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### The Doncaster Vision

“By 2010 Doncaster will achieve Greenspace provision which delivers EQUALITY, by enabling all to share in a good quality of life, prosperity and access to services; by providing good QUALITY services and an environment designed to meet people’s needs; and by equipping people to PARTICIPATE in developing their communities. This will make a major contribution to the regeneration of the Borough and our aspirations to Achieve Our Full Potential.”

Source: “QUALITY SPACES, QUALITY PLACES: A Greenspace Strategy For Doncaster”, 2002

[http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/Images/GREENSPACE\\_tcm2-7925.PDF](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/Images/GREENSPACE_tcm2-7925.PDF)

### The vision of the Green Space Strategy for Maidstone is:

“to provide accessible, well-maintained, safe and attractive parks and green spaces of the right type, in the right place of the right quantity to fulfil the recreational needs across all neighbourhoods within the borough and managed in co-ordination with the local community”.

Source: MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL, 2005. GREEN SPACES FOR MAIDSTONE STRATEGY

[http://www.digitalmaidstone.co.uk/environment/parks\\_open\\_spaces/green\\_spaces\\_strategy.aspx](http://www.digitalmaidstone.co.uk/environment/parks_open_spaces/green_spaces_strategy.aspx)

### The Melbourne City Council’s “Vision to 2050” states:

“The City of Melbourne in 2050 will have the highest quality parks, gardens, trees and recreational facilities, easily accessible to and enjoyed by all who live in or visit the City. These assets and the life that they support will be sustainably managed on behalf of the community and future users with a reduced ecological footprint.”

Source: Melbourne City Council, Growing Green, 2003

<http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/rsrc/PDFs/Parks/GrowingGreen1.pdf>

### Vision for Moreland’s open space system in 2023

In 20 years’ time, steady progress will have been made in park improvements and redevelopment, as well as the establishment of new open spaces. Moreland’s open spaces will provide a wide range of open space experiences and settings to meet the needs of all sectors of the local community, including people of all ages, capabilities and cultural backgrounds. The parks, piazzas and waterway corridors will offer diverse and attractive opportunities close to home for healthy exercise, socialising, relaxing, learning, competitive sports, play, festivals and cultural events, outdoor meals, and connecting with nature. The natural and cultural heritage of the municipality will be celebrated, protected and restored in its open spaces. The extensive use of indigenous plant species in new parks, waterway corridors, and streetscapes will have brought back many native birds and other wildlife, and created bushland that is valued by young and old. The well-designed and maintained landscapes will enhance the image of the municipality and will be managed for social, environmental and economic sustainability.

Source: Moreland City Council, 2004. Moreland Open Space Strategy

<http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/publications/openspace55.htm>

### Sheffield’s Vision:

“Sheffield is the greenest city in Britain, proud of its rich variety of open spaces. Our strategy will ensure that every area of the City has green and open spaces of exceptional quality for all current and future generations to use and enjoy.”

Source: Webpage of Sheffield City council

<http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/out-about/parks-woodlands-countryside/green-open-space-strategy-development>



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### Draft vision for Walsall's green spaces is:

“To have excellent, well used and valued green spaces that are safe, accessible and welcoming at the heart of all local communities that meet the needs of current and future generations”

Source: Walsall Council (2006), Walsall Green Space Strategy, Draft for Consultation

[http://www.walsall.gov.uk/walsall\\_gss\\_draft\\_for\\_consultation\\_web.pdf](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/walsall_gss_draft_for_consultation_web.pdf)

### Medway's Strategy Vision

By 2016, Medway will be characterised by and celebrated for its attractive, distinctive estuarine, Downland and woodland and farmed countryside, its rich diversity of wildlife and its high quality open space network. These will be protected to meet the needs of local communities, to improve levels of customer satisfaction and usage and will enhance our shared environment for present and future generations to enjoy and use.

