



Open Space within and neighbouring Colney Heath Parish

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Introduction

Access to open space is important for the health and wellbeing of residents in all locations. All Local Planning Authorities (LPA) must consider open space in the local plans and in planning generally. Access to open space in planning terms this has become more important following the introduction of Grey Belt land and the requirement for access to open space contained within the Golden Rules for the use of Grey Belt land for development.

This study relates to the provision of and access to open space as required in the golden rules in relation to the grey belt.

It has been prepared post the December 2024 draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) publication and reflects the changes introduced relating to them (grey belt and the golden rules), see appendix 1 for details.

This is a finer grain study at community or zone level paying particular attention to the accessibility requirements contained in NPPF, Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) and Fields in Trust (FIT). See appendix 2 for FIT standards.

The SADC open space study 2024 only considered open space at parish or ward level rather than at community level this study has used. The open spaces and communities assessed go beyond the parish boundary to reflect access to and the provision of open space to reflect actual usage.

Executive summary

The December 2024 draft of National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) introduced a new Green Belt land classification one of Grey Belt NPPF para 155. within the policy the most important point related to this study is the need for the site to have accessible open space NPPF para. 157(c) see appendix 1.

NPPF para.157 (c) 'the provision of new, or improvements to existing, green spaces that are accessible to the public. New residents should be able to access good quality green spaces within a short walk of their home, whether through onsite provision or through access to offsite spaces.'

Neither the NPPF or Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) provide any standards on the level of provision or on accessibility, so in common with many LPAs including SADC this study has used the Field in Trust standards (FIT) see appendix 2.

This is a finer grained study than the SADC Open space study 2024 as it divides Colney Heath parish into smaller areas broadly based the existing settlements, this study has also considered the areas in southeast St Albans which adjoin Colney Heath Parish or share some of the same open spaces.

Provision of Open space

The communities in the northeast and centre of the parish the provision falls way below the required FIT standard. Alban Way south and Barley Mow Lane having no open space within their communities. Alban Way north and Smallford only have access to one typology of open space, a small play for Alban Way north and natural open space for Smallford.

Colney Heath village (Roestock and High Street), Hill End Ward north, Highfield south, site of former Cell Barns Hospital, Sleafshyde and Tyttenhanger are all short in one or more types of open space, with only Highfield north site of the former Hill End Hospital having the provision to the FIT standard.

The SADC Wards of Clarence, Cunningham and Marshalswick East and Jersey Farm all have significant deficits against the FIT desirable provision level. Across southeast St Albans Sports, children's Play area Parks and Garden are all in deficit. There is some interchangeability between Park and Gardens and Amenity open space due the difficulties identifying the changeover point between the two typologies.

Only Natural or semi natural open space has significant surplus, but it should noted that natural open is focused in three areas Colney Heath common, Highfield Park and Ellenbrook Country Park all these sites are well beyond the desirable walking distance (FIT) for most residents.

Accessibility

Colney Heath is large parish with much of the open space provision on the edge of the parish or indeed beyond the parish in the case of Highfield Park. Due to the desirable walking distances contained in the FIT standards there is little opportunity to walk between communities to access open space. Therefore, most people will only be able to access open space within their community.

Cycling a sustainable mode of travel has been considered in this study. In some communities it offers a genuine alternative but in much of the study it does not offer a safe mode of travel due traffic levels, vehicles speeds road widths or design. While cycle routes are shown in SADC LCWIP many rural routes have not been formally assessed to LTN 1/20 standard and evidence presented at various planning appeals have found many routes to be unsafe for most users.

Broadly this study has come to similar findings to the SADC Open Space Study 2024 with marginal differences accountable due the different areas used, sites included or differences in typology classification.

Conclusion

Southeast St Albans is deficient in most typologies of open space, except for natural open space which is provided above the FIT standard provision requirement. Accessing open space beyond individual communities is difficult due to the distances involved and that some types of open space is situated on the edge of the study area making them remote from the core residential areas.

Any large-scale development on Grey Belt Land will need to provide significant areas of open space across many typologies to meet the Golden Rules and set in NPPF or planning consent should be refused. Also, sites given outline planning consent after December 2024 where Grey Belt land was factor should also provide large areas of open space to be policy compliant, NPPF paras 155, 157.

