

Eastleigh Borough Local Plan (2016-2036)

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Related local and national strategies/policies (see Appendix B)

Source	Reference/Title
Eastleigh Borough Council	Biodiversity SPD ²⁵ Biodiversity Action Plan 2012-2022 Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2016) Sports Facility Needs Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy Update 2017 Open Space Needs Assessment 2017 Play Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017
PfSH	Green Infrastructure Strategy Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Study
Hampshire County Council	Countryside Access Plan for Hampshire Hamble River Harbour Authority Strategic Vision Strategic Plan and Management Plan Hampshire Integrated Character Assessment 2011
Hampshire Biodiversity Partnership/ Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre	Hampshire Biodiversity Action Plan Biodiversity Opportunity Areas Countryside Access Plan for Hampshire
Hampshire Wildlife Trust	A Vision for the Forest of Bere 2011
NPPF	Paragraphs 17, 74-75, 109-114, 117-119

Strategic policy S9, Green infrastructure

1. Through new development and other initiatives the Borough Council will seek to achieve the provision, retention and/or enhancement of the following forms of multi-functional green infrastructure, including provision of:
 - a. landscape scale strategic links across the Borough boundary, to and between the Borough's settlements, the countryside, the coast, and the major areas of open space including the country parks (see strategic policy S12);
 - b. interlinked publicly accessible open space through new and existing development including for example formal sports facilities and informal amenity spaces and cemeteries (see policies DM32-DM34, Chapter 5 and detailed proposals in Chapter 6);

- c. green infrastructure incorporated into all new development with multifunctional spaces connected by primary, secondary and tertiary green links;
- d. interconnected urban green infrastructure within the fine grain of existing and new development including green, cycle ways, paths and linkages between community facilities and open spaces to link community facilities;
- e. green stepping stones such as street trees, green roofs and walls, pocket parks and urban copses (see policy DM 1, Chapter 5);
- f. connected habitats linking the network of designated sites and existing priority habitats, taking account of the Hampshire ecological network map (see policy DM 11, Chapter 5);
- g. incorporation of historic buildings and landscapes, including historic parks and gardens within the wider Green Infrastructure to protect their setting (see policy DM 12, Chapter 5); and
- h. opportunities for local food growing including allotments, community orchards and farms (see policies DM32 to DM34, Chapter 5 and detailed proposals in Chapter 6).

4.48 Green infrastructure incorporates spaces and habitat with varying functions which are connected by green and blue links that can be accessed by people and wildlife. Green infrastructure can include accessible countryside and coast, publicly owned land, cemeteries, community allotments and orchards, nature reserves, sustainable urban drainage etc. The aim of green infrastructure is to link these areas for people and wildlife by using linear corridors such as rivers, paths, cycle ways roads, railway, green verges and green links and stepping stones such as green roofs, street trees, pocket parks and village greens.

4.49 The term 'multi-functional' refers to the variety of functions that the network can satisfy. These could include providing safe green links between community facilities such as GPs, schools, places of work and local shopping centres, encouraging active lifestyles by providing leisure spaces within walking distance of people's homes, improving physical and mental wellbeing through exercise and physical activity. As well as complying with the Council's policies and strategies, this would also help to meet the vision, strategic aims and objectives of the Hampshire County Council Physical Activity Strategy 2018-21. These could also help with providing opportunities for local food production, flood alleviation, mitigating climate change, safeguarding and linking valued habitats and providing safe routes through the urban environment for biodiversity. The framework of green spaces and other natural features will support the sustainable development of settlements and increase the environmental capacity of the locality and region as a whole.

4.50 The plan aims to protect, enhance, expand and connect green infrastructure and biodiversity networks. Given the wide-ranging nature of green infrastructure, its provision is addressed through a range of development management policies which also set out the requirement for a Green Infrastructure Checklist to be completed by developers to demonstrate how their new development delivers improvements to green infrastructure.

Community facilities

Relevant issues and objectives

Issues (Chapter 2): C2, C3, C5

Objectives (Chapter 3): iv, v, viii

Related local and national strategies/policies (see Appendix B)

Source	Reference/Title
PfSH	South Hampshire Spatial Position Statement (June 2016)
Hampshire County Council	Hampshire Strategic Infrastructure Statement (April 2013) Hampshire Schools Place Planning Framework 2017-2021
NPPF	Paragraphs 69-72

- 4.51 Community facilities include a wide variety of uses such as schools, medical facilities, community halls and meeting places, places of worship and cemeteries. They can also include privately owned facilities such as public houses.

Strategic policy S10, Community facilities

1. **The Borough Council will work with Hampshire County Council, the health authorities, emergency services, town and parish Councils, faith groups and voluntary groups to ensure the adequate provision of facilities to serve the Borough's communities. In association with new residential development the Borough Council will seek the provision of:**
 - a. **new schools and enhancements to existing schools as advised by the education authority, including**
 - i. **new primary schools as required for the larger development sites (Chapter 6);**
 - ii. **new secondary schools for the east of the Borough;**
 - b. **new and enhanced medical facilities as advised through engagement with all relevant healthcare service commissioners and providers in the area including an extension to the Stokewood surgery;**
 - c. **cemeteries to meet local needs (see policy DM37, Chapter 5 and detailed proposals in Chapter 6); and**
 - d. **other new and enhanced community infrastructure necessary to ensure the sustainability of the development. This could include new multi-purpose community halls, improvements to existing halls, and, where feasible, local shops.**
- 4.52 The new housing proposed will give rise to a need for new community facilities, including schools, medical facilities and other community infrastructure such as cemeteries.
- 4.53 With regard to schools, the new development proposed will require the provision of additional school places at both primary and secondary levels. The large strategic sites (at Boorley Green; south of Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh; and west of Horton Heath) are required to include a new primary school. For secondary education, the education authority (Hampshire County Council) is developing a new secondary school at west of Woodhouse Lane, Hedge End to serve the new developments in the east of the Borough. In addition to new schools, there is a programme of expansion to existing schools to increase the number of places available per year group.