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This document should be read in conjunction with the Regulation 18: Draft Local Plan 2024.

It provides new and updated policies as set out below:

Chapter	**Policy**	**New/Updated Policy**
Ensuring the vitality of town centres	R1 - Development in Basildon Town Centre	Updated
Healthy Communities	HC1 – Health and Well-being Strategy	New
	HC2 – Open Spaces, Local Green Spaces, Sport and Recreation	New
	HC3 - Strategic Approach to Education, Skills and Learning	New
Meeting our housing needs	HOU2 - Affordable Housing	Updated
	HOU4 – Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation	New
	HOU5 - Travelling Showpeople Accommodation	New

Ensuring the vitality of town centres

Basildon Town Centre

1.1 Basildon Borough is a catalyst for South Essex growth and Basildon Town Centre is at the very core of this. The focus of many civic, institutional and cultural activities, it has a strong identity and takes the lead in the Borough, acting as a linchpin to the wider network of Pitsea, Laindon, Billericay and Wickford. The town centre has immense potential to stimulate regeneration across the Borough and wider South Essex and set the bar for high-quality development. The purpose of this policy is to outline a strategy for this to be achieved. The Basildon Town Centre Masterplan develops the strategy in more detail and should be read in conjunction.

1.2 The *National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)* promotes the vitality and viability of town centres. Town centres should be enabled to grow and diversify in a way which can respond to rapid changes in the retail and leisure industries, allows a suitable mix of uses (including housing) and reflects their distinctive characters. The *NPPF* has a particular focus on encouraging patterns of development which promote access to public transport and recognises the role residential uses have in supporting vitality.

1.3 Basildon town centre is busy and well-used during the day and provides a key focus of social activity for the area. It offers some diversity, with smaller units accommodating independent commercial businesses however there is an overprovision of retail space and, despite the new cinema, it is lacking in other uses such as food and drink and evening attractions. Residents, retailers, businesses and visitors are passionate about the area but Basildon has its challenges and obstacles to overcome.

1.4 The role of high streets is shifting and the dominance of traditional retail uses needs to be reconsidered with a broader range of activity encouraged, including leisure, cultural, health, wellness, residential uses and community facilities and services. A well-designed, resilient and multi-functional public realm is increasingly important, contributing to placeshaping, civic pride, climate resilience and visual interest. It provides the platform for public life and the civic, cultural and social activities which are essential to a healthy town centre. The public realm also needs to mediate the shifting nature of the town during its regeneration, keeping the area desirable and cohesive while individual sites are redeveloped.

1.5 Further to this, connectivity and movement need to be improved, promoting new routes and greater permeability through the town centre, as well as to surrounding residential neighbourhoods and green spaces.

Future Development Principles

1.6 The *Basildon Town Centre Masterplan* outlines the boundaries for future development and regeneration. It provides key principles and a framework for

investment and development, maximising opportunities, capitalising on existing assets, and setting out a clear vision for Basildon as a thriving, vibrant and visionary town centre.

1.7 The ambition is to provide a town centre open to all, creating a thriving and diverse community of people and activities and with new cultural, leisure and entertainment facilities that befit the town's strategic importance and its pioneering, New Town spirit. The Town Centre is a place in which people visit to enjoy their leisure time and new companies, start-ups, or established businesses move to. Providing new opportunities for public sector and community services, building on improved connectivity and accessibility by all modes of transport to local neighbourhoods and the wider region. A mix of these uses and activities will be integrated into a greener, healthier, public realm, with attractive, safe spaces where people want to spend time and enjoy the town's vibrancy and life.

1.8 The Council is keen to promote and support development opportunities that contribute to this vision. Positive planning is required to attract a range of uses that support the daytime and evening economy, as well as further mixed-use and residential development and appropriate supporting facilities and services.

1.9 New development should follow the guiding principles of the Masterplan and contribute to the range of acceptable uses, including:

- mixed-use developments, including mixed-tenure residential;
- retail (e.g. convenience and comparison goods);
- employment (e.g. offices, co-working);
- Recreation and leisure (e.g. restaurants, bars, entertainment, gyms, hotels, open space);
- civic (e.g. one public estate, council offices);
- cultural (e.g. churches, galleries, libraries);
- health and wellbeing (e.g. hospitals, social care facilities);
- education (e.g. early years); and,
- active public realm

1.10 New development must be supported by other complementary uses such as leisure and community facilities that also play an active role in contributing to the vitality of the town centre.

1.11 Connectivity should also be a consideration when planning applications are being determined. Whilst the town centre is reasonably accessible there is potential to make further improvements, especially on the fringes to improve connections with surrounding residential neighbourhoods. There is potential for public realm

improvements around existing bus and rail stations, which, among other measures, will contribute to reducing dependency on private car use.

Policy R1: Development in Basildon Town Centre

1. Basildon town centre, within the boundaries defined on the Policies Map, in maintaining its role and function as a Sub-Regional Centre, and in progressing towards a Regional Centre, must ensure it continues to meet a wide range of local, borough-wide and sub-regional needs in the scale, diversity, accessibility, and integration of its offer.

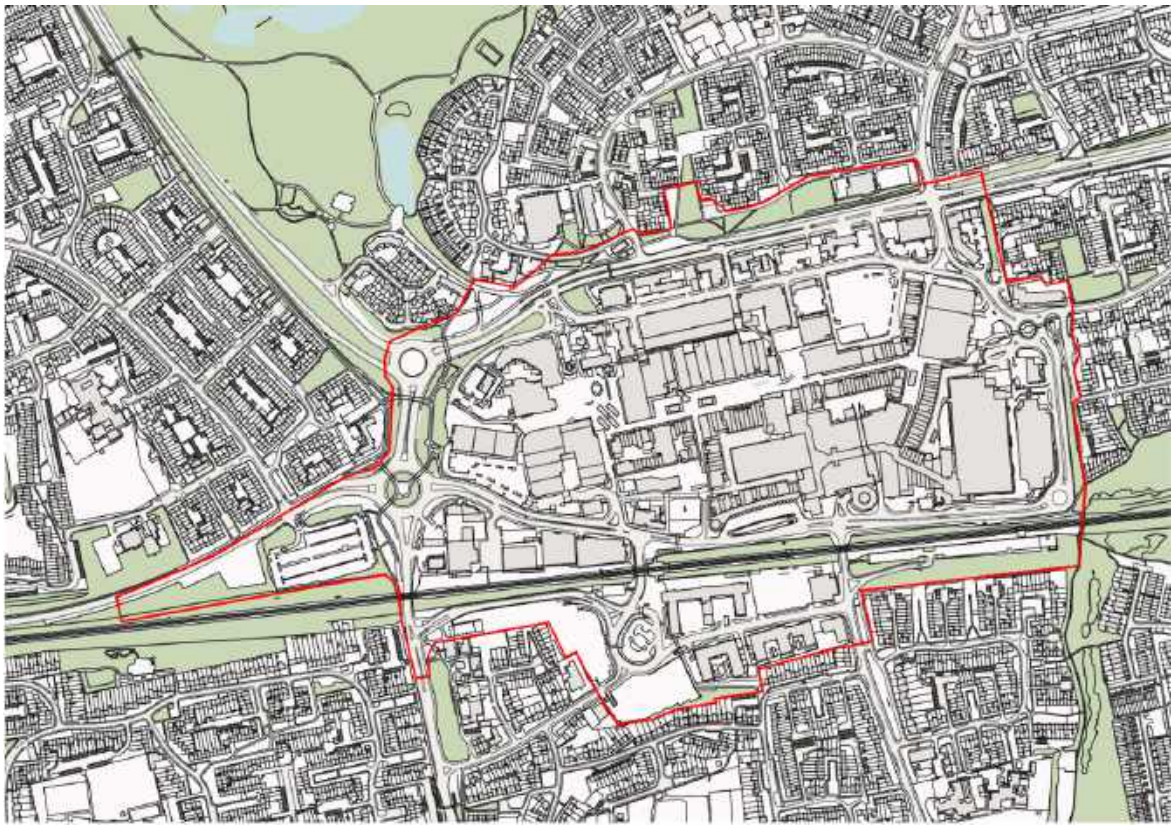
2. Within the extent of Basildon Town Centre, the use and scale of any development proposals must be consistent with the role and function of the town centre, the spatial strategy and all other applicable policy requirements of the Plan.

    a. Town centre uses will be directed to the designated Town and Local Centres first as appropriate to their scale; and
    b. The consolidation of existing commercial and community uses into defined centres of an appropriate scale will be encouraged, unless otherwise protected.

3. Land within the town centre boundaries will be retained for the ongoing provision of uses appropriate to a town centre, including but not limited to retail, offices, leisure and community facilities, and residential (where it contributes to the viability and vitality of the town centre).

4. The expectation that proposals will contribute to the re-definition and management of Basildon's interrelated town centre hierarchy and network as defined on the policies map (showing the town centre hierarchy) (Figure 1 below), securing accessible shopping, services and employment in focused, successful centres across the Borough, reducing trade leakage.

Figure 1



5. Development will be supported which:

    a. contributes to diversity, vitality, viability, environmental, architectural and ecological quality;
    b. provides a mix of uses which may include retail, residential, employment, recreational, educational, leisure, civic, cultural and health facilities;
    c. creates a high-quality, distinctive, and inclusive environment that fosters a sense of belonging and local community identity. It must enhance the character of the public realm, stimulate investment and development, and provide a pleasant place to live, work, and visit.
    d. recognises the importance of the public transport hub and contributes to this or the connections to it;
    e. provides pedestrian and cycle facilities and improves access and connectivity within, to and from the town centre;
    f. develops a unique and positive identity that respects the existing New Town character through architecture, landscape, opportunities for public art, and the design of public spaces;
    g. aligns with a phased, coordinated delivery to maintain community engagement, minimise disruption, and preserve the town's vibrancy throughout construction; and
    h. demonstrates a range of firm principles to direct design, regulation, management and future maintenance of public spaces to benefit public realm quality and longevity.

6. Applications for development in Basildon town centre will be expected to set out how they contribute to the delivery of the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan.

