

**BULWELL & BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2013**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Parks &amp; Open Spaces in Bulwell &amp; Bulwell Forest</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	Hugh White, Director, Sport, Culture & Parks John Kelly, Corporate Director, Communities	<b>Wards affected: Bulwell Bulwell Forest</b>
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<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)</b>		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Neighbourhood Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Family Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Healthy Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Leading Nottingham		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
The report summarises the recent major investments made to the Area's parks, open spaces & playgrounds and considers where future investments are to be made.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	That the Committee notes the contents of the report and the improvements made to parks & open spaces in the Area.	
<b>2</b>	That the Committee notes the sites for future investment in the Area and the allocation of Section 106 funding in the area.	

**1. BACKGROUND**

The City Council has made significant investment in parks, open spaces and children's play areas across the City in recent years. This report summarises the main projects and seeks confirmation of where future investment in the Area will and could take place.

Bulwell

<b>Site</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Future Plans</b>
Hemphill Lane	Play area refurbished 2009/10	£10,000 S106 funding allocated to site for future improvements - two organisations currently showing interest in the site.
Willow Hill Close	Play area refurbished 2010.	
Bulwell Hall Park	New play area 2010/11.	Creation of angling club and

	Entrance & signage improvements 2011/12. New NHS-funded outdoor gym installed Nov 2012. 3 x additional items of play equipment in 2013.	management plan for the ponds. Support Friends Group.
Bulwell Bogs	Memory Garden installed 2011/12 by Friends of Bulwell Bogs. Recently won Mamas & Pappas award for best green space in the East Midlands as voted for by their customers.	Ongoing improvements to retain Green Flag Award. Support Friends Group.
Moorbridge Pond & Springfield Corner	Designated as Local Nature Reserve in 2012.	Habitat improvements via Wildlife in the City Project.
Commercial Road	Play area refurbished 2012.	
Snape Wood & Ashton Park	Play area enhanced October 2012.	Support Friends Group.
Hambling Court	Removal of play area and reinstatement to grassed area	Wildlife habitat improvements including tree planting.

### Bulwell Forest

<b>Site</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Future Plans</b>
Hucknall Linear Walkway	Designated as a Local Nature Reserve in 2012.	Improvements including signage & rubbish bins – due to be delivered September
Bulwell Forest Recreation Ground	Old football pavilion demolished September 2012. New children's play area outdoor gym, multi-use games area and Parkour area.	Put forward for Green Flag award 2014. Install notice board. Community bulb planting autumn 2013. Add netball line markings to multi-use games area. Seek funding for grass football pitch & goals on site. Support Friends Group.
Southglade Park	New play area 2009/10. New NHS-funded multi-use games area (MUGA) and outdoor gym installed November 2012 on old courts at front of Leisure Centre.	Support Friends Group.
Highbury Vale / Latimer Close	New play area installed by housing developer.	
Right Track site		Support the proposed children's play area using £42,105 S106 funding.

### Future Allocations

There is no further Section 106 funding currently available and unallocated in Area 1.

Approximately £65,000 of Section 106 funding may become available in the future if developments at the Lord Nelson Public House and Gaul Street Factory progress.

**2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

This report has been prepared to keep the Area Committee informed about development of parks and open spaces in the area.

**3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

None.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

There is no further S106 funding to allocate at present.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

None.

**6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

**7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

None.

**8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None.

