

DRAFT OPEN SPACE FRAMEWORK TABLE

OBJECTIVES	TARGETS		TYPES OF OPEN SPACE										EXISTING GUIDANCE	TASKS
	overarching	detailed	Parks and Gardens	Walkways and Linear	Play	Educational Grounds	Outdoor Recreation	Natural Green Space	Cemeteries, Churchyards	Allotments	Amenity Open space	Civic Spaces		
<p>AIM Create a network of open space (green and civic space) that knits the city together</p>														
<p>AIM Improve mechanisms for funding, management and enhancement of open space</p>														
<p>AIM Improve the quality, quantity, accessibility and enjoyment of open space</p>														
<p>AIM ENHANCEMENT and PROTECTION <i>Improvements will be made to the quality of open space and it will be given greater protection</i></p>														
LANDSCAPE /TOWNSCAPE SETTING			★	★	★				★	★	★	★	★	

	Conserve and enhance Edinburgh's special landscape character, from the Pentland Hills to the sea	Identify and protect through the planning system the landscape areas and open spaces in and around the city:		Rural West Edinburgh (Draft) 1998 and Structure Plan, Report of Survey 1997 (1992 landscape appraisal)	Review the methodologies and objectives of the landscape surveys and appraisals (including the green belt boundary study below), in the context of a review of Landscape Designations. I identify appropriate surveys and analysis that provide a consistency of approach across the city. This should identify networks, natural topographic features and settlement separation
		"green belt to the blue belt"		Edinburgh Greenbelt Boundary Study 1998	Review the Greenbelt Boundary Study in the context of a review of landscape designations and settlement separation
		Settlement separation		Urban Design Guidelines (Principles set out in the report to planning committee of Feb 2002)	Establish relevant Supplementary Planning Guidelines
		Gateways to the city and arterial routes			
		AGLV's			
		City's topography, natural setting and geological heritage, the 7 hills, river corridors, golfcourses etc		Pentland Hills Integrated Management Strategy 2000	Establish Designation and policy protection through the Local Plan as part of strategic network
		Networks of open spaces			
		City's civic spaces/ WH Site			Establish definition for civic spaces and evaluate by example. Prepare guidance for the location and role of new civic space

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BIODIVERSITY			★	★		★	★	★	★	★	★	★			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting an understanding and awareness generally 	Promote the use of school grounds for biodiversity													Parks and gardens Strategy (ongoing)	Use of parks for biodiversity in design and also education and management objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the ecological value of open space for both wildlife and people. (Nature Conservation Strategy) 	Conserve natural features/ Protect important wildlife sites.													Nature Conservation Strategy (1992)	Review Nature Conservation Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and enhance biodiversity in all open and green spaces. (Towards a Sustainable Council. Jan 2001, Sustainable Principles: Environmental Protection) 	Encourage the sympathetic management of existing and newly created habitats.													Biodiversity Action Plan 2000	Establish a methodology for a review of Natural Heritage designations in consultation with SNH
	Encourage the creation of habitats for the benefit of both wildlife and people.													Supplementary planning guidance <i>Quality of Landscaping</i>	Review and designation of sites of nature conservation importance as a result of the survey
														Supplementary planning guidance <i>Biodiversity (EBAP)</i>	Guidance on biodiversity in schools as part of policy or Biodiversity Action Plan.

	Involvement of the community in urban wildlife and the care of their local environment.	

Habitat Survey (Phase 1 and 2) and review of natural heritage of the city	Develop guidance on the role of biodiversity in amenity open space.
Allotment Strategy 2002, Cultivating Communities	Review allotment policy to reflect strategy
	Review the policy on Open Space in developments and link with existing strategies and policy guidance
	Ensure that pitches strategy makes reference to biodiversity or cross-reference with other guidance.
	Cemeteries and Churchyards strategy

