

Policy Area	Open Space Provision - Equipped
Policy	<p>Provision of equipped play facilities for teenagers.</p> <p>The enhancement of current equipped play provision</p> <p>Provision of equipped play facilities where none exists – Mithian</p>
Issue	<p>There is a lack of children's play facilities in the villages of Blackwater, Mithian and Mount Hawke, and specific lack of youth provision and facilities for teenagers.</p>
Objective	<p>Improve level of provision in all wards with an emphasis on the provision of facilities for older/teenage children</p>
Evidence	<p>Cornwall Council open space study 2015/16 noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than average level of children's play (open spaces type 4 children's playground - equipped). An appraisal of the accessibility of equipped play areas (4) a deficiency to the north See Map 2 • No specific youth provision (Teen provision 5) was identified. Although Mount Hawke skate facility is nearby, this is approximately 3km away and operates commercially. It would be advisable to consider youth St Agnes Open Space focussed provision that is more accessible to all, which need not involve wheeled sports. See table 1 of Existing and proposed provision of all open space in St Agnes parish. <p>The assessment of open spaces by settlement (Table 3) stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackwater – the need to establish new amenity for general recreation. Invest in quality of children's play area (high). • Mithian – Need for playable open space. • Mount Hawke – Invest in Millennium Green and youth provision. • St Agnes – Invest in youth provision. <p>Questionnaire and Consultation Events</p> <p>Results Questionnaire 2016</p> <p>Question 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When asked to name the three things residents liked most about living in the parish, out of 10 classified groups of response, sports facilities and parks was the lowest.

	<p>Question 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of sports facilities and parks is ranked 7th where development proposals are concerned. <p>Question 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across all wards provision for teenagers was shown in the results to this question as being the main type of open space ranked as inadequate. <p>Comments from from pre NDP public meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy with/want to preserve – <p>St Agnes – well -kept playgrounds Mount Hawke – Playgrounds and millennium Green Porthtowan – open spaces and the beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation events. <p>Blackwater - the Youth Group commented on the items they would like to see provided in their play park. From the public there was the comment that there is no park. Also more facilities need in the park. More dedicated space for parks and recreation. Mithian – lack of facilities for older children in the parish. Playing fields and skate park needed. School playing fields unused after school. I love my allotment in Mithian. Mount Hawke -needs more leisure facilities, more sports provision. St Agnes – another play area for the village in the museum area. A youth club and skate park in St Agnes. We want our children to have the village green space that we had.</p>
<p>Policy direction</p>	<p>Further provision and enhancement of existing play facilities is required.</p> <p>Large new developments to provide play space. Smaller developments to contribute to close-by play areas or improve access to close-by sites. Developments could jointly provide play areas.</p> <p>The provision of teenage play facilities should be a priority in any future development through allocation of sites and funding.</p> <p>Specific provision is required in the following settlements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackwater – facilitation of further provision of children's play area. • Mithian – provide open space with children's play facilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Hawke – to facilitate further provision for children's play area at the Millennium Green. Provision of further youth facilities. • Porthtowan – Protection and enhancement of the dunes and beach infrastructure. • St Agnes – Provision of formal and informal youth facilities. Improve Wheal Kitty as an informal recreation facility, (dog walking). A further children's play area in the museum area.
Policy wording	<p>To Follow</p> <p>Although you can support further development in your plan, this might be better as a community project and you could use CIL funds to progress this.</p>
Links to other policies	<p>National Planning Policy Framework</p> <p>Guidance on open space provision includes section 8 Promoting healthy communities – paragraph 74 states that existing open space should not be built upon and guidance is provided in paragraph 77 on 'Local Green Space'.</p> <p>Cornwall Local Plan</p> <p>Policies which provide guidance on open space include:</p> <p>Policy 16 – criteria 3 "Maximise the opportunity for physical activity through the use of open space, ... , outdoor sports and leisure facilities"</p> <p>Policy 16 – criteria 6 "Provide flexible community open spaces that can be adapted to the heath needs of the community and encourage social interaction."</p> <p>Emerging St Agnes NDP</p> <p>Design guide Village character Settlement boundary Housing that meets specific needs Design guide Village character Settlement boundary NPPF Cornwall Local Plan Draft St Agnes Open Space Study</p>
Similar policies in other NDPs	<p>Roseland Policy SF4 Open Spaces Feock Objective 4 Green and open Spaces (Draft) Thame ESDQ1 and ESDQ4 Protect and improve existing Open Spaces Truro Leisure and Culture LC1</p>

Commented [JC1]: Colleen has not come back with policy wording. I will not be around to chase this up – she is on holiday until next Monday.

	St Ives Well-being sports and Leisure CF1,CF2 and CF3
Comments	Within each settlement there is a lack of equipped provision suitable for teenagers.

Observations from Questionnaire Q11 and consultation events	<p>These observations are difficult to group. But several people raised similar issues are – cycle paths, skate park, and others which are not land use based.</p> <p><i>In the next public consultation event these should be explored further.</i></p> <p>At the consultation events that took place before the NDP was launched residents made comments that they wanted to preserve the well-kept playgrounds and open spaces (St Agnes), the playgrounds and Millennium Green (Mount Hawke).</p>
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