

Local Green Space assessment criteria sheet

Beauty

Score	Required Attributes
1	Limited visual attractiveness, limited variety of natural features, provides a limited contribution to the setting of the local area.
2	Good visual attractiveness, limited variety of natural features but of a good quality, provides a good contribution to the setting of the local area.
3	Good visual attractiveness, variety of natural features of a good quality, provides a good contribution to the setting of the local area.
4	Very good visual attractiveness, good variety of natural features and of a good quality, provides a very good contribution to the setting of the local area.
5	Excellent visual attractiveness, excellent variety of natural features and of good quality, provides an excellent contribution the setting of the local area.

Historic Significance

Sub-criteria
• Site makes a positive contribution to the setting of a Locally Listed Building • Site makes a positive contribution to the setting of a Nationally Listed Building • Site makes a positive contribution to the setting of a Scheduled Ancient Monument • Site makes a positive contribution to the setting of a Conservation Area • 'The site has demonstrable local historic or archaeological significance

Recreational Value

Score	Required attributes
0	Site has no /limited / restricted public access to only very limited parts of the site and is therefore considered to have no / very limited recreational value.
1	Site is accessible to the public if an entrance fee is first paid / or site is privately accessible to a limited group of people. Recreational value varies from site to site.
2	Public access but no evidence of formal use or formal recreation facilities.
3	Public access, evidence of a good range of informal uses possible, some limited formal facilities.
4	Public access, good range of informal uses possible as well as formal uses, good range of facilities (fair condition and range).
5	Public access, evidence of a good range of informal and formal uses, excellent facilities (good / excellent condition and range).

Tranquillity

Score	Required Attributes
1	Major and constant disturbance. The site is heavily affected by a main road(s) and / or by neighbouring uses with regular disturbance. Total lack of self-containment and screening.
2	Frequent disturbance. The site has some disturbance by a main and / or multiple roads and / or by neighbouring uses with regular disturbance. Limited self-containment and screening.
3	Some disturbance. The site is located on a major and / or minor road with some neighbouring uses causing disturbance. Limited self-containment and screening. Scale of site may mean there are some undisturbed parts.
4	Limited disturbance in at least part of the site, e.g. site is located within residential area with low levels of noise and visual intrusion from associated residential or recreational activities. Degree of self-containment and screening limits noise disturbance in site.
5	No notable sources of disturbance. No visual or audible intrusion. High degree of self-containment limit noise and disturbance on site.

Richness of Wildlife

Score	Required attributes
1	Contains one notable habitat.
2	Contains two notable habitats.
3	Contains three notable habitats.
4	Contains four notable habitats.
5	Contains five (or more) notable habitats or contains / is within a county / locally designated (e.g. non-statutory) designated areas of wildlife value.

Wildlife Sub-Criteria

Sub-criteria	Definition
'Notable habitat'	For the purposes of this criterion this is an area / feature that has the potential to support wildlife e.g. mature trees and hedgerows, ponds, riverbanks etc.
County / locally designated area of wildlife significance	This includes designations such as Local Nature Reserves (LNRs), identified meadows etc., or those identified as Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity (APIB) in the Surrey Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).