7. New development will be expected to make a reasonable and proportionate contribution to the cost of providing and maintaining necessary town centre infrastructure, including but not limited to walking and cycling access, public transport, the public realm and highway links and junctions which serve Basildon town centre.

Reasoned Justification

1.12 Paragraph 90 of the *NPPF* expects planning policies and decisions to support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation. It also expects Councils to define a network and hierarchy of town centres, and promote their long-term vitality and viability – by allowing them to grow and diversify in a way that can respond to rapid changes in the retail and leisure industries, allow for a suitable mix of uses (including housing) and reflect their distinctive characters.

1.13 The Council's Town Centre Hierarchy identifies Basildon as the largest centre within the borough, with the greatest range of services and facilities. It is the main town centre within Basildon Borough, and suitable for the largest quantum of growth.

1.14 A masterplan is a long-term plan which sets out where and how physical spaces in the town centre can and should change. This highlights opportunity sites where development has the potential to come forward within the lifespan of the Local Plan and beyond. The sites represent the opportunity to improve the attractiveness of the town centre as a place of quality and distinction, reflecting strong urban design principles.

1.15 To strengthen the role of the town centre and enhance its appearance, it is important to make appropriate planned provision for development needs over the period of the Local Plan, building on opportunities to improve access, the public realm and the range and quality of services.

1.16 Basildon town centre is an appropriate location for a broad range of uses including retail, leisure and entertainment facilities, residential, suitable sport and recreation uses, offices, as well as arts, culture and tourism. It is important that opportunities for development improve the centre, adding to its vitality and vibrancy and diversifying beyond traditional retail uses, whilst retaining or enhancing important characteristics e.g. residential development, additional activity and vibrancy outside normal shopping and working hours, increasing natural surveillance, and reducing crime and the fear of crime.

1.17 The scale of the changes envisaged for Basildon town centre will inevitably take some time to realise and will be phased throughout the life of the Local Plan and beyond. The timescales within which the opportunity sites are delivered will be influenced by a range of factors, including land ownership, predicted longevity of existing uses and market conditions. Sites already in public ownership or currently being considered for development are likely to come forward in the short term and will need to be supported by upgrades to the public realm and connectivity. This will help to create a setting for investment in large scale developments in the medium to long term, on sites outside public ownership or with more complex land assembly requirements.

Alternatives Considered

1.18 **Rely solely on National Policy -** This would not fully support the Council's aims and ambitions for Basildon town centre, so would not be a reasonable alternative.

Healthy Communities

HC1 – Health and Well-being Strategy

2.1 The *NPPF* requires that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. This not only applies to promoting physical and recreational activities but also includes enabling the creation of healthy living environments for people of all ages which supports social interaction and emotional health and well-being, which are equally important to resilient communities.

2.2 The *NPPF* expects local planning authorities to work with public health leads and health organisations to understand and take account of the health status and needs of the local population, including expected future changes, and any information about relevant barriers to improving health and well-being.

2.3 Local authorities have a crucial role in delivering sport and physical activity opportunities. Sport England, through their '*Active Design*' policy, promote 10 principles that promote activity, health and stronger communities through the way towns and cities are designed and built. Sport England also have a strategy *'Towards an Active Nation'* which sets out their vision to encourage everyone to feel able to engage in sport and physical activity, regardless of age, background or level of ability.

2.4 The Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB) covers Basildon Borough and is responsible for commissioning primary and secondary healthcare services and prepares plans for this purpose. It is responsible for ensuring that its commissioning plans link to the *Essex Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2026*. As an acute service provider Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital has an important role in delivering services required by the ICB and is therefore essential to the health and well-being of residents in the Borough, and neighbouring areas. There are a range of other providers for GP, community health and mental health services.

2.5 The *Essex Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2026* shows that access to a good quality environment, with green spaces and places to walk, contributes towards both the physical and mental well-being of people ensuring that they are in the best health to engage in employment, or training which leads to employment. The quality of the physical environment is therefore key to addressing both health outcomes and issues associated with deprivation.

2.6 The *Basildon Borough Community Strategy 2012-2036* seeks to support local people to improve their health and well-being. Objectives have been set which aim to support local residents to achieve this through a number of priority action areas working with the NHS and facilitating regeneration and changes in the delivery of services which improve health and well-being.

2.7 Essex County Council is currently responsible for social care provision across all Essex Districts and Boroughs. Strategies have been produced in order to ensure that social care provision responds to the various needs of different groups within the population including both young people and older people, however increasingly community-based initiatives which reduce the need for costly residential based responses are favoured.

2.8 Whilst there are measures that can be taken to ensure that both existing communities and new development create opportunities for people to live well, there will always be a demand for health services, and evidence has indicated that an ageing population will continue to give rise to strains on these services into the future. There is a need for the ICB and health service providers to review how they deliver their services to respond to current and emerging patterns of demand, and also new technologies.

2.9 There is a requirement to consider how need arising from growth can be accommodated within the system. In the first instance, developments will be expected to limit need through the application of good quality design and layout which applies active design principles, as advocated in the Essex Design Guide. The Essex Planning Officers Association has prepared *Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Guidance*, and this will be applied to all appropriate developments to ensure that opportunities to promote good health and reduce impacts on health services have been incorporated into development. A HIA allows for assessment of the development against a number of criteria that are known to influence health and well-being and enable Basildon Council to meet the *NPPF* objectives of creating healthy communities. The use of a HIA, as a material consideration, also enables Basildon Council to ensure that the positives benefit from the proposed development can be maximised whilst any identified negatives are either removed or mitigated against. In addition, a HIA may be required when it is identified through an Environmental Impact Assessment. In this instance, a HIA may be part of an expanded element to human health, as an integrated assessment or be required as a full HIA. The approach should be agreed by the Council early in the preparation of a planning application.

2.10 Whilst the Council expects development to minimise health impacts, there will remain a need for additional healthcare provision, and developments will be expected to contribute towards the expansion of services necessary to support growth. This may take the form of new GP hubs, the expansion of existing facilities, or the provision of infrastructure which enables existing facilities to be used more effectively, or for longer. It will be for NHS England and the ICB, in consultation with the service providers, to determine the types of interventions needed in each area to support growth as early as possible and incorporate these into the Borough's Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Policy HC1: Health and Well-Being Strategy

The Council will improve and promote strong, vibrant and healthy communities through ensuring a high quality environment with local services to support health, social and cultural wellbeing and reduce inequalities. Measures that will help contribute to healthier communities and reduce health inequalities must be incorporated in a development where appropriate.

The Council will require:

a. development to positively contribute to creating high quality, active, safe and accessible places; and
b. a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for proposals of:
    i) 50 or more dwellings;
    ii) all development in Use Class C2 (Residential Institutions);
    iii) all non-residential developments delivering 1,000 square metres or more gross internal floor space; and
    iv) '*sui generis*' hot food takeaways

Schemes will:

c. contribute towards the health priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board and partners to help reduce health inequalities across the borough;
d. support the provision of new or improved health facilities, in line with ICB and NHS England requirements; and
e. protect existing health and well-being facilities in line with Basildon Borough Community Strategy 2012-2036.
f. seek mitigation, provided and/or secured by planning obligations towards new or enhanced health facilities from developers where new housing development would result in a shortfall or worsening of health provision; and
g. ensure increased contact with nature and access to open spaces and offering opportunities for physical activities through green infrastructure and open space strategies.

Reasoned Justification

2.11 Spatial planning and health and wellbeing are intrinsically linked. The health and wellbeing of individuals and communities is affected by a wide range of factors. Health and wellbeing can be encouraged and improved through high quality planning, design and management of the environment providing convenient local healthcare services; public and open spaces and natural environments to encourage people to be physically active encouraging community participation; ensuring developments embody the principles of lifetime neighbourhoods and promote independent living; promoting access to healthy and locally sourced food; and encouraging active travel, most particularly cycling and walking for healthy lifestyles.

2.12 The Council will work to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and communities by working in partnership with the NHS and Public Health to ensure residents and communities can access high quality primary and secondary health care services and that new and improved services are put in place, where appropriate, to serve the growing population; particularly for vulnerable groups and communities.

2.13 The *NPPF* recommends that local authorities should consider opportunities to support people to live healthy lifestyles including planning for an environment that helps promote active travel and physical activity. Good quality infrastructure encourages active travel and the use of public transport. Improved active travel corridors and access to public transport makes it easier for our residents and communities to use healthier travel choices which help prevent excess weight and obesity. All new and improved walking and cycling routes should be designed to ensure they are coherent, direct, safe, comfortable and attractive.

2.14 Most development has a potential impact upon the health services and facilities that are provided in the Council's administrative area. Likewise, through the design of new development, healthy living can be promoted. The extent of these impacts needs to be assessed to ensure that adequate health services continue to be provided for the community as a whole. For developments which have relatively little impact upon health services, an initial assessment may be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this policy. For developments where an initial assessment indicates more significant health impacts, a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (HIA) will be required. A full HIA can include matters such as housing quality and design, access to healthcare services and other social infrastructure, access to open spaces and the natural environment, air quality and noise impact, accessibility and travel options, crime reduction and community safety, access to healthy food, social cohesion and, minimising the use of resources. The Council will liaise with the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System and Essex County Council Health and Wellbeing Services when assessing the scope and scale of likely impacts. A HIA should be prepared following the current best practice advice and reflect the most up to date evidence. Further details on preparing HIAs can be found in the Health Impact Assessment section of the *Essex Design Guide*.

Alternatives considered

2.15 No Policy - The *NPPF* requires planning policies to aim to achieve healthy spaces. Therefore, this is not a reasonable alternative.

HC2 - Open Spaces, Local Green Spaces, Sport and Recreation

2.16 The *NPPF* is clear 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. There is an expectancy that once identified, open spaces, allotments, playing fields and other recreational land will be preserved from development.

Open Spaces

2.17 The *NPPF* guards against the unnecessary loss of existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields. This is to ensure that sports and recreational provision are able to meet the changing needs of the community and are well integrated with the community in which they are located.

