

BOLLINGTON OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Macclesfield Local Plan Assessments

Notes:

Reference letters taken from Cheshire East 2012 review of Macclesfield Local Plan Survey of Open Space in Bollington, consisting of map and tables of selected areas and assessments. Number of items and total area for each of the ten categories are taken from the Macclesfield Local Plan summary. Items in red appear to have been omitted and items in blue have been/are being removed.

1. Green spaces

Parks & Gardens

2BCa Recreation Ground, (pt) 1.56

7BC Memorial Gardens 0.29

Total 2 items 1.85 ha

2. Natural Urban spaces

3BC Swinerood Wood

4BC Clarence Reservoir

5BC Shrigley Reservoir

9BC Sheldons Quarry

11BC Tinkers Clough

7BW Lowerhouse Reservoir

6BW Coope Road Field

3BE Dyers Court Millpond

4BE Mill Lane to mast

Total 9 items 12.28 ha

3. Green corridors

6BC Middlewood Way

10BC Middlewood Way

Total 2 items 2.4 ha

4. Outdoor sports facilities

5BE TR Bowling Green 0.2

2BCa Recreation Ground (pt) 2.05

3BW Bollington Cross (pt), 1.2

1BW Dean Valley School 0.7

1BC St. Gregory's School 0.3

2BW Bollington Cross School 0.3

1BE St. Johns School 0.61

5BW Kerridge Cricket Ground 1.95

Total 8 items 10.38 ha

Note – figures do not add up!

Note – Rec not marked on map as sports facility but given in tables as 2.05 ha sport

5. Amenity Green Space

4BW Crossfield Triangle 0.2

8BW Lowerhouse??

Total 3 items? 0.98 ha

Note – Figures do not add up.

Site 8BW Lowerhouse is allotments

6. Provision for children etc

8BC Coronation Gardens 0.25

2BCb Adlington road play area 0.25

3BW BolIX Childrens Play Area 0.6

Macc BC Total 3 items 1.9 ha

Note – Figures do not add up

BolIX play area not marked but listed

Add 3BWext BolIX MUGA Area 0.1?

Total 4 items 1.4 ha?

7. Allotments etc

8BW Lowerhouse Allotments

10BW Boll.Cross allotments

Total 2 items?? 0.4 ha??

Add?? Harrop Allotments 0.1ha

Nancy View Allotments say 0.1 ha

Total 3 items 0.5ha?

Note – L'house marked as green space but listed as allot in table.

8. Cemeteries and Churchyards

2BE St. Johns Churchyard 1.18

Total 1 item?? 1.18 ha

Add?? Catholic cemetery

9. Accessible countryside urban fringe

None recorded

Total 0 items 0 ha

10. Civic spaces

None recorded

Total 0 items 0 ha

The Macclesfield Local Plan requirements for Open Space were 2.43 ha of outdoor playing space / 1000 population and 0.8 ha amenity open space / 1000 population and that such Open Space should be conveniently and safely accessible for the intended users (Policy RT5).

The Cheshire East Local Plan gives revised requirements for Open Space as part of Policy SE6, Green Infrastructure. Open Space Standards are given in Table 13.1, now set out for five categories rather than the ten categories used in the Macclesfield Local Plan. The CEC requirements are given in the second and third rows of the table below. The fourth row of the table gives the requirements that would be appropriate for Bollington using these criteria, based on the population figure given in the 2021 census of 7944.

The fifth row of the table gives the best estimate of the current provision in Bollington, on the assumptions that children’s play space is represented by category 6 above, amenity green space is represented by the sum of categories 1, 2 and 5, allotments by category 7 and green infrastructure connectivity by category 3.

| | Children’s Play Space | Amenity Green Space | Allotments | Outdoor sports facilities | Green infrastructure connectivity |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Quantity / 1000 pop. | 0.8 ha | 0.8 ha | 0.2 ha | Developer contribution | 0.8 ha |
| Quantity / fam home | 20 m ² | 20 m ² | 20 m ² | Developer contribution | 20 m ² |
| Bollington requirement | 6.36 ha | 6.36 ha | 1.59 ha | | 6.36 ha |
| Bollington actual 2024 | 1.4 ha | 15.11 ha | 0.6 ha | | 2.4 ha |

It should be noted that the Cheshire East Local Plan requirements appear to be aimed at future developments rather than the existing position since they now require outdoor sports facilities to be funded by developer contributions. However, it can still be used as a guide for what should be provided at present.

This analysis shows that the current provision in Bollington is less than the proposed minimum standards for three of the five categories in the Cheshire East Local plan allocations, namely children’s play space, allotments and connecting green infrastructure. Furthermore, although the area classed as amenity green space meets the CEC allocation requirements, four of the eight areas listed for this category are reservoirs/millponds and hardly conveniently and safely accessible for users.