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Regarding **Greenspace Assessment for Outer South East and its Relevance to Garforth**

I do not agree with this

Theme of comments: Accuracy of Report

Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum believes that the greenspace analysis of the Outer South East is flawed in that it ignores the fact that much of the greenspace is well away from the populated areas. The greenspace available to Garforth residents does not match the conclusions that this report presents

To demonstrate this we have analysed the green amenities listed in the council's working papers and picked out only those facilities that lie within the prerequisite number of metres of Garforth. We have used the council's own standards for various types of greenspace and used a conservative estimate of Garforth's population based on 2011 census figure for Garforth and Swillington ward and deducting the populations of Swillington and Great Preston.

Type	Actual ha	Standard Ha /1000	Population (15k) x Standard	Shortfall ha
<i>Parks and Gardens</i>	8.471	1.000	15.000	6.529
<i>Amenity Greenspace</i>	2.535	0.450	6.750	4.215
<i>Allotments</i>	2.391	0.240	3.600	1.209
<i>Natural Greenspace</i>	3.185	2.000	30.000	26.815
	16.582	3.690	55.350	38.768

*Note: Outdoor Sports Provision has been excluded from these summary figures because of the extreme accessibility distances (3.2km) used for assessing sports pitch access. This distance brings Kippax and Swillington playing fields into scope but it also brings their populations into the equation as well. Based only on Garforth population and Garforth sports pitches there is a shortfall of **2.4 hectares**.*

Our analysis shows that based on the council's own greenspace standards Garforth has a shortfall of 38.768 hectares of greenspace. This is the equivalent of 32 full size football pitches and equates to the fields adjoining Wakefield Road from The Old George at Garforth Bridge all the way to Townend at the top of Main Street.

We note that in the Greenspace Proposals for Outer South East document a further 334 hectares of land has been added to greenspace in Garforth and Swillington ward. This site is of course over 4 kilometres from Garforth and does nothing to meet our needs. Can we recommend that you provide greenspace north of the A63 or build more houses along the banks of the river Aire.

Appendix

Supporting data for the greenspace analysis above

The ward population is taken from the ONS Population Census 2011. Ward Populations are as follows:

Ward	Population
Garforth	15,000

Child populations are taken from the ONS Population Census 2011 and the 2007 mid year estimates.

Ward	Population aged 0 -16 years
Garforth	2,805

Core Strategy policy G3 identifies the following standards for quantity of greenspace:

Greenspace type	Quantity per 1000 population
Parks and Gardens	1 hectare
Outdoor sports provision	1.2 hectares (excluding education provision)
Amenity greenspace	0.45 hectares
Children and young people's equipped play facilities	2 facilities per 1,000 children (excluding education provision)
Allotments	0.24 hectares
Natural Greenspace	2 ha (90% of Garforth population lives within 500 metres of green fields so urban standard 0.7 not used)

Quantities by types

5.2 Parks and Gardens Garforth

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
51	Glebelands Recreation Ground	4.245
23	Barley Hill Park	3.161
1232	Goose Fields	1.065
Total		8.471

Outdoor Sports Provision

Standards:

- Playing pitch (adult) = 1.2ha
- Junior pitch = 0.5ha
- Bowling green = 0.14ha

- Tennis court = 0.0742
- Cricket pitch = 1.37ha
- Synthetic turf pitch = 0.7ha

5.7 Outdoor Sports Provision Garforth

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME
1124	Wheatley Park Football Ground 1adult pitch
1125	Brierlands Lane Pitches 1 adult 3 junior pitches
51	Glebelands Recreation Ground 4 adult pitches
23	Barley Hill Park 2 adlt pitches 2 tennis crt
1015	Firthfields POS 1 junior pitch
1854	Garforth Bowling Club 2 greens
1013	Ash Lane Pitch 2 junior pitches
1228	Green Lane Cricket Club 1 pitch
1232	Goose Fields 1 adult pitch

The quantity of outdoor sports provision on the above sites is as follows:

Type	No.	Area (ha)
Adult Pitches	9	10.8
Junior Pitches	6	3
Cricket Pitches	1	1.37
Tennis Courts	2	0.1484
Bowling Green	2	0.28
Total		15.6

Amenity Greenspace Garforth

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1017	Inverness Road POS	0.347
1018	New Sturton Bus Turnaround POS	0.249
1231	Long Meadows	1.204
1487	East Garforth Field	0.737
Total		2.535

Childrens & Young Peoples Equipped Play Facilities Garforth

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME
51	Glebelands Recreation Ground
23	Barley Hill Park
1015	Firthfields POS

Type of Facility	Number
MUGA	1
Child Play Area	3
Skate Park	1

Allotments:

Allotments Garforth

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1016	Firthfields Allotments	0.557
1012	Bank Row Allotments	0.401
1227	Church Lane Allotments	1.433
Total		2.391

Natural Greenspace Garforth

SITE_ID	SITE_NAME	AREA_HA
1014	Hawkes Nest Wood Garforth HS2	5.634
1229	Kennet Lane Meadows	3.185
Total		3.185

Have excluded Hawks Nest Wood as it is on the route of HS2 and will therefore be bulldozed flat at some point in the next 15 years

ACCESSIBILITY OF GREENSPACE

8.1 Core Strategy Policy G3 identifies the following standards for accessibility of greenspace. Each type of greenspace should be within the distance specified.

Greenspace type	Accessibility distance
Parks and Gardens	720m
Outdoor sports provision	Tennis courts – 720m Bowling greens and grass playing pitches – 3.2km Athletics tracks and synthetic pitches – 6.4km
Amenity greenspace	480m
Children and young people’s equipped play facilities	720m
Allotments	960m
Natural Greenspace	720m

Signed C Coyle
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