

APPENDIX 7: OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT FORM

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Site Info

Greyed out fields will be completed by LPA officer

Site ID:	<input type="text"/>	Site Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Easting:	<input type="text"/>	Northing:	<input type="text"/>	Area (Ha): <input type="text"/>
Landscape Character Area:	<input type="text"/>			
Type:	<input type="text"/>			
Size group:	<input type="text"/>			
Date of Submission:	<input type="text"/>			

<h1>Map</h1>	<h1>Photo</h1>
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Quality and value scores

Overall quality score:	<input type="text"/>	- Site accessible (overall access category for analysis)
Overall value score:	<input type="text"/>	
Overall quality/value rating:	<input type="text"/>	

OPEN SPACE VALUE ASSESSMENT

A. Designations

A1. International

Total Score:

- +4 SPA
- +4 SAC
- +4 Ramsar

A2. National

Total Score:

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| +3 <input type="text"/> Listed Building | +3 <input type="text"/> NNR |
| +3 <input type="text"/> SAM | +3 <input type="text"/> Green Belt |
| +3 <input type="text"/> SSSI | +3 <input type="text"/> AONB |
| +3 <input type="text"/> English Heritage Register of Historic Parks and Gardens | |

A3. Access

Total Score:

- +3 National/Regional Trail
- +3 Sustrans Routes

A4. County - Statutory

Total Score:

+2 County Wildlife Site

A5. Local - Statutory

Total Score:

+1 Conservation Area

+1 Local Nature Reserve

+1 Potential Local Wildlife Site

+1 RIGS

A6. Other

Total Score:

+1 Within a Flood Risk Zone

+1 Biodiversity Network

+1 Common Land

+1 Contains Ancient Woodland

+1 Is there a school immediately adjacent to the green space?

+1 Village Greens

+1 T.P.O.

Potential green space designation - Section to be completed by LPA

Not scored, but green space may be eligible for local green space designation if all boxes are ticked

A7. Is the green space demonstrably special to a local community or does it have local significance because of its beauty, historic importance, recreational value, tranquility or wildlife?

A8. Is the green space local in character and not an extensive tract of land?

A9. Is the green space in reasonably close proximity to a centre of of population?

Community Involvement

Total Score:

+1 A10. Is there a Friends group?

+1 A11. Is there a programme of activities or has funding been provided to an organisation to enable a programme of activities to be developed and delivered?

+1 A12. Has the site achieved a Green Flag, Green Heritage or Green Pennant Award?

Community Involvement

+1 A13. has a management Plan with funding mechanism been secured to

ensure management for at least 30 years?

Water

Total Score:

A14. Is there a water body within or adjacent to the green space

+1 A15i. If so, is the waterbody a main river?

+1 A15ii. If so, is the waterbody an ordinary watercourse?

B. Informal Recreation

B1. Site Access

+5 We expect every newly provided or improved green space to be fully accessible

Types of Access provided:

freely accesible to public

Public Right of way or regional route

B2. Forms of Access Present

Total Score:

+1 Vehicular

+1 Cycle

+1 Pedestrian

+1 Horse

+1 Disabled

+1 Other (please State):

B3. Play Provision

Total Score:

Please tick if Play Provision is not applicable of the site?

+1 B3i. Has play equipment been included?

B3ii. Has other play provision been provided on site?

+1 MUGA +1 BMX

+1 Waterplay +1 Other:

+1 Skate Park

B4. Informal Recreation

Total Score:

Please tick if informal recreation is not applicable of the site?

+1 walking/dog walking +1 Skateboarding

+1 Childern's play +1 Horse riding

+1 sitting/relaxing +1 Cycling

+1 Young people hangingout +1 other (Please state):

C. Sport/Other Organised Activities

Please tick if sport and organised activities are not applicable

C1. Site Access

Total Score:

- | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| +1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outdoor Athletics Track | +1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tennis Court |
| | | | +1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bowling Green |
| +1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Grass Pitches | +1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ski slopes |
| +1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Artificial Pitches (e.g. astro turf) | +1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please state): |
| | | | <input type="text"/> | | |
| +1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Golf | | | |

D. Surrounding Areas

D1. Adjacent Land Uses

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transport Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Green Space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> | Coastal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Institution (e.g. Shools, Hospitals, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please state): |
| <input type="text"/> | | | |

E. Natural Habitats/Biodiversity

+1 E1. Does the scheme include a management plan promoting nature conservation?

