

Summary of current play from information provided by Dullingham 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 Dullingham 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 Dullingham, using information provided by Dullingham Parish Council in September 2012.

Map Ref	Location	Category1	Age Group(s)	Size (hectares)
2A	Brinkley Road	Play Area	T, J, Y	0.025543748
3A	Brinkley Road	Informal Open Space		0.702345343
3B	The Crescent	Informal Open Space		0.204699035

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.

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.

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

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

767²

² 2011 Census, Neighbourhood Statistics, January 2013

Informal Open Space (Hectares)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.91 Hectares	1.91 Hectares	-1.01 Hectares

Toddlers (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
2.55 facilities	1.53 facilities	1.02 facilities

 deficit
 surplus
 no response
 incomplete response

Juniors (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.64 facilities	1.53 facilities	-0.90 facilities

Youths (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.26 facilities	0.77 facilities	-0.51 facilities

Analysis of existing provision in Dullingham

There is one play area and two areas of informal open space in Dullingham. The play area has recently been upgraded to include youth and disabled play.

Deficits and surpluses of provision

Dullingham Parish Council state that there are sufficient play areas to meet existing community needs. The audit identifies that this is true for toddler provision however the audit identifies a deficit of 0.090 for junior provision and -0.51 facilities for youth provision based on per head of population.

Dullingham Parish Council have identified that there is sufficient informal open space within the parish, this however the audit illustrates that there is a deficit of informal open space in Dullingham based on the local planning standards.

Based upon the radial travel distances for the three existing play areas, the majority of the village of Dullingham falls within the catchment areas for the play area. All of the properties within Dullingham fall inside the radial travel zone for youth play. Most of the houses fall within the radial travel zones for junior and toddler play, however some of Station Road, Bagel Lane and Stetchworth Road falls outside of this area.

Play Experiences and Playing Together

Following the upgrade of the play area, a wide range of play experiences are now available in Dullingham.

Dullingham Parish Council scored the existing play area 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 play area scored a 5 'excellent' in all areas.

Accessibility

Following the upgrade of the play area, accessible play is now available in Dullingham.

Future Provision

Dullingham Parish Council advised that there are currently no plans to develop any new play areas or areas of informal open space.

Consultation

Consultation regarding play provision was last carried out as part of the community grant funding application.

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>