

SUB AREA 2

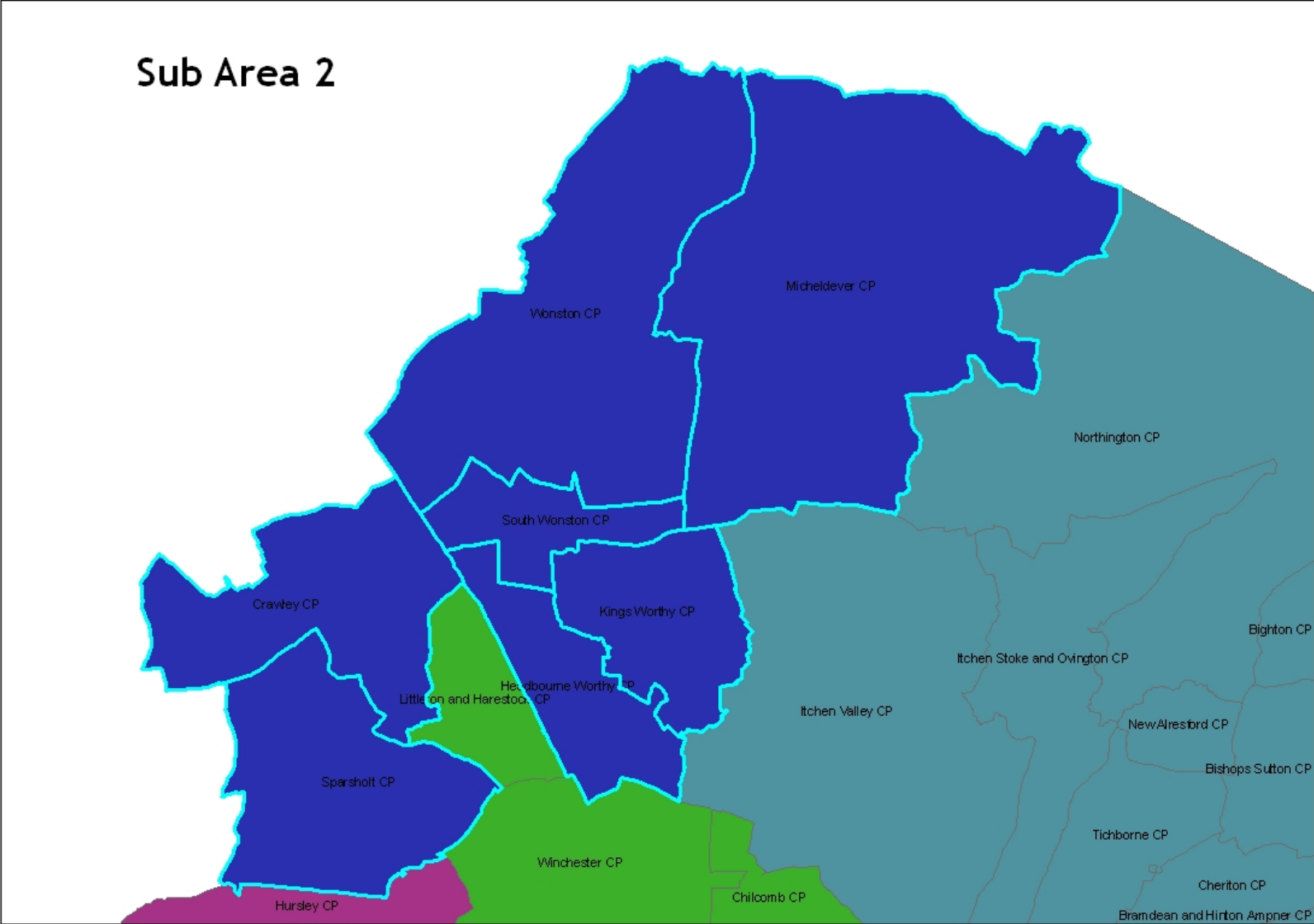


**South Wonston, Headbourne Worthy, Wonston,
Micheldever, Crawley, Sparsholt, Kings Worthy**

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1.0 Sub Area Map



2.0 Description of catchment area

2.1 Population 11,220

2.2 Location & Demographics

South Wonston. The Parish is centred around the village of South Wonston, which has a defined policy boundary in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. The village lies to the north of the extensive MoD establishment at Worthy Down.

