

# **Sandwell Green Space Audit**

West Bromwich Report

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#### 1 Introduction

This report sets out the findings of the Sandwell Green Space Audit for the West Bromwich Town area. A number of pieces of research, assessments and consultation have been carried out that form the basis of the study, this report considers each piece of research in detail and draws together a set of conclusions.

The detailed methodology for each stage of work is contained within the main Boroughwide report.

#### 2 Town Profile

#### 2.1 Introduction

West Bromwich is located to the north-eastern side of Sandwell and is made up of six wards; Great Barr with Yew Tree, Charlemont with Grove Vale, Newton, Hateley Heath, West Bromwich Central and Greets Green & Lyng (see Figure 1 below). The north and east of the town is located on the borough boundary which borders Walsall and Birmingham.

The area is made up of residential settlements to the right of the M5 motorway with some agricultural land to the east of the town.

The most significant green spaces within the town form part of the strategic Sandwell Valley Country Park network. These are largely natural and semi-natural green spaces located across a variety of wards.

### 2.2 Demographic Information

A summary of the demographic information for the town is set out below.



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Figure 1 Context Map

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Ward Boundaries



West Bromwich

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#### 2.3 Census 2011

The town has a population of 80,647 (2017 Mid-Year Estimates) with Hateley Heath ward having the largest proportion of the residents and Charlemont with Grove Vale ward having the smallest.

Ward	Population
Hateley Heath	15,017
West Bromwich Central	14,511
Greets Green and Lyng	13,394
Great Barr with Yew tree	12,855
Newton	12,612
Charlemont with Grove Vale	12,258
Total	80,647

Population for West Bromwich

Population change	West Bromwich change (2011 to 2017)		Sandwell change (%)
	7235	10.6%	+8.2%

Population changes for West Bromwich

Between 2001 and 2017 the population of the town has increased by 10.6%, a faster growth rate than that of Sandwell Borough.

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Ethnicity Structure	n	%	Sandwell (%)
White	48639	64.5	69.9
Mixed	2559	3.4	3.3
Asian or Asian British	17484	23.2	19.2
Black or Black British	5178	6.9	6.0
Other Ethnic Group	1545	2.0	1.6

**Ethnicity Structure for West Bromwich** 

The above data shows that West Bromwich has a slightly lower proportion of white residents compared to the average for Sandwell. West Bromwich has a higher proportion of residents from different ethnic backgrounds compared to the average for Sandwell as a whole. A significant proportion of whom are Asian or Asian British.

With 21.1% of residents, West Bromwich has a slightly higher proportion of residents with a limiting long-term illness than the average for Sandwell (20.9%).

#### 2.4 Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2015

	West Bromwich		West Bromwich Sandwell		Nati	onal
Min IMD Rank	Max IMD Rank	Average IMD Rank	Average IMD Rank	Local Authority Rank	Average IMD Rank	Average IMD Score
939	23899	9181	8020	13	7068	37.12

Deprivation data for West Bromwich

The table above sets out data for the index of deprivation data for the West Bromwich Town area. The average IMD rank was calculated by using the IMD data for all Lower Super Output Areas within the Town. This was then averaged for the wards within the Town area. On the national scale, where one is most deprived and 32,844 least deprived output area.

West Bromwich ranks as the 4th most deprived Town area within Sandwell Borough. The most deprived ward within this Town is Greets Green and Lyng Ward (3810) and this is below the Sandwell average of 8020.

There is an even split of wards above and below the borough average. Although there are three wards significantly lower than the borough average, it also has three of the most affluent wards within the borough. This suggests that there are wide variations within the town with localised areas of deprivation and relative affluence.

#### 3 Quantity

#### 3.1 Introduction

There are a total of 128 green spaces recorded within the West Bromwich Town area. These green spaces are plotted according to their typology and accessibility on Figure 2 below;

## 3.2 Quantity Analysis

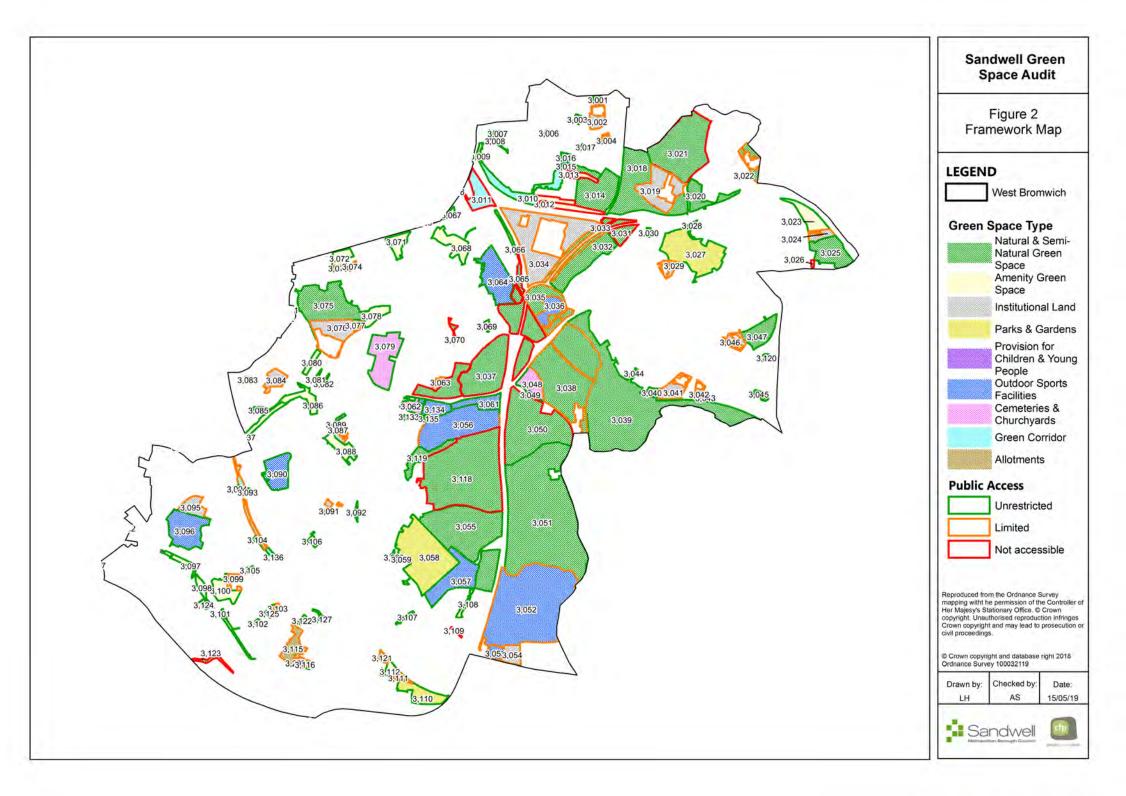
The tables below set out the quantity of green space by typology, hierarchy and accessibility.

