

Greenspace Strategy

Supplementary Planning Document



What is it?

A guide to the
enhancement and
management of green spaces

LDD8

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The Greenspace Strategy will provide a strategic, focused and co-ordinated approach to green spaces in Torbay over the next ten years. This Strategy will form a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in the emerging Local Development Framework for Torbay (LDF). It is currently undergoing the final stage of consultation.

This Greenspace Strategy outlines how the Council in association with the community intends to deliver and maintain high quality green spaces which enable equal access and opportunity for all, as well as protecting and enhancing the local environment.

The Strategy supports community priorities. It will also help improve Torbay's biodiversity and reduce crime, litter and graffiti.

The Greenspace vision is to:

Encourage greater use of green spaces by local people.

In order to achieve this, nine objectives have been put forward:

- Improving appearance of green space.
- Improving accessibility, especially for the disabled.
- Challenging people's perceptions of green spaces as areas to visit and use more often.
- Improving facilities and attractions.
- Increasing numbers of events/entertainments.
- Develop opportunities for using green spaces for learning.
- Promote and protect the heritage assets of Torbay's green spaces.
- Promotion of green spaces as drivers for economic activity.
- Recognise, protect and enhance the biodiversity value of green space.

The Greenspace SPD links and process

As part of the new planning system, any SPD adopted as part of the LDF (see the LDF structure diagram) will be subject to formal 'Sustainability Appraisal'. This Appraisal is also available for consultation.

The Greenspace Strategy will also provide evidence in support of the Planning Contributions and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (LDD 6).

Where can I find out more about it?

For further information on the work carried out so far on the Greenspace strategy or to view the sustainability appraisal which accompanies this report please visit **www.torbay.gov.uk/ldf** (click on sustainability appraisal) or use the contact details below to view a hard copy.

How can I become involved?

To become involved in the Local Development Framework process, you can also register your details and we will keep you informed. A register of interest form is available on the above web page. You can also provide your details by phoning the Strategic Planning team on 01803 208804 or by e-mailing us at **LDF@torbay.gov.uk**

You can also write to us at: **Strategic Planning Group, Community Services, Torbay Council, Floor 3, Roebuck House, Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5TF**

This document will be published for a formal six week public consultation in June - July 2006. Your views will feed into the preparation of the final document, which will be published later this year. Consultation details will be published on our website **www.torbay.gov.uk/ldf**

Please get involved... green spaces have a major effect on the quality of our lives.

The structure of the Local Development Framework

