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1 Socio-Economic Profile

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1.1 Congleton is a historic market town with a population of 26,580. It lies on the River Dane in the east of the Borough. In its early days it was an important centre of textile production, today, however, it is important for light engineering. The town also acts as a dormitory settlement for Manchester, Macclesfield and Stoke-on-Trent.

1.2 Congleton has a reasonably vibrant town centre. It is served by several bus routes, has its own train station with direct services between Stoke-on-Trent and Manchester and the M6 is a short distance away.

1.3 Congleton is surrounded by Green Belt to the south and east and the Jodrell Bank Telescope Consultation Zone applies to the countryside to the north east of the town. There are flood risk areas along the River Dane, Dane-in-Shaw Brook and Loach Brook.

1.4 Congleton has an active Town Council that has produced and adopted an informal Town Plan and it is part of the Congleton Local Area Partnership.

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Type 1: Parks & Gardens

Quantity

2.1 There are four facilities in this category: Congleton Park (C49b) is a large diverse site and serves the whole of Congleton; Antrobus Street (C53) and Congleton Community Garden (C54) are small urban pocket parks and Astbury Mere (C99 and C101) is a country park on the south-western edge of the town.

2.2 The Victorian Congleton Park, created in 1871, was recently restored in 2004/05 using Heritage Lottery Funding and contains ornamental gardens, Town Wood, new lighting, band stand, bowling green, play park and pavilion.

Quality

2.3 Congleton Park, Congleton Community Garden and Astbury Mere are all good quality sites. Congleton Park received the Green Flag award in 2008. Astbury Mere has also received the Green Flag Award in previous years. Antrobus Street scores as poor quality due to litter and graffiti problems.

Accessibility

2.4 Congleton Park is in a central location, accessible by public transport and within easy walking distance of the Biddulph Valley Way, which is a greenway situated in the south-east of Congleton. Astbury Mere is most accessible to residents in south-west Congleton. Some residents in north-west and south-east Congleton are at a distance of more than 1km from a park.

Biodiversity

2.5 Congleton Park is located within a Wildlife Corridor running along the River Dane. Astbury Mere is also an important wildlife habitat encompassing grassland and woodland, as well as the Mere itself.

Issues

2.6 Residents in the north-west and south-east of Congleton have a poor standard of accessibility to park facilities and are at a distance of more than 1km from a park.

Recommendations

- Investigate whether accessibility to Congleton Park can be improved.

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Type 2: Natural & Semi-Natural Urban Greenspaces

Quantity

2.7 Congleton has 17 facilities in this category with 15 main typology and two secondary typology. Natural and semi-natural urban green space forms the largest category of open space due to the two meres and the areas of green space along the River Dane and Dane-in-Shaw Brook. The main strategic sites in Congleton are Astbury Mere (C101), Westlow Mere (C105), Dane-in-Shaw Pasture (C18), Reades Lane (Cong531) and Biddulph Valley Way (Cong1). There is also Timbersbrook Picnic Area (Con541) to the east of Congleton at the foot of The Cloud. There are three areas of grassland and woodland adjacent to the River Dane (sites C49c, C636, Cong111) that link in with Congleton Park. The remaining eight sites are small areas of grassland, scrub, ponds or woodland dotted through the urban area that add to the biodiversity of the town.

2.8 Astbury Mere is a former sand quarry with a central lake, part owned by Stoke-on-Trent Angling Society - lake and immediate shoreline - and part by Astbury Mere Trust, which is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. The site is managed as a Country Park with a visitor centre, toilets, car park, sail sports centre and an extensive path network. It is a major facility serving the whole of Congleton and beyond. Westlow Mere is also a former sand quarry and is mainly used as a private fishing club.

2.9 Dane-in-Shaw Pasture occupies an area of Dane-in-Shaw Brook valley. It constitutes one of the largest and most botanically diverse areas of flushed neutral grassland remaining in lowland Cheshire and part of the site is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Reades Lane is a continuation of the grassland/ wooded areas adjoining Dane-in-Shaw Brook.

2.10 The Biddulph Valley Way is a disused railway line now used as a multi-purpose greenway with wooded areas either side. It links to the Macclesfield Canal towpath.

Quality

2.11 Of the 17 sites, nine are considered good quality sites, seven of average quality and one of poor quality. The average and poor quality sites generally comprise of smaller natural green space areas that could be improved with easier access, pathways and different management of some of the vegetation.

Accessibility

2.12 The majority of residents have access to natural and semi-natural green space. Only residents on the edges of north-west and south-eastern Congleton are beyond the 5 to 10 minutes walking threshold.

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Biodiversity

2.13 Habitat improvement works are on-going at Dane-in-Shaw Pasture. It is important to retain the range and diversity of sites across Congleton.

Issues

2.14 The main issues are those associated with visitor pressure at Astbury Mere and Dane-in-Shaw Pasture during the summer months, with problems such as litter and overuse.

