

Full Council

Date:	25 February 2014
Title:	Neighbourhood Plan
Purpose of the Report:	To approve the Guidance Note for Publicly Accessible Open Space
Contact Officer:	Helen Stewart, Town Clerk

Background

There has been some confusion for developers as to what is meant by Publicly Accessible Open Space, the darker green areas shown on the plans in section 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The attached document has been drafted with the intent of keeping the explanation simple and to:

- (a) Explain the background and importance of open space through the Plan preparation process.
- (b) Outline what Paragraph 11 says.
- (c) Make clear that Para 11 requires the full extent of land to be made available for public access and that limitations/restrictions on access will then be negotiated, as necessary, through the application.

Resource Appraisal

There are no resource implications in approving this guidance note

Risk Assessment

Risks	Controls
Developers continue to challenge the requirement within the Neighbourhood Plan	The Guidance Note should provide clarification for all concerned with the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Recommendation that:

- i) The Guidance Note for Publicly Accessible Space be approved***