Methodology used.

All open space sites have been visited and assessed by an experienced landscape surveyor the existing facilities were recorded together with the surrounding landscape. The site areas have been measured using Google Earth to achieve an approximate site area.

Population

Fields in Trust uses current population as the basis of its calculation of the required provision. However, due to the isolation of rural communities and the distances involved the simple use of ONS 2021 census data for Colney Heath is considered unsuitable, and finer estimate of population for each community is required.

Therefore, the electoral register has been used as the basis for estimating the population of each community with a correction made using ONS 2021 census data for those below voting age. The ONS age profile for St. Albans does not align with voting age therefore a percentage of 15-19 age group has been added to the younger age groups then added to the recorded electorate to calculate the population of each community.

For the limited number of homes in Bullens Green Lane which are in Welwyn Hatfield district a different approach was used due to the difficulties accessing the electoral register. For this area the number of homes was counted multiplied by the average number of electors per dwelling in Colney Heath village then the below voting age correction was applied.

The population data has been validated against the ONS 2021 census data. The 2021 census data records 6266 people living in the parish Colney Heath our estimate has produced a figure of 6234 people living in the parish. The ONS census data used the old parish the division of the parish has taken place since 2021. The error of 0.51% is considered satisfactory for this study.

Communities

Due to the desirable walking distances contained in FIT standards the parish has been divided into walkable zones which reflect the access to open space. For the rural communities these are village or hamlets for urban or semi urban communities these reflect the natural dividing lines, and the natural routes people may follow.

Accessing Open Space

Not all of the communities assessed have access to public natural spaces, so sustainable methods of travel have been considered as an alternative to assess open space, this includes walking and cycling this approach reflects both the NPPF and PPG policies and guidelines in relation to sustainable travel.

Available open space

Each community has been assessed using the Fields in Trust Standards (FIT) see appendix 2. The area within and neighbouring the parish of Colney Heath has been assessed, the villages and hamlets have been assessed as individual communities. The rural area has been divided into community areas which reflect the natural boundaries also considering the existing footpath network, consideration has also been given to any safety issues and major road which could impact of connectivity of the community when accessing open space.

Accessing open space

Fields in Trust provides desirable walking distances to access open spaces these standards have been used. The distances have been measured using Google maps walking routes from the centre of the community to the nearest access point of the open space category. The centre of each community has been based on the centre of the population rather than physical centre, clearly identifiable points have been used e.g. bus stops to ensure consistency. Larger open spaces including Highfield Park, Bullen Green wood and Colney Heath common multi tests have been used to ensure the nearest access point to each community has been recorded.

