

## Cottenham's Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031: Play

### 1 Summary

- 1 Cottenham's formal play spaces are concentrated at the Recreation Ground despite recent development more than 1km from there.
- 2 The issue is most acute for Brenda Gautrey Way and Tenison Manor but may also arise on future developments.

### 2 Background

- 3 Guidance for Outdoor Sport & Play (Beyond the Six Acre Standard) from Fields in Trust, the successor to the National Playing Fields Association and King George V Fields, recommends that:
  - a) children considered old enough to play independently should have access to a 20m \* 20m Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) within 400 metres (a 5 minute walk) and,
  - b) for older children, access to a 31.6m \* 31.6m Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP), including a hard surface suitable for 5-a-side football, within 1000 metres (a 15 minute walk).
- 4 Longer distances discourage spontaneous short visits to play areas while shorter distances also encourage social contact within neighbourhoods.
- 5 Much of Cottenham is within reach of the extensive play facilities at the Recreation Ground. However, Design Standards for Outdoor Sport & Play indicates provision of a Local Equipped Area for Play is necessary at Brenda Gautrey Way and on Tenison Manor, both of which have more than 50 dwellings without a LEAP<sup>G42</sup>.
- 6 NP policy should require play provision for sites beyond 450 metres from a suitable facility.

### 3 References

- 1 Cottenham draft Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan
- 2 Cottenham Village Design Statement 2007
- 3 Cottenham Vision Plan Survey 2014
- 4 Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan Survey
- 5 Cottenham NP “7 Issues” Survey
- 6 CNP Evidence paper E1: Housing need and supply
- 7 CNP Evidence paper E2: Brownfield sites
- 8 CNP Evidence paper E3: Rural exception sites and Community Land Trust
- 9 CNP Evidence paper E4: Recreation Ground
- 10 CNP Evidence paper E5: Village Hall
- 11 CNP Evidence paper E6: Nursery
- 12 CNP Evidence paper E7: Medical Centre
- 13 CNP Evidence paper E8: Village Heritage & Character
- 14 CNP Evidence paper E9: NP Golden Thread
- 15 CNP Evidence paper E10: Burial Ground extensions
- 16 CNP Evidence paper E11: Drainage & Flooding
- 17 CNP Evidence paper E12: Design
- 18 CNP Evidence paper E13: Traffic & Transport
- 19 CNP Evidence paper E14: Community Transport
- 20 CNP Evidence paper E15: Play
- 21 CNP Evidence Paper E16: Surveys to Key Issues
- 22 AECOM Heritage& Character assessment
- 23 AECOM Housing needs assessment
- 24 AECOM Sites assessment