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**Glossary**

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|---|---|
| DPD | Development Plan Document |
| FIT | Fields in Trust |
| FOG | Friends of Group |
| GIS | Geographical Information Systems |
| KKP | Knight, Kavanagh and Page |
| LAP | Local Area for Play |
| LEAP | Local Equipped Area for Play |
| LDF | Local Development Framework |
| LNR | Local Nature Reserve |
| DLUHC | Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities |
| MUGA | Multi-Use Games Area (an enclosed area with a hard surface for variety of informal play) |
| NEAP | Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play |
| NPPF | National Planning Policy Framework |
| NSALG | National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners |
| ONS | Office of National Statistics |
| OSNA | Open Space Needs Assessment |
| PPG | Planning Practice Guidance |
| PPS | Playing Pitch Strategy |
| SOA | Super Output Areas |
| SPD | Supplementary Planning Document |
| SSSI | Sites of Special Scientific Interest |

## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

Wigan Council commissioned Knight Kavanagh and Page Ltd (KKP) to deliver an Open Space Report. This document focuses on reporting the findings of the research, site assessments, data analysis and GIS mapping that underpin the study. It provides detail regarding what provision exists in the area, its condition, distribution and overall quality.

The study will help inform direction on the future delivery of accessible, high quality, sustainable provision for open spaces. It can help to inform the priorities for open space provision as part of future population distribution and planned growth. Open spaces contribute to the health, well-being, cultural heritage, landscape, education, climate change mitigation, biodiversity, and movement for people and wildlife. It is therefore vital for local authorities to know what provision currently exists and what the priorities and requirements are for the future.

In order for planning policies relating to open space to be 'sound', local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities. The Council has undertaken assessments of numerous open space sites across the Wigan area.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has replaced PPG17. However, assessment of open space facilities is still normally carried out in accordance with the Companion Guidance to PPG17 as it remains the only national best practice guidance on the conduct of an open space assessment.

Under paragraph 103 of the NPPF, it is set out that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Specific needs and quantitative and qualitative deficiencies and surpluses in local areas should also be identified. This information should be used to inform what provision is required in an area.

The table below details the open space typologies included within the study:

Table 1.1: Open space typology definitions

| | |
|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | Parks and formal gardens, open to the general public. Accessible, high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events. |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspaces | Supports wildlife conservation, biodiversity, and environmental education and awareness. |
| Amenity greenspace | Opportunities for informal activities close to home or work, or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas. |
| Provision for children and young people | Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people. |
| Allotments | Opportunities to grow own produce. Added benefits include the long term promotion of sustainable living, health, and social inclusion. |
| Cemeteries, churchyards and other burial grounds | Provides burial space but is considered to provide a place of quiet contemplation and is often linked to the promotion of wildlife conservation and biodiversity. |
| Outdoor Sports | Sites with a primary function as sports provision including dedicated grass pitches and artificial pitches (i.e. floodlit, available for use in evenings and weekends). Includes football clubs, bowling greens and tennis courts. |
| Civic Space | Civic and market squares and other hard surfaced areas designed for pedestrians, providing a setting for civic buildings, public demonstrations and community events. |
| Green corridors | Offers opportunities for walking, cycling or horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel, and opportunities for wildlife migration. This can also include river and canal banks. |

### 1.1: Report structure

This study considers the supply and demand issues for open space provision across Wigan. Each part contains relevant typology specific data. Further description of the methodology used can be found in Part 2. The Study as a whole covers the predominant issues for all open spaces as defined in best practice guidance:

- Part 3: Summary of survey and site audit
- Part 4: Parks and gardens
- Part 5: Natural / semi-natural greenspace
- Part 6: Amenity greenspace
- Part 7: Provision for children and young people
- Part 8: Allotments
- Part 9: Cemeteries / churchyards
- Part 10: Civic space
- Part 11: Green corridors
- Part 12: Outdoor sports

Any site recognised as sports provision but with a clear multifunctional role (i.e. where it is also available for wider community use as open space) is included in this study. Provision purely for sporting use are the focus of other studies (i.e. Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy). On dual use sites, the pitch playing surfaces are counted as part of the overall site

size as they are considered to contribute to the total open space site and reflect its multifunctionality.

### 1.2: National context

#### National Planning Policy Framework

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

The NPPF states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development (paragraphs 7-9). It establishes that the planning system needs to focus on three themes of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. A presumption in favour of sustainable development is a key aspect for any plan-making and decision-taking processes. In relation to plan-making the NPPF sets out that Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs.

Paragraph 103 of the NPPF establishes that access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for health and well-being. It states that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficiencies and surpluses in local areas should also be identified. This information should be used to inform what provision is required in an area.

As a prerequisite, paragraph 104 of the NPPF states existing open space, sports and recreation sites, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

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

#### National Planning Practice Guidance

National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) is a web-based resource which brings together planning guidance on various topics into one place. It was launched in March 2014 and adds further context to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It is intended that the two documents should be read together.

The guidance determines that open space should be taken into account in planning for new development and considering proposals that may affect existing open space. It is for local planning authorities to assess the need for open space and opportunities for new provision in their areas. In carrying out this work, they should have regard to the duty to cooperate where open space serves a wider area.

**Creating great spaces for all: Fields in Trust (2024)**

As part of its protection work, Fields in Trust (FIT) offers guidance on open space provision and design. This is to ensure that provision of outdoor sport, play and informal open space is of a sufficient size to enable effective use; is in an accessible location and in close proximity to dwellings; and of a quality to maintain longevity and to encourage its continued use.

Beyond the Six Acre Standard sets out a range of benchmark guidelines on quantity, quality and accessibility for open space and equipped play. It also offers some recommendations to minimum site sizes.

**Planning for Sport Guidance (2019), Sport England**

The Planning for Sport Guidance sets out how the planning system can help provide opportunities for everyone to be physically active. It highlights the vital role planning systems play in shaping environments (including open spaces) which offer opportunities to take part in sport and physical activity. To help with this, the guidance sets out 12 planning-for-sport principles to be embraced across four categories.

Table 1.2: 12 planning for sport principles

| | |
|---|---|
| **Overarching** | 1. Recognise and give weight to the benefits of sport and physical activity |
| | 2. Undertake, maintain and apply robust and up-to-date assessment of need and strategies for sport and physical activity provision, and base policies, decisions and guidance upon them |
| | 3. Plan, design and maintain buildings, developments, facilities, land and environments that enable people to lead active lifestyles |
| **Protect** | 4. Protect and promote existing sport and physical activity provision and ensure new development does not prejudice its use |
| | 5. Ensure long-term viable management and maintenance of new and existing sport and physical activity provision |
| **Enhance** | 6. Support improvements to existing sport and physical activity provision where they are needed |
| | 7. Encourage and secure wider community use of existing and new sport and physical activity provision |
| **Provide** | 8. Support new provision, including allocating new sites for sport and physical activity which meets identified needs |
| | 9. Ensure a positive approach to meeting the needs generated by new development for sport and physical activity provision |
| | 10. Provide sport and physical activity provision which is fit for purpose and well designed |
| | 11. Plan positively for sport and physical activity provision in designated landscapes and the green belt |
| | 12. Proactively address any amenity issues arising from sport and physical activity developments |

**Summary of the national context**

Policies set out within the NPPF state that local and neighbourhood plans should both reflect needs and priorities within a local community and be based on robust and current assessments of open space, sport and recreational facilities. Encouraging better levels of physical literacy[1] and activity is a high priority for national government. For many people, sport and recreational activities have a key role to play in facilitating physical activity. Therefore, ensuring that open space creates an active environment with opportunities and good accessibility is important. In line with national policy recommendations, this study makes an assessment of open space provision from which recommendations and policy can be formulated.

[1] Physical literacy is the motivation, confidence, physical competence and understanding to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities

## PART 2: METHODOLOGY

This section details the methodology undertaken as part of the study. The key stages are:

- 2.1 - Analysis areas
- 2.2 - Auditing local provision
- 2.3 - Open space provision standards
- 2.4 - Quality
- 2.5 - Accessibility catchments

### 2.1: Analysis area

The study area comprises the whole of Wigan Borough. In order to address supply and demand on a more localised level, analysis areas and ward areas have been utilised.

Figure 2.1 shows the authority broken down into analysis areas in tandem with population density. Population is considered in more detail below. Figure 2.2 shows ward areas.

Figure 2.1: Map of Wigan Borough including analysis areas

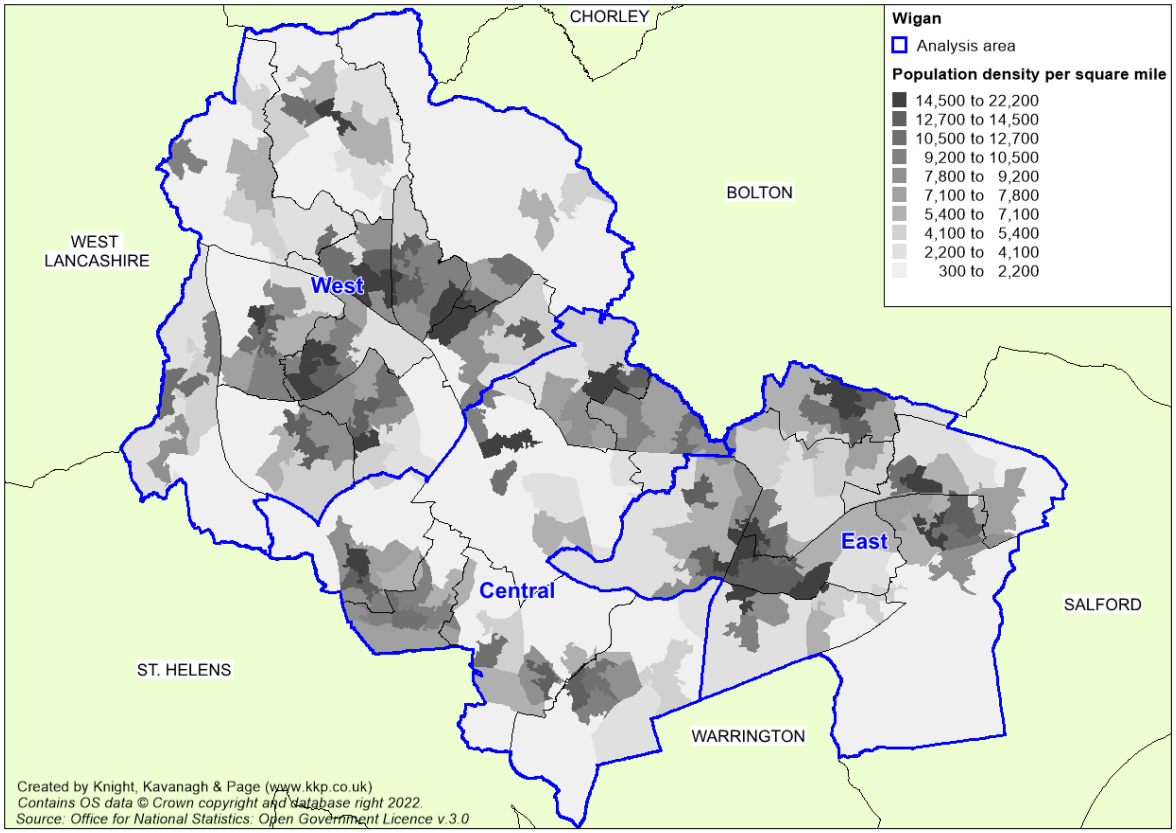


Figure 2.2: Map of Wigan Borough including wards

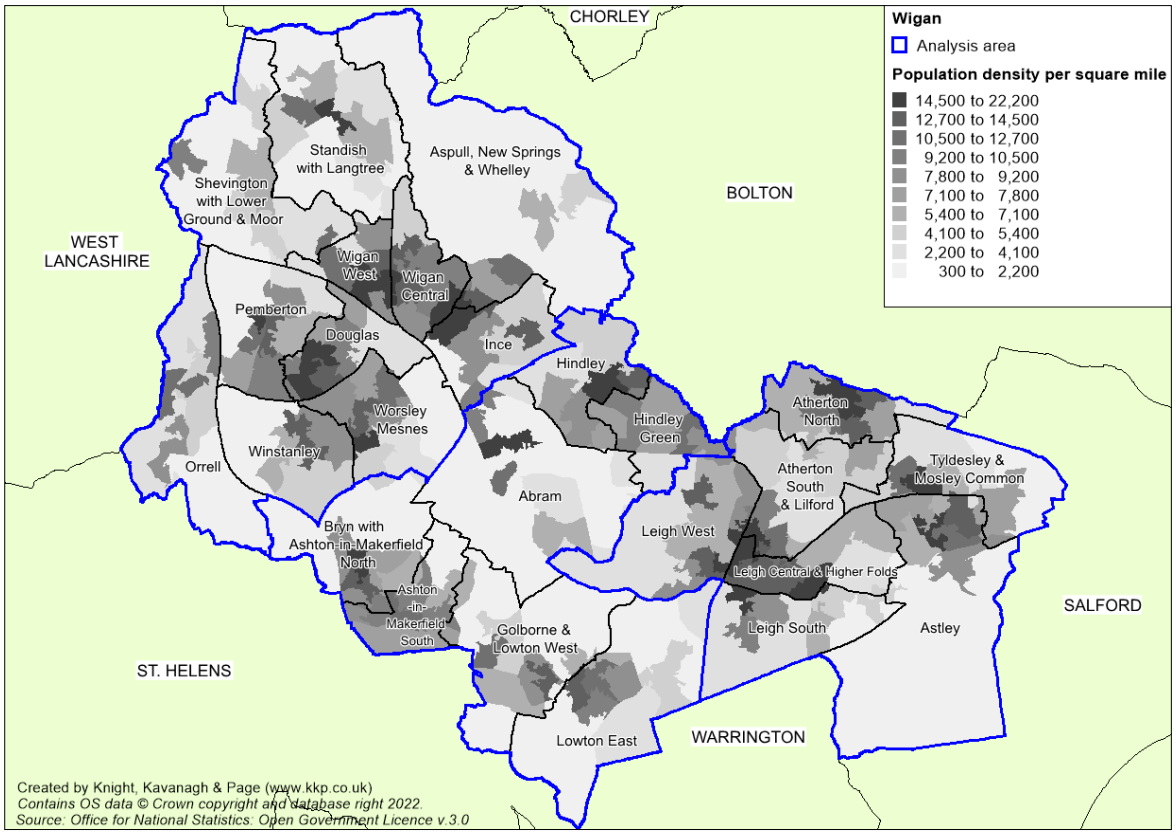



Table 2.1: Ward and analysis area populations[2]

| Ward and analysis areas | Population |
|---|---|
| **Central analysis area** | **92,869** |
| Abram | 15,830 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 12,440 |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 10,829 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 10,381 |
| Hindley | 13,368 |
| Hindley Green | 14,140 |
| Lowton East | 15,881 |
| **East analysis area** | **98,893** |
| Astley | 13,258 |
| Atherton North | 14,122 |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 14,263 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 15,167 |
| Leigh South | 12,307 |

[2] Mid-Year Estimates 2022, Office for National Statistics

| Ward and analysis areas | Population |
|---|---|
| Leigh West | 16,722 |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 13,054 |
| **West analysis area** | **142,348** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 10,490 |
| Douglas | 12,458 |
| Ince | 10,996 |
| Orrell | 12,877 |
| Pemberton | 15,436 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 11,663 |
| Standish with Langtree | 17,770 |
| Wigan Central | 16,289 |
| Wigan West | 8,927 |
| Winstanley | 11,689 |
| Worsley Mesnes | 13,753 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **334,110** |

### 2.2: Auditing local provision

Open space sites (including provision for children and young people) are identified, mapped and assessed to evaluate quality. Site quality ratings have been provided by Wigan Council. Only publicly accessible sites are included in the quality audit (i.e. private sites or land which people cannot access are excluded).

Each site is classified based on its primary open space purpose so that each type of space is counted only once. The audit and the study analyse the following typologies in accordance with the Companion Guidance to PPG17.

1. Parks and gardens
2. Natural / semi-natural greenspace
3. Amenity greenspace
4. Provision for children and young people
5. Allotments
6. Cemeteries / churchyards
7. Civic space
8. Green corridors
9. Outdoor sports

### Site size threshold

In accordance with recommendations from the Companion Guidance to PPG17, a size threshold of 0.2 hectares is often applied to the typologies of amenity greenspace and natural / semi-natural greenspace. It is recognised that it would be impractical to capture every piece of land that could be classed as open space as these sites are often too small to provide meaningful leisure and recreational opportunities that would warrant a full site assessment. However, spaces smaller than 0.2 hectares can provide amenity to local neighbourhoods and stepping-stones for wildlife.

If required, amenity greenspaces and natural / semi-natural sites below 0.2 hectares should be assessed on a site-by-site basis (to assess their potential community, biodiversity and visual value). Planning policies relating to the consideration of the loss of open space could still apply to such sites, even if they are not specifically included in the audit.

It should be noted that some sites below the threshold i.e. those that are identified as having particular significance and considered to provide an important function, as well as play space for children and young people, are included in the audit process.

**Database development**

All information relating to open spaces is collated in the Project Open Space Database (supplied as an Excel electronic file). All sites identified and assessed as part of the audit are recorded within the Database. The Database details for each site are as follows:

**Data held on open spaces database (summary)**

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

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

### 2.3: Open space standards

To identify specific needs and quantitative and qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space in a local area, provision standards focusing on Quality, Quantity and Accessibility are set and applied later in the document.

| | |
|---|---|
| **Quality** | Ability to measure the need for enhancement of existing facilities. Aimed at identifying high quality provision for benchmarking and low quality provision for targeting as part of an improvement programme. The Quality Standard is based on the audit assessment ratings. |
| **Quantity** | Are there enough spaces in the right places? Aimed at helping to establish areas of surplus and deficiency and, where appropriate, to understand the potential for alternative uses and / or key forms of provision. |
| **Accessibility** | Distance thresholds aimed at improving accessibility factors (e.g. so people can find and get to open spaces without undue reliance on using a car) and helping to identify potential areas with gaps in provision. Shown via maps. |

### 2.4: Quality

Most open space sites receive a quality rating undertaken by Wigan Council. The rating is intended to provide an indication to a site's overall quality and condition. These have been applied to sites via a colour rating (green representing good quality sites e.g. clean and well-maintained; amber represents average quality sites; red represents poor quality sites).

A site rating low for quality should not automatically be viewed as being fit for development. It is also necessary to understand its value, access and role within the community it serves. It may, for example, be the only site serving an area and should therefore be considered a priority for enhancement.

The different colour ratings work as a method to reflect the variability in quality at a local level for different types of provision. It allows the Council more flexibility in directing funds towards sites for enhancements, which is useful if funds are geographically constrained with respect to individual developments.

Reason and flexibility are needed when evaluating sites close to the average rating / threshold. The review of a quality threshold is just one step for this process, a site should also be evaluated against the value assessment and local knowledge.

### 2.5: Accessibility catchments

Accessibility catchments can be used as a tool to identify deficiencies of open space in a local area. This is achieved by applying them to create a distance catchment. The study displays the results of the catchment to highlight any potential deficiencies in access to provision.

There is an element of subjectivity resulting in time / distance variations. This is to be expected given that people walk at different speeds depending on a number of factors including height, age, levels of fitness, and physical barriers on route. Therefore, there will be an element of 'best fit'.

The accessibility catchments from FIT are used to show how far residents are likely to be willing to travel to access different types of open space provision.

Table 2.3: Accessibility catchment times/distances

| Open space type | | Catchment |
|---|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | | 9-minute walk time (710m) |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | | 9-minute walk time (720m) |
| Amenity greenspace | | 6-minute walk time (480m) |
| Provision for children and young people | LAP | 1-minute walk time (100m) |
| | LEAP | 5-minute walk time (400m) |
| | NEAP | 12.5-minute walk time (1000m) |
| | Other provision (e.g. MUGA, skate park) | 9-minute walk time (700m) |
| Allotments | | No standard set |
| Cemeteries / churchyards | | No standard set |
| Civic spaces | | No standard set |
| Green corridors | | No standard set |
| Outdoor sports | | No standard set |

No standard is set for the typologies of allotments, cemeteries, civic spaces or green corridors. For cemeteries, provision should be determined by demand for burial space.

## PART 3: SUMMARY OF SURVEY AND SITE AUDIT

This section provides a summary of the responses to the online community survey. It also describes generic trends and findings from the site visit quality ratings. Site specific and typology issues are covered in the relevant sections later in this report.

### 3.1: Community Survey

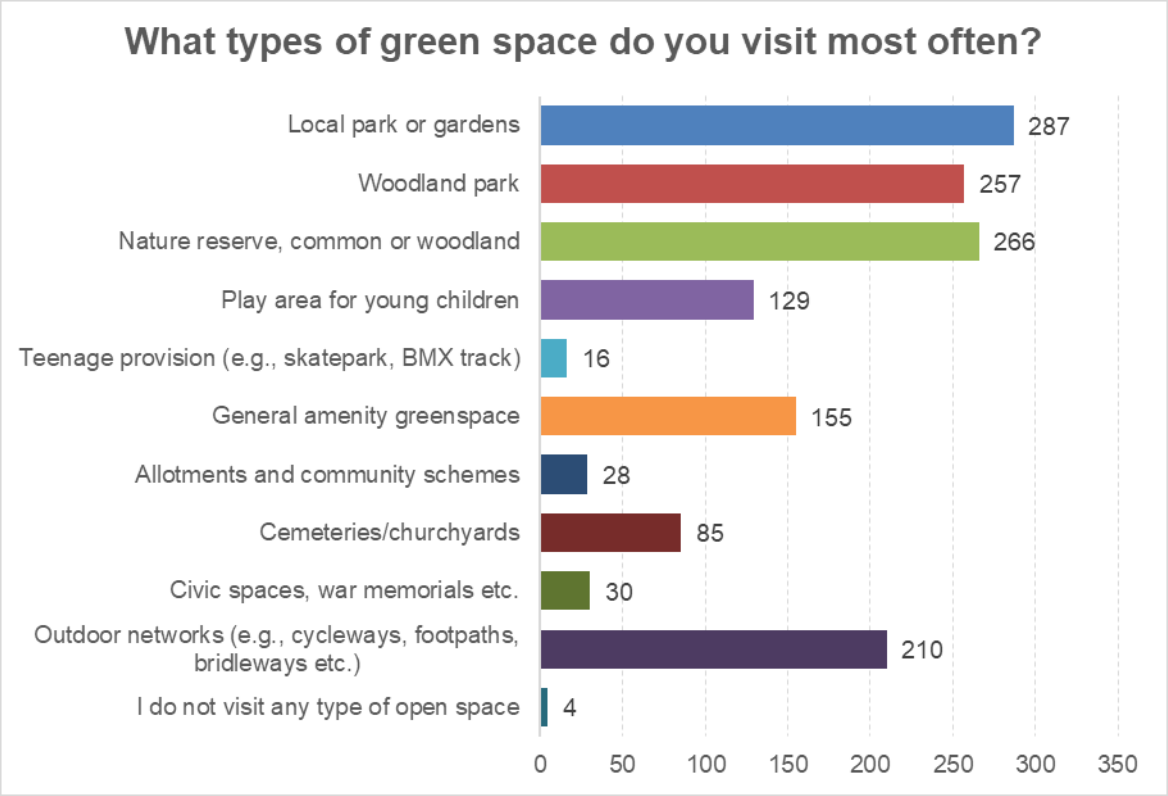
An online community survey was hosted on the Council website and promoted via social media and the Council's communication team. The use of a questionnaire was considered a good approach to providing a widespread opportunity for people to provide their thoughts towards open space provision.

The questionnaire consisted of a series of multiple choice and open-ended questions asking respondents their thoughts on topics such as types of open space visited, frequency and quality etc. A total of 397 responses were received. A summary of the responses is set out on the following pages.

### Usage

Popular forms of open space provision to visit most often are parks and gardens (73%), nature reserves, commons or woodlands (67%), woodland parks (65%) and outdoor networks (53%).

Figure 3.1.1: Types of open spaces visited most often



The main reasons for visiting green spaces are for a walk or stroll (86%), to get fresh air (84%), for peace and quiet / relax (67%) and to experience / see nature (64%). Note that percentages do not equate to 100% due to respondents being able to select all reasons that apply for this question.

The answer 'to grow my own fresh fruits and vegetables' received one of the lowest percentages with only 6% of respondents as this is specific to those respondents stating they visit an allotment, and with most people not being an allotment holder. Consequently, it is not a common reason for people visiting open space. 'Other' mainly included dog walking and to help one's mental health.

Table 3.1.1: Reasons for visits

| Why do you visit green spaces? | Count | % |
|---|---|---|
| Walk / stroll | 337 | 86.2% |
| Fresh air | 327 | 83.6% |
| Peace and quiet /relax | 263 | 67.3% |
| To experience / see nature | 251 | 64.2% |
| Exercise / sport | 235 | 60.1% |
| Time with family / friends | 208 | 53.2% |
| Other | 45 | 11.5% |
| To grow my own fresh fruits and vegetables | 23 | 5.9% |

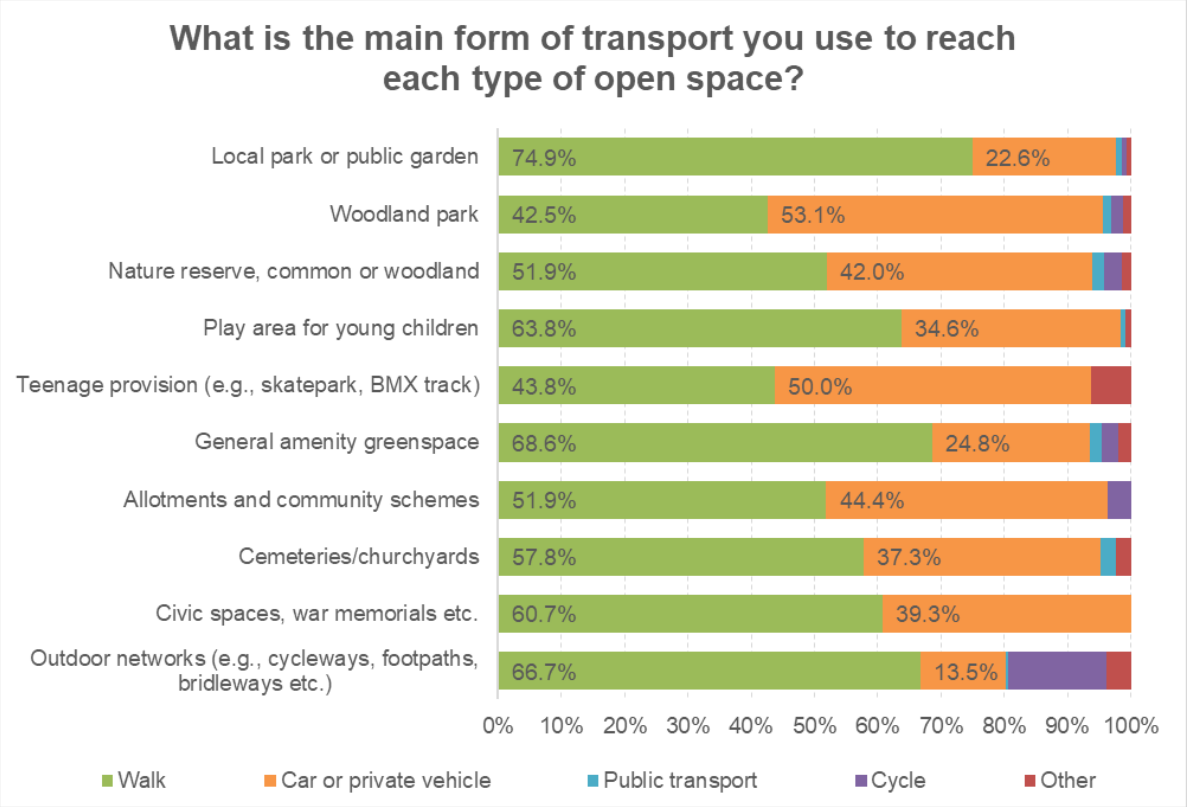
**Accessibility**

Figure 3.1.2 shows individuals generally walk to access provision for:

- Parks (75%),
- Amenity greenspace (69%),
- Outdoor networks (67),
- Play areas for young children (64%),
- Civic spaces (61%),
- Cemeteries / churchyards (58%),
- Allotments (52%), and
- Nature reserves, commons or woodlands (52%).

The exception to this is woodland parks (53%) and teenage provision (50%) for which more individuals are often willing to travel by car to access.

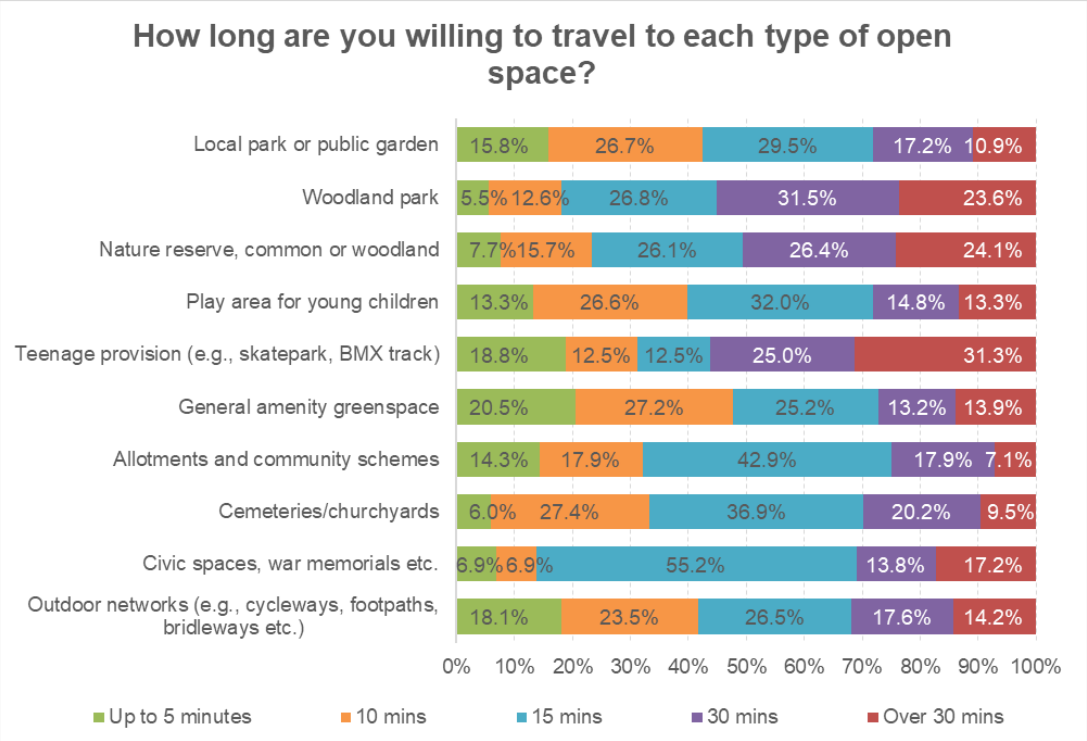
Figure 3.1.2: Mode of travel to open space sites




For some provision such as nature reserves, woodland parks and teenage play provision, there is a willingness to travel further distances, with 31% of respondents stating they would travel over 30 minutes to access teenage provision. Nearly a third of respondents (32%) state they would travel 30 minutes to visit woodland parks, and over a quarter of respondents (26%) are willing to travel 30 minutes to visit a nature reserve.

For other forms of provision, respondents show a willingness to travel a shorter amount of time (i.e. 10 to 15 minutes). This is particularly noticeable for parks, allotments, amenity greenspace, and play provision.

Figure 3.1.3: Time willing to travel to open space sites




Respondents were asked how frequently they visit the types of open space they visit most often. The majority of types of open space are visited weekly. The exception is cemeteries (50%) and civic spaces (38%) which respondents visit monthly. Note that the same proportion of respondents (37.5%) visit teenage provision on a weekly and monthly basis.

