. Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM). Register Park & Garden.	Within protected landscape.	10	25%
			SAM	10	
			Register parks and gardens.	7	
			Within conservation area.	5	
			Presence of RIGs	3	
			Presence of TPO's	3	
			No of features (max 3)	3	
	Biodiversity	Formal designation for flora and fauna. National Nature Reserve Site of Special Scientific Interest. Local Nature Reserve. Site Important to Nature Conservation (SINC). Potential SINC.	NNR	10	
			SSSI	8	
			LNR	5	
			SINC	3	
			pSINC	2	
			No designation	0	
	Life Long Learning	Number of educational establishments within 400m buffer. Including primary, secondary and tertiary.	>5	10	
			3-4	7	
			2	5	
			1	3	
			0	0	
	Health & Well Being	Indices of Multiply Deprivation at Ward Level. Quartile range.	76% +	10	
			51-75%	7	
			26-50%	5	
			0-25%	2	
Green Infrastructure	Connectivity	Direct contact with other green spaces even if restricted or limited.	>5	10	25%
			3-4	7	
			2-3	5	
			1	3	
			0	0	

Table 42: Value Assessment

8.1.4 The table below summarises the scoring criteria:

Factor	Criteria	Maximum Score
Context	Accessibility	10
	Proximity	10
	Quantity	10
	Maximum Score	30
Level & Type of Use	Hierarchy	10
	Level of Use	10
	Maximum Score	20
Wider Benefits	Biodiversity	10
	Landscape & Heritage	10
	Life Long Learning	10
	Health & Well Being	10
	Maximum Score	40
Green Infrastructure	Connectivity	10
	Maximum Score	10

Table 43: Scoring System

8.1.5 Therefore each factor has a maximum score which needs to be weighted equal as per the table below.

Factor	Maximum Score	Calculation	Final Weight
Context	30	(Score / 3) x 2.5	25%
Level and Type of Use	20	(Score / 2) x 2.5	25%
Wider Benefits	40	(Score / 4) x 2.5	25%
Green Infrastructure	10	(Score / 1) x 2.5	25%
Totals	100		100%

Table 44: Weighted Scoring System

8.1.6 The value assessment methodology results in a score out of 100 for each park and open space.

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8.2 Worked Example

8.2.1 In order to better illustrate how the value assessment scores have been calculated, a worked example for site LC2 – Jephson Gardens is provided below.

Factor	Criteria	Rationale	Score
Context	Accessibility	Unrestricted Site	10pts
	Proximity	A total of 14 unrestricted green space sites are situated within 400m of Jephson Gardens.	1pt
	Quantity	Jephson Gardens is situated in Leamington Clarendon which has 29.13 hectares of accessible green space per 1,000 head of population.	1pt
Context Sub Total			12pts
Level & Type of Use	Hierarchy	In accordance with the household survey data Jephson Gardens has been designated a neighbourhood site.	5 pts
	Level of Use	279 respondents stated Jephson Gardens is the park or open space they visit most often.	10pts
Level & Type of Use Sub Total			15pts
Wider Benefits	Landscape & Heritage	Jephson Gardens is a conservation area.	5 pts
	Biodiversity	The site contains one pSinc (River Leam).	2 pts
	Life Long Learning	The College of Further Education Studio is situated within the 400m buffer zone surrounding Jephson Gardens.	3 pts
	Health & Well Being	Jephson Gardens is within the Leamington Clarendon Ward which has a deprivation rank of 3,949. It is therefore in the 76%+ bracket.	10pts
Wider Benefits Sub Total			20pts
Green Infrastructure	Connectivity	No sites are in direct contact with Jephson Gardens.	0 pts
Green Infrastructure Sub Total			0pts

Table 45: Jephson Gardens Example

8.2.2 These scores are then weighted as follows.

Factor	Score	Calculation	Weighted Score
Context	12	$(12 / 3) \times 2.5$	10
Level and Type of Use	15	$(15 / 2) \times 2.5$	18.75
Wider Benefits	20	$(20 / 4) \times 2.5$	12.50
Green Infrastructure	0	$(0 / 1) \times 2.5$	0
Total			41.25

Table 46: Jephson Gardens Example Weighted Scores

8.3 Value Scores

8.3.1 The table below details the value scores of the 311 unrestricted sites.

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
WS1	St Nicholas Park	56.04
LW2	Welches Meadow	50.21
WN7	Millbank p.o.s.	49.58
WS25	Riverside Walk - Brindley's field	48.75
KA1	Abbey Fields	47.71
LV3	Victoria Park	47.08
KP1	Kenilworth Common	47.08
WW3	St Mary's Lands	46.25
WH1	Acre Close Recreation Ground	46.04
WS10	Riverside Walk - Mercia Way	45.42
LW14	Sydenham Central open space	45.21
WS21	Riverside Walk rear of Tesco	44.58
LB9	Canalside (Europa Way to Flavels Railway Bridge)	43.75
WP1	Wappenbury Lane	42.29
WH20	Leamington Cemetery (Whitnash Section)	41.67
LK1	Mason Avenue Park	41.67
LC11	Russell Street Open Space	41.25
LB5	Shrublands Park	40.63

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
LB11	Canalside sitting area, Old War'k Rd	40.63
WN37	Canalside (Central Section)	40.00
LB1	Leamington Cemetery	39.38
LB6	Eagle Recreation Ground	39.38
LW23	Canal towpath (Flavels to Sydenham Drive)	38.96
WW2	Saltisford Common	38.75
WN36	Millbank flats grounds	38.75
HU3	Hall Farm Meadow	38.75
CU2	Austen Court play area	38.33
LM3	College Park open space	38.33
LM1	Midland Oak open space	38.33
HA1	Hatton Park Public Open Space	38.13
WS15	Harbury Lane path (west)	38.13
WS9	Myton Pool	38.13
KP17	Parliament Piece	37.71
LW6	Rushmore Street play area	37.08
LB2	Redland Recreation Ground	36.88
WS18	St Nicholas Churchyard, Warwick	36.88
WW7	Priory Pools	36.88
WN11	Coventry Road spinney	36.88
CU1	Recreation Ground	36.46
RS1	Playing Field	36.25
LC1	Pump Room Gardens	36.25
WS2	Myton Fields	36.04
LW1	Mill Gardens	35.83
BR3	Church Lane Playing Field	35.83
BR6	Church Lane Cemetery	35.83
LW9	Gulliman's Way	35.83
R02	The Church of St. Laurence	35.63
BD4	Styles Close Playing Field, Hampton Magna	35.42
CU5	St Mary's churchyard	35.21

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
LM6	The Holt	35.21
LV10	Edmondscote Field	35.21
WN1	Twycross Walk/Raynsford Walk/Stanton Walk p.o.s.	35.00
WN2	Canalside (Eastern Section)	35.00
WN16	Greenway, Woodloes South	35.00
LW2	Memorial Park	34.58
KP5	Littleton Close	34.58
KP12	Powis Grove	34.58
WW1	Priory Park	34.58
KP16	Turton Way	34.58
KP19	The Wardens	34.58
LW3	Whitnash Brook North	34.58
KP21	Casita Grove	34.58
WW13	Townsend Meadow	34.58
KP13	Rawnsley Drive	34.58
HA2	Hatton Park Estate POS	34.38
KS5	Walker's Way	34.38
LV5	Milverton Cemetery	33.96
LV33	Goodfellow Street play area	33.96
LW16	Sydenham Canalside	33.96
WS13	Cordelia Green	33.96
LW7	Warneford Green	33.96
LW28	Grand Union Canal (Sydenham Drive / Western Stretch)	33.96
LW15	Lydstep Grove open space	33.96
LV11	Mill House open space	33.96
NL2	Village Hall and Playing Fields, Wolverton Road	33.75
LB3	Wych Elm Arboretum - Play area.	33.75
LP5	St Mary's Church, Church Lane	33.75
WS3	Riverside Walk - Grange Close	33.75
WN3	Warwick Cemetery (old)	33.54
LV13	The Dell	33.33

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
KP3	Common Lane spinney	33.33
BB3	Ryton Pools	33.13
WW21	St Paul's churchyard	32.92
WH13	Land adj. Tachbrook Road/Warwick Gates	32.92
LK3	Valley Road open space	32.92
LM7	Cubbington Waterworks open space	32.71
LC2	Jephson Gardens	32.50
LP1	Brome Hall Lane picnic site	32.50
R06	St Lukes Church, Lowsonford	32.50
KS3	Bates Memorial Field	32.50
RS3	St Nicholas' Church	32.50
HU2	St Margarets Church	32.50
R03	Rowington Playing Fields	32.50
WN4	Warwick Cemetery (new)	32.50
KA10	St Nicholas Churchyard	32.08
LW3	All Saints Churchyard	32.08
LM10	Lillington Parish Churchyard and cemetery extension	32.08
WS16	Earl Park	32.08
WS11	Macbeth Approach cycleway	32.08
LB4	Elizabeth Road Play area.	31.88
LB8	Maxstoke Gardens / Kingsway	31.88
LB7	Westlea Road Island	31.88
WS6	Leam View	31.88
WR1	Wren Hall Recreation Ground	31.67
OF2	Village Hall and Playing Field, School Hill	31.67
OF3	St Gregory's Church, Village Street	31.67
WP3	Open Space Adjacent to Camp Farm	31.67
BB4	Playing Fields	31.25
BT5	Tachbrook Road (Part of Warwick Gates)	31.25
WW6	St Michael's Open Space	31.04
AS1	St Mary's Church	30.83

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
LV1	York Walk	30.83
LM5	Belmont Drive spinney	30.83
LV12	Milverton Riverside	30.83
NL1	Holy Trinity Church	30.63
LP6	St Giles Church	30.63
WA1	St John the Baptist Church	30.63
WH24	St Margaret's Church	30.42
WH23	Whitnash Road land adj. (in front of St. Margarets Church)	30.42
WH21	Chapel Green (Land adj. Plough and Harrow) Heathcote Road	30.42
ST7	Crackley Wood	30.21
KP2	Knowle Hill	30.21
LV8	Avonside South play area	30.21
WS14	Rose Garden, Warwick Gates	30.21
OM1	St James's churchyard, Old Milverton	30.00
WN12	Blacklow Road hillside	30.00
District Average		29.83
WP2	St John the Baptist Church	29.79
LV34	St Mark's churchyard	29.58
LV30	Clarendon Square 11 - 21	29.58
LV36	Potterton's sportsfield	29.58
LV29	Clarendon Place O.S.	29.58
WS12	Othello Park & Jourdain Way o.s.	29.58
LV2	Station Walk	29.58
LV17	Beverley Road	29.58
LW19	Elephant Walk	29.58
LW5	Crabtree Meadow	29.58
BT1	Harbury Lane path, east half	29.38
WN13	Oakwood Gr & Blacklow Rd spinneys	29.38
WW4	Northern Enclosure	29.38
WH25	St Jospeh's Catholic Church, Murcott Road	29.17
WH26	Murcott Road Church and Grounds	29.17

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
WH12	Eglamour Way/Othello Avenue, Whitnash	29.17
WH7	South View recreation ground	29.17
LK2	Cumberland Crescent open space	29.17
LK8	Haddon Road open space	29.17
LK11	rear Crown Way south-west	29.17
LK5	Hanworth Close	29.17
LK7	Buckley Road corner	29.17
LK9	Buckley Road island	29.17
LK10	Haddon Road island	29.17
LK4	Cromer Road island	29.17
LK6	Denby Close / Elton Close	29.17
LM2	Napton Drive open space	28.96
LM8	Chestnut Square	28.96
LM9	Roxburgh Croft	28.96
LM4	Almond Avenue open space	28.96
WS17	Macbeth Valley	28.96
KS7	Kenilworth Cemetery	28.75
BT10	St Chad's Church	28.75
KS6	St John's Playing Fields	28.75
BT8	Mallory Road	28.75
LC14	Beauchamp Avenue O.S.	28.75
WS5	Lodge Crescent	28.75
HO1	St John the Baptist Church	28.54
OF4	Disused Railway Cutting	28.54
WW10	Market place	28.33
KA2	Castle Farm Recreation area	28.33
LW20	All Saints Parish Church forecourt	28.33
BR7	Village Hall, Church Street	28.33
WW22	St Mary's churchyard	28.33
BR5	St Peter's Church	28.33
LV19	Dragon Cottage open space	28.33