#### 3.2.1 All Sites

Tunalam Lavel 1	West Bromwich				
Typology Level 1	Number of sites	Area (Ha)	% of Total (Area)		
Allotments	4	6.84	0.8		
Amenity Greenspace	52	65.24	7.7		
Cemeteries & Churchyards	3	20.14	2.4		
Green Corridor	3	13.23	1.6		
Institutional Land	18	73.01	8.6		
Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace	26	483.45	56.9		
Outdoor Sports Facilities	12	134.98	15.9		
Parks & Gardens	7	52.2	6.1		
Provision for Children & Young People	3	1.25	0.1		
Total	128	850.34	100.0		

All sites within West Bromwich

There are 128 green spaces in West Bromwich which cover an area of 850.34 hectares, equivalent to 34.3% of the town area and contributing around 42.1% of the Borough's green space. The largest component of this supply is from natural and semi-natural green space which accounts for just over half of all green space in West Bromwich, far higher than the contributions these spaces make to the green space in Sandwell as a whole. When compared to the borough average, West Bromwich has a smaller proportion of Parks and Gardens with almost half the percentage of the average for Sandwell.



#### 3.2.2 Unrestricted sites

Type legy Level 1		West Bromwich			
Typology Level 1	Number of sites	Area (Ha)	% of total area		
Amenity Greenspace	46	56.22	12.3		
Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace	14	269.02	4.4		
Outdoor Sports Facilities	7	51.84	1.6		
Parks & Gardens	6	51.42	58.8		
Provision for Children & Young People	3	1.25	11.3		
Cemeteries & Churchyards	3	20.14	11.2		
Green Corridor	2	7.5	0.3		
Total	81	457.39	100.0		

Unrestricted sites within West Bromwich

The table above considers the supply of unrestricted sites in the town and shows that removing the small number of allotments and institutional land, as well as other limited access sites, only has a minor effect on the overall supply of green space.

#### 3.2.3 Quantity per 1000 population

The 2017 Mid-Year Estimates recorded a resident population of 80,647 for the West Bromwich Town area. This figure has been used to calculate the amount of accessible green space per 1000 population. This data has also been broken down by green space type as shown in the table below.

	West Bro	omwich		
Typology Level 1	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha)	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha) per 1000 Population	Sandwell Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha) per 1000 Population	
Amenity Greenspace	56.22	0.70	0.66	
Cemeteries & Churchyards	20.14	0.25	0.25	
Green Corridor	7.50	0.09	0.16	
Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace	269.02	3.34	1.41	
Outdoor Sports Facilities	51.84	0.64	0.33	
Parks & Gardens	51.42	0.64	0.81	
Provision for Children & Young People	1.25	0.02	0.01	
Total	457.39	5.67	3.63	

Quantity of unrestricted green space per 1000 Population

West Bromwich has an average of 5.67 hectares of unrestricted green space per 1000 population. This is above the Borough average of 3.63 hectares per 1000 population. Overall West Bromwich ranks top out of the six Towns for the quantity of green space. Across the town, there are higher than average amounts of green space per 1000 population across all typologies apart from green corridors and parks and gardens.

Ward	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha)	Ward Population	Amount of Unrestricted Green Space (Ha) per 1000 Population
Charlemont with Grove Vale	32.03	12,258	2.61
Great Barr with Yew tree	85.03	12,855	6.61
Greets Green and Lyng	23.76	13,394	1.77
Hateley Heath	53.03	15,017	3.53
Newton	76.88	12,612	6.10
West Bromwich Central	186.66	14,511	12.86
Total	457.39	80,467	5.58

Quantity of unrestricted green space per 1000 population by ward

West Bromwich Central Ward has the highest amount of unrestricted green space per 1000 population, with 12.86 hectares per 1000 population, the highest of all wards in the Borough and largely as a result of the green space found in the Sandwell Valley. This is significantly higher than the town average of 5.58 hectares per

1000 population and the borough average of 3.963 hectares per 1000 population. The Greets Green with Lyng ward has the least amount of greenspace (1.77 ha per 1000), below both the averages for West Bromwich and Sandwell as a whole.

#### 3.3 Consultation Results

Respondents to the household survey were asked to consider the quantity of different types of green space in their local area. The table below show the views of respondents from the West Bromwich Town area.

