

# Technical Supplement 8 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation

## Appendix 8B - Open Space Audit

Open Space Audit

Newry Mourne and Down District Council Open Space Audit DRAFT

NMDDC

Site Number	Site Name	Location	Site Description	Site Condition	Recommendations	Total Overall Score
NM0011	FANE VALLEY PARK	ALTNAMACKEN	Small play area set in an area of grassed open space with football goals at the end of Fane Valley Park cul de sac. There is a play area, with woodchip safety surfacing, play equipment and wooden fencing. It is a pleasant local open space, probably only used by the local residents.	The site is hidden away from view of the housing. The wooden fence has been partially destroyed with one panel missing. The play surface is weedy. The play equipment needs restaining.	The size and location of the site will limit its use and development. The play area is currently fit for purpose, but the fencing should be repaired / replaced. Ongoing maintenance to renew the play surface and maintain the play equipment.	57
NM0920	LOUGHNISLAND ROAD	ANNACLOY	Area of sports pitches and associated changing facility located to the south west of the village. The site is primarily for sports use and has no other function. It is gated and locked outwith practice times.	The sports facility is of reasonable quality.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its location at a distance from the village will encourage people to travel by car, but access is along a quiet country road. However, it provides a good quality facility for sports.	54
NM0926	RANN ROAD	ANNACLOY	Sports complex on the outskirts of Annacloy comprising football pitches, clubhouse, car park and a fenced play area at the entrance to the site. Recently installed children's play area located to the south east of the village of Annacloy. The play facility provides facilities for younger children and includes a zip wire, basket swing, see saw which may attract older children. There are benches on site. The sports facility is gated so access out with football practices may be limited. Good quality and well used facility.	The play facility and the wider sports facility is of high quality and recently installed.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its location at a distance from the village will encourage people to travel by car, but access is along a quiet country road. However, it provides a good quality facility for families.	68
NM0738	ANNALONG SHORE	ANNALONG	Strip of semi natural open space running along the coast from Russell's Point to Springwell Beach, providing a well surfaced along part of the route. Some sections of the route run along areas of amenity open space, quiet residential roads and areas of rough ground. The path is an attractive walkway and is waymarked in parts.	The site is in good condition overall. However, the path surface in some sections is rough or across areas of mown grass.	The variations of the path surfacing along the route provides an attractive environment. However, the surface material along the route should be reviewed to ensure that the surface is overall fit for purpose. Ongoing management and maintenance to ensure that the path, and connecting spurs, is in good repair throughout.	72
NM0781	GLASSDRUMMAN ROAD	ANNALONG	Extensive area of open space in the heart of the village, surrounded on 3 sides by residential housing and the coast to the east. There is a large car park to the east and access along the seafront. The site comprises: extensive areas of open space, sports pitches, an indoor sports building, Páirc an Mara Community Centre a children's play area and a picnic area defined by a row of boulders. The boundary of the site along Glasdrumman Road is defined by attractive stone walls, rows of standard trees and boulders. There is a path crossing the site, providing access across the site.	The open space is in good condition and the young children's play area is fenced and recently installed.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the play area has been recently installed. There may be opportunity to improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting, seating areas and well designed entrances.	71
NM0812	MONA VIEW	ANNALONG	Large area of open space to the north of Annalong, beside a residential area. The site comprises an area of rough grass with storage containers, a former games area with concrete walls and what looked like goals. There is a footpath link to the community greenway along the shore.	The place space has no features, the surface is rough and uneven so appears semi-derelict. The grass is rough and there is dumping around the containers, which detracts from the space.	Clean up the site and improve the play value and amenity of the site, in consultation with local people.	49
NM0690	ANNSBOROUGH PAVILLION	ANNSBOROUGH	Extensive area of open space comprising: lit sports pitches, mown grass areas around the pitches, expansive areas of car park and a fenced play area. There are dense hedges around the site perimeter and the site is overlooked by a row of houses. The play facility provides facilities for younger children and includes swings, climbing equipment and some equipment for older children and young adults. There are benches on site. The sports facility is gated so access out with football practices may be limited.	The site is a reasonably good quality and well used facility. However, the design of the site is poor, with a lack of connections between the site facilities, the large area of rough surfaced car park. The site is open and exposed to the weather and does not contain any attractive features. The play matting is lifting in places and weedy and the waste bin is rusting. There is a raised embankment along the roadside edge, but very little landscaping or attractive landscaped areas. There is some litter around the play area.	The site appears to be fit for purpose and the pitches / play area in good condition. However, the open space could be better planned with a network of connected paths to and around the site and connections to the adjacent Corry Woods. Areas of attractive tree and shrub planting, seating areas and well designed entrances would improve the amenity of the site. Provide play facilities / hang out shelters for older children and young adults.	62
NM0674	CORRY WOOD	ANNSBOROUGH	Extensive area of mature woodland with paths and tracks throughout. The woodland is enclosed by stone walls and residential roads. There is a marked circular trail around the woodland. Annsborough Pavilion open space is located adjacent to the east. There are a couple of entrances along Station Road in the breaks in the wall.	The signage and entrances appear to have been recently upgraded and are currently fit for purpose. There is some path erosion, which should be repaired and monitored.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management and path maintenance. Explore the potential greenway links which cut across the site along the old railway embankment.	69
NM1107	GREEN ROAD	ARDGLASS	Large area of open space located to the south of the village which provides a range of recreation facilities including: grassed sports pitch, amenity open space and a children's play area. The play area provides a range of equipment for young and older school aged children. The site is surrounded on all sides by houses and with paths connecting the adjacent residential areas.	Well maintained park with activities and recreation opportunities for children and young people.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the pitches / play area in good overall condition. Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting, seating areas and well designed entrances.	66
NM1114	QUAY STREET	ARDGLASS	Small fenced play area in an area of open space beside a car park, located along Quay Street in the centre of the village beside the harbour. The play space provides children's play equipment set in an area of tarmac and safety surfacing. There is a set of steep steps providing access to the site from Kildare Street. Works were underway to provide amenity planting in the banked areas to the back and side of the site.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose. Works to improve the landscape setting of the site are underway.	The size and location of the site will limit its use and development. The site is currently fit for purpose.	70
NM1111	SEAVIEW	ARDGLASS	Small area of grassed open space at the rear of houses at the end of a cul-de-sac. The site comprises: a grass pitch and small area of old play equipment (swings and a slide). Accessed along a narrow alleyway between houses.	The open space is of reasonable quality.	The size of the settlement and number of residential properties within easy reach of the play space will limit opportunity for its development. Upgrade the play area and provide a seating area to extend the use of the site.	54
NM0424	BALLYHOLLAND GAC	BALLYHOLLAND	Extensive area of open space to the rear of the community centre. The facility has been recently built and includes: car park, sports pitches, amenity open space, fenced children's play area, grass pitches and picnic areas within the play area.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose. It has been fairly recently installed.	There is gated access to the sports field / play area from Innisfree Park and from the community centre, but both are gated and locked out of hours, which will limit local use of the sports and play facilities. Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	72
NM1138	BALLYHORNAN SHORE	BALLYHORNAN	Extensive area of open space and play space along the sea front at Ballyhornan, with a car park. A recently project to provide a stepped and ramped areas to the beach has opened up the beach and access to the sea. There is seating, decorative paving, seating areas with sculpture along the ramp. There are interpretation boards and bins. There is a small children's play area in a small area of open space, with picnic benches and a snake sculpture set in the grass, located beside the car park.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose. The infrastructure, play area and facilities have been recently installed.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management and path maintenance.	85
NM1122	ROURKES LINK	BALLYHORNAN	Attractive play space and MUGA set within a larger open space in the heart of the village, surrounded by houses. The site contains a MUGA, fenced children's play area, car park and an area of grassed open space with a path link, benches and swings. There are colourful flowerbeds forming an attractive open space in the village.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space. However, the wooden posts need restaining in the play area and the litter bin is rusting.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the play area and planting is in good condition. Ensure that the site maintenance standards are upheld.	67
NM0914	SAND LANE	BALLYKINLER	Extensive area of sports, recreation and play space with a car park, located to the south of the village. The site is next to the GAC sports facility and clubhouse and the play area is next to a nursery. The site is accessed from the adjacent residential streets. There are no paths through the site. There is a recently installed play area to the south western corner of the site.	The site is in overall good condition, and the play area recently installed. However, the location of the play area at a distance from the residential area will limit use. The play safety surfacing is weedy and some of the play markings are worn.	Provide a network of surfaced paths connects the play area to the surrounding residential streets. Consider providing additional play equipment for older children and facilities for young people. Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting in planters or in the corners of the site, seating areas and well designed entrances.	61
NM0560	SLIEVE ROE PARK	BALLYMADERPHY	Small fenced play area at the end of a residential cul-de-sac at Slieve Roe Park, with a few pieces of children's play equipment set in an area of tarmac and safety surfacing. The size and location of the facility will limit its use to young children and primary aged children.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	The size and location of the site will limit its use and development. The site is currently fit for purpose.	64
NM0654	MULLAGH CLOSE	BALLYMARTIN	Recently installed children's play area located beside a church and just off the Main Road in the heart of the village. The play area is fenced and gated and contains equipment for primary school aged children, picnic benches, seating shelter, accessible play equipment and areas of amenity open space.	The play facility is of a high quality and fairly recently installed.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	73

