

## OPEN SPACE AUDIT: SUMMARY OF RESULTS

(24<sup>th</sup> March 2006)

**Table 1: Overall Provision by Open Space Type**

Open Space Type(1)	Number of Sites	Total Site Area (ha)	Quality Rating (Number of Sites) (*= lowest)					Value rating (Number of sites)			Access Arrangements		
			*	**	***	****	*****	Low	Medium	High	No access or unauthorised	Formal agreement or informal agreement or members/tenants only	Unlimited
Parks & gardens	12	55.4	0	2	6	3	1	0	1	11	0	0	12
Children & young people (equipped play and youth provision)	16	9.21	1	2	5	7	0	1	4	10	1	0	15
Informal recreation	101	140.6	6	30	48	15	2	17	18	64	1	2	98
Landscape Amenity	21	25.8	4	6	9	2	0	3	1	17	7	7	7
Natural and semi-natural greenspaces	30	247.6	6	7	14	3	0	2	7	21	5	0	25
Green corridors	20	109.3	1	8	9	2	0	2	1	17	0	0	20
Outdoor sports facilities	67	297.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	37	7
Allotments, etc.	27	34.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	27	0
Cemeteries, etc.	13	38.8	0	2	8	7	0	0	3	10	0	3	10
Civic spaces	3	1.7	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	2
<b>ALL</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>961.24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>196</b>

(1) by primary purpose – many open spaces serve several purposes.

**Table 2: Total Area of Open Space By Broad Location and Open Space Type as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006**

Open Space Type(1)	Darlington Urban Area					Middleton St. George/ Middleton One Row	Hurworth/ Hurworth Place	Heighington
	North West (Area 1 Urban)	North Central (Area 2 Urban)	South West (Area 3 Urban)	South East (Area 4 Urban)	Haughton (Area 5 Urban)			
Parks & gardens	4.06	13.09	30.58	5.22	2.48	0	0	0
Children & young people: equipped play and youth provision	1.55	1.1	0	1.68	4.23	0.47	0	0.19
Informal recreation	30.18	8.88	30.03	32.78	23.27	5.36	8.31	1.8
Landscape Amenity	2.12	5.13	12.76	4.19	1.58	0	0	0
Natural and semi-natural greenspaces	26.59	10.22	11.65	35.44	153.61	10.06	0	0
Green corridors	11.86	7.42	58.83	15.18	13.7	2.28	0	0
Outdoor sports facilities	22.00	16.07	137.16	38.56	54.07	11.24	13.43	5.39
Allotments, etc.	6.06	3.23	7.35	8.52	4.12	3.85	0.82	0.98
Cemeteries, etc.	0	9.08	22.06	3.28	1.00	0	0.31	0.73
Civic spaces	0	1.7	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ALL</b>	<b>104.42</b>	<b>75.92</b>	<b>310.42</b>	<b>144.85</b>	<b>258.06</b>	<b>33.26</b>	<b>22.87</b>	<b>9.09</b>

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All figures are hectares.

**Table 3: Quality and Value Assessments by Open Space Primary Purpose**

Value/Quality	Parks & gardens					Children and young people					Informal recreation				
	*	**	***	****	*****	*	**	***	****	*****	*	**	***	****	*****
Low						1					3	7	7		
Medium		1					1	3			1	10	7	2	
High		1	6	3	1		1	2	7		2	13	34	14	2
	Natural & semi-natural greenspaces					Green Corridors					Cemeteries & churchyards				
	*	**	***	****	*****	*	**	***	****	*****	*	**	***	****	*****
Low	2						1	1							
Medium	1	5	1				1	0						2	
High	3	2	13	3		1	6	8	2			1	5	5	
	Landscape amenity					Civic spaces					All assessed open spaces				
	*	**	***	****	*****	*	**	***	****	*****	*	**	***	****	*****
Low	1	0	2								6	7	10		
Medium		1	0								2	20	13	2	
High	3	5	7	2				3			9	31	75	36	3

Note: Allotments and outdoor sports facilities not assessed in this way.

