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Glossary

DLUHC	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DPD	Development Plan Document
FIT	Fields in Trust
FOG	Friends of Group
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LDF	Local Development Framework
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
MUGA	Multi-use Games Area (an enclosed area with a hard surface for variety of informal 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 (Defined as being a stable and consistently sized areas for Neighbourhood Statistics)
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
SSSI	Sites of Special Scientific Interest
WSC	West Suffolk Council

Part 1: Introduction

West Suffolk Council (WSC) commissioned Knight Kavanagh and Page Ltd (KKP) to deliver an Open Space Assessment.

The purpose of an Open Space Study is to recognise the role of open space provision as a resource to West Suffolk as a locality. 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

This document focuses on reporting the findings of the research, consultation, site assessments, data analysis and GIS mapping that underpin the study. It provides detail regarding what provision exists in the area, its distribution and accessibility.

It will help inform direction on the future provision of accessible, high quality, sustainable open space provision in West Suffolk. It can help to inform the priorities for open space provision as part of future population distribution and planned growth.

In order for planning policies to be 'sound' local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities. We advocate that the methodology to undertake such assessments should still be informed by best practice including the Planning Policy Guidance 17 (PPG17) [Companion Guidance: Assessing Needs and Opportunities](#) published in September 2002.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021 has replaced PPG17. However, assessment of open space facilities is still normally carried out in accordance with the Companion Guidance to PPG17 as it still remains the only national best practice guidance on the conduct of an open space assessment.

Under paragraph 98 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.

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

Table 1.1: Open space typology definitions

Typology	Primary purpose
Parks and gardens	Urban parks, country parks and formal gardens, open to the general public. Accessible, high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events.
Natural and 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.

1.1: Report structure

Open spaces

This report contains relevant typology specific data. Further description of the methodology used can be found in Part 2.

The report as a whole covers the predominant issues for all open spaces as defined in best practice guidance:

- ◀ Part 3: General open space summary
- ◀ Part 4: Parks and gardens
- ◀ Part 5: Natural/ semi-natural greenspace
- ◀ Part 6: Amenity greenspace
- ◀ Part 7: Provision for children/ young people
- ◀ Part 8: Allotments
- ◀ Part 9: Cemeteries/churchyards

Playing pitches and indoor built sports facilities

Any site recognised as sports provision but with a clear multifunctional role (for example, where it is also available for wider community use as open space) is included in this study as a type of open space. Provision purely for sporting use should be included within the other studies. 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. Pitches on dual use sites are identified in the PPS too but only by number and pitch type (as prescribed in Sport England Guidance).

1.2: National context

National Planning Policy Framework (2021), (DLUHC)

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) Planning Policy Framework (July 2021) (NPPF) sets out the planning policies for England. It details how these are expected to be applied to the planning

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system and provides a framework to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

It states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development (paragraphs 7-10). 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 98 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 99 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 (DLUHC)

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.

Planning for Sport Guidance (2019), Sport England

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.

Table 1.2: 12 planning for sport principles

Overarching	Recognise and give weight to the benefits of sport and physical activity
	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
	Plan, design and maintain buildings, developments, facilities, land and environments that enable people to lead active lifestyles
Protect	Protect and promote existing sport and physical activity provision and ensure new development does not prejudice its use
	Ensure long-term viable management and maintenance of new and existing sport and physical activity provision
Enhance	Support improvements to existing sport and physical activity provision where they are needed
	Encourage and secure wider community use of existing and new sport and physical activity provision
Provide	Support new provision, including allocating new sites for sport and physical activity which meets identified needs
	Ensure a positive approach to meeting the needs generated by new development for sport and physical activity provision
	Provide sport and physical activity provision which is fit for purpose and well designed
	Plan positively for sport and physical activity provision in designated landscapes and the green belt
	Proactively address any amenity issues arising from sport and physical activity developments

Everybody Active, Every Day (2014), Public Health England

In October 2014 Public Health England (PHE) produced a plan to tackle low activity levels across the country. Along with making the case for physical activity, the plan identifies four areas where measures need to be taken at a national and local level:

- ◀ Active society: creating a social movement. Shifting social norms so that physical activity becomes a routine part of daily life.
- ◀ Moving professionals: activating networks of expertise. Making every contact with the health sector count to push the 'active' message and to deliver the message through other sectors including education, sports and leisure, transport and planning.
- ◀ Active environments: creating the right spaces. Making available and accessible appropriate environments that encourage people to be active every day.
- ◀ Moving at scale: scaling up interventions that make us active. Maximising existing assets that enable communities to be active.

Open space provision has an important role in working towards these measures. There is a need to ensure accessible facilities that can help meet the physical activity needs of everyone including the physically and mentally disabled and those with learning difficulties and debilitating diseases.

Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play Beyond the Six Acre Standard (2015), Fields in Trust

As part of its protection work, Fields in Trust (FiT) offers guidance on open space provision and design. This is to ensure that the provision of outdoor sport, play and informal open space is of a sufficient size to enable effective use; is located 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.

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. Engaging residents to take up and retain a minimum or better level of physical literacy 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 report makes an assessment of open space provision from which recommendations and policy will be formulated.

1.3: Local context

Joint Development Management Policies Document (2015)

Policy DM42: Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities sets out that proposals for the provision, enhancement and/or expansion of amenity, sport or recreation open space or facilities will be permitted subject to compliance with other adopted Local Plan policies.

Development which will result in the loss of existing amenity, sport or recreation open space or facilities will not be allowed unless:

- a. It can be demonstrated that the space or facility is surplus to requirement against the local planning authority's standards for the particular location, and the proposed loss will not result in a likely shortfall during the local plan period; or
- b. Replacement for the space or facilities lost is made available, of at least equivalent quantity and quality, and in a suitable location to meet the needs of users of the existing space or facility.

It also sets out the requirement for developments to provide open space including play areas, formal sport/recreation areas, amenity areas and where appropriate, indoor sports facilities or to provide land and a financial contribution towards the cost and maintenance of existing or new facilities, as appropriate.

1.4: Neighbouring authority context

An indication to the import of demand (and potential implications) on West Suffolk sites is taken from the sales of annual car parking permits for Brandon Country Park, West Stow Country Park and Nowton Country Park.

Table 1.3: Neighbouring local authority context summary

Local authority	Open space context	Potential implications
East Cambridgeshire	Total provision of publicly accessible greenspace = 22.65 hectares per 1,000 population Green Flag sites in 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jubilee Gardens, Ely • Ely Country Park, Ely 	Has a higher provision of POS per head of population than West Suffolk. Accounts for 0.83% of car park permits. Implications for West Suffolk likely to be minimal.
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	No open space documents found Green Flag sites in 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Walks, King's Lynn • The Tower Gardens, King's Lynn • Mintlyn Crematorium, King's Lynn • Hunstanton Heritage Gardens, Hunstanton • Boston Square Sensory Park, Hunstanton 	Accounts for 1.04% of car park permits. Minimal import and export of facility users. Implications for West Suffolk likely to be minimal.
Breckland	The Breckland Open Space Assessment (2015) applies an old FIT standard of 0.80 hectares for children's play per 1,000 population (cited by FIT prior to updated guidance published in 2015). This is combined with a quantity standard of 1.76 hectares per 1,000 population for outdoor sport to give a local standard of 2.56 hectares of open space per 1,000 population.	Accounts for 3.08% of car park permits. Minimal import and export of facility users. Implications for West Suffolk likely to be minimal.
Babergh and Mid Suffolk	The Open Space Assessment (2019) sets a standard of 2.40 hectares per 1,000 population to use in calculating the requirements from new developments.	Accounts for 4.70% of car park permits. There is some evidence of import for facility users.
Braintree	The Open Space SPD (2009) sets a standard of 2.63 hectares per 1,000 population to use in calculating the requirements from new developments.	No car park permits from area. Minimal import and export of facility users.
South Cambridgeshire	Total provision of publicly accessible greenspace = 9.51 hectares per 1,000 population. The Open Space SPD (2009) sets a standard of 2.80 hectares per 1,000 population to use in calculating the requirements from new developments.	Has a higher provision of POS per head of population than West Suffolk. Accounts for 0.83% of car park permits. Implications for West Suffolk likely to be minimal.

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 - Accessibility standards

2.1: Analysis area

The study area comprises the whole of West Suffolk. In order to address supply and demand on a more localised level, five analysis areas (consisting of grouped ward areas) have been utilised.

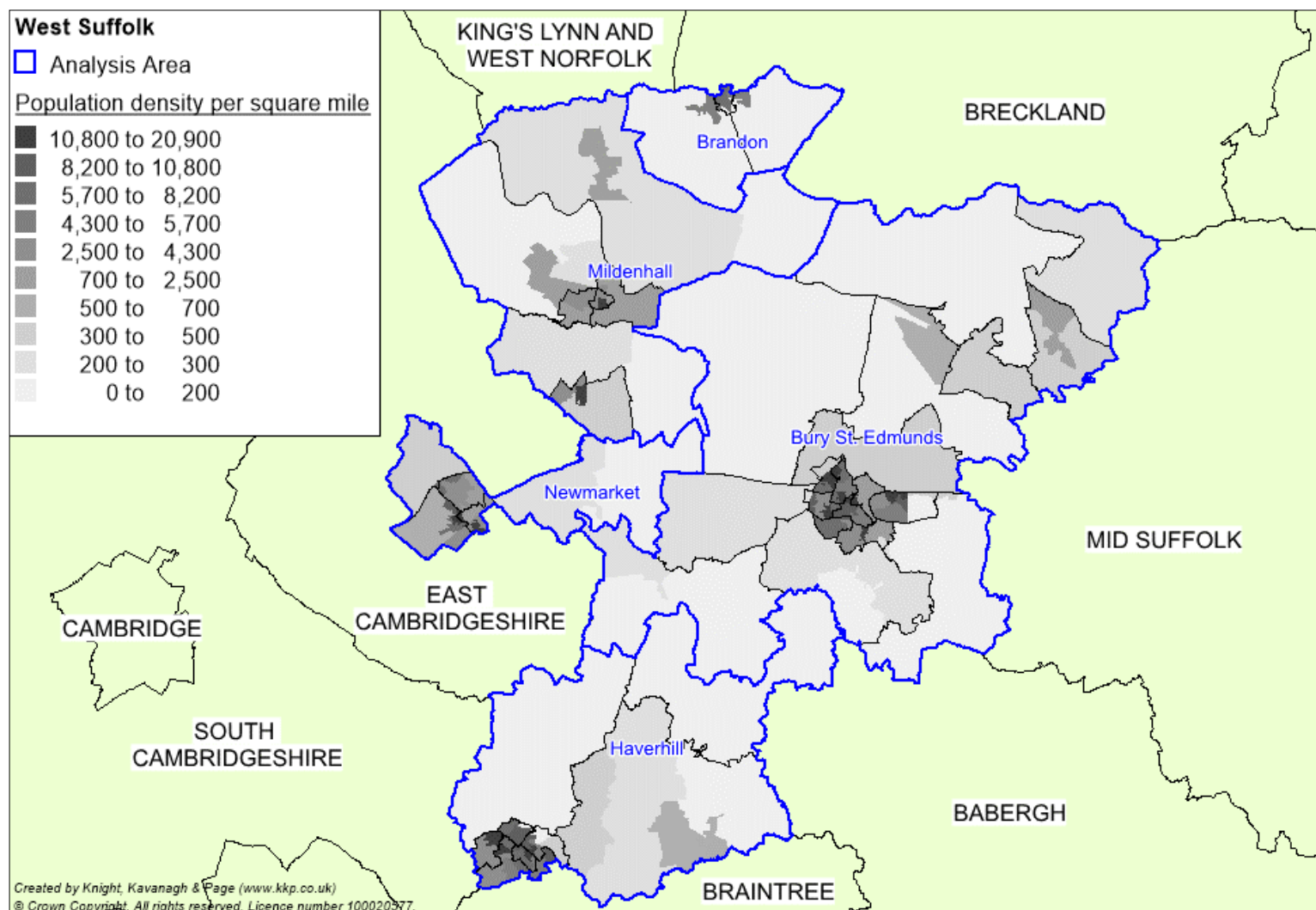
Figure 2.1 shows the district broken down into these analysis areas in tandem with population density. Population figures use Mid-2019 Population Estimates for 2019 Wards in England and Wales by Single Year of Age and Sex - Experimental Statistics (Published 9 Sept 2020).

Table 2.1: Analysis areas and populations

Analysis area	Wards			Population
Brandon	Brandon East	Brandon Central	Brandon West	9,556
Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	Bardwell	Barningham	72,832
	Barrow	Chedburgh and Chevington	Eastgate	
	Horringer	Ixworth	Minden	
	Moreton Hall	Pakenham and Troston	Risby	
	Rougham	St. Olaves	Southgate	
	Stanton	The Fornhams and Great Barton	Tollgate	
	Westgate			
Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	Haverhill Central	Haverhill East	40,969
	Haverhill North	Haverhill South	Haverhill South-East	
	Haverhill West	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	Withersfield	
Mildenhall	Iceni	Lakenheath	Manor	34,356
	Mildenhall Great Heath	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	Mildenhall Queensway	
	The Rows			
Newmarket	Exning	Kentford and Moulton	Newmarket East	21,332
	Newmarket North	Newmarket West		
West Suffolk				179,045

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Figure 2.1: Map of West Suffolk including analysis areas



2.2: Auditing local provision

Open space sites (including provision for children and young people) are identified, mapped and assessed. Only sites publicly accessible are included (for example private sites or land, which people cannot access, are not included). 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 report, analyse the following typologies in accordance with the Companion Guidance to PPG17.

1. Parks and gardens
2. Natural and semi-natural greenspace
3. Amenity greenspace
4. Provision for children and young people
5. Allotments
6. Cemeteries/churchyards

Site size threshold

In accordance with recommendations from the Companion Guidance to PPG17, a size threshold of 0.2 hectares is applied to the typologies of amenity greenspace and natural/semi-natural greenspace. It is recognised that spaces smaller than 0.2 hectares can provide amenity to local neighbourhoods and stepping-stones for wildlife. However, they are often too small to provide any meaningful leisure and recreational opportunities to warrant a full site assessment.

They should therefore be assessed on a site-by-site basis (to assess potential community, biodiversity and visual value) should a request for development be made upon such a site in the future.

It should be noted that some sites below the threshold such as 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 visit data

Sites are primarily identified by KKP 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 deficits or surpluses of open space in a local area, provision standards focusing on Quantity and Accessibility are set and applied later in the document.

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 (for example 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: 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 (as the crow flies). The report displays the results of the catchment to highlight any potentially 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' for West Suffolk.

Accessibility guidance from FIT provides suggested catchment standards for parks and gardens, natural and semi-natural greenspace, amenity greenspace and provision for children and young people. These are set out in Table 2.4.1.

Table 2.4.1: FIT accessibility guidelines

Open space type		Walking guideline	Approximate time equivalent
Parks and gardens		710m	9 minutes
Amenity greenspace		480m	6 minutes
Natural and semi-natural greenspace		720m	9 minutes
Play areas and informal sports facilities	LAP	100m	1 minute
	LEAP	400m	5 minutes
	NEAP	1,000m	12 ½ minutes
	Other provision (MUGA, Skatepark)	700m	9 minutes

FIT do not set accessibility catchments/standards for allotments or churchyards or cemeteries. Churchyards and cemeteries are unique in their function; making new provision occurs only in exceptional circumstances based on evidence beyond the scope of this study. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to set an accessibility standard as this report can have no impact on provision.

Similarly, for allotments no accessibility catchments are suggested. Making way for the delivery of a new allotment is not without its challenges given the land take involved. However, it can be planned for where there is justification.

Another accessibility catchment is suggested at a national level for natural and semi-natural greenspace. Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGSt) also provides a

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set of benchmarks for ensuring access to places near to where people live. They recommend that people living in towns and cities should have:

- ◀ An accessible natural greenspace of at least two hectares in size, no more than 300 metres (five minute walk) from home.
- ◀ At least one accessible 20 hectare site within two kilometres of home.
- ◀ One accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home.
- ◀ One accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home.

However, for consistency with the other typology catchments, the FIT accessibility catchment is used to identify potential gaps. This is also considered to be more relevant in identifying gaps in local forms of provision.

Part 3: Open space summary

This section describes trends from the quality and value ratings for each typology.

3.1 Overview

Within West Suffolk there is a total of 651 open space sites equating to approximately 742 hectares. Parks, amenity greenspace and natural greenspace are the largest contributors, accounting for 92% of open space provision in the area.

Table 3.1: Overview of open space provision

Open space typology	Number of sites	Total amount (hectares) Rounded to the nearest whole number
Allotments	39	44
Amenity greenspace	212	255
Cemeteries and churchyards	117	-
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	77	229
Park and gardens	15	199
Provision for children and young people	191	15
Total	651	742

The quantity figures do not include significantly large sites such as Mildenhall Woods (506 hectares), Cavenham Heath National Nature Reserve (210 hectares), Knettishall Heath Nature Reserve (175 hectares), Bradfield Woods National Nature Reserve (70 hectares) and Maidscross Hill Nature Reserve (50 hectares). Such sites can skew the setting of quantity standards.

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. Country Park style sites may also provide opportunities and functions often associated with parks and are included within this section.

4.2 Current provision

There are 15 sites classified as parks and gardens across West Suffolk, the equivalent of over 199 hectares (see Table 4.1). No site size threshold has been applied and, as such, all sites have been included within the typology. All analysis areas have parks provision.

Table 4.1: Current parks and gardens provision in West Suffolk

Analysis area	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (Ha per 1,000 population)
Brandon	1	11.49	1.20
Bury St Edmunds	8	157.59	2.16
Haverhill	3	27.64	0.67
Mildenhall	1	2.06	0.06
Newmarket	2	0.66	0.03
West Suffolk	15	199.43	1.11

For parks and gardens, the district has a current provision level of 1.11 hectares per 1,000 head of population. The largest site and therefore the biggest contributor to this provision is Nowton Park (67 ha) located in the Bury St Edmunds Analysis Area. The next largest sites are West Stow Country Park (49 ha) and Hardwick Heath (25 ha), also in the Bury St Edmunds Analysis Area.

It is important to note that within the category of parks and gardens there are two distinct types of sites. Some sites are significant in size and act as destination places offering greater recreational facilities and uses which people will often be willing to travel further to access. Examples of this type include Nowton Park and Brandon Country Park. Other sites within the typology of parks and gardens are smaller in size and more formal in character with less recreational uses (for example Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds).

Fields In Trust (FIT) suggests 0.80 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. Table 4.1 shows that overall, the district is above this. This is also the case for Brandon and Bury St Edmunds. However, three of the five analysis areas are below 0.80 ha per 1000 population.

However, the reality is that parks provision, particularly 'destination' parks, are 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.

