

Summary of current play from information provided by Chippenham 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 new or upgrading play facilities.

The report includes details of current provision and any issues highlighted by the 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 Chippenham, using information provided by Chippenham Parish Council in September 2012.

Map Ref	Location	Category ¹	Age Group(s)	Size (hectares)
CHI001	New Street	Play Area	Y	0.04
2A	Tharp Way	Play Area	TJ	0.10

T = Toddler (2 to 5 year olds)

J = Junior (6 to 12 year olds)

Y = Youth (13 to 18 year olds)

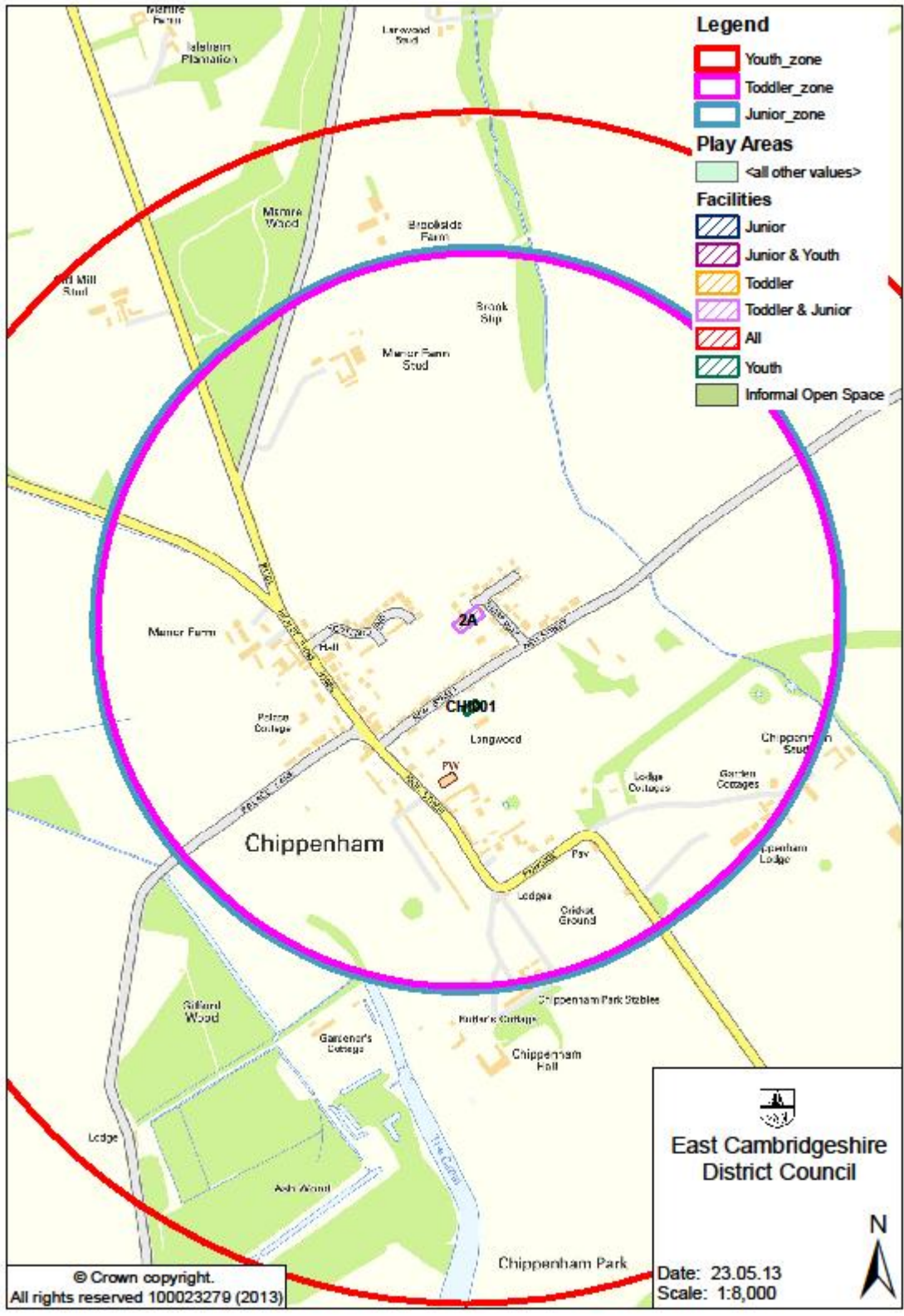
Map illustrating the locations of existing play areas and areas of informal open space.

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¹ 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.

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.

Category of Space	Space per person (m2)	Standard size of area (ha)
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
 517²





² 2011 Census, Neighbourhood Statistics, January 2013

Informal Open Space (hectares)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 hectares	1.29 hectares	-1.29 hectares

Toddlers (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
10.45 facilities	1.03 facilities	9.42 facilities

Juniors (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
2.61 facilities	1.03 facilities	1.58 facilities

Youths (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.38 facilities	0.52 facilities	-0.14 facilities

	deficit
	surplus
	no response
	incomplete response

Analysis of existing provision in Chippenham

There are currently two play areas in Chippenham, and no areas of informal open space.

Deficits and surpluses of provision

The two play areas in Chippenham cater for toddlers, juniors youths.

Chippenham Parish Council advise that there isn't sufficient provision of informal open space to meet community requirements, this is supported by the audit findings that identifies 1.29 Hectares of informal open space is requirement to meet community requirements based on the planning standard per head of population.

Any areas of open space with pitch markings or containing sporting infrastructure (e.g. goal posts, basketball hoops) have not been included in this audit as they are categorised as formal open space/sports pitches.

The map identifies that all of the houses in Chippenham fall within the radial travel distance of toddler, junior and youth play provision.

Play Experiences

The parish council recognise that more equipment is required for teenagers; however there is a wide range of play experiences available for toddlers and juniors.

Accessibility

Both of the play areas in Chippenham have disabled access. The toddler and junior area includes an accessible basket swing.

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.

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

East Cambridgeshire District Council
www.eastcambs.gov.uk

Play England Nature Play Map
<http://www.playengland.org.uk/nature-play-map.aspx>