Figure 3.1.4: How often do you visit these types of open space

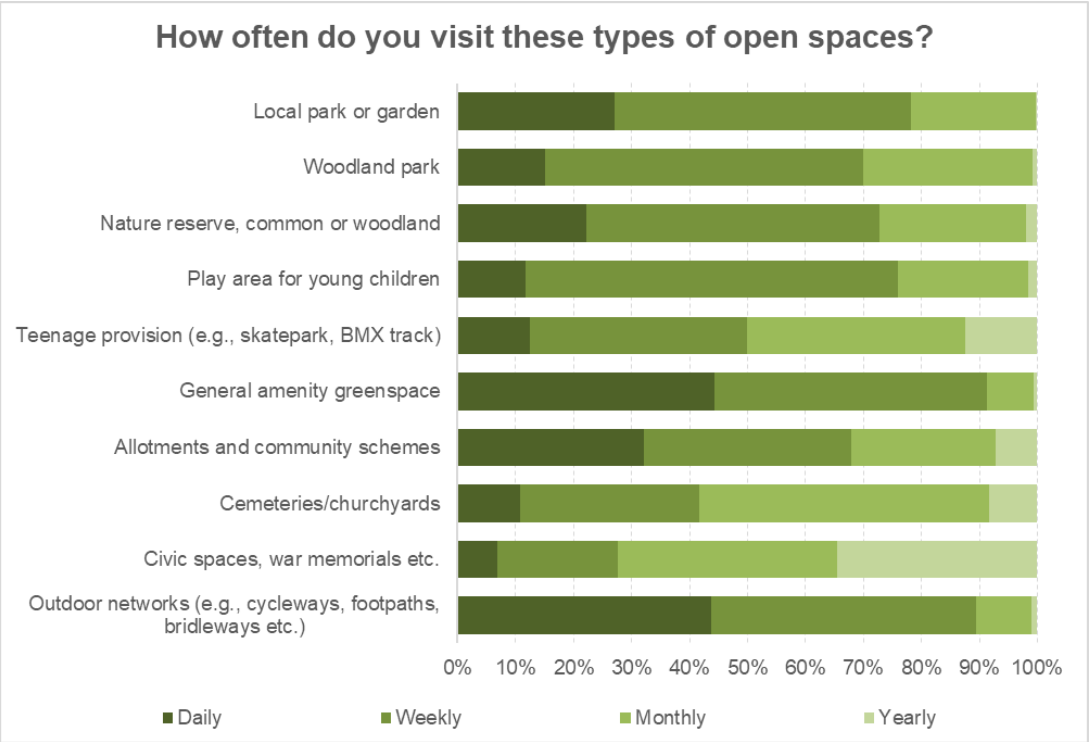


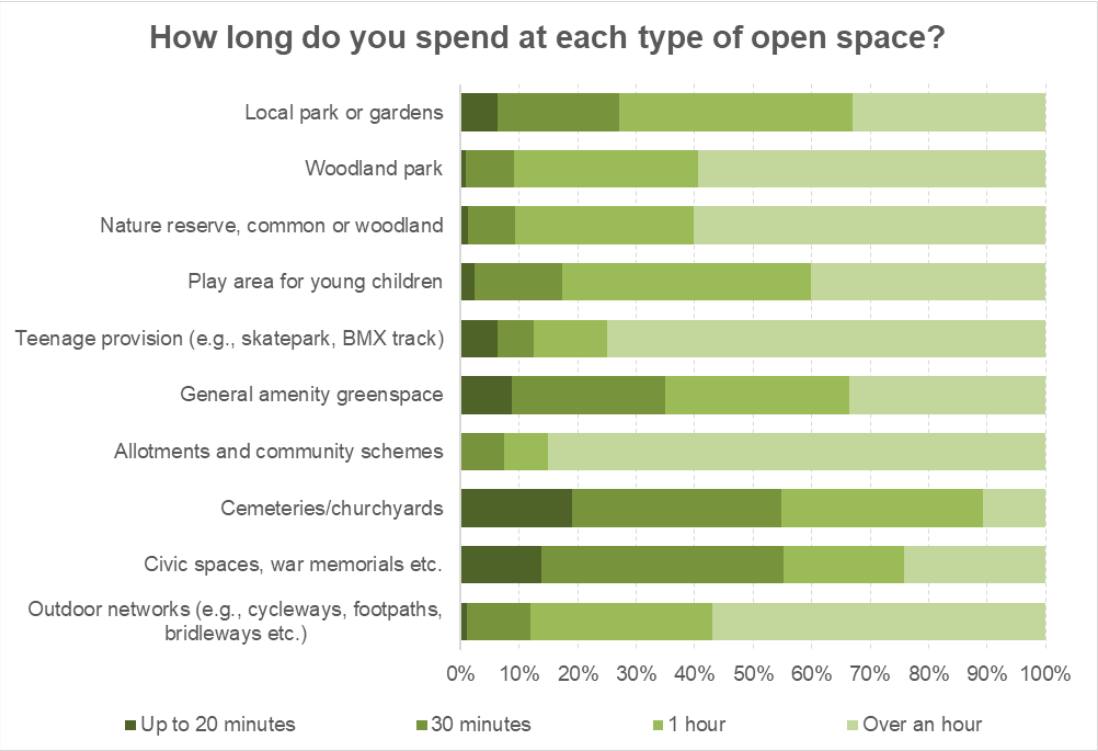

Table 3.1.2: How often do respondents visit these types of open spaces

| How often do you visit these types of open spaces? | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Yearly |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Local park or garden | 27.0% | **51.2%** | 21.4% | 0.4% |
| Woodland park | 15.0% | **54.9%** | 29.2% | 0.8% |
| Nature reserve, common or woodland | 22.3% | **50.6%** | 25.3% | 1.9% |
| Play area for young children | 11.6% | **64.3%** | 22.5% | 1.6% |
| Teenage provision (e.g. skatepark, BMX) | 12.5% | **37.5%** | **37.5%** | 12.5% |
| General amenity greenspace | 44.3% | **47.0%** | 8.1% | 0.7% |
| Allotments and community schemes | 32.1% | **35.7%** | 25.0% | 7.1% |
| Cemeteries / churchyards | 10.7% | 31.0% | **50.0%** | 8.3% |
| Civic spaces, war memorials etc. | 6.9% | 20.7% | **37.9%** | 34.5% |
| Outdoor networks (e.g. cycleways, footpaths, bridleways etc.) | 43.8% | **45.7%** | 9.6% | 1.0% |

Respondents were asked how long they spend at each type of open space. There are several types of open space that users spend over an hour at including allotments (85%), teenage provision (75%) and nature reserves, commons or woodlands (60%).

Respondents spend the least amount of time (30 minutes) at cemeteries (36%) and civic spaces (41%). This is not surprising as these types of open spaces are where people sit and relax but do not spend as much time, in comparison to other open spaces like parks which tend to offer more facilities and features. Nearly half of respondents spend an hour at local parks or gardens (40%) and at play areas for young children (40%).

Figure 3.1.5: How long do respondents spend at each type of open space




Note that these percentages are proportional in relation to how long respondents spend at a particular type of open space. For example, 12 out of 16 respondents spend over an hour at teenage provision equating to 75%, whereas 94 respondents out of 285 spend over an hour at parks. Despite the number being greater, proportionally this equates to 33%.

**Availability and Quality**

In general, respondents consider the amount and access of open space provision across Wigan Borough to be quite satisfactory (37%); a further 15% rate availability of open space provision as very satisfactory.

Table 3.1.3: Satisfaction with the overall amount and access of open space provision across the whole of Wigan Borough

| Very satisfactory | Quite satisfactory | Neither satisfactory or unsatisfactory | Quite unsatisfactory | Very unsatisfactory |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14.8% | 36.7% | 21.9% | 14.8% | 11.7% |

Similarly, over a third of survey respondents (36%) consider the quality of open space provision across Wigan Borough to be generally quite satisfactory. A further 13% rate quality as very satisfactory. Only small proportions of respondents view quality as quite unsatisfactory (15%) or very unsatisfactory (10%). There was also a number of respondents (26%) that view quality as neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory.

Table 3.1.4: Satisfaction with quality of open space provision across the whole of Wigan Borough

| Very satisfactory | Quite satisfactory | Neither satisfactory or unsatisfactory | Quite unsatisfactory | Very unsatisfactory |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12.9% | 36.0% | 26.4% | 15.0% | 9.6% |

Respondents were also asked how they rated the overall amount and access of open space provision in their local area e.g. within a 10-minute walk. Over a third of respondents (34%) consider this as quite satisfactory with a further 28% very satisfactory. A small proportion of respondents view the amount of, and access to, open space provision in their local areas as quite unsatisfactory (12%) or very unsatisfactory (13%).

Table 3.1.5: Satisfaction with overall amount and access of open space provision in your local area

| Very satisfactory | Quite satisfactory | Neither satisfactory or unsatisfactory | Quite unsatisfactory | Very unsatisfactory |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28.1% | 34.2% | 13.2% | 11.9% | 12.7% |

Likewise, over a third of respondents (36%) consider the quality of open space provision in their local area to be generally quite satisfactory and a fifth of respondents rate quality as very satisfactory. 16% of respondents rate quality in their local area as quite unsatisfactory with a further 14% of respondents very unsatisfactory.

Table 3.1.6: Satisfaction with the quality of open space provision in your local area

| Very satisfactory | Quite satisfactory | Neither satisfactory or unsatisfactory | Quite unsatisfactory | Very unsatisfactory |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20.4% | 35.6% | 14.2% | 15.5% | 14.2% |

Respondents to the survey were asked what they thought would improve open space provision. The most common answers include better care and maintenance of features (63%), more wildlife / habitat promotion (42%), greater attractiveness (39%), and better and wider range of facilities (38%). Note that respondents could select up to four options.

Table 3.1.7: What would improve open space provision for you?

| Answer option | Percentage of respondents |
|---|---|
| Better maintenance and care of features | 63% |
| More wildlife / habitat promotion | 42% |
| Greater attractiveness (e.g. flowers, trees) | 39% |
| Better and wider range of facilities (i.e. seating, refreshments) | 38% |
| Improved access to and within sites | 31% |
| Improved personal safety | 27% |
| Play equipment (new or improved) | 21% |
| Greater information on sites | 16% |

| Answer option | Percentage of respondents |
|---|---|
| Other | 15% |
| More public events | 14% |
| Greater community involvement | 10% |
| Outdoor gym / exercise equipment | 7% |

Other improvements included better / more easily accessible links for cyclists / walkers between sites, less housing developments, additional litter bins and public toilets.

A common theme in the comments section towards the end of the survey is respondents concerns over more housing developments and the implications on the amount of open space and wildlife. Numerous respondents have highlighted that a lot of open space has been lost. Several comments state that building on the green belt needs to stop. Furthermore, several respondents highlight dog fouling and litter issues.

The majority of respondents (80%) strongly agree with the statement 'visiting open spaces makes me feel better'. A further 17% agree with the statement. Only one respondent disagrees with the statement and one respondent strongly disagrees. An additional 3% of respondents (13 respondents) neither agree nor disagree.

Table 3.1.8: 'Visiting open spaces makes me feel better'

| Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree or disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 79.60% | 16.62% | 3.27% | 0.25% | 0.25% |

### 3.2: Audit overview

Within the audit, there is a total of 1,280 sites equating to over 3,725 hectares of open space. The largest contributor to provision is natural / semi-natural greenspace (2,356 hectares) accounting for 63%.

Table 3.2.1: Overview of open space provision

| Open space typology | Number of sites | Total amount (hectares)[3] |
|---|---|---|
| Allotments | 62 | 34 |
| Amenity greenspace | 422 | 273 |
| Cemeteries / churchyards | 37 | 91 |
| Civic Spaces | 20 | 4 |
| Green corridors | 17 | 122 |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | 223 | 2,356 |
| Outdoor sports[4] | 299 | 597 |
| Park and gardens | 32 | 240 |
| Provision for children and young people | 168 | 9 |
| **TOTAL** | **1,280** | **3,726** |

[3] Rounded to the nearest whole number
[4] Outdoor sports provision is included only for audit completion

### 3.3: Quality

The methodology for assessing quality is set out in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for open spaces across Wigan Borough.

Table 3.3.1: Quality ratings for assessed open space typologies

| Typology | Poor | Average | Good |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allotments | 14 | 29 | 17 |
| Amenity greenspace | 38 | 197 | 187 |
| Cemeteries / churchyards | 1 | 7 | 29 |
| Civic spaces | 0 | 3 | 17 |
| Green corridors | 6 | 3 | 8 |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | 34 | 151 | 38 |
| Park and gardens | 1 | 8 | 23 |
| Provision for children and young people | 41 | 107 | 20 |
| **Total** | **135** | **505** | **339** |

There is a mixed quality of open space across all typologies. This is reflected in just over a third of assessed sites (35%) rating as good quality. Over half of assessed sites (52%) are considered average quality. A small proportion (14%) of assessed sites rate as poor quality.

## PART 4: PARKS AND GARDENS

### 4.1: Introduction

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

### 4.2: Current provision

There are 32 sites classified as parks and gardens across Wigan, the equivalent to 240 hectares (see Table 4.1). No site size threshold has been applied and, as such, all known sites have been included within the typology.

It is important to note that within the category of parks and gardens there are two distinct types of sites. Some are significant in size and act as destinations offering greater recreational facilities and uses which people will often be willing to travel further to access. Examples of this type include Haigh Woodland Park and Mesnes Park. Other sites within the typology are smaller in size and more formal in character with less recreational uses. Examples of this include Liverpool Road Community Garden and Pemberton Memorial Garden.

Table 4.1: Current parks and gardens provision by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 9 | 45.15 | 0.49 |
| East | 10 | 43.02 | 0.44 |
| West | 13 | 151.68 | 1.07 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **32** | **239.85** | **0.72** |

For parks and gardens, Table 4.1 identifies that Wigan Borough has a current provision level of 0.72 hectares per 1,000 head of population. The largest site and biggest contributor to provision is Haigh Woodland Park (107 ha) located in the West Analysis Area. The next largest site is Golborne Park (20 ha) in the Central Analysis Area.

Fields in Trust (FIT) suggests 0.80 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. Table 4.1 shows that overall, Wigan Borough is below this. Only the West Analysis Area is above this figure.

To assist in identifying local levels in provision, table 4.2 shows current parks and gardens provision broken down by ward.

Table 4.2: Current parks and gardens provision by ward

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abram | 1 | 1.89 | 0.12 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 3 | 5.74 | 0.46 |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 1 | 1.71 | 0.16 |

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Golborne and Lowton West | 1 | 20.58 | 1.98 |
| Hindley | 1 | 6.63 | 0.47 |
| Hindley Green | 1 | 3.43 | 0.24 |
| Lowton East | 1 | 5.18 | 0.33 |
| **Central** | **9** | **45.15** | **0.49** |
| Astley | 1 | 3.97 | 0.30 |
| Atherton North | 1 | 0.64 | 0.05 |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 2 | 23.14 | 1.62 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | - | - | - |
| Leigh South | 3 | 6.28 | 0.51 |
| Leigh West | 3 | 8.99 | 0.54 |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | - | - | - |
| **East** | **10** | **43.02** | **0.44** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1 | 107.00 | 10.20 |
| Douglas | 3 | 5.79 | 0.46 |
| Ince | 1 | 6.71 | 0.61 |
| Orrell | 2 | 11.70 | 0.91 |
| Pemberton | 2 | 1.07 | 0.07 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | - | - | - |
| Standish with Langtree | 2 | 8.62 | 0.49 |
| Wigan Central | 1 | 10.07 | 0.62 |
| Wigan West | - | - | - |
| Winstanley | - | - | - |
| Worsley Mesnes | 1 | 0.72 | 0.05 |
| **West** | **13** | **151.68** | **1.07** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **32** | **239.85** | **0.72** |

Five wards do not have parks and gardens provision: Leigh Central and Higher Folds, Tyldesley and Mosley Common, Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor, Wigan West and Winstanley.

Parks provision, particularly ‘destination’ parks, are often only going to exist in areas of greater population density. Consequently, some analysis areas being below the FIT suggestion does not mean a true deficiency exists. It is therefore important to also consider accessibility and quality of provision.

### 4.3: Accessibility

An accessibility catchment of a 9-minute walk time has been set across Wigan Borough. Figure 4.1 shows parks and gardens mapped with catchments against the analysis areas. This should be treated as an approximation as it does not take account of topography or walking routes.

Figure 4.1: Parks and gardens mapped with a 9-minute (710m) walk catchment

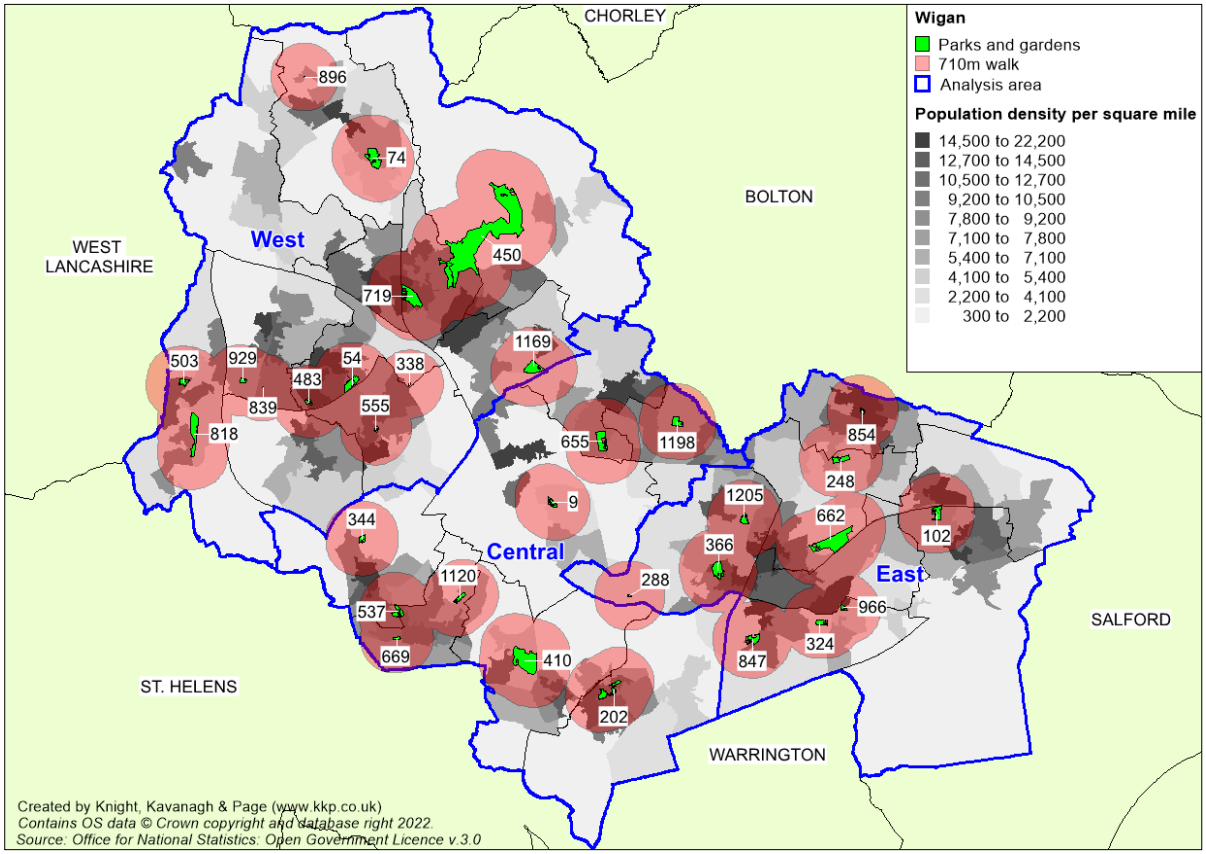


Table 4.3: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | Abram Park | Central | Abram | 1.89 | |
| 54 | Alexandra Park | West | Douglas | 4.70 | |
| 74 | Ashfield Park | West | Standish with Langtree | 8.54 | |
| 102 | Astley Street Park | East | Astley | 3.97 | |
| 202 | Braithwaite Road | Central | Lowton East | 5.18 | |
| 248 | Central Park | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 3.45 | |
| 288 | Crankwood Park | East | Leigh West | 0.33 | |
| 324 | Dootsons Park Playing Field | East | Leigh South | 2.15 | |
| 338 | Eckersley Rest Garden | West | Douglas | 0.14 | |
| 344 | Edmund Collins Park | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 1.72 | |
| 366 | Firs Park | East | Leigh West | 6.16 | |
| 410 | Golborne Park | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 20.58 | |
| 450 | Haigh Woodland Park | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 107.00 | |
| 483 | Highfield Gardens | West | Douglas | 0.96 | |
| 503 | Holgate Park | West | Orrell | 2.02 | |
| 537 | Jubilee Park | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 2.95 | |
| 555 | Kipling Park | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.72 | |
| 655 | Leyland Park | Central | Hindley | 6.63 | |
| 662 | Lilford Park | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 19.70 | |
| 669 | Liverpool Road Community Garden | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.73 | |
| 719 | Mesnes Park | West | Wigan Central | 10.07 | |
| 818 | Orrell Water Park | West | Orrell | 9.67 | |
| 839 | Pemberton Memorial Garden | West | Pemberton | 0.03 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 847 | Pennington Hall Park | East | Leigh South | 3.29 | |
| 854 | People's Place | East | Atherton North | 0.64 | |
| 896 | Quakers Burial Ground | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.08 | |
| 929 | Redwood Park | West | Pemberton | 1.04 | |
| 966 | Sandersons Croft | East | Leigh South | 0.84 | |
| 1120 | Stubshaw Cross | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 2.06 | |
| 1169 | Walmsley Park | West | Ince | 6.71 | |
| 1198 | Westlake Park | Central | Hindley Green | 3.43 | |
| 1205 | Westleigh Park | East | Leigh West | 2.50 | |

Note that the sizes of each site displayed in the key to sites mapped tables are rounded up to two decimal places.

In general, most areas of greater population density are covered by a 9-minute walk catchment for parks. However, gaps are noticeable in all three analysis areas including central parts of West Analysis Area, north / north-east of the Central Analysis Area and across the East Analysis Area.

At a ward level, there are gaps noted in all wards across the Wigan Borough. Noticeable gaps in the West Analysis Area wards include Ince, Wigan West, Pemberton, Winstanley, Douglas, Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor and Standish with Langtree. In the Central Analysis Area, gaps are noted in Abram and Hindley. In the East Analysis Area, gaps are highlighted in Leigh Central and Higher Folds, Leigh West, Atherton North, Tyldesley and Mosley Common and Golborne and Lowton West.

Many of these gaps are served by other forms of open space provision such as amenity greenspace and natural / semi natural greenspace. Such sites may not meet the criteria of parks and gardens provision but are likely to offer similar opportunities and access to recreational activities often associated with parks. Exploring the potential to formalise features associated with parks at some of these sites could be considered to increase a sites secondary function as a park.

Table 4.4a: Other open spaces serving gaps in park catchments (Central Wards)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Abram | Adjacent 93 Victoria Road (ID 39) | Amenity |
| Abram | Adjacent railway northwest of Stratton Drive (ID 49) | Natural |
| Abram | Amberswood Nature Reserve (ID 68 | Natural |
| Abram | Kingsdown Recreation Area (ID 554) | Amenity |
| Abram | Miller's Lane (ID 728) | Amenity |
| Abram | Platt Bridge Community Garden (ID 866) | Amenity |
| Abram | St Johns Street, Recreational Ground (ID 1062) | Amenity |
| Abram | Stratton Drive (ID 1118) | Amenity |
| Abram | West of Lily Lane, North of canal (1195) | Natural |
| Ashton-in Makerfield South | Salkeld Avenue (ID 963) | Natural |
| Ashton-in Makerfield South | Skitters Wood, Woodedge (ID 1006) | Natural |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Bryn Road (opposite Lockett Road) (ID 217) | Amenity |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Bryn Road/Beech Street (ID 219) | Amenity |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Eldon Gardens (ID 347) | Amenity |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Kinder Grove/Grange Road (ID 549) | Amenity |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Nicol Road / Bryn Road (ID 764) | Amenity |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Rear of 12 Tatton Drive (ID 915) | Amenity |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Whitledge Green (ID 1226) | Natural |

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Golborne and Lowton West | School Street, Golborne (ID 976) | Amenity |
| Hindley | Adjacent Hindley Hall Golf Course (ID 45) | Natural |
| Hindley | Rayner Park NSN (ID 906) | Natural |
| Hindley Green | Close Lane Farm, Close Lane (ID 265) | Natural |

Table 4.4b: Other open spaces serving gaps in park catchments (East Wards)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Astley | Acresfield (ID 15) | Amenity |
| Astley | Acresfield and Tiverton Close (ID 16) | Amenity |
| Astley | Adjacent 12 North Lane (ID 20) | Amenity |
| Astley | Adjacent 566 Manchester Road (ID 36) | Amenity |
| Astley | Ann Lane/Higher Green Lane (ID 70) | Amenity |
| Astley | Birtle Drive (ID 170) | Amenity |
| Astley | Manchester Road/Church Road (691) | Amenity |
| Astley | Moorgate Drive/Hurstbrook Close (737) | Amenity |
| Astley | Playing Fields, Parkfield Avenue (ID 882) | Amenity |
| Astley | Recreation Ground, Ellesmere Street (ID 927) | Amenity |
| Astley | West of Caldwell Avenue Tyldesley (Coldalhurst Farm) (ID 1193) | Amenity |
| Astley | Withington Drive (ID 1269) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Bolton Old Road/Park Street (ID 177) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Car Bank Street (ID 245) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Cherry Tree Grove (ID 254) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Coronation Avenue/Queens Avenue (ID 280) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Devonshire Road Playing Field (ID 316) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Douglas Park (ID 326) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Douglas Street Playing Field (ID 327) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Fletcher/Hatton Avenue (ID 369) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Gibfield Park Avenue (ID 391 | Amenity |
| Atherton South and Lilford | Adjacent 294 Tyldesley Road (ID 28) | Amenity |
| Atherton South and Lilford | Gibfield Park South, Colliery Lane (ID 393) | Natural |
| Atherton South and Lilford | Lancaster Avenue (rear of) Chanters Brook (567) | Natural |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | Church Street Leigh (ID 259) | Amenity |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | Kenilworth Drive (ID 545) | Amenity |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | Market Place / St Marys Way (ID 702) | Amenity |

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | Walkers Drive (adjacent 55) (ID 1164) | Amenity |
| Leigh West | Adjacent 2 Horrocks Street (ID 24) | Amenity |
| Leigh West | Adjacent Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Plank Lane (ID 50) | Amenity |
| Leigh West | Armfield Grove (ID 72) | Amenity |
| Leigh West | Common Lane, Leigh (ID 272) | Amenity |
| Leigh West | Crankwood Road (ID 292) | Amenity |
| Leigh West | Wilkinson Park Drive (ID 1253) | Amenity |

Table 4.4c: Other open spaces serving gaps in park catchments (West Wards)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Adjacent 165 Haigh Road (ID 22) | Amenity |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Adjacent canal / footbridge Withington Lane (ID 41) | Natural |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Aspull Common, Haigh Road (ID 93 | Amenity |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Haigh Road / Parklands Drive (ID 453) | Natural |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Haigh Road / Ratcliffe Road (ID 454) | Amenity |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Haigh Road / St David's Crescent (ID 456) | Natural |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Kirkless Wood, Withington Lane (ID 560) | Natural |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Opposite 37 St Davids Crescent (ID 803) | Amenity |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Opposite 58 / 60 Stanley Road (ID 804) | Amenity |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Ratcliffe Road / Stanley Lane (ID 905) | Amenity |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Reservoir / pond off Withington Lane (ID 933) | Natural |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Scot Lane / Sumner Street (ID 979) | Amenity |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Stanley Road / Ratcliffe Road (ID 1107) | Amenity |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Wigan Road / Higher Lane (ID 1243) | Natural |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Woods Road (ID 1283) | Natural |
| Douglas | Buchanan Road / Fraser Road (ID 221) | Amenity |
| Douglas | Land between canal / Stadium Way (ID 590) | Natural |
| Ince | Arnside Avenue (ID 73) | Amenity |

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Ince | Belle Green Lane between Nelson Drive / Russell Street (ID 138) | Amenity |
| Ince | Belle Green Lane/Russell St/Kendal Road (ID 141) | Amenity |
| Ince | Bryn/Manley Street / Warrington Road (ID 220) | Amenity |
| Ince | Coopers Glen (ID 274) | Amenity |
| Ince | Falkirk Drive / Belle Green Lane (ID 361) | Amenity |
| Ince | Foster Avenue (ID 372) | Natural |
| Ince | Ince Green Lane / George Street (ID 525) | Amenity |
| Ince | Junction Road / Spindlewood Terrace (ID 540) | Amenity |
| Ince | Lancaster Street (ID 568) | Amenity |
| Ince | Warrington Road / Redbrook Road (ID 1186) | Amenity |
| Ince | Westwood Lane, Ince (ID 1215) | Natural |
| Ince | Westwood Lane / end of Eton Terrace (ID 1216) | Amenity |
| Ince | William Fosters Playing Fields (ID 1257) | Amenity |
| Ince | Withington Lane (ID 1270) | Natural |
| Orrell | Recreation Ground Upholland Road (ID 126) | Amenity |
| Orrell | Recreation Ground Upholland Road (ID 926) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | City Road/Montrose Avenue / Comet Road (ID 262) | Natural |
| Pemberton | Helvellyn Road / The Green (ID 474) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Houghton Lodges, Martland Mill Lane (ID 513) | Natural |
| Pemberton | Land adjacent Chapel Street Pemberton (ID 574) | Natural |
| Pemberton | Land adjacent Lancaster / Canberra Road (ID 576) | Natural |
| Pemberton | Land adjacent Leopold Street / railway (ID 577) | Natural |
| Pemberton | Land around / at end of St John Street (ID 584) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Land end Heysham Road / off City Road (ID 599) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Land Lamberhead / Somerset Road (ID 604) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Land on Worsley Hall Avenue to No.117 (ID 616) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Langdale / Heysham Road (ID 622) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Lonsdale Walk (ID 674) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Montrose Avenue / Ribble Drive (ID 733) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Norley Road (between 8-10) (ID 768) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Porters Wood, Ackhurst Lane (ID 888) | Natural |
| Pemberton | Saddleback Crescent / Helvellyn Road (ID 960) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Severn Road / Ribble Road (ID 983) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Somerset Road / Lamberhead Road / Dorset Close (ID 1013) | Amenity |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Ayrefield Grove / Cloughwood Crescent (ID 111) | Amenity |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Bankwood / Chisacre Drive/Miles Lane (ID 113) | Amenity |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Between railway / river near Ackhurst Lane (ID 155) | Natural |

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Brookfield Road (ID 210) | Natural |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Bullrush Meadow (ID 224) | Natural |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Hullet Hole Wood, The Nook (ID 519) | Natural |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Rear of Robin Hill Drive (ID 922) | Natural |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Softrush Park / Almond Green Avenue (ID 1011) | Natural |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Stockley Drive (ID 1113) | Amenity |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Off Woodhouse Drive / Beech Hill Lane (ID 1153) | Natural |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Woodnook Road (adjacent 43) (ID 1282) | Amenity |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Primrose Lane / Kenyon Road (ID 891) | Amenity |
| Standish with Langtree | Bradley Lane / end Sheldon Avenue (ID 199) | Natural |
| Langtree | Buttercup Meadow, south of Pepper Lane (ID 228) | Amenity |
| Langtree | Buttercup Meadow / Ludlow Street (ID 229) | Amenity |
| Langtree | Byley Rise (ID 231) | Natural |
| Langtree | Eagle Close / Artisan Close (ID 331) | Natural |
| Langtree | Grove Lane / Sedgewick Green (ID 446) | Natural |
| Langtree | Kitchen Carr Wood, Rectory Lane (ID 562) | Natural |
| Langtree | Land adj Beech Walk / Wilkesley Avenue (ID 573) | Natural |
| Langtree | Land off Sheldon Avenue (ID 612) | Natural |
| Langtree | Ludlow Street / Almond Green Avenue (ID 686) | Amenity |
| Langtree | Otter Close Wood, Rectory Lane (ID 820) | Natural |
| Langtree | Rosebay Gardens / Foxtail Meadow (ID 947) | Amenity |
| Langtree | Woodhouse Drive / Almond Brook Road / School Lane (ID 1275) | Natural |
| Langtree | Woodland, Green Lane (ID 1280) | Natural |
| Wigan West | Land between Scot Lane / railway / Martland Mill Lane (ID 593) | Natural |
| Wigan West | Bartons Wood, Tan House Drive (ID 117) | Natural |
| Wigan West | Between Wirral Drive and Beech Walk (ID 157) | Amenity |
| Wigan West | Blundells Wood, Ravenswood Avenue (Id 174) | Natural |
| Wigan West | Crossley Avenue (ID 308) | Natural |
| Wigan West | Foxdene Grove (ID 373) | Amenity |
| Wigan West | Land adj Merton Road / Grebe Close (ID 580) | Natural |
| Wigan West | Land Andover Crescent between Petworth Avenue / Colerne Way (ID 582) | Amenity |
| Wigan West | Land Beech Walk / end Sunnyfields (ID 586) | Amenity |

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Wigan West | Corner of Elkstone Close / Burley Crescent (ID 596) | Amenity |
| Wigan West | Land end Charlotte Drive (ID 598) | Natural |
| Wigan West | Land off Billinge Road adjacent No.196 (ID 607) | Natural |
| Wigan West | Land south of Pemberton Colliery, Smithy Brook Park, Smithy Court (ID 617) | Amenity |
| Wigan West | Land Tarrant Close / Andover Crescent (ID 618) | Amenity |
| Wigan West | Tan House Drive (opposite Bartons Wood) (ID 1126) | Amenity |
| Winstanley | Warminster Grove (rear of houses) (ID 1178) | Amenity |
| Worsley Mesnes | Land around Pearsons Flash adjacent canal / railway (ID 583) | Natural |
| Worsley Mesnes | Scotmans Flash off Poolstock Lane (ID 980) | Natural |
| Worsley Mesnes | Westwood Flash, Westward Park Drive (ID 1214) | Natural |

### 4.4: Quality

Site assessments undertaken by Wigan Council are used to help inform a site's overall quality. Sites are colour-coded (good quality being green, average quality being amber and poor quality being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for parks and gardens.

Table 4.5: Quality ratings for assessed parks and gardens

| Area | Good quality sites | Average quality sites | Poor quality sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| East | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| West | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **23** | **8** | **1** |

All 32 identified parks and gardens are allocated a quality rating. Almost three quarters of assessed sites (72%) rate as good quality. These include four Green Flag Award sites, demonstrating their high standards:

- Alexandra Park,
- Central Park,
- Jubilee Park, and
- Mesnes Park.

These sites are all attractive and well-maintained with numerous facilities and features including benches, bins, play provision, accessible pathways, signage, and good boundary fencing.

Alexandra Park has the additional benefits of an orchard, outdoor gym, skate park, heritage features, car park, and a community allotment. The site also features two bowling greens, a monument, and is stewarded by a Friends Group. The park hosts several events throughout the year.

Jubilee Park is observed as an attractive park with numerous trees, planting, benches and bins. The park features a good network of paths enabling pram and wheelchair access through the site. There is also a play area, MUGA and skate park on site further adding to the quality of the site.

Mesnes Park is a historic park that features a café, toilets, a lake and a bandstand. It also contains a monument, South African War memorial, tennis courts, bowling greens and outdoor gym equipment further adding to its appeal. There is a pavilion in the centre of the park containing Frederick's Ice Cream. It also has a Friends Group helping to conserve and improve the park.

The criteria used to assess parks and gardens is intended to be high, reflecting the Green Flag Award assessment. As such, not all park and garden sites would be expected to score above the threshold set for such a prestigious award. It is more likely for the flagship 'destination' sites to score highly.

Haigh Woodland Park is another site considered as good quality due to offering a range of facilities and features for a wide range of users. This destination park features a high ropes adventure course, large play area, mini golf, walled gardens, picnic areas and woodland trails. It also contains a bird hide, model railway and a pond attracting many users. Unsurprisingly, this is a well-used park.

All Saints Church, Crawford Street, aka Wigan Parish Church Gardens and Wigan Cenotaph, features wide footpaths, numerous benches, lighting, mature trees, signage and attractive landscaping adding to the quality of the site. There is a church and cenotaph on site, however, it is considered to be more of a garden and is therefore included within this typology.

The Council consider eight parks to be of average quality. These include Crankwood Park, a relatively small site featuring an unfenced play area, football goals and a youth shelter. The site benefits from signage, seating and bins but there are no pathways and fewer features compared to other parks. Eckersley Rest Garden is a small visual amenity with places to sit and relax however it rates lower due to maintenance and requires improvement.

Just one site rates as poor quality (Holgate Park). The site lacks signage and has poor boundary fencing. However, the site features a play area, seating and some natural surveillance.

## PART 5: NATURAL / SEMI-NATURAL GREENSPACE

### 5.1: Introduction

The natural / semi-natural greenspace typology can include woodland (coniferous, deciduous, mixed) and scrub, grassland (e.g. down-land, meadow), heath or moor, wetlands (e.g. marsh, fen), wastelands (including disturbed ground), and bare rock habitats (e.g. quarries) and commons. For the purpose of this study, the focus is on sites providing wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.

Many natural / semi-natural sites are intentionally without ancillary facilities to reduce misuse or inappropriate behaviour whilst encouraging greater flora and fauna activity.

### 5.2: Current provision

There are 223 natural / semi-natural greenspace sites, equating to over 2,356 hectares.

