

## **APPENDIX 3: PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE, SPORT & RECREATION**

### **On site design requirements**

The Design and Sustainability SPD will provide guidance on on-site design requirements for open space provision in due course.

The benefit and importance of well designed and implemented open space is well documented and delivers a number of social objectives, including health and wellbeing. Therefore the amount of natural and semi natural open space, landscaping, amenity green space and other types of open space on a site forms an integral part of the quality of the design.

The creation and improvement of open spaces serves several purposes, for example, open space may simultaneously provide links for wildlife and pedestrians, sustainable drainage, landscaping, and shade. Such design issues will form an important part in the determination of the planning application.

Maintenance of open space that is provided as part of a development will be secured through planning conditions and section 106 agreements.

### **Use of CIL**

Multi-functional open spaces also offer potential for sport and recreation facilities for the wider community. The identified local need for such facilities is detailed in the Place Plans. Where this is the case, the developer is encouraged to enter into negotiations with the Council regarding whether Community Infrastructure Levy funds would be appropriately spent on their development site.

CIL may be used to provide:

- (a) sports facilities,
- (b) formal play equipment for children and young people,
- (c) enhancement of publicly accessible open spaces and
- (d) leisure and community facilities and services.

Where CIL is used to provide these facilities, CIL will also be used to ensure they are maintained.