

Proposals for Play Areas

Provide full Capital investment and maintain:

- 5 large play areas in Hitchin
- 3 large play areas in Letchworth
- 2 large play areas in Baldock
- 3 large play areas in Royston
- 1 large play area in Gt. Ashby

Provide limited Capital investment and maintain:

- 5 neighbourhood play areas in Hitchin
- 6 neighbourhood play areas in Letchworth
- 2 neighbourhood play areas in Baldock
- 3 neighbourhood play areas in Royston
- 4 neighbourhood play areas in Gt. Ashby

Transfer the asset to third parties or remove equipment from:

- 3 neighbourhood play areas in Hitchin,
- 3 neighbourhood play areas in Letchworth
- 1 less used neighbourhood play areas in Baldock
- 2 less used neighbourhood play areas in Royston
- 4 less used neighbourhood play areas Gt. Ashby

Detailed actions for Provision for Play Areas:

Green	Large play areas that the Council will maintain and endeavour to provide full Capital investment in to refurbish approximately every fifteen years. (14 sites)
Amber	Local neighbourhood play area that the Council will maintain and endeavour to provide limited capital investment to replace individual items of play equipment when they wear out. (20 sites)
Red	Local neighbourhood play areas identified as low use that prior to removing equipment the Council shall allow up to March 2018 for interested parties to put forward sustainable proposals that would fund both the capital and revenue requirements to safely continue to provide such facilities. (13 sites)

Town	Site	Size	Usage	Notes
Royston	Betjeman Road	Small	Low	Limited wear around equipment. Close to larger Serby Avenue play area. Very limited amenity value.
Royston	Meridian	Medium	Medium	Play area serving large housing estate but on fringe of town.
Royston	Newmarket Rd	Large	High	Toddler and senior play areas serving large housing estates. Currently located on fringe of town but adjacent land shortly to be developed for new large housing estate.

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Royston	Priory Gardens	Large	High	Large town centre play area. Main play area for all Royston residents.
Royston	Serby Avenue	Large	Medium	Centrally located play area serving large housing estates.
Royston	Studlands Rise	Medium	Medium	Small play area serving local residents.
Royston	York Way	Medium	Medium	Play area serving housing estate but located on fringe of town.
Royston	Farriar Court	Small	Low	Little or no wear to surfacing around equipment. Very limited catchment area only for very local residents. Very limited amenity value. Suggest possible hand over of amenity space for residents / Royston Town Council to maintain.
Royston	Ivy farm	Medium	Low	Play area serving housing estate but located on fringe of town. However future housing development is planned in this area.
Baldock	Avenue Park	Large	High	Main town centre park serving all residents.
Baldock	Bush Springs	Large	High	Only play area for large housing development away from main town.
Baldock	Chiltern Road	Medium	Medium	Medium sized play area serving local residents.
Baldock	Holroyd Cres	Medium	Medium	Large play area serving large housing development.
Baldock	Ivel Road	Medium	Low	Limited access and catchment area for site. Old equipment with little sign of use.
Hitchin	Bancroft Recreation Ground	Large	High	Main town centre play area currently under refurbishment.
Hitchin	Broadmead	Medium	Medium	Good catchment area for housing estate
Hitchin	Brook View	Medium	Medium	Limited catchment area close to Broadmead. Old equipment.
Hitchin	Dacre Road	Small	Low	Small site with limited catchment. Old equipment with little sign of use.
Hitchin	King George V	Large	High	Large play area with good catchment area.

Town	Site	Size	Usage	Notes
Hitchin	Purwell Recreation Ground	Large	High	Large play area with good range of equipment serving large housing development.
Hitchin	Ransoms Recreation Ground	Large	High	Large play area recently refurbished in one of the towns main recreation grounds.
Hitchin	Rosehill	Medium	Low	Limited access to the site little sign of use of equipment.
Hitchin	Smithsons Recreation Ground	Medium	High	Play area for west side of Hitchin. Equipment mainly for younger children
Hitchin	St Johns Recreation Ground	Medium	High	Well used play area by local residents.
Hitchin	Symons Rd	Small	Low	Aging equipment with little signs of use. Very limited catchment area.
Hitchin	Walsworth Common	Large	High	Large play area recently refurbished in one of the towns main recreation grounds.
Letchworth	Baldock Road Recreation Ground	Large	Medium	Good range of equipment for all ages but limited catchment area.
Letchworth	Grange Central	Medium	Medium	Equipment for younger children. Good catchment area in centre of housing estate.
Letchworth	Grange Recreation Ground	Large	High	Main play area for Grange Estate.
Letchworth	Hillbrow Rec	Medium	Medium	Poor catchment area located on edge of housing estate. Consider possible relocation to more central location.
Letchworth	Howard Park	Large	High	Town centre location with very high use.
Letchworth	Jackmans Central	Large	Medium	Main play area for large housing estate. Lower than expected use may be caused by poor equipment. Due for refurbishment in 2017.
Letchworth	Jackmans Recreation Ground	Medium	Low	Not centrally located with equipment for younger children. Little signs of much use.

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Town	Site	Size	Usage	Notes
Letchworth	Linnet Close	Small	Low	Very limited catchment area. Equipment only for younger children. Consider alternative use of site.
Letchworth	Norton Common	Large	Medium	Range of equipment for all ages.
Letchworth	Oaktree Close	Small	Low	Very limited catchment area. Equipment only for younger children in small private development.
Letchworth	Temple Rec	Medium	Medium	Good catchment area. Range of equipment for all ages.
Letchworth	Wilbury Recreation Ground	Medium	Medium	Good catchment area with range of equipment for all ages.
Gt. Ashby	District Park	Large	High	Main play area for GT. Ashby.
Gt. Ashby	Chilterns	LAP	Low	Very small play with little sign of use. Within catchment area of larger play area.
Gt. Ashby	Cleveland Way	LAP	Low	Small play area with limited signs of use. Within catchment area of larger play area.
Gt. Ashby	Fairfield Cres	LAP	Low	Small play area with limited signs of use. Within catchment area of larger play area.
Gt. Ashby	Foyle Close	LEAP	Medium	Medium sized play area used by local residents.
Gt. Ashby	Mendip Way	LEAP	Low	Medium sized play area used by local residents. Low usage possibly due to poor selection of equipment. Retain if Chilterns play area has equipment removed.
Gt. Ashby	Merrick Close	LAP	Low	Very small play with limited signs of use. Within catchment area of larger play area.
Gt. Ashby	Quantock Close	LEAP	Medium	Medium sized play area with good range of equipment.
Gt. Ashby	Snowdon Way	LEAP	Medium	Medium sized play area serving local residents.