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Introduction

- A6.1 Chapter 7 (Recreation and Open Space) makes reference to a number of recreation and leisure facilities within the Southend Borough and, in relation to golf course facilities, within the South-East Essex sub-region. This appendix details this provision.

Playing Fields and Outdoor Sports Facilities

- A6.2 Paragraph 7.6 (page 114) refers to the total provision of formal playing fields and outdoor sports facilities in the Borough. Tables 13 and 14 below detail this provision in terms of public and private facilities respectively.

Table 13 : Public Playing Fields and Outdoor Sports Facilities - 1993

	Total Area		Area Not Available For Sport		Area Used For Sport	
	Acres	(Hect)	Acres	(Hect)	Acres	(Hect)
Priory Park	44.6	(18.0)	26.1	(10.5)	18.5	(7.5)
Victory Sports Ground	14.2	(5.7)	-	-	14.2	(5.7)
Jones Memorial Ground	15.5	(6.3)	0.7	(0.3)	14.8	(6.0)
Youth Commemoration Ground	15.0	(6.0)	-	-	15.0	(6.0)
Warners Park	27.0	(11.0)	-	-	27.0	(11.0)
Milton Road Gardens	0.4	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)	0.2	(0.1)
Southchurch Park	31.0	(12.5)	23.0	(9.3)	8.0	(3.2)
Alexandra Bowling Green	0.8	(0.3)	-	-	0.8	(0.3)
Bournes Green Park	11.9	(4.8)	7.9	(3.2)	4.0	(1.6)
Francis Sports Ground	17.5	(7.1)	-	-	17.5	(7.1)
Shoebury Park	19.6	(7.9)	7.2	(2.9)	12.4	(5.0)
Belfairs Park (part)	12.4	(5.0)	-	-	12.4	(5.0)
Belfairs Sports Ground	15.0	(6.1)	-	-	15.0	(6.1)
Eastwood Park	15.5	(6.3)	6.2	(2.5)	9.3	(3.8)
Westbarrow Hall	20.4	(8.3)	-	-	20.4	(8.3)
Oakwood Recreation Ground	18.8	(7.6)	0.7	(0.3)	18.1	(7.3)
Blenheim Park	23.6	(9.5)	8.9	(3.6)	14.7	(5.9)
Bonchurch Recreation Ground	2.9	(1.2)	1.7	(0.7)	1.2	(0.5)
Cavendish Sports Ground	2.7	(1.1)	-	-	2.7	(1.1)
Chalkwell Park	26.8	(10.4)	12.5	(4.6)	14.3	(5.8)
Chalkwell Esplanade	3.2	(1.3)	2.7	(1.1)	0.5	(0.2)
Leigh Marshes	52.2	(21.1)	19.8	(8.0)	32.4	(13.1)
Total	391.0	(157.7)	117.6	(47.1)	273.4	(110.6)

Source : Southend Borough Council Directorate of Leisure Services Records

- A6.3 In Table 13 above, the Francis Sports Ground is also subject to Proposal P7d (Chapter 7, page 124) for a leisure park, whilst the Youth Commemoration Ground is subject to Proposal P5e (Chapter 5, page 97) for a retail foodstore and Proposal P7f (Chapter 7, page 124) relating to the provision of replacement playing field facilities. The Westbarrow Hall public playing fields, although directly serving the needs of the Borough, lie within the administrative area of Rochford District Council.

Table 14 : Private Clubs and Outdoor Sports Facilities - 1993

Club/Organisation	Location/Address	Area Used for Sport and Associated Facilities	
		Acres	(Hect.)
Southend Borough Football Combination <i>(See Proposal P7h - Chapter 7, page 125)</i>	Eastwoodbury Lane	20.2	(8.2)
FDR Sports Ground <i>Council owned</i>	Eastern Avenue	10.6	(4.3)
Ekco Sports Ground	Priory Crescent/ Thornford Gardens	8.2	(3.3)
C E Heath Sports Ground	Clatterfield Gdns/ Wellstead Gardens	4.5	(1.8)
Courtlands Park Country Club <i>Outside Tennis Courts only</i>	Bournes Green	0.3	(0.2)
Southend United <i>(see paragraph 7.11 - Chapter 7, page 115)</i>	Roots Hall	6.9	(2.8)
Shoebury Boys Club <i>Council owned</i>	Elm Road Sports Ground	9.8	(4.0)
Tennis Clubs			
Southend Lawn Tennis Club	Broadclyst Gdns	1.2	(0.5)
Westcliff Hardcourt	The Ridgeway	1.0	(0.4)
<i>Sub Total</i>		62.7	25.5

Table 14 continued :

