

SUB AREA 4

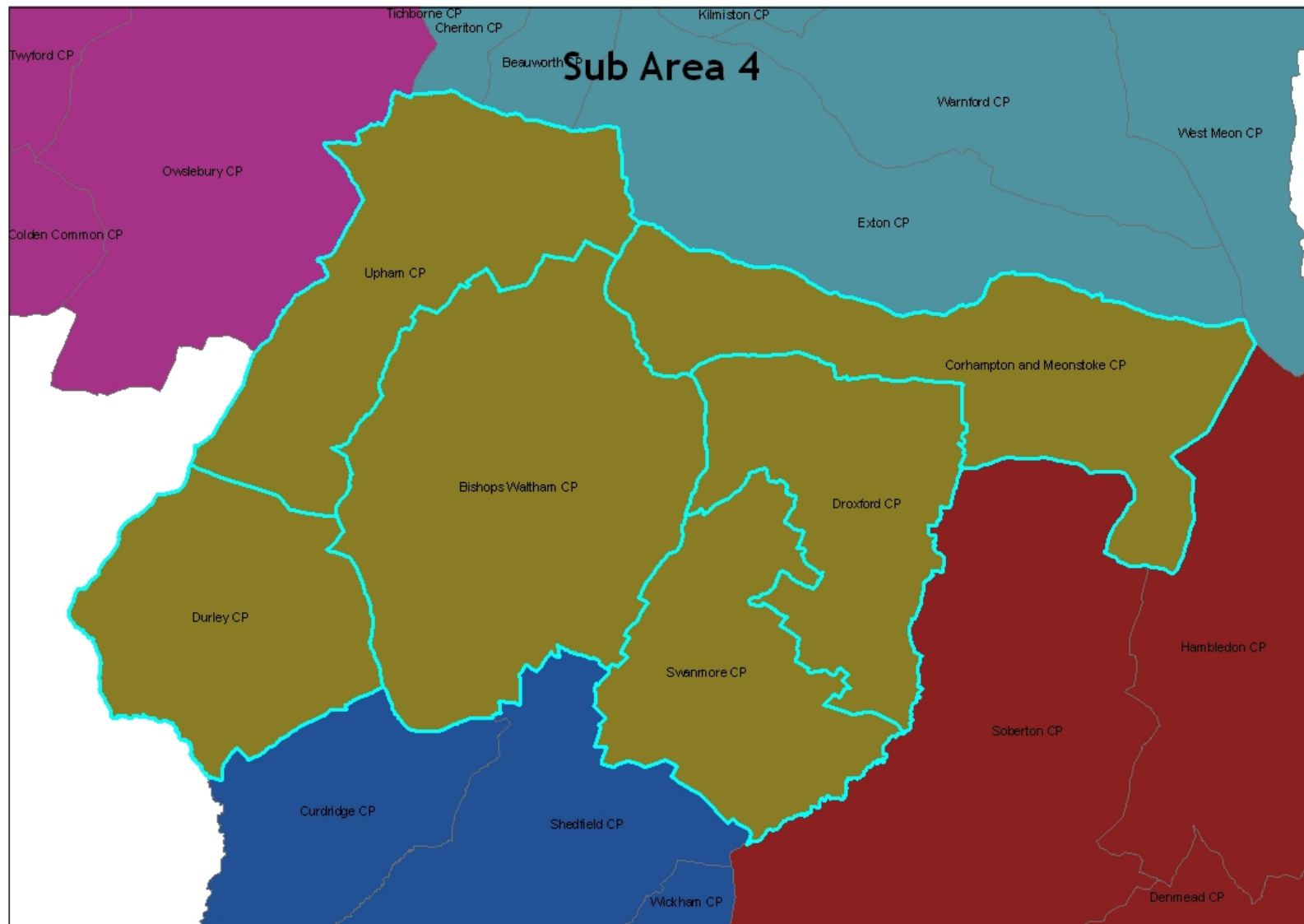


**Swanmore, Bishops Waltham, Droxford, Upham,
Corhampton and Meonstoke, Durley**

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1.0 Sub Area map



2.0 Description of Sub Area

2.1 Population 12,597

2.2 Location & Demographics

Swanmore. The main settlement in the parish is Swanmore, which has a policy boundary status in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. Over recent years the village has accommodated considerable development. The settlement adjoins the Bishops Waltham/Swanmore/Waltham Chase/Shedfield/Shirrell Heath Local Gap in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review.