		Protect the open spaces that form the setting to listed buildings and Ancient Monuments within the city, such as the Botanical Gardens and merchant Schools		Listed buildings and designed landscapes inventory.	Assessment of specific Listed Buildings and consider their setting and establish policy context at local plan level
		Protect and seek appropriate enhancement of those open spaces integral to the character of conservation areas.		Conservation Area Character Appraisals Edinburgh City Centre Action for a New Millennium	Complete the Conservation Area Character Appraisals and identify open spaces that are an essential part of these areas. Complete the City Centre Public Realm Strategy and consider extending the project to other areas of the city
		Protect and seek appropriate enhancement/ management of Cemeteries and Churchyards			Prioritise Cemeteries and Churchyards Strategies
				<i>Towards the New Enlightenment</i> , a cultural policy for the City of Edinburgh 1999 (Heritage Strategy)	Ensure objectives of this strategy are considered in addressing the above tasks.

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DESIGN			★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★		
<p><i>'Good design should be the aim of everyone in the planning and development process, and is important at all scales of development.'</i> (SPP1 The Planning System)</p> <p>Designing Places (November 2001, Scottish Executive Guidance)</p> <p><i>'Green and civic spaces must be fit for purpose...'</i> (PAN 65 Planning and Open Space)</p>	<p>Ensure that the standard of design is appropriate for the location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well designed Well located Well managed adaptable 													<p>Lord Provost's Commission report on Sustainable Development 2000</p>	<p>Develop design policy guidance and review standards for open space across the city linked to existing policy.</p>
														<p>Supplementary Guidelines <i>Open Space in housing developments</i></p>	<p>Open Space monitoring project to be completed. Standards established and guidance updated.</p>

Supplementary planning guidance <i>Quality of Landscaping</i>	Monitor the principles.
Edinburgh Streetscape Manual	Review and update (task identified in the Operational Plan)
Draft Urban Design guidelines 2002	Finalise and take forward case studies (task identified in the operational plan) Develop appropriate policy guidance.
Supplementary planning guidance <i>Movement and People</i>	Monitor the principles.
Designing Places 2002 (Scottish Executive policy Statement)	Build into policy objectives

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ENVIRONMENTAL AMELIORATION			★	★				★	★	★	★	★		
	Reduce noise and air pollution	<p>Improve the quality and function of open space along strategic transport corridors.</p> <p>Reduce the visual impact of cars and pollution from roads.</p>											<p>Supplementary planning guidance <i>Quality of Landscaping</i>.</p> <p>Biodiversity Action Plan 2000</p> <p>Local Transport Strategy <i>On Route 2002</i></p>	<p>Review the requirements of policy guidance</p> <p>Reference to transport corridors as part of Biodiversity Action Plan review</p> <p>Develop strategic approach to transport corridors in conjunction with relevant Council departments.</p>

	Moderate climatic extremes	Introduce trees/woodland to improve the microclimate, air pollution and help control of flooding.
	Management and control of groundwater and storm/ flood water	Maximise the integration of Sustainable Urban Drainage principles in the design of all open space. Protect open space that performs a role in flood prevention
	Ameliorate Contamination of land	

Supplementary Planning Guidance, <i>Planning and Flooding</i> <i>Urban Forestry Strategy</i> 1992	Policy guidance on Open Space in development, supported by audit and assessment of existing situation. Review the Urban Forestry Strategy in the context of environmental amelioration.
<i>Urban Forestry Strategy</i> 1992	Review the Urban Forestry Strategy in the context of management of storm water.
Contaminated Land Strategy (ongoing)	Complete the contaminated land strategy.

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LOCAL AMENITY		
(relates to play)	Ensure that open spaces make an effective contribution and clarify their functions.	Ensure that open spaces form both a local amenity, such as a play space/ sitting place/ meeting place/ dog walking area. and that they provide privacy and shelter

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Supplementary planning Guidance <i>Quality of landscaping</i> 2002.	Review the requirements of policy guidance and apply where necessary.
<i>Conservation Area Character Appraisals</i>	Identify areas that require improvement.
Supplementary planning Guidance <i>Open Space in housing developments</i>	Ensure objectives are included in the review of the policy.
Open Space Audit by the Housing Department	Ensure objectives are included in the report to the next stage of the audit review.

