

## **Summary of current play from information provided by Kennett Parish Council**

This Summary of Play report has been produced by East Cambridgeshire District Council following the 2012-13 Play Audit on behalf of parish councils to help guide their planning and funding for upgrading/new play facilities.

The report includes details of current provision and any issues highlighted by Kennett Parish Council when completing the consultation. The findings are based on information provided by the parish council during 2012-13 and have been compared to the local planning standards which provide a benchmark on provision that should be available according to population size.

The findings indicate where there may be deficits and will be useful for parishes that are considering any improvements or enhancing play provision to address deficits or growth.

### **Play Provision and Informal Open Space**

The table below identifies all play areas and areas of informal open space in Kennett, using information provided by Kennett Parish Council in September 2012.

Map Ref	Location	Category <sup>1</sup>	Age Group(s)	Size (hectares)
2A	Station Road	Play	T	0.0226
KEN001	Station Road	Play (MUGA)	JY	0.0342 <sup>2</sup>
3A	St Nicholas' Church / Dane Hill Road	Informal Open Space		0.1979

T = Toddler (2 to 5 year olds)

J = Junior (6 to 12 year olds)

Y = Youth (13 to 18 year olds)

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<sup>1</sup> Play Area: A space with equipment sited for the purpose of enabling children and young people to play legitimately (including Skate Parks)

Informal Open Space: Areas of informal space (not used for formal sports), including parks, kick-about areas, green corridors and village greens.

<sup>2</sup> The size of the MUGA (KEN001) is based on half the size of a standard MUGA <http://multiusegamesarea.co.uk/> as this information was not available from the parish council

Map illustrating the locations of existing play areas and areas of informal open space.

The following map illustrates the locations of play areas and areas of informal open space in Cheveley.

Radial travel distances have been outlined to illustrate catchment areas for each play area. The radial travel distances are a part of the East Cambs planning standard for play areas set out in the East Cambs Sports Facilities & Play Areas Assessment 2005.

Toddler: Approx 600m straight line distance

Junior: Approx 600m straight line distance

Youth: Approx 1000m straight line distance



## **ECDC Assessment of play provision and informal open space against the local planning standard**

### East Cambs Planning Standards for Play Areas and Informal Open Space

Local provision standards set by the East Cambs Sports Facilities & Play Areas Assessment 2005 and the East Cambridgeshire Informal Open Space Study 2005 were used to measure against existing provision in order to determine whether or not there is a surplus or deficit of provision.

<b>Category of Space</b>	<b>Space per person (m2)</b>	<b>Standard size of area (ha)</b>
Informal Open Space	25 square metres (2.5 ha)	
Toddler Outdoor Play Space (2 to 5 years old)	0.2 square metres (0.02 ha)	0.01 ha
Junior Outdoor Play Space (6 to 12 years old)	0.8 square metres (0.08 ha)	0.04 ha
Youth Outdoor Play Space (13 to 18 years old)	1 square metres (0.1 ha)	0.1 ha

### Population

353<sup>3</sup>

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



<sup>3</sup> 2011 Census, Neighbourhood Statistics, January 2013

Informal Open Space (hectares)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.198 hectares	0.883 hectares	-0.685 hectares

Toddlers (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
2.26 facilities	0.706 facilities	1.554 facilities

Juniors (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.855 facilities	0.706 facilities	0.149 facilities

Youths (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.342 facilities	0.353 facilities	-0.011 facilities

 deficit  
 surplus  
 no response  
 incomplete response

## **Analysis of existing provision in Kennett**

Kennett has play facilities to cater for all age groups. There is a currently one play area, one MUGA and one area of informal open space.

### **Deficits and surpluses of provision**

Kennett Parish Council advises that there is adequate provision of play areas and open space to meet existing local community needs, however the audit identifies that there are some deficits when measured against the planning standard based on population size.

Kennett has a slight deficit of youth play provision and also of informal open space, and a surplus in toddler and junior play provision.

The majority of Kennett falls within the radial travel distances for toddler, junior and youth play provision.

The south of Station Road (south of the A14 and Bury Road) falls outside of the radial travel zone of Kennett's toddler and junior play areas.

The very southern tip of Station Road (near to the Bell Inn Public House) falls outside of the radial travel zone of Kennett's MUGA.

### **Play Space Quality Assessment**

Kennett Parish Council scored the existing play areas using a modified version of Play England's Play Space Quality Assessment Tool Kit which considered the following criteria:

- Level of usage
- Maintenance
- Health & Safety
- Location
- Range of play experiences

The parish council identified that the current play area and MUGA are both very well used by children, well located and well maintained, scoring each element as a '5' out of '5' ('excellent').

Kennett Parish Council advises that the existing play area provides a wide range of play experiences ('4' out of '5') however just for toddler age group.

### **Consultation & Future development**

At the time of completing the consultation, Kennett Parish Council had no plans to develop play provision or carry out any consultation.

### **Accessibility**

Kennett Parish Council states that the current play areas are available for disabled play.

## **Further information**

### **Fields in Trust protection**

Protecting outdoor recreational space is vital for the health and wellbeing of communities now and in the future, and to increase wildlife diversity and provide habitat.

Fields in Trust works with landowners to protect outdoor spaces with legal documentation. The landowner will nominate the site and a deed of dedication is drawn up by Fields in Trust and signed by both parties. There's no transfer of ownership or management to Fields in Trust.

For further information on safeguarding outdoor recreational space, visit [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org).

### **Best Practice Guidance**

Attached you will find up-to-date, best practice guidance on play area development, with information on the following:

- Location
- Design
- Access and inclusion
- Consultation and participation
- Quality
- Risk Management

### **Promotion of online tools**

The following websites may provide useful information regarding play and open space, along with helpful ways to promote your existing facilities:

Fields in Trust Protected Fields Map  
[www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org)

East Cambridgeshire District Council  
[www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)