

Policy Area	Green open spaces
Policy	To ensure that in all the wards of the parish there is adequate recreational open space for all residents. To protect open space areas within our villages from development, if this would result in a loss of local amenity.
Issue	There are five wards in the parish and green open spaces are not easily accessible in all of them. Mithian and Blackwater are particularly impoverished in this respect. The need for management of open spaces and the beach in Porthtowan. Lack of specific types of open space provision including parks and amenity space.
Objective	To provide and retain in each settlement green open spaces where residents can walk, possibly with dogs and children can play informally.
Evidence	CC open space study 2015/16. The key observations of the existing provision were as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of parks & amenity (type 1 open space) is low, and is 30% below the average. Although the Memorial Gardens (St Agnes) have been included in this category, it is mainly a wooded space, not dissimilar to the natural space category. • The level of natural open space (2- natural open space) is very high on account of the inclusion of several areas of access land (CROW Act) such as the Beacon and the local coastal assets. The level is the highest of the 17 similar settlements studied, and nearly 4 times the average. However, a considerable amount is difficult to access due to vegetation or ground conditions. • Although the level of outdoor sports (3 -public access sports facilities (outdoor)) is typical, when combined with private sports space (8 – school pitches and sports clubs), the level is considerably lower than the larger town average. This can be partly attributed to there not being a golf course in the immediate area. An analysis of sports pitches alone indicates an existing deficiency. • Provision for allotments is available at Mount Hawke and Mithian only. The table also proposes future quantity standards for the area as a whole (column 4), based upon an estimated

	<p>increased population of 5,242 (by 2030) and associated spatial contributions required from future developments (column 6).</p> <p>The assessment of open spaces by settlement stated that: St Agnes and Porthtowan have large areas of natural and semi natural Green spaces; however this cannot be said of Mithian, Mount Hawke and Blackwater.</p> <p>Category 1 – Blackwater, Mithian and Porthtowan are low in parks, gardens and playing field amenities</p> <p>Category 2 – Blackwater is low on natural and semi open space. There is a need for a new amenity for general recreation.</p> <p>Category 4 Mithian is deficient in a children's playground, see Open Spaces (Equipped) policy. Equally, there is no public area within the settlement boundary where informal recreational activities can take place.</p> <p>Questionnaire and Consultation Events</p> <p>While some residents were happy with the open spaces in general in the parish, the area around Wheal Kitty was mentioned as an area of concern, as was the lack of open space in Blackwater.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Questionnaire <p>Q1 The countryside came third but with the highest number (320) as their second choice.</p> <p>Q11 There is support for dog walking fields and community gardens.</p> <p>When the replies were considered ward by ward the residents of Blackwater responded that there was too little park, garden and green space provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of concern/would like to improve – <p>St Agnes -Destruction of environment around Wheal Friendly</p> <p>Blackwater – lack of open spaces</p> <p>Mithian – disregard for open spaces and AONB</p> <p>Porthtowan – Management of open spaces, heathland, dunes and beach</p>
Policy direction	<p>This policy would seek to ensure that there is adequate informal recreational space easily accessible for all ages in all villages. These spaces could be multi-purpose and aim to encourage social interaction. It would also protect existing green spaces.</p>

	<p>Colleen's observations:</p> <p>Its probably a good idea to list all existing open space and then we can review whether any sites are not currently protected (and if so, give them some protection as Local Green Space). The policy could also encourage provision of open space as part of larger development.</p>
Policy wording	Yet to be drafted
Links to other policies	<p>National Planning Policy Framework</p> <p>Guidance on open space provision includes section 8 Promoting healthy communities – paragraph 69, 70, 74, 76 and 77. Paragraph 74 states that existing open space should not be built upon and guidance is provided in paragraph 77 promotes 'Local Green Space' specifying that "the local green space designation should only be used where the green space is in reasonable close proximity to the community it serves".</p> <p>Cornwall Local Plan</p> <p>Policies which provide guidance on open space include: Policy 16 Health and Wellbeing paragraph 3 "Maximise the opportunity for physical activity through the use of open space". Promoting under criteria 6 the provision of "flexible community open spaces that can be adapted to the health needs of the community and encourage social interaction." Policy 25 promotes the protection and enhancement of Green Infrastructure, referring to the provision of - in paragraph 5, "accessible and good quality open space and where applicable improved access to coastal space".</p> <p>Emerging St Agnes NDP</p> <p>Village character Settlement boundary Housing that meets specific needs Landscape policy</p> <p>Cornwall Council Draft St Agnes Open Space Study</p>

Commented [JC1]: Jinny we discussed this when we met last week and we agreed that this will be the next stage after our public consult event.

<p>Similar policies in other NDP's</p>	<p>St Ives landscape areas and open spaces OS6 Roseland policy SF4 open spaces Truro leisure and culture policies LC1 open space</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<p>While much of the parish is bounded by coastline and the open space associated with the beaches and a good footpath network including coastal walks, in some areas there is a distinct lack of open space within the villages. It would be desirable that families could access public open spaces in their villages within a few minutes' walk, negating the use of cars.</p> <p>These spaces currently within the village settlement areas are:-</p> <p>Blackwater BVT play area (to be equipped) Passmore Close play area.</p> <p>Mithian None</p> <p>Mount Hawke Millennium Green Green off Church Road</p> <p>Porthowan The village is very spread out with no central communal green space. The beach The Cove play area (equipped) Play area (equipped)</p> <p>St Agnes Wheal Kitty The Garden of Rest Trevaunance Cove and land to the west Woodlands off Quay Road and Town Hill Amenity space at White's Close Chegwyn Gardens Wheal Friendly Gardens Eddie's Wood</p>