	Too much	About right	Too little	Total
Parks and Green Space	1.3%	69.0%	29.6%	100.0%
Outdoor Sports Facilities	1.8%	45.0%	53.3%	100.0%
Provision for Play	1.2%	45.0%	53.8%	100.0%
Allotments and Community Gardens	3.0%	33.6%	63.4%	100.0%

Over two thirds of respondents (69.0%) indicated that they considered there to be sufficient parks and green space. A similar proportion considered there to be too little provision of allotments. Just over half of respondents (53.8%) considered there to be insufficient quantity of outdoor sports facilities and children's play. However, the proportion of respondents that considered there to be too little provision was only marginally higher than that which considered the quantity to be about right.

When comparing this to the quantity data outlined above, it can be seen that West Bromwich typically has more green space per 1000 population compared to other Sandwell towns, however, it is lacking allotment sites and with smaller amount of allotment sites and around average levels of provision for children and young people.

#### 4 Accessibility

This section of the report considers the accessibility of unrestricted Green Spaces based on their hierarchy.

## 4.1 Accessibility to unrestricted green space

Figure 3 shows the proximity to green spaces with unrestricted access. Buffers have been applied to borough wide sites at 1200m, neighbourhood sites at 600m and local sites at 400m. The map shows that nearly of the Town area has access to unrestricted green space, with only a small area north of the M6 along the A34 Birmingham Road deficient in access to some form of unrestricted green space.

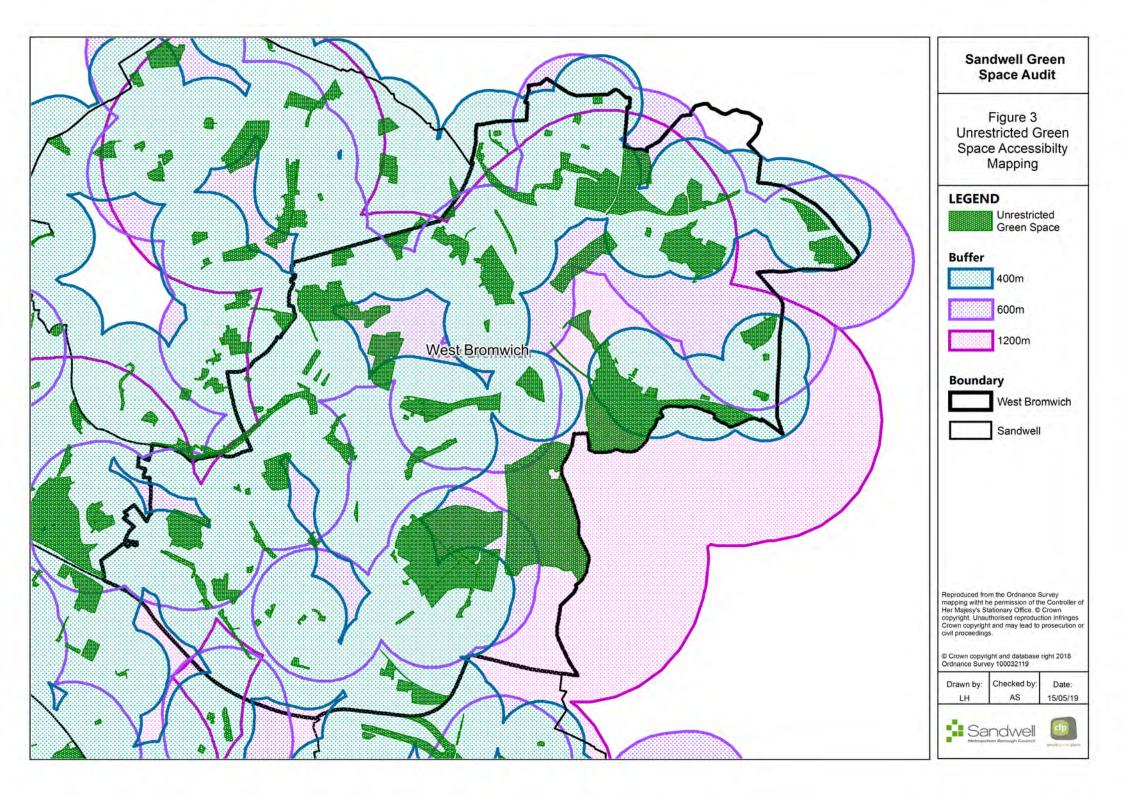
#### 4.2 Accessibility and severance line