Club/Organisation	Location/Address	Area Used for Sport and Associated Facilities	
		Acres	(Hect.)
<i>Sub Total brought forward</i>		62.7	25.5
Thorpe Bay Lawn Tennis Club <i>Council owned (includes Thorpe Bay Bowls Club)</i>	Thorpe Bay Esplanade	3.0	(1.1)
Tudor Tennis School	Imperial Avenue	0.2	(0.1)
Westcliff Lawn Tennis Club	London Road	2.5	(1.0)
Invicta	Victory Path	2.7	(1.1)
Leigh Road Baptists	Victory Path		Included in above
The Firs	Victory Path		Included in above
Kent Elms	Snakes Lane	0.5	(0.2)
Leigh	Adalia Crescent	0.5	(0.2)
St Peters	Eastbourne Grove	0.2	(0.1)
Bowls Clubs			
Essex County	Imperial Avenue	1.0	(0.4)
Southend-on-Sea	Tunbridge Road	0.7	(0.3)
Bournemouth Park	Wimborne Road	0.2	(0.1)
Leigh-on-Sea	Rectory Grove	0.2	(0.1)
Total		74.4	(30.2)

Total Provision of Public and Private Playing Fields and Outdoor Facilities available for sport in the Borough of Southend (Tables 13 and 14) equates to 347.8 acres (140.8 hectares).

Source : Southend Borough Council Directorate of Leisure Services Records

Golf Facilities Within the South-East Essex Sub-Region

A6.4 The Eastern Council for Sport and Recreation (ECSR) recommends a standard of one 18-hole golf course per 20,000 population (see paragraph 7.18, page 117). Having regard to the limited land available within the Borough of Southend, it is recognised that golf provision needs to be assessed in a sub-regional context. Table 15 below details existing and proposed golf facilities within South-East Essex and their adequacy having regard to the ECSR standard.

Table 15 : Golf Facilities Within the South-East Essex Sub-Region 1993

(a) EXISTING FACILITIES

Location	Type of Facility	Area Acres	Area (Hectares)
Borough of Southend			
Thorpe Hall Golf Club, Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay.	18-hole Private	85.5	(34.4)
Belfairs, Leigh-on-Sea	18-hole and pitch and putt - Public	123.0	(49.8)
Leigh Marshes	Driving Range - Private	2.0	(0.8)
Borough of Castle Point			
Castle Point Golf Club, (Waterside Farm) Somnes Avenue, Canvey Island.	18-hole - Public	139.0	(56.3)
Boyce Hill Golf Club, Vicarage Hill, South Benfleet.	18-hole - Private	98.8	(40.0)
Rochford District			
Rochford Hundred, Golf Club, Hall Road, Rochford.	18-hole - Private	118.0	(47.8)
Ballards Gore Golf Club, Apton Hall Road, Canewdon.	18-hole - Private	111.2	(45.0)
Hockley Golf Club	Driving Range - Private	10.2	(4.1)
Hanover Golf Club, Hullbridge Road, Rayleigh.	2 x 18-hole - Private	192.7	(78.0)
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Total	8 x 18-hole courses, 1 x pitch and putt and 2 x driving ranges		

Table 15 continued :(b) PROPOSED FACILITIES (with the benefit of planning permission)

Location	Type of Facility	Area Acres	Area (Hectares)
Borough of Southend			
Part of Fox Hall and Shopland Hall Farms, North of Eastern Avenue (Part of Proposal P7d).	18-hole, 9-hole and Driving Range - Public	194	(78.4)
Land north of Bournes Green Chase (Proposal P7c* ¹)	18-hole - Private	202	(81.7)
Borough of Castle Point			
Lower Wyburns Farm, Daws Heath.	9-hole - Public	79	(32)
Rochford District			
Land adj. Chichester Hall, London Road, Rawreth	9-hole - Private	42	(17)
Blue House Farm, Chelmsford Road, Rayleigh	Driving Range - Private	5	(2.2)
Adj. Clements Hall Leisure Centre, Hawkwell.* ²	9-hole-Public	-	-
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Total 2 x 18-hole courses, 4 x 9-hole courses and 2 x driving ranges			

*¹ 4.2 hectares of this proposed golf course lie within the administrative District of Rochford

*² Planning application pending

OVERALL PROVISION IN SUB-REGION (existing and proposed - Tables 15a + b)

10 x 18-hole courses, 4 x 9-hole courses, 1 x pitch and putt, and 4 x driving ranges

Source : Southend and Castle Point Borough and Rochford District Council Development Records and The Essex Golf Report

A6.5 Having regard to the above existing and proposed golf facilities in South-East Essex, the adequacy of their provision based on the Eastern Council for Sport and Recreation (ECSR)

standard of one 18-hole golf course per 20,000 population can be assessed as follows:

Population:			
Borough of Southend	165,100		
Borough of Castle Point	86,600		
Rochford District	75,900		
		$327,600 \div 20,000$	= 16

Total Provision in Sub-Region
(existing and proposed - Table 15 a + b) = 12 (plus 1 x pitch and putt, and 4 x driving ranges)

Additional 18-hole golf course facilities required
in South East Essex Sub-Region to meet ECSR
standards = 4

Population Source : Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) Register Generals Mid 1992 Estimates.
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Parks, Gardens and Children's Playgrounds

A6.6 The total provision of parks, gardens and children's playgrounds is referred to in paragraph 7.21 (page 118). Tables 16 and 17 below detail this provision in the Borough.

