

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM 7

22ND MAY 2017
DECISIONS LIST NO. 549

DECISIONS OF ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE.

The following decisions have been made:

Planning Applications:

- 14/00467/
AMND/AS** **Springwood House, Appledore Road.**
Non-material minor amendment to 14/00467/AS for the erection of replacement dwelling, garage, holiday let, alterations to access and fence with gate along road boundary (part retrospective) - Revision to windows to side (East) and front (South) elevations
PERMIT.
- 15/01160/
CONC/AS** **Danemore, Beachy Path.**
Discharge of conditions 06, 12, 13 & 16.
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS.
- 16/00598/AS** **Little Orchards, Ashford Road.**
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1 building containing 8 flats for active retired people and 1 warden's flat, with associated parking.
PERMIT.
- 17/00198/AS** **Stace House, Woodchurch Road.**
Replacement of four windows with wooden casement windows, to west and north side elevations.
CONSENT IS GRANTED.
- 17/00223/AS** **Thumbelina, 17a High Street.**
Relocation of the entrance door forward to mirror neighbour's shop front.
CONSENT IS GRANTED.
- 17/00261/AS** **Swaines, 4-5 East Cross.**
Proposed partial change of use to provide 2 no. residential apartments over existing retail space including additional window to first floor rear elevation.
PERMIT.
- 17/00314/AS** **3 and 4 Yew Tree Cottage, Grange Road.**
Demolition and rebuilding of the existing cottages (retrospective).
PLANNING PERMISSION IS GRANTED.
- 17/00359/AS** **5 Goldsmith Court.**
Erection of sun room extension to replace conservatory.
PERMIT.
- 17/00385/AS** **14 Knockwood Road.**
Part demolition of store/garage and construction of single storey side/rear extension.
PERMIT.

17/00618/AS 10 Homewood Road.

Lawful development certificate – proposed single storey timber outbuilding.

WOULD BE LAWFUL.

