

## **Summary of current play from information provided by the Isleham 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 Isleham 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 Isleham, using information provided by Isleham Parish Council in September 2012.

Map Ref	Location	Category	Age Group(s)	Size (hectares)
ISL101	Orchard Close	INFORM		0.066938

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 Isleham.

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  
 2,378<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 2011 Census, Neighbourhood Statistics, January 2013

Informal Open Space (hectares)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.07 hectares	5.95 hectares	-5.88 hectares

Toddlers (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 facilities	4.76 facilities	-4.76 facilities

Juniors (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 facilities	4.76 facilities	-4.76 facilities

Youths (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 facilities	2.38 facilities	-2.38 facilities

	deficit
	surplus
	no response
	incomplete response

## **Analysis of existing provision in Isleham**

There are currently no play areas and one area of informal open space in Isleham. The play area was dismantled in May 2013.

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

The audit identifies significant shortfalls in play provision for toddlers, juniors and youths, with the largest deficits being found in toddler and junior provision. There is also a shortfall in informal open space (5.88 hectares required).

As there is no play facility in Isleham, the entire village falls outside of the radial travel zone for all play categories.

Some aspects of the audit could not be commented on, such as future development and consultation with residents, as the consultation was not fully completed by the parish council, whilst other aspects of the audit did not apply to Isleham due to the parish having no existing play provision.

## **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>