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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This report presents the community open space condition surveys undertaken within the Hulseheath to Manchester Airport area (MA06).
- 1.1.2 Condition surveys were undertaken on publicly accessible open spaces likely to be directly impacted by the Proposed Scheme.
- 1.1.3 The purpose of the open space surveys was to collect primary data on the condition of open spaces. The information collected was used to identify the nature of the resource, the type of facilities and their available condition. In addition, it was used to identify the sensitivity of the space and their users to determine potential impacts associated with construction or operation of the Proposed Scheme.
- 1.1.4 These condition surveys were used to inform the community assessment reported in Volumes 2 and 5 and the Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA).

2 Open space condition survey

2.1 Rostherne Mere National Nature Reserve, Knutsford

Table 1: Rostherne Mere National Nature Reserve open space condition survey

Data classification	Site data	Data classification	Site data
Name of site	Rostherne Mere National Nature Reserve (includes Harpers Bank Wood, Shallow Green Willows, Mere Covert and Shaw Green Willows)	Owner and Operator of site (specify if different)	Natural England
Location/address	Cherry Tree Lane, Altrincham, WA14 3RZ	Size (ha)	78ha
OS map reference	374499/384240	Community area	Hulseheath to Manchester Airport (MA06)
Access type - Pedestrian and/or vehicular	Pedestrian	No. and location of entry points	Formal car park and entry opposite Egerton Hall. Entry point via footpath off Rostherne Lane. The Mere (a lake) itself is not publicly accessible.

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Children's play area (LEAP, NEAP, LAP ¹ water play, adventure play, skate park)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g. public art, stately home, sculpture)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Multi use games area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Woodland	✓	n/a	Areas of woodland.	n/a
Nature Reserve	✓	n/a	Designated nature reserve.	n/a
Urban farm, animals	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other sports facilities (specify sports type, sport, number size scale)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Litter bins	n/a	n/a	No sign of bins at the entrance to the nature reserve that was visited.	n/a
Café/pub/restaurant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Signage and way finding	✓	n/a	Signs at the entrance and on the main paths.	n/a
Visitor centre/education facility	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benches/seating/picnic areas	n/a	n/a	No sign of seating at the entrance to the nature reserve that was visited.	n/a
Car parking (including no. of disabled spaces) /cycle parking facilities	✓	n/a	Car park on Rostherne Lane, opposite Egerton Hall.	n/a
Lakes/water/ponds	✓	n/a	Ponds with wildlife.	n/a

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Toilets/changing rooms. Wheelchair accessible?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Evidence of use for organised events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

B. Condition	
Factors to consider	Notes / Comments
Graffiti and vandalism	n/a
Management and maintenance	Well managed and maintained.
Quality of seating	n/a
Overall quality of facilities on site	No visible facilities .
Lines, markings and posts (sporting facilities only)	n/a
Overall cleanliness	Clean.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	Welcoming and signed from the Rostherne Lane entrance, although the entrance to the car park is not clear or well signed.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	n/a

¹ The children's play area abbreviations are: Local Equipped Play Area (LEAP) – designed for younger children; Neighbourhood Equipped Play Area (NEAP) – designed for older children; and Local Area for Play (LAP) – designed for very young children.

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C. Local context	
Likely user pattern (tourist/visitor attraction, everyday amenity, events)	Likely to attract local walkers and birdwatchers from a wider area.
Catchment (Neighbourhood, Town, Metropolitan, Sub-Regional)	Local towns, possibly wider.
Environmental designations (e.g. Local Nature Site)	Nature reserve, SSSI.
Awards / Standards (e.g. Green Flag Award)	n/a
Management/stakeholders, other groups/organisations (e.g. Forestry Commission, Wildlife Trust, National Trust, County Council, District Council, Parish Council, Friends Group, Local Charitable Group)	Natural England.
Surrounding linked features	n/a

