

Appendix B. Chapter 2: Parish Schedule (Settlement Summaries)

Settlement Name	
Settlement Hierarchy	Major Service Centres
Placemaking Area	North
2013 Population	7250
2022 Population	8360

Settlement Description

X is an attractive Georgian market town, with a close-knit historic core and extensive parkland designated within the Conservation Area. In the past 20 years x has grown steadily through redevelopment within it's built up area and through controlled expansion. X is bypassed to the south and west by the A507 which provides a direct link to the M1 motorway, whilst the B530 links the town to Bedford some 8 miles to the north.

Open Spaces within Town

Strategic open spaces that serve residents in this area

- X Park dominates the area and provides sport and play facilities, but also includes woodlands and areas of wildlife and historical importance. This site is considered to be at / over capacity in terms of visitor impact
- Site Y – wildlife site that is fully open to the public
- Z Wood – large accessible woodland outside of Parish boundary

Table 1 – Adequacy of Provision (balance between quantity / quality and accessibility)

Type of Open Space		Current Provision	Standard	Current Surplus / Shortfall	Future Surplus / Shortfall	Accessibility	Quality Issues	Other Issues
Countryside Recreation Areas								Green Infrastructure Assessment highlights potential for country park extension. Also recommends installation of footpath / cycleway to improve access to x
Urban Parks								Park cared for by development manager. Council strategy highlights a need to improve disabled access
Large Recreation Areas	Formal							
	Informal							Green Infrastructure Plan highlights importance of protection of woodland and suggests extension of x site
Small Amenity Spaces								
Play Areas for Children								

Facilities for Young People							Town Council identify the need for a skatepark
Allotments					Both sites have waiting lists		
Cemeteries	1 site, 796 burial plots to include ashes plots. No requirement for additional facilities. Town Council corporate priority is the long term maintenance of the site.						

Table 2 - Key Issues and Priorities

Type of Open Space		Key Issues	Priorities
Countryside Recreations Areas			
Urban Parks			
Large Recreation Areas	Formal		
	Informal		
Small Amenity Spaces			
Play Areas for Children			
Facilities for Young People			
Allotments			
Cemeteries and churchyards		No additional burial requirement	Maintenance of existing facility
Connectivity		<p>Green Infrastructure Plan highlights importance of connectivity with key priorities including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to Millenium Country Park • Cycleway and footpath links between T and x • Links between z and x • Links between x and y 	