

## APPENDIX 6 – THE VISION

### A6.1 Background to the Vision

A vision of PPG17 facilities is important as it will guide the setting of standards in the Guildford Development Framework. The vision is based on public consultation that showed the need to address three key issues:

#### Access.

The community raised issues regarding cost, timing of facility, physical ability to access (spaces being cut off by roads), disabled access, gradients, drainage, transport, and knowledge and awareness of sites. These were the key areas stopping them accessing the relevant facilities.

#### Qualitative

A quality open space, sport or recreational facility identified by the community as one that has low crime, high safety for visitors, safe equipment, effective lighting, clean and frequently located toilets, general cleanliness, a diverse range of facilities, excellent access, adequate size, and attractiveness of the space.

#### Quantitative

At present the past consultation responses have shown that the residents are generally satisfied with the level of provision. But future aspirations are high, and the population is forecast to grow, as a result the level of provision per capita is likely to decrease, consequently leading to a likely fall resident's satisfaction levels.

The vision also links with national planning guidance in PPG17 that aims to deliver

1. Networks of accessible, high quality open spaces and sport and recreation facilities, which meet the needs of residents and visitors, are fit for all purpose and economically and environmentally sustainable
2. An appropriate balance between new provision and the enhancement of existing provision
3. Clarity and reasonable certainty for the developers and landowners in relation to the requirements and expectations of local planning authorities in respect of open space and sport and recreation provision.

### A6.2 The 'Vision'

The borough will be an area where all residents and visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy quality, clean, safe and accessible open space, sport and recreational facilities.

These facilities will be in close proximity to where they live and work, and will be economically and environmentally sustainable.

These facilities will aid the cultural fabric of the borough in a context where the public, developers and landowners have clear information on what, where and how much is provided, and the standards that govern this.

This will be achieved by

1. Enabling residents and visitors to engage in their most popular activities
2. Reduce issues such as cost, physical access, location, safety and a narrow range from reducing the communities' ability to access open space, sport and recreational facilities.
3. Meeting the aspirations of the community
4. Promote the ability of open space, sport and recreational facilities in aiding culture, social inclusion and sense of place
5. Improve supply, but also demand by increasing the quality of the existing facilities
6. Ensure the borough devises standards based around the NPFA minimum standard of 2.4ha per 1000 people to improve the quantity of provision..
7. Ensure that the attractive nature of open space is continued,
8. Link the sites and open spaces, in a network, by ensuring safety of travel between sites, greening the approaches, and the use of a sustainable transport infrastructure
9. Improving access and enjoyment of 'green corridors' such as the River Wey
10. Ensuring that open space, sport and recreational facilities make a major contribution to ensuring the residents have a high quality of life making the borough a place in which they choose to live.