**Table 4: Totals of Each Type of Open Space by Ward (Urban Area only) or Village**

Ward	Total Open Space (1)	Total Population	Total Open Space/1000 population	Park or garden	Children & young people (no. sites)	Informal recreation	Landscape amenity	Natural & semi-natural greenspace	Green corridors	Outdoor sports facilities	Allotments	Cemeteries etc.	Civic Spaces
<i>Bank Top</i>	5.61	3757	1.49	2.84	2	4.23	0	0	0	2.84	1.38	0	0
<i>Central</i>	26.81	3522	7.61	0	2	23.79	4.77	23.72	18.34	0.97	0	1.56	0.4
<i>Cockerton East</i>	31.56	5213	6.05	0.86	3	18.16	0	8.51	6.11	7.99	5.41	0	0
<i>Cockerton West</i>	33.13	4139	8.00	0	2	20.19	0	14.02	0	12.94	0	0	0
College	9.53	3751	2.54	1.39	0	2.17	0.53	0.25	0	9.28	0	0.53	0
<i>Eastbourne</i>	48.58	5066	9.59	2.38	3	30.78	3.28	20.36	0	10.09	0	3.28	0
Faverdale	36.0	1653	21.78	0	0	30.54	1.96	29.04	5.75	0.7	0	0	0
Harrowgate Hill	28.62	6084	4.7	0	1	26.42	0	9.27	0	13.23	2.2	0	0
<i>Haughton East</i>	47.91	4173	11.48	0	4	50.36	8.11	13.34	19.74	7.68	0	1.0	0
Haughton North	9.26	3430	2.7	2.48	1	5.44	0	3.27	0.79	1.4	2.42	0	0
Haughton West	25.06	5473	4.58	0	2	17.18	4.14	5.16	3.17	6.74	1.70	0	0
Hummersknott	35.69	3544	10.07	0	1	36.77	21.79	29.62	5.63	11.63	5.20	21.73	0
<i>Lascelles</i>	10.69	3561	3.0	0	1	5.63	3.46	3.46	0	1.6	0	0	0
<i>Lingfield</i>	51.37	3599	14.27	0	2	18.33	0.73	1.19	5.45	26.87	5.44	0	0
Mowden	12.21	3652	3.34	1.04	1	10.01	1.11	0.15	0	5.09	0	0	0
<i>Northgate</i>	4.98	4297	1.16	3.95	2	4.41	0.6	0	0	3.95	0	0	0
<i>North Road</i>	23.4	6001	3.9	9.14	2	26.74	10.53	8.8	7.42	11.01	0.93	7.52	0
<i>Park East</i>	56.88	6028	9.44	26.53	1	44.41	1.24	17.63	0.4	19.11	1.17	0	0
Park West	107.44	3471	30.95	1.62	2	6.41	44.61	57.11	52.8	40.62	0	2.06	0
Pierremont	5.03	5528	0.91	3.20	1	4.5	0.16	3.2	0	0.37	0	0	1.3
<b>Sub Areas(2)</b>													
Area 1 Urban	105.72	16533	6.39	4.06	6	73.39	2.12	54.77	11.86	22.0	6.06	0	1.3
Area 2 Urban	65.87	19904	3.31	13.09	7	63.02	16.3	23.85	7.42	29.16	3.23	9.08	0.4
Area 3 Urban	288.36	20446	14.10	30.58	5	99.77	72.95	108.43	58.83	164.31	7.35	24.32	0
Area 4 Urban	141.57	15983	8.86	5.22	8	82.59	7.47	38.9	15.18	41.4	8.52	3.28	0
Area 5 Urban	257.06	13076	19.65	2.48	7	211.51	6.08	167.72	32.31	52.52	4.12	1.0	0
<b>All urban area</b>	<b>858.58</b>	<b>85942</b>	<b>9.99</b>	<b>55.43</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>530.28</b>	<b>104.92</b>	<b>393.67</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>309.39</b>	<b>29.28</b>	<b>36.68</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Middleton St. George	33.26	3735	9.85	0	2	24.62	0	10.55	2.28	11.24	3.85	0	0
Hurworth/Hurworth Place	22.56	3070	6.36	0	1	9.99	0.31	0	0	18.11	0.82	0.31	0
Heighington	8.36	1405	5.95	0	1	7.29	0.73	0	0	5.39	0.98	0.73	0
<b>All study area</b>	<b>922.76</b>	<b>94152</b>	<b>9.80</b>	<b>55.43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>572.18</b>	<b>105.96</b>	<b>404.22</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>344.13</b>	<b>34.90</b>	<b>37.72</b>	<b>1.7</b>