SADC Open Space Study

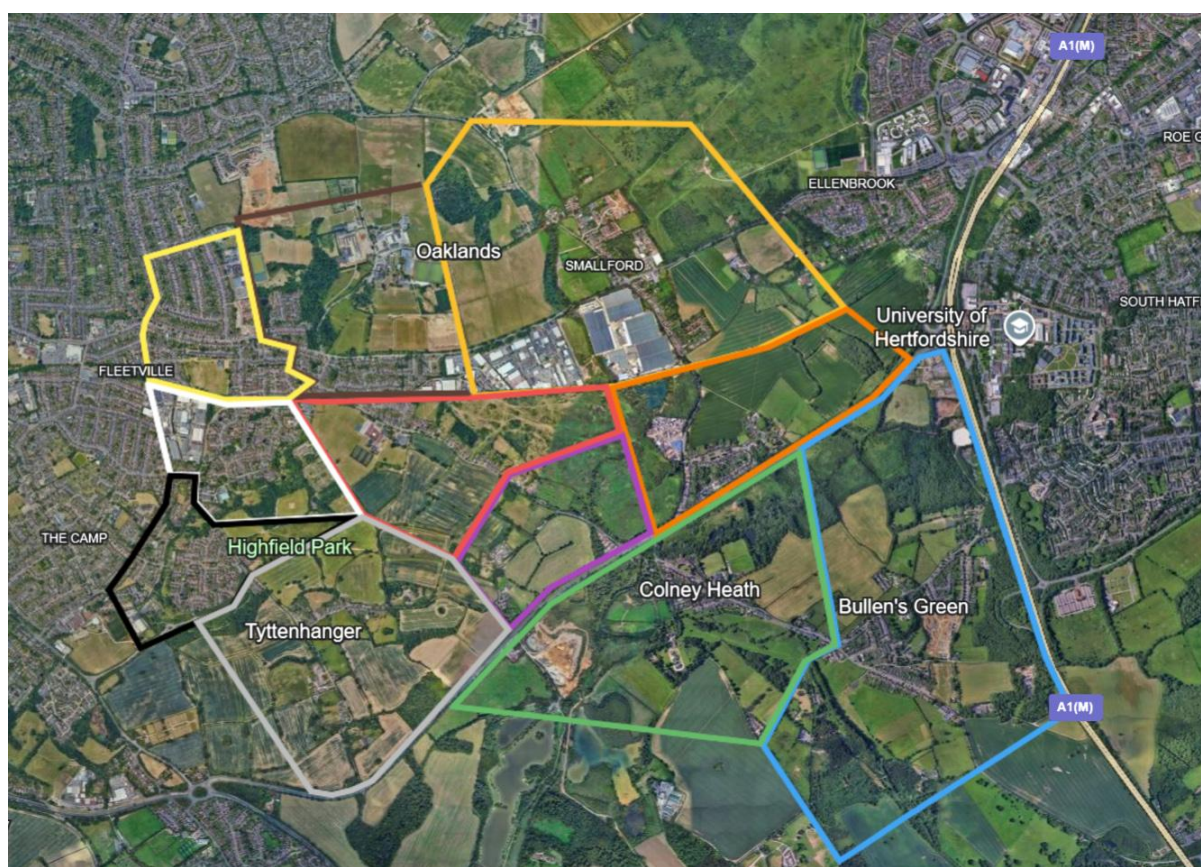
Some differences will be observed between this study and the SADC Open Space Study of 2024, this study has included all open spaces the communities have or could have access to, this includes some in Welwyn Hatfield and also includes some sites not included in SADC study. There are also some minor differences in the total areas of each typology at some locations between natural, parks and Garden and amenity open space the boundaries between types and minor changes are a matter of judgement.

Community Assessments

Provision of Open Space

This study uses the population data for each community and the Fields in Trust standards to calculate the open space area required. It then identifies the areas within each community to form a judgement if it meets the required level of open space provision. This assessment was first prepared for the Hatfield- Ellenbrook quarry inquiry APP/M1900/W/24/3346607, it has been updated to include a wider area of southeast St Albans including the parish of Colney Heath.

The civil parish of Colney Heath is semi-rural parish on the southeast edge of St. Albans, the parish contains several villages and hamlets. Due to distances separating the communities compared with the Fields in Trust desirable walking distances the parish has been subdivided into community areas which broadly equates to the existing settlements. Some urban communities have also been included where they share or could share open spaces with the residents of the parish.



Community area	Boundary colour
Alban Way north	Brown
Alban Way south	Red
Barley Mow Lane	Purple
Colney Heath – High Street	Green
Colney Heath - Roestock	Blue
Highfield south (former Cell Barnes Hospital area)	Black
Highfield north (former Hill End hospital area)	White
SADC Hill End Ward north	Yellow
Sleapshyde	Orange
Smallford	Amber
Tyttenhanger	Grey

Provision of open space

Fields in Trust provides two standards for open space per typology, a provision level per 1000 head of population and an accessibility standard expressed as walking distance. This section considers the provision level per community, accessibility is considered later in the section.

Fields in Trust standards		
Open Space Typology	Standard per 1000 population	Walking distance
All outdoor sports	1.60ha	1200m
Equipped/designated play areas	0.25ha.	400m
Parks and Gardens	0.8ha.	710m
Amenity open space	0.6ha	480m
Natural and semi natural	1.8ha	720m

Alban Way south has no open spaces within the community boundary. The neighbouring community of Alban Way north is also significantly in deficit of all typologies of open space, the nearby community of Hill End Ward north is also significantly in deficit for most forms of open space other than amenity which a small surplus but overall remains significantly in deficit in open space.

Alban Way north this community has access to one small children's play in Marconi Way, it has no other typologies of open space. The adjoining community of Alban Way south has no open space, and the nearby community of Hill End Ward north is also significantly in deficit for most forms of open space other than amenity open space which is at a small surplus but overall remains significantly in deficit in open space.

