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Description

The Parish comprises the main settlement of Bishops Waltham, and a number of smaller groups of dwellings at Beeches Hill, Dean, Ashton and Hoe. The main built-up area falls within the Bishops Waltham policy boundary in the Local Plan Review and the central area has a Conservation Area. The settlement adjoins the Bishops Waltham/Swanmore/Waltham Chase/Shedfield/Shirrell Heath Local Gap to the east.

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

Play:		Local Sports:		
A	Albany Road	0.4	C Hoe Road	3.6
B	Claylands Road*	0.1	J Priory Park	5.3
C	Hoe Road*	0.2	N Albany Road Cricket Ground	3.4
D	Victoria Road	0.5		
E	Oak Road*	0.5		
F	Jubilee Hall*	0.3	District Sports:	
G	Blanchard Road*	0.1	-	
J	Priory Park*	2.9		
K	Pondside	0.5		
L	Hermitage Heights*	0.5		
M	Godfrey Pink Way*	0.1		

General Use:

In the developed areas:

H	Railway footpath
I	Bridge at North Pond
J	Priory Park

In the adjacent countryside:

Priory Park
Land adjacent to the Moors
Dundridge Meadow

Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

2.8

Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	5.5	-	5.5	6.1	+0.6
Sports	11.0	2.8	8.2	12.3	+4.1

Assessment of Play Areas

There are a number of play areas within Bishops Waltham, but some housing areas have poor access to facilities, particularly the northern part of the town. Land at Pondside is therefore reserved for this purpose in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. NEAPs exist at Priory Park and Claylands Road, but none on the eastern side of the town. Most of the other play areas require improvements to bring them up to LEAP standard, and many require refurbishment. The Parish Council are however engaged in a programme of improvements which includes provision for teenagers.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Claylands Road: upgrade play equipment. Victoria Road: upgrade BMX track & install play equipment. Jubilee Hall: build new LEAP, improve kick about. Blanchard Road: Re-equip play area. Priory Park: new LEAP and NEAP, complete skatepark landscaping. Pondside: Provide new equipped LEAP and casual play space on land reserved at Pondside (Area K). Hermitage Heights: upgrade fencing.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The main sports ground areas are at Priory Park and Hoe Road, which are both generally up to standard, although there is still a need for some improvements in both areas. The pavilion at Hoe Road requires refurbishment and improved changing facilities and the pitches and tennis courts require further improvement.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Hoe Road: repair pavilion, improve changing facilities, tennis courts and football pitches. Priory Park: provide rugby pitch & facilities, storage for sports equipment, new tennis courts and an area for petanque. Improve pavilion, changing facilities and drainage to football pitches. Extend car park at Bowling Club entrance. Repair emergency access. Build a MUGA.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: B