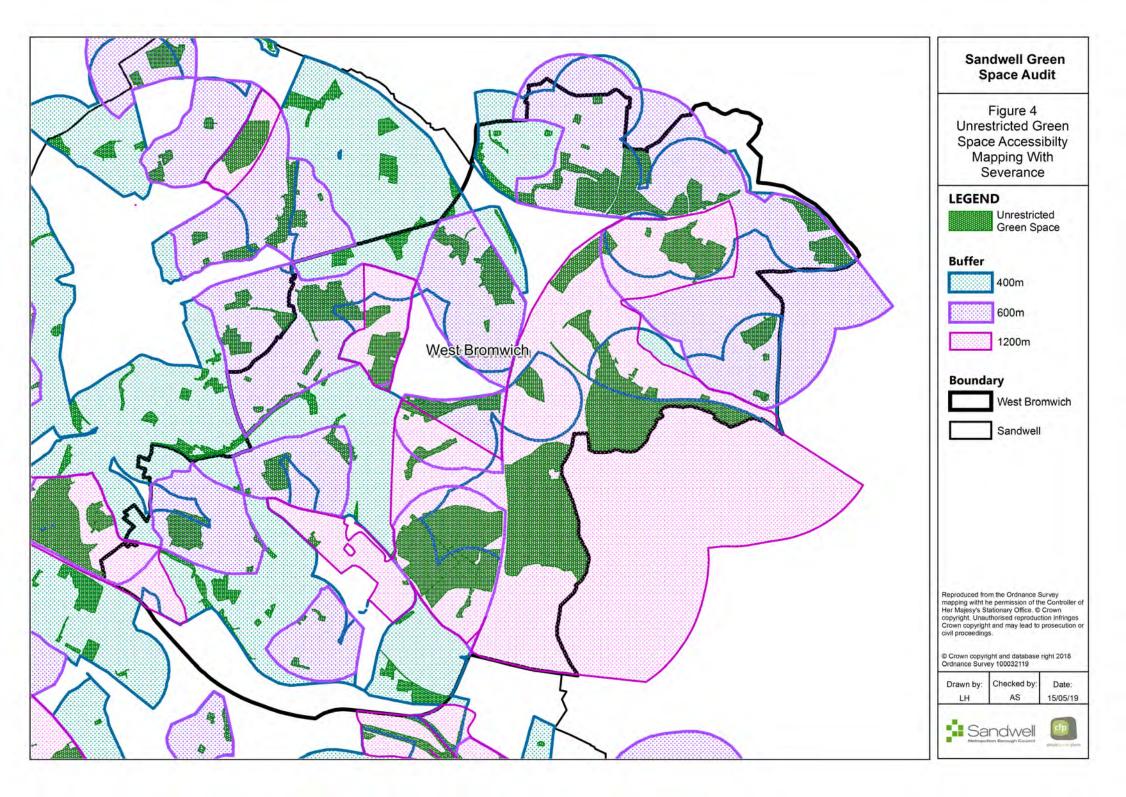
Figure 4 shows the proximity to green spaces with unrestricted access. Buffers have been applied to borough wide sites at 1200m, neighbourhood sites at 600m and local sites at 400m along with the severance effects of major roads, canals and railways.

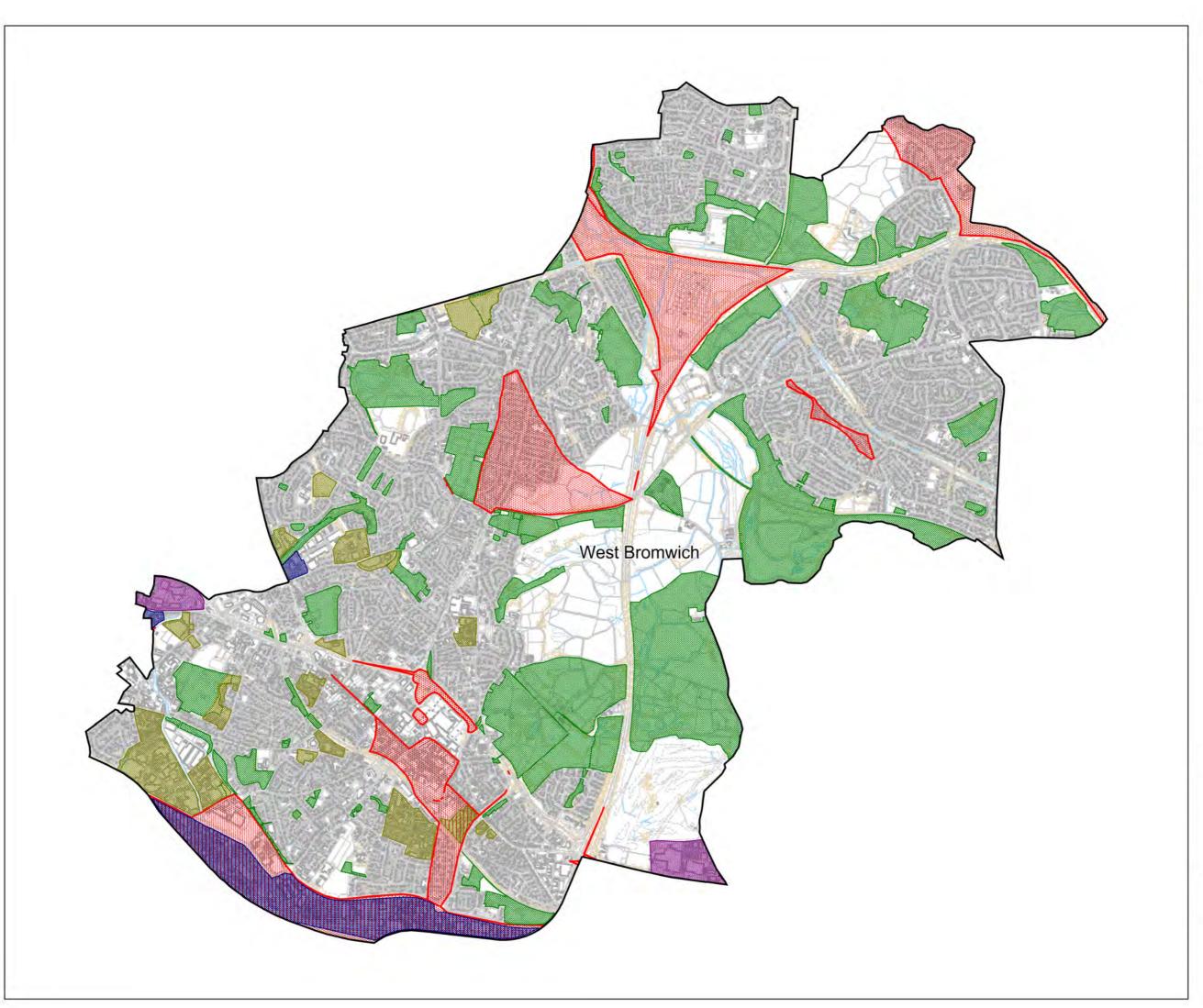
The effect of the severance lines is to reduce the accessibility of sites, particularly in the south of the town. The result is that around six areas do not appear to have access to any green space including the Ray Hall interchange, north of the Birmingham Canal, around West Bromwich town centre and to the west of the town along Great Bridge Street, west of the Balls Hill Canal.

