

Salford Greenspace Strategy

Supplementary Planning Document

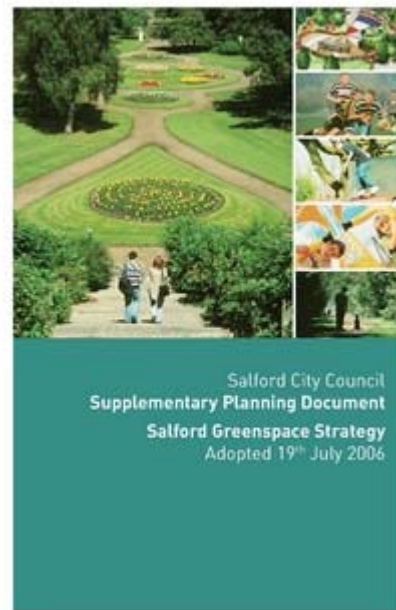
Annual Review 2007 (Summary)



Salford City Council

Salford Greenspace Strategy SPD

The purpose of Salford Greenspace Strategy SPD is to protect and enhance Salford's greenspace resource by improving accessibility to good quality green space provision. The document sets local standards for greenspace provision in Salford and identifies sites for improvement by 2016.



Local Standards

All households should be within:

- 500 metres walking distance of a local semi-natural greenspace;
- 2000 metres walking distance of a strategic semi-natural greenspace;
- 400 metres walking distance of a Local Equipped Area of Play;
- 1000 metres walking distance of a Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play;
- 1200 metres walking distance of a Neighbourhood Park;
- 3200 metres walking distance of a District Park;

All households should also have access to:

- A full range of youth and adult facilities within each Community Committee Area;
- A minimum of 0.73ha of high quality managed sports pitches per 1000 population;
- A minimum of 0.25ha of equipped children's play space per 1000 population;

Main Achievements 2006/07

(Parks and Sports Pitches)



Riverside Park

District Parks:

- Accessible to 59% of households (only 21% in February 2006)
- £504, 000 investment to enhance facilities at Buile Hill Park, Prince's Park and Parr Fold Park to District Park standard
- Master Plans now developed for 6 District Parks
- Green Flag Status at Victoria Park

Neighbourhood Parks:

- Accessible to almost 74% of households
- New Site Provision at Riverside Park (Littleton Road Playing Fields)
- Refurbishment / Enhancement at Langworthy Park

Sports Pitches:

- Playing Pitch Assessment and Action Plan review is due to be completed by September 2007 including tennis and bowls
- Improvements to Brookhouse Playing Fields and Beech Farm Playing Fields drainage

Main Achievements 2006/07 (Play Areas)

Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAP):

- The level of provision has remained constant (33%)
- New Site Provision at Regent Square, Gloucester Place, Charlestown Park, Riverside Park (Littleton Road Playing Fields) and Wet Earth Green (Agecroft/Pendlebury)
- Enhancement at Mandley Park and Langworthy Park
- Provision has fallen below standard at 5 sites although funding has been secured for the replacement of Tully Street, Madamswood Road, Shackleton Street and Clifton Green.



Wet Earth Green



Gloucester Place

Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAP):

- Slight drop in provision (to 62%)
- New Site Provision at Gloucester Place and Riverside Park (Littleton Road Playing Fields)
- Refurbishment / Enhancement at Langworthy Park
- Provision has Fallen Below Standard at Ordsall Park and Clifton Green

Local Areas for Play (LAP):

- New windfall provision at 3 sites: Kingsley Avenue, Seaford Road and Willow Park



Seaford Road

Main Achievements 2006/07 (Semi-Natural Greenspace and Green Access Corridors)

£102, 500 additional financial support for the Rangers Service

Local Semi-Natural Greenspace:

