



Open Space Quantity Assessment (based on requirements from St Albans City and District Council's Draft Local Plan 2041, Regulation 19 Publication (September 2024))

Open Space Category	Definition	Site Requirement (per person) from Draft Local Plan	Site Requirement (A) based on calculation below ¹	Site Provision	Percentage of Provision
Amenity green space	Can include informal activity spaces close to homes, work, or enhancement of residential or other areas, informal recreation and incidental spaces and also to include use as multi-functional space including playing pitch provision.	15.3m ²	3.67ha	5.44ha	148%
Natural and semi-natural green spaces	Supports wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education.	34.6m ²	8.3ha	9.40ha	113%
Parks and gardens	Parks and formal gardens, open to the general public. Accessible, high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events.	7m ²	1.68ha	2.88ha	171%
Children's Play Areas	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people; equipped play areas.	0.6m ²	0.144ha	0.18ha ²	125%
Teenage Areas	Can include facilities such as youth shelters, skate parks, BMX tracks, MUGA etc.	0.18m ²	0.043ha	0.049ha	114%
Productive Landscape/ Allotments ²	Opportunities to grow own produce. Added benefits include the long term promotion of sustainable living, health and social inclusion.	4.5m ²	1.08ha	0.67ha	62%

¹Assumes 1,000 dwellings at 2.4 people per dwelling = 2,400 population, so (site requirement m² x 2400) / 10000 = xha

²In lieu of traditional allocated allotments

^{*}Play areas shown with buffer and walking distance offset, required as per the Draft Local Plan 2041