

Rother District Council Open Space Survey

Definitions of Open Space

Parks and gardens - These range from large country parks to urban parks and small memorial formal gardens

Natural areas - Woods, nature reserves and unmanaged greenspaces such as scrubland

Green corridors - These are footpaths, canal towpaths, bridleways and cycleways

Amenity areas - These are small or large greenspaces often found amongst housing estates (eg village greens)

Play areas for children - These are equipped play areas for children (eg swings, slides and climbing frames)

Teenage facilities - These range from youth shelters, to skate parks and multi-use-games-areas

Outdoor sports facilities - Grass pitches, bowling greens, tennis courts and golf courses

Allotments - Public or private open spaces dedicated to growing produce and gardening

Cemeteries and churchyards - Open and closed burial grounds and cemeteries

Beaches and coastal areas - Includes both public and private beaches

Civic spaces - Hard paved areas used for a variety of purposes

SECTION ONE - QUANTITY

Q1 Please tick below whether you feel there is **ENOUGH OR NOT ENOUGH** provision for each type of open space within the District and if possible, explain briefly the reason for your answer (eg not enough in your area/ quality is poor/ inaccessible).

	More than enough	About right	Nearly enough	Not enough	No opinion
Parks and gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Amenity areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Play areas for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Teenage facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Outdoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Beaches and coastal areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Civic spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Cemeteries and churchyards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				
Green corridors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>				

Travel time

Q2

Please write the **TIME** you would expect to travel, and the type of transport you would expect to use, when travelling to open spaces in the District (*please state one time and travel mode for each open space type only*):

	<i>Walk</i>	<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Public transport</i>	<i>Car</i>
Parks and gardens	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Natural areas	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Amenity areas	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Play areas for children	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Teenage facilities	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Outdoor sports facilities	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Allotments	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Beaches and coastal areas	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Civic spaces	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Cemeteries and churchyards	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins
Green corridors	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins	___ mins

Usage

Q3

How **OFTEN** do you use each of the following types of open space? (*please tick one option only for each type of open space*)

	<i>More than once a month</i>	<i>Less than once a month</i>	<i>Don't use</i>
Parks and gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amenity areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play areas for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teenage facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beaches and coastal areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civic spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cemeteries and churchyards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green corridors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4

Do you or any member of your household own/ manage/ use an allotment in the District?

Yes (*please proceed to Q6*)..... ☐ No ☐

Q5

If **NO**, would you be interested in using an allotment within your local area?

Yes..... ☐ No ☐

If YES please

*indicate why you are
not an allotment user
already*

Quality

Q6

How would you rate the quality of the following types of open space in the District? (*If you are unsure please leave blank*)

	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
Parks and gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amenity areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play areas for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teenage facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beaches and coastal areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civic spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cemeteries and churchyards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green corridors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION TWO - SPECIFIC TO THE TYPE OF OPEN SPACE YOU MOST FREQUENTLY USE

Q7 Please indicate which open space TYPE you use MOST FREQUENTLY in the District? (PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE)

Parks and/or gardens.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amenity areas.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play areas for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allotments.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green corridors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teenage facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cemeteries and churchyards.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beaches and coastal areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Civic spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Type most frequently used

Q8 Please name the SITE you use MOST FREQUENTLY and where it is located (eg village/town)?

Site Name

Location

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RELATED TO THE OPEN SPACE TYPE YOU MOST FREQUENTLY USE AS INDICATED IN QUESTION 7

Travel

Q9 How do you normally TRAVEL there? (please tick one box only)

Walk..... ☐ Public transport..... ☐ Car..... ☐ Cycle..... ☐

Q10 How LONG does it take you to reach this type of open space? (please tick one box only)

Less than 5 minutes ☐ Between 10-15 minutes..... ☐ Between 20-30 minutes ☐

Between 5-10 minutes..... ☐ Between 15-20 minutes..... ☐ Over 30 minutes ☐

Aspirations

Q11 If you were describing your ideal features within this type of open space, what would be the TOP FEATURES you think should be provided? (please only tick up to FIVE)

Well kept grass	<input type="checkbox"/>	Level surface/ good drainage.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature features (eg wildlife)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good access to site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean/litter free	<input type="checkbox"/>	Events eg music.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pond/lake/water features	<input type="checkbox"/>	On site security (eg warden/CCTV)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flowers/trees and shrubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dog walking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information boards/signage.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cafe.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dog free area.....	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	Litter bins	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	Picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities for children and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Q12 Which of the following factors would make you feel SAFER using this type of open space (please tick one or more)

Adequate lighting.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff-on-site (eg park rangers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overlooked by housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear route to open space.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reputation of area/space.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other users	<input type="checkbox"/>
CCTV	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear boundaries	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Quality

Q13 Please indicate whether you experience any of the following PROBLEMS at the open space type you visit most frequently as indicated in Q7 by rating the seriousness of the problem in the boxes below:

	Significant problem	Minor problem	No problem
Vandalism and graffiti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and age of equipment (play areas, seating)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inappropriate use of site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14

Please rate the following quality factors for the type of open space in the District you visit most frequently as stated in Q7:

	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Unsatisfied</i>	<i>Very unsatisfied</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
Play equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General maintenance and management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boundaries (railings, hedges etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of bins for litter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seats/benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pathways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information and signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planted and grassed areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION THREE - OUTDOOR SPORTS

Q15

Please tick below whether you feel there is ENOUGH OR NOT ENOUGH provision for each type of outdoor sport facility in your local area and if possible, explain briefly the reason for your answer.