NM0782	HILLFOOT CRESCENT	BALLYNAHINCH	Linear strip of open space located to the east of the town, with tracks to the countryside beyond. The site comprises: extensive area of mown amenity grass stretching around the edge of the residential area, football pitch, 2 play areas and MUGA. There are dense hedges around the site perimeter and some mature standard trees set in the mown grass areas. The site is accessed across mown grass areas and along a surfaced path from the adjacent residential streets.	The open space is in good condition and the young children's play area is fenced and recently installed. There is some damage to the safety surface. The older play area to the north contains dated equipment and the safety matting is weedy in places, and some graffiti on the goal posts.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the pitches / play area in good overall condition. Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting, seating areas and well designed entrances. Repair the safety surfacing and tidy up the older play area. Provide play facilities / hang out shelters for older children and young adults.	64
NM0702	LANGLEY ROAD	BALLYNAHINCH	Extensive area of open space comprising: lit sports pitches, mown grass areas around the pitches, expansive areas of hard standing besides a fenced play area and kickabout & MUGA, with pockets of amenity greenspace around the adjacent houses. The Isle of Skinney Walk runs along the eastern side of the site. There are rows of mature trees around the site, but very little landscaping or attractive landscaped areas. The site is accessed along narrow alleys between the adjacent residential houses.	The open space is in reasonable condition, but the design of the site is poor, with a lack of connections between the site facilities, the large area of redundant hardstanding and lack of landscaping. The site is open and exposed to the weather and does not contain attractive features. There is a bit of surface damage to the play area, signage is deteriorating and the bin is rusting.	The site appears to be fit for purpose and the pitches / play area in reasonable condition. However, the open space could be better planned with a network of connected paths to and around the site, areas of attractive tree and shrub planting, seating areas and well designed entrances. The hardstanding around the play area and MUGA should be tidied up and redesigned as a seating area and access paths. Provide play facilities / hang out shelters for older children and young adults.	56
NM0750	WINDMILL HILL	BALLYNAHINCH	Extensive area of open space set between two housing areas, called Windmill Hill Park. The site is owned by the Woodland Trust and was once the site of a major battle during the Irish Rebellion. The broadleaf woodland is set on a small hill in the residential area. The stump of the old windmill remains at the top of the hill. In Spring 2001 the woodland was planted by contractors and the local community in with a mixture of native broadleaved trees dominated by oak, and again in 2012 with the support of the local community and schools. A circular windmill path network link to the wider path network. Access is gained from Windmill Avenue, Windmill Lane, Hilltop and an additional entrance on Windmill Avenue. A play area at the top of the hill contains a rope bridge, monkey rings, balance beams and stilts.	The woodlands are maintained by the Woodland Trust, and there is a Management Plan in place. There is some path erosion, which should be repaired and monitored.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management by the Woodland Trust. Ongoing path repairs and maintenance of the play area.	72
NM0732	LOUGH PARK	BALLYNAHINCH	Extensive area of open space to the south of the town centre, accessed along Hillcrest Drive and Loughside Drive. The site comprises large areas of scrub woodland, with areas of mown grass and a network of waymarked trails, with connections to the Windmill Hill site to the north. There is a small picnic area at the site entrance and interpretation signage. It is adjacent to the Ballynahinch Community Centre, with car park, play area and MUGA. Attractive place to visit, walk and enjoy nature.	There is some litter around the picnic area and site entrance. Some graffiti on the interpretation boards. Reasonable condition but the infrastructure is looking dated. Access to Lough Park is gated and locked. The paths are rough surfaced, but in need of repair in places.	A major environmental project is being progressed as a shared community initiative and will provide improved recreational facilities, including a full size 3G sports pitch, an exercise trail and a children's play area. Allotments and an enhanced network of pathways through the wetland habitat will also be developed as part of this scheme. The masterplan includes proposals to enhance pedestrian connectivity between Lough Park and the Town Centre. Connect the site with the play area at the Ballynahinch Centre.	59
NM0741	WINDMILL STREET PLAY AREA	BALLYNAHINCH	Play facility adjacent to the Ballynahinch community centre, containing a fenced play area with a range of play equipment for young children and a MUGA. There is an area of grassed open space with a picnic area, attractive trees and amenity shrubs, positioned close to the building. The centre provides a car park and public toilets. Access to Lough Park is across the grass, but is gated and locked. When the centre is closed the facility is locked and inaccessible.	The open space is in good condition and the young children's play area is fenced and recently installed. There is some damage to the safety surface, litter and some graffiti on the bin. The MUGA is recently installed and in good condition.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the MUGA / play area in good overall condition. Repair the safety surfacing. Improve the path connections between Lough Park, the Town Centre and the play area at the Ballynahinch Centre.	74
NM0515	LONGSTONE HILL	BARNMEEN	Small fenced play area next to a primary school. The facility contains a range of play equipment for toddlers and primary school aged children, a bench and bin.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	65
NM0091	MAIN STREET	BELLEEK	Triangular area of open space in the heart of the village. The site comprises grassed pitch, children's play area, amenity tree planting around the perimeter.	The play area looks dated and only contains swings, a bouncer and see-saw. There is litter on the site and damage to a couple of standard trees/shrubs.	The site would benefit from attractive shrub planting, additional play equipment and facilities for young people.	75
NM0101	OLIVER PLUNKETT PARK	BELLEEK	Small area of open space with a MUGA (football and basketball) set in a grassed amenity space. Small play area hidden to the rear of the residential area with a basket swing and benches.	The site is in overall reasonable condition and is fit for purpose as amenity open space and play space. However, the basketball backboard damaged and the paths leading to the site are untidy. There has been some patching of the safety surface.	Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting, seating areas and upgrade the play area. Repair the safety surfacing and replace the basketball backboard. Tidy up the amenity landscaping around the site.	44
NM0192	ACORN HILL	BESSBROOK	Area of open space to the south of Bessbrook village. The site is a small area of mown grass, with some mature trees and scrub, set on a steep slope. There is a MUGA court on site, with football and basketball. Steep paths leading to the adjacent residential area.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space and play space.	There may be opportunity to provide a seating area.	57
NM0155	BESSBROOK POND	BESSBROOK	Extensive area of open space in the heart of the village which provides a range of recreation facilities including: community centre, car park, play area, sports pitch and a pond. There are areas of new standard tree and woodland planting along Cluidds Road. There is a sculpture in the water in the shape of a flower. Interpretation boards tell the history of the site. There is a recently installed play	The park is in overall good condition and provides a range of activities and recreation opportunities. However, it lacks planting features and character.	Design a range of colourful planting beds around the park with ornamental plants, trees and bedding displays/bulb plantings.	79
NM0157	CAMLUGH PARK	BESSBROOK	Large square area of amenity space surrounded on 3 sides by housing. The space contains mown grass and standard trees and no other features.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	There may be opportunity to provide a seating area, however Bessbrook Park is opposite on the other side of Green Road.	58
NM0168	CHARLEMONT SQUARE	BESSBROOK	Attractive amenity open space in the formal square, surrounded on all sides by terraced houses. The fenced site contains seating areas, standard trees, a children's play area and war memorial. There are colourful flowerbeds and a war memorial at the southern end of the site, forming an attractive open space in the heart of the village.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space. However, the paved paths across the site are overgrown.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the play area and planting is in good condition. Ensure that the site maintenance standards are upheld.	77
NM0187	COLLEGE SQUARE EAST	BESSBROOK	Similar to Charlemont Square, this square is an attractive amenity open space in the formal square, surrounded on all sides by terraced houses. The fenced site contains seating areas, mown grass with surfaced paths, tree and shrub planting, a children's play area, picnic areas and war memorial. The site forms an attractive open space in the heart of the village.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose. There has been some recent planting of standard trees, but some of the planting beds are weedy and in need of maintenance.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the play area and there has been recent planting. Ensure that the site maintenance standards are upheld.	73
NM0172	THOMAS STREET	BESSBROOK	Extensive area of amenity open space to the north of Bessbrook on the edge of a residential area. The site is undulating mown grass with standard trees and no other features. The site primarily provides informal recreation space. There are no paths across the site. The strip of amenity greenspace along Thomas Street is in use as a drying green with a number of washing lines belonging to the properties on the other side of the road.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The site is fit for purpose but its use could be extended by the installation of a seating area and natural play structures to encourage exploration of the open space.	54
NM0148	FATHER CULLAN PARK	BESSBROOK	Small area of open space on the western edge of Bessbrook, at the end of a residential road. The site is surrounded by agricultural fields and is outwith the settlement boundary. There is a hard surfaced ballcourt and a children's play area. The play area comprises a square tarmac area with safety surfacing and a few pieces of dated play equipment. There are mown grassed banks enclosing the area and some sections of fencing. The sports pitch is located to the west.	The play area has limited play value and its surfacing, poor design / quality detracts from the site. The play equipment is dated and looking tired.	Consider the location of the play area and ball court and the current level of use. There may be more appropriate locations for uses of this kind. Consider opportunity to replace the play area with adventure play equipment for older children and elements of natural play to encourage children and young people to explore the surrounding semi-natural space.	48
NM0629	TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK	BRYANSFORD	Covering an area of almost 630 hectares at the foot of the Mourne mountains, Tollymore Forest Park has panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and the sea at Newcastle. The park provides a range of outdoor activities and facilities including: walking, cycling, camping and touring and orienteering. Facilities include: caravan park, 4 waymarked trails, information point and mapped signage, car park, forest rangers office, mobile café, Clansbrassil Barn with an education room and toilets. The Mourne Way/ Ulster Way crosses through the forest. There is interpretation and signage throughout.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose.	It is a well used open space resource, so ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	88
NM0462	BURREN VILLAGE PARK	BURREN	Small village park on the northern edge of Burren. The park is a fenced open space with a range of attractive features and car park at the entrance. There is a pre-school building beside the car park and a primary school across the road so this open space will be very popular with children and parents using the space and adjacent facilities. The site comprises story telling corner, play area for young children. Zip wire, landscape gardens area, a book library and central open space. There is a network of surfaced paths around the site, picnic areas and two circular hardstanding areas. There is a small area of allotments and community garden beside the pre-school buildings.	Overall, the open space is in good condition. However, some areas of the gardens are a bit rundown and in need of upgrade or the wooden posts needing repainting / retaining.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	76

