

# Cholsey Parish Council



## Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan

# Open Space and Recreation Assessment

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# Introduction

The Cholsey Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan has assessed public open space and amenity land within the Parish Boundary.

The Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan would like to thank the Cholsey Parish Estate Manager Mr Karl Musson for his help in producing this document.

## Policy Context

The following section sets out the national policy contexts for the matters outlined above.

### National Planning Policy

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) defines open space as 'all open space of public value, including not just land, but also areas of water (such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs) which offer opportunities for sport and recreation and can act as a visual amenity'.

Under the objective of 'promoting healthy communities', the NPPF states that access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities (para. 73). It advises that planning policies should be based on 'robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision'. These assessments should be used by local planning authorities to establish what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed and identify quantitative and qualitative deficits, or surpluses in provision.

Paragraph 74 of the NPPF states that open spaces (including playing fields) should not be built on unless it is appropriately compensated or evidence shows that the open space is 'clearly shown' to be surplus to requirements.

Paragraphs 76 and 77 refer to local and neighbourhood plans designating 'Local Green Spaces' which are considered to require special protection. Local Green Spaces must be in reasonably close proximity to the community they serve; be demonstrably special to the local community and be local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

Paragraph 109 refers to the contribution the planning system can make to the natural and local environment. It acknowledges the multiple benefits ecosystems provide ('ecosystem services') and states that developments should minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity where possible, including through the establishment of coherent ecological networks.

Paragraph 113 states that local planning authorities should include criteria based policies against which proposals for any development affecting protected wildlife will be judged, recognising the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites.

# Facilities Audit:

## Community Halls

Site	Address	OS ref	Dimensions	Other provision
Cholsey Pavilion	Recreation Ground, Station Road	SU 585865	10m X 12m (main hall)	Parish Office, Library, Complementary Health Rooms, Children's Hub, Café, Youth Room, Kitchen and Foyer
Laurence Hall	Church Road	SU 589869	14m x 7m	
Great Hall	Cholsey Meadows	SU 598859	10m x 12m	
Scout Hut	Wallingford Road	SU 589867	12m x 9m	
Fairmile Pavilion	Fairmile	SU 598859	8m x 3m	

## Play/Games areas

Site	Address	OS ref	No. items
Cholsey Play Area	Recreation Ground, Station Road	SU 585864	Eight (8)
Fairmile	Fairmile	SU 598859	Six (6)

## Tennis Courts

Site	Address	OS ref	No.courts
Cholsey Tennis	Recreation Ground, Station Road	SU 585865	4 Tarmac

## Playing Pitches

Site	Address	OS ref	Dimensions
Cholsey Recreation Ground	Recreation Ground, Station Road	SU 585865	2 Adult & 2 Junior
Fairmile	Fairmile	SU 598859	1 Pitch

## Parks & Gardens

Site	Address	OS ref	Dimensions
Cholsey Recreation Ground	Recreation Ground, Station Road	SU 585865	3.77 hectares

## Natural & Semi-Natural Green Space

Site	Address	OS ref	Dimensions
Cholsey Marsh		SU 601855	11.9 hectares

## Green Corridors & Amenity Green Space

Site	Address	OS ref	Dimensions
Crescent Way Greenspace	Crescent Way	SU 586862	0.10 hectares
The Forty	The Forty	SU 587866	0.10 hectares
The Rowans Greenspace	The Rowans	SU 584861	0.10 hectares
Whitehead Meadow	Church Road	SU 58586	1.20 hectares

## Allotments

Site	Address	OS ref	No.plots	Dimensions
Ilges Lane	Ilges Lane	SU 59186	65	0.90 hectares
St Georges Close	St Georges Close	SU 587862	3	0.10 hectares
Station Road	Station Road	SU 585865	56	0.50 hectares
Cholsey Meadows	Cholsey Meadows	SU 601859	52	1.75 hectares

## Cemetery

Site	Address	OS ref	No.plots / Vacant plots	Dimensions
Cholsey Churchyard	Church Road	SU 5836 8699	<b>1600 / 500</b>	
<b>Cemetery Breakdown</b>				
Section 5 Burial Plots: 372 plots in total, 10 of which are in use.				
Section 5 Cremation Plots: 120 plots in total, 8 of which are in use.				
Section 4 Burial Plots: 276 plots in total, all of which are in use.				
Section 4 Cremation Plots: 105 plots in total, all of which are in use.				
Rest of Cemetery: c.750, all of which are in use.				

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