Table 5.1: Current natural / semi-natural greenspace by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 50 | 798.55 | 8.60 |
| East | 58 | 751.19 | 7.60 |
| West | 115 | 806.76 | 5.67 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **223** | **2,356.50** | **7.05** |

These totals include all provision in the area with no site size threshold applied. Sites smaller than 0.2ha are likely to be of less or only limited recreational value to residents. However, they may still make a wider contribution to local areas in relation to community viability, quality of life, and health and wellbeing. Furthermore, they may provide ‘stepping stones’ for flora and fauna enabling freedom of movement for wildlife.

The West Analysis Area has the most natural / semi-natural provision with a total of 806 hectares. This makes up 34% of natural / semi-natural provision in the borough.

The two largest sites are Bickershaw Colliery Site, Edna Road / Plank Lane (239 hectares) and Amberswood Nature Reserve (167 hectares) which make up 17% of the natural / semi-natural provision total.

Fields in Trust (FIT) suggests 1.80 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. Within Wigan Borough there is an overall provision of 7.05 hectares per 1,000 head of population which exceeds the FIT guidelines. This is also the case for all three analysis areas.

To assist in identifying local levels in provision, table 5.2 shows current natural / semi-natural provision broken down by ward.

Table 5.2: Current natural / semi-natural greenspace by ward

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abram | 12 | 409.08 | 25.84 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 7 | 35.59 | 2.86 |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 7 | 107.41 | 9.92 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 8 | 50.03 | 4.82 |
| Hindley | 3 | 22.16 | 1.66 |
| Hindley Green | 3 | 6.75 | 0.48 |
| Lowton East | 10 | 167.53 | 10.55 |
| **Central** | **50** | **798.55** | **8.60** |
| Astley | 14 | 158.99 | 11.99 |
| Atherton North | - | - | - |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 13 | 84.29 | 5.91 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 8 | 98.71 | 6.51 |
| Leigh South | 4 | 48.16 | 3.91 |
| Leigh West | 11 | 333.35 | 19.93 |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 8 | 27.68 | 2.12 |
| **East** | **58** | **751.19** | **7.60** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 18 | 147.39 | 14.05 |
| Douglas | 2 | 19.62 | 1.57 |
| Ince | 14 | 47.27 | 4.30 |
| Orrell | 8 | 49.01 | 3.81 |
| Pemberton | 8 | 59.92 | 3.88 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 12 | 107.30 | 9.20 |
| Standish with Langtree | 20 | 83.23 | 4.68 |
| Wigan Central | 6 | 8.14 | 0.50 |
| Wigan West | 2 | 7.68 | 0.86 |
| Winstanley | 11 | 42.07 | 3.60 |
| Worsley Mesnes | 14 | 238.14 | 17.32 |
| **West** | **115** | **806.76** | **5.67** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **223** | **2356.49** | **7.05** |

Atherton North, in the East Analysis Area, is the only ward to not contain any natural / semi-natural greenspace.

It is important to recognise that other open spaces such as parks and amenity greenspace often provide opportunities associated with natural / semi-natural greenspace. For example, Haigh Woodland Park offers greater biodiversity and habitats due to the presence of ponds and woodland.

It is also important to highlight that some sites can bridge the definition of typologies such as natural / semi-natural greenspace and amenity greenspace. For example, a grassed area left unmaintained can start to have characteristics associated with natural / semi-natural greenspace.

### 5.3: Accessibility

An accessibility standard of a 9-minute walk time has been set across Wigan Borough for natural / semi-natural greenspace. This is based on FIT catchments. Figure 5.1 shows natural / semi-natural greenspace mapped against the analysis areas with the accessibility catchment.

Due to the number of sites, the map does not show ID numbers.

Figure 5.1: Natural / semi-natural greenspace mapped with a 9-minute (720m) walk catchment

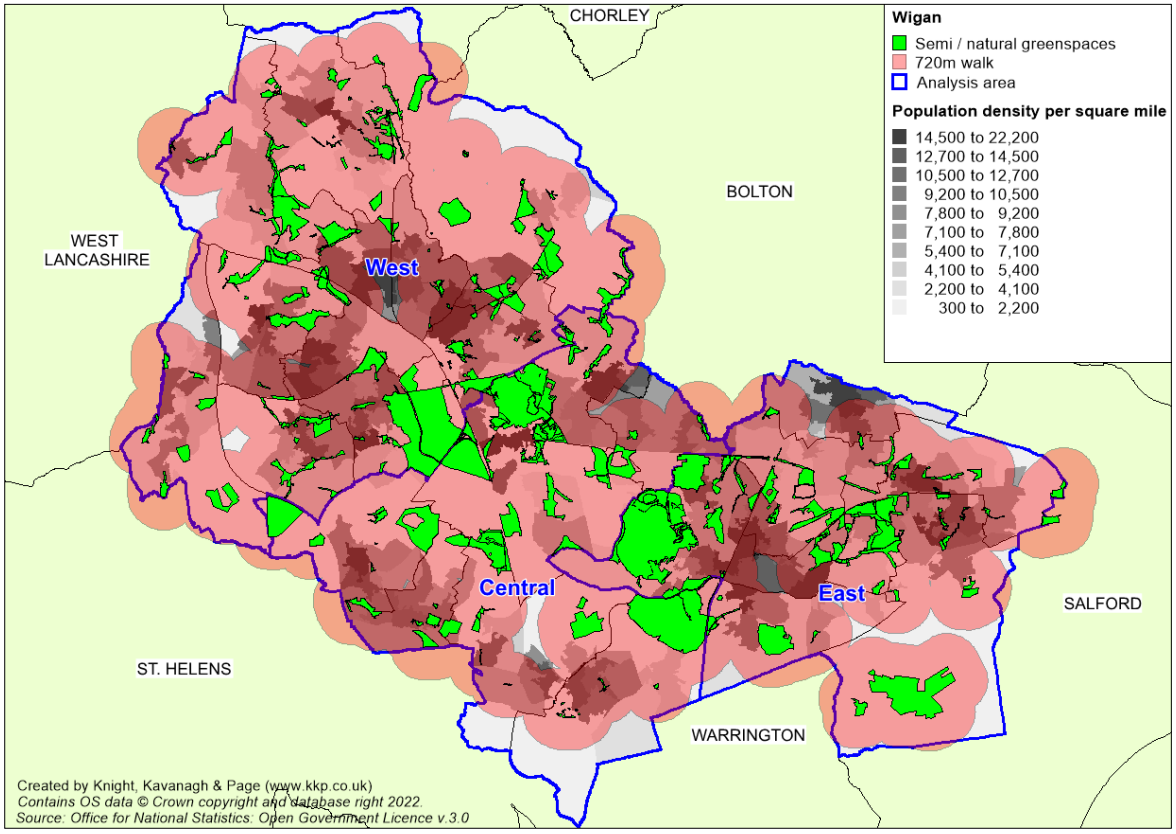


Table 5.3: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Abbey Lakes Woodland, Orrell Road | West | Orrell | 2.78 | |
| 19 | Adjacent 1 Oakfield Avenue | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.50 | |
| 28 | Adjacent 294 Tyldesley Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 5.34 | |
| 34 | Adjacent 444 Manchester Road | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 4.01 | |
| 40 | Adjacent and rear of 314 Westleigh Lane | East | Leigh West | 4.46 | |
| 41 | Adjacent canal near footbridge Withington Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.57 | |
| 42 | Adjacent canal / off Higher Green Lane | East | Astley | 2.25 | |
| 44 | Adjacent Coupland Road | Central | Hindley Green | 3.52 | |
| 45 | Adjacent Hindley Hall Golf Course | Central | Hindley | 14.08 | |
| 46 | Adjacent Kirkless Hall, Farm Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 7.90 | |
| 48 | Adjacent Prospect Cottages, Haigh Road, Haigh | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.40 | |
| 49 | Adjacent railway northwest of Stratton Drive | Central | Abram | 5.62 | |
| 64 | Allscott Way | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 5.73 | |
| 65 | Along River Way | West | Wigan Central | 0.51 | |
| 68 | Amberswood Nature Reserve | Central | Abram | 167.21 | |
| 82 | Ashton Heath | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 7.94 | |
| 83 | Ashton Heath Sewage Works, Golborne Road | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 12.00 | |
| 100 | Astley Green Village Green | East | Astley | 0.26 | |
| 101 | Astley Street | East | Astley | 4.93 | |
| 115 | Barlows Farm, Close Lane | Central | Abram | 22.25 | |
| 117 | Bartons Wood, Tan House Drive | West | Winstanley | 0.92 | |
| 126 | Bedford Moss | East | Astley | 107.73 | |
| 127 | Bee Fold Lane | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 2.47 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 130 | Beech Street off Bryn Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.14 | |
| 134 | Behind houses at end of Elmridge | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.67 | |
| 146 | Bentinck Street / Lady Lane | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.35 | |
| 148 | Between 31 / 58 Shelley Street | East | Leigh West | 0.72 | |
| 151 | Between canal/William Foster playing field | West | Ince | 9.13 | |
| 155 | Between railway / river near Ackhurst Lane | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 17.84 | |
| 158 | Bex Hole | East | Leigh West | 45.56 | |
| 163 | Bickershaw Colliery Site, Edna Road / Plank Lane | East | Leigh West | 239.69 | |
| 167 | Billinge Plantation, Crank Road | West | Orrell | 4.76 | |
| 169 | Birley Wood off Wigan Road | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 39.46 | |
| 174 | Blundells Wood, Ravenswood Avenue | West | Winstanley | 7.84 | |
| 191 | Borsdane Wood | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 29.16 | |
| 194 | Bowden Close | East | Leigh South | 1.13 | |
| 198 | Bracken Road (rear) | East | Leigh West | 0.58 | |
| 199 | Bradley Lane / end Sheldon Aveune | West | Standish with Langtree | 3.28 | |
| 204 | Bransfield Close / Kingston Close | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.30 | |
| 207 | Broadfern | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.07 | |
| 210 | Brookfield Road | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 4.40 | |
| 224 | Bullrush Meadow | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.19 | |
| 231 | Byley Rise | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.16 | |
| 232 | Byrom Hall Wood | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 27.95 | |
| 257 | Chorley Road / Lurdin Lane / adjacent railway | West | Standish with Langtree | 6.11 | |
| 262 | City Road/Montrose Avenue / Comet Road | West | Pemberton | 27.72 | |
| 265 | Close Lane Farm, Close Lane | Central | Hindley Green | 2.84 | |
| 270 | Colliery Site adjacent Common Lane | East | Leigh West | 15.01 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 271 | Common Lane, Tyldesley | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 1.91 | |
| 273 | Congresbury Road | East | Leigh West | 17.07 | |
| 276 | Coppice Wood, Crank Road, Billinge | West | Orrell | 0.76 | |
| 283 | Coupland Road Hindley Green | Central | Hindley Green | 0.39 | |
| 301 | Crompton Way | Central | Lowton East | 0.78 | |
| 308 | Crossley Avenue | West | Winstanley | 0.34 | |
| 310 | Dam House, Astley Hall Drive | East | Astley | 3.97 | |
| 314 | Delfhaven Court, Standish | West | Standish with Langtree | 12.82 | |
| 318 | Dingle Walk | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.42 | |
| 331 | Eagle Close/Artisan Close | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.64 | |
| 332 | East of Howe Bridge Sports Centre (Bee Fold Fishery) | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 10.27 | |
| 335 | East of Shakerley Road | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 1.07 | |
| 336 | East of Stone Cross Lane | Central | Lowton East | 0.07 | |
| 337 | East Street | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.81 | |
| 339 | Edge Green Common (South) | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 3.66 | |
| 340 | Edge Green Common (North) | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 2.46 | |
| 348 | Ellenor Brook, Bodmin Road | East | Astley | 1.11 | |
| 355 | End of Chatsworth Drive | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 1.39 | |
| 363 | Finch Mill Avenue / Ruecroft Close | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.80 | |
| 372 | Foster Avenue | West | Ince | 3.54 | |
| 377 | Fullbeck Avenue / Bransfield Close | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.78 | |
| 385 | Garrett Lane Tyldesley | East | Astley | 1.55 | |
| 390 | Gathurst Wood, Gathurst Road | West | Pemberton | 3.61 | |
| 393 | Gibfield Park South, Colliery Lane | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 3.68 | |
| 441 | Green Lane, Leigh | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 7.75 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 446 | Grove Lane / Sedgewick Green | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.34 | |
| 453 | Haigh Road / Parklands Drive | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.34 | |
| 456 | Haigh Road / St David's Crescent | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 14.04 | |
| 458 | Hall Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.10 | |
| 465 | Hartington Drive (between 15-17) | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.34 | |
| 471 | Heath Lane, Lowton | Central | Lowton East | 0.34 | |
| 473 | Helen Street / Halewood Avenue | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.08 | |
| 480 | High Street / Ince Green Lane | West | Ince | 0.91 | |
| 511 | Hope Carr Nature Reserve, Hope Carr Lane | East | Leigh South | 38.41 | |
| 513 | Houghton Lodges, Martland Mill Lane | West | Pemberton | 0.82 | |
| 519 | Hullet Hole Wood, The Nook | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 10.24 | |
| 522 | Inbetween Atherleigh Way and Leigh Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 3.26 | |
| 524 | Ince Green Lane | West | Ince | 0.90 | |
| 530 | James Street | West | Ince | 0.31 | |
| 544 | Kendal Road | West | Ince | 0.46 | |
| 551 | Kings Park semi natural area | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.38 | |
| 553 | Kingsdown Flash, Lee Lane | Central | Abram | 18.99 | |
| 558 | Kirkless Local Nature Reserve, Farm Lane | West | Ince | 24.71 | |
| 559 | Kirkless Street | West | Ince | 1.53 | |
| 560 | Kirkless Wood, Withington Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 28.60 | |
| 562 | Kitchen Carr Wood, Rectory Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 5.04 | |
| 563 | Lady Mabels Wood, Hall Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 26.36 | |
| 567 | Lancaster Avenue (rear of) Chanters Brook | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 2.11 | |
| 569 | Land (Chair Wood) adjacent Wigan Road | West | Orrell | 18.73 | |
| 570 | Land (Elnup / Hot House Wood) off High Park | West | Standish with Langtree | 29.02 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 571 | Land (Parsons Meadow) off Warrington Road | West | Worsley Mesnes | 20.33 | |
| 573 | Land adjacent Beech Walk / cricket ground / Wilkesley Avenue | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.62 | |
| 574 | Land adjacent Chapel Street Pemberton | West | Pemberton | 0.84 | |
| 575 | Land adjacent Coppull Lane / off Central Park Way | West | Wigan Central | 2.10 | |
| 576 | Land adjacent Lancaster / Canberra Road | West | Pemberton | 8.26 | |
| 577 | Land adjacent Leopold Street / railway | West | Pemberton | 3.05 | |
| 578 | Land adjacent motorway/3 ponds | West | Winstanley | 2.33 | |
| 579 | Land adjacent Pepperwood Drive / Worthington Way | West | Winstanley | 2.28 | |
| 580 | Land adjacent railway end Merton Road / Grebe Close | West | Winstanley | 2.63 | |
| 583 | Land around Pearsons Flash adjacent canal/railway | West | Worsley Mesnes | 109.75 | |
| 587 | Land behind Billinge Hospital, Greenslate Road | West | Orrell | 7.83 | |
| 590 | Land between canal / Stadium Way | West | Douglas | 17.70 | |
| 591 | Land between Hall Lane / railway opposite tennis courts | West | Orrell | 7.14 | |
| 592 | Land between Poolstock Lane / Warrington Road / Smithy Brooke | West | Worsley Mesnes | 3.11 | |
| 593 | Land between Scot Lane / river / railway / Martland Mill Lane | West | Wigan West | 2.35 | |
| 595 | Land Bransfield Close behind / adjacent No.4-22 (SHLAA0105) | West | Worsley Mesnes | 1.28 | |
| 598 | Land end Charlotte Drive | West | Winstanley | 0.25 | |
| 602 | Land Gate Lane | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 3.92 | |
| 606 | Land off Beech Walk adjacent Cherry Tree Farm | West | Winstanley | 9.98 | |
| 607 | Land off Billinge Road adjacent No.196 | West | Winstanley | 1.40 | |
| 608 | Land off Gidlow Lane north of factory | West | Wigan West | 5.33 | |
| 609 | Land off Haigh Road near churchyard / cemetery | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.05 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 611 | Land off Riverside Avenue / Central Park Way | West | Wigan Central | 1.77 | |
| 612 | Land off Sheldon Avenue | West | Standish with Langtree | 3.88 | |
| 613 | Land off Upholland Road behind houses no.323-355 | West | Orrell | 4.96 | |
| 614 | Land off Whitley Crescent / adjacent railway | West | Wigan Central | 3.00 | |
| 617 | Land south of Pemberton Colliery, Smithy Brook Park, Smithy Court (SHLAA0090) | West | Winstanley | 10.20 | |
| 620 | Landgate Lodge, Landgate Lane | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 2.25 | |
| 628 | Lawns Wood, Wigan Lane | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 4.37 | |
| 660 | Lightshaw Meadows, Lightshaw Lane | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 3.01 | |
| 668 | Little Lows Meadow, Lowton | Central | Lowton East | 0.16 | |
| 676 | Low Hall Local Nature Reserve | Central | Abram | 25.06 | |
| 709 | Marus Avenue / Coppice Drive / Warrington Road | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.62 | |
| 712 | Maypole Wood, Park Lane | Central | Abram | 7.78 | |
| 716 | Melling Way / Tan House Drive | West | Winstanley | 3.91 | |
| 729 | Millingford Brook Woodland, Croft Street | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.37 | |
| 746 | Naburn Drive | West | Orrell | 2.06 | |
| 753 | New Manchester Woods | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 5.45 | |
| 770 | North East of Clough House Drive | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 12.71 | |
| 771 | North of Black Lane | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 29.47 | |
| 772 | North of Enstone Way | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 3.82 | |
| 774 | North of Gidlow Cemetery | West | Standish with Langtree | 6.02 | |
| 776 | North of Lilford Park, Elmridge | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 26.33 | |
| 777 | North west of Kirkham Road, east of Atherleigh Way | East | Leigh South | 7.69 | |
| 788 | Off Gretna Road / Leigh Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 12.75 | |
| 789 | Off Ledgard Avenue | East | Leigh South | 0.93 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 790 | Off Lovers Lane near crematorium | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 11.23 | |
| 791 | Off Meanley Road | East | Astley | 1.78 | |
| 793 | Off School Lane Gin Pit Village | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 21.85 | |
| 794 | Off Squires Lane | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 4.26 | |
| 795 | Off Westleigh Lane | East | Leigh West | 3.99 | |
| 809 | Orchard Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 5.00 | |
| 820 | Otter Close Wood, Rectory Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 5.39 | |
| 829 | Parkfield Drive (between 10-16) | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 3.52 | |
| 842 | Pennington Flash Country Park | Central | Lowton East | 163.63 | |
| 861 | Petticoat Lane / Morrisons car park | West | Ince | 1.71 | |
| 869 | Platt Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 2.13 | |
| 885 | Ponds off Waterfield Close | Central | Lowton East | 0.30 | |
| 888 | Porters Wood, Ackhurst Lane | West | Pemberton | 12.26 | |
| 892 | Princess Road | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 1.53 | |
| 895 | Prospect Hill Woodland, Haigh Road, Haigh | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.81 | |
| 906 | Rayner Park NSN | Central | Hindley | 7.84 | |
| 911 | Rear 125 Baker Street | West | Douglas | 1.92 | |
| 914 | Rear 81-108 Manchester Road | East | Astley | 2.16 | |
| 922 | Rear of Robin Hill Drive | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.90 | |
| 923 | Rear of Squires Lane | East | Astley | 15.28 | |
| 932 | Renfrew Close / Marus Avenue | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.51 | |
| 933 | Reservoir / pond off Withington Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.82 | |
| 936 | Ridges Wood off Wigan Road | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.70 | |
| 950 | Rough Wood, Whitecroft Road | West | Worsley Mesnes | 1.53 | |
| 951 | Roundmoor Road | West | Standish with Langtree | 1.50 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 957 | S Mead / Oak Green Road | Central | Lowton East | 0.11 | |
| 963 | Salkeld Avenue | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.69 | |
| 965 | Sanderson Street | East | Leigh West | 0.99 | |
| 971 | Sandyforth Farm, Ashton Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 45.29 | |
| 974 | Scholes / Coop Street / Lower Longshoot | West | Wigan Central | 0.52 | |
| 975 | School Coverts, School Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.18 | |
| 980 | Scotmans Flash off Poolstock Lane | West | Worsley Mesnes | 82.48 | |
| 985 | Shared Street | West | Ince | 0.26 | |
| 1006 | Skitters Wood, Woodedge | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 9.03 | |
| 1011 | Softrush Park / Almond Green Avenue | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.90 | |
| 1014 | South of Cooling Lane | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 11.80 | |
| 1110 | Stein Avenue | Central | Lowton East | 1.32 | |
| 1112 | Stirrups Farm Road | Central | Lowton East | 0.25 | |
| 1117 | Stour Road / Wycombe Drive | East | Astley | 2.57 | |
| 1128 | Templegate Close / Copeland Drive | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.41 | |
| 1129 | Templeton Road / Woodcock Drive | Central | Abram | 1.61 | |
| 1136 | Thompson Farm Meadow / end of Oak Green Road | Central | Lowton East | 0.57 | |
| 1138 | Three Sisters Nature Reserve | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 48.95 | |
| 1148 | Union Street | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 1.07 | |
| 1150 | Upton Lane | East | Astley | 3.50 | |
| 1153 | Valley off Woodhouse Drive / Beech Hill Lane | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 25.07 | |
| 1160 | Victoria Fields, Bickershaw Lane | Central | Abram | 23.56 | |
| 1162 | Viridor Wood (Forestry Commission), Bolton Road | Central | Abram | 66.60 | |
| 1163 | Viridor Wood West of Bolton Road | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 10.07 | |
| 1165 | Walkway between Wigan Lane and Green Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.83 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1174 | Ward Street / Ladies Lane | Central | Hindley | 0.25 | |
| 1175 | Wardlow Avenue / Spring Road | West | Pemberton | 0.36 | |
| 1181 | Warrington Road between Lancaster Street / Hardacre Street | West | Ince | 0.52 | |
| 1182 | Warrington Road opposite Tyrer Avenue | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.86 | |
| 1192 | West of Atherleigh Way | East | Leigh West | 4.45 | |
| 1194 | West of Lily Lane, North of canal, Taylors Lane | Central | Abram | 7.11 | |
| 1195 | West of Lily Lane, North of canal | Central | Abram | 52.25 | |
| 1196 | West of Queensway | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 9.74 | |
| 1212 | Westonby Court | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.60 | |
| 1214 | Westwood Flash, Westward Park Drive | West | Worsley Mesnes | 14.63 | |
| 1215 | Westwood Lane, Ince | West | Ince | 1.68 | |
| 1216 | Westwood Lane / end of Eton Terrace | West | Ince | 0.38 | |
| 1220 | Whelley / Camberwell Crescent | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 2.08 | |
| 1221 | White Bridge Wood, Chorley Road | West | Standish with Langtree | 5.45 | |
| 1224 | Whitecroft Road / Killington Close | West | Worsley Mesnes | 1.62 | |
| 1225 | Whitehead Hall Meadow, Lower Green Lane | East | Astley | 5.34 | |
| 1226 | Whitledge Green | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.78 | |
| 1243 | Wigan Road / Higher Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 5.60 | |
| 1262 | Windy Bank Wood, Jennets Lane | East | Astley | 6.54 | |
| 1270 | Withington Lane | West | Ince | 1.23 | |
| 1273 | Woodcock Park, Woodcock Drive | Central | Abram | 11.04 | |
| 1275 | Woodhouse Drive / Almond Brook Road / School Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 1.14 | |
| 1280 | Woodland, Green Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.17 | |
| 1281 | Woodland, Wigan Lane | West | Wigan Central | 0.24 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1283 | Woods Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 8.58 | |
| 1287 | Worthington Lakes, Chorley Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 16.67 | |
| 1290 | York Avenue | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 6.58 | |

Most areas with greater population density are served by the 9-minute walk time catchment for natural / semi-natural greenspace. However, a few gaps are noticeable. In the West Analysis Area, a gap in the Orrell and Pemberton wards are noted. Gaps are also noted in the wards of Golborne and Lowton West, Hindley and Hindley Green in the Central Analysis Area. In the East Analysis Area, the wards of Atherton North and Leigh Central and Higher Folds.

Gaps are generally served by other forms of open space provision. Such sites may offer similar opportunities and access to activities associated with natural / semi-natural greenspace. The potential to increase a site's secondary function as natural / semi-natural greenspace should be explored.

Table 5.4a: Other open spaces serving gaps in natural catchments (Central Area)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Golborne and Lowton West | Golborne Park (ID 410) | Parks |
| Hindley | Close Street (ID 266) | Amenity |
| Hindley | Salisbury Avenue (ID 962) | Amenity |
| Hindley | Smithwood Avenue (ID 1009) | Amenity |
| Hindley Green | Acreswood Avenue (ID 17) | Amenity |
| Hindley Green | Westlake Park (ID 1198) | Parks |

Table 5.4b: Other open spaces serving gaps in natural catchments (East Area)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Atherton North | Brook Street (ID 209) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Buttercup Close (D 226) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Car Bank Street (ID 245) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Cherry Tree Grove (ID 254) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Coronation Avenue / Queens Avenue (ID 280) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Devonshire Road Playing Field (ID 316) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Fletcher / Hatton Avenue (ID 369) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Gibfield Park Avenue (ID 391) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Gloucester Street, Atherton (ID 403) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Leighton Avenue (ID 652) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Prestwich Street (ID 890) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Rear of Car Bank Crescent (ID 920) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Spa Road Playing Field (ID 1017) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Spa Road / Hillside Avenue (ID 1018) | Amenity |
| Atherton North | Spinningfield Close, Atherton (ID 1020) | Amenity |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | Church Street Leigh (ID 259) | Amenity |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | Market Place / St Marys Way (ID 702) | Amenity |

Table 5.4c: Other open spaces serving gaps in natural catchments (West Area)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Orrell | Holgate Park (ID 503) | Parks |
| Orrell | Pinewood Crescent (ID 863) | Amenity |
| Pemberton | Redwood Park (ID 929) | Parks |

**5.4: Quality**

Site assessments undertaken by Wigan Council are used to help inform a site's overall quality. Sites are colour-coded (good quality being green, average quality being amber and poor quality being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for natural / semi-natural greenspace.

Table 5.5: Quality ratings for assessed natural / semi-natural greenspace

| Area | Good quality sites | Average quality sites | Poor quality sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 11 | 37 | 2 |
| East | 8 | 38 | 12 |
| West | 19 | 76 | 20 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **38** | **151** | **34** |

All 223 identified sites are allocated a quality rating. Most assessed sites (68%) rate as average quality indicating a mixed standard of quality. Only 17% of assessed natural / semi natural greenspace sites in Wigan Borough rate as good quality overall.

Some good quality natural / semi-natural sites in Wigan Borough are:

- Amberswood Nature Reserve
- Low Hall Nature Reserve
- Kirkless Local Nature Reserve, Farm Lane
- Pennington Flash Country Park

These sites, alongside other high scoring sites, have the added benefit of ancillary features such as paths and bins. The sites are also observed as having good access for all with well-maintained pathways and levels of personal security. Note that the boundary fencing at the Amberswood Nature Reserve, Low Hall Nature Reserve and Kirkless Local Nature Reserve are identified as being average condition.

Amberswood Nature Reserve is a large site comprising of lakes, ponds, woodlands and wetland. The varied habitats support a range of wildlife. It is a Site of Biological Importance and became a National Nature Reserve in October 2022. The site benefits from a good network of paths used by walkers, dog walkers, horse riders and cyclists. Many footpaths have been upgraded including the path around the lake. Additional improvement works have been undertaken through Woodland Improvement Grants which Wigan Council has received from the Forestry Commission. Furthermore, an outdoor classroom has been installed in the woodland which is used by local primary schools. Overall, the site's condition is rated as good. However, the site is noted as having some quality issues such as vandalism, graffiti and litter. The boundary fencing is noted as being average quality.

Adjacent to Amberswood Nature Reserve is Low Hall Nature Reserve, another good quality site. It is much smaller but also part of the wider Flashes of Wigan and Leigh National Nature Reserve and provides an important link in the Wigan Borough wildlife corridor. The site features car parking, including disabled car parking, informative signage, bins and fencing. Moreover, the site is very rich in wildlife and habitats and attracts numerous dragonflies and damselflies. However, the site is noted as containing some overgrown vegetation and litter.

Similar in size to Low Hall Nature Reserve is Kirkless Local Nature Reserve, located in Wigan Town Analysis Area. The site features good paths, mostly accessible for wheelchairs. The site is home to the rare willow tit: Britain's most endangered small bird.

Pennington Flash Country Park is one of the largest natural / semi-natural greenspaces. This Green Flag Award site has a fantastic range of facilities including a lakeside café, accessible toilets, car parking, and an adventure play area. The site has the additional benefits of bird hides, picnic areas, bins, signage, footpaths, cycleways and bridle paths enabling a range of visitors to use the site.

Despite some sites rated as being in overall good condition, there are numerous sites noted as having average quality principal features including Skitters Wood, Woodedge, Coupland Road Hindley Green, Finch Mill Avenue / Ruecroft Close, Hullet Hole Wood, The Nook, and Rear of Robin Hill Drive.

Most assessed natural / semi-natural greenspace sites (151) are considered as average quality. Billinge Plantation, Crank Road and Coppice Wood, Crank Road, Billinge are located adjacent to each other and near the Wigan Borough boundary. Both sites feature paths and are used by walkers and dog walkers. Both lack signage, seating and bins, however the purpose of these sites is more focused on habitat promotion and wildlife.

Worthington Lakes, Chorley Road, owned by United Utilities, is of average quality overall. The lakes are part of a large country park with a nature reserve, paths, seating and bins. However, the site boundary condition is identified as average and there are also litter and overgrown vegetation observed.

A total of 34 natural / semi-natural greenspaces rate as poor quality mainly due to a lack of ancillary features. In addition, the quality of existing features at many of these sites is considered poor or average. For example, Bartons Wood on Tan House Drive, and Victoria Fields on Bickershaw Lane, are noted as having overgrown vegetation, vandalism and litter. Both sites have poor boundary fencing, are poorly maintained and lack other ancillary features such as bins and seating.

Melling Way / Tan House Drive (aka Tan Pit Wood, Tan Pit Lane) and Land between Scot Lane / river / railway / Martland Mill Lane are also noted as overgrown vegetation with litter.

## PART 6: AMENITY GREENSPACE

### 6.1: Introduction

Amenity greenspace is defined as sites offering opportunities for informal activities close to home, and enhancement of the appearance of residential and other areas. It includes informal recreation spaces and other incidental spaces.

### 6.2: Current provision

There are 422 amenity greenspace sites in Wigan Borough equating to over 273 hectares of provision. Sites are most often found within areas of housing and function as informal recreation space or along highways providing a visual amenity. A number of recreation grounds and playing fields are also classified as amenity greenspace.

Table 6.1: Current amenity greenspace by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 91 | 62.02 | 0.67 |
| East | 122 | 88.97 | 0.90 |
| West | 209 | 122.09 | 0.86 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **422** | **273.07** | **0.82** |

This typology has a broad range of purposes and as such varies significantly in size. For example, Clondberry Close in Tyldesley at 0.12 hectares acts as an important visual / communal amenity. In contrast, Aspull Civic Park at nearly six hectares is a greenspace with a range of recreational and sport opportunities.

Fields in Trust (FIT) suggests 0.60 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. Table 6.1 shows that overall Wigan Borough is above this. This is also the case for all three analysis areas.

To assist in identifying local levels in provision, table 6.2 shows current amenity greenspace provision broken down by ward.

Table 6.2: Distribution of all amenity greenspace by ward

| Analysis area | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abram | 17 | 16.31 | 1.03 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 9 | 3.02 | 0.24 |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 16 | 8.21 | 0.76 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 16 | 12.01 | 1.16 |
| Hindley | 8 | 4.42 | 0.33 |
| Hindley Green | 11 | 4.35 | 0.31 |
| Lowton East | 14 | 13.69 | 0.86 |
| **Central** | **91** | **62.02** | **0.67** |
| Astley | 17 | 15.06 | 1.14 |

| Analysis area | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atherton North | 19 | 13.02 | 0.92 |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 12 | 10.33 | 0.72 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 20 | 11.97 | 0.79 |
| Leigh South | 12 | 3.13 | 0.25 |
| Leigh West | 24 | 20.84 | 1.25 |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 18 | 14.62 | 1.12 |
| **East** | **122** | **88.97** | **0.90** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 47 | 29.46 | 2.81 |
| Douglas | 11 | 5.67 | 0.46 |
| Ince | 31 | 18.27 | 1.66 |
| Orrell | 4 | 1.55 | 0.12 |
| Pemberton | 23 | 17.18 | 1.11 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 18 | 9.99 | 0.86 |
| Standish with Langtree | 26 | 11.41 | 0.64 |
| Wigan Central | 13 | 5.47 | 0.34 |
| Wigan West | 12 | 7.16 | 0.80 |
| Winstanley | 11 | 2.77 | 0.24 |
| Worsley Mesnes | 13 | 13.15 | 0.96 |
| **West** | **209** | **122.09** | **0.86** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **422** | **273.07** | **0.82** |

All wards are observed as containing amenity greenspace.

Note that 163 sites in table 6.1 are below 0.2 hectares. These are very small and typically would not be included within a study of this type. Such sites still play an important role but are less likely to provide much recreational use and serve more as visual amenities. Table 6.3 below shows the amounts of amenity greenspaces above 0.2 hectares across Wigan Borough to demonstrate the comparison in quantity and standards figures.

Table 6.3: Distribution of amenity greenspaces above 0.2 hectares

| Analysis area | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 57 | 57.90 | 0.62 |
| East | 83 | 83.84 | 0.85 |
| West | 119 | 110.77 | 0.78 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **259** | **252.88** | **0.76** |

Using sites above 0.2 hectares in size, table 6.3 shows that overall Wigan Borough is still above the FIT standard of 0.60 hectares per 1,000 population. All three analysis areas also remain above this standard.

It is important to highlight that it is not always clear to distinguish a site's primary typology. Some sites can bridge the definition of typologies such as natural / semi-natural greenspace and amenity greenspace. For example, a grassed area left unmaintained can start to have characteristics associated with natural / semi-natural greenspace.

### 6.3: Accessibility

An accessibility standard of a 6-minute walk time (480m) has been set across Wigan Borough for amenity greenspace. This is based on FIT catchments. Figure 6.1 shows amenity greenspace mapped against the analysis areas with the accessibility catchment. Due to the number of sites, the map does not show ID numbers.