NM0123	<b>MOUNTAIN VIEW</b>	CAMLLOUGH	Area of grassed open space at the west end of the village, just off the busy A25. The site comprises a mown grass football pitch and a hard surfaced court with football goals and basketball hoops.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	<b>55</b>
NM0138	<b>ST OLIVER PLUNKETT PARK</b>	CAMLLOUGH	Area of amenity greenspace with children's play area, teen adventure equipment and MUGA, located in the heart of a residential area to the east of the village.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	Improve the landscape and appearance of the site through the planting of attractive amenity trees and shrubs and a seating area. This may increase the use of the site by the local community.	<b>60</b>
NM0672	<b>BUNKERS HILL</b>	CASTLEWELLAN	Bunkers Hill is a small, recently felled forest on the eastern edge of Castletwellan. A short circular trail was developed in 2014 around the hill, suitable for walking and family cycling. There is a Natural Play Trail for children aged between 4 and 11 years, including basket swings, a lookout tower, amphitheatre and seats as well as a bespoke climbing wall. The adjacent school uses the paths and open space for their PE lessons.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose. Some vandalism is reported by the Rangers but there is no evidence.	Ongoing management by the Woodland Trust. Ongoing path repairs and maintenance.	<b>77</b>
NM0671	<b>BUNKERS HILL PLAY AREA</b>	CASTLEWELLAN	Small pocket of play space located just off St Malachys Drive, close the car park and beside a primary school. The play area is fenced and gated and contains equipment for primary school aged children (including basketball hoop) and is probably used by local families and those using the school. The woodlands, paths and adventure play area at Bunkers Hill are accessible along tracks, and the access road, to the east of the site. There is an area of grassed open space to the east of the play area and an area of redundant hardstanding.	The play facility is of good quality and provides a wide range of equipment for children of all ages. However, the design of the site is poor, with a lack of connections between the site facilities, the primary school and Bunkers Hill. The large area of redundant hardstanding and lack of landscaping also detracts from the site.	The site appears to be fit for purpose and the play area in good condition. However, the open space could be better planned with a network of connected paths to and around the site, areas of attractive tree and shrub planting, seating areas and well designed entrances. The hardstanding around the play area should be tidied up and redesigned as a seating area and access paths. Provide a link to the adjacent Bunkers Hill.	<b>56</b>
NM0624	<b>CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK</b>	CASTLEWELLAN	Castletwellan Forest Park covers 450 hectares of land to the north of the village. The park provides a range of outdoor activities and facilities including: walking, cycling, horse riding, fishing on the lake, canoeing and orienteering. Facilities include: bike pump track, Caravan Park, lake, Victorian Castle, walking trails, 27km of Mountain Bike Trails, children's Nature Play area, an onsite multi-activity centre, hedge maze, arboretum/walled garden and equestrian centre. There is interpretation and signage throughout.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose.	It is a well used open space resource, so ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Buildings are in the process of being renovated, with plans for a coffee shop, play area and amenity rooms. Restoration works in the Annesley Gardens is underway. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	<b>92</b>
NM0633	<b>JOHN F KENNEDY ESTATE</b>	CASTLEWELLAN / BURRENBRIDGE	Small pocket of play space located just off Burrenbridge Road, in a small settlement to the west of Castletwellan. The site is accessible along a narrow alley, between two houses and along a track to the rear of the houses. The site comprises: a small play area with equipment for primary school aged children and is probably used by local families.	The play area is small in size and uninteresting, providing limited play value and attraction.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing repairs and maintenance.	<b>56</b>
NM0650	<b>MOURNE GARDENS</b>	CASTLEWELLAN	Area of grassed open space in the heart of a residential area. The facilities include a grassed pitch, rows of mature trees around the perimeter of the site and a small children's play area. The facilities are limited to a small play area with swings and climbing equipment. Limited play value other than a kick-about space.	The play area has limited equipment and offers very little play opportunity other than the sports pitch for older children and play for young children. The site is tucked away behind the houses on all sides and has very few access points, other than the entrance off Dublin Road.	The site has potential to provide a local play and recreational space for the adjacent residents and children / young people in the village. Consultation with the local community should be undertaken to establish the type of facilities required. Review access points and entrances to the open space to enable greater use and awareness of the facility.	<b>55</b>
NM0896	<b>CLOUGH CASTLE</b>	CLOUGH	Large area of amenity greenspace with the remains of Clough castle at the top of the slope. The site is bordered by mature trees and fences overlooked by houses on one side and a busy A24 road to the south. The site is a State Care Monument. It is open to the public and has a picnic bench and site interpretation board.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	The site is a steep slope but is of a size that could provide a more interesting and appealing open space. Paths to and around the site and a landscaped seating area will encourage people to explore the space and the heritage monument.	<b>60</b>
NM0886	<b>THE SQUARE</b>	CLOUGH	Small pocket of play space located just off The Square, between a residential street and Cumnam Primary School. The play area is fenced and gated and contains equipment for primary school aged children and is probably used by families using the school. There is a field beyond the play area.	The play facility is of a reasonable quality and fairly recently installed. However, the paint is lifting on the tarmac surface and it is weedy. The benches are rusting, the bin broken and there is litter on the site.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its location beside the school on the edge of the village will limit its use, but it will be well used around school times. Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	<b>62</b>
NM0245	<b>CARN VIEW</b>	CLOUGHOGHE	Large area of open space in the heart of the village containing a grassed sports pitch and a children's play area. There are a number of pieces of equipment for young children and primary school aged children and a zip wire. There are benches but few other facilities to encourage other users to enjoy the open space. The location is an open and exposed windy site.	The site is in reasonable condition and is fit for purpose. However, the fence is rusting and could be replaced.	Provide equipment for young adults if a need is established. Create landscaped seating areas and wind breaks to encourage more people to use the park. Explore opportunities to better connect the site to the local path network to encourage people to cut across the site to access the shops. Provide a circular path route.	<b>60</b>
NM0063	<b>GLASDRUMMAN ROAD</b>	CREGGAN	Small area of amenity greenspace with grass pitch and a play area at the top of the slope, besides Glasdrumman Road. The site is bordered by fences overlooked by houses on one side and woodland to the south.	The play area is dated and uninteresting, providing limited play value and attraction. The safety mats are weedy and cracked in places.	The site is a steep slope but is of a size that could provide a more interesting and appealing open space/play space for children of all ages. Paths to and around the site and landscaped seating area will also increase use.	<b>63</b>
NM0922	<b>GLASSWATER ROAD</b>	CROSSGAR	Glasswater Wood is located to the north of Crossgar and owned by the Woodland Trust. The three fields that make up this wood were planted in 2000 with help from the local community. In 2020 the woodland was extended by approximately 5 hectares (12.4 acres) acquiring neighbouring land consisting of ancient woodland where new walking trails and a pond were installed. In 2021 the wood was extended by another 3 hectares. The recent developments in 2022 included upgrading and installing new walking trails and the provision of a new extended car park located off Glasswater Road.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	Ongoing management by the Woodland Trust. Ongoing path repairs and maintenance.	<b>72</b>
NM0936	<b>LISLEA DRIVE</b>	CROSSGAR	Large area of open space in the heart of the village forming a village green / central space. The site contains a play area, public toilets, sports pitch marked in the mown grass area and some mature trees and amenity planting along the frontage. There are boundary walls and attractive landscaping, village signs, picnic benches and a surfaced path across the site.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose. However, there is some graffiti on the toilet block.	The park is currently fit for purpose and provide an attractive central open space. The planting should be refreshed. Create a circular walkaround the park, with seats and attractive landscaped planting to encourage more people to use the park.	<b>71</b>
NM0944	<b>WESTLANDS</b>	CROSSGAR	Play area located at the end of a cul-de-sac in the heart of a residential area, in a space between houses. The site is accessed along narrow alleyways between residential housing. There is a range of play equipment set in mown grass, with narrow paths crossing the site and picnic benches. There are some pieces of equipment for older children and an accessible roundabout.	The site is in overall reasonable condition and some pieces of play recently installed. However, there is some damage to equipment, dumping of household items and the narrow paths are weedy.	The site provides a local play and recreational space for the adjacent residents and children / young people in the village. Ensure that the equipment is repaired and the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	<b>57</b>
NM0021	<b>ARD ROSS PARK</b>	CROSSMAGLEN	Small area of grassed open space in the heart of a residential area. The facilities are limited to a MUGA and small play area with swings and a bouncer. Limited play value other than a kick-about space.	The paths are in reasonable condition but pitted and uneven in places. The play area has only swings and a bouncer and offers very little play opportunity other than the MUGA for older children.	The site has potential to provide a local play and recreational space for the adjacent residents and children / young people in the village. Consultation with the local community should be undertaken to establish the type of facilities required, in addition to the MUGA.	<b>49</b>
NM0030	<b>CARRAN ROAD</b>	CROSSMAGLEN	Recently installed children's play area located beside St Patrick's primary school. The play area is fenced and gated and contains equipment for primary school aged children and is probably used by families using the school.	The play facility is of a high quality and fairly recently installed.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its location beside the school on the edge of the town will limit its use, but it will be well used around school times. Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	<b>68</b>
NM0033	<b>LISMORE PARK</b>	CROSSMAGLEN	Large area of amenity open space in the heart of a residential area, with few features apart from a fenced play area providing a few pieces of play equipment for young children. Limited play opportunity on the site, despite the extensive area of open space.	The play area is dated and uninteresting, small in size and providing limited play value and attraction.	A masterplan should be prepared for the park to provide a range of play facilities for all ages, youth equipment, seating areas, attractive shrubs and a central sculptural focal point. Plans for the park should be done in consultation with the community.	<b>54</b>
NM0018	<b>RATHVIEW PARK</b>	CROSSMAGLEN	Small area of open space with a play area set in the centre of a cul de sac surrounded on all sides by housing. There is a fenced MUGA and a few pieces of play equipment set in a tarmac area. There are only 2 pieces of equipment remaining, providing limited play value for young children. There is a second fenced play area with swings and a bouncer. There are standard trees around the	The swings have been removed, there is litter and signs of anti-social behaviour despite the number of houses overlooking the site.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management, play equipment repairs and landscape maintenance. The open space could be upgraded, in consultation with the community to see what needs there are, what are the wider issues and what type of facility might work in the space.	<b>65</b>
NM0008	<b>FANE GROVE</b>	CULLAVILLE	Small play area at the end of a cul de sac with a range of play equipment for mainly toddlers and primary school aged children. There is an area of amenity open space around it, with mown grass.	The play facility is good quality and fairly recently installed.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing repairs and maintenance.	<b>69</b>

NM0042	ST PATRICK'S PARK	CULLYHANNA	Small area of open space on the edge of the village containing a play area and a mown grass area. The play area contains a wide range of play equipment, set in a bitmac area and providing a range of play opportunities for children of all ages. Climbing structures for older children and a play trail. Picnic benches. There are a number of standard trees providing some wind protection and adding to the landscape amenity of the site.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	71
NM0938	ST MOCHA'S GAC	DARRAGH CROSS	Recently installed children's play area located beside a community centre and sports pitch facility to the south east of the village of Darragh Cross. The fenced play facility is beside the car park and probably used by families using the larger sports facility, or people driving to use the play area. The play area includes a range of equipment for young and school aged children, including accessible equipment.	The play facility and the wider sports facility is of very high quality and recently installed.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its location at a distance from the village will encourage people to travel by car, but there is a wide roadside pavement to the village. However, it provides a very new and high quality facility for families.	77
NM0994	ARDMORE AVENUE	DOWNPATRICK	Small area of open space along Ardmore Avenue, on the approach to a residential area. The site contains a fenced play area set in a gently sloping amenity greenspace, which comprises a square tarmac area with dated swings and climbing equipment.	The play area has limited play value and its hard surfacing, walls / fencing detracts from the site. The play equipment is dated and looking tired. The play surfacing matting is lifting, the wall murals faded, there is some graffiti and litter.	Update and replace the play area, providing equipment for all ages and abilities, set in an attractive well designed environment. Provide attractive trees and shrubs and a seating area in the adjacent open space, whilst maintaining views into the site.	56
NM1018	DEMESNE VIEW	DOWNPATRICK	Area of semi-natural open space in the heart of a residential estate around Demesne View residential street. The site is gently sloping and has scrub vegetation and gorse. There are no paths but informal tracks around the site.	The site is largely inaccessible and overgrown. The open space lacks function, interest and appeal, other than providing a natural setting to the housing area.	There may be opportunity to build a path / track around the site to enable informal access, recreation and dog walking. There may be local support for a seating area and native planting to improve the visual amenity and biodiversity of the site.	53
NM1032	DOWNSHIRE ESTATE	DOWNPATRICK	Extensive area of amenity open space and semi-natural open space forming the grounds for the Council offices and the Downe hospital. Well maintained areas of mown grass, with mature trees and sculpture providing an attractive setting to the offices and car park.	The site is very well maintained, attractive and provides a very pleasant setting for the offices and hospital.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	81
NM0959	DUNLEATH PARK	DOWNPATRICK	Extensive area of sports pitches around the Down Leisure Centre, just off the A25. The pitches are fenced and accessible from the sports centre, the car park along the A25 and from the residential area to the east. There is an area of open space, with mature tree clumps, that wraps around Thomas Russell Park residential street, which contains a network of surfaced paths providing access to the surrounding residential streets. There is a path access from Pemberton Park.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose as a sports facility. However, facilities are limited to formal sports, with very little else to encourage people to use the open space.	The site would be a good location to provide a range of park facilities, including play areas for school aged children, facilities for older children and young people. Improve the amenity of the site through design of landscaped seating areas, attractive shrub beds and signage. There may be opportunity for a walking trail / play trail along the path network to encourage people of all ages to use the open space more.	65
NM0995	GALLOWES HILL	DOWNPATRICK	Extensive area of semi-natural open space set on a hill surrounded by a housing area, called Gallowes Hill. There are extensive views across the town from the circular walled hill top viewpoint. The site is enclosed on 3 sides by the rear gardens of the adjacent housing. There is a path access from Struell Road to the north.	Broken glass and signs of anti-social behaviour at the viewing point. The interpretation board had been removed. There is some path erosion, which should be repaired and monitored. The access point is no visible from the surrounding residential streets, making the open space feel unsafe.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing woodland management. Ongoing path repairs and maintenance of the viewing area. Review the access point and entrance area, and relocate to a better location, possibly along Ardmore Avenue around the cemetery.	66
NM0993	KILLOUGH ROAD	DOWNPATRICK	Extensive area of mown grass amenity space forming connecting spaces between the residential streets, connected by surfaced paths. There are mature standard trees on the edges, but no other features.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The location of the open space close to a busy road will limit its future use. However, there may be opportunity to provide seating areas close to the residential streets, with landscaped areas enclosing them. Any development of the space should be done in consultation with the local community.	53
NM0975	KILLOUGH ROAD / VIANSTOWN PARK	DOWNPATRICK	Small area of sloping mown grass amenity space forming a back green to the adjacent housing. The site is accessible along a range of play equipment for toddlers, primary school aged children, which is fenced and locked when the community / sports centre is closed.	There are no feature on the site, but it is fit for its current purpose as a back-door green for use by the adjacent residents.	The location of the open space to the rear of a row of houses will limit its future use. However, there may be opportunity to provide a seating area with elements of natural play and attractive landscaping. Any development of the space should be done in consultation with the local residents.	42
NM0988	KILLOUGH ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE	DOWNPATRICK	Fenced play area, located next to a nursery, a church and sports centre along Killough Road. The play area contains a range of play equipment for toddlers, primary school aged children, which is fenced and locked when the community / sports centre is closed.	The play facility has been fairly recently installed and is in overall good condition. However, there is a bit of graffiti and the play surface is lifting in places. Access to the greenspace when the facilities are locked will be difficult.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	68
NM1009	KNOCKNASHINA	DOWNPATRICK	Large area of grassed open space and sports pitches in the heart of a residential area, along Edward Street and Knocknashina. The site comprises: a fenced play area, amenity open space with football pitch, a car park, picnic area and bike racks. The play area contains a range of play equipment for primary school aged children, but no equipment for older children. There is some all abilities equipment.	The site is in good condition, the play facility fairly recently installed and is fit for purpose.	Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting, circular path routes, equipment for older children, seating areas and well designed entrances. The open space could be upgraded, in consultation with the community.	69
NM1008	MARIAN PARK	DOWNPATRICK	Area of open space along Marion Park, set on a steep slope on the approach to a residential area. The site contains a play area set in an area of steeply sloping amenity greenspace, which comprises areas of safety surfacing, slide, basket swings and climbing equipment. Sloped ramped access from the residential car park to the north. There are extensive views across the town, benches and boulders. There are mature standard trees on the edges, but no other features.	The wider open space is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space. However, the edges of the play surfacing are lifting and the wooden edging rotting in places. There is some litter. The wooden play structures are needing to be repainted / repaired in places.	Repair and refresh the play area, and review the range of equipment for all ages and abilities. Provide attractive trees and shrubs to improve the overall site appearance.	65
NM1016	MEADOW HILL	DOWNPATRICK	Area of semi-natural open space in the heart of a residential estate around The Meadows. The site is gently sloping and has scrub vegetation and gorse. There are no paths or tracks around the site.	The site is largely inaccessible and overgrown. The open space lacks function, interest and appeal, other than providing a natural setting to the housing area.	There may be opportunity to build a path / track around the site to enable informal access, recreation and dog walking. There may be local support for a seating area and native planting to improve the visual amenity and biodiversity of the site.	53
NM0979	MEADOWLANDS	DOWNPATRICK	Large area of amenity grass surrounded on all sides by housing along Meadowlands. The site comprises a large area of amenity open space to the east, and an area of mown grass with a play area to the west. There are mature trees around the boundary of the site, but no landscape feature on either part of the site. The play area contains a range of play equipment for toddlers, primary school aged children and equipment for older children. There is all abilities equipment including a wheelchair swing and a basket swing. There are no other features on the wider open space site.	The facility has been recently installed and is fit for purpose. However, 1 piece of play equipment has been fenced off.	A masterplan for the park should be developed, in consultation with the local community. Plans might include a circular path network throughout the site, to encourage local people to walk/cycle to the open space. Informal sports area and bike trails around the wider site would provide more variety of recreation opportunity. Colourful trees and shrubs, along the path with seating areas, will encourage greater use and exploration of the wider open space.	61
NM1002	MODEL FARM	DOWNPATRICK	Area of amenity open space with a children's play area, with a grassed sports pitch on a site nearby. The play area is surrounded by houses along Ballymote Walk and is accessible along the network of paths around the residential area. The play area comprises a square tarmac area with safety surfacing and a few pieces of dated play equipment. There are mown grassed banks enclosing the area and some sections of fencing. The sports pitch is located to the south.	The play area has limited play value and its surfacing, poor design / quality detracts from the site. The play equipment is dated and looking tired. The play surfacing is weedy and untidy. There is litter, graffiti and household waste on the site. One piece of play equipment has been removed. The muddy slope appears to be in use as a slide, with boards used to slide down it.	Replace the play area, providing equipment for all ages and abilities, set in an attractive well designed environment. Ensure that the materials used and play equipment is robust and meets the needs of the local residents to ensure the longevity of the facility. Create a path link between the 2 spaces and provide attractive trees and shrubs and a seating area in the adjacent open space, whilst maintaining views into the site.	53
NM0960	ROUGHAL PARK	DOWNPATRICK	Large area of open space on a key junction at the approach to the town, off the A7 junction, creating an attractive open space at the key approach to the town. Amenity open space with mature trees and landscaping comprising: mown grass, mature boundary trees and seating area. There is a central circular stone wall with sculpture, seating, bins and planting. There is a network of setted paths around the site.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose. However, the setted paths are overgrown and not very accessible. The shrub beds have been recently replanted.	Upgrade the path network and ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. There may be opportunity to provide a community garden with sculptural seating and natural play equipment, set in an area of attractive tree and shrub planting.	69
NM1017	ORIEL DRIVE	DOWNPATRICK	Extensive area of open space wrapping around a residential area, along Oriel Drive. The site comprises: 2 areas of amenity open space, either side of community garden / allotments and a fenced play area for small children. The play area comprises a square tarmac area with dated swings and climbing equipment.	The play area has limited play value and its hard surfacing, walls / fencing detracts from the site. The play equipment is dated and looking tired. The play surfacing is weedy and untidy. There is some litter and broken glass on the site. The amenity open space is currently fit for purpose, but its use is limited as a back-door	The location of some of the open spaces to the rear of a row of houses will limit future use. However, there may be opportunity to provide a seating area with elements of natural play and attractive landscaping. Provide a surfaced path network around the site, connecting the community garden to the residential areas. Any development of the space should be done in consultation with the	57
NM1015	QUOILE ROAD	DOWNPATRICK	Large area of open space on the northern edge of the town, with a busy car park with a mobile coffee van, enclosed on all sides by roads. Amenity open space with mature trees and landscaping comprising: mown grassland (wild flower landscape), mature boundary trees, picnic area, signage, wildlife planting area and car park. There are public toilets. Paths have been mown through the grass areas. The size of the car park, location along the Quoile River and the number of picnic benches suggests that the site is a popular parking spot.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose.	There have been recent upgrades to the open space, including interpretation and habitat improvements. There may be opportunity to provide mapped signage to the path along the riverside edge and a surfaced circular path route around the site and the toilet block. Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	60
NM1028	THE DEMENSE	DOWNPATRICK	Area of semi-natural open space in the heart of a residential estate around The Demense residential street. The site is gently sloping and has scrub vegetation and gorse. There are no paths but informal tracks from surrounding roads.	The site is largely inaccessible and overgrown. The open space lacks function, interest and appeal, other than providing a natural setting to the housing area.	There may be opportunity to build a path / track around the site to enable informal access, recreation and dog walking. There may be local support for a seating area and native planting to improve the visual amenity and biodiversity of the site.	53