	<i>More than enough</i>	<i>About right</i>	<i>Not enough</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Grass pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Synthetic turf pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Bowling greens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Golf courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			

Q16

Please write the TIME you would expect to travel below the type of transport you would expect to use when travelling to outdoor sports facilities in the District (please state one time and travel mode for each open space type only):

	<i>Walk</i>	<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Public transport</i>	<i>Car</i>
Grass pitches	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Synthetic turf pitches	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Tennis courts	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Bowling greens	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Golf courses	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins

General

Q17

If you have any other COMMENTS that you would like to make regarding outdoor sports in the District, please write them in the box below.

SECTION FOUR - INDOOR SPORTS

Q18 Please tick below whether you feel there is ENOUGH OR NOT ENOUGH provision for each type of indoor sport facility in your local area and if possible, explain briefly the reason for your answer.

	<i>More than enough</i>	<i>About right</i>	<i>Not enough</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Sports halls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Health and fitness (Gyms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Indoor tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Indoor bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			
Church/parish/community halls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<hr/>			

Q19 Please write the TIME you would expect to travel below the type of transport you would expect to use when travelling to indoor sports facilities in the District (please state one time and travel mode for each open space type only)::

	<i>Walk</i>	<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Public transport</i>	<i>Car</i>
Swimming pools	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Sports halls	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Health and fitness (Gyms)	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Indoor tennis	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Indoor bowls	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins
Church/parish/community halls	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins	__ mins

Q20 Do you have any comments about indoor sports activities based in your local community/parish/church hall?

General

Q21 If you have any other COMMENTS that you would like to make regarding indoor sports in the District, please write them in the box below.

SECTION FOUR – FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 16 AND UNDER

Q22 What do you think about the quantity of publicly accessible organised out-of-school play opportunities for children in your area eg holiday play-schemes, play related activities and events? (This means play activities where any child can turn and participate, not out of school clubs)

Too little ☐ About right ☐ Too much..... ☐ Don't know..... ☐

Q23 Have there been any organised out-of-school children's play days or activities in your area in the last 12 months eg holiday play-schemes, fun days etc?
 Yes (please go to question 24a).... ☐ No (please go to question 24b) ☐ Don't know (please go to question 24b)..... ☐

Q24a If yes, how did you find out about them and if you attended have you any comments on their value?

Q24b If there have not been any or you don't know, do you feel there is a need for publicly accessible organised out-of-school children's play days or activities in your area and would you attend them if they were put on?
 Yes, there is a need ☐ No, there isn't a need ☐ Don't know if there is a need ☐ Yes, I would attend ☐ No, I wouldn't attend ☐

Q25 What do you think are the key factors in making a child's experience in an equipped play area or a park/open space fun and stimulating?

Q25A Please tick below whether you feel there is ENOUGH OR NOT ENOUGH provision for each type of playarea within the District and if possible, explain briefly the reason for your answer (eg not enough in your area/ quality is poor/ inaccessible).

	More than enough	About right	Nearly enough	Not enough	No opinion
Playareas for 0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for answer	<hr/>				
Playareas for 5 to 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for answer	<hr/>				
Playareas for teenagers (eg skate park, basketball court)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for answer	<hr/>				

Q25b How would you rate the quality of the following types of playareas in the District? (If you are unsure please leave blank)

	Good	Average	Poor
Playareas for 0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playareas for 5 to 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playareas for teenagers (eg skate park)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION FIVE - SOME DETAILS ABOUT YOU

Q26 Are you;
 Male ☐ Female..... ☐

Q27 How old are you?
 Under 16 ☐ 25-39..... ☐ 60-75 ☐
 16-24 ☐ 40-59..... ☐ 75+ ☐

Q28 Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?
 White British ☐ Black Other..... ☐ Mixed White and Black Caribbean. ☐
 White Irish..... ☐ Asian British..... ☐ Mixed White and Black African..... ☐
 White Other..... ☐ Asian Pakistani ☐ Mixed White and Asian..... ☐
 Black British..... ☐ Asian Indian..... ☐ Mixed Other ☐
 Black African..... ☐ Asian Bangladesh ☐ Chinese ☐
 Black Caribbean..... ☐ Asian Other..... ☐
 Other (please specify) _____

Q29 Are there any children in your household under 16 years?
 Yes..... ☐ No ☐

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return it in the freepost envelope by the 9 February 2007.

