

SUB AREA 5

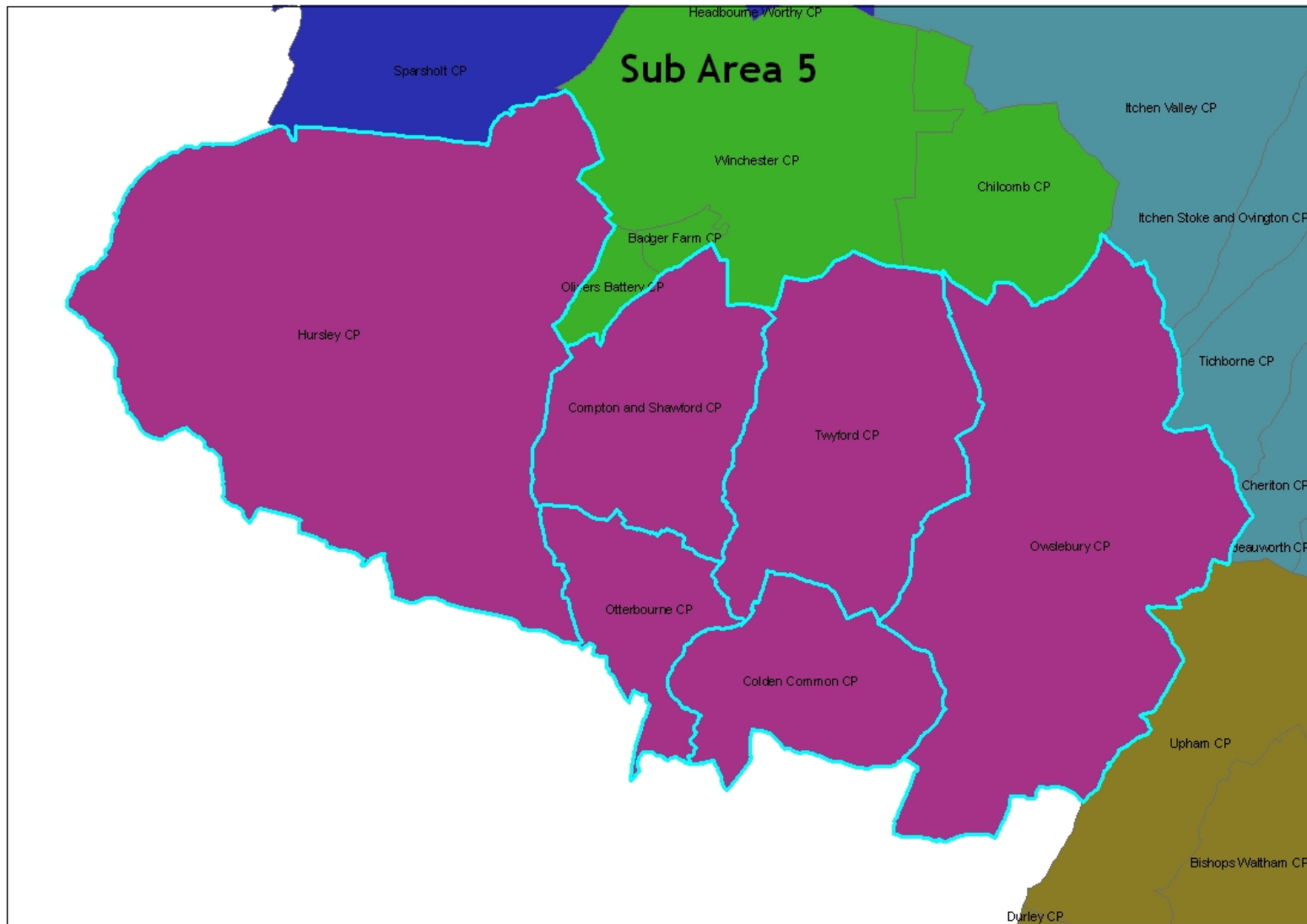


**Owslebury, Hursley, Compton and Shawford,
Twyford, Otterbourne, Colden Common**

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1.0 Sub Area map



2.0 Description of Sub Area

2.1 Population 9,757

2.2 Location & Demographics

Owslebury. A rural parish containing the village of Owslebury, which has a development frontage character and status in both the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review.

Hursley. A rural parish with the main settlement of Hursley astride the A31, south west of Winchester. The attractive village has a Conservation Area, and defined policy boundary in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. The IBM Research Laboratories cover an extensive parkland area to the west of the village.