2.18 Open space in the Borough can be defined as publicly accessible land consisting of Urban Parks and Gardens; Natural and Semi-Natural Green Space; Outdoor Sports Facilities; Amenity Green Space; Provision of Places for Children and Young People; Education Fields; Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms; Churchyards and Cemeteries; and Urban Civic Spaces. Public open space does not include private open space and land which has no public right of access such as domestic gardens, grounds around buildings, car parks, agricultural land and forestry plantations.

2.19 Local open spaces provide most of the Borough's 1,300ha of green spaces. They therefore offer great value as places for people to participate in organised sport, play, informal recreational activity and appreciation of the natural environment, and the need to retain open space for these uses will continue to be important as the Borough's population grows.

2.20 In addition to formally identified open spaces, the wider network of Green Infrastructure in the Borough and beyond provides the opportunity for outdoor recreation such as walking and cycling. Public rights of way (PRoW) have an important role to play in ensuring the health and well-being of Borough residents. Furthermore, the provision of high-quality local opportunities to walk and cycle will help to stop local residents from travelling for such activity. In order to provide high quality walking and cycling networks across the Borough, the Council has prepared the *Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Plus (LCWIP+) Update*. This plan explores opportunities to improve each network and their connectivity across and between towns as well as to better integrate cycling, walking and public transport networks in order to encourage multi-modal travel by identifying infrastructure improvements and future investments in these networks.

Local Green Spaces

2.21 The *NPPF* introduces the ability for local communities to protect green spaces of local significance by designating them Local Green Spaces in Local Plans and

Neighbourhood Plans. This designation would prevent new development being permitted on these spaces unless very special circumstances exist.

2.22 Criteria on what areas should be considered suitable for the Local Green Space designation are set out within the *NPPF* and relate to the proximity of the green space to the community it serves, its particular local significance and whether it is local in character.

2.23 The *NPPF* states that local policy managing development within Local Green Spaces should be consistent with policy for Green Belts. The local policies in this plan place strict controls over development within the Green Belt and only allow inappropriate development where very special circumstances can be demonstrated.

2.24 Local people and some Local Councils expressed, during public consultations, the desire to have some of the Borough's green spaces designated as Local Green Spaces in accordance with the *NPPF*. The Council subsequently received and assessed the nominations for possible Local Green Space designation. All the sites put forward were tested against the *NPPF* criteria, having regard to the advice in the *PPG*. The sites that are considered to meet the criteria for Local Green Space designation are listed as Local Green Spaces in Appendix 2 of this plan.

2.25 It should be noted that green spaces protected by law, including areas of Common Land, Village Greens, Town Greens, allotment gardens, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, and Local Nature Reserves were excluded from inclusion on the list of Local Green Spaces due to the level of protection already afforded to them.

Sport and Recreation

2.26 Sport England is the organisation which provides the strategic lead for sport in the country. The organisation fulfils the function as a statutory consultee for all relevant planning applications affecting playing fields land and provides design guidance for the development of sports facilities. Working within the provisions of the *NPPF*, Sport England encourages local planning policy to protect, enhance and provide for sports facilities based on robust and up-to-date assessments of need, as well as helping to realise the wider benefits that participation in sport can bring.

2.27 The Council has regularly updated its evidence base with regard to open space provision, playing pitch provision and indoor sports facilities. Previous updates took place in 2018, and have enabled the Council, alone and in conjunction with partners, to plan for and deliver a number of improvements to open spaces, playing pitch provision and sports facilities in the Borough. The Council have also updated this evidence base and have published a *Built Facilities Needs Assessment and Strategy,* and a *Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy (2025)*. The approach to this work has been endorsed by Sport England. The overall

study has assessed the availability, quality, quantity, and accessibility of existing provision for identified sports facilities in the context of existing and future needs. The outcomes of the study have enabled the Council to adopt a strategic approach to the future provision, maintenance, and enhancement of sports facilities.

2.28 The Council's most recent *Basildon Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan (2025), the Basildon Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment Report (2025), Basildon Indoor Sports Strategy and Action Plan (2025) and Basildon Indoor Built and Sport Assessment Needs (2025)* considered the quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces, and playing pitches, in the Borough and advised on the approach that should be taken to each site. In particular it highlighted where open spaces should be retained for leisure and recreation purposes. They also set standards for the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space and identify the approach that should be taken to secure new playing pitch provision.

2.29 Whilst the *Playing Pitch Strategy (2025)* reflects the proposed level of growth set out in this plan, the *Open Space Assessment (2010)* did not assess the level of growth now planned for. However, it is clear that the projected growth in population is such that open spaces will become more important resources for the future rather than less, and therefore the ongoing protection of those open spaces identified in 2010 remains justified. It will however be necessary to consider the most up to date local Open Space Strategy/Playing Pitch Strategy when considering the appropriateness of proposals for the redevelopment of public open spaces, as these will contain the most up to date evidence standards. Public Open Spaces are listed in Appendix 1 of this plan.

Allotments

2.30 The Government recognises that allotments are valuable green spaces and community assets providing people with the opportunity to grow their own produce as part of the long-term promotion of environmental sustainability, health and well-being, community cohesion and social inclusion. According to Section 23 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, local planning authorities including parish and town councils, have a duty to provide allotments where they perceive a demand for them in their area.

2.31 There are seven allotment sites across the Borough with over 500 plots. The Council manages three of these sites and the other four are run by allotment associations under a devolved management arrangement. Spatially, they are concentrated to the south and north-east of the Borough, with no provision in Billericay despite there being indicators of need. The Council will continue to lend its expertise to town and parish councils to assist in their efforts to secure allotment provision for their residents, as well as using the strategic housing allocations to secure additional provision for the growing population.

Playing Fields Associated with Education Facilities

2.32 The policy framework generally protects and seeks to enhance educational playing fields. The Government has also introduced programmes aimed at renewing school sites, upgrading facilities and encouraging schools to branch out their role to the community. The dual use of facilities outside of school hours is encouraged, including schools' sports facilities with support from Sport England.

2.33 The *Advice on Standards for School Premises (2015)* confirms that all maintained schools and academies must provide suitable outdoor space to enable physical education in accordance with the school curriculum and to enable pupils to play outside. Whilst this is a separate consent framework to requirements under the planning system, there is a very strong policy presumption against the disposal of school playing field land whilst the educational primary use remains.

2.34 Any proposal which involves the loss of school playing field land must take account of the provisions of Section 77 of the S*chool Standards and Framework Act 1998* which requires the agreement of the Secretary of State before planning permission is sought for development or change of use. It is a requirement that any proceeds from the disposal of the school playing field must be used towards specific projects to improve or enhance sports or educational facilities in the area.

2.35 School based playing field provision exists primarily to meet educational needs; however, it also has the potential to be used by the wider community where there is a policy or practice promoting such dual use, outside educational hours. The re-use of educational premises can help to meet modern expectations of the quality of provision and residents' needs for such facilities, particularly in areas where access is otherwise limited. The Basildon Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan identifies existing provision of playing pitches on schools within Basildon Borough and recommends that these should be open for community use where practical. Community use already occurs at some of these sites and is particularly recommended on secondary school sites where it is not already occurring.

Private Open Spaces - Conditional Access

2.36 There are a range of private and voluntary club facilities within the Borough which offer a greater or lesser degree of community use for their activities. Sports clubs and other private facilities make an important contribution to open space provision in the Borough. The venues, activities, opportunities, and sports development work offered by various sports clubs are identified within the *Playing Pitch Strategy (2025*). Private sports clubs are extremely important in the provision of playing pitches for football, rugby, cricket and bowls greens offering opportunities for community sport and recreation.

Policy HC2: Public Open Spaces, Local Green Spaces, Sport, and Recreation

1. The Council will protect and enhance the borough's parks, public open spaces and playing fields (including Associated with Education Facilities), working closely with a range of stakeholders to address deficiencies in quantity, quality, and access.

2. Public open spaces should be safe and easily accessible through walking, cycling, and public transport for all users, and supportive infrastructure such as crossings, cycle parking, bus stops, and clear signage should be provided appropriately near the entrance of open spaces. To reduce car dominance, these should be provided in proximity to residential, commercial and social infrastructure.

3. Existing open space local green spaces, allotments, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless the requirements outlined in national policy are met.

4. Development on open space not shown on the Policies Map, including amenity greens and amenity spaces with limited public access, will generally not be supported, except where proposals accord with an agreed Council regeneration strategy, or include replacement space of higher quality to the open space that would be lost.

5. Development should not rely upon existing publicly accessible open space to contribute towards on-site communal amenity space and child play space. All major and strategic development should contribute to the delivery of sufficient new publicly accessible open space on-site which should:
   a. meet the needs of current and any future residents
   b. be of a high-quality that is accessible to all
   c. provide multiple benefits, including recreation, food growing, SuDS, improvements to biodiversity and links to green infrastructure, as well as any blue infrastructure, on and adjacent to the development site.

6. The council will prepare and implement the playing pitch strategy to improve the quality, quantity, accessibility, and sustainability of playing pitch provision in the Borough. Unless on-site provision is specified within a strategic housing site allocation policy, all other residential developments will be expected to contribute towards off-site provision in accordance with the approach set out in the Playing Pitch Strategy.

7. The council will prepare and implement the built facilities strategy to improve the quality, quantity, accessibility, and sustainability of indoor sports facilities in the Borough. Unless on-site provision is specified within a strategic housing site allocation policy, all residential developments will be expected to contribute towards off-site provision in accordance with the approach set out in the Built Facilities Strategy.

8. The locations of existing allotment gardens are identified on the Policies Map with the notation HC5, and a schedule of these allotment gardens is included in Appendix 1. These areas are to be retained for use as allotment gardens, and opportunities to improve these spaces and create more plots through the delivery of strategic housing allocations will be pursued, having regard to other relevant policies set out in this plan.

9. Playing fields associated with education establishments are identified on the Policies Map with the notation HC6 and listed within Appendix 3. These will be protected from development, unless:
   a. The development forms part of a planned programme of service and infrastructure replacement which will result in replacement playing pitch provision of equal or better quantity and quality on an alternative site nearby; or
   b. The development is for education and/or sports provision, and opportunities to ensure the remaining pitch provision is of a high quality are incorporated into the proposals.
   c. As part of the change of use or redevelopment of individual education facilities.