End

Population: 7613

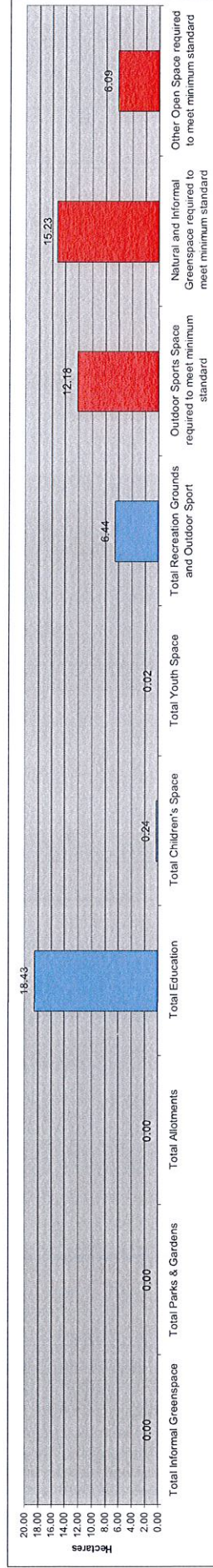
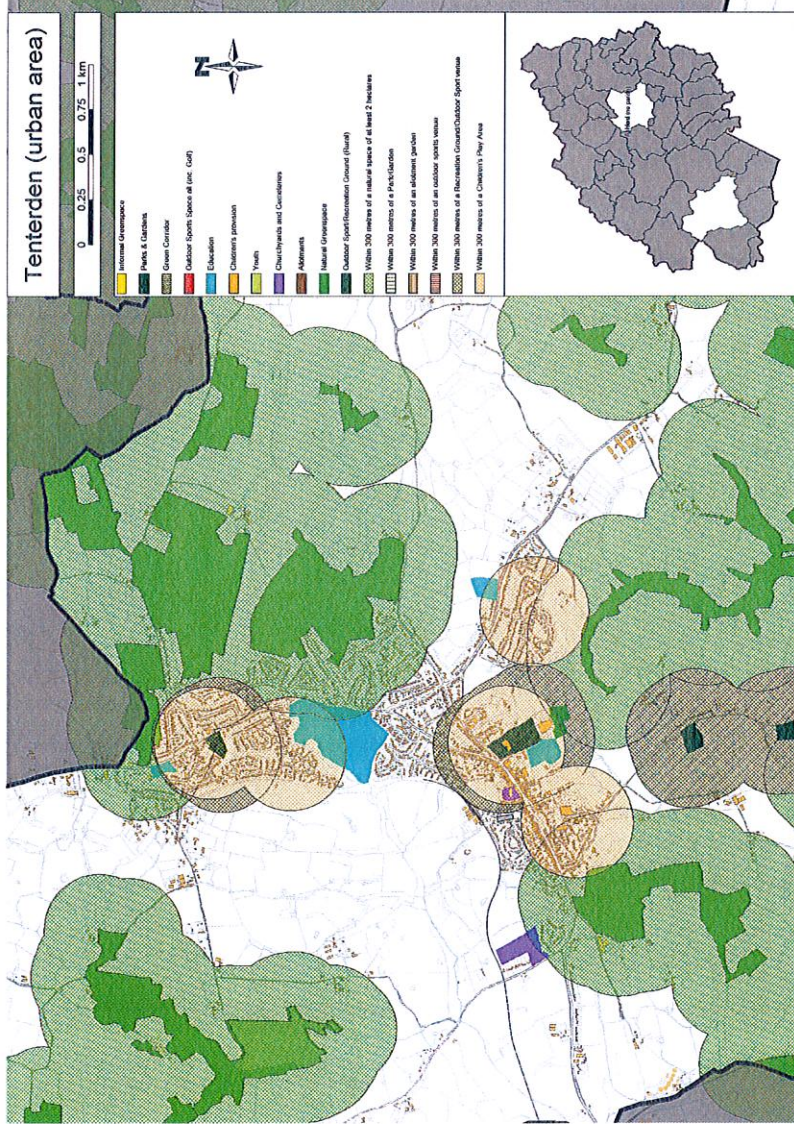
Town Council view: the council feels there is insufficient provision across a range of facilities including playing pitches, bowls, children and teenage provision, footpaths and wildlife areas. The council considers this could be compounded with additional development.

Most used space: recreation grounds and play areas

Other points raised by town council: as above.

General comments: overall, provision is generally of good quality. However, the distribution of provision for teenagers and children in particular does not provide town wide coverage.

There should be opportunities to improve and sign footpath links to the surrounding woodlands and countryside.





16 May 2017

Dear Stakeholder,

**Ashford Borough Council Open Space Strategy –
Update of Parishes public open space information**

I recently wrote to you regarding the production of a new Open Space Strategy by Ashford Borough Council. Allen Scott Landscape Architecture have been appointed to assist the Council in developing the strategy which will be used to inform the emerging Local Plan.

The Open Space Strategy (OSS) will provide a clear plan to guide open space provision over the next 5-7 years, following on from the current Open Space Study which was produced in 2008.

Local stakeholder consultation sessions have already taken place on the OSS issues at which my colleague Marc Tomes and I met a number of representatives from Parish and Town Councils.

We would now like your support in ensuring we have up-to-date information on all the public open spaces in the borough.

Auditing Public Open Spaces

To develop the strategy, we need to have an up to date record of current public open spaces across the Borough, and to also capture known future changes. Ashford Borough Council holds GIS mapping data and descriptions for both urban and rural public open spaces, but the data needs reviewing to ensure that all open space provision is documented.

Therefore, we need your help to check the following:

- Existing public open space in your Parish /Town
- Approved future plans for new public open space in your Parish /Town
- Deficiencies and/or improvements of the public open space in your Parish /Town

To assist you in responding to the request, we are posting to all parish and town clerks a hard copy map of their Parish/Town area which will show the different types of existing open spaces marked on it. You can use the plan to mark up any changes to public open space in your Town /Parish.