Notes: All areas in hectares (ha); *Italics* indicates a priority ward; (1) figs. for primary purpose only. Other figs in table are for all sites with the stated purpose, whether the primary purpose or not; Urban sub-areas include sites outside urban wards on the urban fringe.

**Table 5: Open Space Accessibility by Ward (Urban Areas) and Villages**

Ward/Village	Total Open Space (1)	Total Population	Total Open Space/1000 population	Total open space with unlimited access	Total open space with access by formal agreement, informal agreement or for members/tenants only	Open space where there is no access or it is unauthorised	Total accessible open space	Total accessible space/1000 population.
<i>Bank Top</i>	5.61	3757	<b>1.49</b>	4.23	1.38	0	5.61	<b>1.49</b>
<i>Central</i>	26.81	3522	7.61	23.1	0.97	2.74	24.07	6.83
<i>Cockerton East</i>	31.56	5213	6.05	18.16	13.4	0	31.56	6.05
<i>Cockerton West</i>	33.13	4139	8.00	20.19	12.36	0.58	32.55	7.86
College	9.53	3751	<b>2.54</b>	1.64	7.64	0.25	9.28	2.47
Eastbourne	48.58	5066	9.59	33.91	13.32	1.35	47.23	9.32
Faverdale	36.0	1653	21.78	30.54	3.31	2.15	33.85	20.48
Harrowgate Hill	28.62	6084	4.7	13.19	12.48	2.95	25.67	4.22
Haughton East	47.91	4173	11.48	38.89	7.68	1.34	46.57	11.16
Haughton North	9.26	3430	<b>2.7</b>	5.44	2.42	1.4	7.86	<b>2.29</b>
Haughton West	25.06	5473	4.58	20.3	1.7	3.06	22.0	4.02
Hummersknott	35.69	3544	10.07	17.57	16.83	1.29	34.36	9.70
<i>Lascelles</i>	10.69	3561	<b>3.0</b>	5.63	0	5.06	5.63	<b>1.58</b>
<i>Lingfield</i>	51.37	3599	14.27	29.63	19.44	2.3	49.07	13.63
Mowden	12.21	3652	3.34	6.01	5.26	0.94	11.27	3.09
<i>Northgate</i>	4.98	6001	<b>1.16</b>	4.41	0.24	0.33	4.65	<b>0.77</b>
<i>North Road</i>	23.4	4297	3.9	19.22	0.93	3.25	20.15	4.69
<i>Park East</i>	56.88	6028	9.44	44.41	6.09	6.38	50.5	8.38
Park West	107.44	3471	30.95	58.16	47.12	2.16	105.28	30.33
Pierremont	5.03	5528	<b>0.91</b>	3.2	1.83	0	5.03	<b>0.91</b>
Middleton St. George	33.26	3735	8.90	24.49	8.4	0.37	32.89	8.81
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D'ton N-Central	65.87	19904	3.31	41.58	14.62	9.67	56.2	2.82
D'ton SW	288.36	20446	14.1	193.42	83.92	11.02	277.34	13.56
Darlington SE	141.57	15983	8.75	97.02	35.84	8.71	132.86	8.31
Haughton	257.06	13076	6.92	201.61	50.05	5.4	251.66	19.25
<b>Urban Area</b>	<b>858.58</b>	<b>85942</b>	<b>9.99</b>	<b>605.72</b>	<b>218.36</b>	<b>37.53</b>	<b>824.08</b>	<b>9.59</b>
Study Area	922.76	94152	9.80	645.08	232.23	45.46	880.96	9.36

All areas in hectares (ha).

Wards indicated in *italics* are the priority wards identified in the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.