Figure 6.1: Amenity greenspaces with a 6-minute (480m) walk catchment

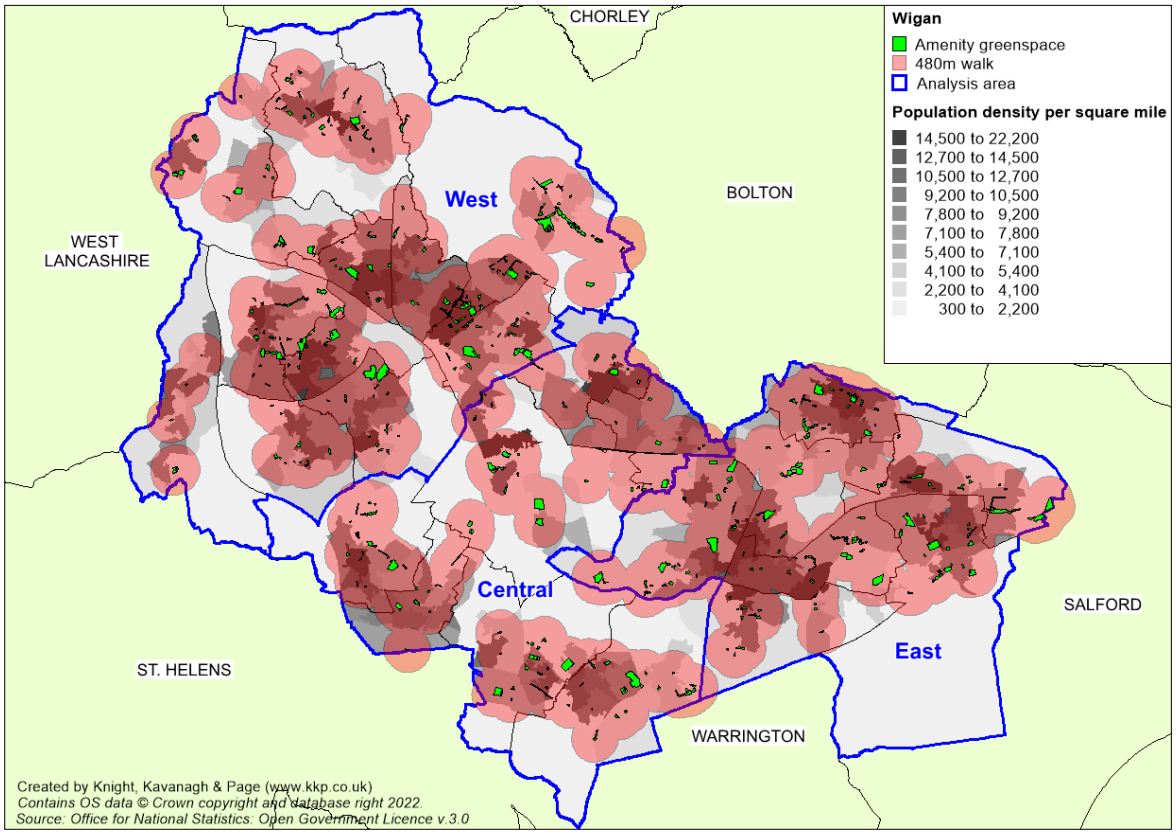


Table 6.4: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 170-192 Almond Brook Road | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.05 | |
| 2 | Abberley Way (adjacent 16) | West | Winstanley | 0.14 | |
| 15 | Acresfield | East | Astley | 0.07 | |
| 16 | Acresfield and Tiverton Close | East | Astley | 0.09 | |
| 17 | Acreswood Avenue | Central | Hindley Green | 0.26 | |
| 18 | Adjacent 2 Dunsdale Drive | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.08 | |
| 20 | Adjacent 12 North Lane | East | Astley | 0.16 | |
| 21 | Adjacent 128 Westleigh Lane | East | Leigh West | 0.29 | |
| 22 | Adjacent 165 Haigh Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.11 | |
| 23 | Adjacent 2 Bexhill Drive | Central | Hindley Green | 0.15 | |
| 24 | Adjacent 2 Horrocks Street | East | Leigh West | 0.13 | |
| 25 | Adjacent 28 Golborne Road | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.08 | |
| 26 | Adjacent 283 Bryn Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.30 | |
| 27 | Adjacent 29 Chester Avenue | Central | Lowton East | 0.14 | |
| 29 | Adjacent 3 Hazelmere Gardens | Central | Hindley Green | 0.13 | |
| 30 | Adjacent 327 Tyldesley Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.67 | |
| 31 | Adjacent 33 Belle Green Lane | West | Ince | 0.12 | |
| 32 | Adjacent 4 Edge Green Lane | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.10 | |
| 33 | Adjacent 416 Wigan Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.14 | |
| 35 | Adjacent 538 Bryn Road | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.15 | |
| 36 | Adjacent 566 Manchester Road | East | Astley | 0.82 | |
| 37 | Adjacent 69 Bolney Street | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.09 | |
| 38 | Adjacent 72 High Street | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.04 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | Adjacent 93 Victoria Road | Central | Abram | 0.39 | |
| 43 | Adjacent Cherry Gardens Hotel | West | Wigan Central | 0.29 | |
| 50 | Adjacent to Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Plank Lane | East | Leigh West | 0.18 | |
| 51 | Albion Drive / Kirkless Hall Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.30 | |
| 53 | Alders Green Road | Central | Hindley | 0.33 | |
| 66 | Alton Close | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.08 | |
| 69 | Anderton Way / Withington Grange | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.13 | |
| 70 | Ann Lane / Higher Green Lane | East | Astley | 0.21 | |
| 72 | Armfield Grove | East | Leigh West | 0.51 | |
| 73 | Arnside Avenue | West | Ince | 0.41 | |
| 75 | Ashfield Park Drive (opposite 1-19) | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.28 | |
| 88 | Aspull Civic Park | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 5.83 | |
| 93 | Aspull Common, Haigh Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 2.12 | |
| 111 | Ayrefield Grove / Cloughwood Crescent | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.77 | |
| 112 | Bankside Avenue | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.10 | |
| 113 | Bankwood / Chisacre Drive / Miles Lane | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.07 | |
| 114 | Barbury Close | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.32 | |
| 116 | Barracks Road / Bickershaw Lane | Central | Abram | 0.22 | |
| 119 | Beacon Road | Central | Abram | 0.13 | |
| 128 | Beech Hill Avenue / Lingfield Crescent | West | Wigan West | 0.26 | |
| 133 | Behind 28 / 29 Albion Drive | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.12 | |
| 137 | Bellamy Drive | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.13 | |
| 138 | Belle Green Lane between Nelson Drive / Russell Street | West | Ince | 0.10 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 140 | Belle Green Lane / Helmfield Road | West | Ince | 0.12 | |
| 141 | Belle Green Lane / Russell Street / Kendal Road | West | Ince | 0.34 | |
| 145 | Bentham Place | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.38 | |
| 147 | Between 1-2 Eastwood Grove | East | Leigh West | 0.11 | |
| 149 | Between 81a and 99a Crooke Road | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.07 | |
| 150 | Between Ashbourne Avenue / Dryton Walk | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.11 | |
| 152 | Between Essex Street / Windermere Street | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.11 | |
| 153 | Between Great Acre and Vine Street | West | Wigan Central | 0.09 | |
| 154 | Between Oak Street and Henry Street | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.13 | |
| 156 | Between Sole Street / Salmon Street, Whelley | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.13 | |
| 157 | Between Wirral Drive and Beech Walk | West | Winstanley | 0.11 | |
| 160 | Bexhill Drive / Polegate Drive | Central | Hindley Green | 0.10 | |
| 161 | Bickershaw AGS | Central | Hindley Green | 0.44 | |
| 170 | Birtle Drive | East | Astley | 0.21 | |
| 172 | Blackberry Drive | Central | Hindley | 0.37 | |
| 173 | Bluebell Avenue / Forest Avenue | West | Wigan West | 0.12 | |
| 176 | Bodmin Drive | Central | Abram | 0.47 | |
| 177 | Bolton Old Road/Park Street | East | Atherton North | 0.15 | |
| 178 | Bolton Road (opposite 376-386) | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.21 | |
| 179 | Bolton Road (opposite 385-403) | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.53 | |
| 180 | Bolton Road (opposite 404-468) | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.32 | |
| 181 | Bolton Road (opposite 50-72) | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.74 | |
| 182 | Bolton Road (opposite 72-76) | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.60 | |
| 183 | Bolton Road adjacent St Elizabeth's Church | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.72 | |
| 185 | Bolton Road opposite Mill Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.16 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 187 | Bolton Road/Bradshaw House Farm | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.20 | |
| 188 | Bolton Road / Orchard Street | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.66 | |
| 189 | Bonnywell Road (opposite 2-16) | East | Leigh South | 0.39 | |
| 193 | Boundary Street / Ellesmere Street | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.45 | |
| 200 | Bradshaw Close | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.20 | |
| 205 | Branson Close | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.21 | |
| 209 | Brook Street | East | Atherton North | 0.74 | |
| 215 | Bryn Gates Recreational Ground | Central | Abram | 0.80 | |
| 217 | Bryn Road (opposite Lockett Road) | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.44 | |
| 219 | Bryn Road / Beech Street | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 1.06 | |
| 220 | Bryn Street / Manley Street / Warrington Road | West | Ince | 0.20 | |
| 221 | Buchanan Road / Fraser Road | West | Douglas | 0.37 | |
| 223 | Buckland Drive / Ashington Close | West | Pemberton | 0.19 | |
| 225 | Burghley Way | West | Ince | 0.51 | |
| 226 | Buttercup Close | East | Atherton North | 0.68 | |
| 228 | Buttercup Meadow, south of Pepper Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.10 | |
| 229 | Buttercup Meadow / Ludlow Street | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.30 | |
| 233 | Calder Avenue | Central | Hindley Green | 0.20 | |
| 236 | Cale Lane Playing Fields | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 2.79 | |
| 237 | Cale Lane, Aspull | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.54 | |
| 238 | Calveley Walk / Aldford Way | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.12 | |
| 241 | Canberra Road / Lancaster Road | West | Pemberton | 1.83 | |
| 245 | Car Bank Street | East | Atherton North | 0.70 | |
| 246 | Carr Lane / Stewart Road / Ashby Road | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.66 | |
| 253 | Chapel Street / Forth Street | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.19 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 254 | Cherry Tree Grove | East | Atherton North | 0.19 | |
| 255 | Chilton Close | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.30 | |
| 256 | Chorley Road (opposite Devon Drive) | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.80 | |
| 259 | Church Street Leigh | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.18 | |
| 263 | Clarke Street | East | Leigh South | 0.21 | |
| 264 | Clondberry Close | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.12 | |
| 266 | Close Street | Central | Hindley | 0.35 | |
| 267 | Clough House Drive | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.23 | |
| 272 | Common Lane, Leigh | East | Leigh West | 0.46 | |
| 274 | Coopers Glen | West | Ince | 0.11 | |
| 277 | Corner of Abbeyfields / Dumbarton Green | West | Wigan West | 0.08 | |
| 279 | Corner of Schofield Lane and Scholes | West | Ince | 0.14 | |
| 280 | Coronation Avenue / Queens Avenue | East | Atherton North | 0.34 | |
| 281 | Coronation Park | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.50 | |
| 286 | Cranborne Close | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.63 | |
| 287 | Crank Wood, Crankwood Road, Abram | East | Leigh West | 3.12 | |
| 293 | Crawford Avenue | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.17 | |
| 294 | Crawford Avenue, Aspull | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.57 | |
| 299 | Cromer Drive | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.19 | |
| 302 | Crooke Road (adjacent public house) | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.16 | |
| 304 | Crooke Road to front of Church | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.07 | |
| 307 | Cross Street / Market Street | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.07 | |
| 309 | Dalbeattie Rise / Waterbeck Close | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.43 | |
| 312 | Davidson Walk | West | Douglas | 0.11 | |
| 315 | Denham Drive and Cranfield Road | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.11 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 316 | Devonshire Road Playing Field | East | Atherton North | 2.87 | |
| 325 | Douglas Green | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.62 | |
| 326 | Douglas Park | East | Atherton North | 0.12 | |
| 327 | Douglas Street Playing Field | East | Atherton North | 1.47 | |
| 329 | Dovedale Crescent | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.11 | |
| 333 | East of Pocket Nook Lane | Central | Lowton East | 2.85 | |
| 347 | Eldon Gardens | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.16 | |
| 349 | Ellesmere Street | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.84 | |
| 353 | Elmfield / Millbrook Primary School | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.10 | |
| 354 | Elmhow Grove / Malham Avenue | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.26 | |
| 357 | End of Hedge Bank, Standish | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.47 | |
| 359 | Fairway, behind Standish Leisure Centre | West | Standish with Langtree | 3.07 | |
| 360 | Fairway / Thorley Grove | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.26 | |
| 361 | Falkirk Drive / Belle Green Lane | West | Ince | 0.19 | |
| 362 | Farm Croft Drive | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.36 | |
| 364 | Findley Cook Road | West | Winstanley | 0.06 | |
| 369 | Fletcher / Hatton Avenue | East | Atherton North | 0.14 | |
| 373 | Foxdene Grove | West | Winstanley | 0.47 | |
| 375 | Frederick Street / Kirkless Street | West | Ince | 0.28 | |
| 380 | Gadbury Fold | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.23 | |
| 381 | Gantley Avenue (rear 9-55) | West | Orrell | 0.21 | |
| 383 | Gardinar Close | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.48 | |
| 388 | Garton Drive | Central | Lowton East | 0.71 | |
| 391 | Gibfield Park Avenue | East | Atherton North | 0.69 | |
| 395 | Gidlow Lane | West | Wigan West | 0.53 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 399 | Gin Pit Village Green, School Street | East | Astley | 0.57 | |
| 400 | Gloucester Avenue | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.64 | |
| 401 | Gloucester Crescent | Central | Hindley | 0.10 | |
| 403 | Gloucester Street, Atherton | East | Atherton North | 0.07 | |
| 414 | Golborne Parkside | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 4.04 | |
| 426 | Gorse Walk | East | Leigh West | 0.15 | |
| 428 | Grange Street | East | Leigh South | 0.10 | |
| 429 | Grasmere Street | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.13 | |
| 431 | Grassland at front of 498 Bolton Road | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.33 | |
| 437 | Green Avenue Park | East | Astley | 0.28 | |
| 442 | Greenough Street / Scholes | West | Wigan Central | 0.44 | |
| 443 | Greenough Street / Turner Street / Sullivan Way | West | Wigan Central | 0.24 | |
| 445 | Grizedale Drive / Kendal Road | West | Ince | 0.19 | |
| 454 | Haigh Road / Ratcliffe Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.59 | |
| 455 | Haigh Road / Scot Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.21 | |
| 459 | Hamblett Street | East | Leigh West | 0.34 | |
| 460 | Hazelton Close | East | Leigh South | 0.06 | |
| 461 | Banbury Close | East | Leigh South | 0.12 | |
| 462 | Hardrow Close / Selside / Woodhead Green | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.22 | |
| 464 | Harrier Close | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.77 | |
| 466 | Hawkhurst Street AGS | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.39 | |
| 472 | Hedge Bank / Broadfern | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.09 | |
| 474 | Helvellyn Road / The Green | West | Pemberton | 1.07 | |
| 476 | Hesketh Meadows Playing Field | Central | Lowton East | 6.36 | |
| 478 | Heywood Avenue / Cottesmore Way | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 1.67 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 479 | High Park (between 26 / 28) | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.15 | |
| 502 | Hodder Close / Montrose Avenue / Sherwood Drive | West | Pemberton | 3.18 | |
| 505 | Holly Road | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.17 | |
| 506 | Holly Road / St Elizabeths Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.09 | |
| 507 | Holmbrook / Leafield | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.21 | |
| 512 | Hope Park | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.95 | |
| 518 | Howe Bridge Playing Fields | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 3.89 | |
| 521 | Ilkeston Drive | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.29 | |
| 525 | Ince Green Lane / George Street | West | Ince | 0.10 | |
| 526 | Ince Green Lane / The Grove | West | Ince | 0.20 | |
| 532 | James Street / Bolton Road | Central | Abram | 0.47 | |
| 538 | Junction Merton Road and Ribbesford Road | West | Winstanley | 0.11 | |
| 539 | Junction of Oak Street and Shuttle Street | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.07 | |
| 540 | Junction Road / Spindlewood Terrace | West | Ince | 0.63 | |
| 542 | Jury Street / Briggs Street | East | Leigh West | 0.82 | |
| 543 | Karen Road | West | Ince | 0.27 | |
| 545 | Kenilworth Drive | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.34 | |
| 548 | Kielder Close | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.06 | |
| 549 | Kinder Grove / Grange Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.29 | |
| 550 | King Georges Playing Field, Armoury Bank | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 1.27 | |
| 552 | Kings Park, Leigh Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 2.79 | |
| 554 | Kingsdown Recreation Area | Central | Abram | 1.85 | |
| 561 | Kirkwood Close | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.16 | |
| 564 | Laithwaite Park | West | Douglas | 3.18 | |
| 568 | Lancaster Street | West | Ince | 0.06 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 572 | Land adjacent 115 Woodhouse Lane | West | Wigan West | 0.14 | |
| 581 | Land adjacent to 64 Poolstock Lane | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.14 | |
| 582 | Land Andover Crescent between Petworth Avenue / Colerne Way | West | Winstanley | 0.09 | |
| 584 | Land around / at end of St John Street | West | Pemberton | 0.16 | |
| 585 | Land at Pocket Nook Lane | Central | Lowton East | 0.24 | |
| 586 | Land Beech Walk/end Sunnyfields | West | Winstanley | 0.52 | |
| 588 | Land between 177-201 Platt Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.46 | |
| 589 | Land between Baldwin Street / Brook Lane | West | Pemberton | 0.19 | |
| 594 | Land between Smethurst Lane / Chatsworth / Enfield Street | West | Pemberton | 0.10 | |
| 596 | Land corner Elkstone Close / Burley Crescent | West | Winstanley | 0.09 | |
| 597 | Land corner Prescott Lane / Spring Road | West | Pemberton | 0.11 | |
| 599 | Land end Heysham Road/off City Road | West | Pemberton | 0.12 | |
| 601 | Land end Stanton Close between houses | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.07 | |
| 604 | Land Lamberhead / Somerset Road | West | Pemberton | 0.18 | |
| 605 | Land Little Lane near Lady Lane (SHLAA0090) | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.14 | |
| 616 | Land on Worsley Hall Avenue adjacent to No.117 | West | Pemberton | 0.11 | |
| 618 | Land Tarrant Close (adjacent no.18) / Andover Crescent | West | Winstanley | 0.10 | |
| 622 | Langdale / Heysham Road | West | Pemberton | 0.67 | |
| 623 | Langtree Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.19 | |
| 625 | Larch Road / Westleigh Lane | East | Leigh West | 0.32 | |
| 626 | Larchwood Drive | West | Wigan Central | 0.84 | |
| 629 | Lawson Avenue Playing Field | East | Leigh West | 2.87 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 630 | Legh Street | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 2.61 | |
| 644 | Leigh Road / Lovers Lane | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.26 | |
| 652 | Leighton Avenue | East | Atherton North | 0.80 | |
| 654 | Ley Road, Astley | East | Astley | 0.15 | |
| 672 | Lodge Lane Playing Fields | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 3.48 | |
| 673 | Longbrook / Parkfield | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.57 | |
| 674 | Lonsdale Walk | West | Pemberton | 0.12 | |
| 686 | Ludlow Street / Almond Green Avenue | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.60 | |
| 688 | Lune Grove (rear) | East | Leigh West | 0.42 | |
| 689 | Manchester Road | West | Ince | 2.66 | |
| 690 | Manchester Road (Amberswood Common) | West | Ince | 0.90 | |
| 691 | Manchester Road / Church Road | East | Astley | 0.38 | |
| 692 | Manchester Road / Rose Bridge High School | West | Ince | 0.37 | |
| 693 | Manchester Road / Walmsley Park | West | Ince | 1.03 | |
| 694 | Maple Avenue | Central | Lowton East | 0.21 | |
| 695 | Maple Crescent / Westbourne Avenue | East | Leigh West | 0.11 | |
| 697 | Margaret Street | West | Wigan West | 0.61 | |
| 702 | Market Place / St Marys Way | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.25 | |
| 706 | Marsh Playing Fields | East | Leigh West | 4.96 | |
| 707 | Martland Avenue | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.17 | |
| 711 | Mayfield Road | West | Pemberton | 0.41 | |
| 715 | Medway Walk | West | Douglas | 0.52 | |
| 717 | Melrose Playing Field | East | Leigh West | 0.98 | |
| 718 | Merchants Crescent | Central | Lowton East | 0.45 | |
| 726 | Middlecot Close | West | Orrell | 0.15 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 728 | Miller's Lane | Central | Abram | 0.17 | |
| 730 | Miners Welfare Recreation Ground, Sherwood Crescent | Central | Abram | 1.59 | |
| 733 | Montrose Avenue / Ribble Drive | West | Pemberton | 0.23 | |
| 735 | Monyash View | Central | Hindley Green | 0.11 | |
| 736 | Moore Street / Lamb Street | West | Wigan Central | 0.38 | |
| 737 | Moorgate Drive / Hurstbrook Close | East | Astley | 1.39 | |
| 738 | Moorside / Oakfield Crescent | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.18 | |
| 744 | Mosley Common Playing Field | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 2.40 | |
| 747 | Naylor Avenue | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.24 | |
| 748 | Nel Pan Lane (near 66) | East | Leigh West | 0.79 | |
| 749 | New City Road Playing Field | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 2.75 | |
| 756 | Newlyn Drive | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.10 | |
| 757 | Newman Ave | West | Wigan West | 0.98 | |
| 764 | Nicol Road / Bryn Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 3.24 | |
| 765 | Nook Lane | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.88 | |
| 768 | Norley Road (between 8-10) | West | Pemberton | 0.33 | |
| 769 | North Avenue / West Avenue | East | Leigh South | 0.16 | |
| 773 | North of Garrett Lane / West of Mossley Common Road | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 4.62 | |
| 775 | North of Kirkwood Close, with Wigan Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.10 | |
| 778 | Northway / Mesnes Street | West | Wigan Central | 0.13 | |
| 779 | Nothumberland Street | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.85 | |
| 782 | Oaklands Road | Central | Lowton East | 1.25 | |
| 786 | Oakwood Drive | East | Leigh South | 0.52 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 792 | Off Nixon Philips Drive | Central | Hindley Green | 0.20 | |
| 797 | Opposite 17-39 Norley Hall Avenue | West | Douglas | 0.19 | |
| 798 | Opposite 2-12 Central Avenue | East | Leigh South | 0.19 | |
| 799 | Opposite 23 Shelley Street | East | Leigh West | 0.14 | |
| 800 | Opposite 26 Birkett Bank | West | Ince | 0.23 | |
| 801 | Opposite 28-46 Holt Street | East | Leigh West | 0.30 | |
| 802 | Opposite 36 Bridge Street | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.12 | |
| 803 | Opposite 37 St Davids Crescent | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.12 | |
| 804 | Opposite 58/60 Stanley Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.25 | |
| 805 | Opposite 612 Wigan Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.40 | |
| 806 | Opposite 7 Rose Hill View | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.27 | |
| 807 | Opposite 9 Langley Close | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.11 | |
| 808 | Opposite19 Winton Road | Central | Lowton East | 0.62 | |
| 826 | Park Road to Leigh Road | Central | Abram | 2.63 | |
| 830 | Parkfield Drive (between 27-33) | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.29 | |
| 834 | Parsons Meadow Playing Field | West | Worsley Mesnes | 5.12 | |
| 835 | Parsons Meadow St Judes ARLFC | West | Worsley Mesnes | 5.55 | |
| 836 | Pateley Square | West | Wigan West | 0.44 | |
| 837 | Peel Hall Avenue | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.31 | |
| 845 | Pennington Gardens | East | Leigh South | 0.28 | |
| 846 | Pennington Green Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.12 | |
| 853 | Pennington Road / Bonnywell Road / Malvern Terrace | East | Leigh South | 0.21 | |
| 858 | Perch Street | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.39 | |
| 859 | Peregrine Drive | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.14 | |
| 862 | Pickley Green | East | Leigh West | 0.81 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 863 | Pinewood Crescent | West | Orrell | 0.10 | |
| 866 | Platt Bridge Community Garden | Central | Abram | 0.15 | |
| 873 | Platt Lane / Scholes | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.17 | |
| 877 | Playing Field off Crooke Road | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.66 | |
| 882 | Playing Fields, Parkfield Avenue | East | Astley | 3.71 | |
| 883 | Pond Street | Central | Lowton East | 0.11 | |
| 890 | Prestwich Street | East | Atherton North | 1.53 | |
| 891 | Primrose Lane / Kenyon Road | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.24 | |
| 897 | Queensway (adjacent 32) | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 1.93 | |
| 899 | Queensway / Coronation Drive | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.11 | |
| 900 | Queensway / Walmsley Road | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.41 | |
| 901 | Railway Street / Woodhouse Lane | West | Wigan West | 0.03 | |
| 903 | Raithby Drive | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.18 | |
| 904 | Ramshorn Close, Standish | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.19 | |
| 905 | Ratcliffe Road / Stanley Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.04 | |
| 907 | Rayner Park | Central | Hindley | 0.65 | |
| 912 | Rear 186 Hamilton Street | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.13 | |
| 913 | Rear 57 May Street | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.13 | |
| 915 | Rear of 12 Tatton Drive | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.16 | |
| 916 | Rear of 13 Hathaway Walk | Central | Abram | 0.11 | |
| 918 | Rear of 30-36 Mesnes Avenue | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.18 | |
| 919 | Rear of 36 East Street | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.14 | |
| 920 | Rear of Car Bank Crescent | East | Atherton North | 0.24 | |
| 921 | Rear of Moss Bank Court | East | Leigh West | 0.10 | |
| 925 | Recreation Ground off Leigh Street | Central | Hindley Green | 1.94 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 926 | Recreation Ground Upholland Road | West | Orrell | 1.10 | |
| 927 | Recreation Ground, Ellesmere Street | East | Astley | 1.57 | |
| 931 | Regina Crescent | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.18 | |
| 934 | Richmond Drive/Imperial Drive | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 1.27 | |
| 938 | Roach Green | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.21 | |
| 942 | Roscoe Street / Hardybutts | West | Ince | 0.12 | |
| 947 | Rosebay Gardens / Foxtail Meadow | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.27 | |
| 948 | Rossdale Grove | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.22 | |
| 949 | Rothwell Gardens | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.23 | |
| 952 | Rowe Street / Manchester Road | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.06 | |
| 953 | Royal Drive (adjacent 74) | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.32 | |
| 954 | Royal Drive / Windsor Road | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.48 | |
| 955 | Runs along Richmond Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.14 | |
| 956 | Ryder Grove | East | Leigh South | 0.14 | |
| 960 | Saddleback Crescent / Helvellyn Road | West | Pemberton | 1.17 | |
| 962 | Salisbury Avenue | Central | Hindley | 2.00 | |
| 964 | Sanderling Drive / Redshank Grove | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.18 | |
| 969 | Sandway | West | Wigan West | 0.14 | |
| 972 | Schofield Lane / Catherine Street | West | Ince | 1.03 | |
| 973 | Scholes (front of Church/Health Centre) | West | Wigan Central | 0.17 | |
| 976 | School Street, Golborne | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.25 | |
| 977 | School Street, Leigh | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.85 | |
| 979 | Scot Lane / Sumner Street | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.11 | |
| 981 | Scott Lane (rear 373-405) | West | Pemberton | 0.49 | |
| 982 | Sculpture at Scholes | West | Ince | 0.09 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 983 | Severn Road / Ribble Road | West | Pemberton | 0.48 | |
| 986 | Sherwood Crescent / Montrose Avenue (opposite 5-21) | West | Douglas | 0.19 | |
| 987 | Sherwood Crescent / Montrose Avenue (opposite 8-28) | West | Douglas | 0.22 | |
| 988 | Sherwood Drive / Kingwood Crescent | West | Douglas | 0.24 | |
| 989 | Sherwood Grove | West | Douglas | 0.27 | |
| 1001 | Shuttle Street to front of Morrisons | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.09 | |
| 1002 | Sibley Avenue / Longmead Avenue | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.20 | |
| 1003 | Silk Mill Street | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.48 | |
| 1004 | Silvington Way | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.14 | |
| 1008 | Smiths Lane, Hindley Green | Central | Hindley Green | 0.09 | |
| 1009 | Smithwood Avenue | Central | Hindley | 0.17 | |
| 1013 | Somerset Road / Lamberhead Road / Dorset Close | West | Pemberton | 1.47 | |
| 1015 | Southlands Avenue Playing Field | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.78 | |
| 1016 | Sovereign Close Play Area | Central | Lowton East | 0.04 | |
| 1017 | Spa Road Playing Field | East | Atherton North | 1.30 | |
| 1018 | Spa Road / Hillside Avenue | East | Atherton North | 0.43 | |
| 1020 | Spinningfield Close, Atherton | East | Atherton North | 0.23 | |
| 1021 | Spring Street / adjacent to canal | West | Ince | 0.23 | |
| 1025 | Spruce Close | Central | Lowton East | 0.41 | |
| 1034 | St Annes Recreation Ground | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.77 | |
| 1037 | St Catherines Recreation Ground | West | Ince | 1.87 | |
| 1042 | St Elizabeths Road / Holly Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.15 | |
| 1051 | St Helens Road (between 432-458) | Central | Lowton East | 0.11 | |
| 1052 | St James Crescent | Central | Abram | 0.31 | |
| 1062 | St Johns Street, Recreational Ground | Central | Abram | 4.17 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1100 | Stadium Way / Anjou Boulevard | West | Pemberton | 3.10 | |
| 1101 | Stadium Way / Scot Lane | West | Pemberton | 1.29 | |
| 1106 | Standish Library | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.11 | |
| 1107 | Stanley Road / Ratcliffe Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.09 | |
| 1109 | Stavesacre (opposite 22) | East | Leigh South | 0.75 | |
| 1111 | Stirrups Farm Rd / S Meadow Close | Central | Lowton East | 0.19 | |
| 1113 | Stockley Drive | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.80 | |
| 1116 | Stonefield / Crawley Avenue | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.58 | |
| 1118 | Stratton Drive | Central | Abram | 2.37 | |
| 1126 | Tan House Drive (opposite Bartons Wood) | West | Winstanley | 0.63 | |
| 1130 | The Avenue | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.52 | |
| 1134 | Thirlmere Avenue | East | Astley | 0.24 | |
| 1135 | Thomas Street Playing Field | Central | Hindley Green | 0.73 | |
| 1151 | Upton Road | East | Atherton North | 0.35 | |
| 1154 | Vauxhall Road | West | Ince | 0.30 | |
| 1164 | Walkers Drive (adjacent 55) | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.33 | |
| 1166 | Walkway off Bakewell Drive | West | Wigan West | 0.13 | |
| 1167 | Walmsley Meadow Road | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.72 | |
| 1178 | Warminster Grove (rear of houses) | West | Winstanley | 0.46 | |
| 1179 | Warrington Lane near Brook House | West | Ince | 0.14 | |
| 1180 | Warrington Road | Central | Abram | 0.22 | |
| 1183 | Warrington Road / Little Lane | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.43 | |
| 1184 | Warrington Road / Norfolk Street | West | Douglas | 0.14 | |
| 1186 | Warrington Road / Redbrook Road | West | Ince | 0.22 | |
| 1187 | Warrington Road / Stanley Street / Victoria Street | West | Douglas | 0.24 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1188 | Warrington Road / Taylors Lane | Central | Abram | 0.26 | |
| 1189 | Watsons Playing Field | East | Leigh West | 2.23 | |
| 1190 | Wellington Drive opposite No.15 | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.10 | |
| 1191 | West of Astley Street | East | Astley | 3.27 | |
| 1193 | West of Caldwell Avenue Tyldesley (Coldalhurst Farm) | East | Astley | 1.25 | |
| 1223 | Whiteacre / Forest Drive | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.22 | |
| 1230 | Wigan Lane (between 365-375) | West | Wigan Central | 0.33 | |
| 1231 | Wigan Lane / Milton Grove (Marylebone Park) | West | Wigan Central | 0.53 | |
| 1232 | Wigan Lane / St Clements Road | West | Wigan Central | 0.16 | |
| 1233 | Wigan Lower Road behind No.152-166 | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.14 | |
| 1234 | Wigan Lower Road / Woodhouse Drive | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.24 | |
| 1239 | Wigan Road / Ashby Grove | East | Leigh West | 0.29 | |
| 1240 | Wigan Road / Cale Lane / Kirkless Street | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.30 | |
| 1242 | Wigan Road / Crooke Road | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.34 | |
| 1244 | Wigan Road / Holly Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.13 | |
| 1245 | Wigan Road / Seaman Way | Central | Hindley | 0.44 | |
| 1252 | Wigan Youth Zone Playing Field | West | Wigan Central | 0.67 | |
| 1253 | Wilkinson Park Drive | East | Leigh West | 0.42 | |
| 1257 | William Fosters Playing Fields | West | Ince | 5.14 | |
| 1259 | Winnard Street | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.26 | |
| 1260 | Windsor Street | West | Wigan Central | 1.19 | |
| 1269 | Withington Drive | East | Astley | 0.70 | |
| 1271 | Withington Lane / Canal Bank House | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.19 | |
| 1276 | Woodhouse Stadium Playing Fields | West | Wigan West | 3.69 | |
| 1277 | Woodhurst Drive | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.26 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1278 | Woodhurst Drive (adjacent 71) | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.37 | |
| 1282 | Woodnook Road (adjacent 43) | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.19 | |
| 1284 | Worsley Green | West | Pemberton | 0.23 | |
| 1285 | Worsley Mesnes Drive opposite Shakespeare Grove | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.08 | |
| 1288 | Yewdale Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 1.27 | |
| 1291[5] | Robin Hill Field, south of Standish Community High School | West | Standish with Langtree | 1.48 | |

[5] Site 1291 is not mapped due to late inclusion, however is included in all the relevant quantity figures and standards

Mapping demonstrates a good distribution of amenity greenspace provision across Wigan. Some minor gaps in catchment mapping are noted. However, it is recognised that these gaps are potentially covered and served by other forms of open space provision. Exploring the potential to strengthen features associated with amenity greenspace at some of these sites could be considered to increase a sites secondary function as an amenity.