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4.3 Accessibility

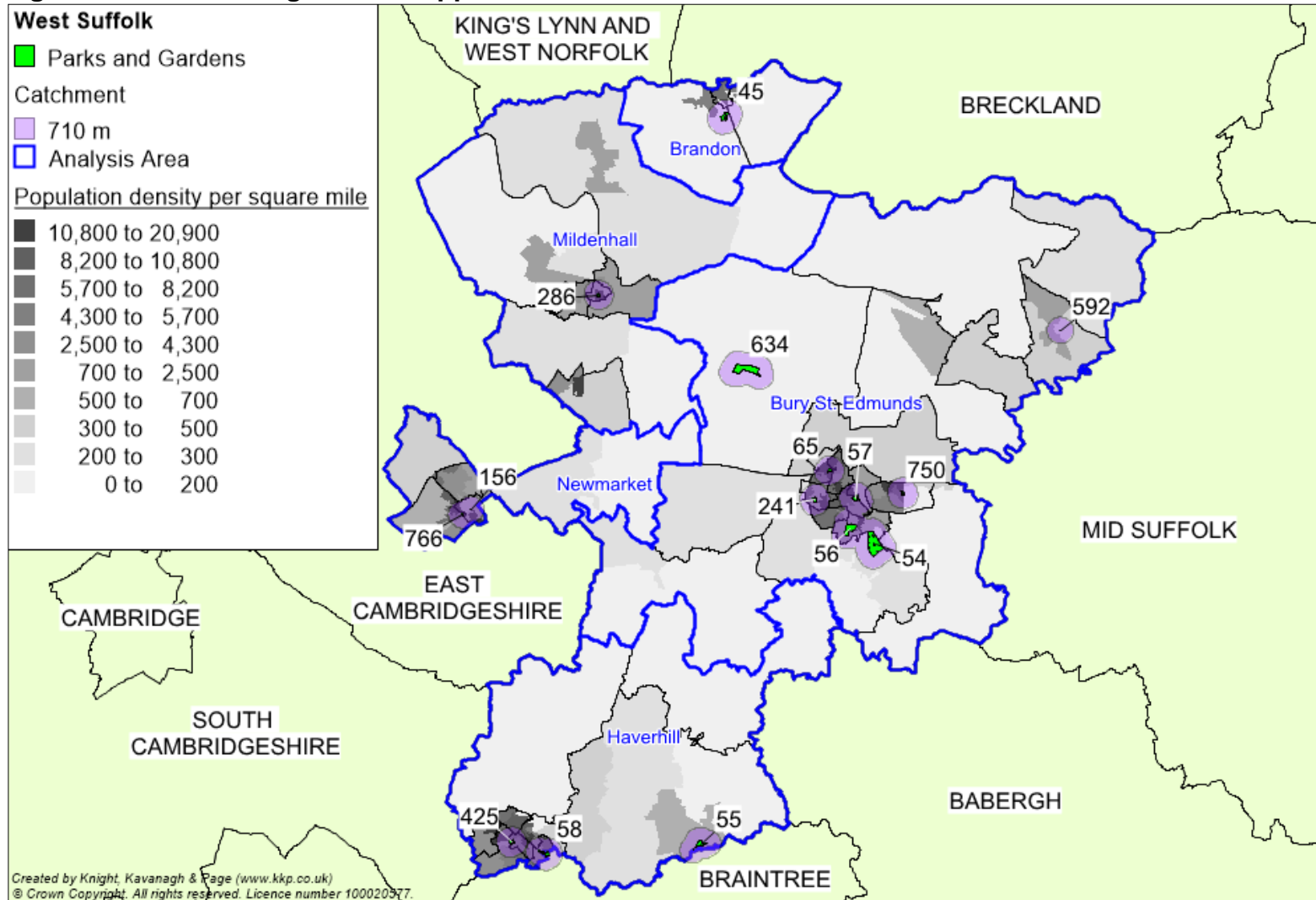
For the purpose of mapping, a 9-minute radial walk time catchment has been applied to parks and gardens. Figure 4.1 (overleaf) shows the catchments applied to parks and gardens to help inform where potential deficiencies in provision may be located. This should be treated as an approximation as it does not take account of topography or walking routes.

Table 4.2: Key to the mapped parks and gardens

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Size (ha)
45	Brandon Country Park	Brandon	Brandon West	13.96
54	Nowton Park	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	66.70
55	Clare Castle Country Park	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	9.95
56	Hardwick Heath	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	24.26
57	Abbey Gardens	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	6.26
58	East Town Park	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	13.31
65	Tollgate Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	3.02
156	The Severals, Bury Road, Newmarket	Newmarket	Newmarket East	0.15
241	Gainsborough Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	3.87
286	St John's Recreation Ground	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Great Heath	2.06
425	Haverhill Recreation Ground	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	4.38
592	Gilbert Road Pocket Park	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	0.17
634	West Stow Country Park	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	49.46
750	Flying Fortress Park	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	3.85
766	Memorial Hall Gardens	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.50

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Figure 4.1: Parks and gardens mapped with a 710m catchment



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Figure 4.1 highlights gaps to several areas of greater population density across the analysis areas. However, other types of open space provision are identified (Table 4.3) within most of these gaps. Such sites may help to serve as an alternative within the accessibility gap for parks. Sites within proximity (and therefore covered by the catchment area of an existing park site) are not identified.

Table 4.3: Other open spaces serving gaps in park catchments

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Open space type
239	Knappers Way	Brandon	Amenity
301	Warren Close, Brandon	Brandon	Amenity
62	Heldhaw Road Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Amenity
260	Out Risbygate (St Peter's Pit)	Bury St Edmunds	Amenity
294	Layhill Covert	Bury St Edmunds	Amenity
415	Tayfen Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Amenity
364	Allington Walk Recreation Ground	Haverhill	Amenity
219	Puddlebrook Playing Fields, Greenfields Way, Haverhill	Haverhill	Amenity
278	Ingham Road Open Space	Haverhill	Amenity
411	Howe Road	Haverhill	Amenity
506	Douglas Park	Mildenhall	Amenity
547	Jubilee Fields	Mildenhall	Amenity
627	Barton Mills Village Green	Mildenhall	Amenity
507	Lady Wolverton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Amenity
511	George Lambton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Amenity
558	Studlands	Newmarket	Amenity

Part 5: Natural and semi-natural greenspace

5.1 Introduction

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

5.2 Current provision

In total, there are 77 natural and semi-natural greenspace sites across West Suffolk, equating to over 228 hectares.

Table 5.1: Current accessible natural and semi-natural greenspace in West Suffolk

Analysis area	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (Ha per 1,000 population)
Brandon	4	7.13	0.75
Bury St Edmunds	43	100.19	1.38
Haverhill	17	40.90	1.00
Mildenhall	8	72.76	2.12
Newmarket	5	7.71	0.36
West Suffolk	77	228.69	1.28

These totals do not include all provision in the area as site size thresholds have been applied. Any sites below 0.2 hectares and over 50 hectares are not included. Sites smaller than 0.2 hectares are likely to be of less or only limited recreational value to residents. Conversely, sites over 50 hectares significantly skew the quantity figures (and the setting/application of a quantity standard). 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.

Significantly large sites omitted from the study include Mildenhall Woods (506 hectares), Cavenham Heath National Nature Reserve (210 hectares), Knettishall Heath Nature Reserve (175 hectares), Bradfield Woods National Nature Reserve (70 hectares) and Maidscross Hill Nature Reserve (50 hectares). Thetford Forest Park (18,000 hectares) and Kings Forest (2,300 hectares) are also significant forms of provision serving the area. Despite being omitted from the figures, it is important to recognise these sites in terms of the role and importance they provide.

It is also worthwhile noting that access by the public to The Gallops (part of the Newmarket Racecourse) is permitted after 1pm. However, as it is not accessible all the time it is not included in the study but is recognised as providing an important role.

Fields In Trust (FIT) suggests 1.80 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. Across West Suffolk, there is an overall provision level of 1.28 hectares per 1,000 head of population, below the FIT guideline. However, the Mildenhall Analysis Area does exceed the FIT guideline.

Some sites can bridge the definition of typologies such as natural greenspace and amenity greenspace. For example, a grassed area left unmaintained can start to have characteristics associated with natural greenspace.

It is important to recognise that other open spaces such as parks and amenity greenspace often provide opportunities and activities associated with natural and semi-natural greenspace. For example, sites such as West Stow Country Park, Brandon Country Park and Clare Castle Country Park are considered to offer a dual use and purpose. The sites are observed as offering greater biodiversity and habitats due to the presence of trees and water features. However, it is important to highlight that it is not always clear to distinguish a sites primary typology.

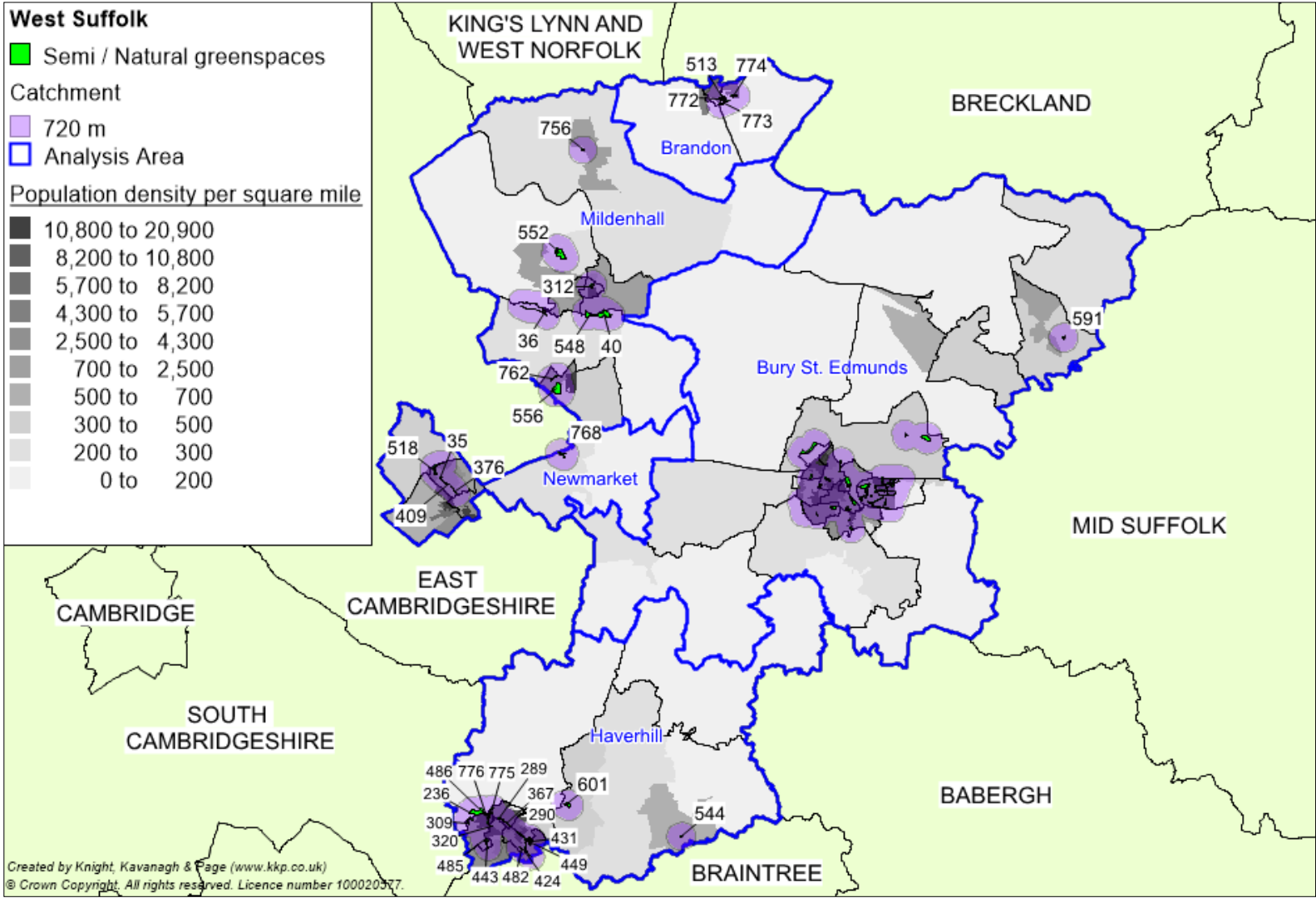
5.3 Accessibility

Two accessibility catchments exist for natural and semi-natural greenspace. One is suggested by FIT and the other by Natural England.

The following figures present the FIT catchment for consistency with the other typology catchments. It is also considered to be more relevant in identifying potential gaps in local provision.

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Figure 5.1: Natural greenspace mapped with 720m FIT catchment



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Figure 5.2: Natural greenspace in Bury St Edmunds (town area only) mapped with a 720m FIT catchment

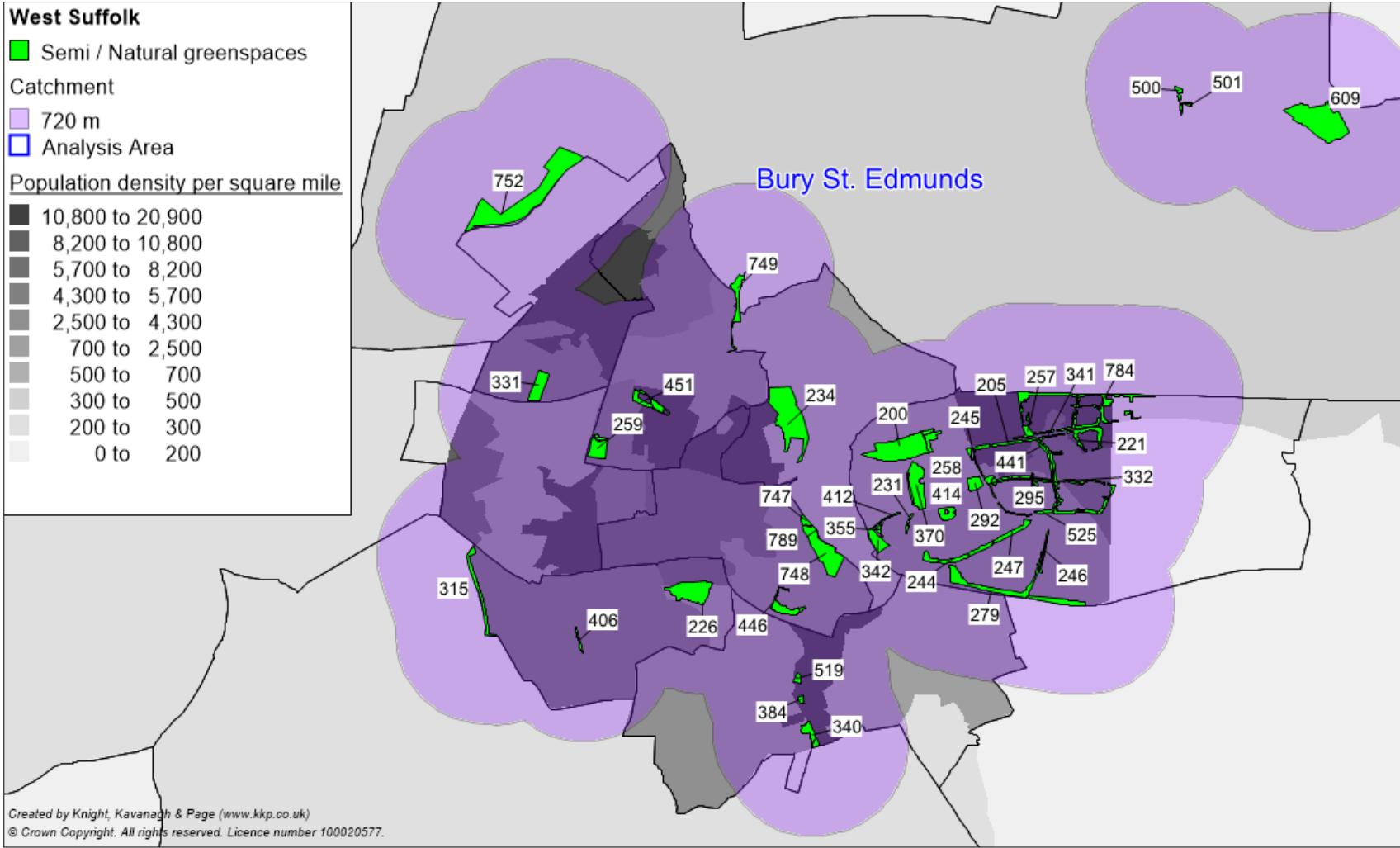


Table 5.2: Key to sites mapped (Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
35	Willie Snaith Road	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.87
36	Off Church Lane	Mildenhall	Manor	1.04
40	Barton Mills Riverside Reserve	Mildenhall	Manor	18.76
200	Natterer's Wood	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	6.19
205	Mount Road/Tassell Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.55
221	Behind Bluebell Avenue and Grainger Close	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	1.34
226	Holywater Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	10.68
231	Layhill Close	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.26
234	Barwell Road, Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds	Eastgate	1.52
236	Meldham Washlands	Haverhill	Withersfield	17.55
244	Off Bedingfield Way	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	1.32
245	Mount Road/Ortewell Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.53
246	Boldero Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.59
247	Behind Sebert Road and Croypley Close	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	1.76
257	Broomley Green Lane/Mount Road Woodland	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.47
258	Path off Mount Road/Downing Close	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.23
259	Beetons Way by Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	2.24
279	Kempson Way/Bedingfield Way	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	5.33
289	Howe Road/Withersfield Road	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.53
290	Rushmere Place, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	1.12
292	Woodland off Ortewell Road/Lawson Place	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	1.10
295	South of Cranesbill Drive	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.27
309	Mellis Close	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.38
312	Great Heath Mildenhall	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Great Heath	1.68
315	Behind Hasted Close	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	1.92
320	Behind Castle Manor Academy	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.20
331	Woodland adjacent to Oakes Road Park	Bury St Edmunds	St Olaves	2.25
332	Between Daisy Avenue and Mead Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.20
340	Hickling Drive/Mayfield Road Woodland	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	1.22

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
341	Mount Road/Airfield Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.27
342	Shakers Lane	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	1.52
355	Oswyn Close	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.20
367	Off Arrendene Road	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.98
370	Ten Acre Field, Symonds Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	3.93
376	Noel Murless Drive	Newmarket	Newmarket North	1.16
384	Kestrel Road	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.22
406	Off Glastonbury Road, Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.32
409	Section of the Yellow Brick Road behind George Lambton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.26
412	Off Symonds Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.26
414	Pond Covert	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	1.09
424	Aslea Road, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	2.58
431	Millfields Way County Wildlife site	Haverhill	Haverhill East	4.98
441	Behind Airfield Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.70
443	West of Henry Close and Aragon Road	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.44
446	Saxongate Local Nature Reserve	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	1.91
449	Off Manor Road, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	1.80
451	Woodland by Tayfen Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	1.62
482	Off Bumpstead Road	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	0.39
485	Seymour Drive/Burton End	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.98
486	Park Road/A1307	Haverhill	Haverhill West	1.18
500	Conyers Way	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.24
501	Downing Drive	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.39
513	Yew Drive, south of Glade Academy	Brandon	Brandon East	3.29
518	Brickfields Avenue/Hyperion Way	Newmarket	Newmarket North	1.56
519	Home Farm Lane	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.36
525	Skyliner Way/Dovers Way	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.28
544	Clare Nuttery	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.86
548	Norah Hanbury-Kelk Meadows Nature Reserve	Mildenhall	Manor	8.31
552	Aspal Close Nature Reserve	Mildenhall	The Rows	18.12
556	Red Lodge Heath	Mildenhall	Iceni	20.62

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
591	Sid's Piece Community Woods	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	1.08
601	Kedington Earthworm Observatory	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	4.41
609	Icepits Wood	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	9.33
747	The Crankles	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	0.45
748	No Man's Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	4.78
749	Babwell Meadows	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	1.91
752	Marham Park	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	13.84
756	Mutford Green	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.38
762	Wintergreen Road SNS	Mildenhall	Iceni	1.79
768	Larnach Drive and Anvil Way	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	1.49
772	Back Park and Wood Close	Brandon	Brandon Central	0.52
773	Green Road	Brandon	Brandon East	2.22
774	Blackbird Avenue	Brandon	Brandon East	1.48
775	Withersfield Road J/W Halesbarn Road	Haverhill	Haverhill North	1.23
776	Spindle Road Spinney	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.89
784	Shelter belts North of Mount Road (Moreton Hall)	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	5.94
789	The Crankles and No Man's Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	0.54

Figure 5.1 highlights several gaps across the area but most noticeable in Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket. However, other types of open space provision are identified within some of these gaps (Table 5.3). Such sites may help to serve as an alternative within the accessibility gap for natural greenspace. Sites within proximity (and therefore covered by the catchment area of an existing natural site) are not identified.