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2.2 Hough Green open space

Table 2: Hough Green open space, open space condition survey

Data classification	Site data	Data classification	Site data
Name of site	Hough Green open space	Owner and Operator of site (specify if different)	Manchester City Council
Location/address	Hough Green, Ashley, Altrincham, WA15 0QS	Size (ha)	0.16ha
OS map reference	377455/384344	Community area	Hulseheath to Manchester Airport (MA06)
Access type - Pedestrian and/or vehicular	Pedestrian / vehicular	No. and location of entry points	Hough Green

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Children's play area (LEAP, NEAP, LAP ¹ water play, adventure play, skate park)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g. public art, stately home, sculpture)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Multi use games area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Woodland	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nature Reserve	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban farm, animals	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other sports facilities (specify sports type, sport, number size scale)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Litter bins	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Café/pub/restaurant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Signage and way finding	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Visitor centre/education facility	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benches/seating/picnic areas	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Car parking (including no. of disabled spaces) /cycle parking facilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lakes/water/ponds	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Toilets/changing rooms. Wheelchair accessible?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Evidence of use for organised events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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B. Condition	
Factors to consider	Notes / Comments
Graffiti and vandalism	n/a
Management and maintenance	n/a
Quality of seating	n/a
Overall quality of facilities on site	Open space / community green area. No formal amenities.
Lines, markings and posts (sporting facilities only)	n/a
Overall cleanliness	Clean green space with mowed grass.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	Welcoming but doesn't appear to be well used by surrounding houses.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	n/a

C. Local context	
Likely user pattern (tourist/visitor attraction, everyday amenity, events)	Residents of the houses immediately surrounding the open space.
Catchment (Neighbourhood, Town, Metropolitan, Sub-Regional)	Neighbourhood.
Environmental designations (e.g. Local Nature Site)	n/a
Awards / Standards (e.g. Green Flag Award)	n/a
Management/stakeholders, other groups/organisations (e.g. Forestry Commission, Wildlife Trust, National Trust, County Council, District Council, Parish Council, Friends Group, Local Charitable Group)	n/a
Surrounding linked features	n/a

2.3 Ashley Cricket Club, Ashley

Table 3: Ashley Cricket Club, open space condition survey

Data classification	Site data	Data classification	Site data
Name of site	Ashley Cricket Club	Owner and Operator of site (specify if different)	Ashley Cricket Club
Location/address	Ashley Road, Altrincham, WA14 3QF	Size (ha)	1.32ha
OS map reference	377115/384195	Community area	Hulseheath to Manchester Airport (MA06)
Access type - Pedestrian and/or vehicular	Pedestrian / vehicular	No. and location of entry points	Unnamed Road off Ashley Road

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Children's play area (LEAP, NEAP, LAP ¹ water play, adventure play, skate park)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g. public art, stately home, sculpture)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Multi use games area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Woodland	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nature Reserve	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban farm, animals	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other sports facilities (specify sports type, sport, number size scale)	✓	n/a	Very well-kept cricket pitch. The gardener was present when the site visit took place.	n/a
Litter bins	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Café/pub/restaurant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Signage and way finding	✓	n/a	Sign to show entry to the cricket club.	n/a
Visitor centre/education facility	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benches/seating/picnic areas	✓	n/a	Some spectator seating.	n/a
Car parking (including no. of disabled spaces) /cycle parking facilities	✓	n/a	Informal, gravel car park.	n/a
Lakes/water/ponds	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Toilets/changing rooms. Wheelchair accessible?	✓	n/a	Well maintained clubhouse with changing rooms. Not publicly accessible.	n/a

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A. Facilities on site	Yes (✓)	Photo (✓)	Description and comment on quality	Features for protected groups i.e. wheelchair access, step free, baby changing etc.
Evidence of use for organised events	✓	n/a	Cricket matches.	n/a