Table 6.5a: Other open spaces serving gaps in amenity catchments (Central Wards)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Abram | Kingsdown Flash, Lee Lane (ID 553) | Natural |
| Abram | Low Hall Local Nature Reserve (ID 676) | Natural |
| Abram | Templeton Road / Woodcock Drive (ID 1129) | Natural |
| Abram | West of Lily Lane, North of canal (ID 1195) | Natural |
| Abram | Woodcock Park, Woodcock Drive (ID 1273) | Natural |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | Liverpool Road Community Garden (ID 669 | Parks |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Sandyforth Farm, Ashton Road (ID 971) | Natural |
| Hindley | Leyland Park (ID 655) | Parks |
| Lowton East | Pennington Flash Country Park (ID 842) | Natural |
| Lowton East | Stein Avenue (ID 1110) | Natural |

Table 6.5b: Other open spaces serving gaps in amenity catchments (East Wards)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Astley | Rear 81-108 Manchester Road (ID 914) | Natural |
| Atherton South and Lilford | Gibfield Park South, Colliery Lane (ID 393) | Natural |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | Adjacent 444 Manchester Road (ID 34) | Natural |
| Leigh South | Pennington Hall Park (ID 847) | Parks |
| Leigh West | Bickershaw Colliery Site, Edna Rd / Plank Lane (ID 163) | Natural |
| Leigh West | Firs Park (ID 366) | Parks |

Table 6.5c: Other open spaces serving gaps in amenity catchments (West Wards)

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | Haigh Woodland Park (ID 450) | Parks |
| Orrell | Orrell Water Park (ID 818) | Parks |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Birley Wood off Wigan Road (ID 169) | Natural |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Hullet Hole Wood, The Nook (ID 519) | Natural |

| Ward | Other open spaces in gap | Open space type |
|---|---|---|
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Shevington Memorial Park (ID 996) | Parks |
| Standish with Langtree | Ashfield Park (ID 74) | Parks |
| Standish with Langtree | Bradley Lane / end Sheldon Avenue (ID 199) | Natural |
| Standish with Langtree | Land (Elnup / Hot House Wood) off High Park (ID 570) | Natural |
| Standish with Langtree | Land off Sheldon Avenue (ID 612) | Natural |
| Standish with Langtree | Quakers Burial Ground (ID 896) | Parks |
| Wigan Central | Mesnes Park (ID 719) | Parks |
| Winstanley | Pepperwood Drive / Worthington Way (ID 579) | Natural |
| Winstanley | Land off Beech Walk adjacent Cherry Tree Farm (ID 606) | Natural |
| Winstanley | Melling Way/Tan House Drive (ID 716) | Natural |
| Worsley Mesnes | Land at Pearsons Flash adjacent canal / railway (ID 583) | Natural |
| Worsley Mesnes | Rough Wood, Whitecroft Road (ID 950) | Natural |
| Worsley Mesnes | Scotmans Flash off Poolstock Lane (ID 980) | Natural |

### 6.4: Quality

Site assessments undertaken by Wigan Council are used to help inform a site's overall quality. Sites are colour-coded (good quality being green, average quality being amber and poor quality being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for amenity greenspace.

Table 6.6: Quality ratings for assessed amenity greenspaces

| Area | Good quality sites | Average quality sites | Poor quality sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 46 | 35 | 10 |
| East | 64 | 46 | 12 |
| West | 77 | 116 | 16 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **187** | **197** | **38** |

All 422 identified sites across the Wigan Borough are allocated a quality rating. Only 38 assessed amenity greenspace sites (9%) rate as poor quality. Many of these sites have limited or no ancillary features and facilities and serve more as a visual amenity or road buffer. Some of these sites include:

- Platt Lane / Scholes
- Branson Close
- Medway Walk
- Haigh Road / Scot Lane

These four sites are identified as being in poor condition with poor boundaries. Furthermore, all three have no seating with only Branson Close featuring bins. Platt Lane / Scholes is a visual tree belt / grass verge. The site is fenced off and poorly maintained and used. The site does benefit from lighting and a path however it lacks other ancillary provision.

Similarly, Branson Close is observed as a visual tree belt and features mature trees, lighting and bins. The site is used by walkers and dog walkers. However, it has overgrown grass, shrubs and trees.

Medway Walk also has maintenance and quality issues with the Council highlighting issues of fly tipping, litter and overgrown vegetation. However, the site provides a physical link via the path, used by walkers and dog walkers.

Haigh Road / Scot Lane is another low-quality rated site. It features bins, seating and lighting adding to its quality. However, overall, the site is in poor condition with weeds noted. The site has some natural surveillance and an average quality site boundary.

Just less than half of the amenity greenspace sites assessed (47%) rate as average quality. A large proportion of these (59%) are located in the West Analysis Area.

Ann Lane / Higher Green Lane benefits from benches, bins, lighting and mature trees. The Council highlight that benches have been recently replaced however the landscape planting is overgrown.

Dovedale Crescent is a small basic greenspace overlooked by housing with no facilities or features. The site is deemed as average quality due to this.

Ellesmere Street is a reasonably sized greenspace in a residential area used by local dog walkers. The site has paths and bins. Adjacent to this site is Boundary Street / Ellesmere Street which is rated as good quality. It is identified as a visual grass verge with paths, lighting, seating and bins, used by walkers, cyclists and dog walkers. The site has natural surveillance and trees present.

Almost half of the assessed sites (44%) rate as good quality. Some of these are:

- Prestwich Street (East Analysis Area)
- Leighton Avenue (East Analysis Area)
- Manchester Road (Amberswood Common) (West Analysis Area)

Prestwich Street is a linear greenspace with the Collier Brook running through and has good boundary fencing, mature trees and landscaping. The site is used by walkers, dog walkers and local children.

Leighton Avenue is also rated as good quality and has the additional benefit of a play area.

Manchester Road (Amberswood Common), located adjacent to Walmsley Park is considered as a good quality site due to containing mature trees, good landscaping and average boundary fencing.

## PART 7: PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### 7.1: Introduction

Provision for children and young people includes areas designated primarily for play and social interaction such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.

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

### 7.2: Current provision

A total of 168 play locations are identified in Wigan Borough as provision for children and young people. This combines to create a total of over nine hectares. No site size threshold has been applied and as such all provision is identified and included within the audit.

Table 7.1: Current provision for children and young people by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 56 | 2.95 | 0.03 |
| East | 49 | 2.78 | 0.03 |
| West | 63 | 3.46 | 0.02 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **168** | **9.19** | **0.03** |

Fields in Trust (FIT) suggests 0.25 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. Table 7.1 shows that overall, Wigan Borough is significantly below this.

Table 7.2: Current provision for children and young people by ward

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abram | 17 | 1.23 | 0.08 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 6 | 0.36 | 0.03 |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 7 | 0.24 | 0.02 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 5 | 0.26 | 0.03 |
| Hindley | 9 | 0.45 | 0.03 |
| Hindley Green | 4 | 0.16 | 0.01 |
| Lowton East | 8 | 0.25 | 0.02 |
| **Central** | **56** | **2.95** | **0.03** |
| Astley | 8 | 0.43 | 0.03 |
| Atherton North | 8 | 0.39 | 0.03 |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 7 | 0.50 | 0.04 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 4 | 0.17 | 0.01 |

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leigh South | 7 | 0.60 | 0.05 |
| Leigh West | 10 | 0.50 | 0.03 |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 5 | 0.19 | 0.01 |
| **East** | **49** | **2.78** | **0.03** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 9 | 0.65 | 0.06 |
| Douglas | 6 | 0.51 | 0.04 |
| Ince | 10 | 0.41 | 0.04 |
| Orrell | 3 | 0.20 | 0.02 |
| Pemberton | 6 | 0.24 | 0.02 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 7 | 0.41 | 0.04 |
| Standish with Langtree | 10 | 0.46 | 0.03 |
| Wigan Central | 3 | 0.22 | 0.01 |
| Wigan West | 4 | 0.14 | 0.02 |
| Winstanley | 3 | 0.12 | 0.01 |
| Worsley Mesnes | 2 | 0.91 | 0.07 |
| **West** | **63** | **3.46** | **0.02** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **168** | **9.19** | **0.03** |

Table 7.2 highlights that there is play provision in each ward across Wigan Borough.

Play areas can be classified in the following ways to identify their effective target audience utilising FIT guidance.

| FIT category | Explanation | FIT catchment |
|---|---|---|
| LAP | A Local Area of Play. Usually small, landscaped areas designed for young children. Equipment is normally age group specific to reduce unintended users. | 100m |
| LEAP | A Local Equipped Area of Play. Designed for unsupervised play and a wider age range of users; often containing a wider range of equipment types. | 400m |
| NEAP | A Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play. Cater for all age groups. Such sites may contain MUGA, skate parks, youth shelters, adventure play equipment and are often included within large park sites. | 1000m |
| Casual/Youth | Provision often catering for older ages such as MUGAs, skate parks, basketball areas, fitness equipment | 700m |

On this basis, table 7.3 shows that most play sites across Wigan are categorised as LEAP. Across all analysis areas it is the most common type of play provision.

Table 7.3: Distribution of sub-categories for children and young people

| Analysis area | LAP | LEAP | NEAP | Casual/Youth | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 17 | 18 | 9 | 12 | 56 |
| East | 5 | 20 | 14 | 10 | 49 |
| West | 15 | 24 | 16 | 8 | 63 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **37** | **62** | **39** | **30** | **168** |

### 7.3: Accessibility

Using the FIT standards, accessibility catchments of 100m, 400m, 1000m and 700m have been set across Wigan Borough for different types of play provision. Figure 7.1 shows play provision mapped against the analysis areas with the accessibility catchment.

Figure 7.1: Play provision with different applied catchments mapped

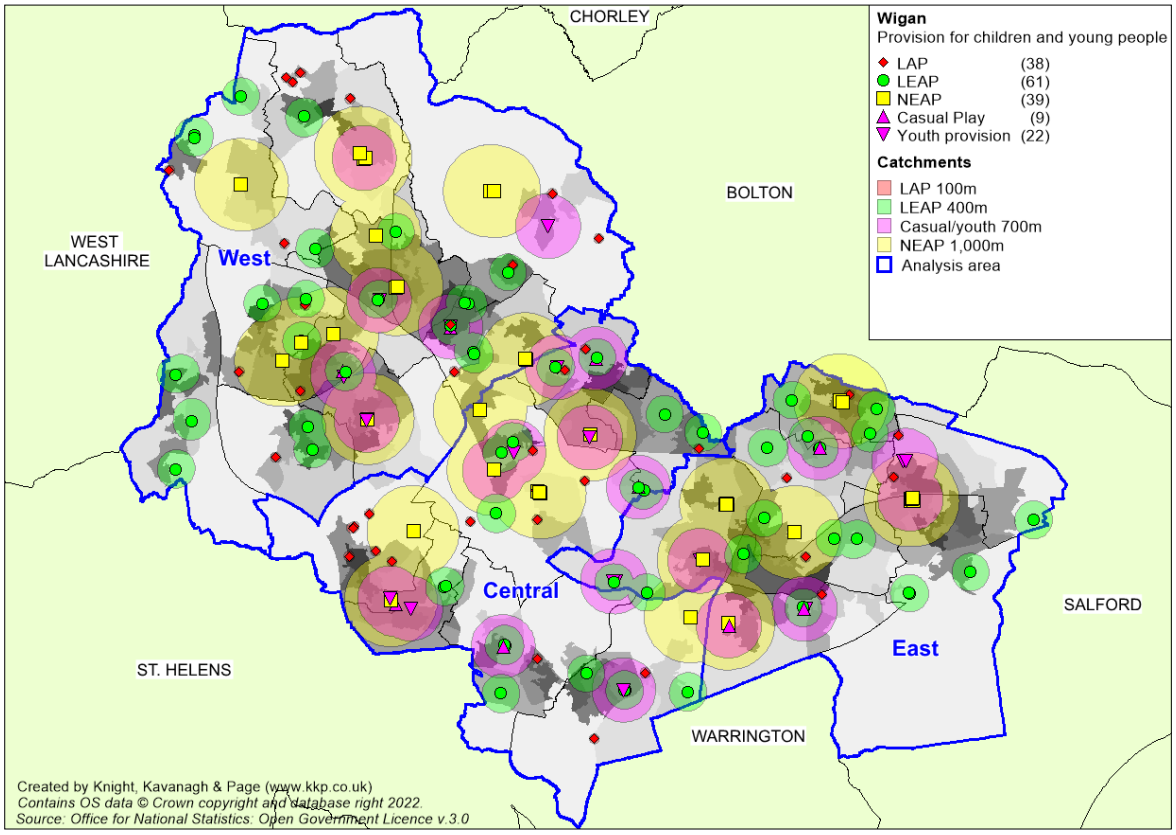


Table 7.4: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9.1 | Abram Park play area 1 | Central | Abram | 0.0361 | |
| 9.2 | Abram Park play area 2 | Central | Abram | 0.0884 | |
| 9.3 | Abram Park MUGA | Central | Abram | 0.0661 | |
| 9.5 | Abram Park basketball | Central | Abram | 0.0271 | |
| 54.1 | Alexandra Park play areas | West | Douglas | 0.0615 | |
| 54.2 | Alexandra Park outdoor gym | West | Douglas | 0.0065 | |
| 54.3 | Alexandra Park skate park | West | Douglas | 0.1180 | |
| 74.1 | Ashfield Park play area 4 | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0137 | |
| 74.2 | Ashfield Park play area 1 | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0791 | |
| 74.3 | Ashfield Park play area 2 | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0214 | |
| 74.4 | Ashfield Park play area 3 | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.1954 | |
| 74.5 | Ashfield Park basketball court | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0495 | |
| 88.1 | Aspull Civic Park basketball | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.0599 | |
| 102.1 | Astley Street Park play area | East | Astley | 0.1964 | |
| 102.2 | Astley Street Park outdoor gym | East | Astley | 0.0120 | |
| 102.3 | Astley Street Park multi play | East | Astley | 0.0099 | |
| 102.4 | Astley Street Park MUGA | East | Astley | 0.1077 | |
| 102.5 | Astley Street Park zip wire | East | Astley | 0.0192 | |
| 116.1 | Bickershaw Lane Play Area | Central | Abram | 0.0160 | |
| 119.1 | Beacon Road play areas | Central | Abram | 0.0156 | |
| 119.2 | Beacon Road ball court | Central | Abram | 0.0144 | |
| 160.1 | Bexhill Drive play area | Central | Hindley Green | 0.0200 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 161.1 | Bickershaw play area | Central | Hindley Green | 0.0781 | |
| 180.1 | Bolton Road play area | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.0124 | |
| 202.1 | Braithwaite Road play area | Central | Lowton East | 0.0280 | |
| 215.1 | Bryn Gates play area | Central | Abram | 0.0148 | |
| 223.1 | Buckland Drive play area | West | Pemberton | 0.0287 | |
| 226.1 | Buttercup Close play area | East | Atherton North | 0.0270 | |
| 229.1 | Buttercup Meadow / Ludlow Street play area | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0096 | |
| 236.1 | Cale Lane Playing Fields play area | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.0204 | |
| 237.1 | Cale Lane play area | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.0269 | |
| 241.1 | Marsh Green play area | West | Pemberton | 0.0300 | |
| 248.1 | Central Park play area (sand) | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.0787 | |
| 248.2 | Central Park toddler play area | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.0205 | |
| 248.3 | Central Park outdoor gym | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.0101 | |
| 255.1 | Kennet Way play area | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.0147 | |
| 267.1 | Clough House Drive play area, Leigh | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.0194 | |
| 282 | Coronation Park play area | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.1425 | |
| 283.1 | Coupland Road play area | Central | Hindley Green | 0.0333 | |
| 288.1 | Crankwood Park play area | East | Leigh West | 0.0523 | |
| 288.2 | Crankwood Park Youth play area | East | Leigh West | 0.0564 | |
| 288.3 | Crankwood Park MUGA | East | Leigh West | 0.0533 | |
| 293.1 | Crawford Avenue play area | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.0118 | |
| 299.1 | Cromer Drive play area | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.0296 | |
| 324.1 | Dootson Park play area 1 | East | Leigh South | 0.0244 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 324.2 | Dootson's Park outdoor gym | East | Leigh South | 0.0223 | |
| 324.3 | Dootson's Park zip wire | East | Leigh South | 0.0109 | |
| 324.5 | Dootson Park play area 2 | East | Leigh South | 0.0819 | |
| 327.1 | Douglas Street Playing Field play area | East | Atherton North | 0.0172 | |
| 333.1 | East of Pocket Nook Lane play area | Central | Lowton East | 0.0610 | |
| 344.1 | Edmund Collins Park play areas | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.0149 | |
| 344.2 | Edmund Collins Park MUGA | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.0693 | |
| 366.1 | Firs Park play area | East | Leigh West | 0.0679 | |
| 366.2 | Firs Park MUGA | East | Leigh West | 0.0764 | |
| 378.1 | Furlong Close play area | Central | Abram | 0.2337 | |
| 391.1 | Gibfield Park Avenue play area | East | Atherton North | 0.0456 | |
| 395.1 | Gidlow Lane play area | West | Wigan West | 0.0342 | |
| 410.1 | Golborne Park play area 1 | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.1388 | |
| 410.2 | Golborne Park play area 2 | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.0239 | |
| 410.3 | Golborne Park MUGA goal | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.0118 | |
| 429.1 | Grasmere Street play area | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.0429 | |
| 437.1 | Green Avenue Park play area 1 | East | Astley | 0.0195 | |
| 437.2 | Green Avenue Park play areas 2 | East | Astley | 0.0316 | |
| 450.1 | Haigh Woodland Park play area 1 | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.2528 | |
| 450.2 | Haigh Woodland Park play area 2 | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.1126 | |
| 453.1 | Parklands Drive play area | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.0232 | |
| 475 | Herons Wharf play area | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.0757 | |
| 478.1 | Heywood Avenue play area | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.0245 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 483.1 | Highfield Gardens play area | West | Douglas | 0.0282 | |
| 489 | Hilton Street play area | West | Ince | 0.0373 | |
| 500.1 | St Peters Recreation Ground play area | Central | Hindley | 0.0837 | |
| 500.2 | St Peters Recreation Ground MUGA | Central | Hindley | 0.0456 | |
| 502.1 | Montrose Avenue play areas | West | Pemberton | 0.0408 | |
| 502.2 | Montrose Avenue skatepark | West | Pemberton | 0.0802 | |
| 503.1 | Holgate Park play areas | West | Orrell | 0.0514 | |
| 517 | Howe Bridge play area | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.0201 | |
| 537.1 | Jubilee Park play area | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.1321 | |
| 537.2 | Jubilee Park MUGA | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.0554 | |
| 537.3 | Jubilee Park skate park | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.0526 | |
| 549.1 | Grange Road play area | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.0467 | |
| 554.1 | Abram Labour Club play area | Central | Abram | 0.0312 | |
| 555.1 | Kipling Park play areas | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.0308 | |
| 555.2 | Kipling Park MUGA | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.0655 | |
| 564.1 | Laithwaite Park play area | West | Douglas | 0.0912 | |
| 586.1 | Beech Walk play area | West | Winstanley | 0.0257 | |
| 603 | Gayton Close play area | West | Winstanley | 0.0458 | |
| 623.1 | Langtree Lane play areas | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0150 | |
| 626.1 | Larchwood Drive play area | West | Wigan Central | 0.0219 | |
| 630.1 | Legh Street play area | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.0616 | |
| 652.1 | Leighton Avenue play area | East | Atherton North | 0.0254 | |
| 655.1 | Leyland Park play areas | Central | Hindley | 0.1117 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 655.2 | Leyland Park MUGA | Central | Hindley | 0.0811 | |
| 655.3 | Leyland Park half MUGA | Central | Hindley | 0.0708 | |
| 662.1 | Lilford Park play area | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.3240 | |
| 686.1 | Ludlow St / Almond Green Avenue play area | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0106 | |
| 697.1 | Margaret Street play area 1 | West | Wigan West | 0.0221 | |
| 697.2 | Margaret Street play area 2 | West | Wigan West | 0.0093 | |
| 697.3 | Margaret Street MUGA | West | Wigan West | 0.0779 | |
| 705 | Marsh Green teen meet | West | Pemberton | 0.0479 | |
| 719.1 | Mesnes Park play area | West | Wigan Central | 0.1894 | |
| 719.2 | Mesnes Park outdoor gym | West | Wigan Central | 0.0045 | |
| 730.1 | Kent Avenue play area | Central | Abram | 0.0881 | |
| 744.1 | Mosley Common play area | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.0772 | |
| 758 | Newman Close play area | Central | Hindley | 0.0149 | |
| 764.1 | Nicol Mere play area | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.0226 | |
| 766 | Norley Hall Adventure Playground | West | Douglas | 0.2098 | |
| 779.1 | Platt Lane play area | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.0662 | |
| 779.2 | Platt Lane MUGA | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.0758 | |
| 780 | Oakenden play area | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.0248 | |
| 782.1 | Oaklands Road toddler play area | Central | Lowton East | 0.0261 | |
| 782.2 | Oaklands Road skate park | Central | Lowton East | 0.0255 | |
| 782.3 | Oaklands Road zip wire | Central | Lowton East | 0.0507 | |
| 808.1 | Winton Road play area | Central | Lowton East | 0.0033 | |
| 818.1 | Orrell Water Park play areas | West | Orrell | 0.0883 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 842.1 | Pennington Flash play area | Central | Lowton East | 0.0224 | |
| 847.1 | Pennington Hall Park play area | East | Leigh South | 0.3480 | |
| 847.2 | Pennington Hall Park MUGA | East | Leigh South | 0.0934 | |
| 854.1 | People's Place play area | East | Atherton North | 0.0509 | |
| 854.2 | People's Place toddler play area | East | Atherton North | 0.0528 | |
| 854.3 | People's Place MUGA | East | Atherton North | 0.1468 | |
| 867 | Platt Bridge Teen Meet | Central | Abram | 0.1017 | |
| 874 | Play area on Queens Avenue | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.0467 | |
| 875 | Playground on corner of Bank Street | Central | Abram | 0.1085 | |
| 883.1 | Pond Street Play Area | Central | Lowton East | 0.0361 | |
| 907.1 | Rayner Park play area | Central | Hindley | 0.0304 | |
| 907.2 | Rayner Park half MUGA | Central | Hindley | 0.0019 | |
| 926.1 | Cobmoor play area | West | Orrell | 0.0642 | |
| 927.1 | Ellesmere Street play area | East | Astley | 0.0330 | |
| 929.1 | Redwood Park play area | West | Pemberton | 0.0139 | |
| 934.1 | Richmond Drive / Imperial Drive play areas | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.0609 | |
| 966.1 | Butts Park play area | East | Leigh South | 0.0172 | |
| 996.1 | Shevington Memorial Park play areas | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.0750 | |
| 1023 | Spring View play area | Central | Abram | 0.2105 | |
| 1030.1 | Highfield Grange Avenue play area | West | Winstanley | 0.0456 | |
| 1113.1 | Stockley Drive play area | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.0392 | |
| 1113.2 | Stockley Park trim trail | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.0274 | |
| 1118.1 | Foggs Fold play area | Central | Abram | 0.0833 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1118.2 | Stratton Drive football area | Central | Abram | 0.0791 | |
| 1120.1 | Stubshaw Cross play area | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.0503 | |
| 1120.2 | Stubshaw Cross MUGA | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.0240 | |
| 1128.1 | Copeland Drive play area | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0326 | |
| 1138.1 | Three Sisters Adventure Playground | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.0514 | |
| 1148.1 | Union Street play area | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.0267 | |
| 1151.1 | Upton Road play area | East | Atherton North | 0.0282 | |
| 1154.1 | Vauxhall Road play area | West | Ince | 0.0163 | |
| 1154.2 | Vauxhall Road MUGA | West | Ince | 0.0240 | |
| 1154.3 | Vauxhall Road climbing frame | West | Ince | 0.0052 | |
| 1154.4 | Vauxhall Road skate park | West | Ince | 0.0194 | |
| 1154.5 | Vauxhall Road zip wire | West | Ince | 0.0286 | |
| 1168 | Walmsley Meadow Road play area | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.0422 | |
| 1169.1 | Walmsley Park play area | West | Ince | 0.0705 | |
| 1169.2 | Walmsley Park skate park | West | Ince | 0.0944 | |
| 1174.1 | Ward Street play area | Central | Hindley | 0.0119 | |
| 1197 | Westcroft play area | Central | Abram | 0.0108 | |
| 1198.1 | Westlake Park play area | Central | Hindley Green | 0.0260 | |
| 1205.1 | Westleigh Park play area 1 | East | Leigh West | 0.0396 | |
| 1205.2 | Westleigh Park play area 2 | East | Leigh West | 0.0114 | |
| 1205.3 | Westleigh Park basketball | East | Leigh West | 0.0823 | |
| 1205.4 | Westleigh Park outdoor gym | East | Leigh West | 0.0134 | |
| 1223.1 | Whiteacre play area | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.0367 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1242.1 | Crooke Village play area | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.0128 | |
| 1253.1 | Wilkinson Park Drive play area | East | Leigh West | 0.0451 | |
| 1257.1 | William Fosters Playing Fields play area 1 | West | Ince | 0.0645 | |
| 1257.2 | William Foster Playing Fields play area 2 | West | Ince | 0.0517 | |
| 1277.1 | Woodhurst Drive play area | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.0319 | |
| 1288.1 | Landgate play area | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.0145 | |
| 1290.1 | Shakerley Common outdoor gym | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.0037 | |
| 1290.2 | York Avenue MUGA | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.0745 | |

Overall, there is a reasonably good spread of play provision. However, there are gaps in catchments across all three analysis areas. In the West Analysis Area, the wards of Wigan West and Wigan Central have catchment gaps. The tables below detail the ward areas with gaps in catchments. The following sites may help to serve some of the gaps in catchments if the amount and range of play equipment can be expanded.

Table 7.5a: Sites with potential to help serve gaps in play provision catchments (Central)

| Ward | Existing site with potential to help |
|---|---|
| Abram | Abram Labour Club play area (554.1) |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | Landgate play area (1288.1) |
| Golborne and Lowton West | Heywood Avenue play area (ID 478.1) |
| Hindley Green | Westlake Park play area (1198.1) |
| Lowton East | Braithwaite Road play area (ID 202.1) |

Table 7.5b: Sites with potential to help serve gaps in play provision catchments (East)

| Ward | Existing site with potential to help |
|---|---|
| Astley | Green Avenue Park play area 1 (437.1) |
| Astley | Green Avenue Park play areas 2 (ID 437.2) |
| Astley | Ellesmere Street play area (ID 927.1) |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | Mosley Common play area (ID 744.1) |

Table 7.5c: Sites with potential to help serve gaps in play provision catchments (West)

| Ward | Existing site with potential to help |
|---|---|
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | Herons Wharf play area (ID 475)<br>Stockley Drive play area (ID 1113.1) |

### 7.4: Quality

Site assessments undertaken by Wigan Council are used to help inform a site's overall quality. Sites are colour-coded (good quality being green, average quality being amber and poor quality being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision for children and young people.

Table 7.6: Quality ratings for assessed provision for children and young people

| Area | Good quality sites | Average quality sites | Poor quality sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 11 | 32 | 13 |
| East | 18 | 31 | 0 |
| West | 12 | 44 | 7 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **41** | **107** | **20** |

All 168 play sites are allocated a quality rating. Nearly a quarter of assessed play sites (24%) rate as good quality.
Some of these sites are:

- Haigh Woodland Park play area 1 (adventure playground)
- Haigh Woodland Park play area 2 (high ropes)
- Bickershaw Lane play area
- People's Place play area, Atherton
- People's Place toddler play area, Atherton
- People's Place MUGA, Atherton
- Woodhurst Drive, Standish

Most of these sites have signage, seating and boundary fencing. Bickershaw Lane play area, adjacent to Bickershaw Village Community Hall, lacks signage and is noted as having poor boundary fencing. However, the site is rated as good quality overall and features a reasonable amount of equipment.

Haigh Woodland Park play area 1 features a range of good quality equipment[6], seating, signage, landscaping, lighting, toilets, and car parking, adding to the quality of the site. The site has no identified quality issues and is well-used. It has a high level of natural surveillance with it being located in a country park.

Similarly, The People's Place play areas on Devonshire Road, Atherton are all noted as good quality with fencing, signage and benches. Note that the boundary fencing is observed as being in average condition.

Woodhurst Drive in Standish is another good quality site that features a climbing frame / multi-play, swings and a slide. It has good boundary fencing, benches and a high level of natural surveillance. There are numerous surrounding trees. The surface is artificial grass / astro enabling greater use throughout the year.

Most assessed play areas (64%) rate as average for quality. Some of these sites include:

- Abram Park play area 1, Abram
- Buttercup Close play area, Atherton
- Herons Wharf play area, Appley Bridge
- Astley Street Park play area, Tyldesley

Abram Park play area 1 is unfenced and features benches and signage however the quality of its features is rated as average.

Buttercup Close play area in Atherton also contains benches and signage. The boundary fencing is identified as being good quality however, overall, the site's condition is of average quality.

Herons Wharf play area is located in a new housing area in Appley Bridge and features an agility area, multi-play, springies and toddler swings. The site lacks signage and seating. Boundary fencing is also noted as poor, lowering the quality of the site.

[6] The high ropes play area adjacent is not free

Although Astley Street Park play area features a range of equipment (play equipment, MUGA, outdoor gym) and has boundary fencing, seating, landscaping, lighting and car parking. The quality of these, and the overall site condition, is noted as average.

There are 20 assessed sites rating as poor quality. Sites rating lower for quality is often due to maintenance / appearance observations and / or the range and quality of equipment on site.

For example, the playground on the corner of Bank Street (aka Neville Street), Platt Bridge, has limited equipment. The boundary fencing is observed as being poor as well as the site's overall condition. The site benefits from signage and a bin but lacks seating.

Cob Moor play area in Billinge is located within an amenity greenspace. It features boundary fencing, albeit this is regarded as being in poor condition. The site also lacks seating and signage.

## PART 8: ALLOTMENTS

### 8.1: Introduction

The allotments typology provides opportunities for people who wish to grow their own produce as part of the long-term promotion of sustainability, health and social interaction.

### 8.2: Current provision

There are 62 sites classified as allotments in Wigan Borough equating to over 34 hectares. No site size threshold has been applied to allotments and as such all provision is identified and included within the audit.

Table 8.1: Current allotment provision by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 17 | 6.87 | 0.07 |
| East | 15 | 14.57 | 0.15 |
| West | 30 | 12.82 | 0.09 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **62** | **34.26** | **0.10** |

The largest site in Wigan Borough is Tyldesley Allotments, Boundary Street (5.74 hectares).

The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) suggests a national standard of 20 allotments per 1,000 households (20 per 2,000 people based on two people per house or one per 100 people). This equates to 0.25 hectares per 1,000 populations based on an average plot-size of 250 square metres (0.025 hectares per plot).

Based on its current population (329,262), Wigan Borough is below the NSALG standard. Using this suggested standard, the minimum amount of allotment provision is 82.32 hectares. The existing provision of 34.26 hectares is therefore significantly below this guideline.

To assist in identifying local levels in provision, table 8.2 shows current allotment provision broken down by ward.

Table 8.2: Distribution of allotment sites broken down by ward

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abram | 5 | 1.67 | 0.11 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 1 | 1.54 | 0.12 |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 3 | 0.76 | 0.07 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 2 | 0.76 | 0.07 |
| Hindley | 5 | 1.44 | 0.11 |
| Hindley Green | - | - | - |
| Lowton East | 1 | 0.72 | 0.05 |
| **Central** | **17** | **6.87** | **0.07** |

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) | Current provision (ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Astley | 2 | 0.55 | 0.04 |
| Atherton North | 2 | 0.62 | 0.05 |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 4 | 2.18 | 0.15 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | - | - | - |
| Leigh South | 1 | 1.43 | 0.12 |
| Leigh West | 2 | 3.08 | 0.18 |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 4 | 6.71 | 0.51 |
| **East** | **15** | **14.57** | **0.15** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 3 | 3.23 | 0.31 |
| Douglas | 4 | 1.55 | 0.12 |
| Ince | 3 | 0.51 | 0.05 |
| Orrell | 6 | 1.62 | 0.13 |
| Pemberton | 4 | 1.91 | 0.12 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 4 | 1.91 | 0.16 |
| Standish with Langtree | 1 | 0.41 | 0.02 |
| Wigan Central | 2 | 0.55 | 0.03 |
| Wigan West | 1 | 0.14 | 0.02 |
| Winstanley | - | - | - |
| Worsley Mesnes | 2 | 0.96 | 0.07 |
| **West** | **30** | **12.82** | **0.09** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **62** | **34.26** | **0.10** |

### 8.3: Accessibility

Figure 8.1 shows allotments mapped across Wigan Borough.

