

Note on Open Space requirements

Table 7 in Preferred Options Plan required a total of 4.45ha per 1,000 population as recommended in the Open Space Audit of 2005.

The Council has recalculated the open space requirement based on the revised requirements in new Table 12 and in relation to recent evidence on changing household size.

KCC popgroup model at the time showed average household size as 2.2 persons and was projected to diminish

A precautionary approach was assumed to be 2.5 persons per dwelling

These figures have since been updated in light of recent evidence.

Table 12 in the Pre-Submission Plan requires a total of 3.65 ha per 1,000 population using the Fields in trust guidelines as recommended in the Open Space Strategy 2018

Average household size is estimated at 2.11 persons per household by 2031 - household sizes are typically falling as older people are living longer and typically in single or two-person households (assume 2.2 persons per hh as precautionary approach).

Calculation therefore is as follows:

$(\text{Capacity} \times 2.2) / 1000 \times 3.65$

New Open Space requirements based on these figures would be as follows:

Site	New OS Req	Previous OS Req
SP13 - Manston Green	6.3ha	9ha
SP14 - Birchington	12.8ha	14ha
SP15 - Westgate	16ha	17.5ha
SP16 - Westwood	11.6ha	16.63ha
SP18 - WW Village	9.6ha	10.5ha
HO2 - N&S Shottendane Road	4.4ha	6.23ha