Appendix 1 below sets out the accepted definition of public open spaces and the typologies of open space.

The hard copy map will be accompanied with a list of all the known public open spaces in the parish, a short comments and questions form for completion and an addressed envelope for returning the information to Ashford Borough Council's Open Space Planning Development Officer, Emma Powell, preferably by 31st May.

If you are not able to achieve this deadline please do still provide the information, as it is important that we have a borough wide picture of public open space provision. All information received after the 31st May will still inform the Open Space Strategy.

Should you have queries on the process please contact Emma Powell, Open Space Planning Development Officer:

Emma.Powell@ashford.gov.uk

or in her absence her colleague Amanda Scott, Play & Open Spaces Project Officer:

Amanda.Scott@ashford.gov.uk

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Regards

Mike Marsh

On behalf of Allen Scott Landscape Architecture

Appendix 1

Definition of Open Space

The principle of public access lies at the heart of this emerging open space strategy. Therefore, for the purpose of this strategy, open space is defined as:

- Public open space which provides generally unlimited free and public access,
- is genuinely useable as public open space,
- is accessible over the great majority of the space.

This strategy does not include open space which is provided as private or paid for provision, e.g. playing fields within school grounds, golf courses and private estate gardens. It also does not include incidental areas, such as verges or streets (unless defined as part of a civic open space or other typologies below) or areas of land with the sole purpose of protection of wildlife without public access.

Typologies of Open Space

For this Open Space Strategy and for the audit of existing open space the following typologies have been defined by on the primary use:

Typology	Description	Example
Strategic and Prestige Parks	Large areas of open space, the majority of which will be publicly accessible, close to public transport links and provide a range of facilities and features offering recreational, ecological, landscape, cultural or green infrastructure benefits. These open spaces may also include areas for water recreation such as at Conningbrook.	Victoria Park
Natural / Semi-natural Greenspace	Informal and natural green space provides the opportunity to promote meaningful and safe recreation. This open space typology covers a wide range of uses, including woodland areas, wetland areas, heath-land meadow and water recreation spaces.	The Warren
Green Corridors	Relatively continuous areas of The Green Corridor leading through Ashford's urban area which may include spaces of water recreation. The Green Corridor is a designation that has been central to Ashford's planning strategy and approach to green infrastructure since it was adopted in the 1994 Local Plan. It comprises a	Bowens Field

	connected network of largely green open areas that are predominantly located alongside the Great and East Stour rivers, the Aylesford Stream, and other watercourses which flow through Ashford's urban area. These riverside areas are largely undeveloped, due to being within the flood plain, and provide a unique opportunity for improving the quality of the urban environment. Visually, the Green Corridor provides welcome breaks in the built-up areas from the Town Centre and through the urban areas of Kennington, Willesborough, Kingsnorth, Singleton and South Ashford into the countryside beyond.	
Outdoor Sports	Outdoor sports space includes all formally laid out sport and playing pitches for several different sporting activities (including rugby, football, netball, hockey, tennis and basketball). This does not include indoor sports provision or facilities.	Courtside
General Amenity	Most commonly (but not exclusively) in residential areas including informal recreation spaces, green space in and around housing, village greens. This may also include areas for water recreation.	Goat Lees
Play areas	This covers provision for children and teenagers, and includes play areas, skateboard parks, MUGA's, and other more informal areas (for example teenage shelters, kick walls). This typology typically sits within other open space typologies such as General Amenity or Strategic Parks.	
Allotments	Allotments, community gardens and community farms	Great Chart
Churchyards and closed Cemeteries	Publicly accessible churchyards and closed cemeteries.	
Urban Fringe	Areas of public open space accessible countryside on the fringe of Ashford Urban Area that provide recreation space as well as help form the transition between Rural and Urban	Kingsnorth