Recommendations

- Consider how to support facilities at Astbury Mere.
- Consider how to deal with visitor pressures at Dane-In Shaw Pasture.

Type 3: Green Corridors

Quantity

2.15 There are six facilities in this category: three main typology and three secondary typology. Two sites have already been discussed: Biddulph Valley Way (Cong1) is managed as a multi-user route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders; Dane-in-Shaw Pasture (C18) is a natural green corridor used by walkers and has numerous access points. Sites C50 and C52 are wooded pathway and cycleway sections along the River Dane and the remaining two sites are wooded green corridors within the urban area.

2.16 Macclesfield Canal runs along the north-eastern edge of Congleton and turns westwards cutting through the south-eastern residential areas of Congleton. The Canal connects with the Biddulph Valley Way providing a green link from south-east Congleton to the Biddulph Valley Way and then into the town centre.

2.17 Congleton benefits from a relatively dense network of Public Rights of Way. This network is particularly strong, and formed of high quality paths, on the southern fringe of the town. In contrast, connections to the countryside from the West Heath part of the town are poor. Provision for cyclists and horse riders is good compared with other areas of the Borough. In addition the town benefits from the Astbury Mere Country Park, the Macclesfield Canal towpath and the Biddulph Valley Way, as mentioned previously.

Quality

2.18 The quality of the sites varies from good to poor. At Dane-in-Shaw Pasture the main problems occur during hot weather when 'parties' on site result in litter, broken glass, fires and campers. This can cause conflict with the nature conservation importance of the site. On the Biddulph Valley Way in the last few years many

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improvements have taken place funded by the National Cycleway Network. There is still work needed to bring all the boundary fencing up to standard and a couple of access points need improvements due to the sloping surfaces. At the other sites quality issues relate to access points and the condition of the pathways.

Accessibility

2.19 The green corridor network is located along the River Dane, Biddulph Valley Way, Macclesfield Canal and Dane-in-Shaw Pasture, which are all in the central and eastern parts of Congleton. Residents in the west of Congleton have no immediate access to green corridors.

Biodiversity

2.20 There are already biodiversity improvement works being carried out along the Biddulph Valley Way and Dane-in-Shaw Pasture; opportunities exist to improve biodiversity along the River Dane and in the other wooded corridor areas.

Issues

2.21 There is no access to green corridors for residents in western Congleton.

Recommendations

- Consider how to improve access to green corridors to residents in western Congleton.

Type 4: Outdoor Sports Facilities

Quantity

2.22 Outdoor sports facilities form the second largest category of open space in Congleton with over 81ha, but only 45.94ha are actively available for public use and used - see Appendix B Outdoor Sports Report (Type 4). This gives about 1.73ha per 1,000 resident population, which meets the the 1.6ha to 1.8ha per 1,000 Fields in Trust minimum standard. This high figure is due to the inclusion of Astbury Mere - 13.7ha, which caters for outdoor water sports but not pitch provision. If Astbury Mere is excluded the amount available drops to 1.2ha per 1,000 population, leaving a deficit of 10.29 ha. The principal sites with formal sports pitches are Back Lane Playing Fields (C92) and St John's Road Playing Fields (C63a). Congleton Rugby Club use Hankinson Field (C47) and Congleton Park (C49a). Other strategic sites are: Congleton High School (C86), Astbury Mere (C101) for sailing and water sports, Congleton Cricket Club (C103), Congleton Town Football Club (C108), Congleton Tennis Club (C85) and Congleton Golf Club (C19). Dual use of pitches occurs at a few primary schools: Quinta County Primary School (C95), St Mary's Roman Catholic School (C56) and Buglawton County Primary School (C41).

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2.23 Congleton has the following outdoor sports facilities actively used:

- ten adult/senior football pitches - six municipal including five at Back Lane with one pitch used as two mini-soccer pitches, one at St John's Road, three at Congleton High School and one at Congleton Football Club;
- five junior football pitches - two municipal, three school sites;
- five rugby pitches - two municipal/private at Hankinson Field/Congleton Park used by Congleton Rugby Club, two public at Back Lane, one school site;
- two cricket pitches - private;
- One nine hole golf course - private, however there is another private golf course in Astbury;
- three bowling greens - two private, one municipal;
- 12 tennis courts - nine Parish Council, three school;
- three netball/basketball - school;
- one mere for sailing and associated uses - community trust.

2.24 The following teams regularly use the municipal sites: Congleton Hotspurs, Vale Juniors, Queens Head FC, Shakerley Arms, Congleton Athletic, FC Bruce, AFC Vale, Congleton Youth FC, Sandbach United Vets, AFC Durham, Vale Hoppers FC, Mow Cop Hornets, Congleton United and Congleton RUFC.

2.25 Residents in Congleton may also access facilities at Astbury Golf Course (C2).

2.26 There is an unimplemented recreational proposal in the [Congleton Local Plan](#) for additional pitch facilities adjoining the Back Lane site - saved proposal DP5 (C1).