B. Condition	
Factors to consider	Notes / Comments
Graffiti and vandalism	n/a
Management and maintenance	Visible signs of management and maintenance throughout the site visit.
Quality of seating	Good quality benches.
Overall quality of facilities on site	Very well-kept cricket pitch with club house.
Lines, markings and posts (sporting facilities only)	Pitch is outlined.
Overall cleanliness	Very clean.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	Welcoming and signed on entry.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	n/a

C. Local context	
Likely user pattern (tourist/visitor attraction, everyday amenity, events)	Members of the club.

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C. Local context	
Catchment (Neighbourhood, Town, Metropolitan, Sub-Regional)	Town.
Environmental designations (e.g. Local Nature Site)	n/a
Awards / Standards (e.g. Green Flag Award)	n/a
Management/stakeholders, other groups/organisations (e.g. Forestry Commission, Wildlife Trust, National Trust, County Council, District Council, Parish Council, Friends Group, Local Charitable Group)	Manchester City Council.
Surrounding linked features	Bollin Valley Way joins the wood.

2.4 Sunbank Wood, Ashley

Table 4: Sunbank Wood, open space condition survey

Data classification	Site data	Data classification	Site data
Name of site	Sunbank Wood	Owner and Operator of site (specify if different)	Manchester City Council
Location/address	Nearest address point: Mill Lane, Altrincham, WA15 0RD	Size (ha)	16ha
OS map reference	379856/384134	Community area	Hulseheath to Manchester Airport (MA06)
Access type - Pedestrian and/or vehicular	Pedestrian / vehicular	No. and location of entry points	Footpath off Sunbank Lane with small informal parking area, footpath off Mill Lane

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Children's play area (LEAP, NEAP, LAP ¹ water play, adventure play, skate park)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g. public art, stately home, sculpture)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Multi use games area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Woodland	✓	n/a	Woodland walk with paths.	n/a
Nature Reserve	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban farm, animals	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other sports facilities (specify sports type, sport, number size scale)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Litter bins	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Café/pub/restaurant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Signage and way finding	✓	n/a	Signs at the entrance to the wood.	n/a
Visitor centre/education facility	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benches/seating/picnic areas	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Car parking (including no. of disabled spaces) /cycle parking facilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lakes/water/ponds	✓	n/a	Watercourses throughout the wood.	n/a
Toilets/changing rooms. Wheelchair accessible?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Evidence of use for organised events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

B. Condition	
Factors to consider	Notes / Comments
Graffiti and vandalism	n/a
Management and maintenance	Well-maintained woodland.
Quality of seating	n/a
Overall quality of facilities on site	No facilities on site, a wood with muddy walks and no paved footpaths.
Lines, markings and posts (sporting facilities only)	n/a
Overall cleanliness	Clean wood.
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	Sign clearly labels entrance to the wood.
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	n/a

C. Local context	
Likely user pattern (tourist/visitor attraction, everyday amenity, events)	Local walkers.
Catchment (Neighbourhood, Town, Metropolitan, Sub-Regional)	Local towns.
Environmental designations (e.g. Local Nature Site)	n/a
Awards / Standards (e.g. Green Flag Award)	n/a

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C. Local context	
Management/stakeholders, other groups/organisations (e.g. Forestry Commission, Wildlife Trust, National Trust, County Council, District Council, Parish Council, Friends Group, Local Charitable Group)	Manchester City Council.
Surrounding linked features	Bollin Valley Way joins the wood. Sunbank Wood contains Environmental Designations such as; Sunbank Wood and Ponds Site of Biological Interest (SBI) and Sunbank Wood Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI) site (which is part of Sunbank Wood and Ponds SBI).

