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Hi Jessica,

### POS/Play/Local Nature Reserve

The Council requires that 2.86 Ha of open space per 1000 population is provided for each development, based on Solihull Census data, there is an average of 2.3 people per dwelling. The Council's Green Spaces Strategy Review 2014 provides information about green space types and what they should be like. The Green Spaces Strategy Zone Action Plans August 2005 are still being used as a guide as to determine where there is a shortfall in provision, my guess is that this could be reviewed and updated?

SMBC has adopted the Play England's *Local Play Indicators* and distance thresholds for catchment areas of different types of playable spaces,

| Type of space  | Distance criteria    |                            |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|
|  | Walking distance (m) | Straight line distance (m) |
| Type A: 'Doorstep' spaces and facilities for play and informal recreation      | 100                  | 60                         |
| Type B: 'Local' spaces and facilities for play and informal recreation         | 400                  | 240                        |
| Type C: 'Neighbourhood' spaces and facilities for play and informal recreation | 1000                 | 600                        |

and this should be considered in association with the Fields in Trust's *Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play: Beyond the Six Acre Standard*.

**Table 2: Recommended Application of Quantity Benchmark Guidelines - Equipped/Designated Play Space**

| Scale of Development | Local Area for Play (LAP) | Locally Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) | Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP) | Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 5-10 dwellings       | ✓                         |                                       |   |                             |
| 10-200 dwellings     | ✓                         | ✓                                     |   | Contribution                |
| 201-500 dwellings    | ✓                         | ✓                                     | Contribution                                | ✓                           |
| 501+ dwellings       | ✓                         | ✓                                     | ✓   | ✓                           |

Where an offsite contribution is offered/required then we generally contact the Parks and Open Spaces Team to ascertain what is needed in the nearest park/play area. A sum of money is asked for the capital work and for the revenue/maintenance over 10 years. Sometimes there will be an increase in footfall in a Local Nature Reserve and removal of vegetation for the creation of the swale, a contribution could be made for Green Infrastructure enhancements; this would include writing a Management Plan and contributing to some of the management identified.

Regards,  
Deborah

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Afternoon Deborah,

Gary and I had a meeting yesterday with representatives from Berkswell Parish Council concerning their forthcoming Neighbourhood Development Plan, which they are starting work on.

They asked us the question of what type/ size of development would trigger a requirement for the provision of new public open space. Is this something you know the answer to?

Many thanks,

Jess.

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