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The NDP includes a section specifically on open spaces that uses the evidence taken from the St Erth Parish Open Space Study commissioned from Cornwall Council's Public Space Team. The evidence is generally well used and informs the recommendations put forward, and the interpretation of data has been corrected.

Page 25 correctly asserts that the main priority is to address the need for free outdoor recreational/sports facilities for all ages, which in particular needs to tackle the deficiency in type 5 (teenage provision) space. However the plan does not indicate how this will be achieved, as contributions from local development are unlikely to be sufficient alone. I wonder therefore if this will be given sufficient attention in the long term, especially as it is not addressed in an actual policy, as for instance allotments are, which are already fairly well catered for.

Policies OS1 and OS2 duplicate the protection & loss of open space, which is already covered under paragraph 74 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 anyway. In Policy OS 2 - Open Space Protection, the Well Field (WF), as stated previously, is not an 'open space', and its protection as such may weaken the protection afforded to the rest listed under the title 'green space' in table 4. The Karting track also listed is neither open or green. If it is essential to include protection of features not shown as POS on map 4, I would suggest that OS1 is restricted to open space provision and its protection, and OS2 be used for other non-OS leisure attractions or areas of local landscape value.

Thank you for consulting the Public Space Team