NM0956	THE GROVE	DOWNPATRICK	Extensive area of open space on the wooden banks to the south of Down Cathedral and to the north of the St Patrick Centre along English Street. The site comprises an area of woodland with mown grass edges, a path network providing access to the Cathedral and directional signage. Well maintained areas of mown grass, with mature trees and sculpture providing an attractive setting to the Centre. There is an area of walled garden, accessible from the Centre.	The site is very well maintained, attractive and provides a very pleasant setting for Down Cathedral and the St Patrick Centre.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	80
NM0830	CUMBER ROAD	DRUMANESS	Small pocket of open space at the northern part of the village, on the corner of Cumber Road and Drumaness Road. The site comprises a well designed play area providing a range of play equipment for children of all ages, including climbing structure / teen shelter, swings and a range of equipment for small children. The fenced play area is surrounded by areas of mown grass and landscaped areas with mature trees and shrubs.	The site is in overall good condition and the play area recently installed.	The play area is attractive and contains a wide range of equipment for children of all ages. There are a number of standard trees providing some wind protection and adding to the landscape amenity of the site. Currently fit for purpose.	77
NM0828	CUSHOWEN PLACE	DRUMANESS	Rectangular area of grassed open space to the north of the residential area, in use as grassed rugby & football pitches, accessed along Cushowen Place. There are no facilities in the open space and access is along narrow lanes between the houses along Mullamore Drive.	The site is scruffy in character and has a bonfire in centre. The steep slope access area will limit access and use of the site.	The site has potential to provide a local play and recreational space for the adjacent residents and children / young people in the village. Consultation with the local community should be undertaken to establish the type of facilities required, in addition to the pitches. These might include: adventure play equipment for older children and young people, a circular path route around the site to encourage greater exploration of the site and landscaped seating areas along the route. The biodiversity of the site and connections to the wider countryside should be explored.	46
NM0829	MILL ROAD / DRUMANESS DAM	DRUMANESS	Extensive area of open space around the fenced millpond, which is located in the heart of the village along Mill Road, beside the Dan Rice Centre. The waterbody is fenced, but there are paths and viewing areas, with a picnic bench and signage along the southern boundary. The wildlife in the pond area is attractive and includes goats. The pond offers a unique and distinctive asset for the village within the core of the community.	The open space is in good condition, with a pleasant walk and scenic views.	There is a local initiative to improve access to the Drumaness Lake / Pond by creating a distinctive walking trail throughout its immediate and adjacent area. The project will explore the potential to develop a high quality pathway and walking trail to revitalise the leisure potential of the pond. By improving the quality of lighting, landscaping, boundary treatment and flood alleviation the pond will have the potential to deliver a highly unique and attractive asset for Drumaness. Further consultation with the community and key stakeholders is needed to assess the feasibility and support for such an initiative.	78
NM0836	MILL ROAD / DAN RICE CENTRE	DRUMANESS	Play facility adjacent to the Dan Rice community centre in the heart of the village, and opposite Drumaness Dam. The play area provides a range of play equipment for children of all ages, including basketball hoop / football goals, swings, climbing structure, a small climbing wall and a community open space. The centre provides a car park. There is access from Mill Road and the community centre.	The open space is in good condition and the young children's play area is fenced and recently installed.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the play area is in good overall condition. Tidy up the areas around the retaining walls. Provide an attractive seating area with amenity trees and shrubs.	75
NM0737	CHAPEL LANE	DRUMAROAD	Small area of open space tucked behind a row of houses along Chapel Lane. The fenced play area is accessed along a path and open space between a nursery school and a row of houses. The open space comprises: a grassed amenity open space with benches, a play area with old play equipment, a mound with a slide and swings. The play area caters for young children and is probably used by the children attending the nursery school and local children from the settlement.	The play area provides limited play value, limited to younger children and appears to be past its best. The play safety surfacing is weedy and the paint on the equipment is peeling.	Consider upgrading the play area to provide play equipment for children of all ages, in consultation with the local community to establish the need for the facility. There may be opportunity to provide a community garden with sculptural seating and natural play equipment, set in an area of attractive tree and shrub planting.	58
NM0130	LOW ROAD	DRUMINTEE	Small area of open space in the heart of the village containing a play area, a MUGA and a grassed pitch. The facility is fenced and provides a range of sport, play and informal recreational opportunities.	The play area is lacking in content and character and will only attract young children.	Consider providing facilities for older children and young people, if a need is established. The provision of a landscaped seating area will extend the use of the site to parents and families.	73
NM0870	DUNDRUM CASTLE	DUNDRUM	Believed to have been built around 1177, Dundrum Castle is located on a wooded hill to the north of the village and is an attractive collection of castle ruins with a car park and picnic area. There is a metal container, which acts as a visitor hub. Extensive views across Dundrum Bay. There are paths / tracks around the site, with interpretation boards and tracks through the adjacent woodlands.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose. However, access may be difficult for wheelchair users as the site is a sloping rocky knoll.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management, path repairs and woodland maintenance.	77
NM1145	DUNDRUM INNER BAY	DUNDRUM	Dundrum Inner Bay car park and play area is located in a strip of open space and car park along the busy A2 road. The site contains a car park, public toilets, picnic area and play areas. Woodland strip and a footpath loop running between 2 wetland areas providing access to the nearby Dundrum Old Road sports facility to the east. There is a fenced play area with a range of play equipment for older children, a play climbing trail leading to a second fenced play area for younger children. The woodland is open and accessible for informal play.	The equipment is in good condition overall. The open space is well maintained and there does not appear to be any issues with the site. Some of the wooden play equipment may require to be renewed.	Ensure wooden structures are treated and maintenance levels upheld. The play area is at a distance from the village and beside a very busy fast road, so parents appear to access the site by car and park whilst their children play. There is a segregated path running parallel to the A2, providing some off road active travel links. Review the wider path links to encourage more people to walk and cycle to the open space.	76
NM0858	KEEL POINT	DUNDRUM	Strip of semi natural open space, with mature woodland and a path running along the seaward side of the space. The path along the coast leads to Murlough nature reserve (National Trust) and is an attractive walkway. The route is waymarked.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management by the National Trust. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	66
NM0856	ST DONARD'S WALK	DUNDRUM	Amenity open space with mature trees, benches, earth mounds in the heart of a residential area and surrounded on all sides by housing. There is a fenced play area with a range of play equipment catering for young children and school aged children. The rest of the site is gently sloping with mown grass and clumps of recently planted trees, with mature trees around the perimeter. There is a small landscaped seating area, with a bench, wooden retaining wall and overgrown shrub planting.	The site is currently fit for purpose. However, the seating area is looking run down and the shrubs overgrown. The sloping topography and lack of paths across the site will limit access.	The play area is recently installed and contains a range of equipment for children of school age. There are a number of standard trees providing some wind protection and adding to the landscape amenity of the site. Consider installing a circular path route, restock the shrub areas and introduce flowering shrubs and elements of natural play to encourage people to explore.	68
NM0116	BOG ROAD	FORKHILL	Triangular area of mature woodland with mown grass understory at a distance from the village centre but close to the sports facility. The site is enclosed by a stone wall, has vehicular access and toilet block. There are what looks like the foundations of a building which may have been the site for a play area.	The park looks closed and out of use.	Its location at a distance from the village suggests that an alternative use should be found for the site.	56
NM0121	MAIN STREET	FORKHILL	Small pocket of open space with a fenced area, at the end of a cul-de-sac and in the heart of a residential area. The play equipment has been removed and there are no other features on the site. The Council may have plans to replace the play area.	The play equipment had been removed at the time of survey, and appears to be out of use.	Consultation with the local community should be undertaken to establish the type of facilities required for the space.	37
NM0118	SHEAN ROAD	FORKHILL	Large area of primarily semi-natural grassland with shrub vegetation, standard trees, long grass with paths mown around the open space. There are surfaced lit paths around the site with benches along the route and boulders. There are 4 areas of seating with interpretation panels and sculptural structures depicting various aspects of the Ring of Gullion. The mountain, the wildlife and geology are interpreted with low benches and tall pillars constructed of recycled materials with metal panels. There are interpretation boards. There is a recently installed fenced play area set in the northern part of the site, providing many pieces of play equipment, picnic benches and play trails.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose. The infrastructure, planting and facilities have been recently installed.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	85
NM0073	ART MCCODEY PARK	GLASSDRUMMAN	Small pocket of grassed open space in a small cul-de-sac, in a space between 2 houses. The site is mown grass, with goals and no other features.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	The size of the settlement and number of residential properties within easy reach of the play space will limit opportunity for its development. Provide a seating area to extend the use of the site.	56
NM0340	GLEN ROAD	GLEN	Area of mown grass in the small settlement of Glen. The site comprises an area of mown grass, with mature hedges and an access from Glen Road. The boundaries are formed by the rear garden fences of the adjacent properties and mature planting. There are no other features.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	There may be opportunity to create a circular path network and landscaped seating areas to encourage use of the site. Consult the local community to see if there is opportunity for an informal playspace, including sculptural seating area and a play trail.	53
NM0549	ARDMORE DRIVE	HILLTOWN	Area of mown grass to the south of Castlewetlan Road, accessed along a narrow lane between 2 houses. The boundaries are formed by the rear garden fences of the adjacent properties and mature planting. There are no other features.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The size of the open space, and location in a residential area suggests there may be opportunity to create a circular path network and landscaped seating areas to encourage use of the site. There may be opportunity for an informal playspace, including sculptural seating area and a play trail.	54

