

## **Summary of current play from information provided by Haddenham 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 Haddenham and Aldreth, using information provided by Haddenham Parish Council in September 2012.

Map Ref	Location	Category <sup>1</sup>	Age Group(s)	Size (hectares)
2A	Recreation Ground	PLAY	TJY	0.08
2C	Recreation Ground	PLAY	JY (MUGA)	0.07
2D	Recreation Ground	PLAY	JY	0.03
2B	Recreation Ground	PLAY	JY	0.04
2G	New Town Road	PLAY	TJ	0.40
ALD001	High Street, Aldreth	PLAY	JT	0.02
3A	The Green	INFORM		0.06
3B	Linden Way	INFORM		0.21
3C	Church Lane	INFORM		0.33
3D	The Green	INFORM		0.25
3E	Hinton Hedges Road	INFORM		6.76
3F	Wilburton Road	INFORM		0.03

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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.

3H	West End	INFORM		0.77
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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.

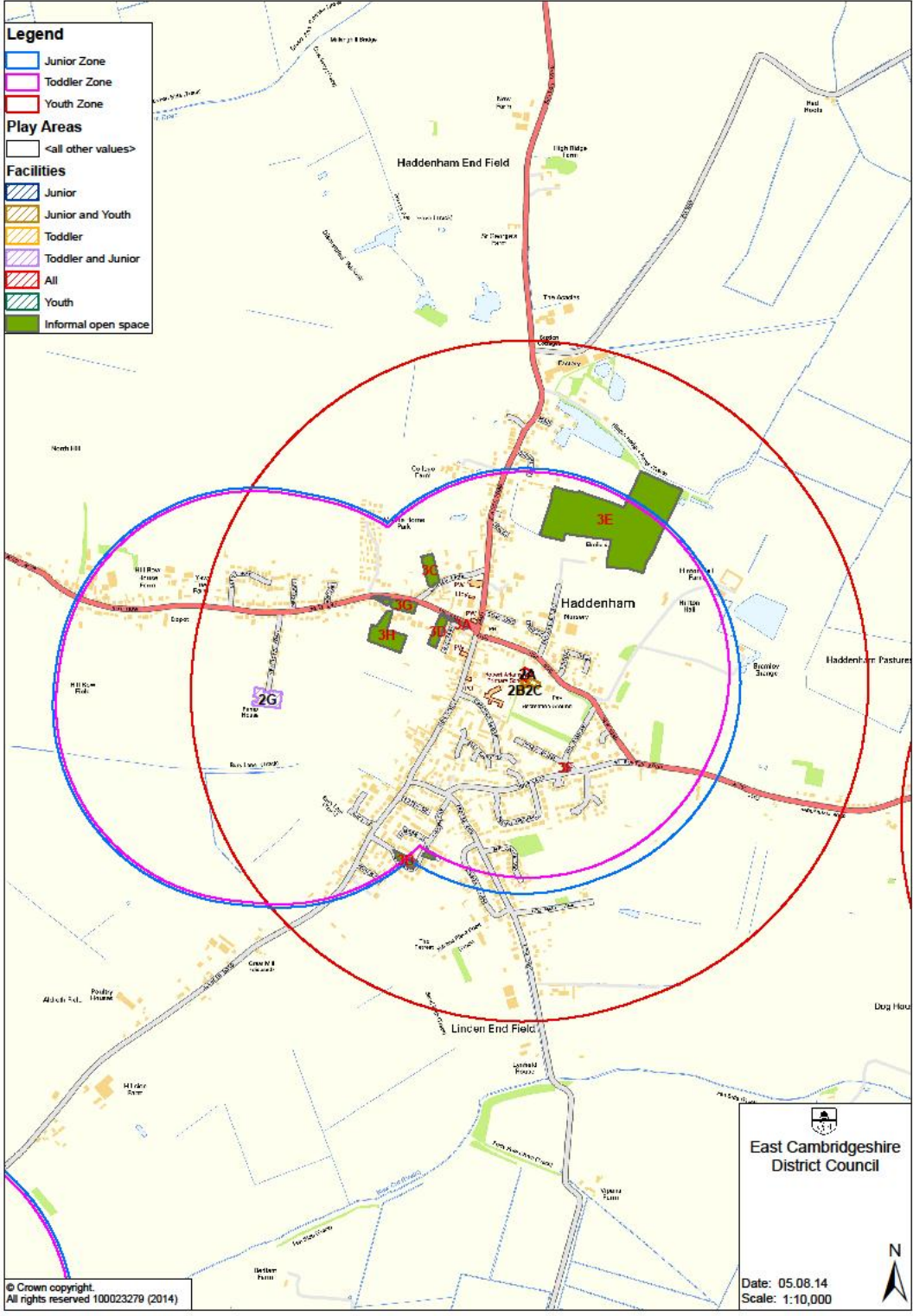
The following map illustrates the locations of play areas and areas of informal open space in Haddenham.