#### 4.3 Accessibility mapping – Green Space Deprivation

Figure 5 shows current green space deficiencies with areas without access to unrestricted green space, along with new housing allocations (for residential and mixed use) and employment land allocations which align with some of the red deficiency areas. The majority of new developments in West Bromwich will have access to unrestricted green space within at least 400m, although a small amount of development sites to the south of the town will not have sufficient access, as indicated by location in red areas.







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Figure 5 Green Space and New Development

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Unrestricted Green Space

Areas Without Access to Unrestricted Green Space

Development Sites

Local Employment Land

High Quality Employment Land

Potential High Quality Employment Land

# Boundary

Sandwell

West Bromwich

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# 5 Quality

A quality audit using the Green Flag Award criteria was undertaken. The detailed methodology is set out in the main boroughwide report.

#### 5.1 Introduction

55 sites with unrestricted access in West Bromwich were assessed during the quality audit, the sites and their scores are shown in the table below;

## 5.2 Findings

#### 5.2.1 Findings – sites

Site ID	Site name	2018 QA Score
3058	Dartmouth Park	75
3051	Swan Pool/Priory Wood	71
3055	Sandwell Park Farm	68
3103	Oak House	67
3039	Forge Mill Lake & Nature Reserve	66
3027	Red House Park	66
3048	West Bromwich Crematorium	65
3106	Garden of Remembrance	61
3057	King George V Playing Fields	60
3038	Forge Mill Farm	59
3110	Kenrick Park	56
3119	Sots Hole Wood	52
3074	Manor House	49
3003	Redwood Road Open Space	49
3079	West Bromwich Cemetery	48
3064	Charlemont Farm Playing Fields	48
3100	Hambletts Open Space	47
3090	Oakwood Park/Jesson Playing Fields	46
3025	Holly Wood & Pasture	44
3006	Firtree Drive Open Space	43
3047	Gorse Farm Wood	43
3080	Lindsey Road Open Space	43
3127	Lyng Park	42
3023	Whitecrest Open Space	41

Site ID	Site name	2018 QA Score
3007	Ladbury Grove Open Space	41
3017	The Grove Open Space	40
3068	Beaconview/Walsall Road Open Space	39
3061	Newton Road Playing Fields	38
3030	Longleat Spinney	38
3015	Brooklands Open Space	37
3078	Marsh Lane Open Space (Proposed play area)	37
3085	Denbigh Crescent Open Space	36
3067	Navigation Lane Amenity Space	35
3016	Brackendale Drive Playing Fields	35
3089	Okehampton Drive Play Area	34
3009	Poppy Drive Open Space	34
3032	Ray Hall Pastoral Land	31
3075	Menzies Open Space	31
3088	Lily Street Open Space	31
3096	Greets Green Playing Field	31
3071	Stone Cross Open Space	30
3120	Hobhouse Close Play Area	30
3136	West Bromwich Parkway SINC	30
3040	Tanhouse Avenue Amenity Space	29
3093	Tildasley Street Amenity Space	29
3049	Haypitts Woods	28
3014	Biddleston Grove Open Space	26
3018	Hill Farm Bridge Fields	26
3086	Sussex Avenue Open Space	24
3010	Tamebridge Walkthrough	23
3200	Maud Road Open Space	23
3112	Constance Avenue Open Space	21
3020	Wilderness Lane SLINC & SINC	18
3072	Hall Green Open Space	18
3137	Ridgeacre Branch Canal SINC	17
3097	Delta Gardens	15
3094	Billhay Lane Amenity Space	8

The quality scores ranged from 75 to 8 with an average score of 40, significantly above the borough average of 34.

#### 5.2.2 Findings – criteria

The quality assessment comprised 18 different criteria. When these scores are averaged for the 55 sites within this Town area it can be seen that the highest scoring criteria is 'Personal security', 'Good and safe access' and 'Arboricultural maintenance' which all scored 6.2. The lowest scoring criteria is 'Conservation of buildings and structures', scoring an average of only 1.1.

	West Bromwich	Sandwell	Variance
Personal security	4.6	4.3	-0.3
Good and safe access	4.6	4.1	-0.5
Arboricultural maintenance	4.6	3.8	-0.8
Buildings and infrastructure maintenance	4.4	3.9	-0.5
Appropriate provision for community	4.2	3.8	-0.4
Welcoming	4.2	3.7	-0.5
Management of natural features, wild fauna and flora	4.2	3.6	-0.6
Appropriate provision of quality facilities and activities	4.1	3.7	-0.4
Horticultural maintenance	3.9	3.5	-0.4
Equal access for all	3.7	3.4	-0.3
Control of Dogs/ Fouling	3.5	3.9	0.4
Average	3.4	3.6	0.2
Litter and waste management	3.4	2.8	-0.6
Signage	2.8	2.2	-0.6
Safe equipment and facilities	2.4	4.3	1.9
Equipment maintenance	1.8	4.3	2.5
Conservation of landscape features	1.7	3.6	1.9
Appropriate educational interpretation/ information	1.4	1.2	-0.2
Conservation of buildings and structures	1.1	4.2	3.1