Headbourne Worthy. A downland parish which stretches between the River Itchen and the outskirts of Winchester to the south, and the rolling farmland around Worthy Down to the north. The Parish itself is focused on the village of Headbourne Worthy, which has a development frontage status in the current Local Plan, but it changes to a countryside status in the Local Plan Review. To the north is the much larger settlement of Kings Worthy. Part of the village is within the Winchester – Kings Worthy/Headbourne Worthy Strategic Gap in the current Local Plan, which changes to a Local Gap in the Local Plan Review. The parish also includes the reserve site for a Major Development Area which may be provided at Winchester City (North), if additional development is needed.

Wonston. A parish of three villages (Sutton Scotney, Wonston and Stoke Charity) and the hamlets of Hunton and Norton. Sutton Scotney is the largest settlement, with a defined policy boundary in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. Wonston village has a development frontage status in the current Local Plan, but it has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review. Stoke Charity has a countryside status under the current Local Plan, but it will have a defined development frontage in the Local Plan Review. All three villages have Conservation Areas.

Micheldever. A large downland parish in the north of the District, containing the two main settlements of Micheldever and Micheldever Station, and smaller settlements at East Stratton and Northbrook. The parish also includes the hamlets of Weston Colley, West Stratton and Woodmancott. In the current Local Plan, Micheldever Station has a policy boundary, and Micheldever Village, East Stratton and Northbrook have defined development frontages. In the Local Plan Review, both Micheldever and Micheldever Station have policy boundaries, but East Stratton and Northbrook have a countryside status. Micheldever and East Stratton have Conservation Areas.

Crawley. A Parish to the north of Winchester containing the attractive village of Crawley, which has a Conservation Area. The village has a defined development frontage in the current Local Plan, but it changes to countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

Sparsholt is a fairly dispersed village, with a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. The older part of the village (to the north) is low density, with a variety of character, whereas the southern part is newer, and developed at a higher density. The College of Agriculture lies to the north-east of the village within the countryside, but, for the purposes of this Strategy, the Parish population excludes the student population resident at the College.

Kings Worthy. A largely rural parish to the north of Winchester, centred on the villages of Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy. Kings Worthy has undergone considerable recent expansion, and both settlements have conservation areas. Kings Worthy has a policy boundary, and Abbots Worthy a defined development frontage in both the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. Kings Worthy adjoins the Winchester - Kings Worthy/Headbourne Worthy Strategic Gap in the current Local Plan, which will become a Local Gap in the Local Plan Review. In the Local Plan Review it will also adjoin the Kings Worthy – Abbots Worthy Local Gap.

3.0 Quantity of provision

3.1 Existing quantity

The quantity of provision of open space, sport and recreation facilities is shown by Sub Area in Appendix 1 as follows:

- Open Space;
- Children & Young people's Provision (Play);
- Outdoor Sports Facilities;
- Built Facilities.

3.2 Provision against the standard across the sub area

The following table shows existing provision of open space and provision against the standards where applicable:

Typology	Existing (ha)	Required (ha)	Difference (ha)	Existing/1000	Required / 1000	Difference/1000	Supply	Number
Allotments	0.51	2.24	-1.73	0.20	0.05	-0.15	UNDER SUPPLY	1
Churchyard & Cemetery	1.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	N/A	2
Informal Green Space	36.45	8.98	27.47	0.80	3.25	2.45	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	26
Natural Greenspace	728.40	11.22	717.18	1.00	64.92	63.92	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	8
Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	9.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.00	N/A	6
Parks & Recreation Grounds	21.09	16.83	4.26	1.50	1.88	0.38	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	9
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	6.10	5.61	0.50	0.54	0.49	0.04	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	14

3.3 Provision against the standard in Kings Worthy

Population 4,094

Typology	Existing provision (ha)	Required provision (ha)	Difference (ha)	Existing ha / 1000	Required ha / 1000	Difference / 1000	Supply	Number
Churchyard & Cemetery	0.620	0.000	0.000	0.151	0.000	0.000	N/A	1
Informal Green Space	6.750	3.275	3.475	1.649	0.800	0.849	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	8
Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	1.090	0.000	0.000	0.266	0.000	0.000	N/A	1
Parks & Recreation Grounds	4.770	6.141	-1.371	1.165	1.500	-0.335	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	1
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	1.300	2.04	-0.74	0.31	0.50	0.29	UNDER SUPPLY	4

4.0 Access to facilities

Maps showing access to the following types of facility are shown in Appendix 3:

- Open Space;
- Children & Young people's Provision (Play);
- Outdoor Sports Facilities;
- Built facilities.

