

### Melton Open Space Study Standards Paper April 2015 – Summary

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- 1.1 This Paper sets out an approach to securing open space facilities through new housing development and provides the basis for negotiation with developers for contributions towards the provision of appropriate open space facilities and their long-term maintenance.
- 1.2 The Paper identifies Quality, Accessibility and Quantity Standards for all open space typologies namely: Parks and Gardens; Natural and Semi-natural greenspace; Amenity greenspace; Provision for Children and Young People; and Allotments. It identifies deficiencies and makes recommendations for each of the four analysis areas: Central Melton; East Melton; North Melton; and West Melton. In addition, quantity deficiencies are identified on a ward by ward basis.
- 1.3 Where deficits are identified, the Paper provides a method for the calculation of on-site contributions which is based on the number of dwellings delivered. The Paper provides worked examples for three scenarios, namely: an SUE of 1,300 dwellings; a development in Melton Mowbray of 200 dwellings; and a small rural development of 30 dwellings.
- 1.4 In instances where no deficit exists or on-site provision is not realistic, the Paper provides guidance on seeking off-site contributions towards improving quality of existing provision.
- 1.5 The Paper makes recommendations as to the approach the Council could take in terms of ensuring the maintenance of new open space provision.
- 1.7 The Paper uses the Fields in Trust recommended minimum areas for equipped play areas which will be applicable to large scale housing developments.
- 1.8 An approach for securing developer contributions for playing pitches is set out in the appendices of the Paper. This uses population projections to calculate team generation rates and the future demand for pitches. Where a demand exists, a calculation is then provided for determining on-site contributions based on the number of dwellings to be delivered in each development. In addition a calculation is provided for determining developer contributions towards off-site pitches and changing accommodation. This information will inform policy on the provision of sports pitches based on the scale and location of new development.