

Summary of current play from information provided by Westley Waterless 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

In 2012-13, Westley Waterless Parish Council advised that there were no play facilities in Westley Waterless and no areas of informal open space.

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 Westley Waterless.



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Legend

- Junior Zone
 - Toddler Zone
 - Youth Zone
 - <all other values>
- Play Areas**
- <all other values>
- Facilities**
- Junior
 - Junior and Youth
 - Toddler
 - Toddler and Junior
 - All
 - Youth
 - eodc parishes
 - Informal open space

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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 (2 to 5 year olds): Approx 600m straight line distance
 Junior (6 to 12 year olds): Approx 600m straight line distance
 Youth (13 to 18 year olds): 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

132¹

¹ 2011 Census, Neighbourhood Statistics, January 2013

Informal Open Space (hectares)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 hectares	0.33 hectares	-0.33 hectares

Toddlers (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 facilities	0.264 facilities	-0.264 facilities

Juniors (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 facilities	0.264 facilities	-0.264 facilities

Youths (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 facilities	0.132 facilities	-0.132 facilities

- deficit
- surplus
- no response
- incomplete response

Analysis of existing provision in Westley Waterless

There are currently no play facilities in Westley Waterless and no areas of informal open space.

Deficits and surpluses of provision

The audit identifies 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 (0.33 hectares required).

As there are no play facilities in Westley Waterless, the entire village falls outside of the radial travel zone for all play categories.

Westley Waterless Parish Council advises that the reason for not having any play facilities is primarily due to litigation concerns and the costs associated with insuring against this.

Some aspects of the audit could not be commented on, such as future development, accessibility and consultation with residents, as the consultation was not fully completed by the parish council.

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