NM0550	SPELGA PARK	HILLTOWN	Amenity open space with mature trees, in the heart of a residential area and surrounded on all sides by housing. There is a fenced play area with a range of play equipment catering for young children and school aged children. There is an area of hardstanding with basketball hoops and surfaced connecting paths around the site facilities.	The site is in good condition and the play area and basketball court recently installed.	The play area is recently installed and contains a range of equipment for children of school age. There are a number of standard trees providing some wind protection and adding to the landscape amenity of the site. Consider installing a landscaped seating area to encourage people to spend time in the open space.	73
NM0226	FINEGANS ROAD	JONESBOROUGH	Small area of open space on the edge of the village containing a play area and a grassed pitch. The facility is fenced and contains small areas of amenity grass. The play area is attractive and contains a wide range of equipment for children of all ages, including a rope swing which may appeal to older children. There are a number of standard trees providing some wind protection and adding to the landscape amenity of the site.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	75
NM1143	KILCLIEF GAA / SHORE ROAD	KILCLIEF	Recently installed adventure play area on the edge of a sports facility with club house, car park and picnic area. The site is located on the coast, between Strangford and Kilclief. The play area can be access along a path around the sports area, which continues to the coast. The play area contains a wide range of climbing and play equipment for all ages, including a seating shelter.	The play facility and the wider sports facility is of very high quality and recently installed. However, there is damage to lights along path, with a number having been vandalised.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its location at a distance from the village will encourage people to travel by car. However, it provides a very new and high quality facility for families. Monitor and address any anti-social behaviour.	74
NM0581	KILCOO GAC	KILCOO	Recently installed children's play area located beside a sports pitch facility to the north of the village of Kilcoo. The fenced play facility is beside the car park and probably used by families using the larger sports facility, or people driving to use the play area. The play area includes a range of equipment for young and school aged children, including accessible equipment.	The play facility and the wider sports facility is of very high quality and recently installed.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its location at a distance from the village will encourage people to travel by car, but there is a wide roadside pavement to the village. However, it provides a very new and high quality facility for families.	76
NM0601	BEN CROM PLACE	KILKEEL	Small pocket of play space with a fenced area, at the end of a cul-de-sac and in the heart of a residential area. The site contains a few pieces of play equipment and is associated with a neighbouring Jobs and Benefits Office.	The site is in reasonable condition and is fit for purpose. However, the site size and location will limit the use of the space. The high fences will detract from the site users play experience and the site may not be accessible out of hours.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	50
NM0593	HILLSIDE VIEW	KILKEEL	Area of grassed open space, beside an indoor sports facility, located on the eastern edge of the village. The site comprises: grassed pitch and small children's play area, beside a car park and community building. The play area includes a range of equipment for young and school aged children, including accessible equipment.	The site is in very good condition and is fit for purpose. It appears to have been recently installed and is well maintained.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its use could be extended through the installation of a seating area and circular path network. Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	73
NM0597	KITTYS ROAD	KILKEEL	Small area of fenced open space, providing a grassed sports pitch, surfaced MUGA (unfenced), zip wire and play area beside a community centre. The site is surrounded on all sides by fields and has a car park.	The site is in reasonable condition and the play area recently installed. The basketball court is well used.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Upgrade the site infrastructure as necessary.	70
NM0613	MOURNE ESPLANADE	KILKEEL	Extensive area of open space and sports facilities along the sea front at Kilkeel. The site comprises a fitness area and car park at the eastern end. There are paths around the site and to the beach. There is a complex of sports pitches, tennis courts, a bowling green and clubhouse. There is a second car park in the centre of the site with an equipped play area, connected by a network of paths. There is also a marked cycleway and signage running through the site.	Some of the fitness equipment has rusted, making it unusable. The planting beds are overgrown and weedy and the area looks untidy and is probably not used. The benches are beginning to rust but the central part of the park is in overall good condition.	The play area has been recently installed and provides a wide range of play equipment. There is a network of well surfaced lit paths picnic area and a central sculptural seating area. Review the future of the fitness area and remove if it is considered unfit for purpose.	82
NM0563	NEWRY ROAD / MOURNE PARK	KILKEEL	Extensive area of semi-natural open space, set in one of the most iconic landscapes on the island of Ireland. The site is owned by the Woodland Trust and has one of the largest expanses of ancient woodland in Northern Ireland. The site covers over 73ha (180 acres) of ancient woodland, teeming with wildlife, and enjoys panoramic views from the summit of Knockree Mountain. There is an entrance to the woodland via the car park at the driving range and three trails to enjoy graded from easy to moderate.	The Woodland Trust are improving access to Mourne Park, but there are no benches and the site may not be suitable for people with limited mobility or wheelchair users.	There are plans to install 5km of surfaced paths. Ongoing management by the Woodland Trust. Ongoing path repairs and maintenance.	77
NM0614	ROONEY PARK	KILKEEL	Small area of open space to the north of Kilkeel. The site is bordered by fences overlooked by houses on one side and woodland to the south. There is an area of bitmac with a few pieces of play equipment and a football pitch with rusty goals.	The play area is dated and past its best, providing limited play value and attraction. The Aughrim Road runs along the southern boundary. River walk amenity greenway path runs past the site. The site is gated and not accessible from Rooney Road or the greenway path.	Replace the play area and open up access to the open space. Diversify its facilities to include more people and age groups. Waking trail links to the riverside path and a landscaped seating area.	54
NM0588	SCROGG ROAD	KILKEEL	Small area of open space in the heart of a residential area. The site comprises a grassed sports pitch, a basketball court with fenced goal ends, a children's play area and small area of hard standing.	The play area is in poor condition, with all the swings removed and the small slide, bouncer and see saw providing limited play value. The fence posts remain from a fence.	Upgrade the play area, provide seating areas and facilities for families and young people. The fence along Grange Meadows will limit access though there is gated access. Provide adventure equipment and a surfaced bike circuit.	49
NM1092	MAIN STREET / KILLOUGH SHORE	KILLOUGH	Large area of open space, just off Main Street, to the north of the village. The site comprises: mown sports pitches, surfaced path, interpretation boards, benches, picnic area and bins. Standard trees recently planted along the path leading to the shoreline and running along the length of the village, providing a circular path network to the south of the village and the play area.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	There have been recent upgrades to the park, including interpretation, path links and standard tree planting. Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management and path maintenance.	79
NM1095	QUAY LANE	KILLOUGH	Small fenced play area in an area of open space beside a car park, located along Quay Lane in the centre of the village beside the shoreline. The play space provides a range of children's play equipment set in an area of safety surfacing. The site is enclosed by a wall and there are bike stands and a gated entrance.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose. There is a little bit of litter, but otherwise the site is well maintained.	Ensure wooden play structures are treated and maintenance levels upheld.	67
NM1088	ROSSGLASS ROAD	KILLOUGH	Rectangular area of recreation and play space adjacent to a fenced sports pitch and changing block, located on the western edge of the village. The site also contains an old play area and small car park. There are the remains of a tower or windmill. A network of surfaced paths connects the play area to the surrounding residential streets.	The play area provides limited play value, limited to younger children and appears to be past its best. 1 piece of equipment has been removed and a swing is missing. The play safety surfacing is weedy and there is some litter. The pitch facility is in good condition.	Consider upgrading the play area to provide play equipment for children of all ages and facilities for young people. Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting in planters or in the corners of the site, seating areas and well designed entrances.	65
NM1081	BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	KILLYLEAGH	Equipped play area set in the grounds of the Bridge community centre and sports facility. The play area is adjacent to a car park and a community centre and is accessed along a surfaced path leading to Cross Street. It is enclosed by mature planting and trees. There is a steep set of steps leading to Cross Street and a bridge structure. There is a zip wire but no other equipment for older children.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld. Consider providing facilities for older children and young adults to encourage a greater use of the open space.	68
NM1062	CASTLEVIEW	KILLYLEAGH	Extensive area of mown grass around a housing area and providing a linking space between the residential streets, along lit surfaced paths and poorly designed steps. The boundaries are formed by the rear garden fences of the adjacent properties and mature planting. There are no other features.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The size of the open space, steep topography and its location in the heart of a residential area suggests there may be opportunity to create a circular path network and landscaped seating areas to encourage use of the site. There may be opportunity for an informal playspace, including sculptural seating area and a play trail.	56
NM1039	DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK	KILLYLEAGH	Situated on the shores of Strangford Lough in an area of natural beauty Delamont Country Park is located between Killyleagh and Downpatrick. Delamont is home to the Strangford Stone the tallest megalith in Ireland. It is a beautiful 200 acre Country Park, offers a great day out for visitors of all ages. The site comprises: caravan and camping site, walking trails through the wooded estate, Miniature Railway, café, open areas for family picnics, BBQ area and adventure play area. Access to Strangford Lough picnic areas. There is a parking charge but access is free. There are accessibility scooters free to hire.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose.	It is a well used open space resource, so ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	89
NM0923	TECONNAUGHT ROAD	KILMORE	Small walled garden with mature trees, a bench, mown grass, and no other features. The site is located along the main street of the settlement.	The site is fit for purpose and well maintained.	The size of the open space and its location limits the opportunity to extend its use and function. There may be opportunity for an informal playspace, including sculptural seating area and a play trail.	56