VISUAL AMENITY		
	Ensure open spaces make an effective contribution to visual amenity.	Improve the visual amenity of an area through the provision and design of open space.
		Integrate development with and soften the impact on its surroundings

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Supplementary planning Guidance <i>Quality of landscaping</i> 2002.	Review the requirements of the policy guidance and apply where necessary.
Supplementary planning Guidance, <i>Daylighting, Privacy and Sunlight</i> 2002	Consider the objectives in the context of this policy.
Supplementary planning Guidance <i>Open Space in housing developments</i>	Ensure objectives are included in the review of the policy.
Urban Design Guidelines	Cross reference these issues in reviewing the final version and taking the detailed case studies forward.
Open Space audit by the housing department.	Ensure objectives are included in the report to the next stage of the audit review.

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AIM

PROVISION
The Council's Commitment is that even greater benefits will be obtained for all from the city's open spaces
 Open space provision will provide opportunities for all those who live in the city to lead healthy and physically active lifestyles

HEALTH		
Access to open space can provide a reduction in the stress of urban living, by providing opportunities for exercise and general enjoyment of the landscape or townscape features.	Every person within Edinburgh should have access to green and civic open space.	

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Sports Strategy / Pitches strategy (ongoing)	Ensure that objective is included in the development of the strategy.

<p>“to develop and maintain long-lasting, high quality physical and social environments to support inactive people to become active” (strategic objective of the Executives Physical activity Taskforce)</p>		

Parks and Gardens Strategy (ongoing)	I identify a hierarchy for parks and gardens and consider provision across the city that supports this objective and target.
Allotment Strategy 2002	Monitor provision and quality indicators. Update policy guidance to reflect strategy
Access Strategy (draft)	Ensure access strategy addresses the linkage of existing and proposed open spaces.
Play Strategy	Continue the actions of the strategy and complete the audit.

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RECREATION		
	Provide open space for passive/informal recreation.	
	Ensure that there is provision for cycling, walking and horse riding	

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Access Strategy (draft)	Review the Scottish Path Record and link to the provisions of the Access Strategy and the development of 'Core Paths' across the city.
City Centre Public Realm Strategy (ongoing)	I identify recreation requirements for the city centre. Build into both the Parks and Gardens strategy and inform guidance on open space in development (housing)/ amenity open space.
Parks and Gardens Strategy (ongoing)	Build into this strategy the potential role of these spaces for recreation provision.
Allotment Strategy	Update policy guidance to reflect strategy

SPORT	
Sportscotland, Local Playing Fields Strategy	To ensure that there are sufficient playing fields in terms of quality and quantity and accessibility to satisfy current and likely future demand for sports pitches.
	Recognise that access to recreational facilities is for all
	Tennis courts and bowling greens
	Golfcourses

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Sports Strategy / Pitches strategy (ongoing)	Ensure that objective is included in the development of the strategy.
Parks and Gardens Strategy (ongoing)	Ensure objectives for these facilities are included within the strategy and related to the pitches strategy.
	I identify policy guidance specific to the protection and use of golfcourses.

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PLAY			★	★	★	★	★	★			★	★			
	<p>'Edinburgh will be a child friendly city where all children and young people have access to play opportunities which offer variety, adventure and stimulus'.</p> <p>Series of 10 objectives, of which the following relate specifically to open space</p> <p>3 every child and young person in Edinburgh will have access to good quality playgrounds and play areas which meet their needs for variety, accessibility, choice, open space, adventure and play aspirations.</p> <p>4 to provide safe outdoor play in city parks, open spaces, woodlands, shorelines and other areas used for play.</p> <p>5 To maximise the benefits to local communities of school playgrounds through formalised use of facilities or as appropriate</p>													<p>Play in Partnership Strategy.</p>	<p>Fulfil the objectives of the play strategy. A key to this is to assess natural and amenity open spaces across the city.</p>

Safe routes to schools strategy	Monitor the strategy.
Parks and Gardens Strategy (ongoing)	Ensure the objective is addressed in the strategy

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COMMUTING		
“The City want to create a city where walking and cycling are safe and attractive travel options for short journeys.” The City of Edinburgh Council Local Transport Strategy 2000	Protect existing strategic walkways and highways.	Introduce linkages between open spaces.
	Develop a path system	Improve the quality of the environment that these routes pass through.