Table 5.3: Other open spaces serving gaps in natural greenspace catchments

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Open space type
197	Brandon Cemetery	Brandon	Cemetery
305	St Margaret's Drive	Brandon	Amenity
317	Edmund Road	Brandon	Amenity
65	Tollgate Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmund	Park
467	Lake Avenue Green	Bury St Edmund	Amenity
506	Douglas Park	Mildenhall	Amenity
507	Lady Wolverton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Amenity

Part 6: Amenity greenspace

6.1 Introduction

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

6.2 Current provision

There are 212 amenity greenspace sites in West Suffolk equating to over 255 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: Distribution of amenity greenspace sites in West Suffolk

Analysis area	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (Ha per 1,000 population)
Brandon	8	14.05	1.47
Bury St Edmunds	86	93.51	1.28
Haverhill	67	89.42	2.18
Mildenhall	26	29.28	0.85
Newmarket	25	29.10	1.36
West Suffolk	212	255.36	1.43

This typology has a broad range of purposes and as such varies significantly in size. For example, Village Green, Lakenheath at 0.16 hectares acts as an important visual/communal amenity. In contrast, Jubilee Fields at over seven hectares, is a large recreation ground with a range of recreational and sport opportunities.

It is also worthwhile noting that access by the public to The Gallops (part of the Newmarket Racecourse) is permitted after 1pm. However, as it is not accessible all the time it is not included in the study but is recognised as providing an important role.

Fields In Trust (FIT) suggests 0.60 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. Table 6.1 shows that overall, the district is sufficient on this basis. This is also the case for all of the analysis areas.

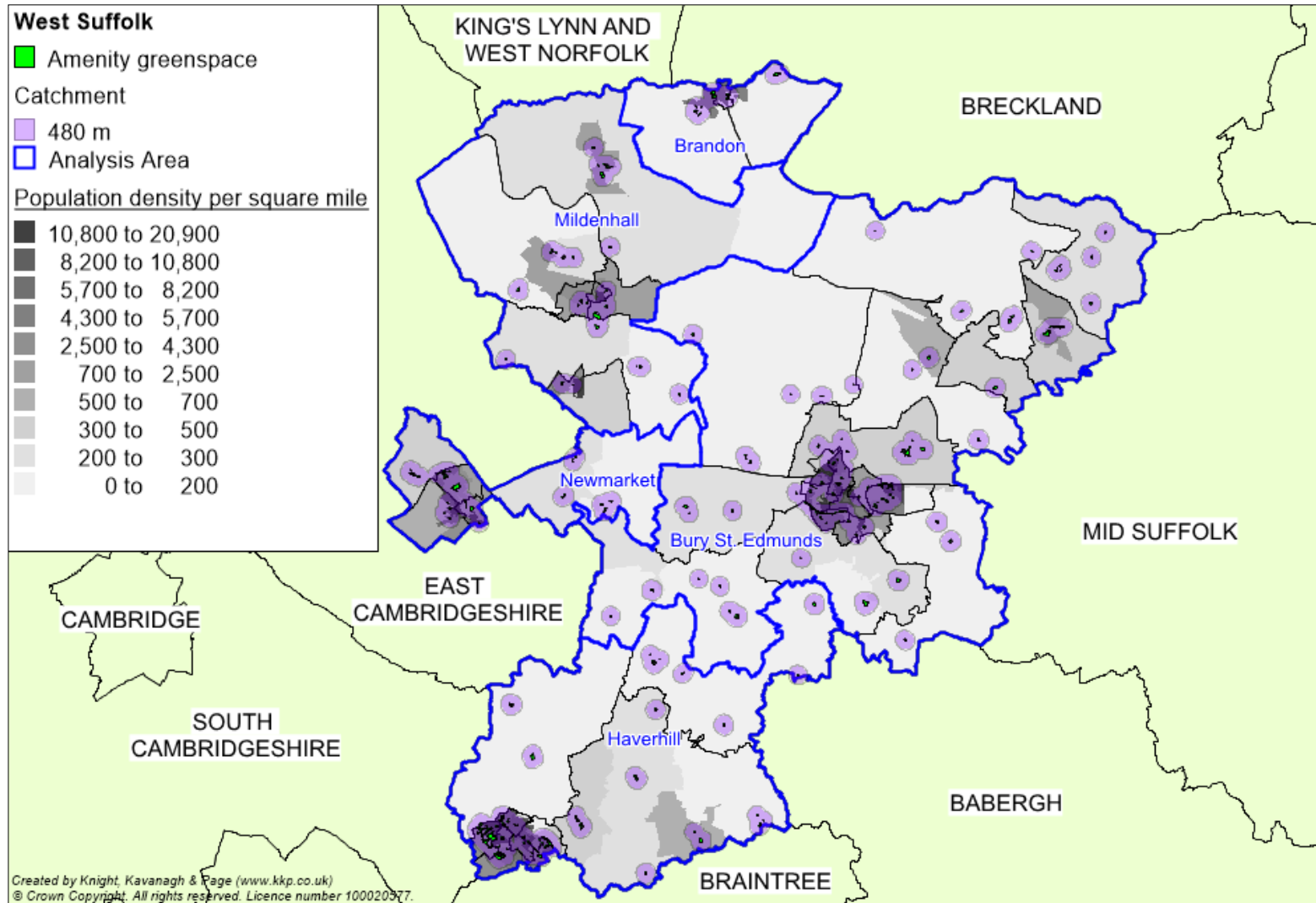
It is important to highlight that it is not always clear to distinguish a site's primary typology. Some sites can bridge the definition of typologies such as natural greenspace and amenity greenspace. For example, a grassed area left unmaintained can start to have characteristics associated with natural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

6.3 Accessibility

For the purpose of mapping, a six-minute walk time for sites (based on FIT guidelines) is applied. Figure 6.1 shows the catchments applied to amenity greenspace provision to help inform where deficiencies in provision may be located.

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Figure 6.1: Amenity greenspaces with a 480m catchment



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Table 6.2: Key to sites mapped (Amenity Greenspace)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Size (ha)
32	Hyperion Way, Recreation Ground	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.74
38	Village Green, Tuddenham	Mildenhall	Manor	0.17
42	Village Green, Lakenheath	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.16
43	Village Green, Moulton	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.64
47	Parkside/Aspal Lane	Mildenhall	The Rows	0.72
48	Heatherset Way	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.15
49	Half Moon Park	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	0.84
62	Heldhaw Road Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	1.18
81	Lakenheath Village, Lakenheath	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	3.98
152	Beck Row's Football Pitch	Mildenhall	The Rows	0.73
201	Maple Green	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.28
203	Mile End, Brandon	Brandon	Brandon West	0.34
204	Green Road, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	0.23
206	Fulford Close	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.21
207	Emperors Green	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	6.62
209	Appledown Drive Open Space	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	3.82
213	Suffolk Way, Newmarket	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.24
214	Woodland Place	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.28
215	Diomed Drive, Great Barton	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	4.66
217	Off Roman Way	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	1.49
218	Castle Playing Fields	Haverhill	Haverhill West	11.13
219	Puddlebrook Playing Fields, Greenfields Way, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill South	8.69
220	Sherborne Road	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.33
222	Off Winthrop Road, River Linnet	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	1.06
224	Northern Way	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	0.48
227	Hales Barn Road	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.85
239	Knappers Way	Brandon	Brandon Central	0.77
242	Symonds Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.82
249	Acacia Avenue	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.32

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Size (ha)
250	Kentford - Anvil Way, AGS	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.35
253	Alvis Close	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.49
255	Gazeley - Tithe Close, AGS	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.94
256	Hollow Road	Bury St Edmunds	Eastgate	0.21
260	Out Risbygate (St Peter's Pit)	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.72
269	Winthrop Road	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.98
270	Chalkstone Way	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	0.65
272	Eringhausen Way	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	0.39
273	Slaters Drive	Haverhill	Haverhill North	1.68
277	Burwell Road, AGS, Exning	Newmarket	Exning	0.34
278	Ingham Road Open Space	Haverhill	Haverhill East	0.93
284	Hooper Square Park	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.37
286	St John's Recreation Ground, Mildenhall	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Great Heath	2.06
293	Bergamot Road	Haverhill	Haverhill West	5.01
294	Layhill Covert	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	3.00
296	Moulton Avenue	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.21
297	Barsey Green	Haverhill	Withersfield	0.96
300	Gardiner Close	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	3.24
301	Warren Close, Brandon	Brandon	Brandon Central	0.47
302	Kirkstead Road	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.28
303	Huntingfield Road	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.63
304	Briscoe Way, Lakenheath	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.24
305	St Margaret's Drive	Brandon	Brandon West	0.26
308	Oakes Road Park	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	2.27
313	Nowton Pit	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.88
314	Hales Barn Road Amenity	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.52
317	Edmund Road	Brandon	Brandon West	0.25
318	Runnymead Green	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.21
319	Canterbury Green	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.22
329	Raynham Road	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.38
334	Ridley Road Park	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.20
336	Manderston Road/Hamilton Road	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.21
338	New Cheveley Road	Newmarket	Newmarket East	0.20
339	Redwald Drive	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.21

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Size (ha)
345	Chimswell Way/Apple Acre Road	Haverhill	Haverhill West	1.27
346	Betony Walk	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.22
347	Trinity Link	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.43
348	Osprey Road	Haverhill	Haverhill East	0.25
350	Chivers Road	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.69
352	West Drive, Mildenhall	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.22
354	Hickling Green	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.63
358	Severn Road, Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.24
359	River Linnet walk	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.70
364	Allington Walk Recreation Ground	Haverhill	Haverhill South	1.09
365	Hopton Rise, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.75
368	Withersfield Road	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.48
371	Thornton Road	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.21
373	Cleves Road	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.38
377	Aureole Walk, Newmarket	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.41
378	Manderston Road AGS	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.56
379	Chapelwent Road	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.80
381	Apple Acre Road	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.77
387	Buttercup Close / Daisy Avenue	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.31
389	Broomley Green Lane	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.74
390	Rowan Drive	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.23
391	Opposite Western Avenue	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.51
393	Flatford Road	Haverhill	Haverhill West	1.16
394	Ehringshausen Way	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	0.22
395	Burton End/Chivers Road	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.28
400	Girton Road	Haverhill	Haverhill East	0.63
402	Path between A143 and A1302, by Holywater Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.62
411	Howe Road	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.86
415	Tayfen Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	2.70
419	Aragon Road/Cleves Road	Haverhill	Haverhill West	2.04
422	Brybank Road/Henderson Close	Haverhill	Haverhill West	1.39
423	Burton End/Cleves Way	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.39
433	East Town Park, Mottsfild Playing Field	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	2.55

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Size (ha)
434	Greenfields Way, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.11
447	Alderton Close, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.55
448	Chalkstone Way	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	0.26
452	Langham Way	Haverhill	Haverhill West	1.74
456	Hyperion Way/Parkers Walk	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.22
458	Sandpiper Road	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.23
461	Buckles Field	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	1.84
462	Beaumont Value	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	0.21
467	Lake Avenue Green	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.93
469	Pond Grove Close	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.99
472	Spartan Close	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.60
478	Off Lester Piggot Way	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.51
480	Tollgate Lane/A1101	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.20
489	Southern section of the Yellow Brick Road	Newmarket	Newmarket East	0.64
490	Greys Close, Cavendish	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.32
491	Clarendale Estate	Haverhill	Withersfield	0.28
492	Benyon Gardens, Culford	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	0.27
494	Clarence Road/Gilbert Road, Clare	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.49
495	Windmill Rise, Hundon	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.48
497	Burrell's Orchard, Westley	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	0.37
499	Peacock's Close	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.24
502	Sharp's Green	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	0.35
504	Grange Mill	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	0.63
506	Douglas Park	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	1.26
507	Lady Wolverton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Newmarket West	1.80
511	George Lambton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Newmarket North	7.77
512	Chimney Mills	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	0.26
514	Brickfields Avenue/Highclere Close	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.20
515	College Heath Road, Mildenhall	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	0.21

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516	Bunberry Avenue, Great Barton	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.77
517	Anglesey Place, Great Barton	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.25
521	Bennett Avenue	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.27
532	Sheldrick Way Amenity	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.23
539	Moulton Village AGS	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.73
547	Jubilee Fields	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	7.65
549	Tuddenham Playing Fields	Mildenhall	Manor	1.41
553	Beck Row Recreation Ground	Mildenhall	The Rows	0.57
554	Cavendish Road, Clare	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	2.64
558	Studlands	Newmarket	Newmarket North	3.64
559	Hethersett Close/Parkers Walk	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.61
568	The Chase	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	1.23
570	Stanton Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	5.56
571	Cavendish Green	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	1.11
574	Hundon Village Hall Open Space	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	1.37
575	Mill Lane, Hundon	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.53
579	Spindle Road Wood	Haverhill	Haverhill West	1.00
581	AGS next to Jubilee Park	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.27
582	Barnham Village Hall AGS	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.19
584	Ousden Village Hall Playing Field, Front Street	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	1.73
586	Wickhambrook Recreation Ground, Cemetery Road	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	3.01
587	Coltsfoot Green	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.12
588	Nunnery Greens	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.11
589	Clopton Green, Bury Road	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.52
590	Stradishall Recreation Ground St Margarets Place	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	1.31
594	Santon Downham Village Green	Brandon	Brandon East	3.55

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Size (ha)
596	School Road / Flempton Road Village Green	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	0.92
597	Risby Village Hall Playing Fields	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	1.49
598	Lidgate Playing Field, Orchard Close	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	0.42
599	Silver Street Park, Kedington	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.80
600	Kedington Old School Field	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.70
603	Great Meadow, Kedington	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	3.87
607	School Cottages, Hargrave	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	0.13
610	Great Barton Village Hall Playing Field	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	2.36
611	Gazeley Playing Fields	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.91
613	Highwood Crescent Playing Field, Gazeley	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	2.41
615	Freckenham Playing Field	Mildenhall	Manor	0.76
618	Exning - Recreation Ground, Chapel Street	Newmarket	Exning	0.99
622	Eriswell Playing Field	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	1.10
624	Coney Weston Playing Fields	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.83
627	Barton Mills Village Green	Mildenhall	Manor	2.45
628	Nether Road	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.03
629	Barrow Village Hall Playing Field	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	1.87
630	Barrow Village Green	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	0.16
722	Bardwell Community Field	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	2.42
723	Bardwell Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	2.20
724	Cricket Meadow (Rear of School)	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	1.03
725	Cavenham Village Green	Mildenhall	Manor	0.22
726	Chedburgh Community Centre (Erskin Centre)	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	1.02
727	Fornham St Martin Playing Field	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.84
728	Mere View Playing Field	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	0.20
729	Village Hall Play Field	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	6.12

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Size (ha)
730	Hepworth Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.62
731	Mill Road Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.79
732	Hopton Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.38
733	Icklingham Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	1.09
734	The Play Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	0.19
735	Ixworth Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Ixworth	1.63
736	Market Weston Playing Field	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.93
737	Pakenham Playing Field	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	1.60
738	Almshouse Road Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	2.07
739	Mouse Lane Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	0.83
740	Twites Corner Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	0.51
741	Hoggards Green Playing Field	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	0.74
742	Stansfield Village Hall Recreation Ground	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	1.44
743	Ixworth Road Playing Field	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	2.06
744	West Row - Beeches Road	Mildenhall	The Rows	1.78
745	Community Centre Playing Field	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	2.16
746	Eastgate Green	Bury St Edmunds	Eastgate	0.36
751	South of Mill Road, Kedington	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	1.49
181	Great Whelnetham Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	2.93
753	Barningham Village Amenity Greens	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.63
755	Fornham All Saints, Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	1.25
757	Sandgalls Road	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.48
758	Broom Road Close	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.20
759	The Firs	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.44
760	Evergreen Way	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Great Heath	0.91
761	Barleycorn and Smokehouse Way	Mildenhall	The Rows	1.14
763	Wintergreen Road AGS	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.97
767	The Severals	Newmarket	Newmarket East	2.66
769	Glebe Drive	Newmarket	Exning	1.59

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Size (ha)
770	Brandon Recreation Ground	Brandon	Brandon Central	7.16
771	Woodlands Rise	Brandon	Brandon West	0.78
778	Great Bradley AGS	Haverhill	Withersfield	1.29
779	Great Thurlow Recreation Ground	Haverhill	Withersfield	3.59
780	Stoke-by-Clare Village Green	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	1.00
781	York Road Open Space	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.25
782	Brockley Village Recreation Ground	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.56
785	Bishops Croft AGS	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.20
786	Silver Tree Way AGS	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	2.61131

Figure 6.1 highlights a good distribution of amenity greenspace provision across West Suffolk, with nearly all areas of greater population density being served by a form of amenity greenspace provision. There are no significant gaps although some gaps to Brandon and Bury St Edmunds are observed. These are however served by other forms of open space as set out in Table 6.3. Sites within proximity (and therefore covered by the catchment area of an existing amenity site) are not identified.

Table 6.3: Other open spaces serving gaps in amenity greenspace catchments

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Open space type
45	Brandon Country Park	Brandon	Park
197	Brandon Cemetery	Brandon	Cemetery
57	Abbey Gardens	Bury St Edmunds	Park
241	Gainsborough Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Park

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 and MUGAs.

7.2 Current provision

A total of 191 play locations (locations with fixed play equipment) are identified in West Suffolk as play provision for children and young people. This combines to create a total of over 14 hectares. No site size threshold has been applied and as such all provision is identified and included within the audit.

Table 7.1: Distribution of play provision in West Suffolk

Analysis area	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (Ha per 1,000 population)
Brandon	11	1.44	0.15
Bury St Edmunds	71	5.63	0.08
Haverhill	46	2.93	0.07
Mildenhall	35	2.90	0.08
Newmarket	28	1.76	0.08
West Suffolk	191	14.66	0.08

Overall, West Suffolk has a current provision level of 0.08 hectares per 1,000 population. Haverhill is highlighted as being below this, suggesting a potential lack or undersupply of provision in terms of quantity.

Conversely, most parts of West Suffolk are highlighted as being level with the average. The Brandon Analysis Area is above the overall West Suffolk figure, suggesting a potential sufficiency in terms of quantity.

FIT provides widely endorsed guidance on the minimum standards for play space.

- ✦ LAP - a Local Area of Play. Usually small landscaped areas designed for young children. Equipment is normally age group specific to reduce unintended users.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ 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.

7.3 Accessibility

Guidance on appropriate accessibility distances for children’s play provision is published by FIT in its document *Beyond the Six Acre Standard* (2015). These vary depending on the type of play provision. This suggests from a 100m (or 1-minute walk time) catchment and up to a 1,000m (or 12.5-minute walk time).

