Quality Assessment Form for Green/Open Space/Playing Field

Site Name			**Location**		
Typology			**Size**		
	(10 points) Exceptional	**(6/5 points)Good**	**(0/1points) Very Poor**	**WEIGHTING**	**POINTS TOTAL**
Accessibility					
Main Entrance	Clearly marked entrance with an inviting and welcoming feel	Signage to mark entrance Neither welcoming or not	entrance not marked, with an unwelcoming feel		
Sub/side entrance	Clearly marked entrances with an inviting and welcoming feel	Signage to mark sub/side entrance Neither welcoming or not	entrance not marked, with an unwelcoming feel		
Bus Links	Bus stop right outside with a regular service	Either; ▪ bus stop outside without a regular service or ▪ bus stop near (within 5 min walk) but with a regular service	No bus stop within 5 mins walk		
Paths	DDA compliant surface to all major areas of the open space	DDA compliant surface to most major areas of the open space	Most area of the open space are inaccessible in terms of DDA		
Walking routes condition	The walking routes are accessible all year round.	The walking routes are accessible for most of the year	The walking routes are often inaccessible		
Cycles	An exclusive purpose built cycle track is available, marked, signed and in excellent condition	Either; ▪ An exclusive cycle track available but not marked or signed ▪ An exclusive cycle track available marked and signed but not in good condition ▪ General purpose paths can accommodate cycle use and other users	No means of cycling around the site		

Cycle storage	Exclusive purpose built cycle racks/shelter is accessible and available to use	Areas although not exclusive can be used to lock / store cycles	No means of storing / locking cycles		
Car Park Access	The entrance is wide enough for cars to pass in and out. The entrance is clearly visible from the highway. Cars can easily manoeuvre around the car park	Either; ▪ The entrance is wide enough and visible but it is not easy to manoeuvre around or ▪ The car park entrance is not wide enough and visible but once in is easy to manoeuvre	The entrance is not visible wide enough and the car park is difficult to manoeuvre in		
Car Park Spaces	The number of car park spaces is adequate for the maximum number of users for a typically busy day	There are mostly adequate car parking spaces, on busy days the car park may fill up.	There is never enough car parking places		
Car Park Surface	The surface is flat well drained and bays are marked clearly.	Either; ▪ The bays are marked clearly but the surface is uneven or in disrepair ▪ The surface is even but the bays are not marked clearly	The car park surface is uneven not drained and the bays are unmarked		
Disabled Parking	There are sufficient disabled bays in relation to DDA and site use	Either; ▪ There are sufficient bays in relation to DDA, but does not reflect site use adequately ▪ There are not sufficient bays in relation to DDA but it reflects site use	There are no marked bays for disabled use		
Options for general/local use	Local users have no access to other open spaces nearby	Local users have access to other open spaces	Local users have many options when accessing open space		
Options for unique purpose/specific use	The site serves a unique purpose and is easily accessible, not replicated anywhere else in the town or surrounding areas	The site serves a unique purpose but is not easily accessible	There is no unique purpose in this site		

USE					
Walking/Jogging and Dog Walking route options	There is more than one interesting route for walkers to use	There is at least one interesting route for walkers to use	There are no interesting routes for walkers to use		
Informal recreation	There are lots of options for informal recreation e.g. sitting, walking, jogging, tennis, rounders, observing, spectating, play, picnicking, etc	There are some options for informal recreation	There are very limited options for informal recreation		
Play Areas	There is play provision for all ages of children. People travel from more than a walking distance away to access the play facilities.	Either; ▪ There is provision for all ages of children but unlikely that people will travel more than walking distance to access ▪ There is not provision for all ages but people travel from more than walking distance to access	There is no play provision for children of any age		
Footfall	The number of users would be described as above average for the size of site	The number of users would be described as average for the size of site	The number of users would be described as below average for the size of site		
Directional and interpretational signage	There is ample signage to direct users around the site and inform them of any significant features	Most areas are signed and some interpretational information is provided for users	No signage or interpretation of significant features		
Site Identity	The site has a clear identity and users are clear about its primary use and understand where the boundaries of the site start and finish	The site has some elements that give it identity. Some boundaries of the site	The site has no clear identity or boundaries.		
Future General Use	It is likely that the site will be used more often or by more people in the future	It is likely that the site will be used by a consistent number of users in the future	It is likely that the site will be used by less people in the future		
Diversity of use	The site is used by many different users groups and teams for formal and informal recreational and sporting use	The site is used by a few user groups and teams for formal and informal recreational and sporting use	The site is used for one or two user groups or teams for formal and informal recreation or sport		

