

Policy OS1

Open Space and Recreation

1. The District's designated open spaces, as shown on the interactive map, will be retained for their current use and type of open space unless it can be demonstrated that the tests set out in national policy have been met.
2. All other open spaces of value to the local community, either through use or contribution to local character, will also be retained. It is expected that Local Green Spaces, as defined in national policy, will be designated through the Neighbourhood Plan process.
3. Major development proposals will be required to incorporate good quality open space, including natural or wild greenspace. Where an adequate quantity of open space exists in the local area, consideration may be given to improving the quality of the existing open space to benefit new and existing residents, in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Open Space Study, for example improving accessibility or enhancing biodiversity. All new or improved open space must include arrangements for long term maintenance and management.