Table 7.2: Accessibility guidelines from Fields in Trust (FIT) for play provision

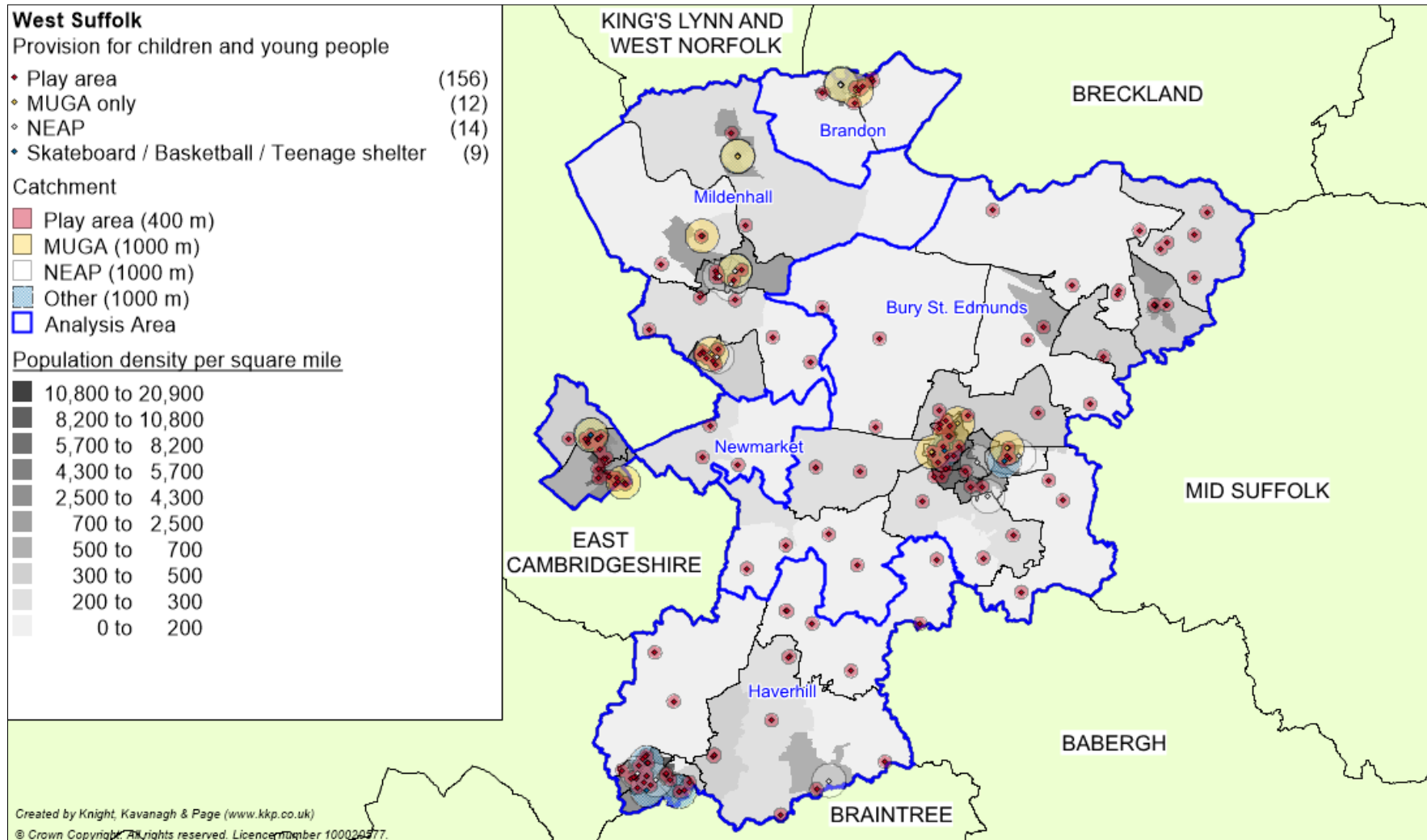
Form of play provision		Walking guideline	Approximate time equivalent
Provision for children and young people	LAP	100m	1 minutes
	LEAP	400m	5 minutes
	NEAP	1,000m	12 ½ minutes
	Other provision (MUGA, Skate park)	700m	9 minutes

For West Suffolk, sites with provision catering for older age ranges (such as skate parks, MUGAs) have been identified. These sites are given a 1,000m catchment. All other play sites are given a 400m catchment.

Figure 7.1 shows the catchments applied to provision for children and young people to help inform where deficiencies in provision may be located.

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Figure 7.1: Provision for children and young people with walk times mapped



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Table 7.3: Key to sites mapped (Provision for children and young people)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
50	St John's Close Skate Park	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Great Heath	0.04
51	Douglas Park Play Area	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.16
67	Miles Hawk Way Play Area,	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.02
68	Oxford Close Play Area	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.008
69	Greville Starkey Avenue Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.19
71	Lady Wolverton Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.07
72	Manderston Road	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.07
73	New Cheveley Road Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket East	0.07
74	Hodgkins Yard Play Area (All Saints Road)	Newmarket	Newmarket East	0.03
75	Exning - Recreation Ground, Play Area, Chapel Street	Newmarket	Exning	0.11
76	Macpherson Robertson Way Play Area	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.04
77	Seymour Avenue Play Area, Brandon	Brandon	Brandon West	0.02
78	Barry Lynham Drive Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket East	0.02
80	George Lambton Playing Fields Skate Park, Newmarket	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.04
82	Peterhouse Close Play Area	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	0.04
83	Hyperion Way, Recreation Ground Pump Track	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.34
32.1	Hyperion Way Recreation Ground, MUGA, Newmarket	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.03
32.2	Hyperion Way Recreation Ground, Play Area, Newmarket	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.03
86	Moulton Village Play Area	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.19
87	Brandon Country Park Play Area	Brandon	Brandon West	0.39
88	Worlington Play Area	Mildenhall	Manor	0.10
89	Woodcock Rise Play Area	Brandon	Brandon East	0.02
90	Teal Walk Play Area	Brandon	Brandon East	0.02
91	Charles Melrose Close Play Area	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.03
94	Warren Close Play Area	Brandon	Brandon Central	0.05
95	Warren Close MUGA	Brandon	Brandon Central	0.07
96	Brandon Rec Ground Skate Park	Brandon	Brandon Central	0.03

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
97	Brandon Rec Ground MUGA	Brandon	Brandon Central	0.17
98	Heasman Close Play area A	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.01
99	Heasman Close	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.01
100	St Johns Close	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Great Heath	0.24
101	St Johns Close MUGA	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Great Heath	0.03
102	Briscoe Way Play Area, Lakenheath	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.04
104	Granby Street Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket East	0.07
105	Douglas Park Ball Court	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.16
106	Yew Drive Play Area	Brandon	Brandon Central	0.02
107	Acacia Avenue MUGA off Mildenhall Road	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.05
108	Acorn Park Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.05
109	Broomley Green Lane Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.07
110	Appledown Drive MUGA	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.009
111	Bedell Close Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.03
112	Corsbie Close Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.03
113	Tayfen Meadow Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.10
114	Gainsborough Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.05
284.1	Hooper Square Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.04
116	Nowton Pit Play Area, Nowton Road	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.04
117	Bury St Edmunds Skate Park	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.38
118	Out Risbygate (St Peter's Pit) Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.09
119	Priors Play Area, Ashwell Road	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.06
120	Priors Pocket Park	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.05
121	Ridley Road Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.01
122	Severn Road Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	0.04
123	Alderton Close Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.05
124	Allington Walk Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.03
125	Allington Walk Pocket Park Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.05
126	Bramley Road Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.04
127	East Town Park Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	0.38
128	Hales Barn Road Play Area,	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.08
129	Hales Barn Road Ball Court	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.03

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
130	Henry Close Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.07
131	Hopton Rise Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.07
132	Howe Road Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.06
133	Howe Road Pocket Park Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.02
134	Howe Road Skatepark	Haverhill	Haverhill North	0.07
135	Julian Close Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	0.03
136	Jubilee Park Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.06
137	Lavender Field Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.01
138	Lowry Close Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.01
139	East Town Park, Mottsfield Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	0.03
140	East Town Park, Mottsfield Outdoor Gym	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	0.02
141	East Town Park, Mottsfield MUGA	Haverhill	Haverhill South East	0.02
142	Quendon Place Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill East	0.04
143	Raine Avenue Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.01
144	Strasbourg Square Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill East	0.03
145	York Road Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.05
146	Westfields Play Area, Clare	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.13
147	Strasbourg Square Pocket Park Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill East	0.02
148	Green Road Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.02
149	Sandy Lane Play Area, Barningham	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.06
150	Thetford Road Play Area	Brandon	Brandon East	0.33
151	Brandon Recreation Ground Play Area	Brandon	Brandon West	0.32
153	Heathland Way Play Area	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Great Heath	0.04
154	Memorial Hall Gardens Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.13
155	Memorial Hall Gardens Splashpad	Newmarket	Newmarket West	0.03
157	Kentford - Anvil Way Play Area	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.01
158	Gazeley Playing Fields Play Area	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.04
159	Heatherset Way Play Area, Red Lodge	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.17
160	Millennium Centre- Play area, Lavender Close, Red Lodge	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.04
161	Orchid Drive Play Area, Red Lodge	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.05
162	Pavilion Play Area, Red Lodge	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.37

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
163	Russet Drive Play Area, Red Lodge	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.07
164	Larch Way, Red Lodge	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.06
165	Abbey Gardens Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	0.24
166	Flying Fortress Park	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.50
168	Hardwick Heath Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.05
62.1	Heldhaw Road	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.05
62.2	Heldhaw Road Outdoor Gym	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.02
171	Hepworth Avenue Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.03
172	Oakes Road Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	0.06
173	St James Park Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Moreton Hall	0.01
65.1	Tollgate Recreation Ground MUGA	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	0.03
65.2	Tollgate Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	0.02
178	Nowton Park Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	0.20
179	West Stow Play Area, West Stow	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	0.09
180	Fornham All Saints, Recreation Ground, Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.15
181	Great Whelnetham Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	0.06
182	Horringer Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	0.20
183	Stanton Playing Fields Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	0.05
184	Castle Playing Fields Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.26
185	Clover Field Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill West	0.03
186	Haverhill Recreation Ground Play Area	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	0.29
187	Puddlebrook Playing Fields, Pump Track, Greenfields Way, Haverhill	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.17
188	Clare Castle Country Park Play Area	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.12
189	Cavendish Green Play Area	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.07
190	Great Thurlow Play Area	Haverhill	Withersfield	0.04
191	Stoke-by-Clare Play Area	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.06
192	Lakenheath - Play Area, Undley Road	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.16
193	Lakenheath - Skate Park, Undley Road	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.04
194	Lakenheath - MUGA, Undley Road	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.02

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
537	Mildenhall - Pavilion play area	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	0.19
538	Kingfisher Way Play Area	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	0.010
550	Tuddenham Playing Fields Play Area	Mildenhall	Manor	0.03
48.1	Heatherset Way Play Area and MUGA	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.07
557	Horringer Court Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Westgate	0.09
284.2	Hooper Square Park MUGA	Bury St Edmunds	Minden	0.05
338.1	New Cheveley Road MUGA	Newmarket	Newmarket East	0.03
560	Persimmon Walk Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.04
561	Off Studlands Park Avenue Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.04
562	Nimbus Way Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.04
563	Pentingo Close Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.03
565	Golden Miller Close Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.02
566	Mill Reef Close Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.03
567	Royal Palace Close Play Area	Newmarket	Newmarket North	0.02
574.1	Hundon Village Hall Play Area and MUGA	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.03
553.1	Beck Row Recreation Ground MUGA	Mildenhall	The Rows	0.02
553.2	Beck Row Recreation Ground Play Area	Mildenhall	The Rows	0.08
570.1	Stanton Recreation Ground Play Area 2	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	0.08
570.2	Stanton Recreation Ground Skate Park	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	0.04
570.3	Stanton Recreation Ground MUGA	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	0.01
582.1	Barnham Villae Hall Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.04
584.1	Ousden Village Hall Play Area, Front Street	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	0.03
586.1	Wickhambrook Recreation Ground, Play area, Cemetery Road	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.09
586.2	Wickhambrook Recreation Ground, Skate Park, Cemetery Road	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.06
590.1	Stradishall Recreation Ground St Margarets Place - Play area	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.005
590.2	Stradishall Recreation Ground St Margarets Place - MUGA	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.01

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
597.1	Risby Village Hall Playing Fields MUGA	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	0.07
598.1	Lidgate Playing Field, Orchard Close - Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	0.04
600.1	Kedington Old School Field - Play area 1	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.04
600.2	Kedington Old School Field - Play area 2	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.007
600.3	Kedington Old School Field - Skate Park	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.02
607.1	School Cottages AGS Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	0.06
610.1	Great Barton Village Hall Playing Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.05
615.1	Freckenham Playing Field Play Area	Mildenhall	Manor	0.03
622.1	Eriswell Playing Field Play Area	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	0.08
624.1	Coney Weston Playing Fields Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.06
627.1	Barton Mills Village Green Play Area	Mildenhall	Manor	0.008
629.1	Barrow Village Hall Playing Field Skate Park	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	0.04
629.2	Barrow Village Hall Playing Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	0.008
636	Sandlands Drive Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	0.17
637	Redwood Drive Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	0.20
638	Crosses Link Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	St. Olaves	0.31
722.1	Bardwell Community Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.09
723.1	Bardwell Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.09
724.1	Cricket Meadow Play Area (Rear of School)	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.07
725.1	Cavenham Village Green Play Area	Mildenhall	Manor	0.04
726.1	Chedburgh Community Centre (Erskin Centre) Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	0.03
727.1	Fornham St Martin Playing Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.04
728.1	Mere View Playing Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	0.05
729.1	Village Hall Play Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	0.06

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
730.1	Hepworth Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.07
731.1	Mill Road Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.01
732.1	Hopton Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.03
733.1	Icklingham Recreation Ground Play area	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	0.02
735.1	Ixworth Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Ixworth	0.15
736.1	Market Weston Playing Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	0.12
737.1	Pakenham Playing Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	0.09
738.1	Almshouse Road Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	0.09
739.1	Mouse Lane Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	0.18
740.1	Twites Corner Recreation Ground Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	0.05
741.1	Hoggards Green Playing Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	0.05
742.1	Stansfield Village Hall Recreation Ground Play Area	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.01
743.1	Ixworth Road Playing Field Play Area	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	0.06
744.1	West Row - Beeches Road Play Area	Mildenhall	The Rows	0.08
745.1	Community Centre Playing Field Play Area	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.12
589.1	Clopton Green Play Area, Bury Road	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.02
592.1	Gilbert Road Pocket Park Play Area 1	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	0.02
592.2	Gilbert Road Pocket Park Play Area 2	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	0.05
762.1	Wintergreen Road Play Area 1	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.05
764	Lime Close Play Area	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.28
765	Lily Close Play Area	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.01
778.1	Great Bradley AGS Play Area	Haverhill	Withersfield	0.16
782.1	Brockley Village Recreation Ground Play Area	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.02

Mapping initially highlights a good distribution of play sites. However, potential gaps in catchments to areas of greater population density are noted to the west of Newmarket and south of Bury St Edmunds. The following sites may help to serve the gaps in catchments if the amount and range of play equipment can be expanded.

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Table 7.4: Play sites with potential to help meet gaps in provision

Analysis area	Nearest play site
Bury St Edmunds	Horringer Court Play Area (ID 557)
Newmarket	Lady Wolverton Play Area (ID 71)

Furthermore, consultation with parish and town councils highlights a number of comments or potential gaps in provision of play. The comments in the table below are those of the parish councils and not of WSC.

Table 7.5: Consultation feedback from parish/town councils for play provision

Parish or town council	Comments
Barnham Parish Council	No skate park but there is keep fit equipment for adults. The roads around the village are very busy –additional footpaths would be good.
Barrow Cum Denham Parish Council	Not enough play equipment.
Clare Town Council	Not much equipment at Westfield Play Area. Gap in provision for older children/young adults and for older teenagers. Limited what they can do. Play area well kitted out in country park.
Coney Weston Parish Council	Issues at Coney Weston Playing Fields. Vandalism of play equipment by youths, all the equipment is made of wood, and is generally old and in need of replacement. The play surface is bark chippings which need regular top ups. A more permanent solution is required. The playing field group have applied for lottery funding to update the play equipment and surface.
Exning Parish Council	Vandalism of play equipment at the Recreation Ground.
Gazeley Parish Council	Parish Plan completed in 2009. Residents expressed satisfaction with open space facilities and recommended updating of play equipment. New equipment installed in 2019.
Great Barton Parish Council	As part of the triangle development, Suffolk County Council are looking at providing a MUGA.
Hopton Cum Knettishall Parish Council	Very little focused provision for 10–18-year-olds. Some problems with trespass onto private land to use sites for BMX.
Horringer Cum Ickworth Parish Council	Play area has some litter issues. Some equipment upgraded but some items could be due for replacement soon and general refurbishment. There is desire for another larger play area for older children – but no immediate area available to develop. More play would be useful and more areas to sit for residents.
Lidgate Parish Council	The play equipment at Lidgate Playing Field, Orchard Close - Play Area is adequate, the football area is poor because the ground is very uneven. play equipment is starting to need work on it. Parish have limited resources to improve the provision.

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Parish or town council	Comments
	Parish would love to have the resources to provide more equipment and possibly extend the provision to cater for other age groups – for example adult gym equipment or a MUGA. Once in place ongoing costs can also be difficult to cover.
Mildenhall Town Council	Mildenhall Town Park Play Area/Recreation Way Play area needs investment and needs replacing. Replaced one bit of equipment before lockdown. All parts need to be addressed. MUGA is fine. Vandalism, place youth hang out. Wooden equipment is starting to rot, looking tired. Looking to form a friends of group for the fields. Macpherson Robertson Way is very basic-one piece of equipment. Lots of small play sites - quantity of play seems good but could expand.
Ousden Parish Council	Tired play equipment at Ousden Village Hall Play Area, Front Street. The play equipment needs updating and there is poor drainage on the playing field which needs sorting as it gets waterlogged. Ousden is a small rural parish. The Village Hall Management Committee is currently trying to fundraise to replace the village hall and does not have the resources to spend money on the playing field, nor does the Parish Council as we are giving as much money as we can to support their ongoing costs. Without financial support, rural communities will struggle to improve facilities for residents. Larger towns have larger precepts and can raise money more easily without a huge precept increase whereas smaller parishes cannot do this as their precepts would have to increase dramatically to fund improvements or larger village projects. This creates a divide between smaller communities and larger parishes and towns.
Red Lodge Parish Council	Would like youth provision (skate park) and an outdoor gym. Nowhere for youth to go in town and causing ASB.
Risby	The Village Hall Trustees are hoping to install adult gym equipment on the playing field. Play equipment needs updating. Risby is very close to Bury St Edmunds but there is no safe route for pedestrians or cyclists. Creating a safe route has been requested on several occasions by residents.
Stradishall Parish Council	The PC has updated the play equipment and installed adult gym equipment.

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 39 sites classified as allotments in West Suffolk, equating to over 43 hectares. No site size threshold has been applied to allotments and as such all provision is identified and included within the audit.

