

Greenspace Strategy

Adopted
Supplementary
Planning
Document



What is it?

A guide to the
enhancement and
management of green spaces

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The Greenspace Strategy provides a strategic, focused and co-ordinated approach to the management of green spaces in Torbay over the next twenty years. This Strategy was adopted by the Council in December 2006 and forms a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in the emerging Torbay Local Development Framework (LDF).

This Greenspace Strategy outlines how the Council in association with the community intends to deliver and maintain high quality green spaces that 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.
- Developing opportunities for using green spaces for learning.
- Promoting and protecting the heritage assets of Torbay's green spaces.
- Promoting green spaces as drivers for economic activity.
- Recognising, protecting and enhancing 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) is also subject to formal 'Sustainability Appraisal'. This Appraisal is available to view on the Torbay website.

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 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. You can provide your details by phoning the Strategic Planning team on **01803 208804** or by e-mailing us at greenspace@torbay.gov.uk

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

There is more information on the Local Development Framework at www.torbay.gov.uk/ldf

Please read the Strategy... green spaces have a major effect on the quality of our lives.

The structure of the Local Development Framework