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
ST4	St Mary's Church	28.33
KP6	Tainters Hill	28.33
ST3	The Green	28.33
LW21	Willes Terrace communal garden	28.33
LW29	Leam Terrace closed burial ground	28.33
LW8	Radford Road car park	28.33
KP31	Cherry Orchard reclamation site	28.33
BB2	St Giles Church	28.13
WU7	Weston Play Area, St Michaels Close	28.13
BB1	Bubbenhall Road	28.13
BD1	RC Church of St Charles Borromeo, Hampton on the Hill	27.92
BD6	St Michael's Church, Hampton Magna	27.92
BD3	Montgomery Avenue, Hampton Magna	27.92
BD12	Canalside Area, Budbrooke Road	27.92
BD9	Old Budbrooke Road/Field Barn Lane, Hampton Magna	27.92
BD8	Old Budbrooke Road Public Open Space, Hampton Magna	27.92
BD7	Field Barn Road, Hampton Magna	27.92
WS4	Pageant Gardens	27.71
BT12	Oakley Wood Crematorium	27.50
WH14	Land adj. Heathcote Lane, Juliet Drive	27.29
WH18	Cox's Orchard	27.29
WH22	Church Lane Cemetery	27.29
WH11	Box Close Incidental Open Space	27.29
WH10	Franklin Road POS	27.29
WH9	Land opposite Golf Lane Allotment Site	27.29
WW16	SWW, Purser Drive POS	27.08
KP15	Harlech Close	27.08
KP20	Dencer Drive / Leyes Lane	27.08
KP18	Stansfield Grove	27.08
KP14	Jacox Crescent	27.08
KP11	Parkfield Drive	27.08

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Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
KS1	Farmer Ward Open Space	26.88
KS2	Farmer Ward Road	26.88
WW12	Queen's Square	26.88
KS4	Dudley Road island	26.88
WW11	St Laurence Avenue island	26.88
KS8	John O'Gaunt Road	26.88
WN9	All Saints Road o.s.	26.88
KP9	Woodmill Meadow	26.46
LV18	St Mark's Road	26.46
BG2	Millenium Field	26.46
LV14	Stamford Gardens	26.46
LV31	New Brook Street O.S.	26.46
WS20	Emscote Lawns	26.46
LV20	Beverley Hills open space	26.46
LV6	Saxon Meadows play area	26.46
LV16	The Spinney	26.46
LV21	Windermere Drive	26.46
LW18	Sydenham Drive south (west side)	26.46
LV23	Acacia Road O.S.	26.46
LW4	New Street closed burial ground	26.46
LV15	Keswick Green	26.46
LV9	Highcroft Crescent South open space	26.46
LV22	The Fairways - 3x small O.S. areas	26.46
LV24	Coniston Road O.S.	26.46
LV25	Edmondscote Road Island	26.46
LV7	Avonside North open space	26.46
LW12	Clapham Street canalside	26.46
LW17	Chesterton Drive spinney	26.46
WW19	Theatre Street / Barrack Street O.S.	26.25
LC6	Holly Walk	26.25
WU4	Alderman Way	26.25

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
WU1	Sabins Drive	26.25
WN18	Buckden Close o.s.	26.25
WS30	Former Dormer Hall School site	26.25
WN8	Austin Edwards Drive o.s.	26.04
WW8	Wedgnock Green	26.04
WW5	Eastley Crescent vacant playspace	25.83
WN35	Dickens Road Open Space	25.83
WS24	Howard Walk	25.83
KA4	Beehive Hill Playing Fields	25.83
BT3	Playing Field, Kingsley Road	25.63
BT16	Oakley Wood	25.63
WN17	Kirby Avenue footpaths	25.63
WS8	Myton Lane o.s.	25.42
ST2	Playing fields / Village hall	25.21
WW18	Mander Grove Play Area	25.21
KP8	Glendale Avenue Play area	25.21
BR2	Wellesbourne Road	25.21
WS29	Myton Croft communal garden	25.21
WW15	Mander Grove and Gog Brook	25.21
LW10	Fallow Hill play area	25.21
KP10	Webster Avenue	25.21
LW11	Sydenham Drive north (west side)	25.21
LW13	Gainsborough Drive East	25.21
ST1	Hall Close	25.21
KP7	Knowle Hill plantation	25.21
KP4	Highland Road island	25.21
HA3	Hatton Park Community Hall	25.00
HA4	Holy Trinity Church, Birmingham Road	25.00
BT15	Church Hill	25.00
BB6	Spring Hill	25.00
WN21	Eliot Close o.s.	25.00

Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
WN6	Pattens Road play area	25.00
WN28	Hughes Close o.s.	25.00
WU2	Sabins drive Playing Fields	24.38
WU3	St Michael's Church	24.38
WU5	Rugby Road/ Sabins Drive	24.38
WN14	Primrose Hill East open space	24.38
WW17	Coventry Road/Guys Cross Park Road	24.38
WN10	Montague Road open space	24.38
LC8	Villiers Street open space	24.38
WW14	Shelley Avenue Brookside	24.38
WN30	Oakwood Grove Open Space	24.17
WN31	Greville Road Open Space	24.17
WN27	Boswell Grove	23.33
WN19	Hathaway Drive West o.s.	23.33
WN29	Primrose Hill West	23.33
WW9	Birmingham Road Side Canal	22.71
BG3	Lucy Price Playing Field	22.71
KA6	Castle Road / Clinton Rd	22.71
BG1	St John The Baptist Church	22.71
LC9	Kennedy Square	22.71
LC15	Royal Spa Centre forecourt	22.50
WN34	Kilnsey Grove Open Space	22.50
WN20	Dwarris Walk o.s.	22.50
WN33	Woodloes Avenue South Open Space	22.50
WN26	Deansway o.s.	22.50
WN15	Brese Avenue o.s.	22.50
LC3	Newbold Terrace East open space	22.50
WN5	The Chantry	22.50
WN23	Knoll Drive o.s.	22.50
WN24	Woodloes Avenue North o.s.	22.50
LC7	Clarendon Square	22.50

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Site Reference	Site Name	Value Score
WN22	Inchford Avenue footpath	22.50
LC10	Campion Hills	22.50
WN32	Cape Road triangle	22.50
WS7	Myton cycleway	22.08
BT7	Harbury Lane Playing Fields	21.88
KA5	School Lane	21.46
KA7	Castle Green	21.46
LC18	Euston Place	21.25
LC5	Christchurch Gardens	20.00
KA3	Red Lane Play Area	18.33
KA8	Hyde Road island	18.33
BT4	Oakley Wood Road / St Chad's Road	18.13
BT9	St Chad's Road	18.13
BT14	Kingsley Road	18.13
LC4	Newbold Comyn Park	16.46

Table 47: Value Assessment Scores for Unrestricted Sites

- 8.3.2 The highest scoring site was St Nicholas' Park with a value score of 56.04. The average score across the district is for unrestricted sites is 29.83, therefore 126 sites (41%) scored above average and 185 sites (59%) below.
- 8.3.3 The value assessment scores for limited and non accessible sites can be found in appendix 5 of this report.

8.4 Summary Conclusions

- 8.4.1 The value assessment for parks and open spaces is critical to understanding the role and function of each site. In considering the overall value distinction can be made from quality and a greater understanding of each site's potential can be explored. For example, Jephson Gardens, Leamington is perceived as being of high quality by the local community and is also ranked within third within the quality assessment. However, when additional issues such as connectivity within the wider green space network are considered, Jephson Gardens is ranked seventeenth in the overall value assessment. This in itself is not a negative factor but it does provide an indication of where perceived quality is outweighed by more in depth analysis in relation to value.
- 8.4.2 Conversely for example St Nicholas Park, Warwick, ranks forty-fourth in the quality assessment and yet is assessed as having the overall highest value due to the relatively low amount of green space within the locality, overall popularity with local people and direct connectivity with four other sites.

9.0 Value and Quality Matrix

9.1.1 The companion guide to PPG17 sets out a method for comparing the quality assessment scores and value score to allow Local Authorities to identify key actions for the future of their green spaces. The matrix below provides a method for determining actions for the development of each individual green space.

High Quality/Low Value	High Quality/High Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the quality. • Undertake further assessment on the value with the aim of enhancing its present primary purpose. • Consider if it would be a high value if converted to another primary purpose. • Change of use is only acceptable if the options above are not achievable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the quality. • Protect the site through planning process.
Low Quality/Low Value	High Value/Low Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the quality as long as it is also possible to enhance the value. • Assess primary purpose as the site could be surplus to requirements in terms of present primary purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise the site quality to meet the require standard. • Protect the site through the planning process.

Table 48: Value Options

9.1.2 The 311 unrestricted sites within the District have been assigned into the above matrix. The site rating takes into account both the quality and value scores making a distinction between high and low scoring sites. The average score for both quality and value has been used to assign scores.

High Quality/High Value (70 Sites)	
Abbey Fields	Pump Room Gardens
All Saints Churchyard	Recreation Ground
Austen Court play area	Redland Recreation Ground
Bates Memorial Field	Rowington Playing Fields
Brome Hall Lane picnic site	Ryton Pools
Canalside (Eastern Section)	Saltisford Common
Canalside sitting area, Old War'k Rd	Shrublands Park
Chapel Green (Land adj. Plough and Harrow) Heathcote Road	St Giles Church
Church Lane Cemetery	St Gregory's Church, Village Street
Church Lane Playing Field	St John the Baptist Church
College Park open space	St Lukes Church, Lowsonford
Crackley Wood	St Margarets Church
Elizabeth Road Play area	St Margaret's Church
Goodfellow Street play area	St Mary's Church
Greenway, Woodloes South	St Mary's Church, Church Lane
Hatton Park Estate POS	St Mary's churchyard
Hatton Park Public Open Space	St Nicholas' Church
Holy Trinity Church	St Nicholas Churchyard
Jephson Gardens	St Nicholas Park
Land adj. Tachbrook Road/Warwick Gates	St Paul's churchyard
Leamington Cemetery	Styles Close Playing Field, Hampton Magna
Leamington Cemetery (Whitnash Section)	Tachbrook Road (Part of Warwick Gates)
Lillington Parish Churchyard and cemetery extension	The Church of St. Laurence
Littleton Close	The Dell
Mason Avenue Park	The Wardens
Maxstoke Gardens / Kingsway	Turton Way
Memorial Park	Twycross Walk/Raynsford Walk/Stanton Walk p.o.s.
Mill Gardens	Village Hall and Playing Field, School Hill
Milverton Cemetery	Village Hall and Playing Fields, Wolverton Road
Myton Fields	Warwick Cemetery (old)
Newbold Comyn Park	Whitnash Road land adj. (in front of St. Margaret's Church)
Open Space adjacent to Camp Farm	Wren Hall Recreation Ground
Playing Field	Wych Elm Arboretum - Play area.
Playing Fields	York Walk
Powis Grove	
Priory Park	

Table 49: High Quality/High Value Quadrant

High Value/Low Quality (55 Sites)	
Acre Close Recreation Ground	Millbank flats grounds
Avonside South play area	Millbank p.o.s.
Belmont Drive spinney	Milverton Riverside
Campion Hills	Myton Pool
Canal towpath (Flavels to Sydenham Drive)	Newbold Terrace East open space
Canalside (Central Section)	Parliament Piece
Canalside (Europa Way to Flavels Railway Bridge)	Priory Pools
Casita Grove	Rawnsley Drive
Church Lane Cemetery	Riverside Walk - Brindley's field
Common Lane spinney	Riverside Walk - Grange Close
Cordelia Green	Riverside Walk - Mercia Way
Coventry Road spinney	Riverside Walk rear of Tesco
Cubbington Waterworks open space	Rose Garden, Warwick Gates
Eagle Recreation Ground	St Mary's Lands
Earl Park	St Michael's Open Space
Edmondscote Field	St Nicholas Churchyard, Warwick
Grand Union Canal (Sydenham Drive / Western Stretch)	Sydenham Canalside
Gulliman's Way	Sydenham Central open space
Hall Farm Meadow	The Holt
Harbury Lane path (west)	Townsend Meadow
Kenilworth Common	Valley Road open space
Knowle Hill	Walker's Way
Leam View	Wappenbury Lane
Lydstep Grove open space	Warneford Green
Macbeth Approach cycleway	Warwick Cemetery (new)
Midland Oak open space	Welches Meadow
Mill House open space	Westlea Road Island
	Whitnash Brook North