Table 8.1: Distribution of allotment sites in West Suffolk

Analysis area	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (Ha per 1,000 population)
Brandon	1	1.44	0.15
Bury St Edmunds	19	15.53	0.21
Haverhill	10	11.55	0.28
Mildenhall	5	3.56	0.10
Newmarket	4	11.53	0.54
West Suffolk	39	43.61	0.24

The largest site in West Suffolk is Cricket Field Road Allotments, Newmarket (5.39 hectares).

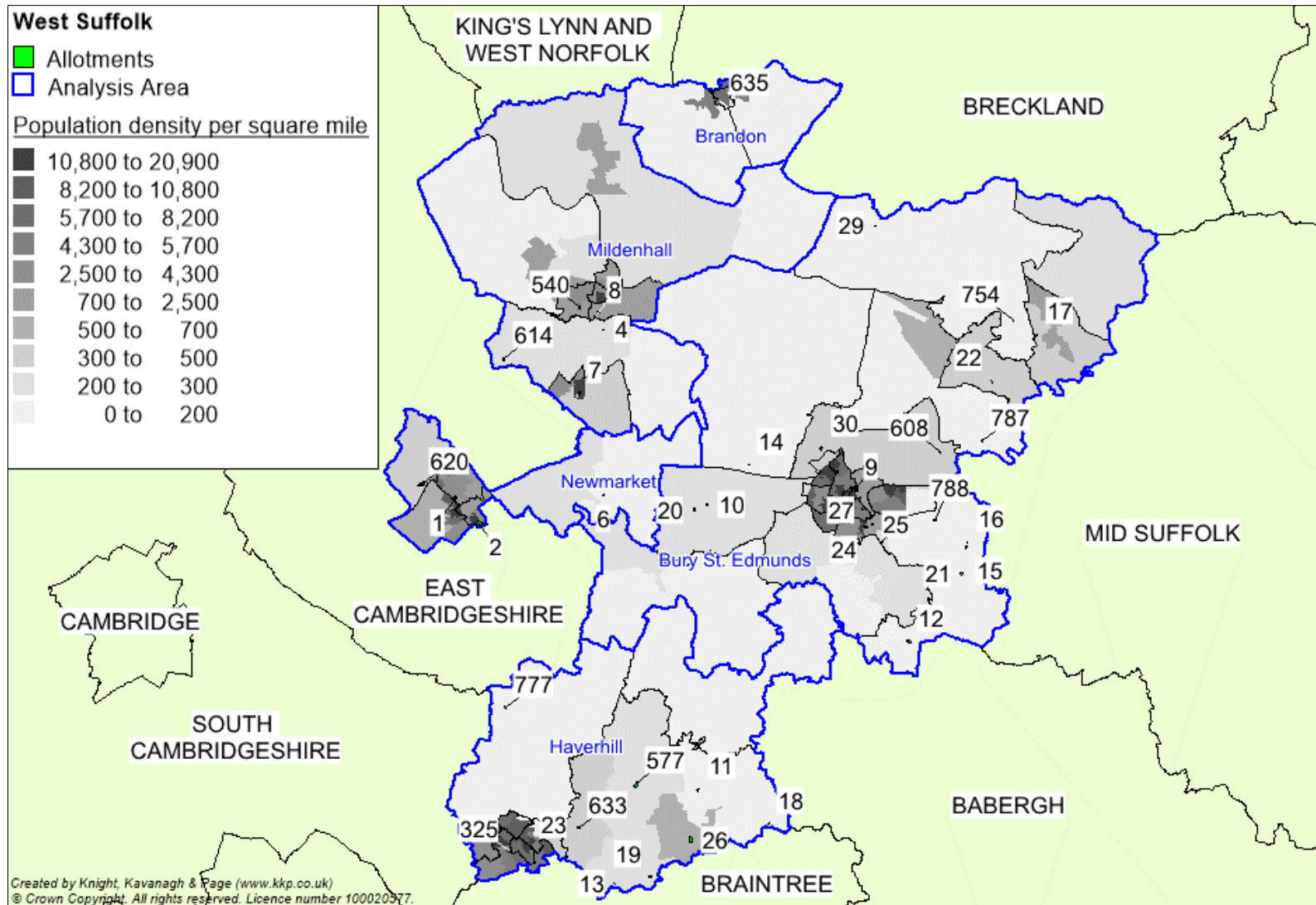
The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) suggests a national standard of 20 allotments per 1,000 households (20 per 2,000 people based on two people per house or one per 100 people). This equates to 0.25 hectares per 1,000 populations based on an average plot-size of 250 square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

West Suffolk based on its current population (179,045) is short of the NSALG standard. Using this suggested standard, the minimum amount of allotment provision for West Suffolk is 44.76 hectares. Existing provision of 43.61 hectares is just below this guideline.

8.3 Accessibility

Figure 8.1 shows allotments mapped across West Suffolk.

Figure 8.1: Allotments mapped against analysis areas



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Table 8.2: Key to sites mapped (allotments)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
1	Field Terrace Road Allotments	Newmarket	Newmarket North	2.80
2	Cricket Field Road Allotments	Newmarket	Newmarket East	5.39
4	Bell Lane Allotments	Mildenhall	Manor	0.41
6	Mill Road Allotments, Gazeley	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	0.21
7	Hundred Acre Way Allotments	Mildenhall	Iceni	0.88
8	Raven Close Allotments	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	0.42
9	Cotton Lane Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Eastgate	3.17
10	Stoney Lane Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	0.48
11	The Street Allotments	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.68
12	The Green Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	1.48
13	Boyton End Allotments	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.16
14	South Street Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	0.43
15	Kingshall Street Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	0.63
16	New Road Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	0.35
17	Glassfield Road Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	0.47
18	High Street Allotments	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.55
19	School Green Allotments	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.90
20	Mill Lane Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	1.09
21	Rougham Road Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	1.21
22	Commister Lane Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Ixworth	0.48
23	Manor Road Allotments	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	0.42
24	Nowton Road Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	1.60
25	Sicklesmere Road Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	0.88
26	Common Street Allotments	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	4.18
27	Raingate Street Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	0.48
29	Thetford Road Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.23
30	Fornham All Saints, Allotment site, Bury Road	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	1.17
325	Allotments next to Jubilee Park	Haverhill	Haverhill South	0.40

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ward	Size (ha)
540	Sheldrick Way Allotments	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Queensway	0.76
577	Rogeron Close Allotments	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	2.85
608	Green Lane Allotments, Great Barton	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.39
614	Freckenham Allotments	Mildenhall	Manor	1.09
620	Lacey's Lane Allotments, Exning	Newmarket	Exning	3.13
633	Kings Hill Allotments	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.82
635	Brandon Allotments	Brandon	Brandon West	1.44
754	Bardwell Community Field - Allotment site	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	0.14
777	Great Bradley Allotments	Haverhill	Withersfield	0.58
787	Pakenham Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	0.51
788	Blackthorpe Allotments	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	0.67

From the parish consultation Mildenhall Town Council highlight that there are not enough allotments in the area. A waiting list of circa 42 is identified with requests from people asking for more plots.

It is also understood that Bury St Edmunds Town Council has a waiting list for plots.

Part 9: Cemeteries and churchyards

9.1 Introduction

Cemeteries and 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 117 sites classified as cemeteries/churchyards provision in West Suffolk. No site sizes have been recorded as it is not necessary to identify the hectares of provision.

Table 9.1: Distribution of cemeteries in West Suffolk

Analysis area	Number of sites
Brandon	2
Bury St Edmunds	61
Haverhill	28
Mildenhall	13
Newmarket	13
West Suffolk	117

The largest contributor to burial provision is Bury St Edmunds Cemetery (8.89 hectares).

A number of sites are identified as being 'closed' cemeteries or churchyards. A closed site is a burial ground which is full and has no further space for interments.

9.3 Accessibility

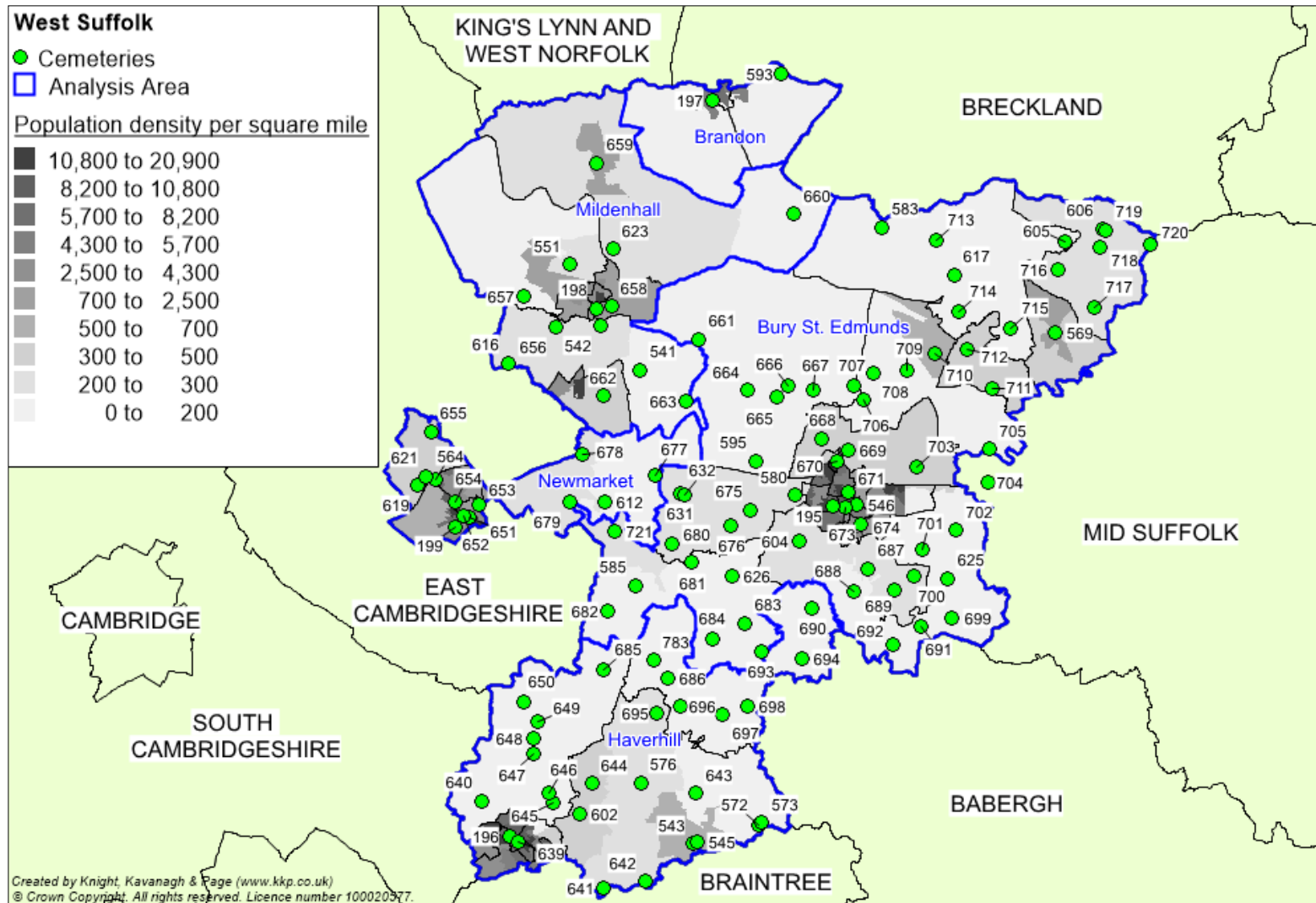
No accessibility standard is set for this typology and there is no realistic requirement to set such standards. Provision should be based on burial demand.

Mapping demonstrates a fairly even distribution across the area. As noted, the need for additional cemetery provision should be driven by the requirement for burial demand and capacity.

No significant issues with burial capacity are highlighted. However, several sites in the Clare, Hundon and Kedington and Withersfield wards (KKP 602, 644 to 650) are noted as being 'quite full'. The Haverhill Cemetery site will, based on current burial rates and current capacity, reach full capacity in the next decade.

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Figure 9.1: Cemetery sites mapped against analysis areas



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Table 9.3: Key to sites mapped (Cemeteries and churchyards)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Closed site
195	Bury St Edmunds Cemetery	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	Closed
196	Haverhill Cemetery	Haverhill	Haverhill South	
197	St Peter and St Denys	Brandon	Brandon West	
198	Mildenhall Cemetery	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	
199	Newmarket Cemetery	Newmarket	Newmarket West	
541	St Mary's Church, Tuddenham	Mildenhall	Manor	
542	St Mary's Church, Barton Mills	Mildenhall	Manor	
543	Clare Cemetery	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	
545	St Peter and St Paul's Church	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	Closed
546	The Great Church Yard	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	
551	St John's Church	Mildenhall	The Rows	
564	Exning Road Cemetery, Exning	Newmarket	Exning	
569	All Saints Church, Stanton	Bury St Edmunds	Stanton	Closed
572	St Mary the Virgin Church Cemetery	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	
573	St Mary the Virgin, Cavendish	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	Closed
576	All Saints Church, Hundon	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	
580	St Mary's Church, Westley	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	
583	Parish Church of St Gregory	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	
585	St Peter's Church, Ousden	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	
593	St Mary The Virgin Santham Downham	Brandon	Brandon East	
595	St Giles Church Risby	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	
602	St. Peter and St Paul's Church	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	
604	St Leonards Parish Church	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	
605	St Mary's Church, Fen Street	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	
606	Hopton Methodist Church Burial Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	
612	All Saints Church, Gazeley	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Closed site
616	St Andrews Church, Freckenham	Mildenhall	Manor	
617	St Peter's Church, Fakenham Manga	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	
619	Lacey's Lane Cemetery, Exning	Newmarket	Exning	
621	St Martin's Church, Exning	Newmarket	Exning	Closed
623	Church of St. Lawrence and St. Peter	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	
625	Bradfield St George Church	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	
626	Chevington All Saints Church	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	
631	All Saints Church Barrow	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	
632	New Road Cemetery	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	
639	St Mary's Church Yard	Haverhill	Haverhill Central	
640	St Mary the Virgin	Haverhill	Withersfield	
641	St Leonard	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	
642	St John the Baptists	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	Closed
643	St Mary Poslingford	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	
644	All Saints	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	
645	St Mary	Haverhill	Withersfield	
646	St Mary	Haverhill	Withersfield	
647	All Saints	Haverhill	Withersfield	
648	St Peter	Haverhill	Withersfield	
649	All Saints	Haverhill	Withersfield	
650	St Mary the Virgin	Haverhill	Withersfield	
651	All Saints	Newmarket	Newmarket East	
652	St Mary the Virgin	Newmarket	Newmarket West	Closed
653	St Agnes	Newmarket	Newmarket East	Closed
654	St Philip and St Etheldreda	Newmarket	Newmarket West	
655	St Nicolas	Newmarket	Exning	
656	All Saints	Mildenhall	Manor	
657	St Peter	Mildenhall	The Rows	

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Closed site
658	St Mary	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	Closed
659	St Mary	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	Closed
660	St Andrew and St Patrick	Mildenhall	Lakenheath	
661	St James	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	
662	St Ethelbert	Mildenhall	Iceni	
663	St Andrew	Mildenhall	Manor	
664	St Lawrence	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	
665	St Catherine of Alex	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	
666	St Mary	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	
667	St Mary	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	
668	All Saints	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	
669	St Martin	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	
670	St George	Bury St Edmunds	Tollgate	
671	St John the Evangelist	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	
672	The Great Church Yard	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	Closed
673	St Peter's DC	Bury St Edmunds	Abbeygate	
674	Southgate Estate BSE	Bury St Edmunds	Southgate	
675	St Nicholas	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	
676	St Andrew	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	
677	St Stephen	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	
678	St Mary the Virgin	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	
679	St Peter	Newmarket	Kentford and Moulton	Closed
680	St Mary	Bury St Edmunds	Barrow	
681	St Edmund	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	
682	St Mary	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	Closed
683	All Saints	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	Closed
684	St Mary the Virgin	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	
685	St Margaret of Antioch	Haverhill	Withersfield	
686	All Saints	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	Closed

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Closed site
687	St Peter	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	
688	All Saints	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	
689	St Thomas Beckett	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	
690	St Petronilla	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	Closed
691	All Saints	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	
692	St Nicholas	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	
693	All Saints	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	
694	St Andrew	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	
695	St Margaret	Haverhill	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	
696	St Nicholas	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	Closed
697	All Saints	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	
698	St Mary	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	
699	St Clare	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	
700	St Mary Magdalene	Bury St Edmunds	Horringer	
701	St Nicholas	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	
702	St Mary	Bury St Edmunds	Rougham	
703	Holy Innocents	Bury St Edmunds	The Fornhams and Great Barton	
705	St Marys	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	
706	St Andrew	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	
707	St Bartholomew	Bury St Edmunds	Risby	
708	St Peter	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	
709	St Peter	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	
710	St Mary the Virgin	Bury St Edmunds	Pakenham and Troston	
711	St Mary	Bury St Edmunds	Ixworth	Closed
712	All Saints	Bury St Edmunds	Ixworth	
713	St Genevieve	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	
714	All Saints and St Andrew	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	
715	St Peter and St Paul	Bury St Edmunds	Bardwell	
716	St Andrew	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	Closed

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Ward	Closed site
717	St Peter	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	
718	St Mary	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	
719	All Saints	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	Closed
720	St Nicholas	Bury St Edmunds	Barningham	
721	St Mary the Virgin	Bury St Edmunds	Chedburgh and Chevington	
783	Wickhambrook Cemetery	Haverhill	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	

Part 10: Provision standards

The provision standards are used to determine deficiencies and surpluses for open space in terms of accessibility and quantity.

10.1: 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 (as the crow flies) 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.

For most typologies FIT accessibility standards are recommended for using.

Table 10.1.1: Recommended accessibility standards

Open space type		Walking guideline	Approximate time equivalent
Parks and Gardens		710m	9 minutes
Amenity Greenspace		480m	6 minutes
Natural and Semi-natural Greenspace		720m	9 minutes
Provision for children and young people	Children's play	400m	5 minutes
	Youth provision	1,000m	12 ½ minutes
Allotment		not applicable	not applicable
Cemeteries		not applicable	not applicable

No catchments are suggested by FIT for the typologies of allotments or cemeteries. For cemeteries, it is difficult to assess such provision against catchment mapping as it is better to determine need for provision based on demand for burial space. For allotments, it is more appropriate to determine need for provision based on factors such as waiting lists.

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 (for instance 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 standards. 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 for the impact of increases in demand on existing provision. An increase in population will reduce the lifespan of certain sites and/or features (for example play equipment, maintenance regimes). This will lead to the increased requirement to refurbish and/or replace such forms of provision.