Source: Medway Council Cabinet, 2007. Countryside and open space strategy

[http://www2.medway.gov.uk/FTP/Cabinet\\_Decisions/1151/reports/report\\_1151\\_1758.pdf](http://www2.medway.gov.uk/FTP/Cabinet_Decisions/1151/reports/report_1151_1758.pdf)

### Darlington's Open Space Strategy Vision

“To provide, protect and enhance a variety of high quality, accessible open and green spaces throughout the Borough, linking with the cultural and natural heritage of the area that are: well designed and maintained; sustainable; safe; and promote health, well being and enjoyment, improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the Borough”

#### The Strategy's Aims

- to provide a sustainable amount of high quality, accessible open spaces across the Borough to meet the changing needs and expectations of local people, now and for the foreseeable future;
- to provide a variety of open spaces and facilities within them that, where appropriate, are equally accessible by all;
- to secure improvements in the design and management of open spaces, so that they are attractive and safe for everyone, their biodiversity is enhanced, and the Borough's distinctive history and culture is conserved;
- to build and sustain strong relationships with the local community and other agencies to help shape change on open spaces.

The **action plan** of the Darlington's Open Space Strategy is designed in a table and presented in the appendix of the strategy. The actions are organised and sorted by the four major strategic aims and 12 sub aims. These are the following:

**AIM 1:** to provide a sustainable amount of high quality, accessible open spaces across the Borough to meet the changing needs and expectations of local people, now and for the foreseeable future;

- Protect existing valued open spaces
- Address quantitative deficiencies in open spaces
- Secure qualitative improvements to existing open spaces
- Periodic review of open space supply against demand

**AIM 2:** to provide a variety of open spaces and facilities within them that, where appropriate, are equally accessible by all;

- Address areas of deficiency on a geographical basis
- Increase the amount of public use of existing open spaces
- Improving the accessibility of sites, e.g. footpath links, new entrances

**AIM 3:** to secure improvements in the design and management of open spaces, so that they are attractive and safe for everyone, their biodiversity is enhanced, and the Borough's distinctive history and culture is conserved;

- Enhance existing open spaces
- Introduce sustainable management practice and the promotion of biodiversity across a



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wider range of open spaces

**AIM 4:** to build and sustain strong relationships with the local community and other agencies to help shape change on open spaces.

- Involve local people in the management and maintenance of parks
- Engaging with local people to develop responsibility/ownership of their local environment
- Ask local people for their views and respond to them

The 57 actions are briefly characterised under the following five column headings: Action, Timescale, Key Milestone, Funding, and Lead Officer/Agency. The action plan is prepared for the time range of five years, from 2007 to 2012 where a timescale of a short term action indicates 1-2 years, a medium term action 3-5 years and long term action 6-10 years.

Source: *Darlington Borough Council, 2007. Darlington Open Space Strategy 2007 – 2017;*

[http://www.darlington.gov.uk/dar\\_public/documents/Development%20and%20Environment/Development%20and%20Regeneration/Planning%20Services/Policy/Studies/OpenSpace/OpenSpaceStrategy.pdf](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/dar_public/documents/Development%20and%20Environment/Development%20and%20Regeneration/Planning%20Services/Policy/Studies/OpenSpace/OpenSpaceStrategy.pdf)

### London Borough of Southwark's Vision

To develop the extent and quality of public open space in Southwark, in order to accelerate regeneration, encourage social inclusion, improve community health, enhance biodiversity, provide educational opportunities, and enhance the quality of life of those people who live, work and visit the Borough.

Source: *Green space strategies: a good practice guide, CABE Space, 2004: p 19*

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/AssetLibrary/2111.pdf>

### London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Vision:

By 2020 we will provide a well-connected system of attractive parks and green spaces that are managed and maintained to satisfy the diverse needs of all members of our communities, provide the context for continuing development and contribute to our social, environmental and economic well-being.

Source: *Green space strategies: a good practice guide, CABE Space, 2004: p 19*

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/AssetLibrary/2111.pdf>

### Newcastle's Vision:

Newcastle's green spaces belong to local people. They should be cherished, accessible, safe and clean – managed for the future and there for everyone to enjoy.

Source: *Green space strategies: a good practice guide, CABE Space, 2004: p 19*

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/AssetLibrary/2111.pdf>