Compton and Shawford. The parish adjoins the southern boundary of Winchester and contains four settlements - Compton Street, Shawford, Compton Down and Southdown. Compton Street and Shawford have defined development frontages, and Compton Down and Southdown are contained within defined policy boundaries in both the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. The settlements are physically divided by the A33 and the M3, and Compton Street has a Conservation Area. In the current Local Plan, the Winchester/Compton Strategic Gap extends south from Winchester to Compton Down and Shawford and includes the village of Compton Street. It is redefined as the Winchester/Compton Street Local Gap in the Local Plan Review, extending only to the northern side of Compton Street.

Twyford. The attractive village of Twyford has a policy boundary around the main built up area in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. Its historic core is a designated Conservation Area.

Otterbourne. The main part of the village straddles the main road through the centre, with the M3 to the west, and the Itchen Valley to the east. It comprises a main core of older properties with more recent housing development to the rear. The smaller settlement of Otterbourne Hill lies separately to the south, adjoining the area of Allbrook in Eastleigh Borough. Otterbourne has a defined policy boundary in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. Otterbourne Hill has a defined development frontage in the current Local Plan, but changes to countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

Colden Common. A large village to the south of Winchester, with a substantial amount of recent housing development. The village has a defined policy boundary in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review.

3.0 Quantity of provision

3.1 Existing quantity

The quantity of provision of open space, sport and recreation facilities is shown by Sub Area in Appendix 1 as follows:

- Open Space;
- Children & Young people's Provision (Play);
- Outdoor Sports Facilities;
- Built Facilities

3.2 Provision against the standard

The following table shows existing provision of open space and provision against the standards where applicable:

Typology	Existing (ha)	Required (ha)	Difference (ha)	Existing/ 1000	Required/ 1000	Difference/ 1000	Supply	Number
Churchyard & Cemetery	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	N/A	1
Golf Course	110.72	0.00	110.72	11.35	0.00	11.35	N/A	3
Informal Green Space	30.20	7.81	22.39	3.10	0.80	2.30	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	9
Natural Greenspace	643.18	9.76	633.42	65.92	1.00	64.92	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	8
Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	275.630	28.249	0.000	0.000	275.630	28.249	N/A	7
Parks & Recreation Grounds	25.880	2.652	14.636	1.500	11.245	1.152	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	8
Children's Play (inc kickabout)	9.10	4.88	4.22	0.93	0.50	0.43	SUFFICIENT SUPPLY	17

4.0 Access to facilities

Maps showing access to the following types of facility are shown in Appendix 2:

- Open Space;
- Children & Young people's Provision (Play);
- Outdoor Sports Facilities;
- Built facilities.

4.1 Access to open space

Each Parish within the Sub Area has access to formal open space, provision as follows:

- Parks, Sport and Recreation Grounds. Each Parish has access to a facility. Within each facility provision varies from site to site. Football is provided at Hursley, Owlesbury, Compton and Shawford and Colden Common. Cricket is provided in Hursley, Twyford and Otterbourne. Tennis is provided at Hursley, Twyford and Colden Common.
- Children and Young People's provision. Children's play areas are provided at Compton and Shawford, Twyford and Colden Common, there is no provision in the other Parishes; There is a lack of provision for young people across the area;
- Natural Greenspace. The main provision is in Compton and Shawford and Twyford, which both have easy access to larger areas of natural greenspace on the Southern fringe of Winchester.

4.2 Access to built facilities

All the Parishes have access to a Village Hall or Community Hall, no facility was identified within Twyford. Compton & Shawford and Colden Common have access to sports halls, with the latter including access to a swimming pool.

5.0 Quality of facilities

5.1 Quality of open space

Appendix 2 shows a summary of the quality data scores for each open space within the Sub Area. The summary outlines a brief description of the site, and an overall 'potential to improve' score for each of the scoring criteria (this is described in more detail in the Area Profiles Introduction). The introduction also explains how the database can be used as a tool for management planning and improving facilities, on a site by site basis. In this section of the report, general observations about quality are outlined, along with any sites which are a priority for improvement and investment.

5.2 General quality of open space

Generally the quality of open space across the area is good, there is a good range of more formal areas (Parks, Sport and Recreation Grounds), and there is access to good quality natural greenspace in the north of the area (southern fringes of Winchester).

5.3 Specific recommendations

- Children & Young People's provision. Generally good provision across the area, a number of sites have potential for improvement, including Oakwood Recreation Ground (23) and the Recreation Ground at Colden Common (26);
- The area has a number of Parks, Sport and Recreation grounds which serve as important provision for recreation and play for local people. These areas should be the focal points for formal provision, and as such it is recommended that management plans are developed for these sites to guide future management and improvement. Resources should be allocated to Parish Councils to enable them to develop management plans in consultation with local people;
- There are a number of specific priorities for improvement on a site by site basis, these include, improved changing facilities at Hursley Recreation Ground (68), improved facilities for children and young people at Colden Common (26), and boundary fencing at Owlesbury Recreation Ground (59).