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2.5 Cotterill Clough Nature Reserve, Altrincham

Table 5: Cotterill Clough Nature Reserve, open space condition survey

Data classification	Site data	Data classification	Site data
Name of site	Cotterill Clough Nature Reserve	Owner and Operator of site (specify if different)	Cheshire Wildlife Trust
Location/address	Cotterill Clough Brook, Altrincham WA15 0RE	Size (ha)	6ha
OS map reference	380457/383909	Community area	Hulseheath to Manchester Airport (MA06)
Access type - Pedestrian and/or vehicular	Website states it is not publicly accessible unless there are guided walks advertised	No. and location of entry points	Site visit confirmed that the site is not publicly accessible unless arrangements have been made

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Children's play area (LEAP, NEAP, LAP ¹ water play, adventure play, skate park)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g. public art, stately home, sculpture)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Multi use games area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Woodland	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nature Reserve	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban farm, animals	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other sports facilities (specify sports type, sport, number size scale)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Litter bins	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Café/pub/restaurant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Signage and way finding	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Visitor centre/education facility	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benches/seating/picnic areas	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Car parking (including no. of disabled spaces) /cycle parking facilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lakes/water/ponds	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Toilets/changing rooms. Wheelchair accessible?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Evidence of use for organised events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Factors to consider	Notes / Comments
Graffiti and vandalism	n/a
Management and maintenance	n/a
Quality of seating	n/a
Overall quality of facilities on site	n/a
Lines, markings and posts (sporting facilities only)	n/a
Overall cleanliness	n/a
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	n/a
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	n/a

C. Local context	
Likely user pattern (tourist/visitor attraction, everyday amenity, events)	n/a
Catchment (Neighbourhood, Town, Metropolitan, Sub-Regional)	n/a
Environmental designations (e.g. Local Nature Site)	n/a
Awards / Standards (e.g. Green Flag Award)	n/a
Management/stakeholders, other groups/organisations (e.g. Forestry Commission, Wildlife Trust, National Trust, County Council, District Council, Parish Council, Friends Group, Local Charitable Group)	n/a
Surrounding linked features	n/a

2.6 Hale Barns Cricket Club, Hale Barns

Table 6: Hale Barns Cricket Club, open space condition survey

Data classification	Site data	Data classification	Site data
Name of site	Hale Barns Cricket Club	Owner and Operator of site (specify if different)	Hale Barns Cricket Club
Location/address	Brooks Dr, Hale Barns, Altrincham WA15 8TN	Size (ha)	1.5ha
OS map reference	380086/385593	Community area	Hulseheath to Manchester Airport (MA06)
Access type - Pedestrian and/or vehicular	n/a	No. and location of entry points	Site visit confirmed that the site is not publicly accessible, there is a padlocked gate upon entry

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Children's play area (LEAP, NEAP, LAP ¹ water play, adventure play, skate park)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cultural or heritage asset (e.g. public art, stately home, sculpture)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Multi use games area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Woodland	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nature Reserve	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban farm, animals	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other sports facilities (specify sports type, sport, number size scale)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Litter bins	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Café/pub/restaurant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Signage and way finding	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Visitor centre/education facility	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benches/seating/picnic areas	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Car parking (including no. of disabled spaces) /cycle parking facilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lakes/water/ponds	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Toilets/changing rooms. Wheelchair accessible?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Evidence of use for organised events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Factors to consider	Notes / Comments
Graffiti and vandalism	n/a
Management and maintenance	n/a
Quality of seating	n/a
Overall quality of facilities on site	n/a
Lines, markings and posts (sporting facilities only)	n/a
Overall cleanliness	n/a
Welcoming (gateway entrances, signage, accessibility for user types)	n/a
Security (CCTV, sense of security, natural surveillance, presence of wardens/police)	n/a

C. Local context	
Likely user pattern (tourist/visitor attraction, everyday amenity, events)	n/a
Catchment (Neighbourhood, Town, Metropolitan, Sub-Regional)	n/a
Environmental designations (e.g. Local Nature Site)	n/a
Awards / Standards (e.g. Green Flag Award)	n/a
Management/stakeholders, other groups/organisations (e.g. Forestry Commission, Wildlife Trust, National Trust, County Council, District Council, Parish Council, Friends Group, Local Charitable Group)	n/a
Surrounding linked features	n/a

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