

Policy OS2

Children and Young People's Play Space

1. All major residential development proposals, but excluding proposals for older persons accommodation, must include provision for children and young people's play space. Proposals will be expected to apply, as a minimum, the below Fields in Trust requirements for the inclusion of equipped play space, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this is not feasible or viable, in which case a lower level of provision can be provided as agreed with the Council.

Fields in Trust Children and Play Space Standards				
Size of Development	Informal play space	Local areas of play (LAPs)	Local equipped areas of play (LEAPs)	Neighbourhood equipped areas for play (NEAPs)
10-20 homes	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
21-99 homes	✓	✓	N/A	N/A
100-499 homes	✓	✓	✓	To be considered, where appropriate
500+ homes	✓	✓	✓	✓

2. All new children and young people's play space must be of high quality, include multiple pieces of attractive and engaging equipment including natural play, be accessible and inclusive to all users including those with special educational needs and disabilities, and appropriate to the location and the local community it serves to enable effective use.
3. In cases where it can be demonstrated that it better meets local need, provision may be secured through the improvement and expansion of existing facilities within the local area, rather than new provision. This will be considered on a case by case basis for minor developments only.