

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY FOR GREAT YARMOUTH**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FINAL CONSULTATION DRAFT FOLLOWING END OF**  
**CONSULTATION PERIOD**

**1. GENERAL LAYOUT.**

- The sections 'Strategic Context' and 'The Councils Vision' will be swapped around, and the sections within 'The Councils Vision' relating to Local plan/LDF, SPG, Planning agreements and Adoption/ Commuted Sums will be moved to 'Strategic Context' to improve the structure of the narrative
- Where the text incorrectly refers to the Strategy as 'The Green Spaces Strategy' this will be corrected to avoid confusion
- A map will be added to the documentation to improve the spatial dimension of the Strategy and better illustrate how the Boroughs open spaces relate to one another and to the urban/countryside areas in terms of geography and function
- Spelling errors will be corrected
- Some printed text is too small and will be enlarged

**2. SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO FINAL DRAFT**

**A) AN INTEGRATED APPROACH**

- Page 2, Paragraph 5 reworded to say;

***CABE Space have provided advice and support throughout to ensure methodology is consistent with good practice and follows recognised guidance for preparation of such a strategy.***

**D) THE COUNCILS VISION**

- Page 8, Paragraph 1 (beneath bullet points) – add the following;

***The vision for the future of the Boroughs Parks and Open Spaces is based on that of GreenSpace (formerly the Urban Parks Forum) and has been endorsed by the Boroughwide Environmental Forum, of which the Borough Council is a part:***

***A network of easily accessible, safe, attractive and welcoming parks and open spaces which meet the needs of everyone and which contribute to the economic, social, environmental and educational well being of people and places now and for future generations.***

(See also 'H' below)

## **F) ASSESSING OUR OPEN SPACES**

- Page 12 - Site Audits – Replace list with table giving more detail as per example in attached Appendix
- Page 13- Additional final paragraph under ‘Site Audits’ subheading;

***The Strategy document is by necessity heavily weighted towards the urban areas of the Borough including the larger village settlements such as Caister and Bradwell. The smaller rural settlements within the Borough are predominantly served by individual recreation grounds or areas of open space owned and/or administered by local Parish Councils for local community use. The Strategy will seek to work with Parish Councils to maximise the potential of these areas of Open Space, where applicable in conjunction with the parishes own individually prepared Parish Plans.***

## **H) CURRENT OPEN SPACE PROVISION**

- Page 16 - Delete ‘Vision’ heading and paragraph. (Moved to section D above)
- Page 17 – List of Parks and Open Spaces table to be upgraded as follows;

***Heading ‘List of significant areas of Open Space within the Urban Area’  
Explanation of key-***

- ***C= Cemeteries***
- ***F= Formal Parks***
- ***G= Green Links***
- ***N= Natural Open Space***
- ***R= Recreation Grounds***
- ***U= Urban Open Space***
- ***@=Childrens Playground located within main area of Public Open Space***

***Add explanation;’ Where a letter appears against a location under a main heading it signifies the location also provides a secondary role as identified from the key above’.***

***Koolunga Gardens to be added to list of Heritage Open Space***

***St Georges Art Centre to be added to list of Urban Open Space***

## **J) ACTION PLANS AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS**

- Page 18- Under ‘Stronger Communities’- add second target as follows:

***To implement ‘single point of contact’ system to assist community groups involvement in all aspects of open space management, improvement and fundraising within 12 months***

- Page 18- Under ‘Economic’ – add second target to first proposal

***To achieve Green Flag status for at least one of our Parks by 2008***

- Page 19- Under 'Resources' – add target to last proposal

***To implement a programme of improvements relating to the baseline site audits with a view to achieving the following:***

- ***All factors in the Audit Summary currently rated 'Poor' to achieve 'Fair' Status or above by 2008, with at least 50% achievement by 2007***
- ***At least 3 elements of the Audit Summary to achieve a factor average equating to 'Good' status or above by 2008***
- ***At least 7 elements of the Audit Summary to achieve a factor average equating to 'Good' status or above with at least 1 element achieving 'Excellent' by 2009***
- ***All elements of the Audit Summary to achieve a factor of 'Good' status or above with at least 4 elements achieving 'Excellent' by 2012***