10. The locations of private open spaces with conditional access for primary users are identified on the Policies Map with the notation HC7 and listed within Appendix 1.
   a. These will be retained for their primary sport or recreation uses, as well as occasional use to support agricultural diversification activities.
   b. The development of essential facilities including changing rooms, toilets and car parking will be supported having regard to other relevant policies set out in this plan.
   c. The principle of pitch relocation will apply to any proposal for development on allocated private open spaces, where such proposals would involve the loss of private pitches, in order to maintain the security of local playing pitch provision in the Borough. Private open spaces including ancillary facilities, should be replaced with an equivalent or better facility, in terms of quantity and quality, in a suitable location.

Reasoned Justification

2.37 The Local Plan policies will seek to achieve a net gain for biodiversity by retaining public open spaces and green spaces as well as providing new public open spaces including high quality green infrastructure built into the designs and masterplans of new development.

2.38 The *NPPF* offers the opportunity for local communities to protect green spaces of local significance by designating them as Local Green Spaces in Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. Following the nomination of some local green spaces as part of the Council's work on the local list of heritage assets, consideration has been given to including a specific list of Local Green Spaces within this plan

which prevents new development being permitted on these spaces unless very special circumstances exist.

2.39 The *NPPF* recommends that local authorities should consider opportunities to support people to live healthy lifestyles including planning for an environment that helps promote active travel and physical activity. Good quality infrastructure encourages active travel and the use of public transport. Improved active travel corridors and access to public transport makes it easier for our residents and communities to use healthier travel choices which help prevent excess weight and obesity. All new and improved walking and cycling routes should be designed to ensure they are coherent, direct, safe, comfortable, and attractive.

2.40 The design and masterplanning of development proposals will embrace the role they can play in supporting healthy lifestyles by facilitating participation in sport and physical activity.

2.41 Community allotments, gardens and orchards provide learning opportunities about how to grow food and eat local fresh produce when it is in season. Allotments can help improve physical and mental health and wellbeing by being outdoors, and active, connected to nature and within a community and help achieve the aims of achieving healthy, inclusive, and safe places as set out in the *NPPF*.

2.42 An analysis of the need for playing fields associated with educational establishments will be undertaken on a case-by-case basis, taking account of the type of asset and any existing provisions. If no alternative provision is to be provided, permission will only be granted where an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the facility is inappropriate for alternative community uses or is surplus to requirements.

2.43 Private open spaces provide an important community benefit, The retention of these open spaces is an important objective of the Local Plan which seeks to provide and maintain recreational provision to the whole community.

Alternatives Considered

2.44 No Policy – An alternative option would be not to provide a policy on open spaces, local green spaces, recreation, and sport. This would not facilitate the aims of the *NPPF* and Sports England in providing high quality open spaces (both public and private) with opportunities for sport and recreation, new and enhanced open space to meet community needs, designate green space of particular importance to the community, or opportunities to preserve or enhance allotments. Therefore, this is not a reasonable alternative.

2.45 Absolute Retention - A second option is to provide stronger protection and insist that all existing areas of open space and green space are retained in perpetuity. However, this may result in the persistence of areas of open space and green space which are undersized, impractical, difficult to put to an effective recreational or other use and not cost effective to maintain at public expense. In these circumstances open space and green spaces are more likely to become

unsightly, neglected and disused. It would also reduce opportunities to improve local recreational facilities if these are offered by new development.

HC3: Strategic Approach to Education, Skills, and Learning

2.46 The NPPF places great importance on ensuring that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. Local planning authorities are expected to take a proactive, positive, and collaborative approach to promoting development that will widen choice in education by giving great weight to the need create, expand, or alter schools.

2.47 At a local level meanwhile, the Council recognises the role good education opportunities at all levels, including at early years, has in ensuring that local people are able to fulfil their potential. This is considered particularly important given the levels of deprivation and the inequalities that exist in the Borough. The Council is therefore committed to improving education opportunities in the Borough in partnership with others as part of its Corporate Plan and its priorities.

Policy HC3: Strategic Approach to Education, Skills and Learning

1. The Council will work with the Education Authority and other education and skills development providers to provide new, continued, and where appropriate, enhanced provision of schools and other educational facilities which seek to improve the quality and choice of education and learning opportunities in the Borough.
2. In particular, the Council will support in principle, proposals which:
   a. Provide new or expanded early years and childcare, primary and secondary schools (including SEN provision) as required to accommodate residential growth;
   b. Enable local people to better access employment opportunities within the Borough;
   c. Provide opportunities for community activity and engagement to reduce social isolation, particularly amongst older people; and
   d. Encourage additional or existing joint use of education land, buildings or facilities by other community groups or activities. Such uses shall not compromise the educational interests of the pupils.

3. In order to ensure sufficient school place provision to align with growth, existing schools will be extended where appropriate. Suitable land will be allocated for education and childcare use, and provision will be secured.

4. All applicable developments will be expected to contribute proportionately towards education, early years, and childcare provision. Where on-site provision of education or early years and childcare is not required, applicable developments will be expected to contribute towards off-site provision having regard to the latest standards for infrastructure contributions.

Reasoned Justification

2.48 The retention of existing education facilities is an important objective of the Local Plan. The colleges, schools and early years provision provide education provision to the whole community and contribute significantly to the local economy.

2.49 Essex County Council (ECC) as Education Authority has the responsibility for early years and school place planning. Through this process ECC identifies the need for early years and school places and identifies surpluses or deficits through a *10 Year Plan for School Places*. Whether the change of use or redevelopment of independent schools would be considered surplus to educational requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Alternatives Considered

2.50 No Policy - An alternative approach is to have no policy on the provision of educational facilities and to rely on the *NPPF*. It is not considered that the *NPPF* provides sufficient guidance for the appropriate consideration of proposals involving the provision of schools and other educational facilities in order to meet local needs. It is therefore considered that policy HC3 is necessary because its objectives provide a local interpretation of the *NPPF* in favour of widening choice in education for existing and new communities.

Meeting our housing needs

HOU2: Affordable Housing

1. The Council will make provision for at least 10,420 new affordable homes.

2. These will be provided by requiring 50% affordable housing on sites delivering net 10 or more homes on sites where land has been released from the Green Belt or where development is permitted within the Green Belt and by requiring 24% affordable housing on all other developments delivering net 10 or more homes.

3. The tenure split of these homes, which is 21% rented housing with rent set at social rent, 36% affordable rent and 43% affordable home ownership comprising Shared Ownership with the initial share being set at 25% and/or discount home for sale at 50% market price.

4. Alternative tenure mixes are acceptable for specialist housing. Affordable housing should be agreed in discussion with Basildon Council having had regard to the most recent evidence base.

5. For all affordable housing, provision must be made for it to remain at an affordable price for future households or for any receipts to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

6. All housing, including affordable and specialist housing, will be protected unless replaced with at least equivalent floorspace

7. The size and mix of affordable housing should be agreed in discussion with Basildon Council having had regard to the most recent evidence base.

8. All Strategic Housing Allocations must meet their affordable housing contribution on site (unless off-site would result in public benefits). For other housing developments generally, all affordable housing should be provided on site. However, where sound planning reasons can be demonstrated the following sequential test should be applied:
   a. Partial on-site provision and a proportionate financial contribution.
   b. Full off-site delivery via a donor site.
   c. A full financial contribution.

9. Proposals that would sub-divide or under-develop sites in order to avoid making the affordable housing contribution will be refused permission.

10. The Council will require all affordable housing to be:
    a. designed and built to the same standard as market housing,
    b. be indistinguishable from market housing in external appearance and have vehicle parking provided at the same ratio as for the development as a whole,

c. be integrated throughout the development except where it can be demonstrated that grouping together affordable dwellings is necessary to limit service charges and/or facilitate management of the units.

11. Viability assessments will not be accepted for schemes on strategic housing allocations.

12. On all other sites, viability assessments will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Where a lower provision is justified:
    a. Affordable housing will be required at the level and tenure mix where the development becomes viable, and
    b. Early and/or Late-Stage reviews of viability up to policy compliance will be secured by the Council through legal agreement.

Reasoned Justification

3.1 Paragraph 67 of the *NPPF* sets out that as part of the 'Golden Rules' for development on land released from the Green Belt or where development is permitted in the Green Belt affordable housing requirement should be a) be set at a higher level than that which would otherwise apply to land which is not within or proposed to be released from the Green Belt; and b) require at least 50% of the housing to be affordable, unless this would make the development of these sites unviable.

3.2 The *South Essex Housing Needs Assessment 2022* (SEHNA) (table 6.2) identified that 57% of newly forming households in the borough are unable to purchase entry level market housing and 37% are unable to afford to rent entry level market housing. This equates to a demand for a net need of 521 new affordable homes per annum or 10,420 new affordable homes over the plan period.

3.3 The *SEHNA 2022* also considered the role of different affordable housing products.

3.4 The *NPPF* defines Affordable housing for rent as meeting all of the following conditions:

(a) the rent is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy for Social Rent or Affordable Rent, or is at least 20% below local market rents (including service charges where applicable);

(b) the landlord is a registered provider, except where it is included as part of a Build to Rent scheme (in which case the landlord need not be a registered provider); and

(c) it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

3.5 For Build to Rent schemes, affordable housing for rent is expected to be the normal form of affordable housing provision (and, in this context, is known as Affordable Private Rent).

3.6 Basildon Council has about 11,000 socially rented homes. In 2023/24 13 new socially rented homes were built in Basildon Borough and 278 social rent homes were let to new tenants of the Council (excluding transfers and mutual exchanges). At this time there were 1,934 households on the Council's Housing Register.

Affordable housing for rent

Table 1: Estimated Annual Cost of Affordable Rent and Income Required (Source: SEHNA 2022 Table 6.9)

Housing Product	Annual Income Required	Households able to afford	Households **unable** to afford	% deviation
Market Rent	£29,700	63%	37%	
80% Market Rent	£23,760	71%	29%	8%
60% Market Rent	£17,820	79%	21%	16%

3.7 Only 8% of households are able to access 80% market rent but not able to access market rent. This increased to 16% if Affordable Rent is limited to 60% of market rent.

3.8 This equated to 43% of households requiring affordable housing being able to access Affordable Rent limited to 60% of Market Rent.