Barley Mow Lane while this is very small community it has no open space within its boundaries, but more importantly this is an isolated community with poor and or dangerous pedestrian and cycling connections to the nearby communities which may

offer some open space, but most nearby communities are in deficit one or multiple types of open space.

Colney Heath - High Street, the provision of open space is below the FIT standard for children's play areas amenity open space and Parks and Gardens. This has access to sports field at Colney Heath Football Club of which some is shared with community and the club. This community also has good access to Colney Heath common an area of natural open space.

Colney Heath – Roestock, the provision of open space in this community is below the FIT standards in all typologies other than natural open space which this community can access Bullen Green Wood at the northern end of the settlement or Colney Heath common just beyond the southwest edge of the community. The Roestock area currently has 100 new dwellings under development which are not included in the calculations so the provision deficit will increase once these homes are occupied. This community also has outline approval for 150 new homes the plans indicate little if any open space will be provided.

Colney Heath - village this summary combines the Colney Heath Roestock and High Street communities into a single area. This combined area fails to meet the FIT standard on all open space typologies other than natural open space which the village can access both Bullens Green Wood and Colney Heath common at either ends of the village. The Roestock area currently has 100 new dwellings under development which are not included in the calculations so the provision deficit will increase once these homes are occupied. The village also has outline approval for 150 new homes the plans indicate little if any open space will be provided.

Highfield south area is in deficit for children's play areas, all other typologies it has adequate provision to meet the FIT standards. But it's important to note that Highfield south and north both share and have similar access to Highfield Park. When the two communities are combined the situation does not change with children's play area still below the required provision. The adjoining communities of Alban Way north and south and Hill End Ward north all significant short falls in open space provision, for these communities the only open space provision is Highfield Park albeit beyond the FIT desirable walking distance.

Highfield north due to the number of children's play areas this area meets the required FIT provision requirements. However, all the above comments for Highfield south also apply in this area.

Hill End Ward north this is large community area has very substantial deficit in all typologies of open space other than amenity in which it has a surplus. The modest surplus in amenity open falls way short of offsetting the deficits in all other forms of open space for the community. The nearby communities of Alban Way north and south also have very considerable deficits in open space, Alban Way north only having a small play and Alban Way south having no open space within its boundaries

so must share the Hill End Ward north and the Highfield open spaces, but these will be beyond the desirable walking.

Sleapshyde community, only has access to a small recreational area within the hamlet, the recreational area consists of a children's play area and amenity open space, but the provision levels are below the FIT required standard of provision. Accessing alternative open space is challenging due the surround road network which crossing would be difficult for younger people. The nearest children's play area, sports and amenity open space is at Ellenbrook. The Ellenbrook area is already deficient in most typologies of open space including children's plays areas, sports, parks and gardens and amenity open space.

Smallford is deficient all open space typologies other than natural open space which is at Ellenbrook Country Park. Ellenbrook Country Park is subject to a planning appeal for the construction a quarry, the appeal to still to be determined. If the appeal is allowed, then a significant part of the Country Park will be lost to users particularly the area nearest to Smallford for up to 32 years. The nearest children's play area, sports and amenity open space is at Ellenbrook. The Ellenbrook area is already deficient in most typologies of open space.

Tyttenhanger a small hamlet southeast of St Albans with small but adequate open space with a children's play and an area of amenity space. The community can access Winchfield Wood which is within the desirable walking distance. Tyttenhanger has no Park or Gardens the amenity open space has one goal but due the slope and undulations in ground cannot be regarded as sports field.

Study area summary.

The key open space typologies for younger people sports and play area across the study area shows a significant deficit with only 41% of the FIT standard being provided. The Parks and Garden and Amenity open spaces to an extent are closely related as defining the typology and the boundaries is a matter of judgment, overall, there is an adequate provision within the study area however not all are within the FIT desirable accessibility criteria.

Southeast St. Albans has three large areas of natural or semi natural open space Colney Heath common, Highfield Park and Ellenbrook Country Park. The situation with Ellenbrook Park is complex, the park is shared with Smallford (pop.508), Ellenbrook (pop.1641) and Hatfield Aerodrome (pop.5291) communities. It is subject to a planning application for a quarry which is appeal and still to be determined. A significant part of the park is within Colney Heath parish, this area of the park is the area of the quarry application and is also the most heavily used part of the park (CHPC Country Park User Study 2022-23).