5.4 Quality of Built facilities

No significant issues identified in study.

6.0 Strategic priorities

- Consider the need for providing play facilities in those Parishes with no provision;
- Maximise the opportunity for providing additional facilities for young people as resources become available, this should be implemented in close consultation with Parish Councils and local people;
- Produce management plans for the key Parks, Sports and Recreation Grounds within each Parish in the Sub Area;

Appendix 1 Summary of Consultation

These are not necessarily the only issues which the Strategy will be addressing in this Sub Area, but are the key ones to arise from consultation

Most popular local areas of open space:

- Colden Common play area
- Otterbourne -Southern water
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- Oakwood park recreation ground
- Oakwood Copse
- Shawford Downs

Quotes

- Otterbourne Rec kept as that - not a football stadium for the local club - as a local area not a soccer venue.
- I don't tend to use indoor sports facilities such as River Park as I am a member of Fair Oak Squash Club where I regularly play squash and use their facilities.
- Winchester has a reasonable level of leisure facilities but could always do more for the young
- I have access to Shawford Downs and the footpath to Castleigh and Winchester should I wish to walk.
- Sub Area draws heavily on facilities within Winchester for formal indoor sports facilities.

Quantity

- Provision for teenagers required:
 - Hursley
 - Parish plan to assess demand and feasibility for a teenage area (Compton Shawford – possibly BMX etc) The lack of suitable land, and the likely cost should become available, have been, and are likely to continue to be, an insurmountable obstacle to the provision of a children's play area in Shawford. We are about to conduct a survey for our Parish plan project, which may identify further requirements”
- Indoor sports provision/community centre required – Hursley, Colden Common, Otterbourne
- Shawford lacking in informal open space according to earlier studies by WCC; however Parish Council states that , Shawford residents do have ready access to Shawford Down. However, Residents Association states that Shawford Down is becoming too managed, with too many paths and signs etc. Maintenance and cutting is perceived as having declined in recent years.
- Insufficient play areas – Compton & Shawford
- Walkers and older people’s needs not met (Compton & Shawford); otherwise plenty of recreational facilities in the parish and no need to use schools
- Tennis in rural villages:
 - Compton & Shawford LTC identifies need for more courts, and for floodlights on its 3rd court to cater for increased demand.
 - Otterbourne needs tennis courts
- Possible loss of cricket pitch at Southern water in Otterbourne.

Quality

- Poor quality changing facilities at Hursley Recreation Ground
- Play areas:
 - proposals for 3 to be upgraded in Colden Common
 - improvements to play area at Oakwood Recreation Ground Otterbourne proposed
 - proposed improvements to play area in centre of Owlesbury
- Dog fouling of rural pitches is often identified as a problem
- Lakeside Country Park and Itchen Valley highlighted as being nice fun places for children

Accessibility

- More Footpaths and cycleways in Hursley

- There is Shepherd's Down Special School with a range of facilities, the indoor halls has community use during the summer holidays. The school would like to let more groups use the hydro-therapy pool, it is a excellent specialist resource but very expensive to run, so sharing the cost would be beneficial
- Possible use of Owlesbury Primary School

Appendix 2 Summary of quality assessment data

Site	Parish	Site Ref	Typology	Description	Access	Management & Maintenance	Conservation & Heritage	Healthy, Safe & Secure	Community Involvement	Marketing	Value	Summary of improvements
Elderfield Junior Cricket Pitch (P)	Otterbourne	20	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Outdoor sports facility with limited access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Cranbourne Drive	Otterbourne	21	Informal Green Space	Amenity open space with grass and a few trees	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Southern Water Cricket Ground (P)	Otterbourne	22	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Outdoor sports facility with limited access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Oakwood Park*	Otterbourne	23	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground with cricket wicket and play area	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Greenacres Drive	Otterbourne	24	Natural Greenspace	Area of natural greenspace	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Colden Common Park*	Colden Common	25	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Park and garden with a mix of sports pitches. The site has a play area, football pitches, a bowling green and tennis courts. The site is very well used, with a mix of informal recreation and organised sport.	36%	31%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	
Recreation Ground*	Colden Common	26	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground, open space, play area, football pitches and tennis courts. The site is well used with a balance of use between informal recreation and organised sport.	25%	34%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	Provision for young people. A multi use games area is required, and toddlers play equipment.