NM0603	LEITRIM ROAD	LEITRIM	Play area and attractive open space located in the heart of the settlement, besides a residential area and opposite the village sports complex. The site comprises a variety of spaces, separated by wooden fencing, with a small children's play area, play space for older children, area of grassed amenity open space and a car park. The play spaces are connected along a path. The small children's play area provides a range of climbing equipment, sand pit and swings. The older children's adventure play area contains a zip wire, climbing structures and fitness trail, balance beams, benches and a raised walkway with boulders and wooden edging.	The play equipment is in good condition and provides a valuable high quality play facility. However, the woodchip needs topping up and is weedy in places. There is some litter onsite.	The site is currently fit for purpose. Replace the woodchip surface material and tidy up the site perimeter. Restain the wooden posts. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	72
NM0106	MOUNTAIN ROAD	LISLEA	Attractive open space and play area adjacent to a community centre, community building and a car park. The site provides a range of equipment for toddlers, young children and equipment for young people. There are seating areas and outdoor classroom corner.	The site is in very good condition and is fit for purpose. It appears to have been recently installed and is well maintained.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	79
NM0267	BARR CRESCENT	LURGANARE	Play area within a chain link fenced area and surrounded on 3 sides by housing. The site contains a number of pieces of play equipment for toddlers and primary school aged children. The are benches and picnic benches, but the poor quality of the environment will probably affect use.	Despite the range of play structures, the overall play value of the site is low and the appearance detracts from the appeal. The fencing is old and kerb edge crumbling. The bitmac is broken in places, there are loose broken slabs and pieces of rubber mats lifted. There are no landscape features to attract families and other park users.	Re-design the play area (maybe reusing the equipment) and create a more attractive landscape with seating areas, planting, upgraded fencing, new safety surfacing, etc. Provide equipment for older children, if a need is identified through consultation.	53
NM0760	CHURCH HILL VIEW	MAGHERA	Small area of open space tucked behind a row of houses along Ballyloughlin Road. The fenced play area is accessed along a lane between 2 houses. The open space comprises: a play area catering for young children and a small area of grassed open space. The site is enclosed by fences and mature boundary vegetation.	The play area provides limited play value, limited to younger children and appears to be past its best. The play safety surfacing is weedy.	Consider upgrading the play area to provide play equipment for children of all ages and facilities for young people. Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting in planters or in the corners of the site, seating areas and a signed entrance.	55
NM0511	OLD ROAD	MAYBRIDGE	Equipped play area set in the grounds of a community centre and sports facility. The fenced play area is adjacent to a car park, fenced sports pitch and community centre. The play area is recently installed and contains a range of play equipment for toddlers and primary school aged children. There is a zip wire but no other equipment for older children. It is in a key central location beside a pre-school building.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	70
NM0201	BEARNA PARK / MEIGH COMMUNITY PARK	MEIGH	Attractive open space and play area adjacent to a pre-school and a car park. Small fenced play area set on a slope and containing a range of equipment for toddlers and primary school aged children. There are small areas of amenity open space with seating and path connections to St Moninna Park to the north.	The site is in very good condition and is fit for purpose. It appears to have been recently installed and is well maintained.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained.	70
NM0208	ST MONINNA PARK	MEIGH	Ball court with walls and fences located adjacent to a car park and St Moninna Playing Field. The facilities are well maintained but primarily for sports use. There are paths around the pitches, but the fencing will probably deter other informal recreational users. There is a path connecting to the nearby Bearna Park which is a more appropriate place for play and informal recreation.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	The ball court is currently fit for its purpose.	62
NM0096	CONWAY PARK	MULLAGHBANE	Long linear open space located in the heart of the village and providing an open grassed pitch, MUGA with football goals and basketball hoops and a small play area.	The overall condition is reasonable, however the play area is dated and provides limited play value. Some pieces of play equipment are missing and the retaining wall needs painting/repair.	Consider providing facilities for older children and young people, if a need is established. The provision of a landscaped seating area will extend the use of the site to parents and families. Upgrade the play area and the path / boundaries.	57
NM0224	LATT CRESCENT	MULLAGHGLASS	Small area of amenity open space creating verge areas and an area of mounded grassed open space with a play area to the north of the settlement. There are limited play facilities on site. However, it is an important door-step open space.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	The size of the settlement and number of residential properties within easy reach of the play space will limit opportunity for its development. Provide a seating area to extend the use of the site by people of all ages. There may be opportunity for a community garden with raised beds to encourage greater use of the site.	51
NM0816	BURRENDALE PARK CLOSE	NEWCASTLE	Small rectangular area of open space, accessed along a narrow alleyway from Burrendale Park Close. The site comprises: a fenced play area with a range of play equipment for school aged children, basketball hoop and an area of mown grass. The site is located between a residential area and a light industrial estate.	The open space is reasonably maintained and facilities fairly recently installed. There are few sightlines into the park, which is enclosed by fences and the boundary walls of adjacent buildings.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	60
NM0786	CASTLE PARK	NEWCASTLE	Large area of open space located to the north of the Central Promenade and main street running through the town. The park contains a variety of uses, including: boating pond, fun fair, Crazy Golf, Go-Karts and Pedalow Swans, bowling green and club, mini-golf, big wheel and car park. The attractions are set in a mown grass area with standard trees, raised seating edging, wide path routes and public realm areas, lighting, interpretation boards and a children's play area. The open space connects to the Central Promenade to the south and Island Park to the north, along a network of high quality surfaced paths and pedestrian crossings.	The site has been recently upgraded and is in excellent condition and fit for purpose. There is some graffiti on the stone seats and litter on site. However, the facilities are recently installed and of a high quality.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld. Address the anti-social behaviour on site.	83
NM0796	CENTRAL PROMENADE	NEWCASTLE	Extensive linear area of open space running along the Newcastle seafront, forming an attractive promenade and open space along the length of the town centre. There are access points along the length of the path to the beach and a network of connecting paths providing all abilities access to the community facilities along the length of the seafront and Downs Road / Central Promenade. There are a variety of uses along the length of the site, including: an equipped play area, landscaped gardens, sculptural lighting / fencing, disabled access to the beach, sculpture, picnic areas, civic space, seating areas, public toilets and car park.	The site has been recently upgraded and is in excellent condition and fit for purpose. There is some wear and tear around the play area surfacing and grass areas, due to the level of use (e.g. zip wire).	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	90
NM0753	DONARD PARK	NEWCASTLE	Donard Park is a large area of open space located to the south of the town, besides Donard Park pitches. The park comprises: a mature parkland landscape with mature trees and mown grass, with a network of surfaced paths with signage to the paths around Slieve Donard and the Glen River Trail. The park infrastructure includes: paths, picnic areas, signed path routes, benches and interpretation. Parking is available in the adjacent sports facility.	The site has been recently upgraded and is in excellent condition and fit for purpose.	It is a well used open space resource, so ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	65
NM0763	ISLAND PARK	NEWCASTLE	Large area of open space located to the north of Castle Park, to the west of the main street running through the town. The Shimna River cuts through the site, and divides the park. There is a network of high quality surfaced paths, a bridge over the river and pedestrian crossings to link the park to Castle Park. The southern section contains tennis courts, car park and paths through an attractive park landscape. The northern half contains a car park, play area and wide open spaces with paths and mature trees. The park infrastructure includes: lit paths, picnic areas, signed path routes, benches and signage.	The site has been recently upgraded and is in good condition and fit for purpose. However, there is some graffiti on the interpretation boards and the bridge. The settled paths around the car park to the north of the site are uneven and setts missing in places.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld. Address the anti-social behaviour on site. Upgrade the paths around the car park to the north of the site.	83
NM1146	MOURNE MOUNTAINS & SILENT VALLEY MOUNTAIN PARK	NEWCASTLE	Path access from Donard Park in Newcastle to the walks around the Mourne Mountains. There is an extensive car parking area for the adjacent sports facility and park. The path routes and start of the walk to the top of Slieve Donard begin at the car park. There are finger post markers, entrance signage, picnic areas and map signage boards. The path to the mountains wind through the wooded slopes along a network of paths and trails. The Mourne mountain area is an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB). The other popular place to access the mountains is from Silent Valley Mountain Park which attracts around 50,000 visitors per year.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose.	Northern Ireland Water has provided a number of visitor facilities at the Silent Valley Mountain Park including an information centre, car park, play area, walks around the reservoir, café, interpretation, sculpture, toilets and education centre. Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management by Northern Ireland Water. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	85
NM0371	ABBAY PARK	NEWRY	The area known as Abbey Park is an extensive area of semi-natural open space surrounded on all sides by housing. There is a network of informal tracks across the site and surfaced paths around the perimeter, connecting to the adjacent residential streets. There are strips of dense vegetation around the perimeters of the site, suggesting that access is not formally encouraged. There is an area of maintained open space along Abbey Heights, with mown grass and a short length of path.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The dense vegetation discourages exploration of the wider site. This area of open space could provide informal recreation space for the local residents and would benefit from a landscaped seating area.	62