Table 50: High Value/Low Quality Quadrant

High Quality/Low Value (74 Sites)	
Alderman Way	Myton cycleway
All Saints Parish Church forecourt	Oakley Wood
Birmingham Road Side Canal	Oakley Wood Crematorium
Boswell Grove	Oakley Wood Road / St Chad's Road
Box Close Incidental Open Space	Pageant Gardens
Bubbenhall Road	Playing Field, Kingsley Road
Canalside Area, Budbrooke Road	Playing fields / Village hall
Castle Farm Recreation area	Potterton's sportsfield
Castle Road / Clinton Rd	RC Church of St Charles Borromeo, Hampton on the Hill
Church Lane Cemetery	Red Lane Play Area
Clarendon Square 11 - 21	Royal Spa Centre forecourt
Cox's Orchard	Rugby Road/ Sabins Drive
Dencer Drive / Leyes Lane	Sabins Drive
Disused Railway Cutting	Sabins drive Playing Fields
Dragon Cottage open space	School Lane
Eglamour Way/Othello Avenue, Whitnash	South View recreation ground
Euston Place	St Chad's Church
Glendale Avenue Play area	St Giles Church
Harbury Lane path, east half	St John the Baptist Church
Harbury Lane Playing Fields	St John the Baptist Church
Harlech Close	St John The Baptist Church
Hatton Park Community Hall	St John's Playing Fields
Holly Walk	St Jospeh's Catholic Church, Murcott Road
Holy Trinity Church, Birmingham Road	St Mark's churchyard
Jacox Crescent	St Mark's Road
Kenilworth Cemetery	St Mary's Church
Kilnsey Grove Open Space	St Mary's churchyard
Land adj. Heathcote Lane, Juliet Drive	St Michael's Church, Hampton Magna
Lucy Price Playing Field	St Michael's Church
Mallory Road	St Peter's Church
Mander Grove and Gog Brook	Stamford Gardens
Mander Grove Play Area	Stansfield Grove
Market place	SWW, Purser Drive POS
Millenium Field	Theatre Street / Barrack Street O.S.
Montgomery Avenue, Hampton Magna	Village Hall, Church Street
Murcott Road Church and Grounds	Weston Play Area, St Michaels Close
Myton Croft communal garden	Woodmill Meadow

Table 51: High Quality/Low Value Quadrant

Low Quality/Low Value (112 Sites)	
Acacia Road O.S.	Eastley Crescent vacant playspace
All Saints Road o.s.	Edmondscote Road Island
Almond Avenue open space	Elephant Walk
Austin Edwards Drive o.s.	Eliot Close o.s.
Avonside North open space	Emscote Lawns
Beauchamp Avenue O.S.	Fallow Hill play area
Beehive Hill Playing Fields	Farmer Ward Open Space
Beverley Hills open space	Farmer Ward Road
Beverley Road	Field Barn Road, Hampton Magna
Blacklow Road hillside	Former Dormer Hall School site
Brese Avenue o.s.	Franklin Road POS
Buckden Close o.s.	Gainsborough Drive East
Buckley Road corner	Greville Road Open Space
Buckley Road island	Haddon Road island
Cape Road triangle	Haddon Road open space
Castle Green	Hall Close
Cherry Orchard reclamation site	Hanworth Close
Chesterton Drive spinney	Hathaway Drive West o.s.
Chestnut Square	Highcroft Crescent South open space
Christchurch Gardens	Highland Road island
Church Hill	Howard Walk
Church Lane Cemetery	Hughes Close o.s.
Clapham Street canalside	Hyde Road island
Clarendon Place O.S.	Inchford Avenue footpath
Clarendon Square	John O'Gaunt Road
Coniston Road O.S.	Kennedy Square
Coventry Road/Guys Cross Park Road	Keswick Green
Crabtree Meadow	Kingsley Road
Cromer Road island	Kirby Avenue footpaths
Cumberland Crescent open space	Knoll Drive o.s.
Deansway o.s.	Knowle Hill plantation
Denby Close / Elton Close	Land opposite Golf Lane Allotment Site
Dickens Road Open Space	Leam Terrace closed burial ground
Dudley Road island	Lodge Crescent
Dwarris Walk o.s.	Macbeth Valley
	Montague Road open space
	Myton Lane o.s.

Low Quality/Low Value (112 Sites)	
<p>Napton Drive open space New Brook Street O.S. New Street closed burial ground Northern Enclosure Oakwood Gr & Blacklow Rd spinneys Oakwood Grove Open Space Old Budbrooke Road Public Open Space, Hampton Magna Old Budbrooke Road/Field Barn Lane, Hampton Magna Othello Park & Jourdain Way o.s. Parkfield Drive Pattens Road play area Primrose Hill East open space Primrose Hill West Queen's Square Radford Road car park Rear Crown Way south-west Roxburgh Croft Russell Street Open Space Saxon Meadows play area</p>	<p>Shelley Avenue Brookside Spring Hill St Chad's Road St James's churchyard, Old Milverton St Laurence Avenue island Station Walk Sydenham Drive north (west side) Sydenham Drive south (west side) Tainters Hill The Chantry The Fairways - 3x small O.S. areas The Green The Spinney Villiers Street open space Webster Avenue Wedgnock Green Willes Terrace communal garden Windermere Drive Woodloes Avenue North o.s. Woodloes Avenue South Open Space</p>

Table 52: Low Quality/Low Value

High Quality/Low Value		High Quality/High Value	
Typology	Nº of Sites	Typology	Nº of Sites
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0	Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0
Amenity Green space	28	Amenity Green space	21
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	18	Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	21
Children's/Youth Area	4	Children's/Youth Area	2
Civic Space	2	Civic Space	3
Green Corridor	7	Green Corridor	2
Institutional Land	0	Institutional Land	0
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	2	Natural area inc Urban Woodland	4
Outdoor Sports Facility	2	Outdoor Sports Facility	0
Parks or Garden	11	Parks or Garden	17
Total	74	Total	70

Low Quality/Low Value		High Value/Low Quality	
Typology	Nº of Sites	Typology	Nº of Sites
Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0	Allotment, Community Garden, Urban Farm	0
Amenity Green space	89	Amenity Green space	17
Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	1	Burial Ground inc disused churchyard, closed cemetery	3
Children's/Youth Area	5	Children's/Youth Area	1
Civic Space	0	Civic Space	0
Green Corridor	3	Green Corridor	10
Institutional Land	0	Institutional Land	0
Natural area inc Urban Woodland	11	Natural area inc Urban Woodland	15
Outdoor Sports Facility	0	Outdoor Sports Facility	0
Parks or Garden	3	Parks or Garden	9
Total	112	Total	55

Table 53: Quality/Value Matrix by Typology

9.1.3 Just over two thirds of unrestricted low quality/low value sites are amenity green space (78.76%). Amenity green space and burial grounds each account for 30% of the high quality/high value sites.

High Quality/Low Value		High Quality/High Value	
Hierarchy	Nº of Sites	Hierarchy	Nº of Sites
Destination	0	Destination	2
District	0	District	1
Neighbourhood	1	Neighbourhood	10
Local	4	Local	10
Sites not selected on user survey	69	Sites not selected on user survey	47
Total	74	Total	70
Low Quality/Low Value		High Value/Low Quality	
Hierarchy	Nº of Sites	Hierarchy	Nº of Sites
Destination	0	Destination	2
District	0	District	7
Neighbourhood	3	Neighbourhood	6
Local	4	Local	7
Sites not selected on user survey	105	Sites not selected on user survey	33
Total	112	Total	55

Table 54: Quality/Value Matrix by Hierarchy

9.2 SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

- 9.2.1 The above tables illustrate the quadrants of the quality value matrix for all unrestricted green space sites within the Warwick District. This matrix can be used as a tool to plan the most appropriate course of action for each site.
- 9.2.2 It should be noted that the low quality/low value quadrant contains the highest number of sites 113, which accounts for just over a third of all sites in the District. Future strategic decision making process should therefore focus on these sites as a priority. This in itself does not mean because they are of low quality and low value that green space is surplus to requirements. Instead the function of each green space within this quadrant needs to be explored in further detail to understand why the site is perceived as having a relatively low quality and/or value. Following further evaluation management strategies should then be put in place to either consider changing the primary typology, investing in overall quality improvement or stimulating local involvement to strengthen accessibility. The remaining sites are relatively evenly spread throughout the high quality/high value, high value/low quality and high quality/low value quadrants.
- 9.2.3 In relation to typologies, parks and gardens tend to have an overall higher quality/value as opposed to amenity green spaces and semi natural areas which are characteristic of lower quality/value. Future management strategies should therefore focus on these two typologies and consideration should be given to further protection within the planning system or investment made in strengthening overall value.

10.0 ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

10.1 To demonstrate accessibility and catchment thresholds a hierarchy for destination, borough, neighbourhood and local open spaces has been developed using data from the Household Survey. Table 55 provides a summary of estimated walking and driving times undertaken by respondents in relation to specific parks and open spaces.

Park	Nº of Users	Average Travel Time	
		By Foot	By Car
Jephson Gardens	279	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
Abbey Fields	177	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
St Nicholas Park	146	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
Newbold Commyn	77	1-5 mins	6-10 mins
Victoria Park	73	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
No Answer	35	-	-
Pump Room Gardens	17	16-20 mins	6-10 mins
Warwick Park	17	1-5 mins	6-10 mins
Ryton Pools	16	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
Canal Towpaths	15	1-5 mins	6-10 mins
Priory Park	14	11-15 mins	11-15 mins
Mill Gardens	13	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
Warwick Racecourse	10	1-5 mins	-
Kenilworth Castle	8	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
Weston Under Wetherley Play Area	7	1-5 mins	-
Barford	6	1-5 mins	-
Cubbington Road	6	1-5 mins	1-5 mins
Riverside Walk	6	11-15 mins	-
Valley Road	6	1-5 mins	16-20 mins
Woodloes Park	6	11-15 mins	-
Castle Farm	5	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
Christchurch Gardens	5	6-10 mins	-
Cubbington Playing Fields	5	1-5mins	-
Dell	5	1-5 mins	-
Chase Meadow Play Area	4	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
Children's Play Area	4	1-5 mins	-
Oakley Wood	4	-	1-5 mins

Park	Nº of Users	Average Travel Time	
		By Foot	By Car
St Mary's Land/Common	4	1-5 mins	-
Warwick Gates	4	1-5 mins	-
Acre Close	3	11-15 mins	-
Campion Hills	3	1-5 mins	6-10 mins
Crackley Woods	3	-	1-5 mins
Eagle Rec	3	6-10 mins	-
Hatton Park	3	1-5 mins	6-10 mins
Kenilworth Park	3	6-10 mins	6-10 mins
Myton Fields	3	6-10 mins	-
Offchurch Greenway	3	1-5 mins	-
Ufton Fields Nature Reserve	3	-	11-15 mins
Bluebell Woods	2	1-5 mins	-
Bubbenhall	2	6-10 mins	-
Warwick Castle	2	-	16-20 mins
Common	2	11-15 mins	-
Country Footpaths	2	6-10 mins	-
Cubbington Rec	2	1-5 mins	-
Cubbington Woods	2	11-15 mins	-
Ebourne Close Park	2	1-5 mins	1-5 mins
New Cubbington	2	1-5 mins	-
Guy Cliffe Avenue Park	2	1-5 mins	-
Hampton Magna Park	2	1-5 mins	-
Holt	2	6-10 mins	-
Kenilworth	2	1-5 mins	-
Kenilworth Common	2	6-10 mins	-
Leek Wootton Recreational Ground	2	1-5 mins	-
Local Play Area	2	1-5 mins	-
Millbank	2	11-15 mins	-
Offchurch	2	1-5 mins	1-5 mins
Offchurch Cycleway	2	Travel by bicycle 1-5 mins	
Ophelia/Othello Avenue Parks	2	6-10 mins	-
Parliament Piece	2	6-10 mins	-
Percy Estate Spinney	2	11-15 mins	-