Overall southeast St. Albans has an adequate provision of natural open space, however not all are within the FIT desirable accessibility criteria.

Study area summary open space requirement			
Study area population			C 9599
	Requirement	Actual	Pass/fail
Outdoor sports	15.36ha.	6.59ha.	Fail
Equipped play area	2.40ha	0.76ha	Fail
Parks and Gardens	7.68ha.	2.46ha	Fail
Amenity open space	5.75ha.	23.68	Pass
Natural and semi natural open space	17.28ha.	233.04ha	Pass
Notes			

Colney Heath Ward Open space provision	
Typology	Current provision
Play areas	Shortfall 0.02ha.
Parks and Gardens	No provision
Amenity	Shortfall 0.92ha
Natural or semi natural open space	Sufficient by 8.44ha.

Ref. SADC open space study 2024

Note - SADC Open space study used a different approach to allocating open space to this study SADC only recorded the area within the district whereas this study has recorded the total area available to a community even across all LPA boundaries.

Hill End Ward Open space provision	
Typology	Current provision
Play areas	Sufficient by 0.01ha
Parks and Gardens	Shortfall 0.41ha.
Amenity	Sufficient by 0.89ha
Natural or semi natural open space	Sufficient by 0.74ha.

Ref. SADC open space study 2024

Note – The SADC open space study assessed at Ward level this study has subdivided Wards to reflect FIT accessibility standards and practical issues relating to accessibility.

St. Albans Wards adjoining the study area.

The SADC Open Space Study 2024 also shows varying levels of provision in neighbouring wards with most being below the FIT standard provision levels. One must conclude these wards can offer little assistance in meeting the open space requirement of the study where provision is below the required FIT standard. Indeed, one can conclude that residents may well travel into the study area to access open space particularly for natural and semi natural open space.

Clarence Ward Open space provision	
Typology	Current provision
Play areas	Shortfall 0.01ha.
Parks and Gardens	Shortfall 0.15ha.
Amenity	Shortfall 1.40ha.
Natural or semi natural open space	No provision

Ref. SADC open space study 2024

Cunningham Ward Open space provision	
Typology	Current provision
Play areas	Shortfall 0.05ha.
Parks and Gardens	No provision
Amenity	Sufficient by 0.36ha.
Natural or semi natural open space	Shortfall 0.83ha.

Ref. SADC open space study 2024

Marshalswick East and Jersey Farm Ward Open space provision	
Typology	Current provision
Play areas	Shortfall 0.03ha.
Parks and Gardens	Shortfall 0.63ha.
Amenity	Sufficient 0.24ha.
Natural or semi natural open space	Shortfall 3.14ha.

Ref. SADC open space study 2024

Full details are within each areas assessment in appendix 4.

Open Space Provision Summary				
Community area	Population	Open space typology	Area req.	Current provision
Alban Way south	C 259	Outdoor sports	0.41ha.	0.00ha.
		Play areas	0.06ha.	0.00ha.
		Parks and Gardens	0.21ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	0.15ha.	0.00ha.
		Natural open space	0.47ha.	0.00ha.
Alban Way north	C 611	Outdoor sports	0.98ha.	0.00ha.
		Play areas	0.15ha.	0.02ha.
		Parks and Gardens	0.49ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	0.37ha.	0.00ha.
		Natural open space	1.10ha.	0.00ha.
Barley Mow Lane	C 45	Outdoor sports	0.07ha.	0.00ha.
		Play areas	0.01ha.	0.00ha.
		Parks and Gardens	0.04ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	0.03ha.	0.00ha.
		Natural open space	0.08ha.	0.00ha.
Colney Heath - Roestock	C 1139	Outdoor sports	1.82ha.	0.05ha.
		Play areas	0.25ha.	0.02ha.
		Parks and Gardens	0.90ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	0.68ha.	0.89ha.
		Natural open space	2.05ha.	11.2ha.
Colney Heath - High Street	C 551	Outdoor sports	0.88ha.	1.15ha.
		Play areas	0.14ha.	0.07ha.
		Parks and Gardens	0.44ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	0.33ha.	0.00ha.
		Natural open space	0.99ha.	34.4ha.
Colney Heath village	C 1690	Outdoor sports	2.72ha.	1.20ha.
		Play areas	0.42ha.	0.10ha.
		Parks and Gardens	1.39ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	1.02ha.	0.89ha.
		Natural open space	3.06ha.	34.3ha.
Highfield south	C 1312	Outdoor sports	2.10ha.	5.34ha. #
		Play areas	0.33ha.	0.05ha. #
		Parks and Gardens	1.05ha.	2.36ha. #
		Amenity open space	0.78ha.	6.83ha. #
		Natural open space	3.36ha.	18.15ha. #
Highfield north	C 1317	Outdoor sports	2.10ha.	5.34ha. #
		Play areas	0.33ha.	0.37ha. #
		Parks and Gardens	1.05ha.	2.36ha. #
		Amenity open space	0.79ha.	6.20ha. #
		Natural open space	2.37ha.	11.67ha. #