Bishops Waltham. The Parish comprises the main settlement of Bishops Waltham, and a number of smaller settlements at Beeches Hill, Dean, Ashton and Hoe. The main built-up area falls within the Bishops Waltham policy boundary in both the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. Beeches Hill has a development frontage status in the current Local Plan, but it changes to a countryside designation in the Local Plan Review. The attractive historic core of Bishops Waltham has a Conservation Area. The settlement adjoins the Bishops Waltham/Swanmore/Waltham Chase/Shedfield/Shirrell Heath Local Gap to the east.

Droxford. A rural parish in the AONB, with the village of Droxford the main settlement. The village straddles the A32, and the older part is within a Conservation Area. It has a policy boundary status in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review.

Upham. The Parish contains the settlements of Upham and Lower Upham, both of which have development frontage status in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. The village of Upham has a Conservation Area.

Corhampton and Meonstoke A parish entirely within the AONB containing the settlements of Corhampton and Meonstoke. The southern part of Corhampton and the whole of Meonstoke lie within a Conservation Area. Corhampton has a policy boundary and Meonstoke a defined development frontage in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review.

Durley. A dispersed settlement with a development frontage character and status in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. It includes four main developed areas separated by areas of countryside, and most of the former sawmill site has been developed for housing, business and recreational uses. The Local Plan Review allocates the remainder of this site for mixed business and housing uses.

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 in 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	1.21	2.52	-1.31	0.10	0.20	-0.10	UNDER SUPPLY	1
Churchyard & Cemetery	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	N/A	2
Informal Green Space	16.60	10.08	6.52	1.32	0.80	0.52	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	23
Natural Greenspace	5.31	12.60	-7.29	0.42	1.00	-0.58	UNDER SUPPLY	3
Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	9.35	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.00	0.00	N/A	3
Parks & Recreation Grounds	25.86	18.90	6.96	2.05	1.50	0.55	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	9
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	18.50	6.30	12.20	1.47	0.50	0.97	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	22

3.3 Provision against the standard in Bishops Waltham

Population 6,709

Typology	Existing provision (ha)	Required provision (ha)	Difference (ha)	Existing ha / 1000	Require ha / 1000	Difference / 1000	Supply	Number
Allotments	1.21	1.34	-0.13	0.18	0.20	-0.02	UNDER SUPPLY	1
Churchyard & Cemetery	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	N/A	1
Informal Green Space	6.19	5.36	0.82	0.92	0.80	0.12	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	12
Natural Greenspace	4.62	6.70	-2.08	0.68	1.00	-0.31	UNDER SUPPLY	2
Parks & Recreation Grounds	15.62	10.06	5.55	2.32	1.50	0.82	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	3
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	3.20	3.35	-0.15	0.47	0.50	-0.03	UNDER SUPPLY	11

4.0 Access to facilities

Maps showing access to the following types of facility are shown in Appendix 2:

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

4.1 Access to open space

There is good access to facilities across the sub area, with every Parish having some form of provision of open space. A number of Parishes have a good mix of types of open space including Bishops Waltham, Swanmore and Corhampton and Meonstoke. The following specific recommendations are made:

- Parks, Sport and Recreation Grounds. All the Parishes within the sub area have access to a park or recreation ground. Swanmore and Bishops Waltham have sports provision for football, cricket and tennis. Durley and Upham have provision for football, whilst Droxford and Corhampton and Meonstoke have provision for cricket.
- Children and Young People's Provision. All the Parishes have some form of equipped play provision, however, only Swanmore and Corhampton & Meonstoke have any form of provision for Young People.
- Natural Greenspace. The area is rural in nature, there is also access to Bere Forest, although this is only accessible by car for most of the areas population.

4.2 Access to built facilities

All the Parishes within the sub area have been identified as having access to a village hall or community hall, with the exception to Droxford. Bishops Waltham and Corhampton and Meonstoke have access to sports halls. Swanmore is the only Parish with provision of a swimming pool.

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 quality of open space across the area varies from Parish to Parish, there are no general trends in quality, with sites having specific needs, this is explored further below.