Park	Nº of Users	Average Travel Time	
		By Foot	By Car
Public Footpaths	2	1-5 mins	-
Radford Semele Park	2	1-5 mins	-
Redland Park	2	1-5 mins	-
St Michael's Park	2	-	11-15 mins
Alexandra Park	1	Respondent answered don't know	
Angling Club	1	-	6-10 mins
Leek Wooton Village Hall	1	1-5 mins	-
Avonside Play Area	1	1-5 mins	-
Blacklow Road, Spinney	1	1-5 mins	-
Bates Memorial Parkland	1	1-5 mins	-
Beauchamp Avenue	1	1-5 mins	-
Bishop's Tachbrook Meadow	1	1-5 mins	-
Brandon Marsh	1	No Answer Given	
Brookhurst Play Park	1	1-5 mins	-
Burton Dassett	1	-	16-20 mins
Church Hill	1	1-5 mins	-
Clarendon Square Gardens	1	6-10 mins	-
Common Lane Woods	1	6-10 mins	-
Cope Road	1	1-5 mins	-
Coventry Memorial Park	1	-	16-20 mins
Craddey Woods	1	6-10 mins	-
Cricket Club	1	-	6-10 mins
Cubbington Sports and Community Field	1	1-5 mins	-
Cubbington Village Hall Park	1	No answer given.	
Draycote Water Country Park	1	-	Over 20 mins
Eathorpe Playground	1	1-5 mins	-
End of My Road	1	1-5 mins	-
Falmer Wald Road	1	6-10 mins	-
Fords Field	1	1-5 mins	-
Green area at top of the Parade	1	1-5 mins	-
Greenway	1	16-20 mins by horse	
Harbury Lane Sports Field	1	1-5 mins	-

Park	Nº of Users	Average Travel Time	
		By Foot	By Car
Hatton Village Hall and Green	1	1-5 mins	-
Haywood	1	11-15 mins	-
Henley in Adren Mount	1	No answer given.	
Hermitage Way Park	1	6-10 mins	-
Hill Gardens	1	-	6-10 mins
Kenilworth Green	1	1-5 mins	-
Kenilworth Nature Reserve	1	6-10 mins	-
Kenilworth School Astro	1	-	16-20 mins
Kingfisher Pool	1	11-15 mins	-
Kingsbury Water Park	1	-	Over 20 mins
Lapworth Cricket Club	1	1-5 mins	-
Leamington	1	Public transport – over 20 minutes	
Leamington Cemetery	1	-	6-10 mins
Leamington Cricket Ground	1	No answer given.	
Leamington Park	1	-	6-10 mins
Leamington Spa	1	6-10 mins	-
Lean Valley Nature Reserve	1	1-5 mins	-
Lillington	1	1-5 mins	-
Mason Avenue	1	16-20 mins	-
Meadow	1	1-5 mins	-
Nelson Memorial Ground	1	1-5 mins	-
Memorial Park	1	1-5 mins	-
Mill Lane	1	-	6-10 mins
Millennium	1	1-5 mins	-
Myton Pools	1	1-5 mins	-
Norton Lundsey Village Hall Playing Field	1	6-10 mins	-
Offchurch Walkway	1	-	6-10 mins
Offchurch Freeway	1	1-5 mins	-
Offchurch Village Green	1	1-5 mins	-
Open Country Park	1	-	11-15 mins
Villers Street Play Area	1	1-5 mins	-
Red Rec	1	Mode of transport not specified 11-15 mins	

Park	Nº of Users	Average Travel Time	
		By Foot	By Car
Ridgeway Lane	1	Mode of transport not specified	
Ryton Woods	1	16-20 mins	-
Saltisford common	1	6-10 mins	-
Saw Bland Hall Park	1	No answer given.	
Sax Mill Footpath	1	1-5 mins	-
Semi Natural Areas Close to Home	1	1-5 mins	-
Spa Centre	1	-	6-10 mins
Spa Gardens	1	1-5 mins	-
St Peter's Playing Field	1	1-5 mins	-
Stanford Gardens Play Area	1	1-5 mins	-
Stoneleight Abbey Area	1	-	6-10 mins
Stratford Park by the River	1	-	11-15 mins
Suffolk Street	1	1-5 mins	-
Surrounding Farm Land	1	1-5 mins	-
Sydenham Open Spaces	1	16-20 mins	-
Buckden Close Green	1	1-5 mins	-
The Old Waterworks	1	1-5 mins	-
Old Royal Midland Counties Hospital Site	1	1-5 mins	-
The Rec	1	-	11-15 mins
Cycle Ways	1	Travels by bicycle	
over 20 minutes			
Village Playground	1	No answer given.	
Wachbourne Park	1	1-5 mins	-
Wappenbury Woods	1	16-20 mins	-
Warwick Gardens	1	6-10 mins	-
Welches Meadow	1	6-10 mins	-
Whitnash Recreation Ground	1	6-10 mins	-
Yarningdale Common	1	No answer given.	

Table 55: Average Travel Times

- 10.2 This information can be further extrapolated to provide average travel times to specific open spaces and interpreted as a range of hierarchies. Travel times for walking are based on an average speed of 4 mph and travel times by car are based on a average speed of 30mph. Tables 56 and 57 provide details of local hierarchies for open spaces described by respondents in the household survey.

Park or Open Space	Average Travel Time by Foot	Catchment Threshold
Local		
Newbold Commyn	1 - 5 Minutes	500 metres
Warwick Park		
Canal Towpaths		
Warwick Racecourse		
Weston Under Wetherley Play Area		
Barford		
Cubbington Road		
Valley Road		
Cubbington Playing Fields		
Dell		
Children's Play Area		
St Mary's Land/Common		
Warwick Gates		
Campion Hills		
Hatton Park		
Offchurch Greenway		
Bluebell Woods		
Cubbington Rec		
Ebourne Close Park		
New Cubbington		
Guy Cliffe Avenue Park		
Hampton Magna Park		
Kenilworth		
Leek Wootton Recreational Ground		
Local Play Area		
Offchurch		
Public Footpaths		
Radford Semele Park		

Park or Open Space	Average Travel Time by Foot	Catchment Threshold
Redland Park	1-5 Minutes	500 metres
Leek Wooton Village Hall		
Avonside Play Area		
Blacklow Road, Spinney		
Bates Memorial Parkland		
Beauchamp Avenue		
Bishop's Tachbrook Meadow		
Brookhurst Play Park		
Church Hill		
Cope Road		
Cubbington Sports and Community Field		
Eathorpe Playground		
End of My Road		
Fords Field		
Green area at top of the Parade		
Harbury Lane Sports Field		
Hatton Village Hall and Green		
Kenilworth Green		
Lapworth Cricket Club		
Lean Valley Nature Reserve		
Lillington		
Meadow		
Nelson Memorial Ground		
Memorial Park		
Myton Pools		
Millenium		
Offchurch Freeway		
Offchurch Village Green		
Villers Street Play Area		
Sax Mill Footpath		
Semi Natural Areas Close to Home		
Spa Gardens		
St Peter's Playing Field		
Stanford Gardens Play Area		

Park or Open Space	Average Travel Time by Foot	Catchment Threshold
Suffolk Street	1-5 Minutes	500 metres
Surrounding Farm Land		
Buckden Close Green		
The Old Waterworks		
Old Royal Midland Counties Hospital Site		
Wachbourne Park		
Neighbourhood		
Jephson Gardens	6-10 minutes	1000 metres
Abbey Fields		
St Nicholas Park		
Victoria Park		
Ryton Pools		
Mill Gardens		
Kenilworth Castle		
Castle Farm		
Christchurch Gardens		
Chase Meadow Play Area		
Eagle Rec		
Kenilworth Park		
Myton Fields		
Bubbenhall		
Country Footpaths		
Holt		
Kenilworth Common		
Ophelia/Othello Avenue Parks		
Parliament Piece		
Clarendon Square Gardens		
Common Lane Woods		
Craddey Woods		
Falmer Wald Road		
Hermitage Way Park		
Kenilworth Nature Reserve		

Park or Open Space	Average Travel Time by Foot	Catchment Threshold
Leamington Spa	6-10 minutes	1000 metres
Norton Lundsey Village Hall Playing Field		
Saltisford common		
Warwick Gardens		
Welches Meadow		
Whitnash Recreation Ground		

Table 56: Average Travel Times by Foot

Park or Open Space	Average Travel Time by Car	Catchment Threshold
Local		
Cubbington Road	1-5 minutes	8,000 metres
Oakley Wood		
Crackley Woods		
Ebourne Close Park		
Offchurch		
Neighbourhood		
Jephson Gardens	6-10 minutes	16,000 metres
Abbey Fields		
St Nicholas Park		
Newbold Commyn		
Victoria Park		
Pump Room Gardens		
Warwick Park		
Ryton Pools		
Canal Towpaths		
Mill Gardens		
Kenilworth Castle		
Castle Farm		
Chase Meadow Play Area		
Campion Hills		
Hatton Park		

Park or Open Space	Average Travel Time by Car	Catchment Threshold
Kenilworth Park	6-10 minutes	16,000 metres
Angling Club		
Cricket Club		
Hill Gardens		
Leamington Cemetery		
Leamington Park		
Mill Lane		
Offchurch Walkway		
Spa Centre		
Stoneleight Abbey Area		
District		
Priory Park	11-15 minutes	24,000 metres
Ufton Fields Nature Reserve		
St Michael's Park		
Open Country Park		
Stratford Park by the River		
The Rec		
Destination		
Valley Road	16-20 minutes	32,000
Warwick Castle		
Burton Dassett		
Coventry Memorial Park		
Kenilworth School Astro		
Draycote Water Country Park	Over 20 minutes	Over 32,000 metres
Kingsbury Water Park		

Table 57: Average Travel Times by Car

10.3 Summary Conclusions

- 10.3.1 The companion guide to PPG17 encourages local planning authorities to determine hierarchies of provision for green space. The guidance suggests three to four levels or hierarchies which relate to strategic, middle or neighbourhood green spaces.
- 10.3.2 Hierarchies are a useful planning tool and typically based on size, effective catchment and essential characteristics e.g. diversity of facilities.
- 10.3.3 As part of the Parks and Open Spaces Audit for the District, Pleydell Smithyman Limited has calculated the effective catchment area for green spaces identified by respondents who took part in the Household Survey. Based on travel times to each venue, we have provided a range of hierarchies for Warwick District which affect patterns of use in relation to green spaces at:
- Destination;
 - District;
 - Neighbourhood and
 - Local levels.
- 10.3.4 Our findings from the Household Survey have shown that perceived travel times vary depending on the audience and travel method. However we have determined average travel times to formulate the effective catchment for each of the identified green spaces and presented this information in a series of tables. Effective catchments for each hierarchy has then been prescribed based upon travel times by car and foot.
- 10.3.5 Not surprisingly the results shown in Tables 56 and 57 present some inconsistencies which may reflect the interpretation of questions by respondents who took part in the Household Survey. For example, estimating travel time to green spaces can be difficult for people to assess especially if a visit to a park forms part of their usual daily routine. This in turn may also explain why there is no District or Destination hierarchies identified by pedestrians. Also, typically, people do not tend to walk long distances to leisure venues or principal parks and this may again explain why pedestrian travel is restricted to local and neighbourhood hierarchies.

- 10.3.6 On closer inspection of the results obtained in tables 56 and 57 there are some inconsistencies which need further consideration. For example, Jephson Gardens was identified by the largest majority of respondents but only appears as a Neighbourhood hierarchy for pedestrians and car drivers. Locally however, Jephson Gardens is well renowned and considered by the Council as a key attraction for tourists and visitors. There is therefore an anomaly between the perception of local people and the strategic aims of the service provider which need to be addressed. Likewise, there are a number of sites where only one user responded and one site was identified. This does not enable an average or mean assessment to be made and therefore provides a bias towards a particular venue. For example Kingsbury Water Park, although outside of the District, ranks as a destination venue. This in itself is probably a true reflection of the Water Park but is not directly comparable with other green spaces within the District.
- 10.3.7 The conclusions based on this information should therefore be seen as an indicative guide to steer overall policies within the Council's Green Space Strategy and relevant Supplementary Planning Document. It is recommended that the Council considers the information presented in relation to effective catchments and also reassess the relative position of each green space based on planned/proposed strategic objectives once these have been formulated by the Council.