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Access Strategy (draft)	Review the Scottish Path Record and link to the provisions of the Access Strategy and the development of 'Core Paths' across the city.
Local Transport Strategy <i>On Route</i>	Ensure that the aims of the Access Strategy, <i>An attractive and enjoyable network</i> are addressed.

GARDENING		
"Allotments are an opportunity for all people to engage in a healthy lifestyle all year round that is active, socially inclusive and sustainable" Allotment Strategy for Edinburgh.	Allow all City residents access to gardening through the provision of 1 allotments 2 private gardens in existing and new development	
	Encourage gardens and allotments to contribute to the visual amenity and biodiversity.	

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Allotments Strategy	Review the allotment policy supplementary guidance and consider provision of gardens in new housing developments.
<i>Quality of landscaping</i> and (EBAP)	Monitor the policy and consider allotments as part of the review of the BAP.

REMEMBRANCE		
	Provide sufficient open space to cater for remembrance.	

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Culture and Leisure Departments memorial bench and tree scheme.	Monitor and review
	I identify new cemetery for the City and prioritise a cemeteries and churchyards strategy

EDUCATION		
Formal and informal education including information and interpretation, life long learning		

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<i>Play in Partnership</i> Strategy.	Review the role of play and access to schools in the play strategy to bring into line with education requirements.
PPP strategy for schools	Review the proposals against the objectives
Urban Forestry Strategy.	Review of Urban Forest Strategy.
Biodiversity Action Plan	Consider the objectives in the review of the Biodiversity Action Plan.

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PROMOTION
Promoting the City Locally, Nationally and Internationally (City Strategy)

OUTDOOR EVENTS		
	Use open space for local and citywide events.	

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The Edinburgh Festival Strategy 2001	Monitor and update the objectives within the strategy
Parks and Gardens Strategy (ongoing)	Ensure that the objective is considered within the strategy
City Centre Public Realm Strategy	Consider the objective in the development and ongoing project development

TOURISM	
“Edinburgh is an internationally renowned tourist destination. Our vision is that Edinburgh becomes a quality ‘must see’ contemporary European capital City	Maintain the strategic tourism objective through open space provision.
Environmental considerations are crucial in all developments. We believe the development of tourism must take this fully into account to preserve the fabric of the City and Its World Heritage Site Status.”	Protect and enhance the strategic open spaces of the World Heritage Site, gateways and approaches to the city and the 7 hills.
Edinburgh Tourism Action Plan 2000-2003 ‘To preserve and interpret Edinburgh’s heritage’ one of the cultural objectives for the City of Edinburgh, (Cultural Policy 1999)	Protect and enhance the quality of the open spaces that are integral and essential to the character of the City outside the WHS including those in conservation areas and the greenbelt. Plan new open space that reflects a design approach that responds to Edinburgh’s environment.
	Enhance the potential use of open space for Festival events.

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Towards the New Enlightenment A Cultural Policy for the City of Edinburgh 1999.	Conservation Area Character Appraisals to be completed for the city
Parks and Gardens Strategy(ongoing)	Develop appropriate policy guidance to reflect the Strategy
Urban Design Guidelines	Develop examples and appropriate policy guidance for the local plan
Quality of Landscaping (supplementary planning guidance)	Monitor the policy
City Centre Public Realm Strategy	Consider the application of these projects citywide.
Conservation Area Character Appraisals	I identify enhancements as part of the appraisal process and seek a programme of improvements.
Urban Design Guidelines	Finalise and take forward case studies (task identified in the operational plan) Develop appropriate policy guidance.
City Centre Public Realm Strategy	Consider the application of public realm strategy in other areas of the city.

	Consider appropriate forms of access to gardens within the World Heritage Site for visitors during the Festival		Parks and Gardens Strategy	Address this objective in the strategy and/or in a review.
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