Football Senior	It is likely that demand for football on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for football on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for football on this site will decline		
Football Junior	It is likely that demand for football on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for football on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for football on this site will decline		
Football Mini	It is likely that demand for football on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for football on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for football on this site will decline		
Football Girls	It is likely that demand for football on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for football on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for football on this site will decline		
Cricket Senior	It is likely that demand for cricket on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for cricket on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for cricket on this site will decline		
Cricket Junior	It is likely that demand for cricket on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for cricket on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for cricket on this site will decline		
Rugby Senior	It is likely that demand for rugby on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for rugby on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for rugby on this site will decline		
Rugby Junior	It is likely that demand for rugby on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for rugby on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for rugby on this site will decline		
Bowls	It is likely that demand for Bowls on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for Bowls on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for Bowls on this site will decline		
Croquet	It is likely that demand for croquet on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for croquet on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for croquet on this site will decline		
Tennis	It is likely that demand for tennis on this site will increase in the future	It is likely that demand for tennis on this site will remain constant	It is likely that demand for tennis on this site will decline		

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY					
Habitat character	The site has either; ▪ A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), ▪ Local Nature Reserve	The site has areas of importance for nature conservation or ecological importance.	The site does not have any areas that are significantly ecologically important		
Conservation	There are identified areas for conservation on the site and they are well managed	There are areas of conservation on the site but they are not managed	There are no areas for conservation on the site		
Landscape identification and management	Landscapes are identified and managed	Either; Landscapes are identified but not managed Landscapes are not identified but are managed	Landscapes are not identified or managed		
Landscape Character	The site has been assessed and has more than one area of unique landscape character	The site has one area of unique landscape character	The site has not been assessed and or does not have any areas that are unique		
Planting	There are appropriate planting schemes that compliment the primary use of the site	There is limited planting that compliments the primary use of the site Or there is lots of planting schemes that are not appropriate to the primary use of the site	There are no planting schemes		
Shade, exposure	There is a balance appropriate to the site useage of shade and exposure	There are some areas of shade and exposure which is appropriate to some uses of the site	There is either a lack of shade or exposure and this is not appropriate to the site		
Hedges	There are hedgerows of predominantly native or naturalised species, including associated features such as ditches – appropriate to site use	There are some hedgerows and associated features such as ditches – appropriate to site use	There are no hedgerows or associated features		
Hedge Maintenance	Hedges are maintained in a manner appropriate to the hedgerow, site and use of the site	Hedges are infrequently maintained and may not either be appropriate to the hedgerow or use of the site	Hedgerows are not maintained		

Trees	There are ancient woodland areas in or around the site	There are wooded areas in or around the site	There is no wooded areas in or around the site		
Tree Diversity	The area contains a variety of native or desirable trees	There is some variety of native or desirable trees	There are no or very limited variety of native or desirable tree		
Specimen or protected trees	The area contains significant amount of specimen or protected trees	There is some specimen or protected trees	There are no or very limited specimen or protected trees		
FACILITIES /MAINTENANCE					
Vandalism	There is no evidence of vandalism including graffiti	There is some evidence of vandalism or graffitti	The site has lots of vandalism and graffiti		
Litter	There is no evidence of litter on the ground – all users dispose of their litter either in bins or take it home	There is some evidence of new litter but this is balanced with usage on the site	Significant old and new litter on the ground		
Litter Bins	There are an adequate supply of litter bins evenly spread throughout the site and these bins are emptied as appropriate to the site	Either; There is an adequate supply of bins but they are not emptied regularly There is not an adequate supply of bins but the bins that are there are emptied regularly	There are not enough/no bins and they are not emptied regularly enough		
Noise	The space is tranquil and bird calls can be heard	Intermittent noise can be heard from adjacent properties businesses or roads	Constant noise from adjacent properties, business or roads		
Dog poop	No visible evidence of dog poop	A few random pieces of dog poop	Lots of dog poop visible		
Dog Poop Bins	There are adequate dog poop bins, in good order, considering the size of the open space	Either; ▪ There are adequate dog poop bins but they are not in good order or ▪ There are not adequate dog poop bins but the ones that are there are in good order	There are not adequate dog poop bins and any that are present are not in good order		