#### 5.2.3 Comparison by town

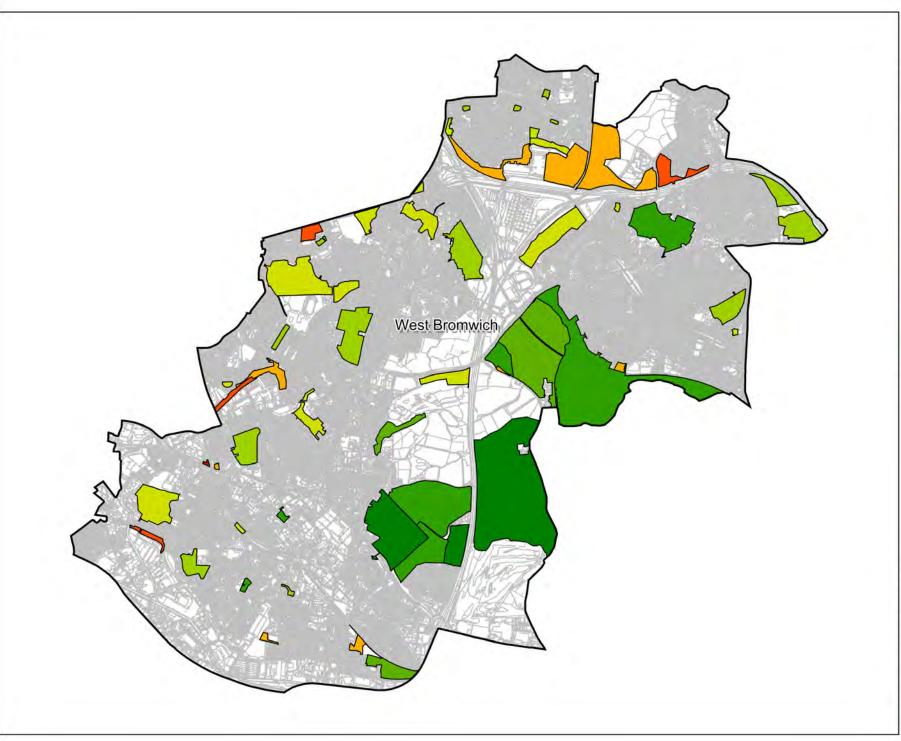
Town	No. of Sites	Range	Average 2018	Average 2013
Smethwick	27	8 – 69	42	42
West Bromwich	57	8 - 75	40	40
Sandwell Average	209	6 -75	34	38
Wednesbury	30	19 – 61	33	38
Rowley Regis	38	6 - 71	31	37
Tipton	33	9 - 67	30	33
Oldbury	24	8 - 61	27	34

Comparison by West Bromwich

The above table shows that the average quality score for West Bromwich is significantly above the borough average and ranked second out of the six towns.

## 5.3 Quality Scores

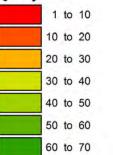
Figure 6 below shows the sites which were assessed during the quality audit plotted as a thematic map. It can be seen that there is a fairly even distribution of high- and low-quality sites across the West Bromwich Town area, with the majority of high-quality spaces concentrated in the Sandwell Valley.



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Figure 6 Quality Scores





#### Boundary



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#### 5.4 Consultation Results

Town	Quality Score 2018	Consultation Score
Smethwick	42	7.7
West Bromwich	40	7.3
Sandwell average	34	7.3
Wednesbury	33	7.3
Oldbury	27	7.3
Rowley Regis	31	7.1
Tipton	30	6.9

**Quality Household Consultation Results** 

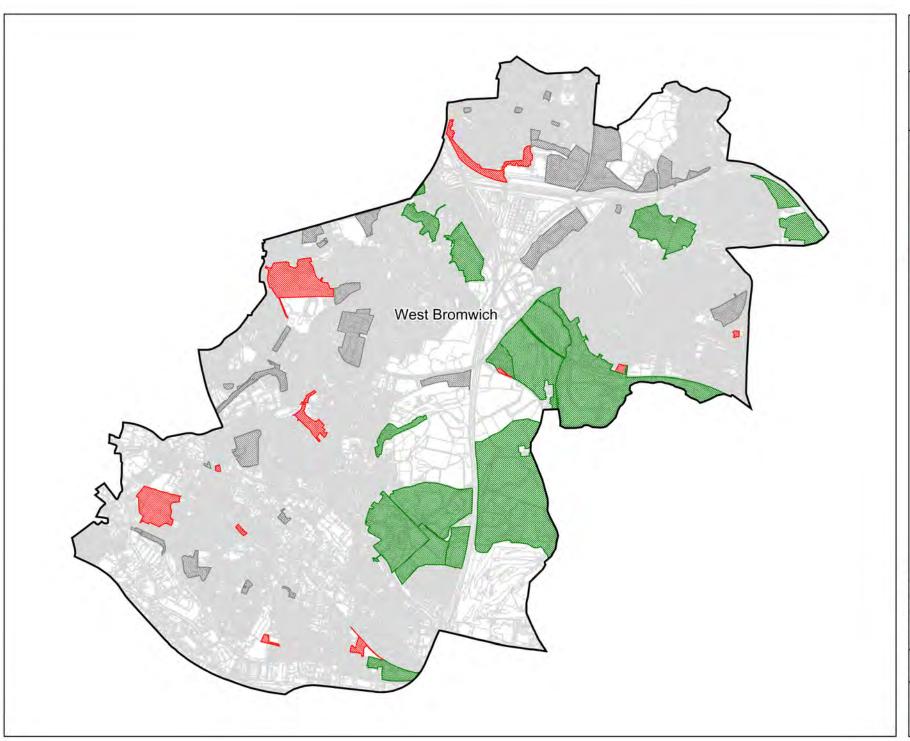
The household consultation sought respondent's views on the quality of green space, where one is poor and ten is excellent. The table above shows the responses for the town area and it can be seen that respondents felt that spaces within West Bromwich were ranked 7.3, the same as the borough average.