3.9 To comply with the *NPPF* glossary definition of Social Rent, a scheme must meet all of the following conditions: (a) the rent is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy for Social Rent; (b) the landlord is a registered provider; and (c) it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

3.10 The *SEHNA 2022* identified that 21% of households were unable to afford any higher rental costs than social rent and that there is an average supply of 409 lettings to new tenants per annum.

Discount Housing for Sale

3.11 Discounted housing for sale including First Homes schemes reduce the annual costs required to access home ownership. A 50% value could potentially make home ownership accessible to the majority of households in the borough however significant savings for a deposit would still be required and it would not meet the needs of households preferring the flexibility of private rent or unable to access mortgage funding.

Table 2: Benchmarking Cost of Discounted Housing for Sale. Household income is rounded to £5000 bands (Source SEHNA 2022 Table 6.10)

Housing Product	Annual Income Required	Households able to afford	Households **unable** to afford	% deviation
Purchase (any)	£46,464	43%	57%	
Purchase (new)	£33,247	56%	44%	
Market Rent	£29,700	63%	37%	
80% value	£26,598	71%	29%	8%
70% value	£23,273	71%	29%	8%
50% value	£16,623	87%	13%	24%

Shared Ownership Housing

Table 3: Estimated Income Required to Access Shared Ownership (Source SEHNA 2022 Table 6.11)

Housing Product	Annual Income Required	Households able to afford	Households **unable** to afford	% deviation
Purchase (any)	£46,464	43%	57%	
Purchase (new)	£33,247	56%	44%	-7%
Market Rent	£29,700	63%	37%	
50% share	£19,684	79%	21%	16%
25% Share	£18,955	79%	21%	16%

Basildon Borough Housing Ladder

	% of Basildon Borough unable to afford on household income only[1]
Open Market Sale	57%
Open Market Rent	37%
Discount Market Sale (80% of market rate)	29%
Affordable rent (80% of market rate)	29%
Shared Ownership	21%
Affordable rent (60% of market rate)	21%
Social Rent	0%

3.12 In plan making and decision-making viability helps to strike a balance between the aspirations of developers and landowners, in terms of returns against risk, and the aims of the planning system to secure maximum benefits in the public interest through the granting of planning permission.

3.13 These policy options are subject to whole plan viability assessment.

Alternatives Considered

3.14 No policy on tenure and types of affordable housing- this is not recommended as it would leave the market to determine the range of affordable housing and risk not meeting local needs.

[1] For home purchase a 5% deposit is assumed with repayment over a 25 year period at a fixed interest rate of 3%. For Shared ownership the cost of both the rent and the mortgage is included.

HOU4 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

3.15 This sets out how the Council will meet the needs of Gypsy and Traveller households in the Borough.

Policy HOU4: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

The Council will make provision for the accommodation needs of Gypsy and Travellers who meet the national Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) definition, through allocated sites within the Local Plan.

1. Proposals which fail to protect existing Gypsy and Traveller sites or involve a loss of pitches/plots will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that they are no longer required or equivalent alternative provision can be made.

2. The Council will make provision for at least 235 additional sites over the Local Plan Period.

Period	2023-2028	2029-2034	2035-2039	2040-2043
No of pitches delivered	13	72	94	56

To meet this need:

a) Within Strategic Housing Allocations in order to meet the need Gypsies and Traveller households that do and do not meet the planning definition residential development proposals on strategic sites providing 400+ units will be required to provide a number of pitches within the site or provide alternative land that meets the criteria set out in part 3 of this policy to accommodate the required number of pitches. Commuted sum payments to contribute to development of pitches elsewhere will only be considered where it is demonstrated that on site delivery is not achievable due to site constraints and that there are no suitable and available alternative sites for the required number of pitches that can be secured by the developer.
b) The calculations for this policy will be 1 Gypsy and Traveller pitch per 100 units

3. Any applications for planning permission for Gypsy and Traveller sites must meet the following local design and location criteria:

a) be reasonably accessible to community services and facilities;
b) If located in the Green Belt, make use of previously developed land and/or Grey Belt Land;
c) be of sufficient size to accommodate the proposed number of caravans, vehicles, and ancillary areas with adequate provision for storage, recreation space, amenity provision and utility services;
d) have no significant adverse impact on the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside;
e) would not lead to the loss of, or adverse impact on, important historic and natural environment assets;

f) ensure that future occupiers would not be subject to significant adverse environmental impacts including no significant risk of land contamination or poor air quality or unacceptable risk of flooding;
g) have or be provided with safe and convenient vehicular access to the local highway network;
h) have essential services (water, electricity, and foul drainage) available on-site or can be made available on-site in accordance with relevant service provider standards.
i) Any permission granted for a Gypsy and Traveller development will be subject to a condition limiting occupation to Gypsies and Travellers.

Reasoned Justification

3.16 *Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS)* states that:

3.17 For the purposes of this planning policy "Gypsies and Travellers" means:

3.18 Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependants' educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, and all other persons with a cultural tradition of nomadism or of living in a caravan, but excluding members of an organised group of Travelling Showpeople or circus people travelling together as such.

3.19 Site refers to an area of land on which Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople are accommodated in caravans, chalets, or vehicles. Can contain one or multiple pitches or plots. Pitch/plot is an area of land on a site or development generally home to one household. Can be varying sizes and have varying caravan numbers. Pitches refer to Gypsy and Traveller sites and Plots to Travelling Showpeople yards. Yard is a name often used by Travelling Showpeople to refer to a site.

3.20 The *South Essex Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2024 (GTAA 2024)* identified that there will be a need for pitches for 127 households who meet the planning definition set out above.

	2024-28	**2029-33**	**2034-38**	**2039-42**	**Total**
Meet Planning Definition	95	11	12	9	**127**

3.21 The *GTAA 2024* identified a need for 140 households where it was unknown if they met the planning definition as contact could not be made or was refused. The *GTAA 2024* recommended that a locally derived proportion (77%) of these households were assumed to meet the planning definition set out above. This resulted in a need for 108 pitches.

	2024-28	2029-33	2034-38	2039-42	Total
Undetermined	77	11	11	9	**108**

3.22 Therefore, there is a need for the Local Plan to make provision for at least 235 Gypsy and Traveller households which meet the planning definition and up to an additional 67 households which do not meet the planning definition.

	2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-40	Total
Meet Planning Definition and 77% unknown	172	22	23	18	**235**
Do not meet the Planning Definition and 23% unknown	42	8	9	8	**67**
Total	214	30	32	26	**302**

3.23 Basildon Borough currently contains one public Gypsy and Traveller Site, Hovefields, Courtauld Road which contains 25 pitches.

3.24 All the gypsy, traveller and travelling show peoples' sites within Basildon Borough are located within the Green Belt.

3.25 A 'Call for Sites' for Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Show peoples' sites was held however no land was promoted for Gypsy and/or Traveller sites.

3.26 The Council considers that there are exceptional circumstances to justify releasing land in the Green Belt to meet these needs, including the unavailability of non-Green Belt land and the acute need for additional pitches.

3.27 Since 1/4/2023 planning permission has been granted for 13 new Gypsy and Traveller Pitches and a further 10 have been secured by planning obligation on Draft Strategic Housing Allocation H25 (Gardiners Lane South).

Site	**No of Pitches granted planning permission (Net additional)**
Land East of The Firs, Osborne Road, Bowers Gifford	2
Land North West of Hillview, Southend Arterial Road, Nevendon	6
	1

Land between the Whisperings and Celandine, Osborne Road,	
The Paddocks, Grange Road	1
Land adj. Studland Avenue	1
The Paddocks, Grange Road	1
Land South of Newlands Road	1

3.28 The Council will work positively to secure delivery under Policy HOU4 to meet local needs when land becomes available to meet the shortfall in pitch provision.

3.29 To further support an expanded provision of accommodation, the allocated and existing pitch supply will be protected. This will be achieved by retaining conditions relating gypsy and traveller status on existing permissions and imposing new conditions limiting the use of the land to gypsies and travellers where new planning permissions are considered on this basis.

3.30 Within Basildon Borough there are 55 private sites with planning permission. The *South Essex Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2024* found that 5 of these pitches were vacant and 24 were occupied by non-Gypsy and Traveller households. Therefore, potentially there are 29 private sites which could contribute towards meeting the need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.

3.31 There are 31 pitches on tolerated sites and 59 pitches on unauthorised sites. These are all located within the Green Belt. The *NPPF* states that ‘For the purposes of plan-making and decision-making, ‘grey belt’ is defined as land in the Green Belt comprising previously developed land and/or any other land that, in either case, does not strongly contribute to any of purposes (a), (b), or (d) in paragraph 143.’ The *Basildon Borough Green Belt Study 2023* found that development of 58 of pitches would cause high or very high harm to at least one of these purposes. The remaining sites were found to cause moderate harm to all three purposes. Therefore, these sites are not considered to be ‘grey belt’ land at this time.

3.32 36 of the tolerated or unauthorised sites, with a total capacity of 57 pitches, are located within Provisional Draft Strategic Allocations which are proposed to be released from the Green Belt. If these Draft Strategic Allocations are released from the Green Belt through the plan making process, the status of these sites could be regularised, subject to meeting the criteria set out in point 3 of HOU4.

3.33 This means that the Council is dependent upon strategic housing allocations being released from the Green Belt to deliver the scale of new gypsy and traveller sites required. Consequently, a large portion of the required sites can only be delivered later in the plan period.

3.34 In total the need for Gypsy and Traveller Housing would be met as follows:

Source of supply	No of pitches	2023-2028	2029-2034	2035-2039	2040-2043
Delivery and planning consents granted in plan period	13	13	0	0	0
Pitches secured by planning obligation on Gardiners Lane South (Draft Strategic Housing Allocation H25)	10	0	10	0	0
Pitches occupied by non Gypsy and Traveller households	Up to 29	0	0	29	0
Potential unauthorised and tolerated sites located in draft strategic allocations.	Up to 57	0	57	0	0
Potential new sites on strategic housing allocations excluding draft Housing Allocation H25	Estimated 113	0	5	60	48
Windfall	13	0	0	0	13
Total potential capacity	Estimated 235	13	72	89	61

3.35 To meet the remaining shortfall, proposals for gypsy and traveller pitches and Travelling Showpeople plots outside of the allocated sites will be determined in accordance with national policy, and having regard to relevant material considerations, including recognising the importance of meeting any remaining unmet gypsy and traveller site needs. Permission will be granted on a permanent basis wherever possible subject to the local design and location criteria set out in point 3 of the above policies.