11.0 ANALYSIS

- 11.1.1 Warwick District has over 1775 hectares of parks and open spaces, which constitutes 6.3% of the District's total land mass. Outdoor Sports Facilities provide 30.4% of the areas open spaces followed by Natural Areas including Urban Woodland with 30%.
- 11.1.2 The District's Rural Wards and Parishes contain the largest quantity of parks and open spaces, at the other end of the scale Whitnash has the least. 43.4% of all sites are under 0.5 hectares in size, with 89% of all sites covering an area of less than 5 hectares.
- 11.1.3 The majority of unrestricted sites in the District are Parks and Gardens followed by Natural Areas including Urban Woodland. Leamington has the largest area of accessible green space (32.5%) and Whitnash (2%) has the least. The majority of the District's unrestricted sites are under 0.5 hectares in size.
- 11.1.4 To understand the complex dynamics of green spaces in the Warwick District, spatial mapping techniques have been applied to record and interpret the findings of the quantity, quality and accessibility assessments outlined within the previous sections. Drawing numbers M07.128_01 to M07.128_120 demonstrate the spatial relationships between varying typologies and hierarchies. For the purposes of this report the drawings are presented by settlement type.

11.2 Green spaces within Warwick District

- 11.2.1 Drawing numbers M07.128_01 to M07.128_10 outline the location of the 463 limited, unrestricted and non accessible sites included within the Warwick District Audit. Information within the plans shows varying typologies together with accessibility ratings.

11.3 Unrestricted green spaces within Warwick District

- 11.3.1 Drawing numbers M07.128_11 to M07.128_20 outline the locations of the 313 unrestricted green spaces included within the Warwick District Audit.

11.4 Severance Lines and Accessibility

- 11.4.1 Drawing numbers M07.128_21 to M07.128_30 set out the major physical severance lines and key access points assessed as part of the Warwick District Audit. Severance lines have been classified based on railways, canals, river courses and major roads within the District. Access points have been identified by Warwick District Council and include

known bridges and designated crossing points e.g. zebra crossings. The severance lines and access points have been used in latter analysis to determine “truncated” buffers in relation to unrestricted green space.

11.4.2 The primary physical severance lines identified include:

- ‘A’ roads such as the A46 Warwick By Pass, the A4189 Hampton Road and the A425 Radford Road;
- ‘B’ roads e.g. the B4099 Willes Road;
- Natural barriers such as the River Avon;
- Man made barriers such as the Grand Union Canal and various railway lines and junctions linking Warwick and Leamington Spa.

11.4.3 Access points within the study area comprise of formal road crossing, bridges and underpasses and have been identified by Warwick District Council.

11.5 Ward Boundaries

11.5.1 Drawing numbers M07.128_31 to M07.128_40 provide a graphical interpretation of the current ward boundaries used for the purposes of analysing demographic trends and the amount of green space per 1,000 population.

11.6 Natural Areas including Urban Woodland

11.6.1 In considering the relative distribution of semi natural areas, Natural England’s Accessible Green Space Standard (ANGST) has been used as a comparative assessment for the provision of this particular typology.

11.6.2 The “ANGST” model is an aspirational standard set against best practice which can be used as a benchmark locally and further a field. The standard recommends that people living in towns and cities should have:-

- “An accessible natural green space less than 300 metres (in a straight line) from home;

- Statutory Local Nature Reserves provided at a minimum level of one hectare per 1,000 population;
- At least one accessible 20 hectare site within 2 kilometres of home, one accessible 100 hectare site within 5 kilometres of home and one accessible 500 hectare site within 10 kilometres of home”.

11.6.3 Drawing numbers M07.128_41 to M07.128_45 demonstrate the current provision of semi natural areas including urban woodland based on a 300 metre buffer zone for sites of at least 2 hectares. Within the context of the Warwick District there are currently 14 Natural Areas including Urban Woodland over 2 hectares. Table 58 provides a summary of the location of each green space.

Site Name	Settlement	Ward	Size (Ha)
Warwick Castle Park	Warwick	Warwick South	288.45
St Mary's Lands	Warwick	Warwick West	66.97
Oakley Wood	Rural	Bishop's Tachbrook	47.66
Ryton Pools	Rural	Bubbenhall	38.56
Crackley Wood	Rural	Stoneleigh	13.90
Kenilworth Common	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Park Hill	11.80
Priory Park	Warwick	Warwick West	11.77
Northern Enclosure	Warwick	Warwick West	8.45
Welches Meadow	Leamington	Leamington Willes	6.66
Parliament Piece	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Park Hill	5.96
Whitnash Brook North	Leamington	Leamington Willes	5.65
Newbold Terrace East open space	Leamington	Leamington Clarendon	4.56
Cherry Orchard reclamation site	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Park Hill	4.47
Knowle Hill	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Park Hill	4.32
Total			519.18

Table 58: Natural Areas including Urban Woodland over 2 hectares

- 11.6.4 Typically these green spaces occur within rural areas or on the urban fringe of settlement areas, and there is no prevailing pattern of coverage. For example the north and central parts of Kenilworth are well served by Kenilworth Common and Parliament Piece but there is an absence of Natural Areas including Urban Woodland over 2 hectares within the western and southern parts of the settlement. Distribution within Warwick and Leamington is again limited to well defined areas using the ANGST model with considerable deficits in both respective settlements.
- 11.6.5 Drawing numbers M07.128_46 to M07.128_47 demonstrate the current provision of Natural Areas including Urban Woodland based on a 2 kilometre buffer zone for sites of greater than 20 hectares in size.
- 11.6.6 The distribution of Natural Areas including Urban Woodland over 20 hectares is restricted to four sites in the District as set out in table 59.

Site Name	Location	Size (Ha)
Ryton Pools	Bubbenhall	38.56
Oakley Wood	Bishop's Tachbrook	47.60
St Mary's Land	Warwick West	66.97
Warwick Castle Park	Warwick South	288.5

Table 59: Natural Areas including Urban Woodland over 20 hectares

- 11.6.7 Provision of this particular requirement within the ANGST model is relatively non existent within the District apart from the notable exception of the western periphery of Warwick which enjoys two sites over 20 hectares.

- 11.6.8 In terms of Local Nature Reserve (LNR) status Warwick District currently has nine statutory LNRs which include:

Local Nature Reserve	Size (Ha)
Hall Farm Meadow	1.03Ha
Kenilworth Common	11.80 Ha
Knowle Hill	4.32 Ha
Parliament Piece	5.96 Ha
Leam Valley (Leam Valley is part of site reference LC4 Newbold Comyn)	43.39 Ha
Welches Meadow	6.66 Ha
Crackley Wood	13.90 Ha
Oakwood and Blackwood Spinney	1.50 Ha
Whitnash Brook Valley	3.22 Ha
TOTAL	91.78 Ha

Table 60: Local Nature Reserves (LNR) in Warwick District

- 11.6.9 In relation to the ANGST models the total coverage of LNR represents 0.73 hectares per 1,000 population. This is 0.27 hectares below the ANGST model standard.

11.7 Children's/Youth Areas

- 11.7.1 In considering the provision of children's/youth areas primary and secondary typologies have been analysed using the Warwick District catchment of 500 metres for local hierarchies. This is further compared to the National Playing Fields Associations "Six Acre Standard" of a 240 metre buffer or catchment based on a five minute walking distance.
- 11.7.2 Table 61 provides a summary of the number of children's and youth areas within the Warwick District.

Settlement	Primary Typology – Children's/ Youth Areas		Secondary Typology – Children's/Youth Areas	
	Number	Area	Number	Area
Kenilworth	2	0.16	5	46.43
Leamington	6	1.25	20	165.50
Rural	2	0.92	15	21.19
Warwick	3	0.56	9	45.7
Whitnash	0	0	3	6.53
Total	13	2.9	52	285.35

Table 61: Children's/Youth Areas by Settlement

- 11.7.3 Drawings numbers M07.128_49 to M07.128_53, M07.128_111 to M07.128_114 and M07.128_119 set out the current provisions for children's and youth areas based on a 240 metre catchment analysis.
- 11.7.4 When plotted with 240m buffers, Children's and Youth Areas within Warwick District show a number of deficits in meeting the Six Acre Standard. In particular provision within the following locations needs to be considered within any future management strategies.

Kenilworth

- The area centred on Whitemoor Road from Glasshouse Lane in the south/ east to the Coventry Road in the north and Windy Arbour in the west.
- The residential area centred on Malthouse Lane bounded by Beehive Hill in the north, the junction of Berkley Road in the south, Fieldgate Lane to the east and Clinton Lane to the west.
- A discernible wedge of residential area running in a southwest/ northeast axis bounded by Rounds Hill, Archer Road, Rouncil Lane in the southwest of Kenilworth to Albion Street in the northeast.
- A triangular section of residential area in the southern section of Kenilworth between Warwick Road and Leamington Road.

Warwick

- The northern section of Warwick bounded by the A46 in the north/ northwest, Woodloes Avenue South in the south and the Coventry Road in the east.
- The majority of the eastern part of Warwick between the Coventry Road in the west and the River Avon in the east as far south as the A445 Emscote/ Rugby Road.
- The southwestern periphery of Warwick between the A46 and the A4189 Hampton Road centred on Moorcroft Drive.
- The residential area between the north east of Castle Park and the south west of Warwick racecourse from Shakespeare Avenue to Castle Hill.
- The south eastern residential area between St Nicholas Park and Princess Drive bounded by Emscote Road in the north and Myton Road in the south.

Leamington

- The north western proximity of Leamington between Kenilworth Road and to the rear of Avenue Road and Dunblane Drive.
- The area within the north west of Leamington running in a north westerly axis from Church Lane to St Andrews Road between Melton Road and Leicester Lane.
- The area bounded by Northumberland Road in the west to Lillington Road in the east.
- A distinct linear section of residential properties running in a north south axis within the centre of Leamington; running from Kenilworth Road to Jephson Gardens between Clarendon Street in the west to Lillington Street in the East.
- The central to southern area of Leamington centred on Leamington railway station.

Whitnash

- The southern section of Whitnash bounded by Tachbrook Road in the west, Leamington & County Golf Course in the south, the railway line from Leamington Spa in the east and the periphery of Heathcote Road and Whitnash Road in the north.
- The southeastern area of Whitnash between Harbury Lane and Tachbrook Road to the boundary of Boilingbroke Drive and Othello Avenue.
- The northern part of Whitnash focused on the intersection between St Helens Road, Brunswick Street and Grosvenor Road.
- Eastward of Brunswick Street towards Sydenham Industrial Estate.
- The area north of Chesteron Drive following Sydenham Drive and terminating at Gainsborough Drive.

Rural

- The southern section of Leek Wotton from the junction of Hill Wotton Road.
- The eastern section of Leek Wotton in the proximity of Croft Road.
- The south western section of Hampton Magna towards Hampton on the Hill centred on Cherry Lane.
- The north west of Radford Semele between Southam Road and Offchurch Lane.
- The north west of Radford Semele; north of Southam Road centred on Church Lane.
- The north west of Radford Semele; south of Southam Road centred on Kingshurst.
- The southern section of Cubbington below Queen Street and High Street.
- The southeastern part of Stoneleigh between the River Sowe to Vicarage Road.

11.7.5 When Children's and Youth Areas are plotted using the local 500m standard buffers, coverage obviously increases but the following themes are still present.

- Provision within the eastern section of Kenilworth still remains poor, in particular from Glasshouse Lane to Windy Arbour.
- Provision within the northwestern area of Kenilworth at the junction of Clinton Lane and Beehive Hill remains poor.
- The area within Warwick between Castle Park and Warwick Racecourse continues to have overall poor provision.
- The area north of Emscote Road continues to have poor overall provision for Children's and Youth Areas.
- The area south of Myton Road between Banbury Road Hill and Europa Way has overall poor provision.
- The southern section of Whitnash from the Leamington and County Golf Course to Golf Lane continues to have poor provision for Children's and Youth Areas.

11.7.4 Drawings numbers M07.128_54 to M07.128_58, M07.128_115 to M07.128_118 and M07.128_120 set out the current provision of children's and youth areas based on a 500 metre catchment analysis.