Open Space Provision Summary				
Community area	Population	Open space typology	Area req.	Current provision
Hill End Ward north	C 3356	Outdoor sports	5.37ha.	0.05ha.
		Play areas	0.84ha.	0.12ha.
		Parks and Gardens	2.68ha.	0.09ha.
		Amenity open space	2.01ha.	4.75ha.
		Natural open space	6.04ha.	0.62ha.
Sleapshyde	C 377	Outdoor sports	0.60ha.	0.00ha.
		Play areas	0.09ha.	0.07ha.
		Parks and Gardens	0.30ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	0.25ha.	0.23ha.
		Natural open space	0.68ha.	0.00ha.
Smallford	C 508	Outdoor sports	0.82ha.	0.00ha.
		Play areas	0.13ha.	0.00ha.
		Parks and Gardens	0.40ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	0.30ha.	0.00ha.
		Natural open space	0.91ha.	180ha. #
Tyttenhanger Green	C 115	Outdoor sports	0.18ha.	0.00ha.
		Play areas	0.03ha.	0.07ha.
		Parks and Gardens	0.09ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	0.07ha.	0.98ha.
		Natural open space	0.91ha.	6.48ha.
Communities within Welwyn Hatfield LPA				
Ellenbrook	1641	Outdoor sports	2.6ha.	0.17ha.
		Play areas	0.4ha.	0.06ha.
		Parks and Gardens	1.3ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	1.0ha.	0.25ha.
		Natural open space	2.9ha.	180ha. #*
South Hatfield-Oxlease	7987	Outdoor sports	12.7ha.	0.00ha.
		Play areas	2.00ha.	0.74ha.
		Parks and Gardens	6.4ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	4.8ha.	6.80ha.
		Natural open space	14.4ha.	5.83ha.
Roe Green	6482	Outdoor sports	10.4ha.	4.27ha.
		Play areas	1.6ha.	0.53ha.
		Parks and Gardens	5.2ha.	0.00ha.
		Amenity open space	3.9ha.	0.00ha.
		Natural open space	11.7ha.	0.00ha.

Notes –

Meets the required provision standard (FIT)	Falls below the required provision standard (FIT)
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This area of open space is shared with two or more communities being within the FIT accessibility standard, the total area has been recorded it has not been sub-divided between communities.

*. Ellenbrook Country Park, part of the Country Park may be unavailable to users in the future as part of Country Park is on the site on a proposed quarry which is at appeal and still awaiting a discussion.

The neighbourhood areas in Hatfield are those used in Welwyn Hatfield Community Facilities Study October 2012, this study also provided the population data for Hatfield so out of date compared with SADC data which is based on 2021 census and or electoral registers.

Accessing Open Space

This section focuses on each community's accessibility to open space using the Fields in Trust standards (FIT).

Fields in Trust Standards		
Open Space Typology	Standard per 1000 population	Walking distance
All outdoor sports	1.60ha	1200m
Equipped/designated play areas	0.25ha.	400m
Parks and Gardens	0.8ha.	710m
Amenity open space	0.6ha	480m
Natural and semi natural	1.8ha	720m

Alban Way communities both north and south fail the accessibility FIT standard on all but one of the open space typologies only meeting the recommended accessibility standard for sports fields. However, it must be noted that for Albans Way south it is only for basketball/netball pitch in Longacres Park where the provision level is already below the FIT standard. Alban Way north can also access the sports field in Highfield Park.

