

Ashford Borough Council Open Space Strategy – Questionnaire

Update of Parishes public open space information

Q1. Name of the Parish / Town Council: Tenterden Town Council

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Q3. List any changes to the existing public open spaces in your Parish/Town during the last 5 years including name/type of space/address/total size of area if known):

1. St. Michaels recreation ground (marked (1) on plan) is a general amenity area as well as including a play area.

2. There are churchyards at St. Michaels, (2) St. Mildred's, (3) and a small, old cemetery in Station road (4).

3. There are two areas of privately owned land at Westwell (5) and Appledore Road (6) crossed by footpaths and used as general amenity land, large parts of which the town council wants designated as country parks.

4. The development of houses at Tent1A (southern extension of 250 units) will include a stretch of open general amenity space at (7) – which will form a break with the proposed Tent1B development of a similar number of units to the south of Tent1A.

5. The development at the rear of Kiln Fields (Cruttenden Close, Abbots Way) included designated open space (general amenity area) at (8)

6. The Town Council wishes to prevent development of Hales Place 'orchard' (9) and the Glebe Field (10) in order to retain 'green lungs' close to the town centre and preserve views in both directions.

7. There is a small, formal Millennium Garden (owned by the Town Council) just off the High Street at (11)

8. Local wildlife sites (coloured yellow on the plan) are kept free of development. This is mainly for wildlife and biodiversity conservation, but some areas (such as Knockwood) are also general amenity areas for walkers, etc. The sites are listed below – plans of each can be provided if wanted:

- Sandpit Wood etc. Clapper Hill
- Knockwood
- Ashenden Gill
- Heronden Woods and Pasture
- Friezingham Dykes and Newmill Channel
- Millpond Farm
- Kench Hill

Q4. List any approved future plans for new public open spaces in your Parish/Town. If known, add the name of the lead organisation, developer/community etc), expected completion date and how funded:

1. See reply to Q3 above re. proposed country parks (item 3).

2. The Town Council is also actively seeking to acquire land for outdoor sports (especially football) pitches. These would be acquired from a combination of negotiating with developers S106 fund, grant funding and the council's own resources.

Q5. What new or improved open space / recreation opportunities do you think would benefit your Parish/Town?

1. As in Q4 above.
2. Possible acquisition of other land (at Belgar or Huson Farm) for open space of different type if further development proceeds there.

Q6. Are you aware of any particular groups within your community whose needs for recreation/open spaces are currently not met?

1. Football, netball and tennis clubs/players.
2. Dog walkers.
3. Walkers generally.

Q7. Please add further comments you may have about the standard of open space, play and sports/recreation and future opportunities in your Parish/Town which should be considered as an issue in the new Open Spaces Strategy:

1. We would seek (from you) indications as to the minimum standards/benchmark for a population of (say) 10,000, with a view to at least achieving those standards.
2. Outdoor sports pitches are an urgent and important priority.