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

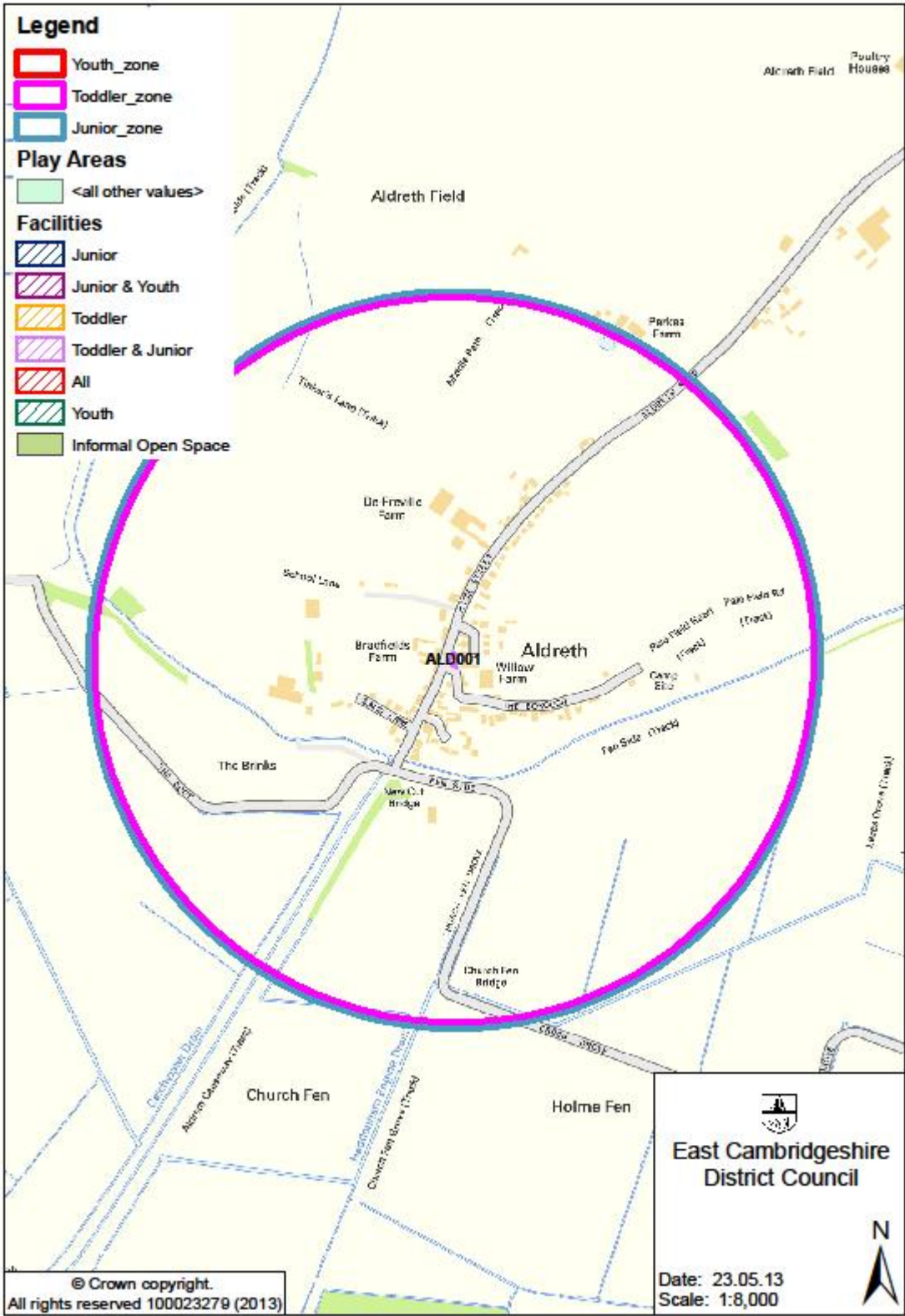


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## **ECDC Assessment of play provision and informal open space against the local planning standard**

### 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

3,344<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 2011 Census, Neighbourhood Statistics, January 2013

Informal Open Space (hectares)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
8.41 hectares	8.36 hectares	0.05 hectares

Toddlers (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
50.00 facilities	6.69 facilities	43.31 facilities

Juniors (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
15.75 facilities	6.69 facilities	9.06 facilities

Youths (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
2.10 facilities	3.34 facilities	-1.24 facilities

- deficit
- surplus
- no response
- incomplete response

### **Analysis of existing provision in Haddenham & Aldreth**

There are currently six play areas in Haddenham and Aldreth and seven areas of informal open space.

The parish council has advised that Wayman's Pits may be considered as an area of informal open space in the future, however there are currently issues with vehicular access to the site.

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

The play areas in Haddenham cater for toddlers, juniors and youths. The parish council advises that there is sufficient provision to meet existing community needs, however the audit identifies that there is a deficit in youth provision, based on the planning standard per head of population.

The majority of the parish falls within the radial travel distances of play areas for each age category. This is particularly the case with provision for youth facilities. The areas that fall outside of the radial travel distance for youth play provision include:

- Part of Hill Row, to the west of Yew Tree Farm
- Part of Aldreth Road, south of Great Mill
- All of Aldreth

The areas that fall outside of the radial travel distance for junior and toddler play provision include:

- Haddenham Road (towards Wilburton)
- North part of Station Road (including part of Chesswell's Close and The Pond)
- West of Hill Row
- Part of Aldreth Road
- Part of Lode Way

### **Range of Play Experiences**

The play area on Hop Row Recreation Ground provides a range of play experiences however others don't. The parish council has identified that the play area in Aldreth is aging and is in need of a complete refurbishment. The parish council propose to provide equipment at the New Town Road, Pocket Park.

### **Access**

Haddenham Parish Council advise that there is a wide variety of equipment provided throughout the parish, most of which can be used by disabled children.

### **Consultation**

The parish council has carried out extensive consultation to assess the play requirements of the community, including:

- Questionnaires to every household in the parish
- Exhibition at Arkenstall Village Hall (60 x questionnaires completed by children and parents/guardians)
- Survey carried out by pupils at local school
- Youth Club consulted and signed petition.

### **Future Development**

The Parish Council advises that they wish to carry out the following play developments in Haddenham in the future:

- update all of the play areas in the parish
- complete refurbishment of play area at Aldreth
- new equipment to be installed at the New Town Road, Pocket Park
- new play areas on Station Road (if there is further development)



## **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)

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