4.1 Access to open space

Access to open space is largely restricted to the main settlement areas within each parish, with the exception of natural greenspace, where provision occurs outside of settlement areas. The following observations are made:

- Natural greenspace. The sub area is very rural in nature, giving a feeling of good access to natural greenspace. There are also a number of larger areas of accessible natural greenspace in areas such as Sparsholt and Micheldever;
- Children's and Young People's provision. All parishes within the sub area have access to play facilities within the main settlement areas, with good provision in Wonston. All Parishes also have some form of young peoples provision, with the exception on Kings Worthy;
- Parks, Sport and Recreation grounds. There is access in the settlement areas within each Parish.
- Informal Greenspace. As expected, the provision of informal greenspace is limited in a rural area such as this.

4.2 Access to built facilities

Maps in appendix 3 show access to built facilities, a summary of provision as follows:

- Community Halls are provided in Wonston, Micheldever, Crawley and Sparsholt;
- Wonston is the only Parish with a swimming pool;
- There is provision for sports halls in Sparsholt, and on the edge of Kingsworthy.

5.0 Quality of open space

5.1 Quality of open space

Appendix 2 shows a summary of the quality data scores for each open space within the Sub Area. The summary outlines a brief description of the site, and an overall 'potential to improve' score for each of the scoring criteria (this is described in more detail in the Area Profiles Introduction). The introduction also explains how the database can be used as a tool for management planning and improving facilities, on a site by site basis. In this section of the report, general observations about quality are outlined, along with any sites which are a priority for improvement and investment.

5.2 General quality of open space

The area is well provided for with a main park or recreation ground in each of the settlement areas, and access to children's play areas, and some form of youth provision in each area (except one). The quality of this provision is also of a good standard, considering the rural nature of the area, and the mix in ownership and management. There are a number of sites where quality of the recreation grounds was good, including Gratton Recreation ground (18), South Wonston Recreation Ground (19) and George Philipi Memorial Sports Ground (71).

The quality of play areas is also good, with evidence of new investment and improvement in recent years.

Of lesser quality, was the provision of informal open space, particularly in the South Wonston area, where improvements to the maintenance of informal space should be a priority.

5.3 Specific recommendations

With the rural spread of this area, and the mix in land ownership and site management, there are less general trends observed, than in the more built up sub areas. However, a number of sites and areas have been identified as a priority for improvement, these include:

- Management and Maintenance. A number of sites were found to be in need of better maintenance, of note are the network of informal open spaces around the South Wonston Area (233), also Nuns Walk (1), Oxdrive (2) and Hinton Fields (45);

- Parks, Sports and Recreation Grounds. A number of the larger recreation grounds would benefit from a more co-ordinated approach to facility provision and management, whilst existing quality is good, they have the potential to become better sites, being able to better meet the need of local people through developing site management plans. Priority sites include Gratton Recreation ground (18), South Wonston Recreation Ground (19) and George Philipi Memorial Sports Ground (71). Management plans should be developed in close consultation with local people and resources allocated to Parish Council's to enable them to deliver plans where they have management responsibility;
- Outdoor Sports Provision. As well as the numerous publicly accessible Parks, Sports and Recreation Grounds across the area, there are also a number of facilities with limited public access. Whilst it was not always possible to carry out a full quality assessment of the sites, clearly the facilities they provide are important in meeting the sporting and recreational needs of local people, and as such, future investment in these should be considered, particularly on sites where open public access could be encouraged.

5.4 Quality of built facilities

Venue Issues

- The Worthy Down Camp has a good range of facilities – physical exercise is a key part of the training of army personnel based on site and the facilities are made available to the community, particularly clubs and civilians employed at the Camp.
- There are community halls in Wonston, Micheldever, Crawley and Sparsholt.
- There is the potential to increase the level of community use at Sparsholt College where current indoor provision is very limited and consideration for increased community use should be given in any plans for provision of new indoor recreation facilities on the site.
- Princes Mead Preparatory School has excellent indoor provision which currently has a planning restriction preventing community access. The School is currently applying for a change in order to enable community access to be provided and a number of clubs have indicated a strong interest in making use of the venue. It is hoped that this application will be supported and discussions on developing programmes at the Centre for sports activities should also be explored.

Issues identified

- There is the possibility at Worthy Down as with Sir John Moore Barracks that community access could be withdrawn if greater use is made by the Army. Joint working with other organisations including Sparsholt College should be explored. An

example of joint working between the Army and a local provider has already been established between Winchester RUFC and the Apprentice School.