Table 10.1.2: Sites helping to serve gaps in park catchments

ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Open space type
239	Knappers Way	Brandon	Amenity
301	Warren Close, Brandon	Brandon	Amenity
62	Heldhaw Road Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Amenity
260	Out Risbygate (St Peter's Pit)	Bury St Edmunds	Amenity
294	Layhill Covert	Bury St Edmunds	Amenity
415	Tayfen Meadow	Bury St Edmunds	Amenity
364	Allington Walk Recreation Ground	Haverhill	Amenity
219	Puddlebrook Playing Fields, Greenfields Way, Haverhill	Haverhill	Amenity
278	Ingham Road Open Space	Haverhill	Amenity
411	Howe Road	Haverhill	Amenity
506	Douglas Park	Mildenhall	Amenity
547	Jubilee Fields	Mildenhall	Amenity
627	Barton Mills Village Green	Mildenhall	Amenity
507	Lady Wolverton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Amenity
511	George Lambton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Amenity
558	Studlands	Newmarket	Amenity

Table 10.1.3: Sites helping to serve gaps in natural greenspace catchments

ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Open space type
197	Brandon Cemetery	Brandon	Cemetery
305	St Margaret's Drive	Brandon	Amenity
317	Edmund Road	Brandon	Amenity
65	Tollgate Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmund	Park
467	Lake Avenue Green	Bury St Edmund	Amenity
506	Douglas Park	Mildenhall	Amenity
507	Lady Wolverton Playing Fields	Newmarket	Amenity

Table 10.1.4: Sites helping to serve gaps in amenity greenspace catchments

ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Open space type
45	Brandon Country Park	Brandon	Park
197	Brandon Cemetery	Brandon	Cemetery
57	Abbey Gardens	Bury St Edmunds	Park
241	Gainsborough Recreation Ground	Bury St Edmunds	Park

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For play provision, no alternative open spaces serve the same function. However, an option could be to explore and encourage opportunities to expand provision at existing sites nearest to where the gap in current provision is highlighted.

Table 10.1.5: Sites helping to serve gaps in play provision catchments

ID	Site name	Analysis Area
557	Horringer Court Play Area	Bury St Edmunds
71	Lady Wolverton Play Area	Newmarket

10.2: Quantity

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

Setting quantity standards

The setting and application of quantity standards is necessary to determine shortfalls in provision and to ensure new developments contribute to the provision of open space across the area.

Shortfalls in accessibility standards are identified across the area for different types of open space (as set out in Part 10.1). Consequently, the Council should seek to ensure new developments contribute to the overall provision of open space.

The recommendation for open space is for the current provision levels to be used as a basis to inform and determine the quantity requirements for West Suffolk.

Table 10.2.1: Recommended quantity standards

Typology	Quantity standards (Hectares per 1,000 population)
Parks and gardens	1.11
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	1.28
Amenity greenspace	1.43
Provision for children and young people	0.08
Allotment	0.24

The current provision levels can be used to help identify where areas may have a shortfall against the recommended quantity standards for West Suffolk. The following tables show the position for each sub-area and ward as to whether it is sufficient or identified as having a shortfall against the recommended quantity standards for each type of open space.

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Table 10.2.2: Current analysis area provision against recommended quantity standards

Analysis area	Parks and gardens		Natural and Semi-natural		Amenity greenspace		Allotments	
	(Hectares per 1000 population)							
	1.11		1.28		1.43		0.24	
	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -
Brandon	1.20	+0.09	0.75	-0.53	1.47	+0.04	0.15	-0.09
Bury St Edmunds	2.16	+1.05	1.38	+0.10	1.28	-0.14	0.21	-0.03
Haverhill	0.67	-0.44	1.00	-0.28	2.18	+0.76	0.28	+0.04
Mildenhall	0.06	-1.05	2.12	+0.84	0.85	-0.57	0.10	-0.14
Newmarket	0.03	-1.08	0.36	-0.92	1.36	-0.06	0.54	+0.30

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Table 10.2.3: Current Ward provision against recommended quantity standards

Analysis area	Parks and gardens		Natural and Semi-natural		Amenity greenspace		Allotments	
	(Hectares per 1000 population)							
	1.11		1.28		1.43		0.24	
	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -
Abbeygate	1.19	+0.08	1.39	+0.11	-	-1.43	0.09	-0.15
Bardwell	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	2.40	+0.97	0.14	-0.10
Barningham	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	1.44	+0.01	-	-0.24
Barrow	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	1.17	-0.26	0.63	+0.39
Brandon Central	-	-1.11	0.15	-1.13	2.52	+1.09	-	-0.24
Brandon East	-	-1.11	2.41	+1.13	1.29	-0.14	-	-0.24
Brandon West	3.49	+2.38	-	-1.28	0.50	-0.93	0.44	+0.20
Chedburgh and Chevington	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	2.54	+1.11	-	-0.24
Clare, Hundon and Kedington	1.16	+0.05	0.62	-0.66	1.92	+0.49	1.19	+0.95
Eastgate	-	-1.11	3.46	+2.18	0.21	-1.22	1.05	+0.81
Exning	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	1.35	-0.08	1.44	+1.20
Haverhill Central	1.36	+0.25	1.84	+0.56	0.26	-1.17	0.13	-0.11
Haverhill East	-	-1.11	1.07	-0.21	0.39	-1.04	-	-0.24
Haverhill North	-	-1.11	0.67	-0.61	1.67	+0.24	-	-0.24
Haverhill South	-	-1.11	0.03	-1.25	1.55	+0.12	0.06	-0.18
Haverhill South East	5.21	+4.10	-	-1.28	4.03	+2.60	-	-0.24

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Analysis area	Parks and gardens		Natural and Semi-natural		Amenity greenspace		Allotments	
	(Hectares per 1000 population)							
	1.11		1.28		1.43		0.24	
	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -
Haverhill West	-	-1.11	0.71	-0.57	4.73	+3.30	-	-0.24
Horringer	25.49	+24.38	-	-1.28	4.82	+3.39	-	-0.24
Iceni	-	-1.11	3.54	+2.26	0.18	-1.25	0.14	-0.10
Ixworth	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	0.72	-0.71	0.21	-0.03
Kentford and Moulton	-	-1.11	0.58	-0.70	2.42	+0.99	0.08	-0.16
Lakenheath	-	-1.11	0.04	-1.24	0.79	-0.64	-	-0.24
Manor	-	-1.11	10.89	+9.61	1.94	+0.51	0.58	+0.34
Mildenhall Great Heath	0.62	-0.49	0.66	-0.62	0.27	-1.16	-	-0.24
Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	3.06	+1.63	0.15	-0.09
Mildenhall Queensway	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	0.60	-0.83	0.26	+0.02
Minden	0.67	-0.44	-	-1.28	0.15	-1.28	-	-0.24
Moreton Hall	0.48	-0.63	5.26	+3.98	1.47	+0.04	-	-0.24
Newmarket East	0.03	-1.08	-	-1.28	0.69	-0.74	0.96	+0.72
Newmarket North	-	-1.11	1.16	-0.12	2.59	+1.16	0.52	+0.28
Newmarket West	0.09	-1.02	-	-1.28	0.40	-1.03	-	-0.24
Pakenham and Troston	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	1.23	-0.20	0.16	-0.08
Risby	15.58	+14.47	-	-1.28	1.33	-0.10	0.14	-0.10

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Analysis area	Parks and gardens		Natural and Semi-natural		Amenity greenspace		Allotments	
	(Hectares per 1000 population)							
	1.11		1.28		1.43		0.24	
	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -	Current provision	+ / -
Rougham	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	1.54	+0.11	1.83	+1.59
Southgate	5.69	+4.58	0.42	-0.86	0.51	-0.92	0.58	+0.34
St. Olaves	0.72	-0.39	0.54	-0.74	0.66	-0.77	-	-0.24
Stanton	0.06	-1.05	0.38	-0.90	2.88	+1.45	0.17	-0.07
The Fornhams and Great Barton	-	-1.11	5.71	+4.43	2.42	+0.99	0.35	+0.11
The Rows	-	-1.11	2.58	+1.30	0.65	-0.78	-	-0.24
Tollgate	-	-1.11	0.65	-0.63	0.93	-0.50	-	-0.24
Westgate	-	-1.11	1.23	-0.05	0.95	-0.48	-	-0.24
Whepstead and Wickhambrook	-	-1.11	-	-1.28	3.18	+1.75	-	-0.24
Withersfield	-	-1.11	7.19	+5.91	2.51	+1.08	0.24	level

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All analysis areas and wards are observed as having shortfalls in some form of open space. However, no analysis area or ward is highlighted as having shortfalls across all open space types.

Provision for children and young people

Table 10.2.4 and 10.2.5 show the position for each sub-area and ward as to whether it is sufficient or identified as having a shortfall against the recommended standard in terms of provision for children and young people.

Table 10.2.4: Current analysis area play provision against recommended quantity standard

Analysis area	Hectares per 1000 population	
	Current provision	Sufficiency/deficiency against 0.08 recommended standard
Brandon	0.15	+0.07
Bury St Edmunds	0.08	Level
Haverhill	0.07	-0.01
Mildenhall	0.08	Level
Newmarket	0.08	Level

Table 10.2.5: Current Ward play provision against recommended quantity standard

Analysis area	Hectares per 1000 population	
	Current provision	Sufficiency/deficiency against 0.08 recommended standard
Abbeygate	0.05	-0.03
Bardwell	0.11	+0.03
Barningham	0.13	+0.05
Barrow	0.03	-0.05
Brandon Central	0.10	+0.02
Brandon East	0.13	+0.03
Brandon West	0.22	+0.14
Chedburgh and Chevington	0.06	-0.02
Clare, Hundon and Kedington	0.06	-0.02
Eastgate	-	-0.08
Exning	0.05	-0.03
Haverhill Central	0.05	-0.03
Haverhill East	0.02	-0.06
Haverhill North	0.08	Level
Haverhill South	0.05	-0.03
Haverhill South East	0.19	+0.11
Haverhill West	0.08	Level
Horringer	0.20	+0.12

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Analysis area	Hectares per 1000 population	
	Current provision	Sufficiency/deficiency against 0.08 recommended standard
Iceni	0.18	+0.10
Ixworth	0.07	-0.01
Kentford and Moulton	0.10	+0.02
Lakenheath	0.04	-0.04
Manor	0.08	Level
Mildenhall Great Heath	0.11	+0.03
Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	0.08	Level
Mildenhall Queensway	0.16	+0.08
Minden	0.12	+0.04
Moreton Hall	0.09	+0.01
Newmarket East	0.04	-0.04
Newmarket North	0.16	+0.08
Newmarket West	0.05	-0.03
Pakenham and Troston	0.06	-0.02
Risby	0.06	-0.02
Rougham	0.13	+0.05
Southgate	0.02	-0.06
St Olaves	0.19	+0.11
Stanton	0.09	+0.01
The Fornhams and Great Barton	0.08	Level
The Rows	0.02	-0.06
Tollgate	0.05	-0.03
Westgate	0.03	-0.05
Whepstead and Wickhambrook	0.13	+0.05
Withersfield	0.08	Level

There is a mixture of analysis areas and wards identified as having a current provision level below or above the recommended quantity standards.

10.3: Future population

It is also useful to apply the recommended quantity standards to population projections to help inform the potential future supply of open space including any surpluses or deficiencies. Two methods to estimating future requirement needs are set out in 10.3.1 (ONS projections) and 10.3.2 (housing need estimates).

10.3.1 ONS projections

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ONS 2018 sub-national projections forecast that the population of West Suffolk is likely to grow to 190,680 by 2040. This report uses a current population figure of 179,045. This is an increase of 6.50%. Table 10.3.1 applies this increase across all relevant analysis areas. It is also possible to breakdown the populations to distinguish between those wards which predominantly make up the urban or rural areas of the analysis areas.

The current population figures in the tables utilise Mid-2019 Populations Estimates for Wards as these can be broken down to Ward level (which are used to establish the analysis areas). Consequently, there is a discrepancy in the total population figure compared to the most recent total current population of 177,302 (from ONS 2020*). The ONS 2020 population figure uses Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) boundaries which do not fit with the existing ward boundaries. Consequently, ONS 2019 population data is used for consistency with the current Ward boundaries.

Furthermore, estimating the population of West Suffolk is challenging due to the presence of 10,000+ individuals in the district because of the US airbases (with in and out migration hard to model). As a result, ONS has made a number of methodological changes and adjustments in recent years that lead to fluctuations. In 2020, there was a decrease in population that is likely to be attributable to methodological changes, and unusual troop movements due to COVID 19 and should not be considered significant in terms of the future demand for facilities.

Table 10.3.1: Future population projection to 2040

Analysis area	Town or rural	Ward	Ward population	Current analysis area population	2040 Population projection
Brandon	Town	Brandon Central	3,518	9,556	10,177
	Town	Brandon East	2,745		
	Town	Brandon West	3,293		
Bury St Edmunds	Town	Abbeygate	5,281	72,832	77,565
	Town	Eastgate	2,691		
	Town	Minden	5,758		
	Town	Moreton Hall	7,994		
	Town	St Olaves	4,170		
	Town	Southgate	4,262		
	Town	Tollgate	5,892		
	Town	Westgate	5,506		
	Rural	Bardwell	2,676		
	Rural	Barningham	2,637		
	Rural	Barrow	2,495		
	Rural	Chedburgh and Chevington	2,572		
	Rural	Horringer	2,617		
Rural	Ixworth	2,256			

* MYE 2020 published June21

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Analysis area	Town or rural	Ward	Ward population	Current analysis area population	2040 Population projection
	Rural	Pakenham and Troston	3,147		
	Rural	Risby	3,174		
	Rural	Rougham	2,374		
	Rural	Stanton	2,830		
	Rural	The Fornhams and Great Barton	4,500		
Haverhill	Town	Haverhill Central	3,209	40,969	43,631
	Town	Haverhill East	4,635		
	Town	Haverhill North	4,101		
	Town	Haverhill South	6,966		
	Town	Haverhill South East	2,554		
	Town	Haverhill West	6,016		
	Rural	Clare, Hundon and Kedington	8,553		
	Rural	Whepstead and Wickhambrook	2,495		
	Rural	Withersfield	2,440		
Mildenhall	Town	Mildenhall Great Heath	3,326	34,356	36,589
	Town	Mildenhall Kingsway and Market	2,840		
	Town	Mildenhall Queensway	2,888		
	Rural	Iceni	6,338		
	Rural	Lakenheath	8,756		
	Rural	Manor	2,581		
	Rural	The Rows	7,627		
Newmarket	Town	Newmarket East	5,593	21,332	22,718
	Town	Newmarket North	5,346		
	Town	Newmarket West	5,660		
	Rural	Exning	2,171		
	Rural	Kentford and Moulton	2,562		
Total				179,045	190,680

On this basis, it is possible to calculate the amount of provision required in 2040 to meet the recommended quantity standard and compare this to existing provision to determine if a shortfall in provision may exist in 2040. This is presented by typology and for each analysis area. Projected populations are multiplied by the quantity standards for each typology (Table 10.2.1) in order to calculate provision required in 2040.

Table 10.3.2: Future projections for parks and gardens

A. Analysis area	B. 2040 Population projection	C. Current provision (hectares)	D. Provision required in 2040 (hectares)	E. Difference (hectares)
Brandon	10,177	11.49	11.30	+0.19
Bury St Edmunds	77,565	157.59	86.10	+71.49
Haverhill	43,631	27.64	48.43	-20.79
Mildenhall	36,589	2.06	40.61	-38.55
Newmarket	22,718	0.66	25.22	-24.56
Total	190,680	193.76	211.65	-12.22

Table 10.3.3: Future projections for natural and semi-natural greenspace

A. Analysis area	B. 2040 Population projection	C. Current provision (hectares)	D. Provision required in 2040 (hectares)	E. Difference (hectares)
Brandon	10,177	7.13	13.03	-5.90
Bury St Edmunds	77,565	100.19	99.28	+0.91
Haverhill	43,631	40.90	55.85	-14.95
Mildenhall	36,589	72.76	46.83	+25.93
Newmarket	22,718	7.71	29.08	-21.37
Total	190,680	228.69	244.07	-15.38

Table 10.3.4: Future projections for amenity greenspace

A. Analysis area	B. 2040 Population projection	C. Current provision (hectares)	D. Provision required in 2040 (hectares)	E. Difference (hectares)
Brandon	10,177	14.05	14.55	-0.50
Bury St Edmunds	77,565	93.51	110.92	-17.41
Haverhill	43,631	89.42	62.39	+27.03
Mildenhall	36,589	29.28	52.32	-23.04
Newmarket	22,718	29.10	32.49	-3.39
Total	190,680	256.37	272.67	-17.30

Table 10.3.5: Future projections for play provision

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A. Analysis area	B. 2040 Population projection	C. Current provision (hectares)	D. Provision required in 2040 (hectares)	E. Difference (hectares)
Brandon	10,177	1.44	0.81	+0.63
Bury St Edmunds	77,565	5.63	6.21	-0.58
Haverhill	43,631	2.93	3.49	-0.56
Mildenhall	36,589	2.90	2.93	-0.03
Newmarket	22,718	1.76	1.82	-0.06
Total	190,680	14.66	15.25	-0.59

Table 10.3.6: Future projections for allotments

A. Analysis area	B. 2040 Population projection	C. Current provision (hectares)	D. Provision required in 2040 (hectares)	E. Difference (hectares)
Brandon	10,177	1.44	2.44	-1.00
Bury St Edmunds	77,565	15.53	18.62	-3.09
Haverhill	43,631	11.55	10.47	+1.08
Mildenhall	36,589	3.56	8.78	-5.22
Newmarket	22,718	11.53	5.45	+6.08
Total	190,680	43.61	45.76	-2.15

Table 10.3.7: Future projections overview

Analysis area	Parks	NSN	AGS	Play	Allotments	Combined
Brandon	+0.19	-5.90	-0.50	+0.63	-1.00	-6.58
Bury St Edmunds	+71.49	+0.91	-17.41	-0.58	-3.09	+51.33
Haverhill	-20.79	-14.95	+27.03	-0.56	+1.08	-8.19
Mildenhall	-38.55	+25.93	-23.04	-0.03	-5.22	-40.92
Newmarket	-24.56	-21.37	-3.39	-0.06	+6.08	-43.29
Total	-12.22	-15.38	-17.30	-0.59	-2.15	-47.66

As to be expected, increases in population will result in the requirement for greater open space provision. In many areas the amounts required in 2040 will be greater than the current provision levels (demonstrated in Table 10.3.7).

For some types of open space, the current provision levels may be sufficient to also meet the amounts of provision required in 2040. However, all areas show a deficiency in some type of open space and whilst some types appear to have an over provision further analysis shows these are unlikely to form 'surplus open space'.

Consequently, there is a need to ensure new developments contribute to the provision of open space across the area in order to prevent shortfalls as a result of population increases.

10.3.2 Housing requirements

Future need for open space will arise from the population increases from potential housing growth developments. The Council currently has a housing need scenario of 800 dwellings per annum. The indicative population figure per annum assumes that population growth will average 2.4* persons per dwelling.

Table 10.3.8: Future growth scenario summary

Per annum housing need	Per annum population
800	1,920

The recommended quantity provision standards are applied to determine the open space quantity requirement per annum if the current levels of provision are to be maintained.

Table 10.3.9: Scenario of 800 dwellings - open space requirement

Open space type	Quantity standards (per 1,000 population)	Future requirement per annum (hectares)
Parks and gardens	1.11	2.13
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	1.28	2.46
Amenity greenspace	1.43	2.75
Allotment	0.24	0.46
Provision for children and young people	0.08	0.29

Identifying priorities

Several quantity shortfalls in the open space typologies are highlighted across the area. However, creating new provision to address these shortfalls (particularly any quantity shortfalls) may be unrealistic (as significant amounts of new forms of provision would need to be created). A more realistic approach may be to explore opportunities to enhance existing provision and linkages.

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.

The recommended quantity standards should also be used to determine the open space requirements as part of new housing developments. In the first instance, all types of provision should look to be provided as part of new housing developments.

If this is not considered viable, the column signalling whether an area is sufficient or has a shortfall against the recommended quantity standards may be used to help inform the priorities for each type of open space within each area (for instance the priorities may be where a shortfall has been identified).