#### 6 Value

#### 6.1 Value Scores

A value assessment was carried out using four factors; context, level and type of use, wider benefits and green space networks was undertaken. The detailed methodology is set out in the main borough wide report and was consistent with the methodology employed through the 2006 Green Space Audit.

More detail about the methodology and findings is contained in Borough Green Space Audit report.



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Figure 7 Quality and Value Scores

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Other Sites



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# 7 Quality / Value

## 7.1 Matrix of Quality and Value

All sites that were assessed for quality have also had a value assessment applied. Based on the average quality and value scores, sites have been classified as either high or low value, and high or low quality.

All 55 sites from the study have been assigned into the quality value matrix below.

High Quality / Low Value	High Quality / High Value
Redwood Road Open Space 3003 Firtree Drive Open Space 3006 Ladbury Grove Open Space 3007 Brooklands Open Space 3015 Brackendale Drive Playing Fields 3016 The Grove Open Space 3017 Longleat Spinney 3030 Gorse Farm Wood 3047 Newton Road Playing Fields 3061 Manor House 3074 Marsh Lane Open Space (Proposed play area) 3078 West Bromwich Cemetery 3079 Lindsey Road Open Space 3080 Denbigh Crescent Open Space 3085 Oakwood Park/Jesson Playing Fields 3090	Whitecrest Open Space 3023 Holly Wood & Pasture 3025 Red House Park 3027 Forge Mill Farm 3038 Forge Mill Lake & Nature Reserve 3039 West Bromwich Crematorium 3048 Swan Pool/Priory Wood 3051 Sandwell Park Farm 3055 King George V Playing Fields 3057 Dartmouth Park 3058 Charlemont Farm Playing Fields 3064 Navigation Lane Amenity Space 3067 Beaconview/Walsall Road Open Space 3068
Hambletts Open Space 3100 Oak House 3103 Garden of Remembrance 3106 Lyng Park 3127 Low Quality / Low Value	Kenrick Park 3110 Sots Hole Wood 3119  Low Quality / High Value
Poppy Drive Open Space 3009 Tamebridge Walkthrough 3010 Tanhouse Avenue Amenity Space 3040 Haypitts Woods 3049 Menzies Open Space 3075 Lily Street Open Space 3088 Okehampton Drive Play Area 3089 Tildasley Street Amenity Space 3093 Greets Green Playing Field 3096 Constance Avenue Open Space 3112 Hobhouse Close Play Area 3120 West Bromwich Parkway SINC 3136 Maud Road Open Space 3200	Biddleston Grove Open Space 3014 Hill Farm Bridge Fields 3018 Wilderness Lane SLINC & SINC 3020 Ray Hall Pastoral Land 3032 Stone Cross Open Space 3071 Hall Green Open Space 3072 Sussex Avenue Open Space 3086 Billhay Lane Amenity Space 3094 Delta Gardens 3097 Ridgeacre Branch Canal SINC 3137

Quality / Value Matrix for sites within West Bromwich

The above matrix suggests that whilst 15 of the 55 sites are of high quality and high value, there are a significant number of sites that are of low quality and low value. Further work needs to be undertaken to these

low quality and low value sites to enhance the quality as long as it is also possible to enhance the value as well as assessing the site's primary purpose as it could be surplus to requirements in terms of its present primary purpose.

# 7.2 High Quality / High Value Green Spaces

Site ID	Site Name	Hierarchy	Typology
3023	Whitecrest Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3025	Holly Wood & Pasture	Neighbourhood	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3027	Red House Park	Neighbourhood	Parks & Gardens
3038	Forge Mill Farm	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3039	Forge Mill Lake & Nature Reserve	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3048	West Bromwich Crematorium	Borough	Cemeteries & Churchyards
3051	Swan Pool/Priory Wood	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3055	Sandwell Park Farm	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3057	King George V Playing Fields	Neighbourhood	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3058	Dartmouth Park	Borough	Parks & Gardens
3064	Charlemont Farm Playing Fields	Neighbourhood	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3067	Navigation Lane Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3068	Beaconview/Walsall Road Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3110	Kenrick Park	Local	Parks & Gardens
3119	Sots Hole Wood	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace

High Quality / High Value Sites within West Bromwich

The above sites are of high quality and value and are a variety of typologies and hierarchies.

# 7.3 Low Quality / Low Value Green Spaces

Site ID	Site Name	Hierarchy	Typology
3009	Poppy Drive Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3010	Tamebridge Walkthrough	Local	Green Corridor
3040	Tanhouse Avenue Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3049	Haypitts Woods	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3075	Menzies Open Space	Neighbourhood	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3088	Lily Street Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3089	Okehampton Drive Play Area	Local	Provision for Children & Young People
3093	Tildasley Street Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3096	Greets Green Playing Field	Neighbourhood	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3112	Constance Avenue Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3120	Hobhouse Close Play Area	Local	Provision for Children & Young People
3136	West Bromwich Parkway SINC	Local	Green Corridor

Site ID	Site Name	Hierarchy	Typology
3200	Maud Road Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace

Low Quality / Low Value Sites within West Bromwich

The majority of the low quality and value sites are of local level significance and are predominantly amenity green space or natural and semi-natural green space.

#### 8 Other Consultation Results

#### 8.1 Household Survey

A total of 240 surveys were received from this town area of which the majority currently use green spaces in the Borough. Sandwell Valley Country Park was the most frequently cited space and the main purposes for visits to green spaces across the Borough to relax, experience nature and wildlife and go walking. Common barriers to use included car parking charges, feeling unsafe, anti-social behaviour and dog fouling. Sutton Park was the most popular green space visited outside of the Sandwell area by respondents from West Bromwich.