Fencing	All fencing within the site is fit for purpose and well maintained	There are some fences that are either not fit for purpose or in need of repair	There are many fences that are not fit for purpose and badly maintained		
Site Protection	The site is protected with appropriate bunds, height restriction barriers and bollards that prevent unauthorised access	The site has some areas that are unprotected from unauthorised use	The site is vulnerable to unauthorised use		
Seating provision and condition	There is adequate provision for seating appropriate for the venue. The seats are in good order.	Either; ▪ There is adequate provision appropriate for the venue but the seats are not in good order or ▪ There is not adequate provision appropriate for the venue but what is there is in good order	There is not adequate provision, this is not appropriate for the venue and the seats are not in good order		
Seating spread	Seating is evenly spread out around the open space	Seating has some spread	Seating is in one place only		
Toilets	Toilets are available for use during open space general use hours, and they are in good working order	Either; ▪ Toilets are available but they are not what would be described in good working order or ▪ Toilets in good working order are not available to the public	There is no access to a toilet		
Pavilions and changing	Pavilion facilities and changing rooms are adequate in size and in good working order	Either; ▪ Pavilion facilities and changing rooms are adequate in size but not in good working order ▪ Pavilion facilities and changing rooms are not adequate in size but are in good working order	Either; ▪ Pavilion facilities and changing rooms are not of an adequate size, not in good working order or ▪ There is no pavilion or changing facility on the site		
Changing provision	There is adequate sectioned changing facilities that allow men women girls boys and	There are some restrictions on provision	Only one user group can access changing at a time		

	officials to use at the same time				
SAFETY					
visibility or entrapment points	no areas of poor visibility or entrapment points which increase the feeling of vulnerability	A few areas of poor visibility or entrapment points	Lots of areas		
Feeling of Security	There is a good level of surveillance from surrounding properties or other open space users	Some of the site has good levels of surveillance from surrounding properties	The site is isolated.		
Lighting	Lighting is present in the places that will be accessed after dark	Some lighting is present in some of the places that will be accessed after dark	No lighting is present		
CCTV	CCTV cameras cover the whole site	CCTV cameras cover part of the site	There are no CCTV cameras		
patrols	The site is regularly patrolled by Parks staff, Leisure Rangers, Community Wardens and the PCSO's	The site is occasionally patrolled by either Parks staff, Leisure Rangers, Community Wardens and the PCSO's	The site is rarely patrolled by anyone		
Management					
Plans	A management plan has been produced for the site that takes account of stakeholders needs. The plan is financed and approved by management. Action plans are being adhered to and it is likely that the plan will come to fruition	Either; ▪ A management plan has been produced but action plans are not being adhered to or ▪ A management plan has not been produced but action plans are in place and being adhered to	There is no management plan, no maintenance schedules and no idea as to whether the site is being managed appropriately by AS		
Maintenance	Maintenance schedules that are suitable and fit for purpose are produced and strictly adhered by the maintenance teams.	Either; ▪ Maintenance schedules have been produced but are not fit for purpose ▪ Maintenance schedules have been produced and are not	There are no maintenance schedules or work programmes and the site look unkempt		

		being adhered to ▪ There are no maintenance schedules but an maintenance regime is in place			
Budget and Funding per hectare	There is adequate funding for all existing and future facilities on the site	There are some funding shortfalls on some aspects of provision on the site	The site is under funded		
Marketing	The site is regularly marketed in local media and internal publications	The site is infrequently marketed in the local media and internal publications	The site is never marketed		
Buildings and pavilions	Are fit for purpose and maintained regularly to a high standard	Either; ▪ Fit for purpose and not maintained or ▪ Not fit for purpose but maintained	Not fit for purpose and not maintained		
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT					
Friends Group or users group	There is an active friends or user group that are involved in the management and upkeep of the site	There is some community involvement but this may be sporadic or Officer led	There is no community interest in the site		
Events	Community events are programmed and regularly held on the site	Community events are occasionally held on the site	Community events are never held on the site		
Volunteers	Volunteers regularly work on the site autonomously or integrated within the maintenance teams	Volunteers occasionally work on the site autonomously or within maintenance teams	Volunteers have never worked on the site		
Needs	The site reflects perfectly what the local or regional community desire/need	The site reflects some local/regional community desire/need	The site does not reflect local or regional community desire/need		