11.8 Unrestricted green space and severance

11.8.1 Drawing numbers M07.128_69 to M07.128_75 and drawing numbers M07.128_79 to M07.128_88 provide analysis for unrestricted green space in relation to access points and major severance lines. "Truncated" buffers are shown at 400 metres and 500 metres respectively and take into consideration severance and access issues caused by natural and man made linear features such as rivers and railway lines (identified with section 11.4 above).

11.8.2 Drawing number M07.128.69 shows the unrestricted green space within Warwick North, South and West in relation to accessibility. Overall there is particularly good coverage in respect of severance lines and access points but access is limited within the following locations:

- Within Warwick Town Centre caused by two triangular severances defined by The Butts, Smith Street, St Nicolas and Priory Road.
- From the south western area of Emscote (near Cherry Street) to the railway line at the rear of Guy's Cliffe, predominantly caused by the presence of the Coventry Road.
- Access from residential areas associated with Beech Cliffe/ Station Avenue, again caused by the presence of the Coventry Road.
- Access from residential areas associated with Bridge End caused by the A425 Banbury Road and the River Avon leading to Castle Park/New Waters.
- Access from Stuart Close and Castle Close caused by Stratford Road West.

11.8.3 Drawing number M07.128.70 shows unrestricted green space in relation to access and severance within the Leamington settlement area and includes the wards of Brunswick, Clarendon, Crown Manor, Milverton and Willes. Access to green space from residential areas is good with the following exceptions.

- The residential area East of Lime Avenue and North of Montrose Avenue.
- Residential areas north of Lillington Avenue to Warren Close.
- Residential areas in the environs of Bamburgh Grove and Vernon Close.
- Residential areas between the north of the B4099 (Warwick New Rd) and south of Rugby Road, caused in part by the presence of a railway line and several road junctions.
- Residential area centred on Oswald Road, north of Warwick Place and south of Rugby Road.
- The residential area south of the Grand Union Canal, East of Tachbrook Road and West of Clemns Street and north of Ranelagh Terrace.

11.8.4 Drawing number M07.128.71 shows access and severance in relation to unrestricted green space within the majority of the Whitnash area. Within this section of the study area there are no immediate accessibility issues caused by severance lines.

11.8.5 Drawing number M07.128.72 presents access and severance information in relation to unrestricted green space within Kenilworth. Within Kenilworth, overall there is reasonable access to green space but some exceptions within the central, north eastern and south western areas of the settlement. In particular the following areas of provision need to be consider as part of any further management strategies.

- Residential area south of Beehive Hill in the environs between Woodcote Avenue to Amherst Road to the junction of Malthouse Lane and Rose Croft.
- From Brookside Avenue to Priory Road, south of Forest Road and north of Waverley Road.
- Residential area east of Leamington Road centred on Bullimore Grove.
- Residential area adjacent to Thickthorn Cricket Ground centred around Thickthorn Close and Thickthorn Mews.

- 11.8.6 Drawing number M07.128.73 sets out the current provision of green space coverage within the Rural North West area of Warwick District. Although a more sparsely populated area, there are a number of hamlets and clusters of residential areas with no or limited accessibility. These include: Shrewley, Little Shrewley the residential area around Hatton Station, east of Kingswood railway line (Lapworth station) and Baddesley Clinton.
- 11.8.7 Drawing number M07.128.74 presents green space provision in relation to access points and severance lines within the Rural North Central area of Warwick District. This part of the District is predominantly rural in character with few centres of population and residential areas. Leek Wootton and Hatton both have good coverage of green space whereas Hill Wotton has no accessible green space.
- 11.8.8 Drawing number M07.128.75 sets out the provision of green space within the Rural North East of Warwick District in relation to access points and severance lines. Stoneleigh and Ashow have good accessibility. Baginton also enjoys good overall accessibility but with poor accessibility within residential areas between the A46 (Mill Hill) to the junction of Hall Drive.
- 11.8.9 Drawing number M07.128.76 demonstrates accessibility issues within the Rural East of Warwick District and includes the ward of Cubbington. Predominantly access from residential areas is good with the following exceptions.
- Residential areas within Cubbington north of the B4453 east of Kenilworth Road and west of Coventry Road.
 - Residential areas and east of the Coventry Road centred on Cotton Mill Meadows.
 - Accessibility within residential housing associated with Weston Under Wetherby.
 - Within Radford Semele towards the eastern extremity of Offchurch Lane, the area within the locality of Greswolds and the southern east section of Southam Road centred on Kingshurst.

11.8.10 Drawing number M07.128.77 presents unrestricted green space within the Rural South of Warwick District in relation to severance lines and access points. Overall accessibility is good within the rural hamlets apart from the following exceptions.

- The area within Bishops Tachbrook, east of the B4087 (Oakley Wood Road) centred around Savages Close.
- The area within Barford, west of the A429 (Wellsbourne Road) including Mill Lane and Westham Lane.
- The area north east of Barford between Avon Close and Rylan Road.

11.8.11 Drawing number M07.128.78 displays unrestricted green space within the Rural South West area of the Warwick District. Severance lines and access points do not have an impact and overall accessibility is good.

11.9 Hierarchy Analysis

11.9.1 Drawing numbers M07.128_89 to M07.128_08 set out a spatial mapping interpretation of catchments in relation to local, neighbourhood, district and destination green spaces identified as a direct result of the information obtained from the Household Survey.

11.10 Quality Assessment

11.10.1 Drawing number M07.128_109 provides a spatial contour map and interconnects unrestricted green spaces by correlating quality scores. The quality scores are arranged in intervals of six to show relative patterns of high and low quality across the District.

11.10.2 In general terms, distribution of good and poor quality green spaces is relatively mixed across the District. However there are clusters and evidence of poorer quality green spaces (quality range 0-30) within the following locations:

Kenilworth

- North Kenilworth following a distinct corridor along Coventry Road from the junction of Fieldgate Lane to the junction of Common Lane.
- East Kenilworth in the proximity of Windy Arbour to Glasshouse Lane.
- Central Kenilworth west of the railway towards Windy Arbour.
- South West Kenilworth in the Bulkington area from John O’Gaunt Road to St Nicholas Avenue.

Warwick

- Residential areas to the north of the Grand Union Canal.
- Areas towards the eastern periphery of Warwick in the vicinity of the A46 north of the Warwick railway line.
- Central Warwick within the Packmores and The Cape areas of the town.
- Areas within the south eastern quarter of town towards the M40 motorway.

Leamington

- Residential areas north of the A445 Rugby Road in the vicinity of Milverton.
- North West of Leamington towards and including Cubbington.
- West of Willes Road extending to the Lillington section of the town.

Whitnash

- The Whitnash and Sydenham areas excluding the green spaces associated with Harbury Lane.

Rural

- Green spaces within the hamlet of Hatton Park.

11.10.3 Clusters and general patterns of higher quality (quality range 31-60) green spaces are recorded within the following locations:

- The periphery of Kenilworth east of the A452 (Bridge Street) Road.
- Green spaces in the vicinity of Leek Wootton, Hill Wootton and Old Milverton.
- Central Leamington west of Willes Road (B4099).
- South west Whitnash between the railway line and Harbury Road.

11.11 Value Assessment

- 11.11.1 Drawing number M07.128_110 provides a spatial analysis of the value assessment scores attributed to unrestricted green space within table 47. Again value has been presented to show trends relative to high and low values across the District.
- 11.11.2 Value scores relating to green spaces within the Warwick District have a different distribution to overall quality. The majority of green spaces are within the middle to lower range of the value scores (11-40) with a relatively even distribution across the District. Notably there is a distinct pattern of higher values scores (41-60) which bisects Warwick and Leamington; typically following natural features such as the River Avon and Grand Union Canal.
- 11.11.3 Higher value scores tend to be the exception rather than rule and there are instances where green spaces with high quality scores do not have correspondingly high value scores. For example, the eastern vicinity of Kenilworth scores well in terms of quality but relatively poorly in relation to overall value. Similarly this is the case in respect of green space associated with Leek Wootton, Hill Wootton and Old Milverton.

12.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 Based on the information provided by Warwick District Council and the evidence gained as part of the consultation and analysis, Pleydell Smithyman Limited considers that a robust methodology has been undertaken to prepare this final report. Our research sets out a minimum standard for green space within the District and provides a factual basis for the Council to interpret and develop further green space strategies and policies. For each section of the report we have provided summary conclusions and overall the following final conclusions and recommendations can be drawn from the study.
- 12.2 **Local demand and aspirations** - Overall people living in the Warwick District are satisfied with the provision of green spaces in their area. However there is a clear mandate generated by the consultation for improved facilities for children and young people. In particular barriers to use also need to be considered and there is a requirement to provide a range of facilities across the District consisting of formal spaces and informal opportunities for play and exploration.
- 12.3 **Local provision and supply** - The District average for unrestricted green space is 5.47 hectares per 1000 population and Pleydell Smithyman Limited recommend that this figure is adopted as the minimum standard for unrestricted green space within the District.
- 12.3.1 Where there are areas of relatively high provision of unrestricted green space in wards such as Warwick West and Kenilworth Abbey these green spaces should be retained to reflect the overall character of the area. The future strategic management of green spaces within these geographic areas should focus on improving overall quality and increasing accessibility.
- 12.3.2 Settlement areas where there is comparative low supply, for example within Leamington Brunswick and Warwick North, need to be addressed. This should be tackled either by changing the accessibility of limited or non accessible sites or by creating new open space through planning gain.
- 12.3.3 Within the rural areas such as Lapworth there is comparatively low supply but this should be considered in the context of the lower population density. In addressing future provision within Rural areas, pragmatic consideration will need to be given to the merits of providing more open spaces against improving overall accessibility and quality.

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- 12.3.4 In determining a local standard for unrestricted green space in Warwick District, national accessibility models have also been used to compare overall provision and supply. Of particular interest is Natural England's ANSGT standard. This has revealed that when considering the supply of large semi natural areas, the standard is not particularly well met within the District. Future strategic decisions may therefore need to consider how best to address this particular typology. In the first instance the Council may wish to consider altering the management regimes of green space that currently have Natural Areas including Urban Woodland as a secondary typology. In addition, amenity green spaces could be assessed for biological interest or potential and again managed in a less intensive manner in order to strengthen accessibility to more naturalistic areas within residential settlements.
- 12.3.5 The provision of Children's Play Areas is currently high on the national agenda and future consideration will need to be given to accessible "play" opportunities for children of all ages and abilities. Traditionally play provision has focused on equipped facilities and this should be the first consideration when seeking to fill gaps in service. Building on this, the Council will then also need to consider less formal opportunities for spontaneous natural play. For example in Whitnash there is comparatively less equipped facilities for play; consideration for targeting resources in this settlement should be encouraged. Likewise in parts of Leamington where there is a good supply of equipped play provision, future strategies should consider diversifying the play offer and extending play opportunities to the wider environment.
- 12.4 **Quality** - The quality and value of unrestricted open space is in general terms favourable but there are particular geographical areas where quality of unrestricted green space needs to be improved. In particular areas in Leamington Spa such as Leamington Manor, Leamington Milverton, Leamington Willes and Leamington Crown Wards need to be addressed.
- 12.4.1 The quality assessment has also revealed that although amenity green space makes up the majority of the green space network, quality ratings are below average. Future investment and management strategies will need to consider how this can be resolved.
- 12.4.2 Pleydell Smithyman Limited recommends that the average quality rating for unrestricted green space of 38.04 % is used as a standard in which to compare sites across the District. A target to improve the average score by 10% over five years should also be adopted with specific measures put in place to address the quality issues of those site within the lower 25% quartile. Pleydell Smithyman Limited further recognise that there is potential to

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improve the quality of perceived higher quality spaces and investment elsewhere should not be to the detriment of these green spaces. Management of this higher 25% quartile of green spaces should continue with a specific target of external assessment using the Green Flag Award based on a rolling programme of three entries per year.