* Source: ONS Families and Households Release 2020

10.4: Recommendations

The following section provides a summary on the key findings through the application of the standards. It incorporates and recommends what the Council should be seeking to achieve in order to help address the issues highlighted.

Recommendation 1

- ◀ Recommended provision standards should be used to help determine priorities for open space provision

Quantity levels should be utilised to indicate the potential lack of provision any given area may have. This should be done in conjunction with the accessibility.

The recommended quantity standards should also be used to determine the open space requirements as part of new housing developments. In the first instance, all types of provision should look to be provided as part of new housing developments.

If this is not considered viable, the tables signalling whether an area is sufficient or has a shortfall against the recommended quantity standards should be used to help inform the priorities for provision needed the most in each area. For instance, the priorities may be where a shortfall has been identified (tables 10.2.2 to 10.2.5).

Recommendation 2

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

Part 10.1 identifies sites that help or have the potential to serve existing identified gaps in provision.

These sites currently 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 meet the gaps highlighted.

These sites should therefore be viewed as open space provision that are likely to provide multiple social and value benefits.

Recommendation 3

- ◀ Recognise areas with sufficient provision in open space and how they may be able to meet other areas of need

For an area with a sufficiency in one type of open space, and where opportunities allow, a change of primary typology could be considered for some sites of that type.

For instance, Haverhill has a potential quantity sufficiency in amenity greenspace but a potential shortfall in natural greenspace. Consequently, the function of some amenity greenspace could look to be strengthened to act as natural greenspace provision.

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It is important that other factors, such as the potential typology change of a site creating a different catchment gap and/or the potential to help serve deficiencies in other types of provision should also be considered. The Council may also be aware of other issues, such as the importance of a site for heritage, biodiversity or as a visual amenity, that may also indicate that a site should continue to stay the same typology.

Recommendation 4

- ◀ The need for additional cemetery provision should be led by demand

No standards have been set for the provision of cemeteries. Instead provision should be determined by demand for burial space. It is understood that there are plans in place to provide long term burial capacity across the area, which will be in place over the local plan period.

Next steps

Supplementary planning document

The council may wish to update its Supplementary Planning Documents* (SPD) to provide further up to date details on the policies and proposals within the Local Plan. An updated SPD focusing on open space provision standards and how they will be applied will assist in the consideration and determining of planning applications.

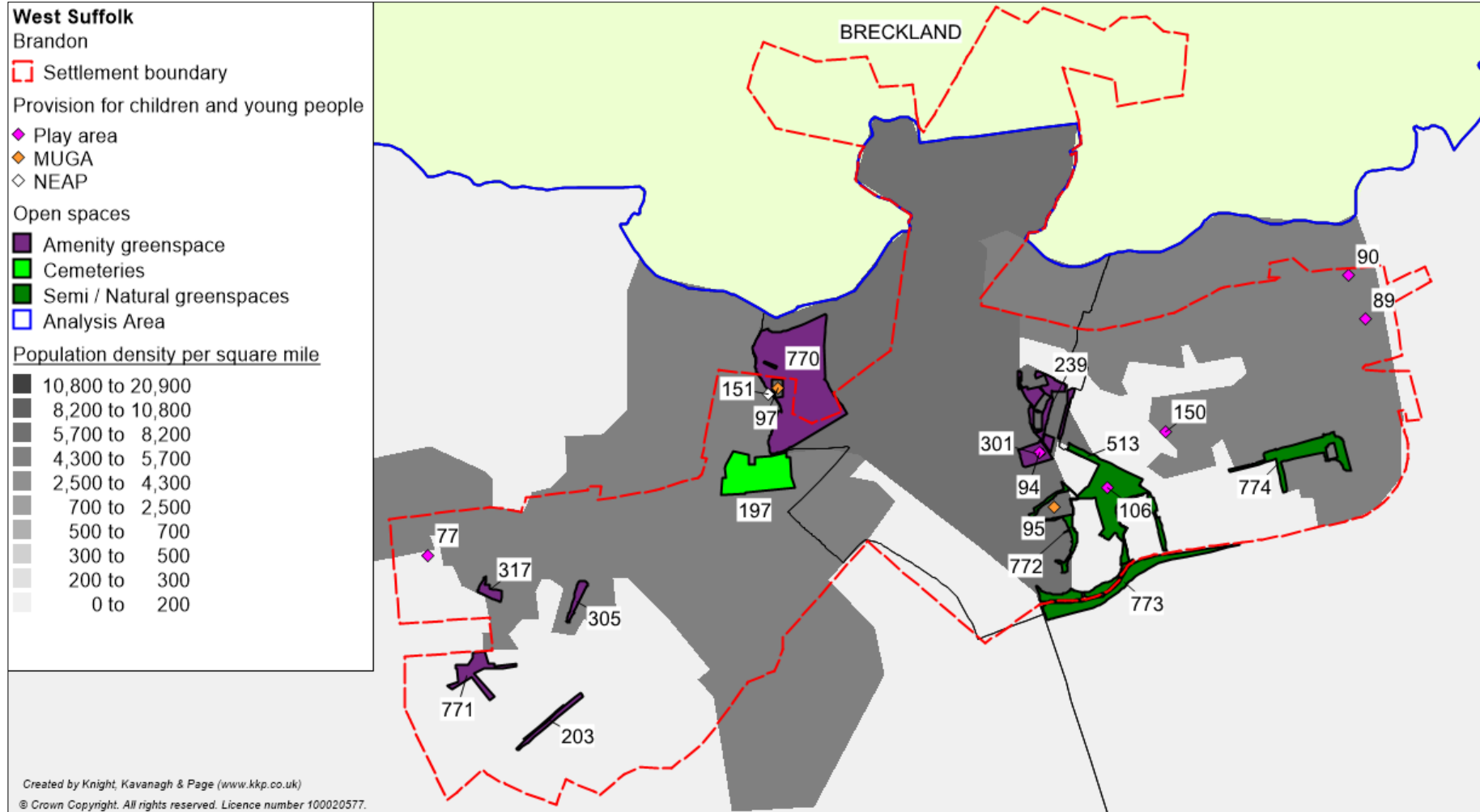
The following topics may wish to be considered as part of the Councils updated SPD:

- ◀ Policy context – where does the requirement for open space sit in terms of national and local planning policy
- ◀ Overview of the evidence base used to inform setting of standards
- ◀ Explanation to the set provision standards
- ◀ Explanation to how the standards are applied and how contributions are calculated
- ◀ Setting process for calculating the financial contribution for off-site provision or improvements
- ◀ Design principles for open space provision
- ◀ Setting process for calculating maintenance costs required

* Forest Heath Open Space, Sport and Recreation (2011) and St Edmundsbury Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities (2012)

Appendix One: Settlement overview maps

Figure A1.1: Brandon settlement



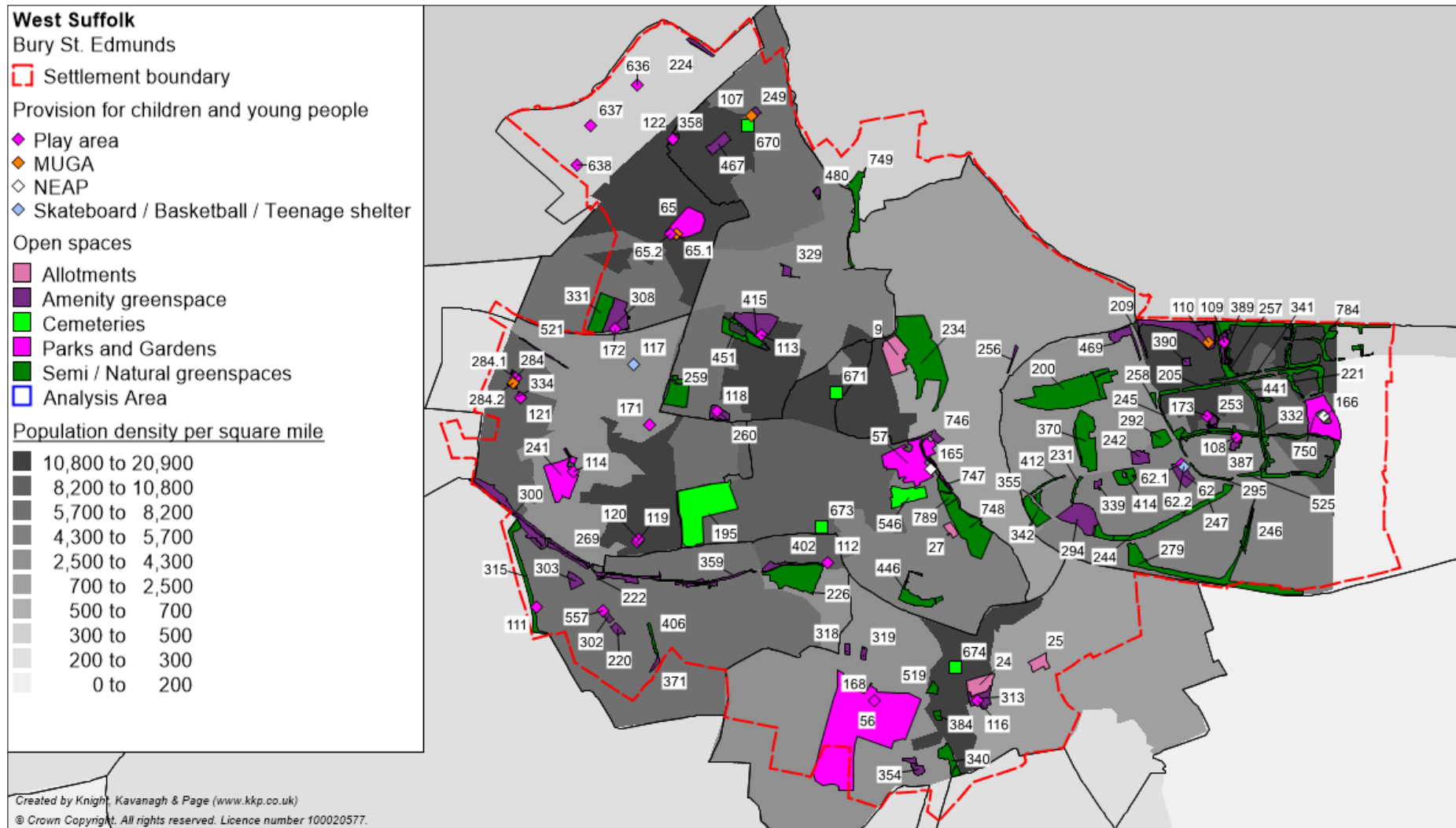
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Key to Brandon settlement map:

KKP Ref	Site	Type
77	Seymour Avenue Play Area, Brandon	Play area
89	Woodcock Rise Play Area, Brandon	Play area
90	Teal Walk Play Area, Brandon	Play area
94	Warren Close Play Area, Brandon	Play area
95	Warren Close MUGA, Brandon	MUGA
97	Brandon Rec Ground MUGA	MUGA
106	Yew Drive Play Area, Brandon	Play area
150	Thetford Road Play Area, Brandon	Play area
151	Brandon Recreation Ground Play Area	NEAP
197	Brandon Cemetery	Cemeteries
203	Mile End, Brandon	Amenity greenspace
239	Knappers Way	Amenity greenspace
301	Warren Close, Brandon	Amenity greenspace
305	St Margaret's Drive	Amenity greenspace
317	Edmund Road	Amenity greenspace
513	Yew Drive, south of Glade Academy	Semi or natural greenspaces
770	Brandon Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace
771	Woodlands Rise	Amenity greenspace
772	Back Park / Wood Close	Semi or natural greenspaces
773	Green Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
774	Blackbird Avenue	Semi or natural greenspaces

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Figure A1.2: Bury St Edmunds settlement



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Key to Bury St Edmunds settlement map:

KKP Ref	Site	Type
9	Cotton Lane Allotments	Allotments
24	Nowton Road Allotments	Allotments
25	Sicklesmere Road Allotments	Allotments
27	Raingate Street Allotments	Allotments
56	Hardwick Heath	Parks and gardens
57	Abbey Gardens	Parks and gardens
62	Heldhaw Road	Amenity greenspace
62.1	Heldhaw Road	Play area
62.2	Heldhaw Road Outdoor Gym	Skateboard, basketball or teenage shelter
65	Tollgate Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens
65.1	Tollgate Recreation Ground MUGA	MUGA
65.2	Tollgate Recreation Ground Play Area	Play area
107	Acacia Avenue MUGA off Mildenhall Road	MUGA
108	Acorn Park Play Area, Daisy Avenue	Play area
109	Broomley Green Lane Play Area	Play area
110	Appledown Drive MUGA	MUGA
111	Bedell Close Play Area	Play area
112	Corsbie Close Play Area	Play area
113	Fen Way Play Area	Play area
114	Gainsborough Play Area, Grafton Close	Play area
116	Nowton Pit Play Area, Nowton Road	Play area
117	Bury St Edmunds Skate Park	Skateboard, basketball or teenage shelter
118	Out Risbygate (St Peter's Pit) Play Area	Play area
119	Priors Play Area, Ashwell Road	Play area
120	Priors Pocket Park, Bury St Edmunds	Play area
121	Ridley Road Play Area, Bury St Edmunds	Play area
122	Severn Road Play Area, Bury St Edmunds	Play area
165	Abbey Gardens, Mustow Street	NEAP
166	Flying Fortress Park Play Area	NEAP
168	Hardwick Heath Play Area,	Play area
171	Hepworth Avenue Play Area	Play area
172	Oakes Road Play Area	Play area
173	St James Park Play Area, Tassel Road	Play area
195	Bury St Edmunds Cemetery	Cemeteries
200	Natterer's Wood	Semi or natural greenspaces

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KKP Ref	Site	Type
205	Mount Road/Tassell Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
209	Appledown Drive Open Space	Amenity greenspace
220	Sherborne Road	Amenity greenspace
221	Shelter belts North of Skyliner Way	Semi or natural greenspaces
222	Off Winthrop Road, River Linnet	Amenity greenspace
224	Northern Way	Amenity greenspace
226	Holywater Meadow	Semi or natural greenspaces
231	Layhill Close	Semi or natural greenspaces
234	Barwell Road, Bury St Edmunds	Semi or natural greenspaces
241	Gainsborough Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens
242	Symonds Road	Amenity greenspace
244	Off Bedingfield Way	Semi or natural greenspaces
245	Mount Road/Orttewell Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
246	Boldero Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
247	Behind Sebert Road and Cropley Close	Semi or natural greenspaces
249	Acacia Avenue	Amenity greenspace
253	Alvis Close	Amenity greenspace
256	Hollow Road	Amenity greenspace
257	Broomley Green Lane/Mount Road Woodland	Semi or natural greenspaces
258	Path off Mount Road/Downing Close	Semi or natural greenspaces
259	Beetons Way by Bury St Edmunds LC	Semi or natural greenspaces
260	Out Risbygate (St Peter's Pit)	Amenity greenspace
269	Winthrop Road	Amenity greenspace
279	Kempson Way/Bedingfield Way	Semi or natural greenspaces
284	Hooper Square Park	Amenity greenspace
284.1	Hooper Square Play Area, Wilcox Avenue	Play area
284.2	Hooper Square Park MUGA	MUGA
292	Woodland off Orttewell Road/Lawson Place	Semi or natural greenspaces
294	Layhill Covert	Amenity greenspace
295	South of Cranesbill Drive	Semi or natural greenspaces
300	Gardiner Close	Amenity greenspace
302	Kirkstead Road	Amenity greenspace
303	Huntingfield Road	Amenity greenspace
308	Oakes Road Park	Amenity greenspace
313	Nowton Pit	Amenity greenspace
315	Behind Hasted Close	Semi or natural greenspaces
318	Runnymead Green	Amenity greenspace

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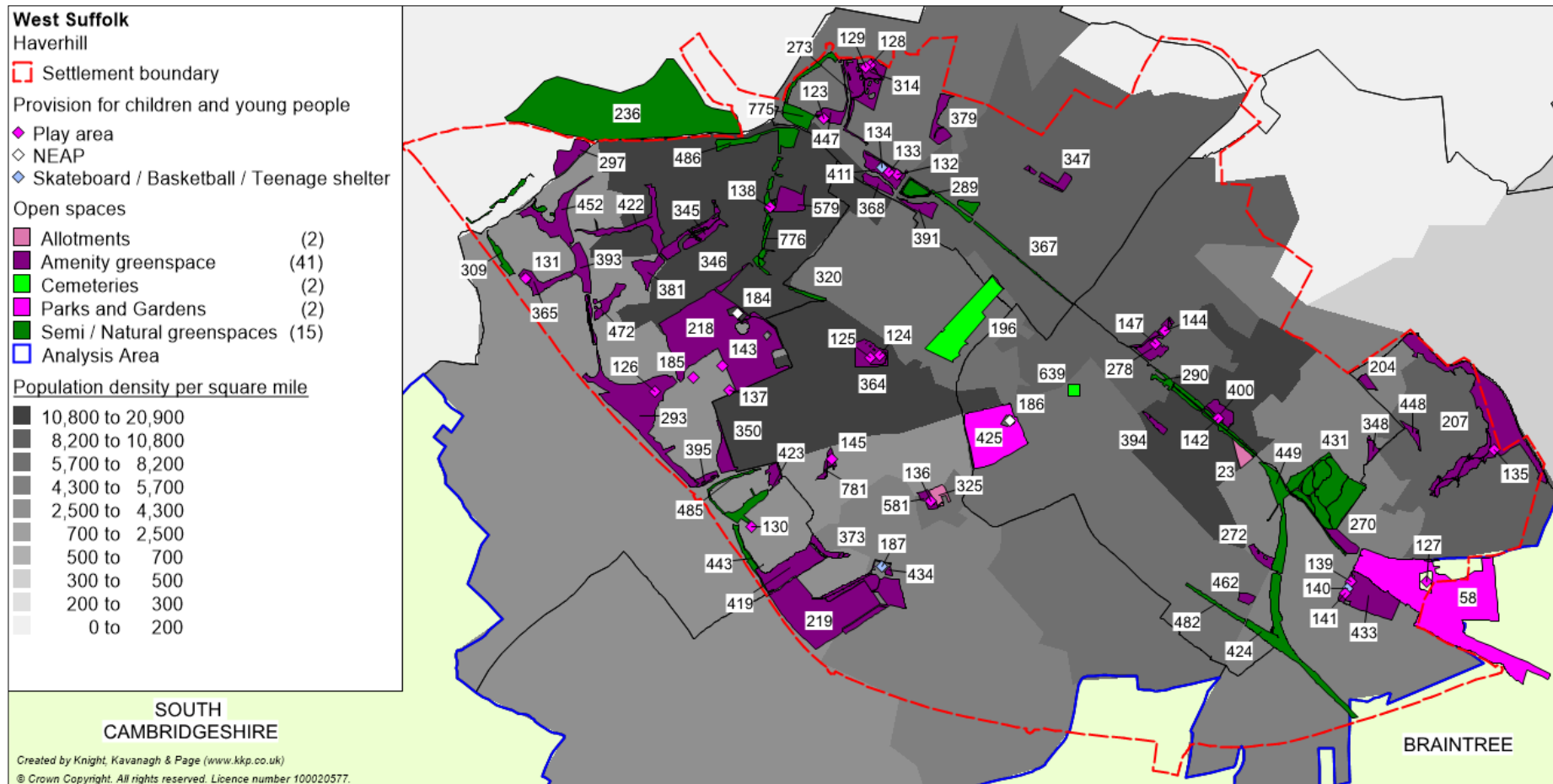
KKP Ref	Site	Type
319	Canterbury Green	Amenity greenspace
329	Raynham Road	Amenity greenspace
331	Woodland adjacent to Oakes Road Park	Semi or natural greenspaces
332	Between Daisy Avenue and Mead Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
334	Ridley Road Park	Amenity greenspace
339	Redwald Drive	Amenity greenspace
340	Hickling Drive/Mayfield Road Woodland	Semi or natural greenspaces
341	Mount Road/Airfield Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
342	Shakers Lane	Semi or natural greenspaces
354	Hickling Green	Amenity greenspace
355	Oswyn Close	Semi or natural greenspaces
358	Severn Road, Bury St Edmunds	Amenity greenspace
359	River Linnet walk	Amenity greenspace
370	Ten Acre Field, Symonds Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
371	Thornton Road	Amenity greenspace
384	Kestrel Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
387	Buttercup Close / Daisy Avenue	Amenity greenspace
389	Broomley Green Lane Bury St Edmunds	Amenity greenspace
390	Rowan Drive	Amenity greenspace
402	Path between A143 and A1302, by Holywater Meadow	Amenity greenspace
406	Off Glastonbury Road, Bury St Edmunds	Semi or natural greenspaces
412	Off Symonds Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
414	Pond Covert	Semi or natural greenspaces
415	Tayfen Meadow	Amenity greenspace
441	Behind Airfield Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
446	Wildlife conservation area south of Rockingham Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
451	Woodland by Fen Way Park	Semi or natural greenspaces
467	Lake Avenue Green	Amenity greenspace
469	Pond Grove Close	Amenity greenspace
480	Tollgate Lane/A1101	Amenity greenspace
519	Home Farm Lane	Semi or natural greenspaces
521	Bennett Avenue	Amenity greenspace
525	Skyliner Way/Dovers Way	Semi or natural greenspaces
546	The Great Church Yard	Cemeteries
557	Horringer Court Play Area	Play area
636	Sandlands Drive Play Area	Play area

