**AIREBOROUGH HOUSING MARKET CHARACTERISTIC AREA**

**GUISELEY AND RAWDON, HORSFORTH AND OTLEY AND YEADON WARDS**

**INTRODUCTION**

**1. Aireborough Housing Market Characteristic Area and Wards**

1.1 Plan 1 shows the boundaries of the three wards that fall, to a greater or lesser extent, within Aireborough Housing Market Characteristic Area (HMCA). The plan also shows the areas of greenspace by type that fall in the HMCA area. Copies of plans are available upon request. Please e-mail ldf@leeds.gov.uk.

1.2 The greenspace sites shown on the plan and used in the following assessment are those which were identified and surveyed during the citywide Open Space, Sport and Recreation Assessment (referred to as the Open Space Audit) in 2008 and not the allocated greenspace (N1, N1a, N5 and N6) identified in the UDP Review 2006. Many sites are in both but there are variations which must be noted: 1) some allocated sites are not included (where they have been developed); 2) others appear with amended boundaries; and 3) there are additional sites which are not currently allocated but have been identified through the audit as functioning as greenspace. Plan 2 overlays the existing UDP allocations with the boundaries of the Open Space Audit sites and thereby clearly shows the differences between the two. Appendix 1 contains a list of those allocated sites which do not appear on the plan and the reasons why they are not shown. It is proposed to delete these sites, revise the boundaries of some sites to reflect what is currently on the ground and designate the new sites identified through the Open Space Audit.

1.3 Housing Market Characteristic Areas are sub-areas recognising the diverse nature and characteristics of market areas across the City. These areas take account of topographical and settlement spatial definitions as well as operational housing markets in terms of house prices and land values. They reflect geographical areas that people tend to associate with finding properties to live in.

1.4 Whilst other subjects have been considered on an HMCA basis, the quantity of greenspace has been analysed according to wards because this allowed a more accurate analysis by ward population figures. The quality and accessibility of greenspace is assessed on an HMCA basis.

1.5 There are 3 wards that fall to a greater or lesser extent within the Aireborough Housing Market Characteristic Area (HMCA). Guiseley and Rawdon Ward falls completely within the area, along with a significant part of Otley and Yeadon Ward and a smaller part of Horsforth Ward.

1.6 Where an area of greenspace falls across the boundary of the ward then only the part of the greenspace that falls within the ward has been included in the analysis. Care has been taken to check this would not result in the division of a facility.

**2.0 Total Greenspace in 3 Wards**

2.1 Total greenspace in Guiseley and Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley and Yeadon wards is **727.524 ha** on 182 greenspace sites. Excluding green corridors, cemeteries and golf courses the total is **587.752 ha** this relates to 157 sites.

**3.0 Core Strategy Policy G3: Standards for Open Space, Sport and Recreation**

3.1 Policy G3 sets out standards for the following types of greenspace:

• Parks and Gardens

• Outdoor Sports Provision - excludes MUGAs, single goal ends and golf courses. Includes tennis courts, bowling greens, athletics tracks, synthetic pitches, adult pitches, junior pitches (football, rugby, cricket)

• Amenity greenspace – excludes cemeteries.

• Children and young people’s equipped play facilities – includes MUGAs skate parks, teen shelters, play facilities.

• Allotments – both used and unused.

• Natural greenspace - excludes green corridors.

3.2 There are no standards in the Core Strategy for cemeteries, green corridors and golf courses.

**QUANTITY OF GREENSPACE**

**4.0 Methodology**

4.1 The tables below show the breakdown of provision, or **quantity,** for each of the 6 types of greenspace defined in Policy G3 in the Core Strategy. The quantities have been divided by the total population of each ward to give a standard which can be compared against the standards in Policy G3.

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| 4.2 The ward population is taken from the ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates 2010. Ward Populations are as follows: **Ward** | **Population** |
| Guiseley and Rawdon | 26,496 |
| Horsforth | 22,457 |
| Otley and Yeadon | 22,233 |