Figure 8.1: Allotments mapped against analysis areas

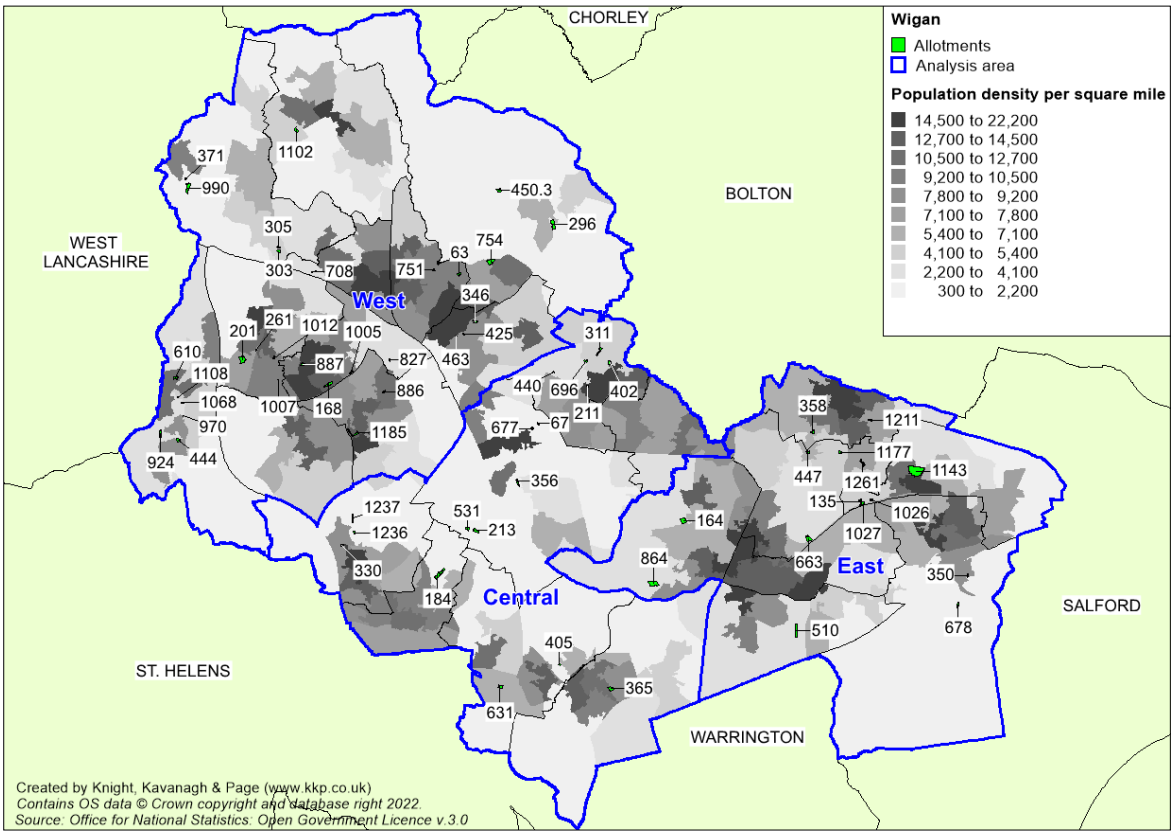


Table 8.3: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality Rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | Allotment Site, Balcarres Avenue, Wigan | West | Wigan Central | 0.37 | |
| 67 | Amberswood Community Allotments | Central | Abram | 0.07 | |
| 135 | Behind houses No.2-28 Squires Lane | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.27 | |
| 164 | Bickershaw North Site Edna Rd Leigh | East | Leigh West | 1.19 | |
| 168 | Billinge Road (r/o 98-138b) | West | Douglas | 0.82 | |
| 184 | Bolton Road Allotments (r/o 350-453) | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 1.54 | |
| 201 | Bradshaw Street/Calder Bank | West | Pemberton | 1.68 | |
| 211 | Brookland Avenue | Central | Hindley | 0.14 | |
| 213 | Bryn Gates Allotments | Central | Abram | 0.60 | |
| 261 | City Road (r/o 48-62) | West | Pemberton | 0.06 | |
| 296 | Crawford Street | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.33 | |
| 303 | Crooke Road (r/o 50-82) | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.41 | |
| 305 | Crooke Road, Shevington | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.15 | |
| 311 | Danes Avenue (r/o 53-115) allotments | Central | Hindley | 0.55 | |
| 330 | Downall Green Road Allotments | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.19 | |
| 346 | Edward Street (adjacent Rose Bridge School) | West | Ince | 0.40 | |
| 350 | Little Shakerley Common | East | Astley | 0.14 | |
| 356 | End of Cook Street | Central | Abram | 0.35 | |
| 358 | Factory Street West | East | Atherton North | 0.36 | |
| 365 | Fir Tree Avenue Allotments | Central | Lowton East | 0.72 | |
| 371 | Forest Fold raised allotment beds | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.05 | |
| 402 | Gloucester Crescent allotments | Central | Hindley | 0.39 | |
| 405 | Golborne Allotments Rivington Avenue | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.16 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality Rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 425 | Gordon Street (adjacent 17) | West | Ince | 0.06 | |
| 440 | Green Crew Community Garden St Peters Pavilion | Central | Hindley | 0.11 | |
| 444 | Greenslate Community Farm Allotment | West | Orrell | 0.41 | |
| 447 | Guest Fold Allotments, Leigh Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.43 | |
| 450.3 | Haigh Walled Gardens (Allotment provision) | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.58 | |
| 463 | Harper Street (r/o 160-170) | West | Ince | 0.05 | |
| 510 | Hope Carr Lane Allotments | East | Leigh South | 1.43 | |
| 531 | James Street Allotments | Central | Abram | 0.40 | |
| 610 | Land off Moor Rd (r/o 144-154) | West | Orrell | 0.47 | |
| 631 | Legh Street (r/o 79-121b) | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.60 | |
| 663 | Lilford Park Allotments | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.90 | |
| 677 | Low Hall Park, Eatock Street | Central | Abram | 0.25 | |
| 678 | Lower Green Lane (adjacent 54) | East | Astley | 0.41 | |
| 696 | Margaret Street allotments | Central | Hindley | 0.24 | |
| 708 | Martland Mill Lane (r/o 69-107) | West | Wigan West | 0.14 | |
| 751 | New Lodge (adjacent Bellingham Bowling Green) | West | Wigan Central | 0.18 | |
| 754 | New Springs Horticultural Society, Wigan Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.33 | |
| 827 | Park Street (r/o 153-161) | West | Douglas | 0.16 | |
| 864 | Plank Lane Allotments (r/o 58-70) | East | Leigh West | 1.90 | |
| 886 | Poolstock Lane (r/o 49-63) | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.17 | |
| 887 | Poplar Avenue / Closebrook Road Worsley Hall | West | Douglas | 0.35 | |
| 924 | Rear Upholland Road | West | Orrell | 0.54 | |
| 970 | Sandy Lane / Lodge Road | West | Orrell | 0.02 | |
| 990 | Shevington Allotment Society, Forest Fold | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.29 | |
| 1005 | Skew Bridge Allotments | West | Douglas | 0.22 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality Rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1007 | Smethurst Lane (r/o 14-24) | West | Pemberton | 0.02 | |
| 1012 | Somerset Road | West | Pemberton | 0.16 | |
| 1026 | Squires Lane (r/o 46) | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.18 | |
| 1027 | Squires Lane (south of 30-40) | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.52 | |
| 1068 | St Lukes Allotments | West | Orrell | 0.14 | |
| 1102 | Standish Community Allotment Society | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.41 | |
| 1108 | Station Avenue | West | Orrell | 0.04 | |
| 1143 | Tyldesley Allotments, Boundary Street | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 5.74 | |
| 1177 | Wardour Street (opposite 65) | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.37 | |
| 1185 | Warrington Road / Poolstock Lane | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.79 | |
| 1211 | Weston Street Allotments, Atherton | East | Atherton North | 0.26 | |
| 1236 | Wigan Road (r/o 493-505) | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.12 | |
| 1237 | Wigan Road (r/o 527-587) | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.44 | |
| 1261 | Windsor Street allotments | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.48 | |

The known waiting lists and plot numbers are displayed below in Table 8.4. Note that the waiting lists, plot numbers and other related information are provided by Wigan Council.

Table 8.4: Allotment plot numbers, waiting lists and other information (where known)

| Site ID | Site name | Number of plots | Waiting lists | Water supply | Vacant plots | Overgrown plots | Other issues | Raised beds | Community links |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 164 | Bickershaw North Site Edna Rd | 27 | 43 | No | No | 1 | Vandalism to fence | No | Yes |
| 168 | Billinge Road (r/o 98-138b) | 8 | 5 | No | No | 4 | Residential Development - Closed | No | No |
| 311 | Danes Avenue (r/o 53-115) allotments | 15 | 37 | No | No | 1 | No | No | No |
| 330 | Downall Green Road Allotments | 4 | 84 | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| 447 | Guest Fold Allotments, Leigh Rd | 28 | 90 | No | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| 463 | Harper Street (r/o 160-170) | 4 | 1 | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| 663 | Lilford Park Allotments | 38 | 140 | Yes | No | 2 | No | Yes | Giant onion and tallest sunflower comp (tenants only). |
| 677 | Low Hall Park, Eatock Street | 6 | 88 | No | 1 | No | No | No | No |
| 696 | Margaret Street allotments | 9 | 106 | No | 2 | 0 | Reserved for Castle Hill | No | No |
| 708 | Martland Mill Lane (r/o 69-107) | 8 | 120 | No | 1 | 1 | No | No | No |
| 864 | Plank Lane Allotments (r/o 58-70) | 60 | 104 | Yes | 3 | 1 | No | No | Dreamcatchers CIC |
| 886 | Poolstock Lane (r/o 49-63) | 10 | 104 | No | 1 | 1 | No | No | No |
| 970 | Sandy Lane / Lodge Road | 2 | 20 | No | 0 | 0 | No | No | No |
| 1005 | Skew Bridge Allotments | 10 | 93 | Yes | 1 | 1 | No | No | No |
| 1177 | Wardour Street (opposite 65) | 4 | 33 | No | 0 | 0 | Leased to 3rd party | No | No |
| 1185 | Warrington Road / Poolstock Lane | 44 | 77 | Yes | No | No | No | No | No |
| 1211 | Weston Street Allotments, Atherton | 11 | 162 | Yes | 2 | No | No | Yes | No |

### 8.4: Quality

Site assessments undertaken by Wigan Council are used to help inform a site's overall quality. Sites are colour-coded (good quality being green, average quality being amber and poor quality being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for allotments.

Table 8.3: Quality ratings for assessed allotments

| Area | Good quality sites | Average quality sites | Poor quality sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 3 | 10 | 4 |
| East | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| West | 7 | 11 | 10 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **17** | **29** | **14** |

All 62 identified allotment sites are allocated a quality rating. A higher proportion of allotment sites assessed for quality rate average (47%).

Amberswood Community Allotments features signage, a wide entrance and average quality boundary fencing. The site has the additional benefit of a gardening group.

Margaret Street has few ancillary features and has poor boundary fencing and no natural surveillance, lowering the quality of the site. The Council highlight that the site is used for garages and parking.

Despite Edward Street (adjacent Rose Bridge School) featuring good boundary fencing, car parking, polytunnels, and raised beds, the site rates as average quality overall. The site has no significant issues but does not feature signage or natural surveillance.

Nearly a third of assessed sites (28%) rate as good quality overall. Some of these sites include:

- Bryn Gates Allotments
- Weston Street Allotments, Atherton
- New Springs Horticultural Society, Wigan Road (r/o 24)

Bryn Gates Allotments benefits from adequate boundary fencing, natural surveillance and signage.

Weston Street Allotments in Atherton is noted as featuring good boundary fencing however no signage is present. The site is easy to view and is overlooked.

New Springs Horticultural Society, Wigan Road is a large allotment site with wide paths throughout enabling cars and wheelchair access. The site also benefits from good boundary fencing, signage and a car park, further adding to the quality of the site.

Standish Community Allotment Society is another well-maintained site featuring good boundary fencing and a car park. The site is located adjacent to St Marie's Church. It has no signage but is in good overall condition.

A total of 13 assessed allotment sites rate as poor quality. These sites tend to have poor boundary fencing, no natural surveillance, and no or few ancillary features such as signage. Some of these sites include:

- Brookland Avenue
- Gloucester Crescent allotments
- Smethurst Lane (r/o 14-24)
- Station Avenue

These sites are in poor overall condition with no natural surveillance, signage, seating or parking. Furthermore, the boundary condition for each is highlighted as poor.

Allotment Site, Balcarres Avenue, Wigan is rated as poor overall. The site does have the benefits of car parking and good boundary fencing, however, it lacks signage and natural surveillance.

## PART 9: CEMETERIES / CHURCHYARDS

### 9.1: Introduction

Cemeteries / churchyards include areas for quiet contemplation and burial of the dead. Sites can often be linked to the promotion of wildlife conservation and biodiversity.

### 9.2: Current provision

There are 37 sites classified as cemeteries / churchyards, equating to nearly 91 hectares of provision in Wigan Borough. No site size threshold has been applied and as such all identified provision is included within the audit.

Table 9.1: Current cemeteries / churchyards by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Central | 12 | 15.03 |
| East | 9 | 32.97 |
| West | 16 | 42.92 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **37** | **90.92** |

The largest contributor to burial provision is Gidlow Cemetery, Wigan Road at almost 15 hectares.

Cemeteries / churchyards are important resources offering both recreational and conservation benefits. As well as providing burial space, cemeteries and churchyards can also offer important low impact recreational benefits (e.g. dog walking, wildlife watching).

Table 9.2: Current cemeteries / churchyards by ward

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Abram | 1 | 0.78 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 3 | 4.13 |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 2 | 0.51 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 2 | 1.65 |
| Hindley | 2 | 6.77 |
| Hindley Green | - | - |
| Lowton East | 2 | 1.20 |
| **Central** | **12** | **15.03** |
| Astley | 2 | 5.07 |
| Atherton North | - | - |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 2 | 11.67 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 2 | 13.48 |
| Leigh South | - | - |
| Leigh West | 1 | 0.52 |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 2 | 2.24 |

| Ward | Number | Hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| **East** | **9** | **32.97** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 3 | 2.59 |
| Douglas | - | - |
| Ince | 1 | 2.72 |
| Orrell | 3 | 1.85 |
| Pemberton | 1 | 2.30 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1 | 0.77 |
| Standish with Langtree | 3 | 17.75 |
| Wigan Central | - | - |
| Wigan West | - | - |
| Winstanley | 1 | 0.61 |
| Worsley Mesnes | 3 | 14.32 |
| **West** | **16** | **42.92** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **37** | **90.92** |

Table 9.2 shows there are no cemeteries / churchyards in the six wards of Hindley Green, Atherton North, Leigh South, Douglas, Wigan Central and Wigan West.

### 9.3: Accessibility

No accessibility standard is set for this typology and there is no realistic requirement to set such standards. Provision should be based on burial demand. The estimated capacity figures provided by Wigan Borough Council are provided below. Note that these are all based on current (2025) demands.

Table 9.3: Estimated burial capacity

| Cemetery | Estimated capacity |
|---|---|
| Gidlow | 25 years |
| Hindley | 5 years |
| Howe Bridge | 14 Years |
| Leigh | 28 years |
| Tyldesley | 5 Years |
| Westwood | 5 Years |

Figure 9.1: Cemetery / churchyard sites mapped against analysis areas

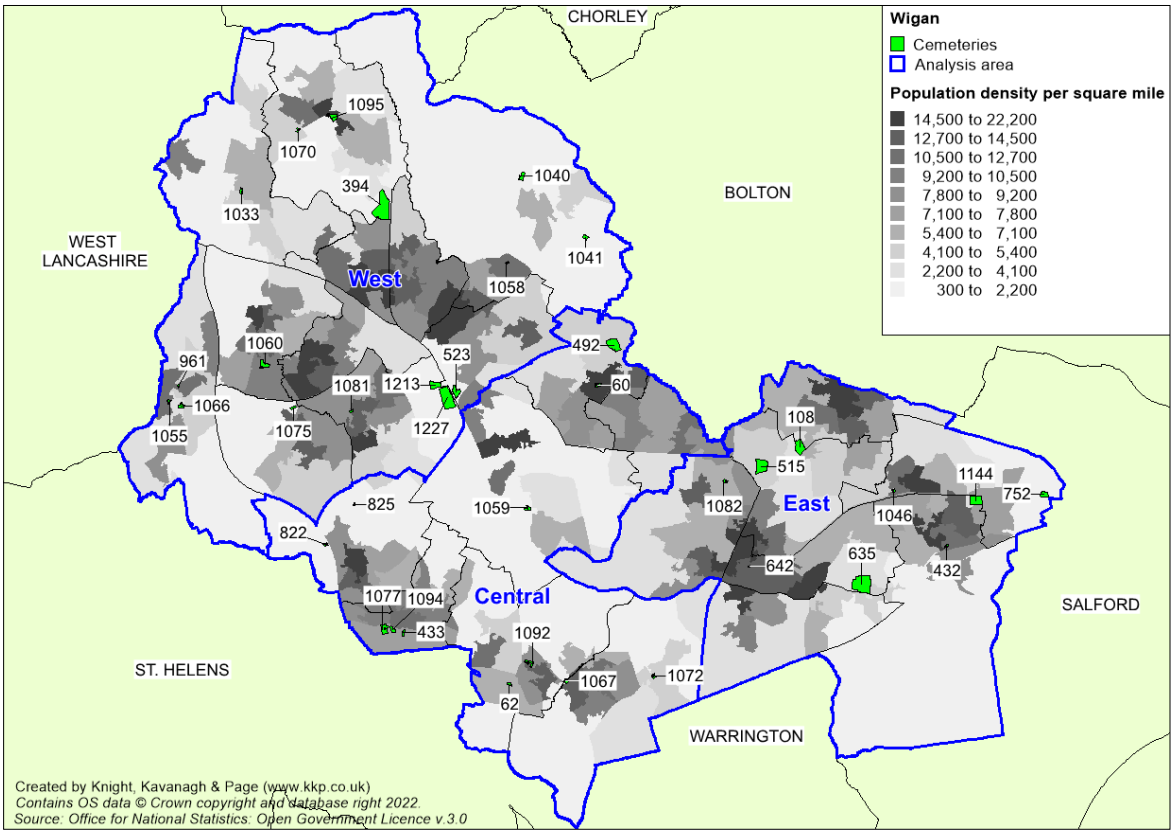


Table 9.4: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | All Saints Church, Chapel Fields Lane | Central | Hindley | 0.79 | |
| 62 | All Saints Church, High Street | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.50 | |
| 108 | Atherton Cemetery, Leigh Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 4.96 | |
| 394 | Gidlow Cemetery, Wigan Road | West | Standish with Langtree | 14.99 | |
| 432 | Graveyard, Church Road | East | Astley | 0.34 | |
| 433 | Graveyard, Heath Road | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.62 | |
| 492 | Hindley Cemetery, Castle Hill Road | Central | Hindley | 5.98 | |
| 515 | Howe Bridge Crematorium, Lovers Lane | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 6.71 | |
| 523 | Ince Cemetery, Cemetery Road | West | Ince | 2.72 | |
| 635 | Leigh Cemetery, Manchester Road | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 13.3 | |
| 642 | Leigh Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.09 | |
| 752 | New Manchester Woodland Cemetery, City Road | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 1.83 | |
| 822 | Our Lady Immaculate RC Church | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.36 | |
| 825 | Park Lane Chapel, Wigan Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.15 | |
| 961 | Salem URC, Church Street | West | Orrell | 0.21 | |
| 1033 | St Anne's C of E Church, Church Lane | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.77 | |
| 1040 | St David's Church, Haigh Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.47 | |
| 1041 | St Elizabeth's Church, Bolton Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.95 | |
| 1046 | St George's Church, School Street | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.41 | |
| 1055 | St James' Church, St James Road | West | Orrell | 0.52 | |
| 1058 | St John the Baptist Church, Kirkless Street | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.17 | |
| 1059 | St John's C of E Church, Warrington Road | Central | Abram | 0.78 | |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1060 | St John's Church, Church Street | West | Pemberton | 2.30 | |
| 1066 | St Luke's Church, Lodge Road | West | Orrell | 1.12 | |
| 1067 | St Luke's Church, Slag Lane | Central | Lowton East | 0.55 | |
| 1070 | St Marie's Church, Almond Brook Road | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.54 | |
| 1072 | St Mary's Church, Newton Road | Central | Lowton East | 0.65 | |
| 1075 | St Matthew's Church, Billinge Road | West | Winstanley | 0.61 | |
| 1077 | St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith RC Church, St Oswalds Road | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 2.53 | |
| 1081 | St Paul's Church, Browning Avenue | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.30 | |
| 1082 | St Paul's Church, Pickley Green | East | Leigh West | 0.52 | |
| 1092 | St Thomas Church, Church Street | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 1.18 | |
| 1094 | St Thomas's Church, Heath Road | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.98 | |
| 1095 | St Wilfrid's Church, Market Place | West | Standish with Langtree | 2.23 | |
| 1144 | Tyldesley Cemetery, Hough Lane | East | Astley | 4.73 | |
| 1213 | Westwood Cemetery, Westwood Lane | West | Worsley Mesnes | 3.27 | |
| 1227 | Wigan Crematorium and Lower Ince Cemetery | West | Worsley Mesnes | 10.76 | |

In terms of provision, mapping demonstrates a fairly poor distribution across the area. As noted earlier, the need for additional cemetery provision should be driven by the requirement for burial demand and capacity.

**9.4: Quality**

Site assessments undertaken by Wigan Council are used to help inform a sites overall quality. Sites are colour-coded (good quality being green, average quality being amber and poor quality being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for cemeteries.

Table 9.5: Quality ratings for assessed cemeteries

| Area | Good quality sites | Average quality sites | Poor quality sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| East | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| West | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **29** | **7** | **1** |

All of the 37 identified sites are allocated a quality rating. Over three quarters (78%) of assessed sites rate as good quality overall, demonstrating a high standard of quality of cemeteries.

Gidlow Cemetery, the largest site, is rated as good quality due to wide, accessible entrances and paths enabling pram and wheelchair access, benches, numerous trees, hedges and landscaping. The site has the additional benefits of a car park, bins, signage and gardens of remembrance further adding to its quality. It also has several denomination sections. It is noted that there is burial capacity space remaining at this site.

Another large, good quality site is Wigan Crematorium and Lower Ince Cemetery. The site features a range of facilities including accessible entrances and pathways, signage, mature trees, good boundary fencing, benches and bins. The site has the additional benefits of car parking, toilets, crematorium and gardens of remembrance. Similarly, there is burial capacity space at this site.

Within close proximity to Wigan Crematorium and Lower Ince Cemetery are Westwood Cemetery, Westwood Lane and Ince Cemetery, Cemetery Road. Both sites are fairly large and feature mature trees, benches and bins. Ince Cemetery also has car parking, however, it is noted that boundary fencing is average quality.

Some sites rate as good overall but have noted maintenance issues. For example, the council highlight that a large area to rear of St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith RC Church is unused and overgrown with mature trees and shrubs, making this section inaccessible. The council also identify that Our Lady Immaculate RC Church is undergoing restoration.

There are only seven sites which rate as average quality. St Thomas's Church, Heath Road is noted as featuring a large unused area to the side that is overgrown with mature trees, shrubs and long grasses. Some areas containing older graves are poorly maintained with headstones falling over. However, newer graves are better maintained. The site benefits from signage, good boundary fencing, natural surveillance, and Commonwealth graves and memorial. There is also a car park opposite the site. Overall, the site is noted as being in average / poor condition.

Similarly, All Saints Church, High Street has issues relating to overgrown shrubs with an area to the side with mature trees that is not maintained. The site is observed as featuring good boundary fencing, bins, and signage.

Only the graveyard on Heath Road in Ashton rates as poor quality. This is due to being mostly overgrown with long grasses, thistles and nettles etc. There is evidence that a few graves have been visited but the site is mainly used as a shortcut / dog walking. The site benefits from mature trees, Commonwealth graves and some natural surveillance. However, boundary fencing is in poor condition and the site has no signage.

# PART 10: CIVIC SPACES

## 10.1: Introduction

The civic space typology includes civic and market squares and other hard surfaced areas designed for pedestrians, providing a setting for civic buildings, public gatherings and community events.

## 10.2: Current provision

There are 20 civic space sites identified across Wigan Borough equating to four hectares. In addition, there are likely to be other informal pedestrian areas, streets or squares which may be viewed as providing similar roles and functions as civic space.

Table 10.1 Current civic spaces by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Central | 4 | 0.16 |
| East | 4 | 0.31 |
| West | 12 | 3.53 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **20** | **4.00** |

Most civic space provision is in the West Analysis Area, which contains the town of Wigan.

Table 10.2 shows the distribution of civic spaces broken down by ward.

Table 10.2 Current civic spaces by ward

| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Abram | 1 | 0.01 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | - | - |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 1 | 0.05 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 2 | 0.10 |
| Hindley | - | - |
| Hindley Green | - | - |
| Lowton East | - | - |
| **Central** | **4** | **0.16** |
| Astley | - | - |
| Atherton North | 1 | 0.04 |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 1 | 0.13 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | - | - |
| Leigh South | - | - |
| Leigh West | - | -- |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 2 | 0.13 |
| **East** | **4** | **0.31** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1 | 0.15 |

| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Douglas | 1 | 0.34 |
| Ince | 1 | 0.16 |
| Orrell | - | - |
| Pemberton | - | - |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1 | 1.82 |
| Standish with Langtree | 3 | 0.06 |
| Wigan Central | 5 | 1.00 |
| Wigan West | - | - |
| Winstanley | - | - |
| Worsley Mesnes | - | - |
| **West** | **12** | **3.53** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **20** | **1.39** |

Table 10.2 highlights that most wards do not have civic space provision. Distribution of provision is likely to be in areas of higher population density.

### 10.3: Accessibility

No accessibility standard is set for this typology and there is no realistic requirement to set such standards. Figure 10.1 shows the distribution of civic spaces across Wigan Borough.

Figure 10.1: Civic spaces mapped against analysis areas

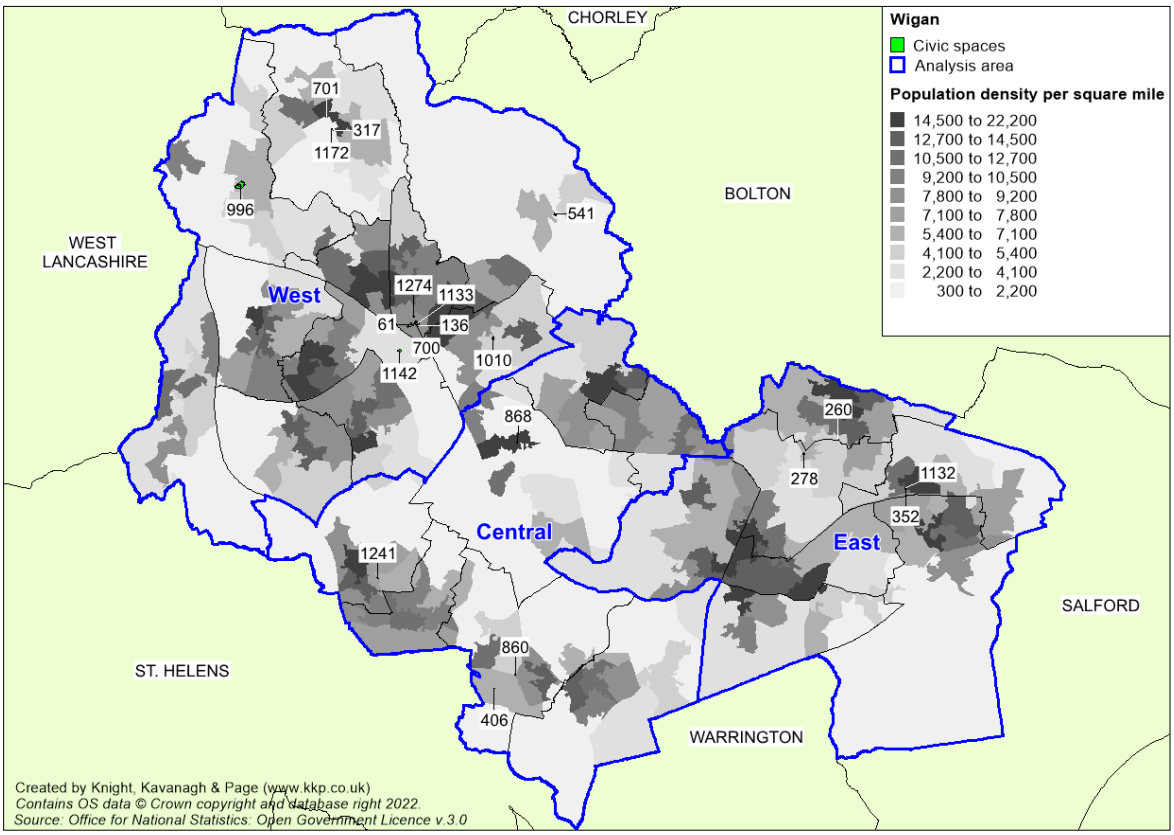


Table 10.3: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | All Saints Church, Crawford Street | West | Wigan Central | 0.66 | |
| 136 | Believe Square Millgate | West | Wigan Central | 0.10 | |
| 260 | Church Street / St John Street / Market Place | East | Atherton North | 0.04 | |
| 278 | Corner of Hamilton Street / Leigh Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.13 | |
| 317 | Diamond Jubilee Garden | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.01 | |
| 352 | Elliott Street opposite The Square | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.03 | |
| 406 | Golborne Cenotaph | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.04 | |
| 541 | Junction Wigan Road / Bolton Road / Haigh Road / Scot Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.15 | |
| 700 | Market Place, Wigan | West | Wigan Central | 0.21 | |
| 701 | Market Place, Standish | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.03 | |
| 860 | Peter Kane Square | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.06 | |
| 868 | Platt Bridge War Memorial | Central | Abram | 0.01 | |
| 996 | Shevington Memorial Park | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.82 | |
| 1010 | Smithy Green Manchester Road Ince | West | Ince | 0.16 | |
| 1132 | The Square, Tyldesley | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.11 | |
| 1133 | The Wiend | West | Wigan Central | 0.18 | |
| 1142 | Trencherfield Gardens | West | Douglas | 0.34 | |
| 1172 | War Memorial High Street / Church Street | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.02 | |
| 1241 | Wigan Road / Carnegie Drive | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.05 | |
| 1274 | Woodcock Square, Wigan | West | Wigan Central | 0.05 | |

When considering the purpose of civic spaces as providing space for public gatherings and community events, they are likely located in areas of higher population density. There are many gaps to the areas of denser population. These are likely, however, to be met by other sites such as park and gardens.

**10.4: Quality**

Site assessments undertaken by Wigan Council are used to help inform a site's overall quality. Sites are colour-coded (good quality being green, average quality being amber and poor quality being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for cemeteries.

Table 10.4: Quality ratings for assessed civic spaces

| Area | Good quality sites | Average quality sites | Poor quality sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| East | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| West | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **17** | **3** | **0** |

All 20 identified sites are allocated a quality rating. All but three assessed sites rate as good quality. No civic spaces are noted as poor quality. Sites rating as good quality generally have seating and lighting.

Believe Square, Millgate is an attractive site with numerous benches, some planting, lighting, a statue and great signage.

Golborne Cenotaph does not feature facilities such as fountains, seating or lighting however is still highlighted as being in good condition overall.

Smithy Green Manchester Road Ince is a war memorial site featuring a tree and lighting. Moreover, it has the additional benefits of car parking and CCTV.

The two assessed civic spaces that rate average quality are Church Street / St John Street / Market Place and Elliott Street opposite The Square. The former features a war memorial, lighting, CCTV, a bench and bin. The site is small and does not feature planting or signage. Elliott Street opposite The Square features landscaping, seating, lighting, CCTV. Likewise, the site has no signage.

# PART 11: GREEN CORRIDORS

## 11.1: Introduction

The green corridors typology includes sites that offer opportunities for walking, cycling or horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel, and opportunities for wildlife migration. This can also include river and canal banks. For the purposes of this study, the Public Rights of Way (PROW) network has been used.

## 11.2: Current Provision

There are 17 forms of green corridor provision identified across Wigan Borough. These are categorised as bridleways, byways, restricted byways and footpaths. Note that some sites may span across multiple analysis areas.

Table 11.1: Current green corridors by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Central | 8 | 34.22 |
| East | 3 | 40.37 |
| West | 6 | 47.39 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **17** | **121.98** |

There is a fairly even distribution in the number and amount of provision across the three analysis areas.

Table 11.2 shows the distribution of civic spaces broken down by ward. Due to the linear nature of provision, sites are allocated to a single ward (containing the majority of provision)

Table 11.2: Current green corridors by ward

| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Abram | 3 | 24.21 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | - | - |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | - | - |
| Golborne and Lowton West | - | - |
| Hindley | 3 | 3.16 |
| Hindley Green | 1 | 0.34 |
| Lowton East | 1 | 6.52 |
| **Central** | **8** | **34.22** |
| Astley | 1 | 18.67 |
| Atherton North | - | - |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 2 | 21.71 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | - | - |
| Leigh South | - | - |
| Leigh West | - | - |

| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | - | - |
| **East** | **3** | **40.37** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 2 | 19.88 |
| Douglas | - | - |
| Ince | 2 | 2.18 |
| Orrell | - | - |
| Pemberton | - | - |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1 | 24.94 |
| Standish with Langtree | 1 | 0.39 |
| Wigan Central | - | - |
| Wigan West | - | - |
| Winstanley | - | - |
| Worsley Mesnes | - | - |
| **West** | **6** | **47.39** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **17** | **121.98** |

### 11.3: Accessibility

Figure 11.1 shows provision mapped across Wigan Borough.

Figure 11.1: Map of green corridors

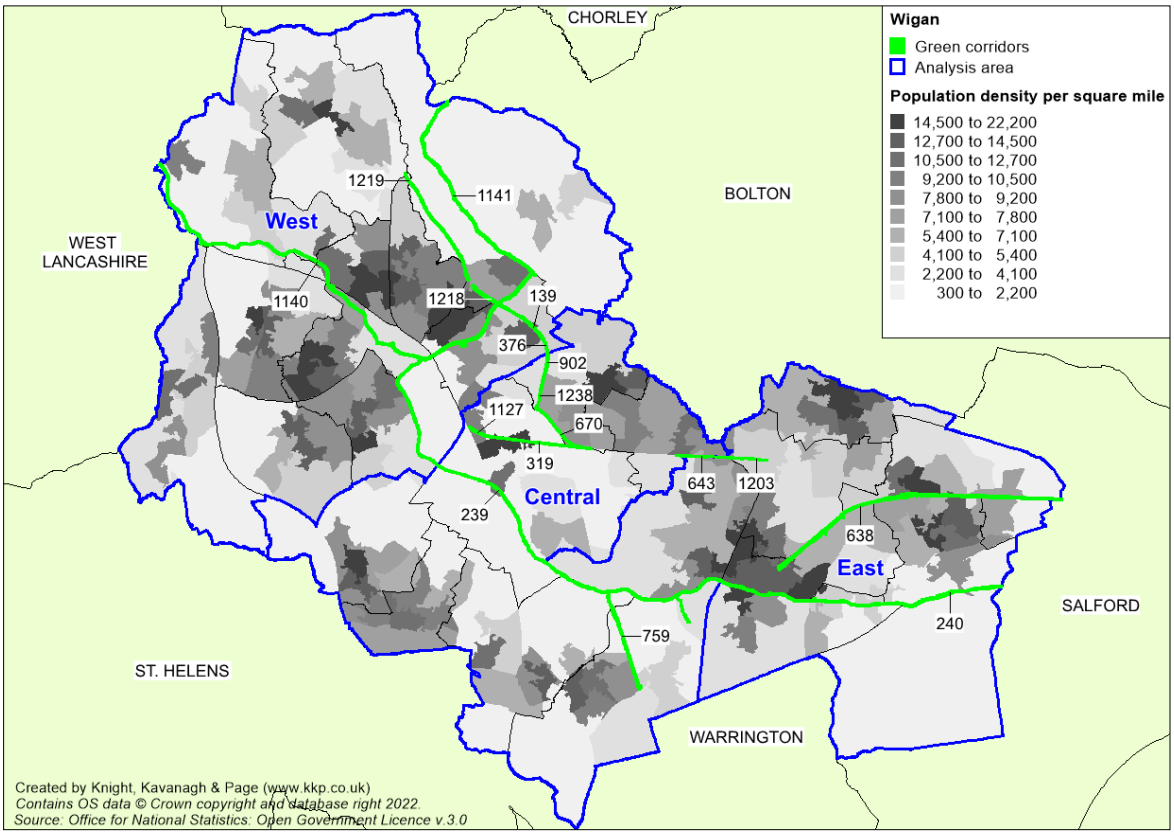


Table 11.3: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis area | Ward | Size (ha) | Quality rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 139 | Belle Green Lane to Railway | West | Ince | 1.65 | |
| 239 | Canal Pennington to Westwood | Central | Abram | 21.17 | |
| 240 | Canal through Leigh | East | Astley | 18.67 | |
| 319 | Dismantled railway Platt Bridge | Central | Abram | 2.01 | |
| 376 | From Makerfield Way | West | Ince | 0.53 | |
| 638 | Leigh Guided Busway | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 21.25 | |
| 643 | Leigh Road to Westleigh Lane | Central | Hindley Green | 0.34 | |
| 670 | Liverpool Road to Park Road | Central | Hindley | 0.98 | |
| 759 | Newton Road to Gerrards Bridge | Central | Lowton East | 6.52 | |
| 902 | Railway to Wigan Road | Central | Hindley | 0.99 | |
| 1127 | Taylors Lane to Warrington Road | Central | Abram | 1.03 | |
| 1140 | Top Lock to Appley Bridge | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 24.94 | |
| 1141 | Top Lock to Boundary | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 12.78 | |
| 1203 | Westleigh Lane to Lovers Lane | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.45 | |
| 1218 | Whelley Loop Line | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 7.10 | |
| 1219 | Whelley Loop Line Viaduct | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.39 | |
| 1238 | Wigan Road to Liverpool Road | Central | Hindley | 1.18 | |

### 11.4: Quality

Site assessments undertaken by Wigan Council are used to help inform a site's overall quality. Sites are colour-coded (good quality being green, average quality being amber and poor quality being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for cemeteries.