6.0 Strategic priorities

- Support Parish Councils and local people to develop management plans for the main recreation grounds in their Parish. Sites have the potential to be multi-functional and meet a wide range of community needs;
- Target funds to improve the management and maintenance of key areas of open space, with a focus on informal open space, where better maintenance is required;
- Work with providers of sports facilities with limited public access to ensure high quality provision of facilities, and where possible seek opportunity for making facilities openly accessible to the public;
- Provide additional facilities for children and young people in Kings Worthy.

Appendix 1 Summary of Consultation

These are not necessarily the only issues which the Strategy will be addressing in this Sub Area, but are the key ones to arise from consultation.

From the Residents' Survey; residents of this Sub Area are making use of St Catherine's Hill, the old railway line out towards South Wonston and the surroundings area and river walks; they look to Winchester to meet many of their open space, play and sports needs.

However, difficulty of easy access to the countryside also highlighted - perhaps more multi-functional access to countryside required, e.g. paths suitable for walkers/joggers, cyclists, and horse riders. Especially relevant, given shortage of amenity open space areas in the rural settlements.

Lots of issues relating to improvement and development of pitches, tennis courts, community halls etc, as one would expect. Challenge for Strategy may be to develop a hierarchy of provision and priorities.

Provision for teenagers is always an issue.

Quantity

- Additional playing pitches (Kingsworthy, Micheldever, South Wonston) see Playing Pitch Strategy)
- Kingsworthy and Crawley quite well provided for otherwise
- Tennis courts required in Micheldever?
- Need playgrounds for all ages in rural areas
- Bowling green (South Wonston)
- Teenage facilities identified as being required in many settlements e.g, Micheldever (together with outdoor activities for the youth centre). A shelter and skatepark planned (South Wonston)
- Need for multi purpose hall in South Wonston.
- Sports Hall desired at Sparsholt College
- Sparsholt College pitches make important contribution to supply in this Sub Area as home ground to Sparsholt FC and occasional Hampshire RFC fixtures.. However, no spare capacity at Sparsholt College for other sports.
- Sports pavilion needed at Gratton Playing Fields, Wonston

- AFC Worthy Down (MoD) ATP used by Winchester Hockey Club

Quality

- Poor changing facilities and play areas (Kingsworthy), Micheldever,
- There are not enough facilities aimed at inclusive play, i.e. play facilities and equipment within parks or sports centres that any disabled children or young people can access or enjoy with their non-disabled peers
- Resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts (South Wonston); the importance of tennis courts in villages is emerging as an issue to be addressed within the Strategy.

Accessibility

- Cycle paths throughout the area required
- Scope for greater use of school sites e.g:
- South Wonston - There is dual community use at the school site already but is inadequate.
- Princes Mead School (Kingsworthy) has limits on community use prohibited by a 'section 106 planning agreement' but would be happy to increase community use if it could.
- We are very fortunate in this area to have beautiful open countryside, well kept parks and access to super sports and play activities in Winchester City Centre, however in rural areas, outlying villages, etc, we have found that children 12-16 yrs old are the least catered for in local activities such as youth clubs and skateparks that they can reach themselves. Although we all seem to live in a 'privileged' area, we have families on low income who are not always able to drive and cannot fund transport regularly to the excellent facilities in the centre of Winchester.

Appendix 2 Summary of quality assessment data

Site	Parish	Site Ref	Typology	Description	Access	Management & Maintenance	Conservation & Heritage	Healthy, Safe & Secure	Community Involvement	Marketing	Value	Summary of improvements
The Nuns Walk	Kings Worthy	1	Informal Green Space	Public footpath, used for recreational walking.	50%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required.
Ox Drove to South of Village	South Wonston	2	Informal Green Space	Open space, used a kick area by young people and dog walkers.	38%	35%	0%	25%	20%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required.
Pigeon House Yard	Wonston	15	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space with a children's play area.	31%	36%	0%	14%	33%	0%	33%	
Pigeon House Field	Wonston	16	Informal Green Space	see 15	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Stoke Charity Playground*	Wonston	17	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Park & garden with a play area and a football pitch.	25%	38%	50%	25%	36%	44%	25%	
Gratton Recreation Ground* AND Gratton Field	Wonston	18	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Very good parks & recreation ground. The site has a play area, tennis courts, a football pitch and a pavilion.	31%	29%	25%	36%	23%	44%	25%	
South Wonston Recreation Ground*	South Wonston	19	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Excellent site. The site has a skatepark, a pavilion, a tennis court, a youth shelter, a BMX track, a new play area, 2 football pitches and a cricket wicket.	25%	34%	25%	36%	33%	33%	37%	