E2. Vegetation types

Total Score:

Grassland

- +1 ornamental Lawn
- +1 short amenity lawn
- +1 Wildflower grassland
- +1 Low growing herbs
- +1 Tall herbs
- +1 Bracken

Scrub, shrubs & hedgerows

- +1 Scrub
- +1 Hedge

Water & Wetlands

- +1 running water (rivers and streams)

Trees & woodland

- +1 broadleaved woodland
- +1 coniferous woodland
- +1 woodland edges/ trees and shrubs forming shelterbelt
- +1 Tree groups/ scattered trees
- +1 Veteran trees or significant individual trees
- +1 Orchard
- +1 Deadwood

- +1 Canal
- +1 Pond/lake
- +1 Ditches (water filled)
- +1 Bog
- +1 Wet marginal vegetation

Flower beds

- +1 Annual bedding displays

- +1 Ornamental Planting

Brownfield land

- +1 Bare soil and rock

- +1 Derelict wasteland

Allotments

- +1 Active

Artificial habitats

- +1 Disused quarries and quarry faces

Scrub, shrubs & hedgerows

- +1 Coastal

- +1 Estuary

TOTAL SCORE: grassland, scrub, shrubs, hedgerows, water, wetlands and marine

TOTAL SCORE: trees, woodland, flower beds, brownfield land, allotments and artificial habitats

- 1 Invasive species

- +1 Other Vegetation type (Please State):

F. Character Setting

Total Score:

- +2 F1. has the green space been designed to define the edge or form a separating element between urban/rural edge?

F2. Does the green space contribute to the character setting of Plymouth?

- +2 F2a. Is the green space in a Landscape Character Area and does its design positively contribute it

- +2 F2b. Is the site coastal and does the design take account of this coastal setting?

- +1 F3. Does the green space and its design contribute to the character setting of the immediate local area? Does it positively contribute to a conservation area or its setting?

- +1 F4. Is the green space visible from adjacent main road/ railway/ public transport route?

- +1 F5. Has the green space been designed to incorporate a recognisable landmark features of local importance?

- +2 F6. Does the Green space and its design positively respond to or create any views out/of Plymouth City or the wider landscape/seascape?

+1 F7. Does the Green space and its design positively respond to or create any views out to/of the local area?

F8. Has the green space been designed to form a buffer for/absorb noise or air pollution from:

+1 Nearby traffic

+1 Nearby industry

+1 Other (Please state):

G. Amenity Detractors

Total Score:

-1 Road Noise

-1 Motorcycle scrambling

-1 Rail Noise

-1 Rubbish tipping

-1 Pollution

-1 Flooding

-1 Lack of management

-1 Other (Please state):

-1 Erosion

-1 Intrusive buildings

H. Educational Interest

Total Score:

+1 H1. Is there or does the design include a built facility which is being used by the local community for education?

+1 H2. Is there or does the design include a natural feature which can be used by the local community for education?

+1 H3 Does the site or its design offer educational interests (e.g. nature conservation interest or local historic significance)?

I. Productive Landscape

Total Score:

+1 Agricultural

+1 Forestry

+1 Communal food growing/allotments

+1 Other (Please state):

+1 Coppicing

OPEN SPACE QUALITY ASSESSMENT FORM

1. Welcoming Place

Total Score:

+1 to +4 1a. To what extent are the entrances well presented?

- +1 to +3 1b. To what extent are the boundaries well defined and maintained?
- +1 to +5 1c. What is the overall quality of access and accesses within and through the space?
- +1 to +5 1d. What is the overall quality of access and accesses for people travelling to open space?
- +1 to +2 1e. What is the overall provision of signage?

2. Health, Safety and Secure

Total Score:

- +1 to +3 2a. Overall provision for informal recreation?

2b. What is the condition of basic amenities?

- +1 to +3 Toilets
- +1 to +3 Car parking
- +1 to +3 Café
- +1 to +3 Litter and/or dog bins
- +1 to +3 Seating
- +1 to +3 Nature trail
- +1 to +3 Lifebelts
- +1 to +3 Cycle parking
- +1 to +3 Other (Please state):

- +1 2c. Is there natural surveillance into the site from surrounding properties?
- +1 2d. Do the approaches feel open and secure?
- +1 2e. Is there a flow of people through the park (to achieve self surveillance)?
- +1 2f. Is lighting provided?
- +1 2g. Is dog fouling evident onsite?

3. Clean & Well Maintained

Total Score:

- +1 3a. Is graffiti evident?
- +1 3b. Vandalism evident?
- +1 to +5 3c. Overall cleanliness
- +1 to +5 3d. Overall condition/quality of planted areas

- +1 to +5 3e. Overall condition/quality of grass areas
- +1 to +3 3f. Overall condition/quality of footpaths
- +1 to +3 3g. Quality of water and associated edge treatment

3h. Are there any buildings or other built feature onsite?

- +1 to +3 If so, please note condition

4. Sustainability

Total Score:

- +1 4a. Does the proposal include green waste composting area?
- +1 4b. Does the proposal include sustainable management practices?
- +1 4c. Does the proposal include waste minimisation/ recycling?

5. Conservation and heritage

Total Score:

- +1 to +3 5a. Rate the overall design of the open space
- +1 5b. Does the current proposal assist in conserving historic buildings and/or structures?

6. Community involvement

Total Score:

- +1 6a. Does the design include a permanent public noticeboard on site?
- +1 6b. If so, are up to date notices displayed?
- +1 6c. Are there any temporary notices on site informing users about current developments?
- +1 6d. If so, are they up to date?