Barley Mow Lane community, the accessibility is below the required FIT standard for all forms of open space.

Colney Heath - High Street, access to open space meets the accessibility FIT standard for all, but one form of open space, it fails to meet the accessibility standard on access to Park and Gardens.

Colney Heath - Roestock community access to open space meets the FIT accessibility standard for all but one form of open space, it fails to meet the accessibility standard on access to Park and Gardens. However, it must be noted that Roestock Park only has a basketball/netball pitch the nearest football pitch is at Colney Heath Football Club which is beyond the FIT desirable walking distance.

Highfield south (former Cell Barns Hospital area) community has access to all types of open space within the FIT accessibility standard.

Highfield north (former Hill End Hospital area) community has access to open spaces within the FIT accessibility standards on all but access to Parks and Gardens the nearest being the further end of Highfield Park which beyond the FIT access standard.

Hill End Ward north community is within the FIT desirable walking distance for children's play areas, amenity open space and sports fields at Longacre Park, however, it must be noted that that Longacres Park only has a basketball/netball pitch. It should also be noted that residents living north of the Hatfield Road (A1057) will need to cross this busy road which may be unsuitable for some younger children, there are zebra crossings near Beechwood Avenue and Oakwood Drive which will assist many people. Parks and Gardens and natural open space other than the small area at Hill End Garden of Rest are all beyond the desirable FIT walking distance.

Sleapshyde community, only children's play areas and amenity open spaces are accessible within the FIT accessibility standard, access to all other typologies of open space is beyond the FIT standard walking distance.

Smallford community, only has access to one form of open space that is natural or semi natural open space in the case access to Ellenbrook Country Park. However, it must be noted that there is currently a planning appeal still to be determined for a quarry on the Country Park. This is likely to make the park less attractive to visitors and during some phases the open space may be beyond the FIT accessibility standard.

Tyttenhanger community have access to a children's play, amenity open, sports field at Charles Morris Hall, the sports field only has a single goal and on a noticeable slope. All natural open spaces and Parks and Gardens are beyond the FIT desirable walking standard.

Children's play area all grades - within 400m walking distance of community											
Open space	Community										
	Alban Way south	Alban Way north	Barley Mow Lane	Colney Heath High Street	Colney Heath Roestock	Highfield south	Highfield north	Hill End Ward north	Sleapshyde	Smallford	Tyttenhanger
Colney Heath football club	2100	2800	1400	95	1300	3600	3300	3300	1300	2200	2600
Colney Heath Roestock play area	3100	3800	2500	1200	50	4500	4300	4400	2300	3200	3700
Ellenbrook Recreation Area #	3400	3300	3000	2600	2800	4600	3700	3900	1600	4200	1800
Hatfield Big Park play area	4200	4900	3600	2500	1700	5700	5400	5500	2500	3400	4800
Highfield Tillage Close play area	2000	1600	2000	3300	4500	3502	750	1400	3500	3100	900
Highfield Village Green play area	1500	1300	2100	3300	4600	500	400	800	3600	2700	1200
Longacres play areas	1300	1100	2500	3200	4500	1400	850	290	3400	2300	2100
Marconi Way play area	800	600	2000	2700	4000	1500	650	550	2900	2100	1700
Marston Way play area	1000	800	2200	2900	4200	1100	230	850	3100	2200	1500
Puddingstone Drive play area	2000	1800	2000	3400	4700	25	850	1400	3600	3200	900
Sleapshyde play area	2200	2800	1700	1200	2400	3700	3200	3400	85	1300	2800
Stanmore Chase play area	1200	1000	2400	3100	4400	900	95	1000	3300	2500	1600
Trestle play area	1300	1100	2300	3200	4500	800	230	800	3400	2600	1500
Tyttenhanger Charles Morris play area #	2200	2000	1400	2700	3900	350	900	2100	2900	3500	150

This area of open space is shared with two or more communities being within the FIT accessibility standard, the total area has been recorded it has not been sub-divided between communities.