SURFACE QUALITY				Weighting	Total Score
General use areas Grass cutting	The grass is cut and strimmed regularly to a height appropriate to site and use	The grass is cut and strimmed infrequently and may not be either, the right height or appropriate to use	The grass is not cut and strimmed		
Football Pitch slope	Good	Satisfactory	Poor		
Football Eveness	Good	Satisfactory	Poor		
Football Puddling	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Football Drainage	Drains well across the whole pitch	Most of the pitch drains well	None of the pitch drains well		
Football Grass coverage	More than 90%	50-90%	Less than 50%		
Football Goal Mouth	More than 90%	50-90%	Less than 50%		
Football Plantain/weed coverage	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Football Stones and other foreign debris	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Football Divots	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Football Posts/nets	Perfect condition	Moderate condition	Poor condition		
Football Training Facility	The site has significant areas away from the playing pitch that allows training and practice	The site has limited areas for training away from the main pitch	The site has no areas suitable for training away from the main pitch		
Rugby Pitch slope	Good	Satisfactory	Poor		
Rugby Eveness	Good	Satisfactory	Poor		
Rugby	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		

Puddling					
Rugby Drainage	Drains well across the whole pitch	Most of the pitch drains well	None of the pitch drains well		
Rugby Grass coverage	More than 90%	50-90%	Less than 50%		
Rugby 10m line	More than 90%	50-90%	Less than 50%		
Rugby Plantain/weed coverage	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Rugby Stones and other foreign debris	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Rugby Divots	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Rugby Posts	Perfect condition	Moderate condition	Poor condition		
Rugby Training Facility	The site has significant areas away from the playing pitch that allows training and practice	The site has limited areas for training away from the main pitch	The site has no areas suitable for training away from the main pitch		
Cricket Pitch slope	Good	Satisfactory	Poor		
Cricket Eveness	Good	Satisfactory	Poor		
Cricket Puddling	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Cricket Drainage	Drains well across the whole pitch	Most of the pitch drains well	None of the pitch drains well		
Crcket Grass coverage	More than 90%	50-90%	Less than 50%		
Cricket Outfield	More than 90%	50-90%	Less than 50%		
Cricket Plantain/weed coverage	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Cricket Stones and other	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		

foreign debris					
Cricket Divots	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Cricket Wicket	Perfect condition	Moderate condition	Poor condition		
Cricket Training Facility	The site has significant areas away from the playing pitch that allows training and practice	The site has limited areas for training away from the main pitch	The site has no areas suitable for training away from the main pitch		
Bowls Eveness	Good	Satisfactory	Poor		
Bowls Puddling	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Bowls Drainage	Drains well across the whole pitch	Most of the pitch drains well	None of the pitch drains well		
Bowls Grass coverage	More than 90%	50-90%	Less than 50%		
Bowls Weed coverage	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Bowls Playing surface	Perfect condition	Moderate condition	Poor condition		
Croquet Eveness	Good	Satisfactory	Poor		
Croquet Puddling	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Croquet Drainage	Drains well across the whole pitch	Most of the pitch drains well	None of the pitch drains well		
Croquet Grass coverage	More than 90%	50-90%	Less than 50%		
Croquet Weed coverage	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		
Croquet Playing surface	Perfect condition	Moderate condition	Poor condition		
Tennis Courts Playing Surface	Perfect condition	Moderate condition	Poor condition		
Tennis Courts	Perfect condition	Moderate condition	Poor condition		

Markings					
Tennis Courts Nets	Perfect condition	Moderate condition	Poor condition		
Tennis Courts Stones and other foreign debris	Little or none	Moderate	Extensive		