5.3 Specific recommendations

- **Children and Young People's Provision.** Most play areas across the area are of reasonable or good quality, however, a number of sites have the potential for improvement, these include Claylands Rd (84), improvements to the basketball facility at Blanchard Rd (86) which are both in Bishops Waltham;
- **Management and Maintenance.** A number of sites have the potential for improvement, these include Albery Rd (8), Hoe Lane (6) and Pondsides (267), which are all in Bishops Waltham. Sites such as Pound Lane (205) in Corhampton and Meonstoke, offer potential to provide additional facilities.
- **Parks, Sport and Recreation Grounds.** There are several larger facilities across the District which provide a valuable contribution to recreation. All the sites have multi-use and are all different in their nature, with different requirements. As they are so key to local provision, it is recommended that management plans are developed for each of the main facilities to guide future investment and management. Development of management plans should be in close consultation with local people, and Parish Councils should be given additional resources to enable them to develop the plans. Management plans should be developed for the following sites:

- Wayfarers Walk (135), Droxford;
- Recreation Ground (38), Durley;
- Rays Farm (50), Upham;
- New Rd (54) and Broad lane (58), Swanmore;
- Hoe Rd (6) and Priory Park (117), Bishops Waltham;
- Pound Lane (205), Corhampton and Meonstoke.

5.4 Quality of built facilities

Venue Issues

- Swanmore College has undergone facility improvements in recent years, has good community provision for sport and recreation, serving the southern parishes of the district, including a separate community reception point. The Community Manager has developed a pro-active community programme. During the audit a youth sports programme and Portsmouth Football in the Community were both on site.
- Main issues with the venue concern outdoor provision. A reduced size (75%) STP which places restrictions on usage and a further outdoor games area is currently unusable due to its poor condition.
- Ridgemedde Junior School has a well used swimming pool which is not only used by other schools in the area but also extensively by the community. It is only one of fourteen pools in the County on school sites that will remain open. Other facilities at the School are also used by the community and it is recommended that there should be a review of potential further community use.

Issues identified

- Swanmore College is a good example of community use at an education site, particularly where access to local authority leisure facilities is not available.
- Improvements could be made to outdoor sports provision which would enhance the venue and increase usage.

6.0 Strategic priorities

- Develop management plans for the key Parks, Sport and Recreation Grounds for each Parish within the area;
- Continue to invest and improve the quality of children's play areas across the area, with a need to prioritise the identified sites with most need;
- Seek to provide facilities for Young People in Bishops Waltham, this should be developed in consultation with local people;
- Carry out improvements to open spaces in Bishops Waltham where a number of sites have been identified as having significant potential for improvement;
- There is a lack of accessible natural greenspace in the area, and opportunities to secure natural areas for public use should be maximised.

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

The main local areas of open space identified in the Residents' Survey were Priory Park and the Bishops Waltham ponds area. Some quotes:

- North Pond at Bishops Waltham could make an excellent amenity for wildlife and recreation if the area was improved to retain water.
- I am very happy and content with the quality and availability of all local amenities. No local amenity is ever over used or 'full'. Therefore, it must be appropriate in size and availability.
- The health and fitness club to which I belong is not in Winchester area so I have to travel 20 minutes by car.
- Bishops Waltham needs a sports gymnasium as the town is increasing in population (nearest gym is either Fareham/Eastleigh or Winchester (of any decent size).
- It would be nice to see Winchester City Council provide facilities in the rural areas such as Bishops Waltham, rather than concentrate on the middle of Winchester where only a few people live.
- I would like to see the cycle/walk path along the old railway track in Bere Forest upgraded for all weather suitability (not tarmac, just more scalping on the muddy bits). 2. I would like footpaths on local main roads around Bishops 'Waltham to access running routes round the lovely chalk downs otherwise easily accessible - for example, at the bottom of Beeches Hill, to access Vernon Hill one way, and Dunderidge the other.
- No provision for teenagers unless parents willing to drive them. Have to be 16 to join gym and most are too expensive.
- There is not enough activities clubs for children of any age in the village. Also dog fouling.
- Facilities for teens must be improved to stop the large groups forming in streets. These should be more affordable with the bulk of the input of what activities should be provided to be given by teens themselves.
- More 'off road' bridleways would be an advantage to both riders and road users.
- More information could be available to elderly people regarding the facilities suitable for them and their availability.
- Facilities like indoor pool needed for Winchester Southern Parishes