- 12.5 **Value and Quality Assessment** - The relative value and quality of green spaces within the District will be an important consideration for the future strategic management of unrestricted green spaces within the area. In determining the future requirements as part of planning gain for geographical locations, quality and value will need to be assessed once a sufficient quality rating has been determined. This will be critical to ensure that the life cycle of each open space is enhanced and extended. Outside of the planning function, the Council will also need to consider the management of its own assets. The strategy for land disposal and change of use should not just look at the apparent financial value but also take into consideration education or nature conservation value. Likewise the disposal or change of use of particular green space can have a detrimental impact on connectivity and the wider form and fabric of the area's physical make up can be adversely disrupted. The value and quality assessment should therefore be used by the Council as necessary first step tool in determining long term land use decisions.
- 12.6 **Accessibility** - Barriers to use, whether social or physical are a particular issue for the people of Warwick. In general terms this mostly relates to personal safety and is reflected as a key theme for all users. This is not an uncommon finding in this type of study and there is evidence from national surveys that fear of crime is as much a concern as the actual reality. Perception of green spaces is one area where the Council can develop strategies to help overcome people's fears. This can be achieved in a number of ways but is most successful when people are encouraged to take ownership and personal responsibility for their "local patch". For example, volunteering opportunities, formal warden schemes, forming a friends group or even devolving management are all methods which can enable a more inclusive approach and tackle community safety. In considering improving accessibility, the Council will therefore need to adopt a pro-active range of tactics to enable users and non-users to start or increase their usage of local parks and open spaces.

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APPENDIX ONE

PARKS & OPEN SPACES HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report represents the findings of the household survey conduct as part of the consultation element of the Warwick District Council Parks and Open Spaces Audit.
- 1.2 The household survey was commissioned by Warwick District Council in January 2008 and conducted by Pleydell Smithyman Limited Environment, Design and Business Consultants of Ironbridge, Shropshire.
- 1.3 The main purposes of the study were to gain quantitative data to support the Council's Parks and Open Spaces Audit. This is a primary element of understanding the assessment and future demand of unrestricted parks and open spaces. In particular, the household survey set out to ascertain baseline information for the following:-
 - An overall understanding of the value attributed by the community to parks and open spaces;
 - An understanding of patters of use within parks and open spaces by particular demographics;
 - An assessment of the perceived quality of open spaces;
 - An understanding of physical, social and emotional barriers to using parks and open spaces;
 - An assessment of perceived provision of parks and open spaces;
 - An understanding of the catchment and travel times to parks and open spaces;
 - An explanation of priorities and future management issues;
 - An understanding of community interest in parks and open spaces.
 - An understanding of how people use and feel about their local park as well as their views regarding the district as a whole.

- 1.4 This report set outs the methodology employed for the household questionnaire and a summary analysis. A copy of the questionnaire used for the survey is provided in Appendix 1.

2.0 Methodology

- 2.1 Pleydell Smithyman Limited worked in conjunction with Warwick District Council to develop the Parks and Open Spaces Household Survey. The survey was distributed via post, with a covering letter and pre-paid return envelope, to a random sample of 5,000 residents. As a thank you for completing the questionnaire respondents were offered entry into a free prize draw to encourage a higher response rate.
- 2.2 The return rate for the questionnaires was 19.6%, with a total of 979 questionnaires were returned. However, 31 were void responses so a total of 948 questionnaires being inputted for analysis, which is equal to a return rate of 18.9%.
- 2.3 As part of the questionnaire, respondents were asked to indicate their postal address. Table 1, below, provides a breakdown of the number of responses received by settlement.

Area	Respondents	
	Number	Percentage
Kenilworth	211	22%
Leamington Spa	362	38%
Rural	12	1%
Warwick	224	24%
Whitnash	133	14%
Address Not Supplied	6	1%

Table 1: Responses Recieved by Settlement

3.0 Summary of Key Findings

- 3.1 The vast majority of respondents, 94%, use parks, open spaces and/or children's play areas within the Warwick District. Walking is given as the main reason for visiting followed by relaxation and experiencing nature. Lack of time is the main barrier preventing further visits. It should also be noted that almost a quarter of respondents "don't feel safe" in parks and open spaces, with young people hanging around being the number one reason for this. However, amongst the 6% of non-users age/disability is the primary barrier to more visits to parks and open spaces.
- 3.2 Parks and gardens are the most visited typology of open space with over 50% of respondents visiting them at least once a week. Allotments and community spaces are the least likely to be experienced with 52.2% never visiting them. Children's/youth areas also appear to be unpopular with 23.8% visiting less than once a month and 33.7% never using them. This may be because only 2.5% of respondents are under the age of 24 and only one respondent was under the age of 16.
- 3.3 81.8% of those who completed the household survey believe there are enough parks and open spaces in their local area. 44% believe the provision for children's play is sufficient, however, a third think there should be more.
- 3.4 Just over half of those surveyed gave a mark of 8 or more out of ten for the quality of parks and open spaces in the Warwick District, with the mean average score being 7 out of 10.
- 3.5 Respondents were asked to name the park or open space they visit most often. A total of 151 different parks and open spaces were named by those surveyed. Jephson Gardens, Leamington was the most popular with 29%, followed by Abbey Fields, Kenilworth (19%) and St Nicholas Park, Warwick (15%). It should also be noted that 4% of respondents didn't answer the question and 15% of respondents gave more than one answer. A complete list of the parks and open spaces named by respondents is included in this report.

- 3.6 69% of respondents to the household survey visit the park or open space they use most often at least once a week, with just over 1 in 10 visiting on a daily basis. Walking is the most popular method of travel, however just over a third of people travel by car. This reliance of cars may be because respondents tend to visit prestige parks such as Jephson Gardens, Leamington or St Nicholas Park, Warwick as opposed to smaller parks and play areas closer to home. It takes less than 10 minutes for 59% of those who returned the questionnaire to reach the park or open space they use most often.
- 3.7 58% gave the park or open space they visit most often a mark of 8 out of 10 or high, however, 15% awarded a score of 5 or under. Respondents were asked to rank their favourite parks or open spaces against Green Flag Criteria. The criteria is essentially the eight key factors parks and open spaces are marked against when trying to achieve Green Flag status. Green Flags recognises the best green spaces in the country and acts as a benchmark for recreational green spaces across the United Kingdom. "It is managed in an environmentally friendly way" and "overall/generally the space is well managed" were the highest scoring Green Flag Criteria statements each receiving a mean average score of 7.2 out of 10. The lowest scoring criteria, with a score of 6.0, was "it is properly promoted and celebrated".
- 3.8 Despite the high approval ratings 80% of respondents believe the park or open space they visit most often could be improved. "Better quality facilities e.g. toilets" was the most requested improvement, followed by "more seating & tables" and "more litter bins".
- 3.9 When asked to rank the ten typologies of parks and open space in order of priority parks and gardens was voted number one by 40% of respondents. In terms of current service delivery respondents (refer to appendix 1 for details) all thirteen services scored their highest marks as being in fairly satisfied.

3.10 However, the following rated fairly or very dissatisfying by 25% or more of respondents:

- Control of dog mess;
- Maintenance of footpaths and hard surfaces;
- Removal of graffiti and fly-tipping;
- Removal of litter; and
- Control of vandalism.

3.11 Overall respondents believe that the District Council should prioritise:

- Facilities for older children/teenagers;
- Play areas for younger children;
- More areas of public open space
- More dog free areas;
- More wardens/rangers.

3.12 The following report provides a detailed analysis and breakdown of the results of the Household survey.

How important is it that we protect the district's.....

Analysis % Respondents	Missing					
	No reply	Very important	Important	Neither important or unimportant	Not important	No opinion
Parks and gardens.	0.6%	86.3%	12.6%	0.3%	-	0.2%
Semi natural areas inc. urban woodland.	1.2%	76.1%	20.3%	2.2%	-	0.3%
Green corridors.	1.9%	72.6%	21.6%	3.3%	0.1%	0.5%
Outdoor sports facilities.	1.9%	64.2%	27.8%	5.1%	0.3%	0.6%
Amenity green space.	1.9%	62.8%	28.3%	5.7%	0.6%	0.7%
Children's/youth areas.	1.8%	71.3%	22.6%	3.4%	0.6%	0.3%
Allotments and community gardens.	1.9%	53.5%	30.9%	10.2%	2.4%	1.1%
Cemeteries and churchyards.	1.5%	53.4%	32.6%	9.7%	2.2%	0.6%
Civic spaces.	1.8%	37.2%	38.1%	18.5%	3.2%	1.3%
Institutional spaces.	2.3%	45.1%	35.4%	12.8%	1.9%	2.4%

- With the exception of Civic Spaces all the defined types of Parks and Open Spaces scored highest in the very important category.
- 99% of respondents believe that it is important or very important to protect the district's parks and gardens.

Are there any other types of open space that we should ensure we protect?

24% of respondents answered this question, please find below a selection of responses:-

"Yes various housing developments were built with grass areas eg Beverly Hills Estate and house-owners have taken in the area near them and even built conservatories on the side and erected fences to enclose the grass area."

"Green corridors between local towns and villages to maintain identities."

"Maintain and keep the verges."

"Greenspaces in housing estates."

"Keep modern areas modern and old listed areas as they were or in that style. Do not make any more decisions like the modern housing being build overlooking Abbey Fields."

"Green corridors for animals and people to enjoy especially along rivers and canals."

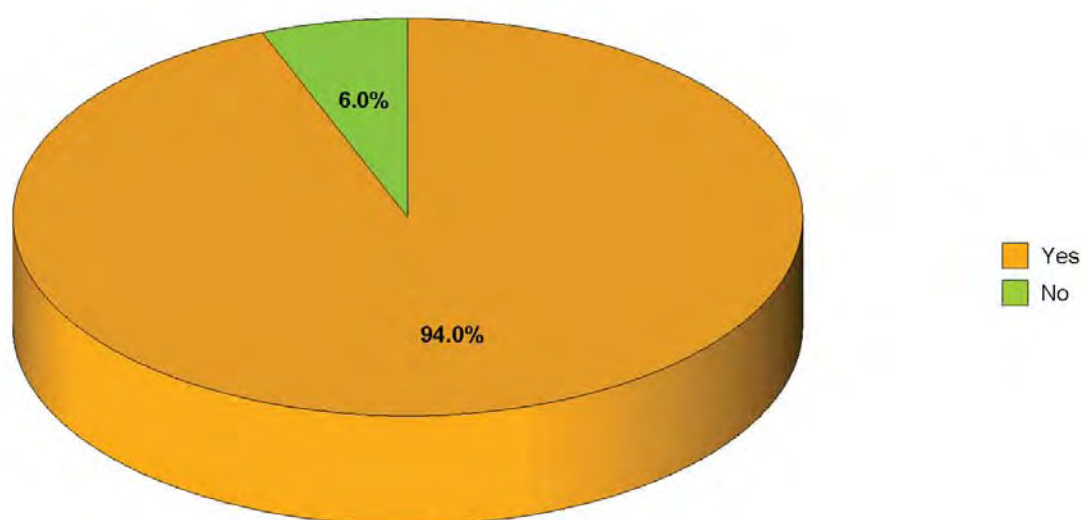
"The greenbelt and farmland. Too many housing developments are to the detriment of the local community and the environment."

"Fields and countryside. Views to open space."

"Walking paths across our countryside."

"Large gardens rather than allowing small estates to be built after demolishing existing property."

Do you currently use the parks, woodlands, open spaces and or/children's play areas within Warwick District?



The vast majority of respondents (891 out of 948) do currently use parks, woodlands, open spaces and/or children's play areas within the District.

Throughout the District there are several different types of parks and open spaces. Please look at the categories below and tell us whether overall you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the provision of that type of open space in your local area.

Analysis % Respondents	Missing					
	No reply	Very dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Fairly satisfied	Very satisfied
Parks & gardens.	3.7%	4.5%	5.9%	3.7%	45.3%	36.8%
Semi natural areas inc. urban woodland.	6.5%	3.1%	9.3%	14.6%	49.2%	17.3%
Green corridor.	8.5%	3.6%	12.5%	22.2%	42.5%	10.7%
Outdoor sports facilities.	10.1%	3.6%	9.9%	31.1%	36.0%	9.3%
Amenity greenspace.	11.0%	2.7%	8.8%	31.0%	38.3%	8.3%
Children's/youth areas.	7.6%	5.4%	18.6%	30.1%	31.4%	6.8%
Allotments & community gardens.	10.1%	3.1%	6.2%	45.2%	27.9%	7.4%
Cemeteries & church yards.	7.3%	2.1%	6.1%	39.5%	36.1%	8.9%
Civic spaces.	10.0%	1.6%	6.1%	46.9%	28.3%	7.2%
Institutional spaces.	11.4%	1.7%	5.9%	48.4%	26.8%	5.7%

- 24% of respondents are either very dissatisfied or fairly dissatisfied with children's youth areas.
- 13.5 % are either very dissatisfied or fairly dissatisfied with outdoor sports facilities in their local area.
- 82.1% are either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with parks and gardens in their local area.