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637	Redwood Drive Play Area	Play area
638	Crosses Lane Play Area	Play area
670	St George	Cemeteries
671	St John the Evangelist	Cemeteries
673	St Peter's DC	Cemeteries
674	Southgate Estate BSE	Cemeteries
746	Eastgate Green	Amenity greenspace
747	The Crankles	Semi or natural greenspaces
748	No Man's Meadow	Semi or natural greenspaces
749	Babwell Meadows	Semi or natural greenspaces
750	Flying Fortress Park	Parks and gardens
784	Shelter belts North of Mount Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
789	Between The Crankles and No Man's Meadow	Semi or natural greenspaces

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Figure A1.3: Haverhill settlement



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Key to Haverhill settlement map:

KKP Ref	Site	Type
23	Manor Road Allotments	Allotments
58	East Town Park	Parks and gardens
123	Alderton Close Play Area, Haverhill	Play area
124	Allington Walk Play Area, Haverhill	Play area
125	Allington Walk Pocket Park Play Area	Play area
126	Bramley Road Play Area	Play area
127	East Town Park Play Area, Coupals Road	Play area
128	Hales Barn Road Play Area	Play area
129	Hales Barn Road Ball Court	Play area
130	Henry Close Play Area	Play area
131	Hopton Rise Play Area	Play area
132	Howe Road Play Area	Play area
133	Howe Road Pocket Park Play Area	Play area
134	Howe Road Skatepark	Skateboard, basketball or teenage shelter
135	Julian Close Play Area	Play area
136	Jubilee Park Play Area, Claredon Road	Play area
137	Lavender Field Play Area	Play area
138	Lowry Close Play Area	Play area
139	East Town Park, Mottsfield Play Area	Play area
140	East Town Park, Mottsfield Outdoor Gym	Skateboard, basketball or teenage shelter
141	East Town Park, Mottsfield MUGA	Play area
142	Quendon Place Play Area	Play area
143	Raine Avenue Play Area	Play area
144	Strasbourg Square Play Area	Play area
145	York Road Play Area	Play area
147	Strasbourg Square Pocket Park Play Area, Ingham Road	Play area
184	Castle Playing Fields Play Area, School Lane	NEAP
185	Clover Field Play Area, Haverhill	Play area
186	Haverhill Recreation Ground Play Area	NEAP
187	Puddlebrook Playing Fields, Pump Track	Skateboard, basketball or teenage shelter
196	Havershill Cemetery	Cemeteries
204	Green Road	Amenity greenspace
207	Emperors Green	Amenity greenspace

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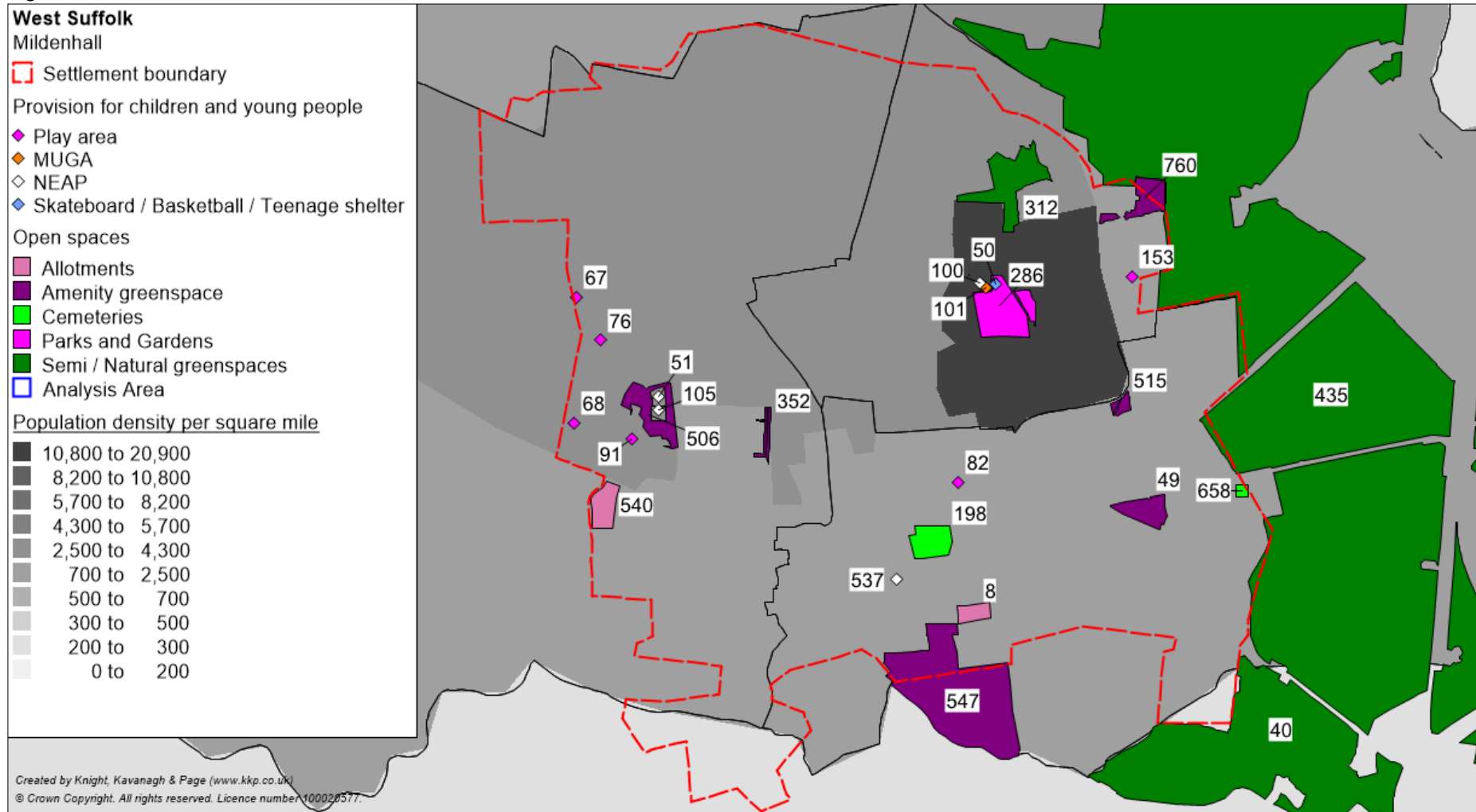
KKP Ref	Site	Type
218	Castle Playing Fields	Amenity greenspace
219	Puddlebrook Playing Fields, Greenfields Way	Amenity greenspace
236	Meldham Washlands	Semi or natural greenspaces
270	Chaulkstone Way	Amenity greenspace
272	Eringhausen Way	Amenity greenspace
273	Slaters Drive	Amenity greenspace
278	Ingham Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace
289	Howe Road/Withersfield Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
290	Rushmere Place	Semi or natural greenspaces
293	Bergamot Road	Amenity greenspace
297	Barsey Green	Amenity greenspace
309	Mellis Close	Semi or natural greenspaces
314	Hales Barn Road Amenity	Amenity greenspace
320	Behind Castle Manor Academy	Semi or natural greenspaces
325	Allotments next to Jubilee Park	Allotments
345	Chimswell Way/Apple Acre Road	Amenity greenspace
346	Betony Walk	Amenity greenspace
347	Trinity Link	Amenity greenspace
348	Osprey Road	Amenity greenspace
350	Chivers Road	Amenity greenspace
364	Allington Walk Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace
365	Hopton Rise, Haverhill	Amenity greenspace
367	Off Arrendene Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
368	Withersfield Road	Amenity greenspace
373	Cleves Road	Amenity greenspace
379	Chapelwent Road	Amenity greenspace
381	Apple Acre Road	Amenity greenspace
391	Opposite Western Avenue	Amenity greenspace
393	Flatford Road	Amenity greenspace
394	Ehringhausen Way	Amenity greenspace
395	Burton End/Chivers Road	Amenity greenspace
400	Girton Road	Amenity greenspace
411	Howe Road	Amenity greenspace
419	Aragon Road/Cleves Road	Amenity greenspace
422	Brybank Road/Henderson Close	Amenity greenspace
423	Burton End/Cleves Way	Amenity greenspace
424	Aslea Road, Haverhill	Semi or natural greenspaces
425	Haverhill Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens

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KKP Ref	Site	Type
431	Millfields Way County Wildlife site	Semi or natural greenspaces
433	East Town Park, Mottsfeld Playing Field	Amenity greenspace
434	Greenfields Way, Haverhill	Amenity greenspace
443	West of Henry Close and Aragon Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
447	Alderton Close	Amenity greenspace
448	Chalkstone Way	Amenity greenspace
449	Off Manor Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
452	Langham Way	Amenity greenspace
462	Beaumont Value	Amenity greenspace
472	Spartan Close	Amenity greenspace
482	Off Bumpstead Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
485	Seymour Drive/Burton End	Semi or natural greenspaces
486	Park Road/A1307	Semi or natural greenspaces
579	Lowry Close Open Space	Amenity greenspace
581	AGS next to Jubilee Park	Amenity greenspace
639	St Mary's Church Yard	Cemeteries
775	Withersfield Road J/W Halesbarn Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
776	Spindle Road Spinney	Semi or natural greenspaces
781	York Road Open Space	Amenity greenspace

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Figure A1.4: Mildenhall settlement



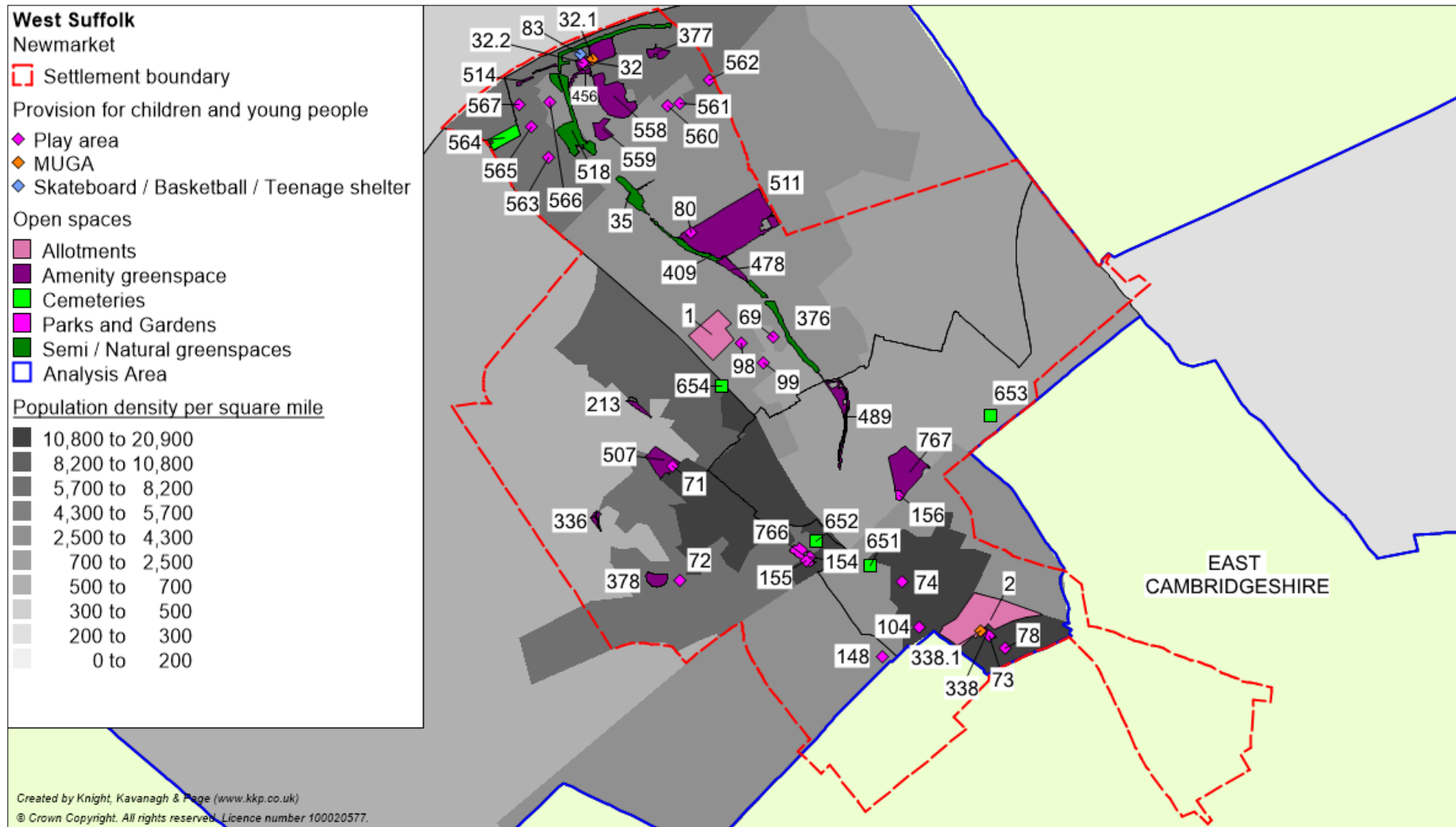
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Key to Mildenhall settlement map:

KKP Ref	Site	Type
8	Raven Close Allotments	Allotments
40	Barton Mills Riverside Reserve	Semi or natural greenspaces
49	Half Moon Park	Amenity greenspace
50	St John's Close Skate Park	Skateboard, basketball or teenage shelter
51	Douglas Park Play Area	NEAP
67	Miles Hawk Way Play Area	Play area
68	Oxford Close Play Area	Play area
76	Macpherson Robertson Way Play Area	Play area
82	Peterhouse Close Play Area	Play area
91	Charles Melrose Close Play Area	Play area
100	St Johns Close	NEAP
101	St Johns Close, Mildenhall MUGA	MUGA
105	Douglas Park Ball Court	NEAP
153	Heathland Way Play Area	Play area
198	Mildenhall Cemetery	Cemeteries
286	St John's Recreation Ground	Parks and gardens
312	Great Heath	Semi or natural greenspaces
352	West Drive	Amenity greenspace
435	Mildenhall Woods	Semi or natural greenspaces
506	Douglas Park	Amenity greenspace
515	College Heath Road	Amenity greenspace
537	Pavilion play area	NEAP
540	Sheldrick Way Allotments	Allotments
547	Jubilee Fields	Amenity greenspace
658	St Mary	Cemeteries
760	Evergreen Way	Amenity greenspace

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Figure A1.5: Newmarket settlement



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Key to Newmarket settlement map:

KKP Ref	Site	Type
1	Field Terrace Road Allotments	Allotments
2	Cricket Field Road Allotments	Allotments
32	Hyperion Way, Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace
32.1	Hyperion Way Recreation Ground	MUGA
32.2	Hyperion Way Recreation Ground	Play area
35	Willie Snaith Road	Semi or natural greenspaces
69	Greville Starkey Avenue Play Area	Play area
71	Lady Wolverton Play Area, Adastral Close	Play area
72	Manderston Road	Play area
73	New Cheveley Road Play Area	Play area
74	Hodgkins Yard Play Area (All Saints Road)	Play area
78	Barry Lynham Drive Play Area	Play area
80	George Lambton Playing Fields Skate Park	Play area
83	Hyperion Way, Recreation Ground Pump Track	Skateboard, basketball or teenage shelter
98	Heasman Close Play area A	Play area
99	Heasman Close Play Area B	Play area
104	Granby Street Play Area	Play area
148	Green Road Play Area	Play area
154	Memorial Hall Gardens Play Area	Play area
155	Rename Memorial Hall Gardens Splashpad	Play area
156	War Memorial Garden, Bury Road	Parks and gardens
213	Suffolk Way	Amenity greenspace
336	Manderston Road/Hamilton Road	Amenity greenspace
338	New Cheveley Road	Amenity greenspace
338.1	New Cheveley Road MUGA	MUGA
376	Noel Murless Drive	Semi or natural greenspaces
377	Aureole Walk	Amenity greenspace
378	Manderston Road AGS	Amenity greenspace

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KKP Ref	Site	Type
409	Section of the Yellow Brickroad behind George Lambton Playing Fields	Semi or natural greenspaces
456	Hyperion Way/Parkers Walk	Amenity greenspace
478	Off Lester Piggot Way	Amenity greenspace
489	Southern section of the Yellow Brick Road	Amenity greenspace
507	Lady Wolverton Playing Fields	Amenity greenspace
511	George Lambton Playing Fields	Amenity greenspace
514	Brickfields Avenue/Highclere Close	Amenity greenspace
518	Brickfields Avenue/Hyperion Way	Semi or natural greenspaces
558	Parkers Walk / Pinza Close	Amenity greenspace
559	Hethersett Close/Parkers Walk	Amenity greenspace
560	Persimmon Walk Play Area	Play area
561	Off Studlands Park Avenue Play Area	Play area
562	Nimbus Way Play Area	Play area
563	Pentingo Close Play Area	Play area
564	Exning Road Cemetery, Exning	Cemeteries
565	Golden Miller Close Play Area	Play area
566	Mill Reef Close Play Area	Play area
567	Royal Palace Close Play Area	Play area
651	All Saints	Cemeteries
652	St Mary the Virgin	Cemeteries
653	St Agnes	Cemeteries
654	St Philip and St Etheldreda	Cemeteries
766	Memorial Hall Gardens	Parks and gardens
767	The Severals	Amenity greenspace