

PARKS & OPEN SPACES STRATEGY – ACTION PLAN AT AT 13TH MAY 2024

Key Themes:

PO	Modernising and upgrading our parks and open spaces
SP	Improving and investing in our sporting provision
LP	Improving and investing in our leisure provision
IS	Improving and investing in our infrastructure provision
EE	Working in the most effective and efficient manner

Reference	Action	Responsible Committee	Who Involved?	Completion?/Notes
<i>PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE</i>				
PO 6	Draw up long term management plans for each of the main Parks and Open Spaces (to be undertaken post other actions taking place at individual sites)	P&R	WTC Staff / Cllrs / Clubs	On-going
SP 2	Enquire of landowners to try to seek out opportunities to provide additional pitches where required, including making enquiries to access existing third party owned facilities	P&R	WTC Staff / WODC / OCC / Clubs / Associations	Working with WODC to bring Training pitches into play at Deer Park and Madley Park - Officer Meetings due 9th May 2024
SP 1	Undertake an audit and needs assessment of sports provision across the Town and then feed this into WODC's planning needs assessment	P&R	WTC Staff / Clubs/ Associations	WODC Playing Pitch Strategy Adopted Dec 2022 - COMPLETE
SP 5	Undertake a comprehensive condition survey of the WWSSC, then prepare and adopt a maintenance and management plan accordingly to secure the short-term useability of the facility	P&R	Appointed Consultants	Agreed refurbishment to clubhouse March 2023 - COMPLETE
SP 7	Undertake a comprehensive condition survey of the The Leys pavilion, then prepare and adopt a maintenance and management plan accordingly to secure the short-term useability of the facility	P&R	Appointed Consultants	Leys Masterplan agreed October 2022 - COMPLETE
IS 6	Undertake a condition survey of existing pavilions and toilet facilities and draw up an improvement and upgrade plan accordingly	P&R	Appointed Consultants	On-going
IS 1	Undertake a condition survey of children's play areas, then prepare and adopt a planned improvement and upgrade plan	P&R	WTC Staff	Previous work being reviewed by the new Project Officer and Operations Manager in order to draw up a new maintenance plan - May 2024
IS 2	Undertake a condition survey of skateparks, MUGA's and other youth provision, then prepare and adopt a planned improvement and upgrade plan	P&R	WTC Staff	Leys Skate Park refurb project complete and opened 01/03/2024; Review other MUGAs etc to be carried out later in 2024
LP 2	Identify possible opportunities to provide more, and better fitness trails, cycle routes, park run routes etc, some in conjunction with WODC and OCC	P&R	WTC Staff / Cllrs / WODC/OCC	Active Travel Plan adopted - works on-going with other stakeholders
IS 7	Undertake a needs assessment and, where required, invest in pavilion and toilet provision where none are provided currently [King Georges Playing Field]	P&R	Appointed Consultants	May-2022 (Plan Stage) consulted FA/Planning re King Georges but no viable option for new facilities on site. Need to revisit & review situation and funding - 2024
SP 6	Using KKP as project managers, undertake a long-term master plan exercise at the West Witney sports ground in conjunction with stakeholders	P&R	WTC Staff / Cllrs / Club	Oct-22 (Plan Stage) Works aborted March 2023 due to construction costs. Refurb clubhouse agreed. - COMPLETE
SP 8	Undertake a long-term master plan exercise at the The Leys recreation ground in conjunction with stakeholders	P&R	WTC Staff / Cllrs / Club	Working in partnership with Courtside CIC - plans for activity area agreed; construction underway Spring 2024.
SP 3	Assess shortcomings in pitch maintenance and identify solutions	P&R	WTC Staff / Clubs	Grounds Maint brought in house October 22. Working within FA guidelines/Playing Pitch Power - funding applied for West Witney Sports Ground. STRI Report carried out August 2023 - good.
PO 2	Consider seeking to attain Green Flag status for relevant Parks and Open Space locations	P&R	WTC Staff / Cllrs	To consider during 2024 - once Leys construction completed
SP 9	Undertake a feasibility and cost analysis study into the provision of a further 3G pitch in the Town, subject to discussions with both WODC and OCC	P&R	WTC Staff / Cllrs / OFA / WODC / OCC	Outcome of WODC PPS - West Witney Sports Ground previously considered not feasible by WODC planners; following SWOT analysis 4 locations assessed and being considered by WODC Cabinet in June 2024. Probably WWSG only location suitable.