3.36 The Council will also continue to work with neighbouring authorities to

identify a strategic approach to meeting the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in accordance with the requirements of national policy.

Alternatives Considered

3.37 To provide for only the 127 households who meet the planning definition- The *GTAA 2024* recommended against this approach.

3.38 No Policy- This would not meet the Council's obligation under National Planning Policy to make provision for Gypsy and Travellers households.

3.39 Consider allocating all unauthorised and tolerated sites which had been developed on 18/11/2024 which meet the criteria set out in 3b-i. This policy has some merit as it could deliver up to 19 additional pitches which could be delivered within the first five years of the plan period. However, 10 these sites have been identified as making a strong contribution to at least one of the Green Belt purposes a) to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas; b) to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another or d) to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns and 9 of these sites have been identified as making a moderate contribution to all three purposes a,b and d.

3.40 Consider requiring a higher proportion of Gypsy and Traveller sites on strategic allocations being released from the Green Belt subject to an assessment of viability. This has some merit as it would assist Basildon Council to meet housing needs in full for Gypsy and Travellers and reduce the reliance on windfall sites which may not be in the most sustainable locations.

HOU5 Travelling Showpeople Accommodation

HOU5 Travelling Showpeople Accommodation

The Council will make provision for the accommodation needs of Travelling Showpeople who meet the national Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) definition, through allocated sites within the Local Plan.

1. Proposals which fail to protect existing Travelling Showpeople sites or involve a loss of pitches/plots/yards will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that they are no longer required or equivalent alternative provision can be made.

2. The Council will secure a minimum of 13 new plots for Travelling Showpeople on Local Plan Strategic Employment Allocations.

Period	2023-2028	2029-2034	2035-2039	2040-2043
No of pitches delivered	0	3	6	4

3. Any applications for planning permission for Travelling Showpeople sites must meet the following local design and location criteria:

a. Be reasonably accessible to community services and facilities;
b. if located in the Green Belt, make use of previously developed land and/or Grey Belt Land;
c. be of sufficient size to accommodate the proposed number of caravans, vehicles, and ancillary areas with adequate provision for storage, recreation space, amenity provision and utility services;
d. allow for a mixed-use yard with separate areas for residential and the storage, repair, and maintenance of equipment to protect residential amenity.
e. have no significant adverse impact on the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside;
f. would not lead to the loss of, or adverse impact on, important historic and natural environment assets;
g. ensure that future occupiers would not be subject to significant adverse environmental impacts including no significant risk of land contamination or poor air quality or unacceptable risk of flooding;
h. have or be provided with safe and convenient vehicular access to the local highway network;
i. have essential services (water, electricity, and foul drainage) available on-site or can be made available on-site in accordance with relevant service provider standards;
j. any permission granted for a travelling showpeople development will be subject to a condition limiting occupation be subject to a condition limiting occupation to travelling showpeople.

Reasoned Justification

3.41 *Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS)* states that

3.42 For the purposes of this planning policy “travelling showpeople” means:

3.43 ‘Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family’s or dependants’ more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently but excludes Gypsies and Travellers.’

3.44 The *GTAA 2024* identified 3 Travelling Showpeoples Yards in Basildon Borough.

3.45 The *GTAA 2024* identified the need for 13 additional plots for Travelling Showpeople who meet the planning definition and 1 Travelling Showpeople household who did not meet the planning definition.

2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-40	Total
8	3	1	1	13

3.46 This was predominantly to meet the needs of households currently concealed or ‘doubled up’ on existing yards (7) with the remaining expected to meet the needs of future households (6).

3.47 A ‘Call for Sites’ for Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Showpeoples sites was held, and land was promoted for 3 pitches. This was within the draft emerging strategic employment allocation E1.

3.48 This means that the Council is dependent upon strategic housing allocations being released from the Green Belt to deliver the new Travelling Showpeople sites required. Consequently, a large portion of the required sites can only be delivered later in the plan period.

Alternatives Considered

3.49 No Policy - This would not meet the Council's obligation under National Planning Policy to make provision for Travelling Showpeople households.

3.50 To deliver additional plots on strategic housing allocations- this has merit but mixed-use plots for Travelling Showpeople, which will need to incorporate space or to be split to allow for the storage of equipment can be more effectively delivered on employment allocations.

Appendix 1 - List of Open Spaces

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Bowers Gifford Allotments	London Road, Bowers Gifford	Basildon
Crays Hill Allotment Gardens	Southend Road, Crays Hill	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Holden Gardens Allotments	Holden Gardens	Basildon
Market Road Allotments	Market Road	Wickford
Pendle Drive Allotments	Pendle Drive	Basildon
St. James' Road Allotments	St. James' Road	Basildon
Barrington Gardens Playground	Barrington Gardens/The Fryth	Basildon
Barstable Play Area	Long Riding	Basildon
Berry Boys Club	Valence Way	Basildon
Church Road Open Space	Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Clay Hill Road Recreation Ground	Sparrows Herne	Basildon
Crays Hill Recreation Ground	Southend Road, Crays Hill	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Eastbrooks	Eastbrooks	Basildon
Elder Avenue Recreation Ground	Elder Avenue	Wickford
Fanton Chase Recreation Ground	Fanton Chase/Hodgson Way	Wickford
Fryerns East Recreation Ground	Whitmore Way/Danbury Down/Quilters Straight	Basildon
Gaynesford Recreation Ground	Gaynesford	Basildon
Great Burstead Common	Laindon Common Road, Little Burstead	Billericay & Burstead
Great Gregorie Playground	Great Gregorie	Basildon

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Kent View Road Open Space	Kent View Road/Weavers	Basildon
Kingswood Open Space	Clay Hill Road	Basildon
Land adj. Billericay Baptist Church	The Copse/Perry Street	Billericay & Burstead
Land adj. To A132 (West side)	A132	Wickford
Land adj. To Craylands	Craylands	Basildon
Land adj. To Dipple Medical Centre	Wickford Avenue	Basildon
Land adj. To Nightingales	Nightingales	Basildon
Land adj. To Rectory Road	Rectory Road	Basildon
Land adj. To Rectory Road	Rectory Road	Basildon
Land at Albany Road	Albany Road	Wickford
Land at Ashlyns	Ashlyns	Basildon
Land at Audley Way	Audley Way/Broadmayne	Basildon
Land at Broadmayne/Lincoln Road (East)	Lincoln Road	Basildon
Land at Broadmayne/Lincoln Road (West)	Lincoln Road/Craylands	Basildon
Land at Broomfields Mews	Broomfields	Basildon
Land at Broomfields Place	Broomfields	Basildon
Land at Coopersales	Coopersales/Jefferson Avenue	Basildon
Land at Cranes Farm Road	Cranes Farm Road/East Mayne	Basildon
Land at Cranfield Park Road	Cranfield Park Road/Upper Park Road	Wickford
Land at Cricketers Way	Cricketers Way	Basildon
Land at Daines Road	Daines Road/Jacksons Lane	Billericay & Burstead
Land at David's Walk	David's Walk/Greens Farm Lane	Billericay & Burstead

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Land at Delvins	Delvins/Felmores	Basildon
Land at Denys Drive	Denys Drive	Basildon
Land at Fairlop Gardens/Broadmayne	Fairlop Gardens	Basildon
Land at Fairview Road	Fairview Road/Church Road	Basildon
Land at Felmores	Felmores/Burnt Mills Road	Basildon
Land at Felsted Road	Felsted Road/Dedham Close	Billericay & Burstead
Land at Five Links	Elizabeth Way	Basildon
Land at Fletchers	Fletchers	Basildon
Land at front of Mayflower School	Stock Road	Billericay & Burstead
Land at Great Chalvedon Hall	Tyefields	Basildon
Land at Great Oxcroft	Great Oxcroft/Little Oxcroft	Basildon
Land at Hodgson Way	Hodgson Way/Fanton Chase	Wickford
Land at Hollands Walk Housing Estate	Hollands Walk	Basildon
Land at Home Meadows	Home Meadows	Billericay & Burstead
Land at Kingsley Meadows	Kingsley Meadows	Wickford
Land at Laindon Centre	High Road	Basildon
Land at Langham Crescent Estate	Langham Crescent	Billericay & Burstead
Land at Langham Crescent Estate	Langham Crescent	Billericay & Burstead
Land at Lanhams	Lanhams	Basildon
Land at Little Spenders	Little Spenders	Basildon
Land at Littlebury Green	Littlebury Green/Felmores	Basildon
Land at London Road	London Road/Mountnessing Road	Billericay & Burstead

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Land at Loxford	Loxford	Basildon
Land at Malgraves	Malgraves	Basildon
Land at Malyons Close	Malyons Close/Malyons	Basildon
Land at Mercer Road	Mercer Road/Meade Road	Billericay & Burstead
Land at Mistley Path	Mistley Path	Basildon
Land at Moretons Mews	Moretons	Basildon
Land at Moretons Place	Moretons	Basildon
Land at Nethermayne/Basildon College	Nethermayne	Basildon
Land at Northampton Grove	Northampton Grove/Forest Glade	Basildon
Land at Pendle Drive	Pendle Drive	Basildon
Land at Pinmill/Church Road	Pinmill/Broadmayne/Church Road	Basildon
Land at Pittfields	Pittfields/Elderberry Close	Basildon
Land at Raphaels	Raphaels/Rise Park	Basildon
Land at Rear of Gordon Road	Gordon Road	Basildon
Land at Rear of Great Gregorie	Great Gregorie/Ardleigh	Basildon
Land at Rectory Road	Rectory Road/Tyefields	Basildon
Land at Renacres	Renacres	Basildon
~~Land at Roosevelt Road~~	~~Roosevelt Road/Eisenhower Road~~	~~Basildon~~
Land at Rushley/Vermont Close	Rushley	Basildon
Land at Salcott Crescent	Salcott Crescent	Wickford
Land at Sandon Close	Sandon Close	Basildon
Land at Scott Drive	Maitland Road/ Scott Drive The Broadway	Wickford
Land at Speyside Walk	Speyside Walk	Wickford

