

EXTRACT FROM APSE

Parks**3.1 Park categories**

APSE performance networks has split the various types of parks, open spaces and play areas into four categories: types A, B, C and D.

You should assess each of your parks, open spaces and play areas according to how many of the following facilities each site possesses.

Facility list

Aquarium*

Arboretum*

Artificial sports pitch*

Aviary*

Bandstand*

Boating lake*

Bowling green*

Car parking*

CCTV/Other security*

Changing facilities/pavilion*

Defined park boundary*

Dog bins

Footpath

Formal/memorial beds/floral displays*

Full access to all park areas for disabled persons

Glasshouses/floral conservatory*

Hard surface for play/kick about area/kicking wall

LEAP play area*

LAP play area

Litter bins

Multiple sports pitches*

Multiple play/adventure play*

Museum*

Paddling pool

Site based staff (i.e. Park rangers/wardens, maintenance staff, games attendants, offices*)

Petanque

Pet's corner*

Pitch & putt*

Plant collection (NCCPG)*

Putting greens

Refreshments facilities*

Seating

Signage

Single sports pitch

Single play unit

Tennis/netball courts*

Toilets*

Visitor and/or information centre*

Visitor Facilities* (i.e. railways, bouncy castles, model boating pond)

War memorials/statues/sculptures/follies

Water features/fountains

Woodland walk*

Note:

This categorisation may require a subjective judgement of 'best fit' and the category types may not match the sites/areas maintained in your authority exactly. This judgement should be justifiable under audit however, should your Authority be chosen for audit purposes.

Country parks/country estates are not included amongst these four categories and information relating to these should be entered under hectareage of 'country parks/estates maintained' (see guidance notes 2.4 and 2.5)

Multiple play refers to a piece of equipment that provides several play activities (e.g. a slide, a climbing frame and a swing). A single unit is one that provides just one activity (e.g. a slide or a set of swings).

Category A parks

A category A park, is a formally defined park/open space/recreation area having at least a 3-mile catchment area and at least 20 of the facilities from the facility list overleaf (at least 10 of which must be marked with an asterisk).

Category B parks

A category B park, is a formally defined park/open space/recreation area having at least a 3/4 mile catchment area with at least 10 facilities from facility list overleaf (at least 5 of which must be marked with an asterisk).

Category C parks

A category C park, is a park/open space/recreation area having at least a 1/4 mile catchment area with at least 6 facilities from facility list overleaf (at least 3 of which must be marked with an asterisk).

Category D parks

A category D park, is a park/open space/recreation area having at least a 1/2 mile catchment area with at least 1 facility from facility list overleaf.