

# **POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD**

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## **POINTS TO CONSIDER FOR RBC PLAYGROUND STRATEGY**

### **1. Assessment of demand**

In 2019, the five wards with the highest number of children (0-14 years) are Wellington, St. Marks, Manor Park, Cove and Southwood and St Johns.

In 2024, the five wards with the highest number of children (0-14 years) are forecast to be Wellington, St. Marks, Empress, Manor Park and Cove and Southwood.

### **2. Assessment of Supply**

Looking at the large-scale desktop maps showing playground hierarchy and coverage (based on the national standard of 400m or 5-minute walk of every residence):

- Is the level of supply adequate?
- Are there any gaps in supply?
- Is there any over-supply?

### **3. Looking at the hierarchy, is there a need to adjust the level of supply? (NEAP to LEAP or LEAP to LeAP or vice versa).**

Considered in the context of the Rushmoor Local Plan (2019) which states:

“Opportunity for play should continue to be provided for at a local level with provision enhanced where possible to achieve the standards for quality, quantity and value as set out in this study. Where appropriate, traditional playgrounds could be enhanced through the creation of natural play spaces. NOTE: Rushmoor’s local standards are NEAP 600m, LEAP 240m which is more stringent than the national standard, however it is recognised that these are more pertinent to new developments rather than comparing to existing provision.”

### **4. Compliance issues**

- Buffer separation zones; LEAP 20m & NEAP 30m min separation between activity zone and boundary of dwelling. Some historic non-compliance, what are we going to do?
- BSEN equipment standards; older sites have non-compliant equipment, need for upgrading or amalgamation.

## **5. Ownership issues**

Consider the 4 current sites historically managed by RBC, but not on land owned by this Council (sites are end-of-life with old and non-compliant equipment):

- Fleming Close/Ship Lane (private ownership)
- Curly Bridge Close (Housing Association)
- Derwent Close (HCC)
- Highclere Road (HCC)

## **6. Sustainability issues**

Consideration of the best balance of types of playgrounds for the next 10 – 15 years from a financial and environmentally sustainable position.

## **7. Development of the Strategy and public engagement**

Desirable process for developing the strategy and considerations for public engagement.