



OPEN SPACE PLANNING OBLIGATIONS

April 2026



A High Quality Environment

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The [Open Space and Sports Provision Supplementary Planning Document](#) was approved by Cabinet on 20th November 2024 and came into force on Wednesday 11th December 2024.

Paragraph 4.1.12 specifies that costs will be updated annually based on an inflation index. In alignment with the [fees and charges for 2026/27](#), the average costs for open space provisions have been updated as follows and apply from 1st April 2026.

Open Space Typology	Average cost per sqm (2025/26)	Cost per dwelling (2025/26)	Average cost per sqm (2026/27)	Cost per dwelling (2026/27)
Parks and Gardens	£1.65	£16	£1.71	£17
Natural and Semi-Natural	£1.20	£144	£1.24	£149
Urban Greenspace	£14	£672	£15	£697
Provision for Children and Young People	£214	LEAP: £476 NEAP: £380 Average: £428	£222	LEAP: £494 NEAP: £394 Average: £444
Allotments	£16	£16	£17	£17
Total Open Space	£243.45	£1,277	£256.95	£1,325

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