Table 11.4: Quality ratings for assessed green corridors

| Area | Good quality sites | Average quality sites | Poor quality sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| East | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| West | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **8** | **3** | **6** |

All of the 17 identified sites are allocated a quality rating. Just less than half of assessed green corridors (47%) rate as good quality. This includes Leigh Guided Busway and Belle Green Lane to Railway. Both sites are accessible for walkers and cyclists with the latter also accessible for horse riders. Both sites feature some natural surveillance and are in good condition overall. However, Belle Green Lane to Railway is noted as having issues of overgrown vegetation, vandalism and litter. Similarly, Leigh Guided Busway also has litter issues.

There are several other good quality sites also noted as having litter such as Canal through Leigh, Canal Pennington to Westwood, Railway to Wigan Road, Top Lock to Appley Bridge and From Makerfield Way. Of these sites, Railway to Wigan Road and From Makerfield Way also have overgrown vegetation.

There are three assessed green corridors noted as average quality:

- Leigh Road to Westleigh Lane
- Top Lock to Boundary
- Wigan Road to Liverpool Road

All three sites are accessible for walkers and cyclists and feature some natural surveillance. Leigh Road to Westleigh Lane and Wigan Road to Liverpool Road are both observed to have overgrown vegetation and litter. Vandalism is also noted at Wigan Road to Liverpool Road.

Six assessed green corridor sites rate as poor quality. This is mainly due to issues such as litter, overgrown vegetation, and having little or no natural surveillance.

The council identify that Whelley Loop Line Viaduct is inaccessible due to health and safety reasons.

## PART 12: OUTDOOR SPORTS

### 12.1: Introduction

Outdoor Sports is included in this report to provide an overview of provision. For the purposes of this report, Outdoor Sports refers to sites considered to have a primary function as sports provision including dedicated grass pitches and artificial pitches (i.e. floodlit, available for use in evenings and weekends). These include football clubs, bowling greens and tennis courts.

The Wigan Council Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) sets out the current and future supply and demand requirements for all playing pitch provision including football, cricket, rugby and hockey. This should be sought with regard to any supply and demand queries.

### 12.2: Current provision

There are 299 outdoor sports facilities equating to over 597 hectares of provision.

Table 12.1: Current outdoor sports by analysis area

| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Central | 82 | 187.57 |
| East | 86 | 103.01 |
| West | 131 | 306.66 |
| **Wigan Borough** | **299** | **597.23** |

Table 12.2: Current outdoor sports by ward

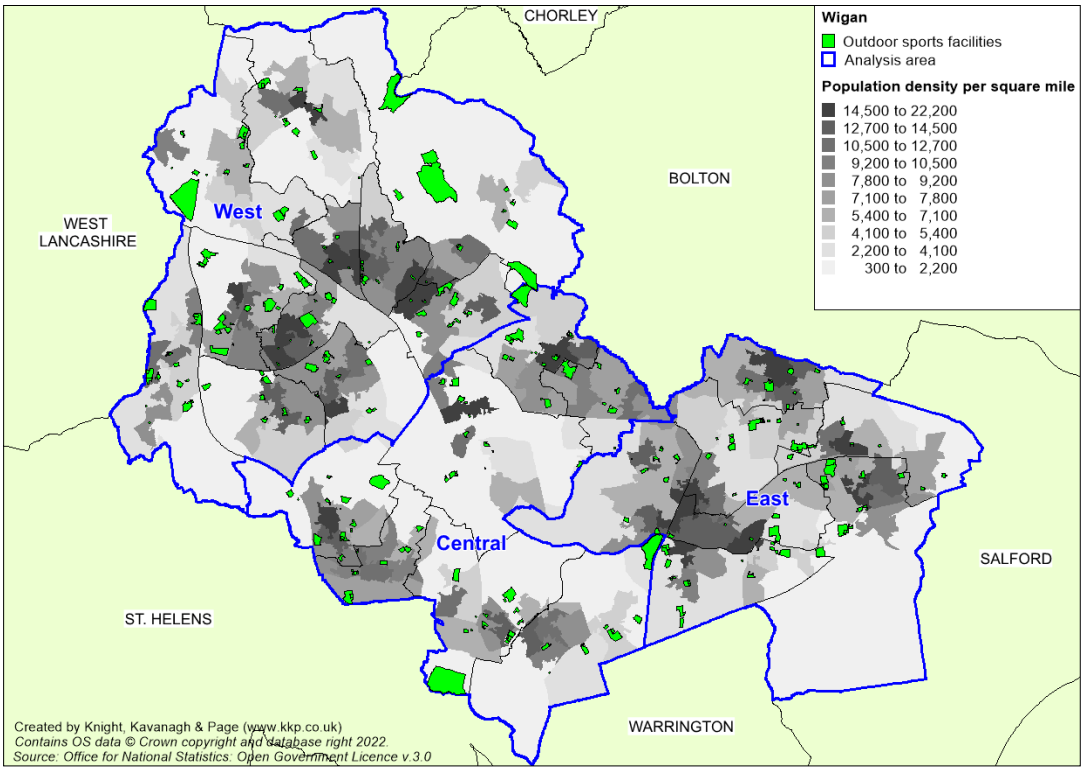
| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Abram | 12 | 12.27 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 11 | 12.73 |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 14 | 25.29 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 17 | 62.33 |
| Hindley | 13 | 29.31 |
| Hindley Green | 7 | 13.03 |
| Lowton East | 8 | 32.61 |
| **Central** | **82** | **187.57** |
| Astley | 15 | 28.67 |
| Atherton North | 7 | 9.80 |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 17 | 19.98 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 9 | 11.81 |
| Leigh South | 21 | 20.45 |
| Leigh West | 10 | 7.58 |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 7 | 4.71 |
| **East** | **86** | **103.1** |

| Analysis area | Number of sites | Total hectares (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 12 | 115.63 |
| Douglas | 12 | 15.10 |
| Ince | 13 | 15.36 |
| Orrell | 18 | 24.76 |
| Pemberton | 16 | 37.43 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 12 | 55.58 |
| Standish with Langtree | 10 | 13.58 |
| Wigan Central | 14 | 5.36 |
| Wigan West | 5 | 1.73 |
| Winstanley | 11 | 10.88 |
| Worsley Mesnes | 8 | 11.25 |
| **West** | **131** | **306.66** |
| **Wigan Borough** | **299** | **597.23** |

### 12.3: Accessibility

FIT suggest a catchment of 1,200m for outdoor sports provision. However, Sport England guidance for playing pitch provision advises that catchment mapping does not reflect how each individual sport is played. Instead, the supply and demand analysis of a PPOSS should be used. Consequently, it is not necessary for this study to assess outdoor sports against catchment areas.

Figure 12.1 shows outdoor sports sites mapped across Wigan Borough.
Figure 12.1: Outdoor Sports mapped



Due to a large number of sites, outdoor sports sites are not labelled on the map.

Table 12.3: Key to sites mapped

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Abraham Guest Academy Artificial Pitch | West | Pemberton | 0.64 |
| 5 | Abraham Guest Playing Fields | West | Pemberton | 5.47 |
| 6 | Abram Bryn Gates Primary School, Lily Lane | Central | Abram | 0.84 |
| 7 | Abram C of E Primary School, Simpkin Street | Central | Abram | 0.99 |
| 9.4 | Abram Park Bowling Green | Central | Abram | 0.14 |
| 52 | Alder House Football Ground, Alder Street | East | Atherton North | 0.78 |
| 54.4 | Alexandra Park Tennis Courts | West | Douglas | 0.10 |
| 55 | Alexandra Park Bowling Greens (St Jude's Bowling Club) | West | Douglas | 0.56 |
| 71 | Area off St James Road within Playing Field | West | Orrell | 0.52 |
| 80 | Ashton Athletic AFC, off Brocstedes Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 1.77 |
| 81 | Ashton Bears Ground | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 3.61 |
| 84 | Ashton Recreation Society Bowling Green (North) | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.13 |
| 85 | Ashton Recreation Society Bowling Green (South) | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.15 |
| 86 | Ashton Town Associated Football Ground, Edge Green Street | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 1.11 |
| 87 | Aspull Church Primary School Playing Field | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.71 |
| 88.2 | Aspull Civic Park Bowling Green 1 | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.14 |
| 88.3 | Aspull Civic Park Bowling Green 2 | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.14 |
| 88.4 | Aspull Civic Park Tennis Courts | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.16 |
| 94 | Aspull Holy Family RC Infants School Playing Field | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 1.09 |
| 95 | Aspull RUFC, Woods Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 3.27 |
| 96 | Astley and Tyldesley Cricket Club, Meanley Road | East | Astley | 0.94 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club | East | Astley | 0.22 |
| 98 | Astley and Tyldesley Miners Welfare Institute Bowling Club, Meanley Road | East | Astley | 0.14 |
| 99 | Astley and Tyldesley Sports Club | East | Astley | 0.21 |
| 109 | Atherton Community School, Hamilton Street | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.25 |
| 110 | Atherton Cricket Club, Leigh Road, Howe Bridge | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 1.12 |
| 122 | Bedford Hall Primary School Playing Field | East | Leigh South | 1.35 |
| 123 | Bedford High School Playing Fields | East | Leigh South | 3.76 |
| 124 | Bedford High School, Manchester Road | East | Leigh South | 0.70 |
| 125 | Bedford HS | East | Leigh South | 0.45 |
| 129 | Beech Hill Primary School Playing Field | West | Wigan West | 0.60 |
| 132 | Beer Engine Bowling Green, Poolstock | West | Douglas | 0.12 |
| 142 | Bellingham Bowling Club, Green 1 | West | Wigan Central | 0.16 |
| 143 | Bellingham Bowling Club, Green 2 | West | Wigan Central | 0.18 |
| 144 | Bellingham Tennis Club | West | Wigan Central | 0.75 |
| 162 | Bickershaw C of E Primary School, Bickershaw Lane | Central | Abram | 0.99 |
| 171 | Bispham Hall Recreational Club Bowling Green | West | Orrell | 0.13 |
| 175 | Boars Head Public House Bowling Green | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.17 |
| 190 | Boothstown Holy Family RC Playing Field | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.71 |
| 192 | Botanical Gardens Club, Tyldesley Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.16 |
| 195 | Bowling Green off Chapel Street | Central | Hindley | 0.12 |
| 196 | Bowling Green, Warrington Road | Central | Abram | 0.12 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 197 | Bowling Section, Leigh Cricket Club | East | Leigh South | 0.15 |
| 206 | Britannia Bridge Primary Playing Field | West | Ince | 1.23 |
| 212 | Brunswick Recreation Club Bowling Green, Leigh Road | Central | Hindley Green | 0.13 |
| 216 | Bryn Recreation Ground, Bryn Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 2.45 |
| 218 | Bryn Road, Ashton-In-Makerfield | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.10 |
| 242 | Cansfield High School Playing Field | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 2.12 |
| 243 | Cansfield High School, Old Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.53 |
| 247 | Castle Hill Primary School Playing Field | Central | Hindley | 0.81 |
| 249 | Central Park Academy Artificial Pitch | West | Pemberton | 0.24 |
| 258 | Christopher Park | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 4.25 |
| 297 | Crilly Park, Spa Road | East | Atherton North | 1.61 |
| 313 | Deanery High School | West | Wigan Central | 0.62 |
| 324.4 | Dootsons Park Bowling Green | East | Leigh South | 0.18 |
| 341 | Edmund Arrowsmith High School Artificial Pitch | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.59 |
| 342 | Edmund Arrowsmith High School, Rookery Avenue | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 5.10 |
| 374 | Fred Longworth High School | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.54 |
| 378 | Furlong Close | Central | Abram | 1.85 |
| 382 | Gardeners Arms Bowling Green, Lovers Lane | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.22 |
| 384 | Garrett Hall County Primary School, Garrett Lane | East | Astley | 1.46 |
| 386 | Garswood Hall Bowling Club (North) | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.16 |
| 387 | Garswood Hall Bowling Club (South) | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.21 |
| 389 | Gathurst Golf Course | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 38.15 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 397 | Gilded Hollins Primary School Playing Field | Central | Lowton East | 2.39 |
| 398 | Gin Pit Playing Field | East | Astley | 2.91 |
| 404 | Golborne All Saints Primary Playing Field | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 1.35 |
| 407 | Golborne Cricket Club, off Stone Cross Lane North | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 1.64 |
| 408 | Golborne High School Artificial Pitch | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.31 |
| 409 | Golborne High School Playing Fields | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 5.65 |
| 415 | Golborne Parkside ARLFC | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.73 |
| 416 | Golborne Primary Playing Field | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.80 |
| 417 | Golborne Sports and Social Club Artificial Pitch | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.60 |
| 418 | Golborne Sports Club | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.73 |
| 419 | Golborne Sports Club Bowling Green | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.14 |
| 420 | Golborne Sports Club Tennis Courts | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.10 |
| 421 | Golborne St Thomas Primary Playing Field | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.50 |
| 422 | Golborne Village Club, Beech Road Bowling Green | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.11 |
| 423 | Golf Driving Range, Manchester Road, Astley | East | Astley | 4.12 |
| 424 | Goose Green Cricket Club, Paris Avenue | West | Winstanley | 1.14 |
| 434 | Great Acre Bowling Green 2 | West | Wigan Central | 0.14 |
| 435 | Great Acre Bowling Green 3 | West | Wigan Central | 0.14 |
| 436 | Great Acre Bowling Green 1 | West | Wigan Central | 0.14 |
| 452 | Haigh Hall Golf Course | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 60.28 |
| 467 | Hawkhurst Street OSF | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.55 |
| 468 | Hawkley Hall High School | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.41 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 469 | Hawkley Hall High School Playing Fields | West | Worsley Mesnes | 1.18 |
| 470 | Haydock Park Golf Course, Newton Lane | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 44.67 |
| 481 | Highcliffe Court | West | Standish with Langtree | 1.84 |
| 482 | Highfield Cricket Club, Billinge Road | West | Winstanley | 2.55 |
| 483.2 | Highfield Gardens Bowling Green 1 | West | Douglas | 0.14 |
| 483.3 | Highfield Gardens Bowling Green 2 | West | Douglas | 0.15 |
| 488 | Highfield St Matthews Playing Field | West | Winstanley | 0.89 |
| 490 | Hindley All Saints Primary Playing Field | Central | Hindley | 1.37 |
| 491 | Hindley ARLFC | Central | Hindley | 5.89 |
| 493 | Hindley Green Primary Playing Field | Central | Hindley Green | 2.35 |
| 494 | Hindley Green St John's CE School, Atherton Road | Central | Hindley Green | 0.34 |
| 495 | Hindley Hall Golf Course (South) | Central | Hindley | 13.54 |
| 496 | Hindley Hall Golf Course (North) | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 20.11 |
| 497 | Hindley High School Playing Fields | Central | Hindley Green | 8.23 |
| 498 | Hindley Junior and Infants Primary Playing Field | Central | Hindley | 0.57 |
| 499 | Hindley Juniors Football Club | Central | Hindley | 2.46 |
| 500 | Hindley St Peters Cricket Club, Hurst Street | Central | Hindley | 2.10 |
| 501 | Hindley Town FC Playing Field | Central | Hindley | 1.24 |
| 508 | Holts Arms Bowling Green, Crank Road | West | Orrell | 0.13 |
| 509 | Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Wigan Street | Central | Abram | 1.03 |
| 514 | Howe Bridge Artificial Pitch | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.63 |
| 516 | Howe Bridge New Pitches | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 2.12 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 527 | Ince Primary Playing Field | West | Ince | 0.72 |
| 528 | Ince Rose Bridge ARLFC | West | Ince | 0.97 |
| 529 | Ince St Marys C of E Primary School, Derby Street | Central | Abram | 1.13 |
| 537.4 | Jubilee Park Tennis Courts | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.22 |
| 566 | Laithwaite Park, Scot Lane | West | Douglas | 9.33 |
| 600 | Land end Spencers Road Dean Wood Golf Course | West | Orrell | 6.44 |
| 621 | Landgate Primary School Playing Field | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.38 |
| 633 | Leigh Bedford High School Playing Field | East | Leigh South | 0.59 |
| 634 | Leigh Bowling Club, Pownall Street | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.21 |
| 636 | Leigh Cricket Club, Beech Walk | East | Leigh South | 1.25 |
| 637 | Leigh East RUFC LSV Ledgard Avenue | East | Leigh South | 2.06 |
| 639 | Leigh Harriers Athletics Stadium | East | Leigh South | 1.96 |
| 640 | Leigh Miners ARLFC | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.91 |
| 641 | Leigh Miners Welfare Club Bowling Section | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.16 |
| 645 | Leigh RUFC (North) | East | Leigh South | 2.67 |
| 646 | Leigh RUFC (South) | East | Leigh South | 1.68 |
| 647 | Leigh RUFC Bowling Green | East | Leigh South | 0.31 |
| 648 | Leigh Sports Club Tennis Section | East | Leigh South | 0.40 |
| 649 | Leigh Sports Village | East | Leigh South | 1.34 |
| 650 | Leigh St Peters Primary Playing Field | East | Leigh West | 1.11 |
| 651 | Leigh Twelve Apostles School Playing Field | East | Leigh West | 0.97 |
| 655.4 | Leyland Park Tennis Courts | Central | Hindley | 0.15 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 661 | Lilford Centre Playing Field | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 1.00 |
| 662.2 | Lilford Park Bowling Green (East) | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.18 |
| 662.3 | Lilford Park Bowling Green (West) | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.18 |
| 667 | Little Lane Playing Field | West | Worsley Mesnes | 4.20 |
| 671 | Lodge Lane | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 5.77 |
| 675 | Lord Nelson Bowling Green, Bridge Street | Central | Hindley | 0.11 |
| 679 | Lowton High School | Central | Lowton East | 0.56 |
| 680 | Lowton High School Playing Field | Central | Lowton East | 5.26 |
| 681 | Lowton Junior and Infant School Playing Field | Central | Lowton East | 2.20 |
| 682 | Lowton St Mary's Playing Field | Central | Lowton East | 0.66 |
| 683 | Lowton St Marys School Playing Field | Central | Lowton East | 1.62 |
| 684 | Lowton West Primary School Playing Field | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.86 |
| 685 | LSV Artificial Pitch | East | Leigh South | 0.05 |
| 704 | Marsh Green Primary School | West | Pemberton | 1.11 |
| 710 | Marus Bridge Primary School Playing Field | West | Winstanley | 0.68 |
| 713 | Meadowbank Primary School Playing Field | East | Atherton North | 4.60 |
| 719.3 | Mesnes Park Bowling Green 1 | West | Wigan Central | 0.18 |
| 719.4 | Mesnes Park Bowling Green 2 | West | Wigan Central | 0.19 |
| 719.5 | Mesnes Park Bowling Green 3 | West | Wigan Central | 0.18 |
| 719.6 | Mesnes Park Tennis Courts | West | Wigan Central | 0.43 |
| 727 | Millbrook Primary School Playing Field | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.71 |
| 734 | Montrose Skills Hub | West | Pemberton | 0.51 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 739 | Morley Street Bowling Green (East) | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.14 |
| 740 | Morley Street Bowling Green (West) | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.15 |
| 741 | Morley Street Tennis Courts | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.28 |
| 745 | Mr Earl's Club Bowling Green, Brook Street | West | Ince | 0.13 |
| 750 | New Greenhall Primary School Playing Field | East | Atherton North | 0.82 |
| 755 | Newbridge Learning Community Artificial Pitch | Central | Abram | 0.19 |
| 760 | Newton Westpark Primary School, Tennyson Avenue | East | Leigh West | 1.10 |
| 761 | Newtown and Central Conservative Club Bowling Green, Ormskirk Road | West | Douglas | 0.11 |
| 763 | Nicol Mere Primary School Playing Field | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 1.26 |
| 767 | Norley Hall Cricket Club, Norley Road | West | Pemberton | 1.52 |
| 781 | Oakfield School Playing Field | Central | Hindley Green | 0.95 |
| 796 | Oldhams Fold Playing Field Orrell Road | West | Pemberton | 0.99 |
| 810 | Orrell Holgate Primary School Artificial Pitch | West | Orrell | 0.13 |
| 811 | Orrell Holgate Primary School Playing Field | West | Orrell | 0.75 |
| 812 | Orrell Lamberhead School Playing Field (North) | West | Pemberton | 0.27 |
| 813 | Orrell Lamberhead School Playing Field (South) | West | Pemberton | 1.44 |
| 814 | Orrell Newfold School Playing Field | West | Orrell | 1.33 |
| 815 | Orrell Red Triangle Cricket Club, Winstanley Road | West | Orrell | 1.38 |
| 816 | Orrell St James ARLFC | West | Pemberton | 6.10 |
| 817 | Orrell St James Primary School Playing Field | West | Orrell | 0.91 |
| 821 | Our Lady Immaculate Bowling Green | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.13 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 823 | Our Ladys RC Primary School Playing Field | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.75 |
| 824 | Pagefield Bowling Green, Park Road | West | Wigan West | 0.21 |
| 832 | Parklee Community School Playing Field | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.78 |
| 833 | Parkside Sports and Community Club Bowling Green | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.14 |
| 838 | Pemberton Conservative Club Bowling Green | West | Pemberton | 0.13 |
| 840 | Pemberton Working Mens Club Bowling Green | West | Douglas | 0.10 |
| 841 | Pennington FC, Leigh Road | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 1.23 |
| 843 | Pennington Flash Golf Course | Central | Lowton East | 19.79 |
| 847.3 | Pennington Park Bowling Green 1 | East | Leigh South | 0.18 |
| 847.4 | Pennington Park Bowling Green 2 | East | Leigh South | 0.16 |
| 847.5 | Pennington Park Tennis Courts | East | Leigh South | 0.19 |
| 865 | Platt Bridge Community Centre Bowling Greens | Central | Abram | 0.28 |
| 870 | Platt Lane Bowling Green | Central | Hindley | 0.17 |
| 876 | Playing Field at back of Marus Bridge Primary | West | Winstanley | 0.83 |
| 878 | Playing Field off Hope Carr Road | East | Leigh South | 0.88 |
| 879 | Playing Field off Patricroft Road | West | Ince | 0.78 |
| 880 | Playing Field Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School | West | Wigan West | 0.19 |
| 881 | Playing Field to the West of St James Road | West | Orrell | 2.88 |
| 889 | Powerleague Soccerdome Artificial Pitches | West | Pemberton | 0.44 |
| 893 | Printshop Lane Park Tennis Courts | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.17 |
| 894 | Printshop Lane Playing Field | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 0.91 |
| 898 | Queensway Football Pitch | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 1.63 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 917 | Rear of 18 High Street | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 0.10 |
| 928 | Red Lion Pub Bowling Green, Newton Road | Central | Lowton East | 0.13 |
| 937 | RL Hughes County Primary School Playing Field | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 1.15 |
| 939 | Robin Park Arena | West | Douglas | 2.17 |
| 940 | Robin Park Arena Artificial Pitch | West | Douglas | 1.03 |
| 941 | Robin Park Tennis Centre Outdoor Courts | West | Douglas | 0.30 |
| 943 | Rose Bridge High School Playing Fields 1 | West | Ince | 4.32 |
| 944 | Rose Bridge High School Playing Fields 2 | West | Ince | 3.87 |
| 945 | Rose Bridge HS | West | Ince | 0.23 |
| 946 | Rose Bridge Sports and Community Club Bowling Green | West | Ince | 0.10 |
| 958 | Sacred Heart Bowling Green, Swan Lane | Central | Hindley Green | 0.12 |
| 959 | Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Playing Field | Central | Hindley Green | 0.92 |
| 966.2 | Sandersons Croft Bowling Green | East | Leigh South | 0.15 |
| 978 | Scot Lane Playing Field | West | Pemberton | 5.35 |
| 991 | Shevington Bowling Club, Forest Fold | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.12 |
| 992 | Shevington Conservative Club Bowling Green | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.11 |
| 993 | Shevington High School Playing Fields | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 5.69 |
| 994 | Shevington High School | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.72 |
| 995 | Shevington High School Tennis Courts | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.23 |
| 998 | Shevington Primary School Playing Field | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 1.29 |
| 999 | Shevington Sharks ARLFC | West | Pemberton | 6.26 |
| 1000 | Shevington Vale Primary School Playing Fields | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.80 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1019 | Spelding Drive adjacent Christopher Park | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 2.52 |
| 1022 | Spring View Cricket Ground, Warrington Road | Central | Abram | 1.57 |
| 1024 | Spring View Sports Club, Hatfield Close | Central | Abram | 3.14 |
| 1028 | Squires Lane Football Pitch | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 1.30 |
| 1029 | St Aidan's Bowling Club | West | Winstanley | 0.14 |
| 1030 | St Aidens Catholic Primary School Playing Field | West | Winstanley | 1.15 |
| 1031 | St Ambrose Barlow RC Primary School Playing Field | East | Astley | 0.79 |
| 1032 | St Andrews Primary School Playing Field | West | Wigan West | 0.52 |
| 1035 | St Bernadettes Primary School Playing Field | West | Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 0.99 |
| 1036 | St Catherine's Primary School Playing Field | West | Ince | 0.30 |
| 1038 | St Cuthberts Primary Playing Field | West | Douglas | 0.98 |
| 1039 | St Cuthberts Rugby Ground | West | Pemberton | 6.12 |
| 1043 | St Gabriel's RC Primary School Playing Field | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 1.05 |
| 1044 | St Gabriels Bowling Green | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.19 |
| 1045 | St Gabriels Catholic Primary School Playing Field | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 0.45 |
| 1047 | St George's School Playing Field | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.47 |
| 1048 | St Georges Park | East | Astley | 2.68 |
| 1049 | St Georges Park Football Fields | East | Astley | 5.92 |
| 1050 | St Georges Primary School Playing Field, Derby Street | East | Atherton North | 1.48 |
| 1053 | St James Primary School | West | Worsley Mesnes | 1.60 |
| 1054 | St James' Bowling Green | West | Orrell | 0.09 |
| 1056 | St John Fisher High School Artificial Pitch | West | Wigan West | 0.20 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1057 | St John Rigby College Artificial Pitch | West | Pemberton | 0.84 |
| 1061 | St John's Primary School Playing Field | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.79 |
| 1064 | St Judes ARLFC off Keats Avenue | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.08 |
| 1065 | St Judes Primary School | West | Worsley Mesnes | 1.77 |
| 1069 | St Maries Bowling Green, Almond Brook Road | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.11 |
| 1071 | St Maries Primary School Playing Field | West | Standish with Langtree | 1.60 |
| 1073 | St Marys High School, Manchester Road | East | Astley | 0.54 |
| 1074 | St Marys RC High School Playing Field | East | Astley | 5.09 |
| 1076 | St Matthews Bowling Club, Billinge Road | West | Winstanley | 0.11 |
| 1078 | St Oswald's Bowling Green, rear of Bryn Street | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.13 |
| 1079 | St Oswalds Primary School Playing Field | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.69 |
| 1080 | St Patricks Club Bowling Green | West | Ince | 0.24 |
| 1083 | St Paul's Primary School Playing Field | West | Winstanley | 0.35 |
| 1084 | St Peter's C of E School Playing Field | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.83 |
| 1085 | St Peter's CE Primary School Playing Field | Central | Hindley | 0.77 |
| 1086 | St Peters High School | West | Orrell | 0.54 |
| 1087 | St Peters High School Playing Fields | West | Orrell | 3.73 |
| 1090 | St Phillips Primary School Playing Field, Bolton Old Road | East | Atherton North | 0.43 |
| 1091 | St Stephens Primary School Playing Field | East | Astley | 1.80 |
| 1093 | St Thomas's C of E Playing Field | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 1.69 |
| 1096 | St Wilfrid's RC Primary School Playing Field | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 1.41 |
| 1097 | St Wilfrids Bowling Green, off Rectory Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.10 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1098 | St Wilfrids Primary School Playing Fields | West | Standish with Langtree | 1.46 |
| 1099 | St Williams RC Primary School Playing Field | West | Ince | 0.33 |
| 1103 | Standish Cricket Club, Green Lane | West | Standish with Langtree | 2.11 |
| 1104 | Standish High School Artificial Pitch | West | Standish with Langtree | 0.64 |
| 1105 | Standish High School Playing Field with three pitches | West | Standish with Langtree | 3.75 |
| 1123 | Sutton Park | East | Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 6.66 |
| 1124 | Sycamore Driving Range | Central | Golborne and Lowton West | 3.89 |
| 1125 | Tamar Public House Bowling Green, Nel Pan Lane | East | Leigh West | 0.09 |
| 1131 | The Club House Bowling Green, Fletcher Street | East | Atherton North | 0.07 |
| 1139 | Three Sisters Race Way, Three Sisters Road | Central | Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 10.60 |
| 1145 | Tyldesley Primary School Playing Field | East | Astley | 1.67 |
| 1146 | Tyldesley Subscription Bowling Club, Garden Street | East | Astley | 0.18 |
| 1147 | Tyldesley Tennis Club | East | Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 0.28 |
| 1161 | Village Club Bowling Green, Westleigh Lane | East | Leigh West | 0.11 |
| 1176 | Wardour Street | East | Atherton South and Lilford | 5.34 |
| 1200 | Westleigh Cricket Club, The Pingots | East | Leigh West | 1.17 |
| 1201 | Westleigh High School | East | Leigh West | 0.16 |
| 1202 | Westleigh High School Artificial Pitch | East | Leigh West | 0.54 |
| 1204 | Westleigh Methodist Cricket Club, Westleigh Lane | East | Leigh West | 1.14 |
| 1210 | Westleigh St Pauls Playing Field | East | Leigh West | 1.19 |
| 1217 | Whelley Labour Club Bowling Green | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 0.14 |
| 1228 | Wigan Cricket Club, Bull Hey, Parsons Walk | West | Wigan Central | 1.58 |

| Site ID | Site name | Analysis Area | Ward | Size (ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1229 | Wigan Golf Course, Arley Lane | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 25.90 |
| 1246 | Wigan Rovers | West | Worsley Mesnes | 1.47 |
| 1247 | Wigan RUFC off Wingates Road | West | Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 2.96 |
| 1248 | Wigan St Patricks ARLFC | West | Ince | 2.12 |
| 1249 | Wigan Subscription Bowling Green, Park Crescent | West | Wigan Central | 0.20 |
| 1250 | Wigan Warriors Co-operative Community Stadium | West | Orrell | 0.95 |
| 1251 | Wigan Youth Zone Artificial Pitch | West | Wigan Central | 0.47 |
| 1258 | Willow Grove Primary School Playing Fields | Central | Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 1.50 |
| 1263 | Winstanley College Hard Surfaced Sports Area | West | Orrell | 0.24 |
| 1264 | Winstanley College Playing Field | West | Orrell | 4.17 |
| 1265 | Winstanley Community Primary Playing Field | West | Winstanley | 1.07 |
| 1266 | Winstanley Park Cricket Club, Hall Lane | West | Winstanley | 1.98 |
| 1267 | Winstanley Tennis Club | West | Orrell | 0.32 |
| 1272 | Wood Fold Primary School Playing Field | West | Standish with Langtree | 1.79 |
| 1286 | Worsley Mesnes Primary School Playing Field | West | Worsley Mesnes | 0.53 |
| 1289 | YMCA Bowling Green, off Winstanley Road | West | Orrell | 0.14 |

## PART 13: IDENTIFYING SHORTFALLS AND PRIORITIES

Deficiencies and surpluses for open space are set in terms of quality, accessibility, and quantity.

### 13.1: Quality and value

Most open space sites receive a quality rating. This can help inform prioritisation of enhancement. It should be done in conjunction with regard to the quantity and / or accessibility of provision in the area (i.e. whether there is a deficiency).

There is a need for flexibility with the enhancement of low-quality sites. In some instances, a better use of resources and investment may be to focus on more suitable sites for enhancement as opposed to trying to enhance sites where it is not appropriate or cost effective to do so. Please refer to the individual typology sections as well as the supporting excel database for a breakdown of quality ratings.

### Value

Value of provision has been assessed via a desk-based mapping exercise. This has examined the number of catchment area overlaps in each ward area per open space type.

Wards are then ranked based on the level of abundance through to scarcity for each type of open space. This can help to identify those wards with a possible shortage of such provision and, in conjunction with quantity, quality and accessibility, can help to inform future decision-making processes and priorities.

Table 13.1.1: Wards ranked by park value

| Ward | Rank |
|---|---|
| Douglas | 1st |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 2nd |
| Pemberton | 3rd |
| Orrell | 4th |
| Leigh South | 5th |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 6th |
| Leigh West | 7th |
| Worsley Mesnes | 8th |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 9th= |
| Atherton North | 9th= |
| Wigan Central | 9th= |
| Standish with Langtree | 10th |
| Abram | 11th= |
| Astley | 11th= |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 11th= |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 11th= |

| Ward | Rank |
|---|---|
| Hindley | 11th= |
| Hindley Green | 11th= |
| Ince | 11th= |
| Lowton East | 11th= |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 12th= |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 12th= |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 12th= |
| Wigan West | 12th= |
| Winstanley | 12th= |

Table 13.1.2: Wards ranked by natural / semi-natural value

| Ward | Rank |
|---|---|
| Standish with Langtree | 1st |
| Worsley Mesnes | 2nd |
| Ince | 3rd |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 4th |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 5th |
| Winstanley | 6th |
| Astley | 7th |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 8th |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 9th |
| Abram | 10th |
| Leigh West | 11th |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 12th |
| Wigan Central | 13th |
| Pemberton | 14th |
| Lowton East | 15th |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 16th |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 17th |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 18th |
| Douglas | 19th |
| Wigan West | 20th |
| Hindley | 21st |
| Orrell | 22nd |
| Hindley Green | 23rd |
| Leigh South | 24th |
| Atherton North | 25th |

Table 13.1.3: Wards ranked by amenity value

| Ward | Rank |
|---|---|
| Ince | 1st |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 2nd |
| Pemberton | 3rd |
| Wigan Central | 4th |
| Standish with Langtree | 5th |
| Atherton North | 6th |
| Douglas | 7th |
| Leigh West | 8th |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 9th |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 10th |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 11th |
| Astley | 12th |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 13th |
| Wigan West | 14th |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 15th |
| Worsley Mesnes | 16th |
| Abram | 17th |
| Leigh South | 18th |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 19th |
| Lowton East | 20th |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 21st |
| Hindley Green | 22nd |
| Winstanley | 23rd |
| Hindley | 24th |
| Orrell | 25th |

Table 13.1.4: Wards ranked by play value

| Ward | Rank |
|---|---|
| Abram | 1st |
| Leigh West | 2nd |
| Ince | 3rd |
| Atherton North | 4th |
| Astley | 5th |
| Hindley | 6th |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 7th |
| Douglas | 8th |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 9th |
| Standish with Langtree | 10th |

| Ward | Rank |
|---|---|
| Leigh South | 11th |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 12th |
| Wigan West | 13th |
| Wigan Central | 14th |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 15th |
| Pemberton | 16th |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 17th |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 18th |
| Lowton East | 19th |
| Worsley Mesnes | 20th |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 21st |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 22nd |
| Hindley Green | 23rd |
| Winstanley | 24th |
| Orrell | 25th |

The table below presents an overview of the value rankings for each ward area. The wards with consistently high ranking include Ince, Standish with Langtree, and Atherton South and Lilford. This suggests such areas are well provided for with a higher level of open space provision locally.