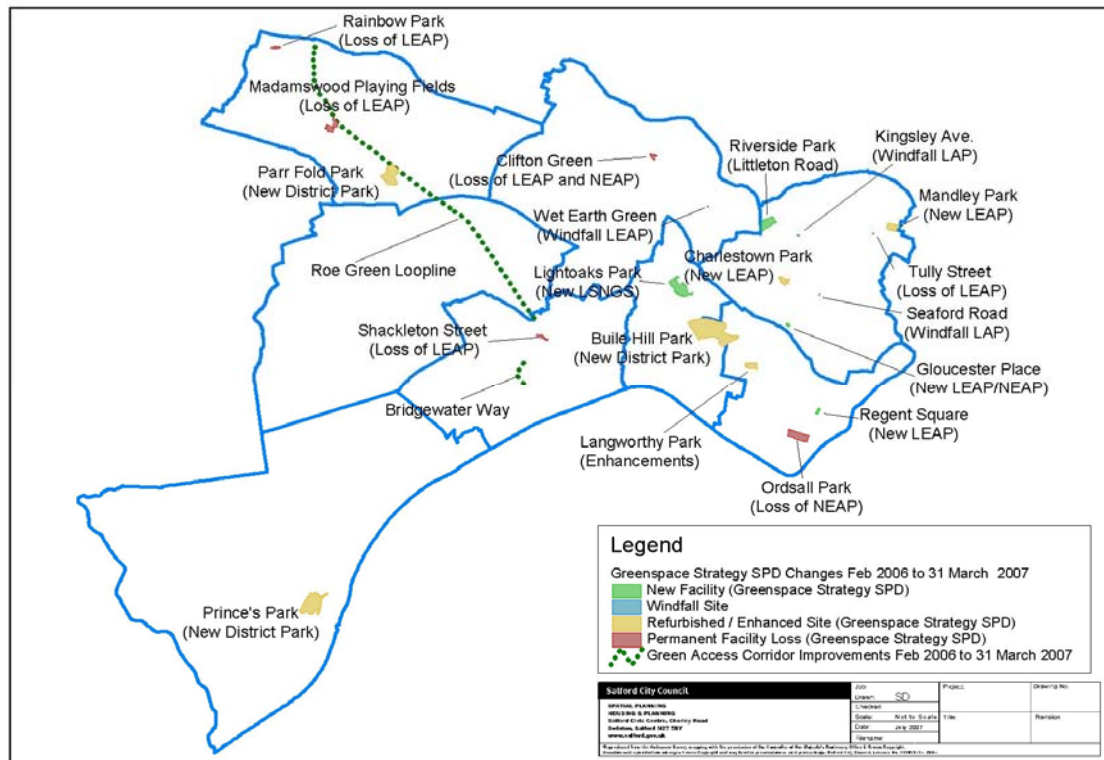
- Accessible to 49% of households
- Enhancement at Lightoaks Park, Ashton's Field Colliery Informal Open Space and Queensmere and near to completion at Langworthy Park

Strategic Semi-Natural Greenspace:

- The level of provision has remained constant (51%)
- Continued Enhancement at Slack Brook Country Park
- Green Flag status retained at Blackleach Country Park and awarded for the first time to Clifton Country Park

Green Access Corridors

- £385, 000 combined investment along Roe Green Loopline and Tyldesley Loopline
- £75, 000 investment along The Bridgewater Way
- £73, 000 investment secured for a riverside cycle way along the River Irwell off Littleton Road



Greenspace Strategy Sites Changes and Improvements (February 2006 to March 2007)

Funding 2006/07



Over £1.8 million was spent
on Open Space
Improvements in Salford:

**Planning Obligations
(Section 106): £278,070**



**New Opportunities
Fund: £175,600**



**Salford City Council
Greenspace Funding:
£516,500**



**Neighbourhood Renewal
Fund: £462,000**



**Safer, Stronger
Communities
Fund: £308,513**

**Football Foundation:
£122,000**

Total: £1,862,683

Corporate Framework and Links

The Greenspace Strategy SPD has provided a framework and strong links have been established with a range of corporate priorities including:

- Local Area Agreement 2007;
- Play Strategy;
- Parks for People Strategy;
- Obesity Strategy;
- Healthy Walks Initiative;
- Ranger Service;
- Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan;
- Building Schools for the Future
- Environmental Crime Reduction Strategy



Future Provision and Priorities

Planning permission secured during 2006/07 will have substantial new open space benefits as development progresses:

- New urban park in Lower Broughton
- New large public realm in the Greengate area of the city
- New village green and Home Zones with LAPs at the Kersal Heights

- **Financial contributions for open space improvements totalling £3.61 million secured through 33 planning applications**



Riverside Park



Seaford Road

Priorities for 2007/08 and beyond:

- Continue to use the Greenspace Strategy to identify the sites where future financial contributions should be directed
- Continue with the District Park development programme to bring the remaining District Parks up to standard by March 2011 - funding is being sought from the Lead Member's for Environment and Customer & Service Support
- Diversify the range of play facilities that are provided/funded
- Encourage Local Areas for Play in appropriate circumstances (deficiency areas and areas of higher play demand in particular)
- Playing Pitch Assessment & Strategy – incorporate the findings of the 2007 review and target improvements to sports and area priorities identified in the Action Plan
- Green Access Corridor guidance to supplement the Design SPD
- Continue to promote corporate working within the context of the Greenspace Strategy