Do you think that there are any other types, categories or local definitions for parks and open spaces in your area?

11.2% of respondents answered this question, please find below a selection of responses:-

"Walker's footpaths ie Twitchels, field footpaths, walk-ways, stiles etc."

"Schools should have green spaces around them and not be allowed to sell them."

"Public footpaths through the countryside!"

"Bowling Greens."

"Wildlife areas. Flood plains. Permeable surfaces. Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS). Car parking areas. Tree lined avenues/boulevards."

"Road verges and islands."

"Grass verges at the sides of the road eg Guy's Cliffe Road, Northumberland Road, Old Milverton. I would hate to see them sacrificed to the car."

"Roadside verges particularly bordering agricultural land - makes walking much more pleasant."

"Crackley Woods and The Common - not really urban woodland."

"Hard surface spaces within housing estates not belonging to any property - often paved or with single planted trees."

How often do you visit each of the following types of open space?

Analysis % Respondents	Missing							
	No reply	More than once a week	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Less than once a month	Never	Don't Know
Parks & gardens.	4.2%	26.3%	28.6%	12.8%	17.3%	10.5%	0.1%	0.2%
Semi natural areas inc. urban woodland.	6.4%	15.2%	18.2%	12.6%	24.6%	18.7%	2.9%	1.5%
Green corridor.	7.9%	16.4%	17.7%	11.7%	16.5%	21.5%	3.4%	4.9%
Outdoor sports facilities.	9.0%	4.9%	9.4%	5.2%	11.9%	30.5%	27.6%	1.5%
Amenity greenspace.	11.0%	10.0%	11.4%	8.3%	14.9%	28.6%	11.4%	4.3%
Children's/youth areas.	7.5%	7.0%	11.6%	5.9%	9.0%	23.8%	33.7%	1.6%
Allotments and community gardens.	9.1%	3.6%	2.2%	1.6%	4.9%	22.7%	52.5%	3.4%
Cemeteries and Churchyards.	6.4%	2.6%	8.0%	3.6%	11.6%	37.5%	27.5%	2.9%
Civic spaces.	7.5%	3.5%	9.0%	4.2%	11.3%	36.6%	20.5%	7.4%
Institutional spaces.	7.4%	4.9%	4.8%	3.1%	8.4%	36.5%	25.3%	9.5%

- The most regularly visited types of open space are parks and gardens with 55% visiting them at least once a week.
- Allotments and community spaces are less likely to be experienced with 52.5% of those surveyed never visiting.
- Children's/youth areas also appear to be unpopular with 23.8% visiting less than once a month and 33.7% of people never using them. However, this may be because only 2.5% of respondents are under 24.

Why do you visit parks, woodlands, open spaces and/or play areas? Please tick all the answers which apply.

Analysis % Respondents	
Missing	
No reply	0.2%
Why do you visit parks, woodland, open spaces and/or play...	
Informal sports	22.8%
Walking	88.0%
Walking the dog	25.7%
Jogging	15.8%
Visiting children's play areas	41.3%
As a through route	55.4%
Picnics	35.4%
Relaxation	73.4%
Skating/BMX	2.8%
Experience nature	56.7%
Meeting friends	32.3%
Attending activities/events	33.3%
Visiting the cafe/visitor centre	47.3%
Organised sports	15.9%
Other	6.1%

- The most popular reason for visiting parks, woodlands, open spaces and/or play areas is walking (88%) followed by relaxation, "as a through route" and experiencing nature.
- Skating/BMX is the least popular (2.8%) and other sporting activities are also amongst the least popular jogging (15.8%), organised sports (15.9%) and informal sports (22.8%).

What prevents you from visiting parks and open spaces more often? Please tick all the answers which apply.

Analysis % Respondents	
Missing	
No reply	7.8%
If you do visit parks and open spaces, what prevents you ...	
Lack of time	57.3%
Not easy to get to	4.6%
Too far away	7.2%
'don't feel safe'	24.3%
Lack of natural surveillance	5.2%
Vandalism/graffiti	19.8%
Quality of the facilities	11.7%
Lack of facilities	12.6%
Age/disability	12.7%
Dog fouling	18.6%
Anti social behaviour	25.6%
Other	15.1%

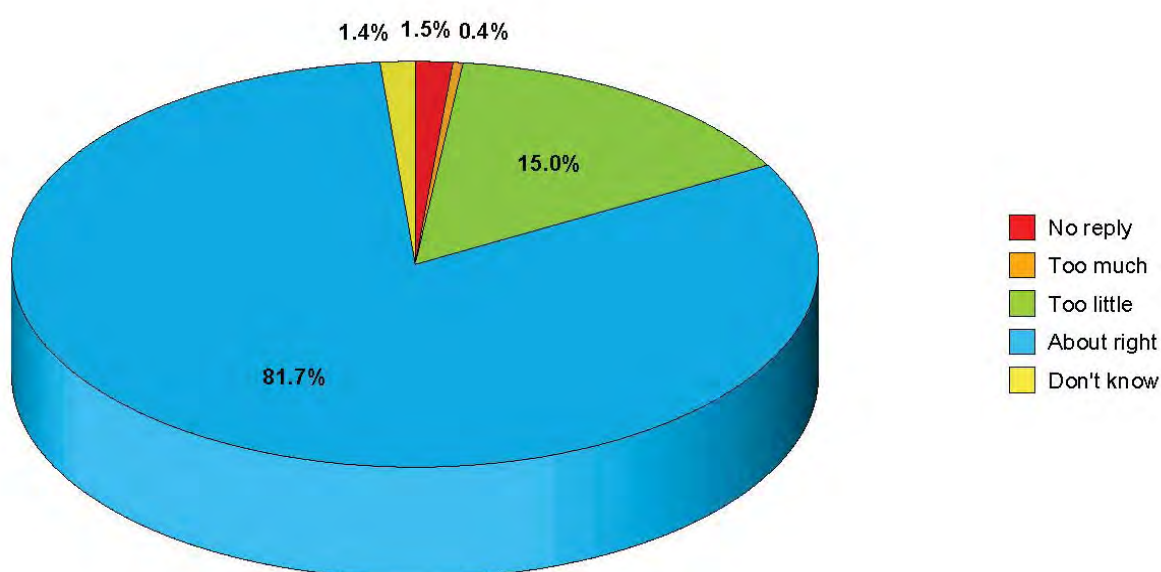
- Lack of time is the biggest barrier to use with over 50% of respondents saying it prevents them from visiting more often.
- Anti-social behaviour (25.6%), not feeling safe (24.3%) and vandalism/graffiti (19.8%) are all key factors.
- However, access does not appear to be an issue with only 4.6% saying that parks and open spaces are not easy to get to.

If you have answered "don't feel safe" to the previous question please state why? Please tick all the answers which apply.

Analysis % Respondents	
Missing	
No reply	1.7%
If you have answered 'don't feel safe' to the above quest...	
Vandalism/graffiti	44.8%
Drug dealing	26.1%
Lack of lighting	45.7%
Abandoned cars	3.9%
Lack of CCTV	31.3%
Car vandalism	13.0%
Young people "hanging around"	70.9%
Being harassed	18.7%
Drunk adults causing a nuisance	37.8%
Lack of site based staff	30.4%
Young people drinking	50.4%
Lack of other users	20.9%
Lack of natural surveillance	23.5%
Drug use (including glue sniffing and solvent abuse)	21.7%
Other	13.0%

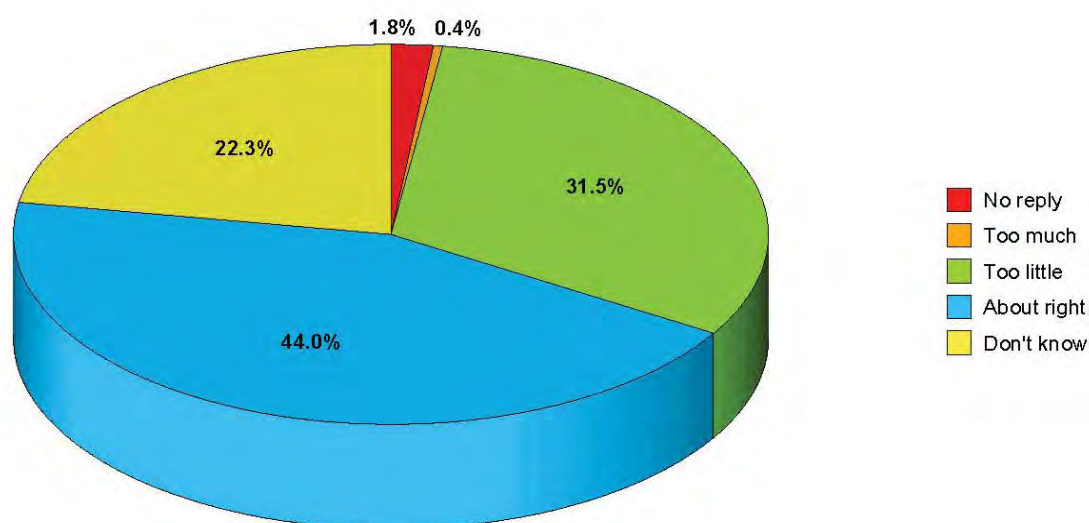
- Young people "hanging around" is the number one reason for people not feeling safe in parks and open spaces.
- Alcohol and drug misuse are also perceived to be a problem.

Do you think there are enough parks and open spaces in your local area?



The majority of people surveyed think that the provision of parks and open spaces in their local area is "about right". However, almost a sixth of respondents believe the provision is "too little".

Do you think that the children's play provision in your area is sufficient?



Just under half of respondents believe that the children's play provision in their area is "about right" and 31.5% feel it is "too little".

It should be notice that 22.3% "don't know" - this may be because just under a third of respondents to the household survey are over 60 years of age.

Overall, how would you rate the quality of parks and open spaces in Warwick?

Analysis % Respondents	Missing										
	No reply	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 is poor and 10 is excellent.	2.6%	0.6%	0.6%	2.3%	2.3%	8.6%	10.1%	21.2%	32.8%	13.2%	5.5%

- 51.5% of respondents gave the quality of parks and open spaces in the Warwick District a score of 8 or over.
- Almost a sixth of those surveyed gave the quality of parks and open spaces in the Warwick District a score of 5 or under.
- The mean average score is 7.

What is the name of the park or open space that you visit most often?

- Of the 913 (96.3%) of the 948 respondents named the park or open space they visited most often, however in some case the sites names were outside of the District.
- 15% of respondents gave more than one answer.
- A total of 150 different parks and open spaces were named by repondents. A complete list follows.

What is the name of the park or open space that you visit most often?

Park	Nº of Users
Jephson Gardens	279
Abbey Fields	177
St Nicholas Park	146
Newbold Commyn	77
Victoria Park	73
No Answer	35
Pump Room Gardens	17
Warwick Park	17
Ryton Pools	16
Canal Towpaths	15
Priory Park	14
Mill Gardens	13
Warwick Racecourse	10
Kenilworth Castle	8
Weston Under Wetherley Play Area	7
Barford	6
Cubbington Road	6
Riverside Walk	6
Valley Road	6
Woodloes Park	6
Castle Farm	5
Christchurch Gardens	5
Cubbington Playing Fields	5
Dell	5
Chase Meadows	4
Children's Play Area	4
Oakley Wood	4
St Mary's Land/Common	4
Warwick Gates	4
Acre Close	3
Campion Hills	3
Crackley Woods	3
Eagle Rec	3
Hatton Park	3
Kenilworth Park	3
Myton Fields	3
Offchurch Greenway	3
Upton Fields Nature Reserve	3
Bluebell Woods	2
Bubbenhall	2
Warwick Castle	2
Common	2
Country Footpaths	2
Cubbington Rec	2
Cubbington Woods	2
Ebourne Close Park	2
New Cubbington	2
Guy Cliffe Avenue Park	2
Hampton Magna Park	2
Holt	2
Kenilworth	2
Kenilworth Common	2
Leek Wootton Recreational Ground	2
Local Play Area	2