Quantity

- Insufficient mugs (Bishops Waltham)

- Groups whose needs are not met are teenagers and older people
- Bishops Waltham Tennis Club desires additional courts and clubhouse, better changing and storage facilities to enable the club to grow with teams entering local competitions or organising friendly matches (BW tennis)
- Need more pitches (see PPS)
- Deficiencies in play provision
 - Insufficient play areas but plans are in hand, need a teenage area as their needs are not met (Droxford)
 - Upham - Currently children's needs are not met, there are insufficient play areas, ideally would like one at each end of the village
- Need a wildlife area, council has asked that the un-used highways facility at the junction of Cut-Throat Lane/Sheep Pond Lane to be turned over for this (Droxford)

Quality

- Poor quality pitches, and poor changing facilities (Hoe Road, Bishop's Waltham)
- Play area is poor (Bishops Waltham), but there are refurbishment plans in place and plans for a skatepark
- A specific space that needs improving is Priory Park, Bishops Waltham (drainage problems)
- Importance of maintaining swimming pool at Ridgemedede Junior School, Bishop's Waltham
- Pavilion needs improving at Durley.

Accessibility

- Greater use of school facilities e.g.:
 - The new hall at Droxford Primary could be used - awaiting arrival of new Headteacher
 - Swanmore. There is a formal community use agreement for the sports hall, gym and ATP - Intend to maintain access, have spare capacity at weekends but no availability during the week

Appendix 2 Summary of quality assessment data

Table 1 Sub-Area 4: Summary of percentage scores showing 'potential to improve'												
Site	Parish	Site Ref	Typology	Description	Access	Managment & Maintenance	Conservation & Heritage	Healthy, Safe & Secure	Community Involvement	Marketing	Value	Summary of improvements
Godfrey Pink Way*	Bishops Waltham	3	Informal Green Space	Children's Play Area.	36%	23%	0%	14%	33%	0%	33%	
Oak Road	Bishops Waltham	4	Informal Green Space	Open space with a play area, used as a kickabout area by young people and used by dog walkers.	31%	32%	0%	25%	22%	0%	33%	
Jubilee hall*	Bishops Waltham	5	Informal Green Space	Community hall with associated open space, the space has a play area, a car park and a kick about area.	25%	32%	0%	14%	33%	0%	33%	
Hoe Road	Bishops Waltham	6	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site has a children's play area, football pitches, tennis courts, a pavilion and a car park. The site is very well used and in good condition.	31%	31%	50%	31%	31%	44%	27%	
Albany Road Cricket Ground	Bishops Waltham	7	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Cricket ground, decent facilities as the team plays league cricket.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Albany Road	Bishops Waltham	8	Informal Green Space	Kick about area, used by young people and dog walkers.	50%	33%	0%	0%	50%	0%	33%	Higher maintenance required.
Recreation Ground*	Durley	38	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site has a football pitch, a pavilion, a play area and a hardcourt multiuse court.	25%	32%	50%	25%	40%	44%	25%	
Ray's Farm*	Upham	50	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site has a football pitch and a new pavilion. The site also has a play area which is looked after by the parish council.	25%	39%	50%	25%	36%	44%	25%	

Flamingoes Cricket Ground (P)	Upham	51	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Limited access cricket ground, the ground has a pavilion, parking and a wicket.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Medlicott Way Play Areas*	Swanmore	54	Informal Green Space	Small play area, the is currently run by Winchester City Council but will be transferred to the parish to maintain shortly.	31%	38%	0%	14%	33%	0%	33%	
New Road Sports Ground*	Swanmore	55	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site has football pitches , an agility trail, a skateboard park and a basketball court. The site is very well used by the surrounding community.	31%	38%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	
Swanmore College of Technology (E)	Swanmore	56	Informal Green Space	School playing fields, with pitches and a MUGA.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Lower Chase Road	Swanmore	57	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	School playing fields. Limited access.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Broad Lane Recreation Ground* AND Main Recreation Ground	Swanmore	58	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground, with a football pitch, a cricket wicket, a children's play area and a sports pavilion.	31%	39%	50%	31%	31%	44%	25%	
Claylands Road*	Bishops Waltham	83	Informal Green Space	See Below.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Claylands Road*	Bishops Waltham	84	Informal Green Space	Children's play area, the equipment is old an requires replacing.	25%	39%	0%	33%	33%	0%	36%	