NM0283	ARDGREEN DRIVE	NEWRY	Extensive area of mown grass amenity space forming connecting spaces between the residential streets, connected by surfaced paths. There are mature standard trees in the grass areas and no other features.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The location of the open space close to a busy road will limit its future use. However, there may be opportunity to provide seating areas close to the residential streets, with landscaped areas enclosing them. Any development of the space should be done in consultation with the local community.	60
NM0242	CAMLOUGH ROAD	NEWRY	Extensive area of amenity green space and mature trees providing an attractive approach to Newry on the Camlough Road. The site wraps around a residential estate but provides limited open space facilities due to its location adjacent to busy roads. The smaller areas of open space around the houses along Parkhead Crescent will provide some informal recreation space for dog walkers.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	There may be opportunity to provide a seating area, however there are other open spaces in more suitable locations.	60
NM0415	CARLINGFORD PARK	NEWRY	Extensive area of play space and recreation space to the east of Newry on the edge of a residential area. The site has been recently redesigned and contains a children's play area (including a sensory area), zip wire, MUGA and seating within the play area.	The facility is currently fit for purpose. However, there has been some damage to the slide from a fire, so it was fenced off at the time of survey.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	67
NM0287	CHANCELLORS ROAD	NEWRY	Large area of amenity and recreation space in the south west of the city, on the edge of a residential area. The gently sloping site contains: fenced MUGA, grass football pitch, fenced play area, zip wire and seating, picnic benches inside the play area. There are standard trees recently planted along Chancellors Road, but no other landscaped features.	The play area has recently been installed and is in overall good condition. However, the edges of the safety surface is weedy and surfacing cracked in places.	Overall the site is fit for purpose.	69
NM0348	CLOGHANRAMER ROAD	NEWRY	Linear park located on the edge of a residential area and bounded by the A28 road. The park is located beside a row of shops and is accessible from 3 gated entrances along Cloghanramer Road and Ardmore Park. The site comprises: grass pitches, fenced pitches, car park, containers, fenced children's play area and informal garden area. The play area has been recently installed and contains a number of pieces of equipment for toddlers and primary school aged children. There is a bike riding track around the play equipment, in reference to the Isle of Man TT race, for which there is an interpretation board. The garden area contains mature standard trees and low walls, suggesting there was a building on site at some point.	The open space is well maintained and facilities recently installed. There are few sightlines into the park, which is enclosed by tall hedges and overgrown vegetation. The pitches appear to be a separate facility to the play area and garden and a fence prevents access between the two.	Review the connections between the play and sports facilities and connect with a path and break in the fence. Consider opening up views into the site by lowering the hedge to raise awareness of the play / sports facilities. Provide connecting paths to all entrances and landscaped seating areas along the path route. Add colourful planting to the garden area to encourage exploration and add interpretation of the stone structures, of appropriate.	70
NM0253	CRANNARD GARDENS	NEWRY	Area of amenity open space along Carnagat Road, which provides a level of informal recreational space and opportunities for dog walkers.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The adjacent busy road, the sloping topography will limit use of the space for play which are better suited in other nearby open spaces. There may be opportunity to provide a seating area.	60
NM0328	DAVIS STREET	NEWRY	Small square of open space, accessed along two narrow cul-de-sacs. The site fenced with 4m high gated fences and high walls. The facility must be locked at night. It contains a play area, a MUGA and mown grass area with benches.	The height of the fences suggests a response to a high level of anti-social behaviour. The result being, a hostile and intimidating space, which is not overlooked by neighbouring properties.	The equipment is in reasonable condition, but the safety surfacing has been patch repaired. Use of the space should be reviewed, along with the levels / cause of anti-social behaviour, before any plans to upgrade the park are developed.	50
NM0261	DERRYBEG PARK	NEWRY	Extensive area of open space divided into a few areas, including a grass pitch enclosed by fencing and long grassed banks, mown grass amenity areas on a sloping site with lit paths, community centre with a fenced garden and play area and MUGA located on an area of hardstanding. The expanse of open space and lack of path connections between them makes the spaces disconnected. The sloping topography and fences around the pitch also serve to deter access between the parts of the site. The play area and MUGA provide facilities for toddlers and primary aged children. There is a circular area with a stone memorial and area of amenity open space close to the community centre.	The play area is in reasonable condition, but the play surface has been patch repaired, the basket swing is missing, the hard surfaced area is weedy and untidy and lacking in character. There is broken glass and some graffiti on the boundary walls. Access to the pitch from First Avenue has been fenced, with access through a narrow gap in the fence.	A masterplan for the park should be developed, in consultation with the local community. Plans might include a circular path network throughout the site, connecting the community facilities with the surrounding residential streets. Colourful trees and shrubs will add interest and biodiversity to the site, with seating areas, sculptural trails / play trails along the route. Tidy up the hard surfacing around the play area / MUGA to create more of a designed community space around the community centre. Low walls, trees and shrubs and seating areas could better define the space. Tidy up / redesign the entrance areas and provide directional signage.	64
NM0317	DOMINIC STREET	NEWRY	Small square of amenity open space, forming a pocket park along Dominic Street. The site is gated, has narrow paths around the site, a bin, standard trees, some shrub planting and a statue in the centre of the grass. There are clipped hedges and stone urns suggesting it has been better maintained local park in the past.	There are no benches, the shrubs are gapped and overgrown, the paint is peeling on the boundary fencing and there is very little to draw people into the space.	Review the future use of the park in light of the location, poor visibility to the back of the site and evidence of anti-social behaviour in the local open spaces.	56
NM0286	DORANS HILL	NEWRY	Dorans Hill is an area of open space in a hillside overlooking a residential area. Part of the site is accessible along a narrow road and car park beside a community centre. There is an area of amenity grass and scrub on the steeper slopes above and below the community centre. There does not appear to be any use of these spaces, probably due to the topography and distance from the residential streets. A large part of the site, with level topography, has been fenced and in use as an allotment. A former play area site has been included in the fenced area.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space and allotment gardens.	The site topography and secluded nature of the site suggests that it should not be developed further as public open space. There are other more suitable sites for park, sport and recreational use. Ensure the maintenance standards of the park are upheld.	58
NM0341	ALBERT BASIN	NEWRY	Linear strip of sports pitches and amenity open space located between a residential area and the Albert Basin. The site includes: fenced pitches, changing facility, car park and lit paths connecting to the residential streets.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as sports pitches and amenity open space. However, there is a bit of litter on site.	The site is currently fit for purpose. On-going maintenance to ensure that the quality and variety of the activities and facilities is upheld.	60
NM0359	HEATHER PARK	NEWRY	Heather Park is an extensive area of park space located to the east of the river and town centre. The boundaries of the site are formed by old stone walls, which also divide the space into pockets of open space. The layout, walls and entrances suggest it was a heritage park in its heyday. However, today it is much degraded and lacks any features or facilities. There are entrances along Stream Street, Sandys Street and High Street, with stepped access from the north. There is a play area to the east, comprising an old slide, swings and a round-about.	The old heritage park is much degraded and lacks any features or facilities. There are paths throughout, but very few features and only one bench beside the play area. Part of the boundary walls and other built features are crumbling and may be unsafe.	A survey of the boundary walls should be undertaken. There are play facilities, sports and ball games in the nearby Kilmory Park, so any park upgrades should be considered in light of the facilities in the wider area. There may be opportunity to enhance the open space with a planting scheme that provides attractive trees and shrubs and a richer habitat that could create a more attractive environment and a lower maintenance garden. Explore opportunities for the local community to get involved in planting and maintaining the new landscape. Local groups (e.g. schools and community groups) may be interested in building growing spaces or gardens.	48
NM0220	HILLCREST BRAE	NEWRY	Rectangular area of grassed pitch with football goals and boundary shrubs / fencing. The entrance form Hillcrest Brae car park is through a gated access and a steep grassy slope. There is a set of steps leading to the adjacent MUGA to the south.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as sports pitches.	The topography and use of the site as sports pitches limits the use of the open space for alternative uses but landscaped seating areas will extend the use of the space, providing a more attractive environment.	57
NM0374	KILMOREY PARK	NEWRY	Extensive area of open space, close to Heather Park. There are entrances to the park from Cowan Street to the east and Stream Street to the north, and a network of connecting paths. The park contains the following facilities: recently installed fenced children's play area, MUGA, zip wire and an area of grassed open space. The facilities are concentrated at the Cowan Street entrance and the rest of the park has few features other than mature trees, steep slopes up to the adjacent church and cemetery and paths.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space and play space. However, the open space lacks function, other than the play area, and lacks interest and appeal.	The park would benefit from similar development as the nearby Heather Park. The planting of attractive trees and shrubs would make the space more attractive, whilst maintaining views into the site. Redesign of the excess of hardstanding could provide alternative uses, for example bike circuits, basketball court and youth facilities. Tidy up the entrances to the park and provide better connections / signage to the town centre across Heather Park. The more remote open spaces could be replanted with native trees and shrubs to create a richer environment and a lower maintenance landscape. There may be opportunity to involve local schools and community groups in the planting and maintenance of growing spaces and gardens.	66
NM0277	LOANDA PARK	NEWRY	Linear strip of open space along Martin's Lane, located on the western edge of a residential area to the west of Newry. The site comprises: areas of mown grass cut in half by Loanda Crescent and a new fenced play area. There are standard trees set in the grassed open space and narrow paths leading to the play area. The play area contains a range of play equipment for toddlers, primary school aged children and a zip wire for older children. There is all abilities equipment included and a picnic area.	The facility has been recently installed, but there are signs of wear and tear: the basket swing has been removed, there is damage to the trampoline (fenced off) and a little bit of litter. The planning application included the installation of a MUGA in the north part of the site, which was not installed.	Provide surfaced paths throughout the open space, to encourage local people to walk/cycle to the open space. Colourful trees and shrubs, along the path with seating areas, will encourage greater use and exploration of the wider open space.	70
NM0309	LUCERNE	NEWRY	Rectangular area of park space at the end of a residential cul-de-sac. The site is surrounded on 2 sides by houses and linked to Lisgullion Park to the east. The site comprises: fenced MUGA, fenced children's play area, grass football pitch and a fenced community garden. Whilst the site contains a variety of facilities, connections between the spaces is poor. Access from Lucerne is through a very narrow entrance in the fenced boundary, which will not be accessible for wheelchairs and wide buggies. The path leads around the MUGA to the play area. There is a range of play equipment for toddlers and primary school aged children.	Access to the greenspace when the facilities are locked will be difficult and there is poor path access / connection from Lisgullion Park residential road to Lucerne. There is graffiti in the play area and MUGA and the play surface has been patch repaired.	Review the access arrangements to the park, in connection with the anti-social behaviour issues before considering upgrades or improvements.	68



NM0250	ALTNAVEIGH PARK	NEWRY	Large area of grassed open space to the west of a residential area, close to Rathore School and St Mallachy's nursery school. The site comprises mown grass areas on elevated ground above Altnaveigh Park, a fenced MUA and a fenced play area. The play area contains a range of play equipment for children of all ages. The benches are within the fenced area and the multi-climb structures suggest the facilities are locked at night to prevent access/damage. There is a surfaced path from the residential area to the east.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the MUGA / play area in good overall condition. The high fences and the security features suggest there may be anti-social behaviour despite the number of houses overlooking the site.	Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting, seating areas and well designed entrances. The open space could be upgraded, in consultation with the community to see what needs there are, what are the wider issues and what type of facility might work in the space.	68
NM0213	HILLCREST	NEWRY	Extensive area of amenity open space in the heart of a residential estate around Hillcrest Avenue. The site is gently sloping and has a grassy knoll, with mature trees around a rock outcrop. There are no paths or tracks around the site.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space. However, the open space lacks function, other than the play area, and lacks interest and appeal.	There may be opportunity to build a path / track around the site to enable informal access, recreation and dog walking. There may be local support for a seating area and native planting to improve the visual amenity and biodiversity of the site.	63
NM0347	MOURNE VIEW PARK	NEWRY	Small rectangle of open space, accessed along alleyway behind a row of small houses. There is a fenced MUGA and fenced play area in an enclosed space, at a lower level to the adjacent streets. The facility was locked at the time of survey and is only accessible from the south along the alleyway. The play area contains a range of play facilities for toddlers and primary school aged children.	There is litter along the alleyway and the safety surface is patch repaired. There is an old stone arch providing access to a small area of hard standing beside the play area. The spaces are not connected.	The height of the fence suggest a response to a high level of anti-social behaviour. The result being a hostile and intimidating space, which is not overlooked by neighbouring properties. Use of the space should be reviewed along with the levels / cause of anti-social behaviour, before any plans to upgrade the site are developed.	45
NM0314	PATRICK STREET	NEWRY	Small square area of open space just off Patrick Street. The site can be accessed from John Martin Street to the west, up steep steps. The site comprises: fenced MUGA, children's play area and small strips of amenity grass. There is an old slide set in the tarmac area and other areas of safety surface, suggesting that a number of pieces have been removed.	There is litter besides the steps, which are steep and hidden to the back of the site. The fencing around the MUGA is rusty and untidy. There are only 2 pieces of play equipment remaining in the fenced play area, and 1 bench. The play and recreation value of the site is limited and the litter and poor repair of the facilities will deter use by children and young people. There is graffiti on the side wall, which has been painted over with murals.	A review of the wider issues of the park should be undertaken before plans to replace the play equipment and redesign the space are developed. However, the central location of the park suggests that this would be a good location for a play and local park facility.	50
NM0377	PETER MCPARLAND PARK	NEWRY	Large rectangular area of open space in a residential area off Barley Lane. The site comprises: children's play area, basketball court, fenced MUGA, set in amenity grass. There are dense trees and shrubs around the perimeter and areas of mown grass. There is a stepped access path to Loughview Park to the north.	The play area appears to have been recently refurbished and is fit for purpose. However, the play value and age groups it might attract should be extended.	The planting of colourful trees and shrubs will improve the appearance and biodiversity of the site. There is an area of redundant hardstanding to the north of the site, which should either be put to use or removed.	63
NM0339	QUAYSIDE CLOSE	NEWRY	Extensive area of amenity open space alongside Quayside Close and the residential streets either side. The site comprises: gently sloping mown grass areas, clumps of mature trees and a network of surfaced lit paths crossing the site.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The topography limits the use of the open space for alternative uses but landscaped seating areas will extend the use of the space, providing a more attractive environment.	61
NM0335	RATHMORE ROAD	NEWRY	Extensive area of mown grass separating two housing areas and providing a linking space between the residential streets, along lit surfaced paths. The boundaries are formed by the rear garden fences of the adjacent properties and mature planting. There are no other features.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The size of the open space and its location in the heart of a residential area suggests there may be opportunity to create a circular path network and landscaped seating areas to encourage use of the site. There may be opportunity for an informal playspace, including sculptural seating area and a play trail.	62
NM0215	RIVERSIDE CRESCENT	NEWRY	Small area of open space with a fenced MUGA at the end of Riverside Crescent. The site contains mown grass, the MUGA and no other features.	The site is hidden away from view of the housing, but is largely fit for purpose.	The size and location of the site will limit its use and development. There may be opportunity to provide a seating area, if there is local need or interest in developing the site. Plans might include a community garden or informal play space for local children.	57
NM0322	SPRINGHILL DRIVE	NEWRY	Area of open space to the north of Newry and at the end of Springhill Drive cul-de-sac. The site comprises: extensive areas of mown grass, boundary scrub planting, a surfaced path leading to fenced children's play area.	The play area is in reasonable condition, but lacking in interest and appeal. The paint is peeling on the swing frames. There are swings, a slide and a roundabout and no other features in the park.	The open space would benefit from additional features including a landscaped seating area, connected to a path network and upgraded play area. There is a play area in the nearby Cloghanrammer Road park. There may be opportunity for the introduction of an informal playspace, including sculptural seating area and a play trail.	63
NM0396	WINDMILL WINDS	NEWRY	Small area of open space along Blaney Crescent, in the heart of a residential area. The site contains a fenced MUGA set in a gently sloping amenity greenspace, with clumps of mature scrub and rock outcrops. There is also a fenced play area, which comprises a square tarmac area with dated swings, a slide and a roundabout.	The play area has limited play value and its hard surfacing, walls / fencing detracts from the site. The gates are rusting.	Update and replace the play area, providing equipment for all ages and abilities, set in an attractive well designed environment. Provide attractive trees and shrubs along the roadside edge, whilst maintaining views into the site.	64
NM0044	JIM STEEN PLAYING FIELDS	NEWTOWNHAMILTON	Small area of open space located on the edge of the village, beside the Dungormley Estate. The site comprises a well designed and attractive open space with sports pitches, car park, picnic area and a children's play area. The fenced play area is surrounded by areas of mown grass and landscaped areas with mature trees and shrubs.	The site is in excellent condition, and has been recently installed and is fit for purpose.	The site is currently fit for purpose and recently upgraded. Ensure that the maintenance standards are upheld and that the site continues to be well run and in use. Ensure that the resource is well advertised and signed from the main road.	70
NM0529	FAIRY GLEN	ROSTREVOR	Fairy Glen walk provides varied scenery parkland and woodland, along a path running alongside the Kilbroney River, starting at the entrance to Kilbroney Park gentle riverside to scenic. This mystical location which previous generations believed, was home to the Brooney's, a group of mischievous fairies who chanted their ethereal music in the hours of darkness. There is signage, interpretation and lighting along the paths.	The site is in good condition and is fit for purpose.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing management and path maintenance.	80
NM0533	FORESTBROOK ROAD	ROSTREVOR	Area of open space to the north of Kilbroney Forest Park. The site is an area of mown grass, with a car park, path network and some mature trees and scrub on the boundary. There are path connections to the adjacent Fairy Glen and Kilbroney Forest Park beyond.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space and play space.	There may be opportunity to provide a seating area, signage and mapped information.	73
NM0530	KILBRONEY FOREST PARK	ROSTREVOR	Kilbroney Forest Park is located to the northern shore of Carlingford Lough, on the eastern edge of Rostrevor. The park provides a range of outdoor activities and facilities including: walking, cycling, riverside walks, an arboretum, a play area, tennis courts, an information area and a café. There is a Narnia Trail, which starts and finishes within Kilbroney Park and brings to life the Chronicles of Narnia. There is interpretation and signage throughout.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose.	It is a well used open space resource, so ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	89
NM0516	ROSS' MONUMENT	ROSTREVOR	Open space containing the obelisk dedicated to the memory of Major-General Robert Ross, located on the western edge of Rostrevor. There are attractive landscaped gardens and stone steps leading to the monument. There are no other facilities in the open space, which is probably not used much by local people, other than those wanting to view the monument.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	The size of the open space, and location at distance from the village limits the opportunity to develop this open space, which is fit for purpose as a heritage site.	64
NM0527	SHORE ROAD	ROSTREVOR	Area of amenity open space along the shore of Carlingford Lough, to the south of Shore Road, the busy A2. The site comprises: an area of mown grass, boundary stone walls, interpretation boards, benches and picnic areas. There is stepped access to the beach.	The site is in good condition and is fit for its current purpose as amenity open space.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. There are more centrally located sites for additional open space facilities.	64
NM0885	LISLANE PARK	SAINTFIELD	Play facility set in an open space along Lislane Park residential street, adjacent to the Academy Primary School. The play area provides a range of play equipment for children of all ages, set in a mown grassed area. The fenced site includes: benches, bike stands, play trail, zip wire, basketball hoop, wooden adventure trail and a slide / climbing mound. The site is enclosed along the northern boundary with a tall hedge and fence, preventing access to the open space from the adjacent school grounds.	The open space is in good condition and the young children's play area is fenced and fairly recently installed.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the play area is in good overall condition. Provide an attractive seating area with amenity trees and shrubs to extend the use of the site beyond local children. Explore the opening up of a gated access from the adjacent primary school groups to encourage use of the play area outwith school hours.	67
NM0888	NEW LINE	SAINTFIELD	Small area of open space located to the south of the Main Street, close to the centre of the village along New Line. The site comprises a well designed and attractive open space with a children's play area, MUGA and public toilets. The fenced play area is surrounded by areas of mown grass and landscaped areas with mature trees and shrubs.	There has been minor damage to the toilets, indicating some antisocial behaviour and graffiti. However, the park is well maintained and is a local play space.	The park is attractive and contains a wide range of equipment for children of all ages. There are a number of standard trees providing some wind protection and adding to the landscape amenity of the site. Currently fit for purpose. Provide a seating area to extend the use of the site beyond families visiting the play area.	84
NM1151	SAINTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE / BELFAST ROAD	SAINTFIELD	Saintfield community garden located to the rear of the community centre and indoor 3G pitches. The gardens are accessed along a corridor to the side of the buildings. The gardens comprise an area of grassed open space enclosed by a high wall with raised wooden planter, greenhouse and picnic bench. There is a painted mural on the wall leading to the garden.	The gardens, the raised beds and the mown grass are in good condition and appear to be well used. The secluded location at the rear of the community centre may be an issue, but the car park is gated. Pleasant and attractive community space.	The site appears to be fit for purpose and in use as a community garden. Ensure that the maintenance standards are upheld and that the site continues to be well run and in use. Ensure that the resource is well advertised and signed from the main road.	69