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Land at Spire Road	Spire Road/Hermitage Drive/St. Lukes Close	Basildon
Land at Sporhams	Sporhams/Morrells	Basildon
Land at St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall	Church Street, Great Burstead	Billericay & Burstead
Land at St. Michael's Church	Brackendale Avenue/Railway Link	Basildon
Land at Staneway (South Side)	Staneway	Basildon
Land at Stonechat Road	Stonechat Road/Beams Way	Billericay & Burstead
Land at Takely Ride/Gobions	Takely Ride	Basildon
Land at The Frame	Markhams Chase/The Frame	Basildon
Land at Thornbush	Thornbush/Ballards Walk	Basildon
Land at Timberlog Lane/Luncies Road	Timberlog Lane/Luncies Road/Hannover Close	Basildon
Land at Tyefields	Tyefields/Trenham Avenue	Basildon
Land at Valance Way	Valance Way	Basildon
~~Land at West Thorpe~~	~~West Thorpe/East Thorpe~~	~~Basildon~~
Land at Wickford Mews	Wickford Drive	Basildon
Land at Wickford Place	Wickford Drive	Basildon
Land behind Bearsted Drive	Bearsted Drive/Elham Drive	Basildon
Land behind Mayflower School playing fields	Behind Mayflower School, Stock Road	Billericay & Burstead
Land behind Priors Close	Priors Close	Basildon
Land between Burnt Mills Road and East Mayne	Burnt Mills Road	Basildon
Land between Camelot Gardens and Fairfax Drive	Camelot Gardens	Basildon
Land between Feering Drive and Sandon Road	Feering Drive/Sandon Road	Basildon
Land between London Road	London Road	Basildon

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
and Moss Close		
Land between London Road and Polsteads	London Road	Basildon
Land between Pendle Close and East Mayne	Pendle Close	Basildon
Land East of Bockingham Green	Bockingham Green	Basildon
Land North of Christopher Martin Road	Christopher Martin Road	Basildon
Land North of Miles Gray Road	Miles Gray Road	Basildon
Land North of Parkside	Parkside	Basildon
Land North of Pitsea Junior School	Chevers Pawen/Elm Green	Basildon
Land R/O Heathleigh Drive	Heathleigh Drive	Basildon
Land South of Alcotes	Alcotes/Sandon Road	Basildon
Land South of Laindon Centre	High Road/Laindon Link	Basildon
Langdon Hills Recreation Ground	New Avenue	Basildon
Little Burstead Common and War Memorial	Rectory Road/Laindon Common Road	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Little Burstead Village Pond	Laindon Common Road, Little Burstead	Billericay & Burstead
Luncies Road Open Space	Luncies Road/Elsenham Crescent	Basildon
Manor House Recreation Ground	Worthing Road/Russell Close	Basildon
Nevendon Road Recreation Ground	Nevendon Road	Wickford
Outwood Common	Greenway/Morris Avenue	Billericay & Burstead
Paddock's Recreation Ground	Pound Lane/Kathleen Ferrier Crescent	Basildon

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Passingham Close Open Space	Passingham Close/Froden Brook	Billericay & Burstead
Playground at The Hatherley	The Hatherley	Basildon
~~Plumleys Play Area~~	~~Plumleys/Little Searles~~	~~Basildon~~
Pound Lane Recreation Ground	Pound Lane	Basildon
Presidents Court Open Space	Durham Road/Hoover Drive	Basildon
South Green	Grange Road/Southend Road	Billericay & Burstead
South Wash Road Open Space	South Wash Road/Wash Road	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Steepleview Community Centre	Noak Bridge & Ramsden	Basildon
Steepleview Open Space	High Road North	Basildon
Stokefelde Play Area	Stokefelde/Ashlyns	Basildon
Sun Corner	Land SW of Laindon Road/London Road	Billericay & Burstead
Swanmead Recreation Ground	Church Road	Basildon
Vange Hill Drive Open Space	Vange Hill Drive	Basildon
Walthams Play Area	Walthams	Basildon
Yardeley Playground	Yardeley/Shepeshall	Basildon
All Saint's Church	London Road, Vange	Basildon
All Saint's Churchyard	Off North Benfleet Hall Road, North Benfleet	Basildon
Chapel Street Burial Ground	Chapel Street	Billericay & Burstead
Church of the Holy Cross	Church Road	Basildon
Great Burstead Cemetery	Church Street, Great Burstead	Billericay & Burstead

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Pitsea Cemetery	Church Road, Bowers Gifford	Basildon
Runwell Road Burial Ground	Runwell Road	Wickford
St Mary's Church	Church Lane, Ramsden Crays	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
St Peter's Churchyard	Church Lane, Nevendon	Basildon
St. Catherine's Church	Southend Road	Wickford
St. Margaret's Church	Church Road, Bowers Gifford	Basildon
St. Mary Magdalene Church	Church Street, Great Burstead	Billericay & Burstead
St. Mary's Church	Rectory Road, Little Burstead	Billericay & Burstead
St. Mary's Church	Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse	Noak Bridge & Ramsden Bellhouse
St. Michael's Church	Brackendale Avenue	Basildon
St. Nicholas' Church	Church Hill	Basildon
Wickford Cemetery	Park Drive	Wickford
Market Square	Market Square	Basildon
Northlands Pavement	Northlands Pavement	Basildon
St. Martin's Square	St. Martin's Square	Basildon
Town Square	Town Square	Basildon
Wickford Market	Market Road/Woodlands Road	Wickford
Mountnessing Road Open Space	Pleasant Drive	Billericay & Burstead
Botelers	Off Whitmore Way	Basildon
Church Hill Open Space	Church Hill	Basildon
Festival Lake Waterfront Walk	Waterfront Walk	Basildon
Giddings Copse Nature Reserve	Royal Oak Drive	Wickford

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Laindon Common	Laindon Common Road	Billericay & Burstead
Land adj. To Burnt Mills Road	Burnt Mills Road	Basildon
Land adj. To Mandeville Way (South East side)	Mandeville Way	Basildon
Land adj. To Mandeville Way (South side)	Mandeville Way	Basildon
Land adj. To Mandeville Way (South West side)	Mandeville Way	Basildon
Land adj. To River Crouch	London Road	Wickford
Land adj. To West Mayne and Mandeville Way	West Mayne/Mandeville Way	Basildon
Land at Brickfield Road/Victoria Road	Brickfield Road/Victoria Road	Basildon
Land at Church Hill	Church Hill	Basildon
Land at Cranes Lane	Cranes Lane	Basildon
Land at junction of Harding Elms Road/Wash Road	Harding Elms Road/Wash Road	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Land at Lampern Crescent	Lampern Crescent/Queens Park Avenue	Billericay & Burstead
Land at Nethermayne	Kingswood	Basildon
Land at Nethermayne and Cherrydown West	Nethermayne	Basildon
Land at Nethermayne, adj. To Bells Hill Road	Nethermayne	Basildon
Land at Regents Drive/Rosebay Avenue	Regents Drive/Rosebay Avenue	Billericay & Burstead
Land at The Lindens	The Lindens/Pittfields	Basildon
Land at Waterville Drive	Waterville Drive	Basildon
Land North of Hannakins Farm Recreation Ground	Rosebay Avenue	Billericay & Burstead
Land North of Trenham	Trenham Avenue	Basildon

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Avenue		
Land north of Whitmore County Primary School	Off Cranes Farm Road	Basildon
Land Rear of Spencers Court	Irvon Hill Road	Wickford
Land South of Hornbeam Way	Hornbeam Way	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Land South of Trenham Avenue	Trenham Avenue	Basildon
Langdon Hills Complex	Staneway	Basildon
Langdon Hills Nature Reserve	B1007/Forest Glade/Lower Dunton Road	Basildon
Little Burstead Common	West & East of Hatches Farm Road, Little Burstead	Billericay & Burstead
Mill Meadows	Southend Road/Greens Farm Lane	Billericay & Burstead
Nevendon Bushes	Burnt Mills Road	Basildon
Noak Bridge Coppice	Coppice Lane/Bridge Street, Noak Bridge	Basildon
Noak Bridge Nature Reserve	Eastfield Road, Noak Bridge	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Norsey Wood	Outwood Common Road/Break Egg Hill	Billericay & Burstead
St. Nicholas Open Space	Church Hill/St. Nicholas Lane	Basildon
Vange Hill Local Nature Reserve	Vange Hill Drive	Basildon
Vange Marshes	South of A13	Basildon
Westley Heights Mast Site and Environs	Dry Street/B1007	Basildon
Barleylands Farm (Site 1A)	Southend Road	Billericay
Barleylands Farm (Site 1B)	Southend Road	Billericay
Barleylands Farm (Site 2)	Barleylands Road	Billericay
Barn Hall Recreation Ground	Haslemere Road	Wickford

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Bartlett Park	Southend Road	Wickford
Basildon Post Office Club	Gardiners Way	Basildon
Basildon Rugby Club	Gardiners Close	Basildon
Basildon Sport & Leisure Club	Gardiners Way	Basildon
Basildon Sporting Village	Cranes Farm Rd	Basildon
Basildon United Football Club	Gardiners Close	Basildon
Belvedere Golf Range	Harding's Elms Rd	Basildon
Berry Boys Football Club	Valence Way	Basildon
Billericay Town Football Club	Blunts Wall Rd	Billericay
Billericay Cricket Club	Blunts Wall Rd	Billericay
Billericay Lawn Tennis Club	Blunts Wall Rd	Billericay
Basildon Golf Course	R/O Sparrows Herne	Basildon
David Lloyd	Pipps Hill Rd N	Basildon
Eversley Recreation Ground	Crown Avenue, Eversley	Basildon
Ford Sports & Social Club	Gardiners Close	Basildon
The Fryth Recreation Ground	The Fryth	Basildon
Hannakins Farm	Rosebay Avenue	Billericay & Burstead
Holy Cross Recreation Ground	Church Road	Basildon
Howard Park	Rectory Rd	Basildon
Great Berry Open Space	Great Berry Lane	Basildon
Lake Meadows Park	Radford Crescent	Billericay
Langdon Hills Recreation Ground	Forest Glade	Basildon
Len Salmon Stadium	Crown Avenue	Basildon
Markhams Chase Recreation	Markhams Chase/Laindon Link	Basildon