Henry Beaufort School Pitches (E)	Littleton & Harestock	34	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	School playing fields, the site has football pitch, rugby pitch, tennis courts and a sports hall.	36%	39%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	
Cricket Ground (P)	Sparsholt	41	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private sports ground. Cricket wicket ad pavilion. Limited access	31%	40%	50%	38%	31%	44%	25%	
Football Ground (P)	Sparsholt	42	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private sports ground. Football pitch and pavilion. Limited access	31%	30%	50%	40%	31%	44%	25%	
The Green, Woodman Close*	Sparsholt	43	Informal Green Space	Children's play area with associated open space .	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Eversley Park*	Kings Worthy	44	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site has a football pitch and a play area. The site is well used by the community.	31%	38%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	
Hinton Fields	Kings Worthy	45	Informal Green Space	Informal amenity space, acts as visual buffer.	38%	39%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required.
Fryers Close*	Kings Worthy	46	Informal Green Space	Play area and associated open space, reasonable condition.	31%	37%	50%	25%	40%	44%	25%	
The Green, East Stratton	Micheldever	62	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space with grass and a few trees	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

The Cricket Field, Micheldever (P)	Micheldever	63	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private sports ground	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Lord Rank Playing Field, Micheldever*	Micheldever	64	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground with play area and football pitch	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
The Warren Playing Field, Micheldever Station	Micheldever	65	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground with football pitches, junior football, play area	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
East Stratton Village hall	Micheldever	66	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space with grass and a few trees	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
George Phillipi Memorial Sports Ground*	Crawley	71	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Very good park and recreation ground. The site has a football pitch, a MUGA/basketball court and a play area to cater for young and older children.	31%	25%	50%	31%	31%	44%	32%	
Crawley Court Tennis Court (P)	Crawley	72	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Locked tennis court.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Village Green*	Kings Worthy	112	Informal Green Space	Village green with a play area and amenity open space.	31%	36%	0%	14%	33%	0%	35%	
Willis Way	Kings Worthy	113	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space.	44%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	

London Road Football Pitch	Kings Worthy	114	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Non accessible sports field. Numerous pitches marked out.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Littleton & Harestock	125	Natural Greenspace	Natural green space - non accessible	50%	38%	38%	40%	29%	50%	25%	
	Sparsholt	230	Natural Greenspace	Small area of natural green space near Farley Mount Country Park	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Pond	Crawley	231	Natural Greenspace	An attractive pond, supporting swans, duck and geese. The site provides a very attractive feature to the settlement.	33%	29%	38%	40%	29%	50%	25%	
Hacks Lane	Crawley	232	Churchyard & Cemetery	Churchyard & Cemetery	33%	38%	38%	40%	29%	50%	25%	
Blackhorn Close	South Wonston	233	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space, layed out as part of the development. Serves as informal amenity.	38%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Pine Close	South Wonston	234	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space, layed out as part of the development. Serves as informal amenity.	44%	38%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Paddock Close	South Wonston	235	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space, layed out as part of the development. Serves as informal amenity.	44%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	25%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Goldfinch Way	South Wonston	236	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space, layed out as part of the development. Serves as informal amenity.	38%	32%	0%	0%	33%	0%	50%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Longbarrow Close	South Wonston	237	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space, layed out as part of the development. Serves as informal amenity.	50%	33%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.

Downlands Way	South Wonston	238	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space.	44%	30%	0%	40%	33%	0%	25%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Pine Close	South Wonston	239	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space, layed out as a part of the development.	38%	26%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Goldfinch Way	South Wonston	240	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space.	44%	38%	0%	20%	33%	0%	25%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Blackhorn Close	South Wonston	241	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space.	44%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Land off Hacks Lane	South Wonston	242	Informal Green Space	Amenity green space running through the village. The sites serve as visual amenity.	38%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Longbarrow Close (near)	South Wonston	243	Informal Green Space	Amenity green space running through the village. The sites serve as visual amenity.	38%	35%	0%	40%	33%	0%	0%	Higher maintenance required throughout estate.
Kingsworthy Cemetery	Kings Worthy	257	Churchyard & Cemetery	Cemetery	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Broadview	Kings Worthy	258	Informal Green Space	Amenity green space running through the village. The sites serve as visual amenity.	44%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	
Kim Bishops Walk	Kings Worthy	259	Informal Green Space	Amenity green space running through the village. The sites serve as visual amenity.	44%	33%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	
	Wonston	260	Parks & Recreation Grounds	TBC	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Wonston	261	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space with grass and a few trees	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

	Micheldever	262	Allotments	Allotments appear to have a reasonable level of cultivation	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Micheldever	275	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground with cricket wicket, adjacent to The Green	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	