As has been shown, respondents felt that there were adequate amounts of parks and gardens and a lack of allotments and community gardens. Provision of flowerbeds, trees and shrubs as well as standards of maintenance (including grass cutting) scored the highest in terms of the quality of services provided by Sandwell Council. Control of dogs and dog fouling scored the least.

The most important service provided by Sandwell Council were the standard of litter clearance and feelings of personal safety, while the least important (although still considered important) was the provision of opportunities for local people. The vast majority of respondents felt that the quality of their most frequently used green space in Sandwell had improved or stayed the same over the past three years.

#### 9 Summary

#### 9.1 Quantity

West Bromwich town area has 5.67 hectares per 1000 population which is significantly above the borough average of 3.63 hectares. This town has the greatest quantity of green space against this measure out of the six town areas. The household survey found that respondents from this area considered there was sufficient quantity of parks and gardens yet most people considered there were too few allotments and community gardens.

#### 9.2 Accessibility

There are some areas of West Bromwich that do not have access to unrestricted green space when green spaces are plotted with severance lines and access points. Provision in neighbouring boroughs has limited effect on these areas of deficiency.

#### 9.3 Quality and Value

Overall it was found that quality and value in this town were generally above the borough averages. The household consultation found that respondents considered this towns spaces to be the same the borough average in terms of quality and overall West Bromwich scored joint second out of the six towns.

Appendix A

List of Green Spaces with Unrestricted Access

Site ID	Site Name	Hierarchy	Typology
3001	Laburnum Road Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3002	Yew Tree Junior & Infants School	Local	Institutional Land
3003	Redwood Road Open Space	Neighbourhood	Provision for Children & Young People
3004	Birchfield Gardens Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3006	Firtree Drive Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3007	Ladbury Grove Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3008	Woodruff Way Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3009	Poppy Drive Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3010	Tamebridge Walkthrough	Local	Green Corridor
3011	River Tame Corridor	Neighbourhood	Green Corridor
3012	Yew Tree Plantation	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3013	MEB Substation Land	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3014	Biddleston Grove Open Space	Neighbourhood	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3015	Brooklands Open Space	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3016	Brackendale Drive Playing Fields	Local	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3017	The Grove Open Space	Neighbourhood	Amenity Greenspace
3018	Hill Farm Bridge Fields	Neighbourhood	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3019	Q3 Academy	Local	Institutional Land
3020	Wilderness Lane SLINC & SINC	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3021	Peakhouse Farm	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3022	Holiday Inn (Greenbelt)	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3023	Whitecrest Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3024	Whitecrest Primary School	Local	Institutional Land
3025	Holly Wood & Pasture	Neighbourhood	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3026	Whitecrest Wood	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3027	Red House Park	Neighbourhood	Parks & Gardens
3028	Hillside Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3029	Grove Vale Primary School	Local	Institutional Land
3030	Longleat Spinney	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3031	Himley Close Pastoral Land	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3032	Ray Hall Pastoral Land	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3033	M5 Embankment (Ray Hall)	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3034	Ray Hall Water Reclamation Works	Local	Institutional Land
3035	Newton Road Pasture	Neighbourhood	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace

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3036	Birmingham County FA Ground	Neighbourhood	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3037	Water Lane Pastures	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3038	Forge Mill Farm	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3039	Forge Mill Lake & Nature Reserve	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3040	Tanhouse Avenue Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3041	Hamstead Junior & Infant School	Local	Institutional Land
3042	The Tanhouse Centre	Local	Institutional Land
3043	Hamstead Road Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3044	Highfield Walkthrough	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3045	Ennerdale Road Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3046	Ferndale Primary School	Local	Institutional Land
3047	Gorse Farm Wood	Neighbourhood	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3048	West Bromwich Crematorium	Borough	Cemeteries & Churchyards
3049	Haypitts Woods	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3050	Forge Farm	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3051	Swan Pool/Priory Wood	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3052	Sandwell Park Golf Course	Borough	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3053	Dartmouth Cricket Club	Borough	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3054	Sandwell Academy Sports Ground (L2)	Borough	Institutional Land
3055	Sandwell Park Farm	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3056	Dartmouth Golf Course	Borough	<b>Outdoor Sports Facilities</b>
3057	King George V Playing Fields	Neighbourhood	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3058	Dartmouth Park	Borough	Parks & Gardens
3059	Dartmouth Bowling Club	Local	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3060	Reform Street Bridge Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3061	Newton Road Playing Fields	Neighbourhood	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3062	All Saints Church	Local	Cemeteries & Churchyards
3063	Newton Street Allotments	Local	Allotments
3064	Charlemont Farm Playing Fields	Neighbourhood	Outdoor Sports Facilities
3065	River Tame Pasture	Borough	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3066	Stanhurst Way Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3067	Navigation Lane Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3068	Beaconview/Walsall Road Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3069	Tompstone Road Amenity Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3070	Bird End Plantation	Local	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3071	Stone Cross Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3072	Hall Green Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3073	Manor House Allotments	Local	Allotments

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3074	Manor House	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3075	Menzies Open Space	Neighbourhood	Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace
3076	The Phoenix Collegiate	Local	Institutional Land
3077	The Bridge Centre / Woden rise PRU	Local	Institutional Land
3078	Marsh Lane Open Space (Proposed play area)	Neighbourhood	Amenity Greenspace
3079	West Bromwich Cemetery	Borough	Cemeteries & Churchyards
3080	Lindsey Road Open Space	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3081	Worcester Green Amenity Area	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3082	Radnor Green Amenity Area	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3083	Bedford Road Walkthrough	Local	Amenity Greenspace
3084	Hateley Heath Primary School	Local	Institutional Land