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Ground		
Mopsies Park	Timberlog Close	Basildon
Nevendon Road Recreation Ground	Nevendon Rd	Wickford
Noak Hill Golf Course	Noak Hill Road	Billericay & Burstead
Patmore Memorial Sports Ground	Runwell Rd	Wickford
Ramsden Bellhouse Recreation Ground	Church Rd	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Sports Ground adj. To Burstead Village Inn	Laindon Common Road, Little Burstead	Billericay & Burstead
St Gabriels Church Recreation Ground	Rectory Road	Basildon
Stock Brook Manor Country Club	Queens Park Avenue	Billericay & Burstead
Swan Mead Park	Church Rd	Basildon
The Belvedere Driving Range	Hardings Elms Road	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
The Burstead Golf Club	Tye Common Road	Billericay & Burstead
Whitmore Park	Whitmore Way	Basildon
Wickford Memorial Park	Swan Lane/Runwell Road	Wickford
Woolshots Road Playing Field	Woolshots Road, Crays Hill	Noak Bridge & Ramsden
Former Moat House School	Church Road	Basildon
Gloucester Park	Cranes Farm Road/Upper Mayne	Basildon
Howard Park	Howard Crescent	Basildon
Lake Meadows	Radford Crescent	Billericay & Burstead
Langdon Hills Country Park	High Road, Langdon Hills	Basildon
Mopsies Park	Hockley Green	Basildon

Location Name	Location Address	Settlement Area
Northlands Park	Felmores	Basildon
One Tree Hill Country Park	One Tree Hill, Basildon	Basildon
Queens Park Country Park	Rosebay Avenue	Billericay & Burstead
Rushley Park	Burnt Mills Road/Rushley	Basildon
The Wick Country Park	Tresco Way	Wickford
Victoria Park	Fenton Way	Basildon
Wat Tyler Country Park	Pitsea Hall Lane	Basildon
Whitmore Park	Whitmore Way	Basildon
Wickford Memorial Park	Whist Avenue	Wickford

Appendix 2: Local Green Spaces

Site Name	Size (Ha)	Ward
Outwood Common Open Space	0.9	Billericay East
Lake Meadows	16.2	Billericay West
Sun Corner	4.3	Burstead
Noak Bridge Coppice	1.7	Crouch
Steeple View Community Centre	1.6	Crouch
Steeple View Open Space	2.3	Crouch
Barrington Gardens Playground	0.2	Fryerns
Land at Pendle Drive	1	Fryerns
Fryerns East Recreation	6.8	Fryerns
Holden Gardens Allotments	1.6	Fryerns
Pendle Drive Allotments	0.4	Fryerns
The Hatherley Play area	0.7	Fryerns
Land at Cooper sales	1.3	Laindon Park
Manor House Recreation Ground	1	Laindon Park
Victoria Park	15.6	Laindon Park
Great Berry Open Space	4.9	Langdon Hills
Raphaels/ Rise Park	1.7	Lee Chapel North
The Frame Play Area	0.2	Lee Chapel North
Yardeley Playground, off Falstones	0.4	Lee Chapel North
Great Gregorie Open Space	1.3	Nethermayne
Renarces, Little Dodden Play Area	1	Nethermayne
Howard Park	2.7	Pitsea South East
Barstable Open Space	1.8	St Martins
Mopsies Park	2.7	St Martins
Luncies Road Open Space	1.1	Vange

Site Name	Size (Ha)	Ward
Nevendon Recreation Ground	2.4	Wickford Castledon
Land at Hodgson Way, Fanton Chase	1.2	Wickford North
Home Meadows (Rickits Memorial)	0.4	Burstead
The Copse/ Perry Street	0.2	Billericay West
Walsingham Way at Cranmer Close	0.1	Billericay West
Holy Cross Recreation Ground	14	Fryerns
Whitmore Park	4.6	Fryerns
Presidents Court Open Space	3.6	Laindon Park
Markhams Chase Recreation Ground	9.5	Lee Chapel North
Swan Mead	3.2	Nethermayne
Land at Great Chalvedon Hall	3.2	Pitsea South East

Appendix 3 - List of Playing Fields and facilities associated with Education Facilities

School	Type of Facility
Abacus Primary School	Mini-Football pitch (5v5), netball court
Brightside Academy	Mini football pitch (7v7) , netball court
Bardfield Academy	Junior Football pitch, netball court
Beauchamps High School	Adult Football pitch, 3G pitch, netball court
Briscoe Primary School and Nursery	Grass Field, netball court
Buttsbury Infant School	Grass Field
Cherry Tree Primary School	Mini-Soccer pitch, Junior Football pitch, Grass Field
Castledon School	Mini football pitch (7v7)
De La Salle School	Youth (11v11) football pitch, Senior Rugby pitch, tennis court, netball court
Felmore Primary School	Junior Football pitch
Grange Primary School	Mini football pitch (7v7) , netball court
Great Berry Primary School	Youth Football pitch (9v9), small AGP, netball court
Greensted Junior School	Mini football pitch (7v7) , tennis court, netball court
Kingswood Primary School	Youth Football pitch (9v9), Cricket pitch, netball court
Laindon Park Primary School	Mini football pitch (7v7)
Lee Chapel Primary School	Youth Football pitch (9v9), 3G pitch, netball court
Lincewood Primary School	Youth Football pitch (9v9), 3G pitch, netball court
Millhouse Primary School & Nursery	Small AGP hockey pitch, mini football pitch (7v7) , netball court
Mayflower High School	Youth football pitch (11v11), mini football pitch (7v7), Cricket pitch, Senior Rugby pitch, tennis court, netball court
Merrylands Primary School	Mini football pitch (7v7) , netball court

School	Type of Facility
Noak Bridge Primary School	Junior Football pitch, 3G pitch, netball court
North Crescent Primary School	Mini football pitch (7v7 and 5v5) , netball court
Northlands Junior School	Junior Football pitch
Oakfield Primary School	Junior Football pitch
Phoenix Primary School	Mini football pitch (7v7) , netball court
Pitsea Junior School	Grass Field
Quilters Junior School	Mini football pitch (7v7)
Runwell Primary School	Junior Football pitch
Ryedene Primary School	Grass Field
St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School	Mini-Soccer pitch, Junior Football pitch, Cricket pitch (artificial wicket)
St John's School	Youth football pitch (11v11), Senior Rugby pitch
St Margaret's Church of England Primary School	Grass Field
South Green Junior School	Football pitch, netball court, netball court
St Peter's Catholic Primary School	Mini football pitch (7v7)
Sunnymede Junior School	Youth football pitch (9v9) , netball court
The Basildon Lower Academy	Junior Rugby pitch, Adult Rugby pitch, Mini Football pitches (7v7 and 5v5), Cricket pitch, 3 Senior Rugby pitch, netball court
The Basildon Upper Academy	Adult Football pitch, Youth football pitch (11v11), Cricket pitch, Senior Rugby pitch, netball court
The Billericay School	Adult Football pitch, Adult Rugby pitch, Cricket pitch, 3G pitch, tennis court, netball court
The Bromfords School	Youth football pitch (11v11), Cricket pitch, tennis court, netball court
The Buttsbury Junior School	Junior Football pitch, Cricket pitch (artificial wicket)
The James Hornsby School	Youth football pitch (11v11 and 9v9), 3G pitch, Rugby Union Senior pitch, Grass Field

School	Type of Facility
The Wickford Infant School	Grass Field
Thurrock & Basildon College	Adult Football pitch
Vange School	Mini-football pitch (7v7, 5v5)
Whitmore Junior School	Junior Football pitch
Wickford Junior School	Junior Football pitch
Willows Primary School	Youth football pitch (9v9) , netball court
Woodlands School	3G pitch, Senior Rugby pitch, Cricket pitch, netball court

Appendix 4 - List of Community Facilities and Indoor Sports Provision

Community Facility	Use
Barn Hall	Community Centre/Hall
Barnet Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Barstable Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Basildon Lower Academy	Sports Hall/Swimming Pool
Basildon Sports Centre	Sports Hall
Basildon Sporting Village	Sports Hall/Swimming Pool
Basildon Upper Academy	Sports Hall
Beauchamps School	Sports Hall
Billericay Day Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Billericay School	Sports Hall/Swimming Pool
Billericay Swimming Pool	Swimming Pool
Bluehouse Farm Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
The Bromford School	Sports Hall
Chalvedon Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Club Kingswood, Basildon	Swimming Pool
Crown Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
David Lloyd Club	Sports Hall/Swimming Pool
De La Salle School	Sports Hall
Eversley Leisure Centre	Sports Hall/Swimming Pool
Frypa Hall	Community Centre/Hall
Glenmere Hall	Community Centre/Hall
Gordon Hall	Community Centre/Hall
Hannikins Farm Community Centre	Community Centre/Sports Hall
James Hornsby High School	Sports Hall/Swimming Pool
Kingswood Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall

Community Facility	Use
Kingswood Play	Community Centre/Hall
LA Fitness (Billericay)	Swimming Pool
Laindon Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Laindon Play Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Laindon West Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Lee Chapel North Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Lee Chapel South Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Luncies Meeting Hall	Community Centre/Hall
Markhams Chase Play Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Nevendon Community Hall	Community Centre/Hall
Noak Bridge Village Hall	Community Centre/Hall
Northlands Park Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Mayflower High School	Sports Hall/Swimming Pool
Pitsea Mount Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Ramsden Bell House Village Hall	Sports Hall
Steepleview Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
St John’s High School	Sports Hall
Stock Brook Manor Country Club	Swimming Pool
The Wick Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Trenham Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Vange Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Vange Scout Hut	Community Centre/Hall
Wickford Community Centre	Community Centre/Hall
Wickford Swim & Fitness Centre	Swimming Pool
Woodlands School	Sports Hall