In contrast, the wards of Hindley Green, Orrell, Lowton East, Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor, and Winstanley, have a generally lower ranking. This suggests a lower level of provision locally is available.

Table 13.1.5: Overview of ward rankings

| Ward | Park | NSN | AGS | Play |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abram | 11th= | 10th | 17th | 1st |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 2nd | 16th | 21st | 7th |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 9th= | 9th | 2nd | 15th |
| Astley | 11th= | 7th | 12th | 5th |
| Atherton North | 9th= | 25th | 6th | 4th |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 6th | 4th | 15th | 9th |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 11th= | 18th | 11th | 18th |
| Douglas | 1st | 19th | 7th | 8th |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 11th= | 17th | 10th | 21st |
| Hindley | 11th= | 21st | 24th | 6th |
| Hindley Green | 11th= | 23rd | 22nd | 23rd |
| Ince | 11th= | 3rd | 1st | 3rd |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | 12th= | 5th | 9th | 17th |
| Leigh South | 5th | 24th | 18th | 11th |

| Ward | Park | NSN | AGS | Play |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leigh West | 7th | 11th | 8th | 2nd |
| Lowton East | 11th= | 15th | 20th | 19th |
| Orrell | 4th | 22nd | 25th | 25th |
| Pemberton | 3rd | 14th | 3rd | 16th |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | 12th= | 12th | 19th | 22nd |
| Standish with Langtree | 10th | 1st | 5th | 10th |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | 12th= | 8th | 13th | 12th |
| Wigan Central | 9th= | 13th | 4th | 14th |
| Wigan West | 12th= | 20th | 14th | 13th |
| Winstanley | 12th= | 6th | 23rd | 24th |
| Worsley Mesnes | 8th | 2nd | 16th | 20th |

### 13.2: Accessibility

Accessibility catchments are a tool to identify communities currently not served by existing facilities. It is recognised that factors underpinning catchment areas vary from person to person, day to day, and hour to hour. For the purposes of this process the concept of 'effective catchments' are used, defined as the distance that most users would travel. The accessibility catchments do not consider if a distance is on an incline or decline. They are therefore intended to act as an initial form of analysis to help identify potential gaps.

Table 13.2.1: Accessibility catchments

| Open space type | | Catchment |
|---|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | | 9-minute walk time (710m) |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | | 9-minute walk time (720m) |
| Amenity greenspace | | 6-minute walk time (480m) |
| Provision for children and young people | LAP | 1-minute walk time (100m) |
| | LEAP | 5-minute walk time (400m) |
| | NEAP | 12.5-minute walk time (1000m) |
| | Other provision (e.g. MUGA, Skate park) | 9-minute walk time (700m) |
| Allotments | | No standard set |
| Cemeteries | | No standard set |
| Outdoor sport | | No standard set* |

No catchments are suggested for allotments or cemeteries. For cemeteries, it is better to determine need for provision based on locally known demand.

*Sport England guidance for playing pitch provision advises that catchment mapping does not reflect how each individual sport is played. Instead, the supply and demand analysis of a PPS should be used.

If an area does not have access to provision (consistent with the catchments) it is deemed deficient. KKP has identified instances where new sites may be needed, or potential opportunities could be explored in order to provide comprehensive access (i.e. a gap in one form of provision may exist but the area in question may be served by another form of open space). Please refer to the associated mapping to view site catchments.

The following tables summarise the deficiencies identified from the application of the accessibility catchments. In determining any subsequent actions for identified gaps, the following are key principles for consideration:

- Increase capacity / usage in order to meet increases in demand, or
- Enhance quality in order to meet increases in demand, or
- Commuted sum for ongoing maintenance / repairs to mitigate impact of new demand

These principles are intended to mitigate the impact of increases in demand on existing provision. An increase in population will reduce the lifespan of certain sites and / or features (e.g. play equipment, maintenance regimes etc) which will in turn lead to an increased requirement to refurbish and / or replace such forms of provision.

Please refer to the associated mapping and catchment tables within each typology section.

**13.3: Quantity**

Quantity figures can be used to identify areas of shortfalls. It can also help with determining requirements for future developments (See Part 14).

Shortfalls in quality and accessibility are identified for different types of open space. Consequently, ensuring new developments contribute to the overall provision of open space is a crucial approach to ensuring access to open space.

Table 13.3.1: Summary of current provision levels

| **Typology** | **Quantity level (Hectares per 1,000 population)** |
|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | 0.72 |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | 7.05 |
| Amenity greenspace | 0.82 |
| Provision for children and young people | 0.03 |
| Allotment | 0.10 |

The current provision levels can be used to help identify where areas may have a shortfall. Table 13.3.2 shows the position for each sub-area as to whether it is sufficient or identified as having a shortfall for each type of open space.

Table 13.3.2: Current provision shortfalls by analysis area (hectares per 1,000 population)

| Analysis area | Parks and gardens | | Natural / semi-natural | | Amenity greenspace | | Allotments | | Play provision | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0.72 | | 7.05 | | 0.82 | | 0.10 | | 0.03 |
| | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - |
| Central | 0.49 | -0.23 | 8.60 | +1.55 | 0.67 | -0.14 | 0.07 | -0.03 | 0.03 | Level |
| East | 0.44 | -0.28 | 7.60 | +0.55 | 0.90 | +0.09 | 0.15 | +0.05 | 0.03 | Level |
| West | 1.07 | +0.35 | 5.67 | -1.38 | 0.86 | +0.04 | 0.09 | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.01 |

All analysis areas are observed as having shortfalls in some form of open space.

13.3.3: Current provision shortfalls by ward (hectares per 1,000 population)

| Analysis area | Parks and gardens | | Natural / semi-natural | | Amenity greenspace | | Allotments | | Play provision | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0.72 | | 7.05 | | 0.82 | | 0.10 | | 0.03 |
| | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - |
| Abram | 0.12 | -0.60 | 25.84 | +18.79 | 1.03 | +0.22 | 0.11 | +0.01 | 0.08 | +0.05 |
| Ashton-in-Makerfield South | 0.46 | -0.26 | 2.86 | -4.19 | 0.24 | -0.57 | 0.12 | +0.02 | 0.03 | Level |
| Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North | 0.16 | -0.56 | 9.92 | +2.87 | 0.76 | +0.05 | 0.07 | -0.03 | 0.02 | -0.01 |
| Golborne and Lowton West | 1.98 | +1.26 | 4.82 | -2.23 | 1.16 | +0.35 | 0.07 | -0.03 | 0.03 | Level |
| Hindley | 0.47 | -0.25 | 1.66 | -5.39 | 0.33 | -0.48 | 0.11 | +0.01 | 0.03 | Level |
| Hindley Green | 0.24 | -0.48 | 0.48 | -6.57 | 0.31 | -0.50 | - | -0.10 | 0.01 | ---0.02 |
| Lowton East | 0.33 | -0.39 | 10.55 | +3.50 | 0.86 | +0.05 | 0.05 | -0.05 | 0.02 | -0.01 |

| Analysis area | Parks and gardens | | Natural / semi-natural | | Amenity greenspace | | Allotments | | Play provision | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 0.72 | | 7.05 | | 0.82 | | 0.10 | | 0.03 | |
| | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - |
| **Central** | **0.49** | **-0.23** | **8.53** | **+1.48** | **0.67** | **-0.14** | **0.07** | **-0.03** | **0.03** | **Level** |
| Astley | 0.30 | -0.42 | 11.99 | +4.94 | 1.14 | +0.33 | 0.04 | -0.06 | 0.03 | Level |
| Atherton North | 0.05 | -0.67 | - | -7.05 | 0.92 | +0.11 | 0.05 | -0.05 | 0.03 | Level |
| Atherton South and Lilford | 1.62 | +0.90 | 5.91 | -1.14 | 0.72 | -0.09 | 0.15 | +0.05 | 0.04 | +0.01 |
| Leigh Central and Higher Folds | - | -0.72 | 6.51 | -0.54 | 0.79 | -0.02 | - | 0.10 | 0.01 | -0.02 |
| Leigh South | 0.51 | -0.21 | 3.91 | -3.14 | 0.25 | -0.56 | 0.12 | +0.02 | 0.05 | +0.02 |
| Leigh West | 0.54 | -0.18 | 19.93 | +12.88 | 1.25 | +0.44 | 0.18 | +0.08 | 0.03 | Level |
| Tyldesley and Mosley Common | - | -0.72 | 2.12 | -4.93 | 1.12 | +0.31 | 0.51 | +0.34 | 0.01 | -0.02 |
| **East** | **0.44** | **-0.28** | **7.59** | **+0.54** | **0.90** | **+0.09** | **0.15** | **+0.05** | **0.03** | **Level** |
| Aspull, New Springs and Whelley | 10.20 | +9.48 | 14.05 | +7.00 | 2.81 | +2.00 | 0.31 | +0.54 | 0.06 | +0.03 |
| Douglas | 0.46 | -0.26 | 1.57 | -5.48 | 0.46 | -0.35 | 0.12 | +0.02 | 0.04 | +0.01 |
| Ince | 0.61 | -0.11 | 4.30 | -2.75 | 1.66 | +0.85 | 0.05 | -0.05 | 0.04 | +0.01 |
| Orrell | 0.91 | +0.19 | 3.81 | -3.24 | 0.12 | -0.69 | 0.13 | +0.03 | 0.02 | -0.01 |
| Pemberton | 0.07 | -0.65 | 3.88 | -3.17 | 1.11 | +0.30 | 0.12 | +0.02 | 0.02 | -0.01 |
| Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor | - | -0.72 | 9.20 | +2.15 | 0.86 | +0.05 | 0.16 | +0.06 | 0.04 | +0.01 |

| Analysis area | Parks and gardens | | Natural / semi-natural | | Amenity greenspace | | Allotments | | Play provision | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0.72 | | 7.05 | | 0.82 | | 0.10 | | 0.03 |
| | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - | Current provision | + / - |
| Standish with Langtree | 0.49 | -0.23 | 4.68 | -2.37 | 0.64 | -0.18 | 0.02 | -0.08 | 0.03 | Level |
| Wigan Central | 0.62 | -0.10 | 0.50 | -6.55 | 0.34 | -0.47 | 0.03 | -0.07 | 0.01 | -0.02 |
| Wigan West | - | -0.72 | 0.86 | -6.19 | 0.80 | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.08 | 0.02 | -0.01 |
| Winstanley | - | 0.72 | 3.60 | -3.45 | 0.24 | -0.57 | - | -0.10 | 0.01 | -0.02 |
| Worsley Mesnes | 0.05 | -0.67 | 17.32 | +10.27 | 0.96 | +0.15 | 0.07 | -0.03 | 0.07 | +0.04 |
| **West** | **1.07** | **+0.35** | **5.67** | **-1.38** | **0.86** | **+0.04** | **0.09** | **-0.01** | **0.02** | **-0.01** |

Aspull, New Springs and Whelley is the only ward that is sufficient for all open space typologies. Five wards have deficiencies across all open space typologies: Hindley Green, Leigh Central and Higher Folds, Wigan Central, Wigan West and Winstanley.

### 13.4: Ward quantity, quality, value and accessibility summary

#### Abram

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.60 Shortfall | 1 good | 11th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | +18.79 Sufficiency | 4 good / 7 average / 1 poor | 10th | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.22 Sufficiency | 8 good / 5 average / 4 poor | 17th | Gap identified |
| Play | +0.05 Sufficiency | 4 good / 9 average / 4 poor | 1st | Gap identified |
| Allotments | +0.01 Sufficiency | 1 good / 4 average | n/a | n/a |

#### Ashton-in-Makerfield South

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.26 Shortfall | 2 good / 1 average | 2nd | Gap identified |
| Natural | -4.19 Shortfall | 2 good / 5 average | 16th | No gap |
| Amenity | -0.57 Shortfall | 6 good / 3 average | 21st | Gap identified |
| Play | Level | 1 good / 5 average | 7th | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.02 Sufficiency | 1 average | n/a | n/a |

#### Aspull, New Springs and Whelley

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | +9.48 Sufficiency | 1 good | 9th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | +7.00 Sufficiency | 4 good / 9 average / 5 poor | 9th | No gap |
| Amenity | +2.00 Sufficiency | 17 good / 25 average / 5 poor | 2nd | Gap identified |
| Play | +0.03 Sufficiency | 3 good / 5 average / 1 poor | 15th | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.54 Sufficiency | 2 good / 1 average | n/a | n/a |

### Astley

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.42 shortfall | 1 good | 11th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | +4.94 Sufficiency | 4 good / 7 average / 3 poor | 7th | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.33 Sufficiency | 9 good / 7 average / 1 poor | 12th | Gap identified |
| Play | Level | 3 good / 5 average | 5th | Gap identified |
| Allotments | -0.06 shortfall | 2 average | n/a | n/a |

### Atherton North

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.67 shortfall | 1 average | 9th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | -7.05 shortfall | n/a | 25th | Gap identified |
| Amenity | +0.11 Sufficiency | 13 good / 5 average / 1 poor | 6th | No gap |
| Play | Level | 5 good / 3 average | 4th | No gap |
| Allotments | -0.05 shortfall | 1 good / 1 average | n/a | n/a |

### Atherton South and Lilford

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | +0.90 Sufficiency | 2 good | 6th | Gap identified |
| Natural | -1.14 shortfall | 11 average / 2 poor | 4th | No gap |
| Amenity | -0.09 shortfall | 9 good / 3 average | 15th | Gap identified |
| Play | +0.01 Sufficiency | 4 good / 3 average | 9th | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.05 Sufficiency | 3 good / 1 average | n/a | n/a |

### Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.56 shortfall | 1 good | 11th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | +2.87 Sufficiency | 2 good / 4 average / 1 poor | 18th | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.05 Sufficiency | 8 good / 6 average / 2 poor | 11th | Gap identified |
| Play | -0.01 shortfall | 1 good / 3 average / 3 poor | 18th | Gap identified |
| Allotments | -0.03 shortfall | 2 average / 1 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Douglas

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.26 shortfall | 2 good / 1 average | 1st | Gap identified |
| Natural | -5.48 shortfall | 2 average | 19th | No gap |
| Amenity | -0.35 shortfall | 10 average / 1 poor | 7th | No gap |
| Play | +0.01 Sufficiency | 1 good / 5 average | 8th | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.02 Sufficiency | 3 good / 1 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Golborne and Lowton West

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | +1.26 Sufficiency | 1 average | 11th= | No gap |
| Natural | -2.23 shortfall | 1 good / 7 average | 17th | Gap identified |
| Amenity | +0.35 Sufficiency | 8 good / 5 average / 3 poor | 10th | Gap identified |
| Play | Level | 1 average / 4 average | 21st | Gap identified |
| Allotments | -0.03 shortfall | 1 average / 1 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Hindley

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.25 shortfall | 1 average | 11th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | -5.39 shortfall | 3 average | 21st | Gap identified |
| Amenity | -0.48 shortfall | 4 good / 4 average | 24th | Gap identified |
| Play | Level | 2 good / 5 average / 2 poor | 6th | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.01 Sufficiency | 1 good / 2 average / 2 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Hindley Green

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.48 shortfall | 1 good | 11th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | -6.57 shortfall | 1 good / 2 average | 23rd | Gap identified |
| Amenity | -0.50 shortfall | 7 good / 4 average | 22nd | No gap |
| Play | -0.02 shortfall | 2 good / 2 average | 23rd | Gap identified |
| Allotments | -0.10 shortfall | n/a | n/a | n/a |

### Ince

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.11 shortfall | 1 good | 11th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | -2.75 shortfall | 2 good / 9 average / 3 poor | 3rd | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.85 Sufficiency | 9 good / 21 average / 1 poor | 1st | No gap |
| Play | +0.01 Sufficiency | 2 good / 6 average / 2 average | 3rd | No gap |
| Allotments | -0.05 shortfall | 1 good / 2 average | n/a | n/a |

### Leigh Central and Higher Folds

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.72 shortfall | n/a | 12th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | -0.54 shortfall | 7 average / 1 poor | 5th | Gap identified |
| Amenity | -0.02 shortfall | 9 good / 7 average / 4 poor | 9th | Gap identified |
| Play | -0.02 shortfall | 1 good / 3 average | 17th | No gap |
| Allotments | -0.10 shortfall | n/a | n/a | n/a |

### Leigh South

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.21 shortfall | 3 good | 5th | No gap |
| Natural | -3.14 shortfall | 3 average / 1 poor | 24th | No gap |
| Amenity | -0.56 shortfall | 4 good / 7 average / 1 poor | 18th | Gap identified |
| Play | +0.02 Sufficiency | 1 good | 11th | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.02 Sufficiency | n/a | n/a | n/a |

### Leigh West

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.18 shortfall | 1 good / 2 average | 7th | Gap identified |
| Natural | +12.88 Sufficiency | 1 good / 5 average / 5 poor | 11th | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.44 Sufficiency | 12 good / 10 average / 2 poor | 8th | Gap identified |
| Play | Level | 2 good / 8 average | 2nd | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.08 Sufficiency | 1 good / 1 average | n/a | n/a |

### Lowton East

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.39 shortfall | 1 average | 11th= | No gap |
| Natural | +3.50 Sufficiency | 1 good / 9 average | 15th | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.05 Sufficiency | 5 good / 8 average / 1 poor | 20th | Gap identified |
| Play | -0.01 shortfall | 1 good / 7 average | 19th | Gap identified |
| Allotments | -0.05 shortfall | 1 good | n/a | n/a |

### Orrell

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | +0.19 Sufficiency | 1 good / 1 poor | 4th | Gap identified |
| Natural | -3.24 shortfall | 6 average / 2 poor | 22nd | Gap identified |
| Amenity | -0.69 shortfall | 3 average / 1 poor | 25th | Gap identified |
| Play | -0.01 shortfall | 2 good / 1 poor | 25th | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.03 Sufficiency | 1 good / 2 average / 3 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Pemberton

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.65 shortfall | 2 good | 3rd | Gap identified |
| Natural | -3.88 shortfall | 5 average / 3 poor | 14th | Gap identified |
| Amenity | +0.30 Sufficiency | 1 good / 16 average / 6 poor | 3rd | No gap |
| Play | -0.01 shortfall | 5 average / 1 poor | 16th | No gap |
| Allotments | +0.02 Sufficiency | 1 good / 2 average / 1 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.72 shortfall | n/a | 12th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | +2.15 Sufficiency | 4 good / 8 average | 12th | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.05 Sufficiency | 9 good / 9 average | 19th | Gap identified |
| Play | +0.01 Sufficiency | 7 average | 22nd | Gap identified |
| Allotments | +0.06 Sufficiency | 2 average / 2 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Standish with Langtree

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.49 shortfall | 2 good | 10th | Gap identified |
| Natural | -2.37 shortfall | 5 good / 10 average / 5 poor | 1st | No gap |
| Amenity | -0.18 shortfall | 18 good / 8 average | 5th | Gap identified |
| Play | Level | 2 good / 8 average | 10th | No gap |
| Allotments | -0.08 shortfall | 1 good | n/a | n/a |

### Tyldesley and Mosley Common

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.72 shortfall | n/a | 12th= | No gap |
| Natural | -4.93 shortfall | 3 good / 5 average | 8th | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.31 Sufficiency | 8 good / 7 average / 3 poor | 13th | No gap |
| Play | -0.02 shortfall | 1 good / 4 average | 12th | Gap identified |
| Allotments | +0.34 Sufficiency | 1 good / 3 average | n/a | n/a |

### Wigan Central

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.10 shortfall | 1 good | 9th= | No gap |
| Natural | -6.55 shortfall | 2 good / 3 average / 1 poor | 13th | No gap |
| Amenity | -0.47 shortfall | 7 good / 5 average / 1 poor | 4th | Gap identified |
| Play | -0.02 shortfall | 2 good / 1 average | 14th | No gap |
| Allotments | -0.07 shortfall | 1 average / 1 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Wigan West

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.72 shortfall | n/a | 12th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | -6.19 shortfall | 2 average | 20th | No gap |
| Amenity | -0.01 shortfall | 7 good / 5 average | 14th | No gap |
| Play | -0.01 shortfall | 4 average | 13th | No gap |
| Allotments | -0.08 shortfall | 1 poor | n/a | n/a |

### Winstanley

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.72 shortfall | n/a | 12th= | Gap identified |
| Natural | -3.45 shortfall | 10 average / 1 poor | 6th | No gap |
| Amenity | -0.57 shortfall | 4 good / 7 average | 23rd | Gap identified |
| Play | -0.02 shortfall | 1 average / 2 poor | 24th | No gap |
| Allotments | -0.10 shortfall | n/a | n/a | n/a |

**Worsley Mesnes**

| Typology | Quantity | Quality | Value | Accessibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks | -0.67 shortfall | 1 good | 8th | Gap identified |
| Natural | +10.27 Sufficiency | 2 good / 12 average | 2nd | No gap |
| Amenity | +0.15 Sufficiency | 5 good / 7 average / 1 poor | 16th | Gap identified |
| Play | +0.04 Sufficiency | 1 average | 20th | No gap |
| Allotments | -0.03 shortfall | 1 average / 1 poor | n/a | n/a |

**Identifying priorities**

The focus for areas identified as being insufficient against the existing quantity standards will be for priorities to ensure quality and accessibility standards are being met. Part 13.4 highlights those areas with current shortfalls in provision.

Where provision is sufficient in terms of quantity, a focus should be on ensuring contributions to enhancing the quality and accessibility of existing open space provision.

**13.5: Identifying priorities and recommendations**

This section provides several priorities and recommendations based on the findings of the report. It incorporates and recommends what the Council should be seeking to achieve in order to help address the issues highlighted.

**Recommendation 1**

- Ensure new housing developments provide sufficient high quality open space for their new residents across all typologies.

Shortfalls in quantity, quality and accessibility are highlighted across the area. It is therefore important for new developments to not exacerbate existing shortfalls. New development creates additional demand for such provision. It is therefore essential that new areas of population provide and make adequate and appropriate contributions.

In general, quality of assessed sites is mixed. Consequently, it is important to ensure quality of open space provision aims to continuously meet a sufficient standard.

**Recommendation 2**

- Target areas of shortfall

Quantity levels should still be utilised to indicate the potential lack of provision any given area may have. However, this should be done in conjunction with the accessibility and quality of provision in the area.

Exploring opportunities to enhance existing provision and linkages to these sites should also be endorsed.

**Recommendation 3**

- Sites helping, or with the potential to help, serve areas identified as having gaps in catchment mapping should be prioritised as opportunities for enhancement

Accessibility mapping identifies sites that help or have the potential to serve existing identified gaps in provision.

These sites potentially help to meet the identified catchment gaps for other open space typologies. Where possible, the Council may seek to adapt these sites to provide a stronger secondary role to help address the gaps highlighted.

Often this is related to parks, amenity greenspace and natural / semi-natural greenspace. The Council should explore the potential / possibility to adapt these sites through formalisation and / or greater provision of features linked to other types of open space.

This is to provide a stronger secondary role as well as opportunities associated with other open space types. This may, in some instances, also help provide options to minimise the need for creation of new provision to address any gaps in catchment mapping. For some sites, such as natural / semi-natural greenspace, the ability to adapt or strengthen secondary roles may be limited due to the features and characteristics of the site. For play provision, sites could be explored for opportunities to expand the amount and breadth of equipment at existing play sites.

Such sites should therefore be viewed as open space provision that are likely to provide multiple social and value benefits. It is also important that the quality of these sites is secured and enhanced.

**Recommendation 4**

- Keeping data and supporting evidence base up to date in order to reflect changes over time

This study provides a snapshot in time. Whilst significant changes are not as common for open space provision, inevitably over time changes in provision occur through creation of new provision, loss of existing provision and / or alterations to site boundaries and management. Population change and housing growth are also another consideration to review when undertaking any form of update as this may impact on quantity provision levels and standards. It is therefore important, particularly given the growing recognition of open space provision, for the Council to undertake regular reviews of the data and / or actions informed by it.

## PART 14: PROVISION STANDARDS

The following section details the provision standards recommended for Wigan Council. This is based on up-to-date existing provision levels and how this compares to relevant national benchmarks and neighbouring local authorities.

### 14.1: Accessibility

Guidance on walking distance and times is published by FIT in its document “Creating great spaces for all” (2024). Appropriate accessibility distances for children’s play provision vary depending on the type of play provision. FIT do not set accessibility standards for allotments, churchyards/cemeteries, civic space or green corridors.

The accessibility catchments set out as part of the Open Space Report (2025) are based on the distances suggested by FIT. These are also in keeping with those used by some neighbouring local authorities.

Accessibility catchments are a tool to help identify gaps in provision. They can also be used to help inform where development contributions can be allocated. Consequently, a larger catchment area provides greater opportunities and flexibility with where monies can be directed.

Table 14.1.1: Comparison of accessibility catchments

| Open space type | | FIT | Open Space Report (2025) | St Helens (SPD 2023) | West Lancashire (OS Study 2018) | Chorley | Salford (Greenspace Strategy 2019) | Warrington (OS Study 2023) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | | 710m | 710m | 1,200m | 1,000m (urban) | 15-minute walk | 3,200m (District)<br>1,200m (Neighbourhood) | 1,200m (site 15 ha+)<br>710m (other sites) |
| Amenity greenspace | | 480m | 480m | 400m | 1,200m | 10-minute walk | n/a | 480m |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | | 720m | 720m | 1,200m | 30-minute drive | 30-minute drive | 2,000m (strategic)<br>500m (local) | 300m (2ha+)<br>2,000m (20ha+)<br>5,000m (100ha+) |
| Provision for children and young people | LAP | 100m | 100m | 800m | 1,000m | 10-minute walk | 1,000m (NEAP) | 100m |
| | LEAP | 400m | 400m | | | | | 400m |
| | NEAP | 1,000m | 1,000m | | | | | 1,000m |
| Allotments | | n/a | n/a | 1,200m | 1,200m | 15-minute walk | n/a | 1,000m |
| Cemeteries / | | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Civic space | | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

No catchments are suggested for allotments, civic space, green corridors or cemeteries as it is difficult to assess such provision against catchment mapping. In some instances (i.e. for cemeteries and allotments) it is better to determine need for provision based on known demand (e.g. capacity, waiting lists etc).

In summary, the following accessibility standards are recommended.

Table 14.1.2: Recommended accessibility standards

| Open space type | | Recommended standard |
|---|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | | 9-minute walk time (710m) |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | | 9-minute walk time (720m) |
| Amenity greenspace | | 6-minute walk time (480m) |
| Provision for children and young people | LAP | 1-minute walk time (100m) |
| | LEAP | 5-minute walk time (400m) |
| | NEAP | 12.5-minute walk time (1000m) |
| | Other provision (e.g. MUGA, Skate park) | 9-minute walk time (700m) |
| Allotments | | No standard set |
| Cemeteries / churchyards | | No standard set |

**14.2: Quantity**

Quantity standards can be used to identify areas of shortfalls and help with determining requirements for future developments.

It is useful to compare existing quantity standards against current levels of provision, national benchmarks, and neighbouring authorities.

Guidance on quantity levels is published by FIT in its document “Creating great spaces for all” (2024). The guidance provides standards for three types of open space provision: parks and gardens, amenity greenspace and natural / semi-natural greenspace. FIT also suggests a guideline quantity standard for equipped / designated playing space.

For allotments, the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) suggests a national standard of 20 allotments per 1,000 households, an equivalent of 0.25 hectares per 1,000 population.

Table 14.2.1 sets out the figures for existing quantity standards, current provision levels identified, national benchmarks and neighbouring local authorities.

Table 14.2.1: Comparison of quantity standards (hectares per 1,000 population)

| Open space type | | FIT | Open Space Report (2024) | OS figures 2015 | St Helens (SPD 2023) | West Lancashire (OS Study 2018) | Chorley (OS 2019) | Warrington (OS Study 2023) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | | 0.80 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 0.80 | 0.10 | 1.70 | 1.36 |
| Amenity greenspace | | 0.60 | 0.82 | 0.25 | 1.00 | 1.45 | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | | 1.80 | 7.05 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 7.18 | 6.42 | 4.94 |
| Provision for children and young people | Equipped | 0.25 | 0.03 | 0.045 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.06 |
| | Other | 0.30 | | 0.325 | | | | |
| Allotments | | 0.25 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.07 | 0.08 |
| Cemeteries / churchyards | | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Civic space | | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

Overall, the total current provision level (2025) of 8.72 is greater than the total figures from the 2015 study (3.52) and FIT (4.00). However, this is due to the large current provision level associated with natural / semi-natural greenspace (7.05).

The individual typology figures from 2015 are generally greater than the current provision levels. The exception being in natural greenspace and amenity greenspace. This is likely to be partly due to increases in population since the previous study outweighing the rate of creation / levels of open space provision, meaning the ha per 1,000 population figures have reduced over time.

Combined the 2015 figures are less than the combined total from FIT. The main differences being due to the FIT standards suggested for play and amenity greenspace. Equally, the 2015 figures have a greater level set out for natural greenspace.

The recommendation is for a mix of current provision levels and national benchmarks to be used. In some cases, there is a rationale for utilising national benchmark figures in calculating future requirements of provision.

Table 14.2.2: justification of recommended quantity standards

| Type | Recommendation | Justification |
|---|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | Current provision | Reflects up to date provision figures, which have been reviewed as part of study. Also, in keeping with FIT. |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | FIT | Current provision level unlikely to be achievable in areas of new development. Therefore, use of FIT as a recognised standard is recommended. |
| Amenity greenspace | Current provision | Reflects up to date provision figures, which have been reviewed as part of study. |
| Provision for children and young people | FIT | Current provision level significantly below FIT and 2015 figures. FIT widely recognised / accepted as a quantity standard figure for play provision. |
| Allotment | NSALG | Demand evidenced through waiting lists. Therefore, use of NSALG as a recognised standard is recommended. |

In summary, the following quantity standards are recommended:

Table 14.2.3: Recommended quantity standards

| Type | Recommended Quantity Standard (Ha per 1,000 population) |
|---|---|
| Parks and gardens | 0.72 |
| Natural / semi-natural greenspace | 1.80 |
| Amenity greenspace | 0.82 |
| Provision for children and young people | 0.25 |
| Allotment | 0.25 |
| **Total** | **3.84** |

**Policy implications**

Policy PE5 (Open space and play provision in new housing developments) of the Local Plan states “New housing developments of 100 or more homes will be required to provide a minimum of 25 square metres per home of open space and equipped play space on-site”.

This is an equivalent to 1.06 hectares per 1,000 population. The requirement in Policy PE5 is the same as the combined recommended standard for AGS (0.81) and play (0.25) which is 1.06 hectares per 1000 population.

The ward summaries (Part 13.4) can initially be used to highlight which areas are identified as having shortfalls in different types of open space provision. Consequently, this can help to inform development requirements.

**14.3: Quality**

Each type of open space receives a quality rating. This helps to highlight shortfalls in quality at a ward level and to inform any opportunities for investment.

When analysing the quality of a site, it should be done in conjunction with regard to the quantity and / or accessibility of provision in the area (i.e., whether there are deficiencies).

There is a need for flexibility to the enhancement of low-quality sites. In some instances, a better use of resources and investment may be to focus on more suitable sites for enhancement as opposed to trying to enhance sites where it is not appropriate or cost effective to do so. Please refer to the individual typology sections for quality ratings.

**Design principles and considerations**

It is essential that the provision and location of open space is considered as a priority from the outset in the planning of residential developments. Once the types and quantities to be provided are confirmed, this should be integrated into the development and designed with the objective of contributing optimally to the quality of life of residents. Developments, in which open space is ‘fitted in’ around the built elements as a secondary consideration, rarely achieve this objective.

In addition to the location and design of the individual facilities, consideration should be given to the connections between them, ensuring that a network of diverse and stimulating accessible open space binds the development together.

The following sets out some of the key considerations to the design / quality for different types of provision.

***Open spaces:***

- Appropriate design and layout of interest including suitable planting, seating, signage, bins
- Expected to contribute to green infrastructure
- Open space provision should be meaningful and at the "heart" of new developments.
- Reflective of any site sensitivities and capacity pressures / opportunities
- Open views / clear sightlines for natural surveillance and user safety perceptions
- Variations in vegetation structure and topography to ensure habitat diversity
- Appropriate footpaths and materials. Main paths could be hard surfaced with loose fill material or simply marked by mowing where natural drainage is adequate. For wet areas, timber boardwalks should be installed
- Links to wider networks (i.e. PROW, cycle routes etc)
- Consideration to using any appropriate methods (e.g. fencing, gates etc) to reduce user pressure on areas of sensitivity
- Signage installed as appropriate.

***Play:***

- Appropriate to the needs of the local community
- Accessible for every child within the appropriate walking time for LAPs, LEAPs and NEAPs
- Separated from areas of major vehicle movements and accessible directly from pedestrian routes and visible from nearby dwelling or well used pedestrian routes
- Sited in open, welcoming locations with appropriate lighting (where applicable)
- Visible from nearby dwellings or well used pedestrian routes
- Sited on land of natural topography or on land capable of being landscaped for the type of play experience intended
- Designed in accordance with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act, 1995 and Equalities Act 2010
- Designed so that any high climbing structures are as far as possible from nearby dwellings and any potential visual intrusion is minimised
- Integrated, as far as possible, with other open spaces and areas of amenity planting to provide separation from nearby dwellings
- Accessible by footpath with appropriate surface
- Surfaced in a manner fitting to the intensity of use
- Provided with seating for accompanying adults, carers and siblings which promotes a variety of adaptable spaces for scaling, performing and fun
- Use materials that will remain usable and safe for an extended period. Avoid use of materials with a shorter 'shelf life' such as timber frames etc.
- Ensure spaces are not dominated by one activity and provide several opportunities for play and physical activity e.g. providing swings which allow for multiple users or installing interactive equipment
- Designed to provide a sociable, stimulating and challenging play experience that may include equipment and other features providing opportunities for meeting friends, undertaking physical activity, imaginative play and expressing yourself or other activities.