Table 16 : Parks, Gardens and Amenity Open Spaces - 1993

Map Ref No.	Location	Area	
		Acres	(Hect.)
1	Churchill Gardens	2.6	(1.0)
2	Priory Park	44.6	(18.0)
3	Victory Sports Ground +	14.2	(5.7)
4	Jones Memorial Ground +	15.5	(6.3)
5	Milton Road Gardens	0.7	(0.3)
6	Southchurch Hall Gardens	5.0	(2.0)
7	Southchurch Park	31.0	(12.5)
8	Southend Cliffs	22.5	(9.1)
9	Prittlewell Square	0.9	(0.4)
10	The Shrubbery	2.7	(1.1)
11	Warrior Square Gardens	1.2	(0.5)
12	Bournes Green Park	11.9	(4.8)
13	Branscombe Square Gardens	1.3	(0.5)
14	Burleigh Square Gardens	0.8	(0.3)
15	Elm Road Sports Ground +	9.8	(4.0)
16	Shoebury Common	11.4	(4.6)
17	Shoebury East Beach	11.3	(4.6)
18	Shoebury Park	19.6	(7.9)
<i>Sub Total</i>		207.0	83.6

Table 16 continued :

Map Ref No.	Location	Area	
		Acres	(Hect.)
<i>Sub Total brought forward</i>		207.0	83.6
19	Shoebury War Memorial	1.0	(0.4)
20	Thorpe Bay Gardens (East)	6.2	(2.5)
21	Friars Park	19.6	(7.9)
22	Maplin Way North	3.7	(1.5)
23	Belfairs Nature Reserve* ¹	92.5	(37.4)
24	Belfairs Park	211.0	(85.4)
25	Eastwood Park	15.0	(6.3)
26	Edwards Hall Park* ²	30.0	(12.1)
27	Oakwood Recreation Ground	18.8	(7.6)
28	Cockethurst Park	3.5	(1.4)
29	Scott Park	4.2	(1.7)
30	Arterial Road/The Fairway	3.0	(1.2)
31	Owls Hall Wood	1.0	(0.4)
32	Blenheim Park	23.6	(9.5)
33	Bonchurch Recreation Ground	2.9	(1.2)
34	Chalkwell Park	26.8	(10.8)
35	Undercliff Gardens	1.6	(0.6)
36	Leigh Cliffs	7.7	(3.1)
37	Leigh Library Gardens	2.3	(0.9)
38	Ridgeway Gardens	1.2	(0.5)
39	Belton Hills/Marine Parade Gardens	63.0	(25.5)
40	Gunners Park	84.0	(34.0)
41	North Shoebury Road	17.5	(7.1)
42	Southchurch Park East +	17.7	(7.2)
43	Leigh Marshes +	52.2	(21.1)
44	Chalkwell Esplanade +	3.2	(1.3)
45	Cavendish Sports Ground +	2.7	(1.1)
Total		922.9	(373.3)

*¹ Although serving the needs of the Borough, this nature reserve lies within the administrative area of Castle Point Borough Council.

*² Although directly serving the needs of the Borough, this park lies within the administrative area of Rochford District Council.

+ The principal function of these areas is the provision of formal sports facilities. However, they also have a close relationship with nearby residential development and perform an amenity open space function on a regular basis.

Note : The map reference numbers refer to the sites depicted in Map No. 3 (see Chapter 7, page 120).

Source : Southend Borough Council Directorate of Leisure Services Records

Table 17 : Children's Playgrounds - 1993

Map Ref No.	Location	Acres	Area (Hect.)
A	Cluny Square	1.6	(0.6)
B	Fairfax Drive	0.2	(0.1)
C	Gainsborough Drive	2.5	(1.0)
D	Sidmouth Avenue	0.4	(0.2)
E	Priory Park	1.7	(0.7)
F	Jones Memorial Ground	0.4	(0.2)
G	Christchurch Road	1.1	(0.4)
H	Lifstan Way	0.4	(0.2)
I	Southchurch Park	0.9	(0.4)
J	Bournes Green Park	0.2	(0.1)
K	Caulfield Road	0.4	(0.2)
L	Shoebury Park	0.5	(0.2)
M	Friars Park	0.3	(0.1)
N	Delaware Road	0.7	(0.3)
P	Belfairs Park	0.2	(0.1)
Q	Danescroft Playground	1.6	(0.6)
R	Eastwood Park	0.1	(0.1)
S	Oakwood Recreation Ground	0.3	(0.8)
T	Fairfield Crescent	1.4	(0.2)
U	Blenheim Park	0.5	(0.2)
V	Bonchurch Recreation Ground	0.9	(0.4)
W	Chalkwell Park (2)	1.0	(0.4)
X	Manners Ways	0.3	(0.1)
Y	Scott Park	0.2	(0.1)
Z	Gunners Park	0.4	(0.2)
Total		18.2	(7.9)

Note : The map reference letters refer to the sites depicted in Map No. 3 (see Chapter 7, page 120).

Source : Southend Borough Council Directorate of Leisure Services Records