NM1061	ST PATRICK'S ROAD	SAUL	Recently installed children's play area located beside a sports pitch facility to the north east of the village of Saul. The fenced play facility is beside the car park and probably used by families using the larger sports facility, or people driving to use the play area. The play area includes a range of equipment for young and school aged children.	The play facility and the wider sports facility is of very high quality and recently installed.	The site is considered fit for purpose. Its location at a distance from the village will encourage people to travel by car, but there is a wide roadside pavement to the village. However, it provides a very new and high quality facility for families.	68
NM0435	GLENVALE ROAD	SHEEPTOWN	An area of playspace which is located close to the village centre along a quiet road. The site includes: a small children's play area and a ball court. The site is fenced with tall chain link fence and a low boundary wall. The play area contains only a few pieces of play equipment and there are no football goals or other facilities in the ball court.	The site is entirely surfaced in tarmac and does not contain any landscaping. There are stone steps leading to the play area, which will limit access by people with wheelchairs or children's buggies. The site has limited play equipment and limited play and recreation appeal. Some litter on the site.	Upgrade the facility in consultation with the local community to ensure that the needs of the children, young people and families are being met. Tidying up the site boundaries will make the site more appealing and improving the entrance area. Providing facilities in the ball court will improve use e.g. goals or basketball hoop. There may be scope to create a community garden, with raised planters and a landscaped seating area to encourage the community to use the site.	44
NM1047	OSBORNE DRIVE / CLEA LOUGH ROAD	SHRIGLEY	Large area of grassed open space beside a residential area, close the centre of the settlement. The site comprises: sports pitches, mown grass areas around the pitches, expansive areas of hard standing besides a fenced play area and MUGA, with pockets of amenity greenspace around the adjacent houses. The play area contains a range of play equipment for children of all ages. There are areas of mature tree planting and signs for the Shrigley Community Gardens 2004. There is an enclosed seating area, with benches, decorative paving and tall brick planters. A running track was marked on the grass.	The open space is in good condition, but there is a lack of connections between the site facilities, and the community garden is looking tired and paths uneven and edges rotting. There is a bit of surface damage to the play area, benches are rusting and there is an area of disused hard surfacing with no use.	The site appears to be fit for purpose, with the gardens and play area in reasonable condition. However, the open space could be better planned with a network of connected paths to and around the site. The paths and paving around the community garden should be repaired and the shrubs replanted. Provide a connecting path from the garden to the play area, with a circular route to encourage greater use of the site.	58
NM0076	SLIEVE VIEW	SILVERBRIDGE	Small area of open space between the housing. The site comprises a fenced MUGA, an area of amenity grass and a small play area. The play value is limited due to the age and condition of the equipment.	The slabbed surface is weedy and the environment uninteresting hard surfacing with very little informal play space. The steps to the MUGA are steep and will form a barrier for those using wheeled transport. The paint on the play equipment is peeling.	Upgrade the play area and the site boundaries. Tidying up the site boundaries will make the site more appealing and improving the entrance area. The provision of a landscaped seating area will extend the use of the site to parents and families.	45
NM0108	SLIEVE GULLION	SLIEVE GULLION	Slieve Gullion Forest Park, Adventure Playpark and Fionn's Giant Adventure is located at the foot of Slieve Gullion forming the car park and visitor facilities for a network of paths around the mountain. The Forest Park offers walking trails, a scenic drive, an Adventure Playpark, Fionn's Giant Adventure children's story trail and a Courtyard with coffee shop. Facilities include woodland play, fitness trail, educational trail, visitor centre, café, interpretation, outdoor gym, toilets, outdoor classroom, guesthouse/trail and picnic areas.	The site is in excellent condition and is fit for purpose.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Ongoing path repairs and woodland maintenance.	91
NM1135	THE LINKS	STRANGFORD	Extensive area of open space located to the south of the heart of the village which provides a range of recreation facilities including: community centre, car park, play area and a sports pitch complex. There is a well used running track around the sports area. The play area provides equipment for young children and a zip wire.	Very well maintained park with a wide range of activities and recreation opportunities for young and old.	Design a range of colourful planting beds around the park with ornamental plants, trees and bedding displays/bulb planting.	70
NM0718	HILLSIDE	THE SPA	Small area of open space at the eastern corner of the village. The site comprises a small car park, area of landscaped open space and a play area. The play area is well designed and provides a range of play equipment for children of all ages, including basketball hoop / football goals, swings, climbing structure and a small climbing wall.	The site is in overall good condition. However, there is a stepped access, with handrails, providing informal access to the area to the north, which is overgrown and in poor condition.	The play area is attractive and contains a wide range of equipment for children of all ages. There are a number of standard trees providing some wind protection and adding to the landscape amenity of the site. Currently fit for purpose. Sign the play area from the centre of the village as it is located on the edge of the village in a cul-de-sac. Consider opening up the access to the north	72
NM0471	BRIDLE LOANAN	WARRENPOINT	Triangular shaped area of open space set on a steep hill. The site comprises a fenced MUGA, a small children's play area, a ball court and grassed pitches. The park is accessed along a series of connecting sloping paths and steps.	The site is currently fit for purpose but some structures require repainting and refreshing. There is litter on the site and some graffiti on the boundary residential walls.	Amenity tree and shrub planning and a seating area would improve the amenity and appearance of the site.	65
NM0494	CLONALLON ROAD	WARRENPOINT	Extensive area of open space set between two housing areas. The grassed areas are gently sloping and have networks of paths connecting to the surrounding residential streets. There is a wooded stream passing through the site. The facilities comprise grassed pitch, fenced bowling green, play area, basketball court and car park. The landscape comprises mature trees and scrub along the stream but no other features.	The paths are in reasonable condition but pitted and uneven in places. The play area has only toddler swings and a slide. Other pieces of play equipment have been removed and the site offer very little play opportunity. There are swings for older children in the grassed area but no other facilities. The park is popular with dog walkers but lacks seating. Some graffiti on the boundary walls.	A masterplan should be prepared for the park to provide a range of play facilities for all ages, youth equipment, seating areas, attractive shrubs and a central sculptural focal point. Tidy up the scrub along the stream and introduce plants to extend biodiversity. Plans for the park should be done in consultation with the community.	56
NM0468	DONAGHAGUY LAKE	WARRENPOINT	Small in-land lake with areas of woodland around the edge, which is managed as a wildlife reserve and a fishing lake. There is a circular path route around the reservoir, a small car park and picnic area with bin and signage. There are wooden decking and viewing platforms around the lake with seating areas. Located on the outskirts of Warrenpoint. The facility is well used, mostly by local people. Attractive place to visit, walk and enjoy nature.	The site is in reasonable condition but the path, signage and picnic infrastructure is looking dated.	Ensure that the facility remains fit for purpose and well maintained. Upgrade the site infrastructure as necessary.	69
NM0482	WARRENPOINT PARK	WARRENPOINT	Recently upgraded park in the centre of Warrenpoint and beside the seafront. Well-appointed attractively landscaped gardens with a bandstand, public toilets, play area, education trail, youth area, tennis courts, signage, interpretation and well surfaced path network set in attractive mature landscaped gardens.	A beautiful park with lots of activities for young and old.	Ensure the maintenance standards are upheld.	92
NM0087	MOWHAN ROAD	WHITECROSS	Rectangular area of recreation and play space adjacent to a sports pitch and community centre, located in the heart of the community. The site comprises a fenced play area, with a wide range of play equipment providing activity for children of all ages. The area is surfaced with bitmac and areas of safety surfacing. There are no landscaped areas.	The high fencing and expanse of the bitmac makes the site seem unattractive and uninteresting. There is some litter in the play area. The wooded play structures require restaining.	The site is currently fit for purpose and the pitches / play area in good overall condition. Improve the visual amenity of the site through the addition of attractive tree and shrub planting in planters or in the corners of the site, seating areas and well designed entrances.	66