Amenity Open space within 480m walking distance of the community											
Open space	Community										
	Tytenhanger	Smallford	Sleapshyde	Hill End ward north	Highfield north	Highfield south	Colney Heath Roestock	Colney Heath High Street	Barley Mow Lane	Alban Way north	Alban Way south
Colney Heath Community Park	2100	1700	800	2800	2700	3000	1400	400	900	2200	1600
Colney Heath Football Club	2600	2200	1300	3300	3300	3600	1200	180	1500	2800	2100
Colney Heath Roestock Park	3700	3200	2400	4400	4300	4700	120	1200	2500	3800	3100
Ellenbrook Recreation Area #	1800	4200	1600	3900	3700	4600	2800	2600	3000	3300	3400
Gloucester Park	1200	3000	3900	1100	600	550	4100	3700	2400	1500	1700
Hatfield Big Park	4700	3400	2400	5400	5300	5700	1400	2200	3500	4800	4100
Highfield Park #	1100	2400	3200	1100	220	260	4100	3000	2200	850	1100
Longacre Park	1800	2400	3200	300	650	1200	4100	3000	2200	1100	1300
Puddingstone Drive	900	3200	3600	1400	850	25	4700	3400	2000	1800	2000
Sleapshyde recreational park	2800	1300	100	3300	3200	3700	2300	1200	1600	2800	2200
Tytenhanger Charles Morris	230	3400	2900	2100	1500	900	3800	2800	1500	1900	2100

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Parks and Gardens- within 710m walking distance of community											
Open space	Community										
	Tytenhanger	Smallford	Sleapshyde	Hill End ward north	Highfield north	Highfield south	Colney Heath Roestock	Colney Heath High Street	Barley Mow Lane	Alban Way north	Alban Way south
Highfield Park	1200	3200	4000	1300	800	350	6000	3800	2400	1700	1900
Hill End Garden of Rest	2400	2400	3300	550	500	1000	4200	3100	2300	850	1000
Marslen Road	1200	3400	3900	1700	1100	25	4900	3700	2300	1900	2100

Sports areas and fields (all grades) - within 1200m walking distance of community											
Open space	Community										
	Tytenhanger	Smallford	Sleapshyde	Hill End ward north	Highfield north	Highfield south	Colney Heath Roestock	Colney Heath High Street	Barley Mow Lane	Alban Way north	Alban Way south
Colney Heath football club	2700	2200	1300	3400	2800	3600	1200	150	1500	2800	2100
Colney Heath Roestock Park #	3700	3200	2300	4400	3800	4700	110	1200	2500	3800	3100
Ellenbrook Recreation Area #	1800	4200	1600	3900	3700	4600	2800	2600	3000	3300	3400
Hatfield Big Park	4700	3400	2500	5500	4800	5700	1500	2200	3500	4800	4200
Highfield Park #	850	2500	3400	1200	1100	350	4200	3200	1700	1100	1300
Longacres play areas #	2000	2300	3400	350	1000	1400	4300	3200	2400	1000	1200
Tytenhanger Charles Morris #	240	3400	3000	2200	1900	900	3900	2800	1400	1900	2100

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Natural and semi natural open space - within 720m walking distance of community											
Open space	Community										
	Tytenhanger	Smallford	Sleapshyde	Hill End ward north	Highfield north	Highfield south	Colney Heath Roestock	Colney Heath High Street	Barley Mow Lane	Alban Way north	Alban Way south
Colney Heath Bullen Green Wood	4100	3300	2500	4800	4600	5000	550	1700	3000	4300	3700
Colney Heath common	2500	2000	1100	3200	3100	3400	500	200	1300	2600	2000
Ellenbrook Country Park	3600	200	1500	2500	2600	3500	3400	2200	2600	2300	2500
Hatfield Big Park	4500	3200	2300	5200	5000	5400	1200	2000	3300	4600	4200
Highfield Park	900	2500	3300	1200	230	500	4000	2900	1600	950	1100
Highfield Winchfield Wood	750	3400	3400	1600	1000	350	4400	3300	1900	1800	2000
Hill End Garden of Rest #	2400	2400	3300	550	500	1000	4200	3100	2300	850	1000
Tytenhanger Knights Wood	1600	3200	2300	3300	2700	2000	2900	1800	1800	3400	2800

Notes –

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Meets the required assess standard (FIT)	Falls below the required access standard (FIT)
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The walking distances were measured using Google maps from centre of the community to the open space and assessed against the Fields in Trust accessibility standard.