Land East of Community Centre "The Green"	Colden Common	27	Informal Green Space	The site is a well laid out informal open space. It links with the community centre. It has two play areas and a skate park. The site is very well used and in good condition.	25%	38%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	
Ballards Close*	Twyford	52	Informal Green Space	Open space with a children's play area.	31%	39%	0%	14%	33%	0%	33%	
Hunters Park*	Twyford	53	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site is one of the best parks in the district, it has numerous football pitches, a cricket wicket, a boule court, two tennis courts, basketball court, cricket nets, an informal BMX track and a sports pavilion. There is also play areas, that serve the full range of young people.	31%	34%	50%	36%	31%	44%	25%	
Recreation Ground	Owslebury	59	Parks & Recreation Grounds	Recreation ground with main road running along side, the site has a cricket wicket and football pitch marked out. There is a main pavilion which faces onto the cricket wicket. The site require boundary fencing.	25%	38%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	
Glebe Field	Owslebury	60	Churchyard & Cemetery	Open space associated with the church. The field is used for church events such as the church fete.	36%	36%	0%	14%	33%	0%	33%	
Hilly Close*	Owslebury	61	Informal Green Space	Amenity space with associated play area. The play area services the immediate children in the area.	31%	31%	0%	14%	33%	0%	33%	
Hursley Park Cricket Club (P)	Hursley	67	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	The site has a cricket wicket and a pavilion. It is used informally outside of cricket use, but with limited access.	31%	41%	50%	25%	31%	44%	25%	

Hursely Recreation Ground* AND Hursely Tennis Club (P)	Hursley	68	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site has a mix of sports usage and informal recreation. It is used informally outside of cricket and football use, there are also accessible tennis courts.	31%	33%	50%	25%	31%	44%	32%	
Compton Street*	Compton & Shawford	73	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site has a children's play area, and informal football pitch. The pitch is used for informal games rather than formal games. The site is well used by local children.	36%	40%	50%	25%	31%	44%	21%	
The Triangle	Cheriton	88	Informal Green Space	Area of informal open space in housing area	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
IBM Sports Ground (P)	Hursley	118	Golf Course	Golf course	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Cranbourne Drive	Otterbourne	119	Informal Green Space	Area of informal open space in housing area	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Hazel Close	Colden Common	120	Informal Green Space	Housing amenity space, layed out as part the development. The spaces serve as visual buffers.	29%	38%	0%	40%	33%	0%	50%	
Compton Down*	Compton & Shawford	121	Parks & Recreation Grounds	The site has extensive sports facilities, it has 2 football pitches, a cricket field, 3 tennis courts, a sports pavilion, cricket nets and a children's play area.	31%	23%	50%	25%	31%	44%	33%	
Northfields	Twyford	122	Informal Green Space	Open space and a children's play area. The site is well used by the community and Twyford school. The equipment is well used and new.	31%	42%	50%	25%	31%	44%	35%	
	Twyford	223	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Limited access recreation ground.	25%	42%	50%	31%	31%	44%	30%	

	Hursley	226	Golf Course	Golf course	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Hursely	227	Golf Course	Golf course	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	Hursely	229	Informal Green Space	Area on informal open space adjacent woodland	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
North Pond	Bishop Waltham	272	Natural Greenspace	Pond (in wet season) supporting ducks with a bridge over it. He bridge is used by the community.	50%	35%	38%	40%	29%	50%	33%	
	Compton and Shawford	273	Informal Green Space	Open space, the site is used for walking and informal amenity. Local sports clubs use the area or informal sports clubs.	50%	38%	0%	25%	33%	0%	25%	
General open space	Sparsholt	327	Natural Greenspace	Agricultural land (limited access)	29%	22%	38%	40%	29%	50%	25%	
Home Green	Sparsholt	328	Natural Greenspace	Common land with SNCI status, maintained by volunteer group.	56%	27%	38%	40%	29%	50%	25%	

The following sites also border or are partly within the Sub Area

		Winchester	320	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Golf Course	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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	Winchester	322	Natural Greenspace	Plague Pits, natural greenspace	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

St. Catherine's Hill	Winchester	323	Natural Greenspace	Well used natural greenspace, steep hill with mixed habitats, including woodland, meadows and scrub.	0%	8%	14%	0%	9%	13%	5%	Natural site, improvements need to be guided through a management plan which balances access, recreation and nature conservation
	Winchester	326	Outdoor Sports Facility (limited access)	Private sports ground	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Riverside walks	Winchester	332	Natural Greenspace	Riverside walks near St. Catherine's Hill, includes rights of way.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Natural area little opportunity for improvement
	Compton	340	Natural Greenspace	HCC Countryside Services, the area is used for informal cattle grazing. Highland cattle are currently grazing.	40%	29%	38%	50%	29%	50%	25%	