Victoria Road	Bishops Waltham	85	Informal Green Space	Open space, mainly used by young people on bikes, dog walkers and walkers.	44%	35%	0%	40%	33%	0%	33%	
Blanchard Road*	Bishops Waltham	86	Informal Green Space	Children's play area with an associated basketball court. The basketball court is no longer in use.	25%	35%	0%	14%	33%	0%	37%	Re instate the basketball court.
Pondside	Bishops Waltham	87	Informal Green Space	The site is used as a kick about area, which is used by young people playing football and dog walkers.	44%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	50%	
	Knowle	110	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space with grass and a few trees	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Bridge at North Pond	Bishops Waltham	111	Informal Green Space	The site acts as a natural corridor for pedestrians to access the town centre.	43%	29%	38%	46%	29%	50%	25%	
Tennis Club, Mayhill Lane (P)	Swanmore	115	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private sports facility with limited access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
The Sawmill*	Durley	116	Informal Green Space	Open space/ kickabout area. The site is well used by young people, but requires a safer crossing to access.	31%	38%	0%	14%	33%	0%	36%	
Priory park*	Bishops Waltham	117	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Park & recreation ground with a football pitch, a bowls rink, a children's play area and a car park. The site is used by dog walkers and BMX riders. The site has a covenant on it.	31%	34%	50%	36%	31%	44%	33%	
Wayfarers Walk	Droxford	134	Informal Green Space	Informal recreation space, the site is owned by private land owners but it used by the community.	44%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	25%	

Wayfarers Walk	Droxford	135	Informal Green Space	Recreation ground, the site has a cricket wicket and a play area. The site is main open space in the parish and is well used by the community.	29%	29%	25%	29%	29%	33%	24%	
Pound Lane Recreation Ground	Corhampton & Meonstoke	205	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Park adjacent to Village Hall, skate park, cricket field, car park	0%	20%	0%	14%	25%	0%	18%	Site has potential for additional facilities e.g. CPG
Opposite Meonstoke infant School*	Corhampton & Meonstoke	206	Informal Green Space	Play area opposite school with multi-climb, swings.	0%	19%	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%	
St Andrews' s Green	Corhampton & Meonstoke	219	Informal Green Space	Amenity space with informal kickabout area with posts	27%	9%	0%	14%	0%	0%	6%	
Village Pond	Upham	255	Informal Green Space	Pond area, with seats and mown grass. The site is well used by the community and nature.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Lower Upham	Upham	256	Informal Green Space	Amenity green space running through the village. The sites serve as visual amenity.	44%	44%	0%	25%	33%	0%	25%	
	Swanmore	263	Natural Greenspace	Small area of woodland	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Swanmore	264	Informal Green Space	Informal space with sports pavilion adjacent larger playing fields (Swanmore College)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Swanmore	265	Informal Green Space	Informal open space adjacent to sports ground	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
The Cemetery, Hoe Road.	Bishop Waltham	266	Churchyard & Cemetery	Cemetery	44%	35%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	
Pondside	Bishop Waltham	267	Informal Green Space	Informal amenity space. Very poor drainage.	17%	35%	0%	40%	33%	0%	40%	

The Moors	Bishop Waltham	268	Natural Greenspace	Open space with a public footpath. The site is a SSSI, and is used for walking and cattle grazing.	56%	33%	38%	40%	29%	50%	40%	
South Pond, Station Road	Bishop Waltham	269	Natural Greenspace	Pond supporting fish, ducks and swans. The area is well used and adds a very good visual buffer for the area.	43%	31%	38%	40%	29%	50%	25%	
Albany Road	Bishop Waltham	270	Allotments	Allotments	33%	43%	38%	50%	29%	50%	33%	
Hoe Road	Bishop Waltham	271	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Fields, used for grazing. Non accessible.	43%	32%	38%	40%	29%	50%	33%	
	Corhampton and Meonstoke	293	Churchyard & Cemetery	Church and cemetery, path, natural features, adjacent stream	25%	20%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	