2.27 Congleton Rugby Club has seen continual growth in the mini/junior section in recent years and this growth is expected to continue; currently there are 250 mini and junior players, which is expected to rise to 300 in the next 12 months. The total club membership is around 800 and the club sees investment in good infrastructure as key to its continuing success as an important community asset in Congleton. The club therefore seeks land to accommodate four pitches, clubhouse and associated facilities - about 14 acres.

Quality

2.28 In Appendix B, Outdoor Sports Facilities Report the quality of each pitch, bowling green and so on is assessed. The overall standard of outdoor sport provision in Congleton is good and the quality of the 42 separate outdoor facilities listed in the appendix is summarised as:

- 37 good;
- four average; and
- one poor.

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Accessibility

2.29 Most areas of Congleton are within 20 minutes drive time of a strategic site. The main municipal facilities are located in the centre and on the north-west and north-eastern edges. Some residents in south-east Congleton are beyond the 15 to 20 minutes walking distance threshold of a local pitch facility.

Biodiversity

2.30 Some schools have wildlife/garden areas. Congleton Park has areas of biodiversity along the River Dane and in its woodland areas and Town Wood is designated as a Site of Biological Importance.

Issues

2.31 Astbury Mere only caters for water based activities and if excluded from the calculations there is a shortage of outdoor provision. In terms of pitch provision there is an unimplemented proposal for additional pitches adjoining the Back Lane site - saved policy DP5 (C1) in the [Congleton Local Plan](#). Congleton Rugby Club require land for four pitches, club house and associated facilities to provide a modern facility and to accommodate their predicted growth in players. Some residents in south-eastern Congleton are beyond the 15 to 20 minutes walking distance of a local facility.

Recommendations

- Consider how to improve accessibility for residents in south-east Congleton.
- Consider how to deliver the proposal for additional pitches at Back Lane - saved policy DP5 (C1) of the [Congleton Local Plan](#) - or at an alternative site.
- Consider how to deliver Congleton Rugby Club's requirements in terms of land for four pitches, club house and associated facilities.

Type 5: Amenity Greenspace

Quantity

2.32 In terms of numbers of sites/facilities, amenity green space is the largest category of open space and the third largest category in terms of overall hectareage. The majority of these sites - 67 - are small grassed areas, some containing shrubs and mature trees that green the residential environment. The other 11 sites are multi-use sites:

- Congleton Park (C49a);
- Play areas - West Road (C112), Thames Close (C16), Quinta Park (C90), Lower Heath (Cong129), Reades Lane (Cong 522), Balmoral Gardens (Cong 536), Atkin Close (C107);

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- Allotments - Hilary Avenue (C27), Moody Street (C88); and
- Timbersbrook Picnic Area (Cong541).

Quality

2.33 In terms of quality, seven were assessed as good, 52 as average and 19 poor. The sites that scored average often needed added facilities to improve their quality, such as seating or bins. Some of the poor quality sites suffer from litter and fly tipping.

Accessibility

2.34 Most of the amenity green space is well distributed across Congleton but there are some high density residential areas that have low amounts of internal green space; most areas are within the 5 to 10 minutes walking threshold.

Biodiversity

2.35 The larger multi-use sites offer the most opportunities for varied planting and the provision of bird and bat boxes. The quality of the smaller sites could be improved with more varied management regimes and community bulb planting.

Issues

2.36 A quarter of the sites - 19 - are of poor quality.

Recommendations

- Consider how to improve the quality of general amenity open spaces.

Type 6: Provision for Children & Teenagers

Quantity

2.37 Congleton has 2.93ha of children's play space, representing 0.11ha per 1,000 resident population, giving a shortfall of 0.49ha per 1,000 - a shortage of 13ha. Current provision consists of 14 sites with 20 facilities varying from play areas and kickabouts to an outdoor paddling pool - see Appendix C Provision for Children & Teenagers Report (Type 6). The provision can be summarised as:

- 11 playgrounds;
- one basketball court;
- two youth/teenage shelters;
- four kickabouts;
- one skatepark; and
- one paddling pool.

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2.38 Congleton Park (C49b) and Hankinson Field (C47) are central multi-use sites that serve the whole of Congleton. St Johns Road Playing Fields (C63a) is also a large multi-use site. Other sites act as small neighbourhood parks: Quinta Park (C90), Atkin Close (C107), West Road (C112), Lower Heath Playing Field (Cong129), Thames Close (C16), Bromley Farm (C8) and Marshall Grove/Reades Lane (Cong522). Some of the amenity areas and semi-natural areas in Congleton are used for informal play such as Dane-in-Shaw Pasture (C18).

Quality

2.39 The quality of the sites range from good to poor. The two main sites, Congleton Park/Hankinson Field and St Johns Road Playing Fields, have good facilities. In total there are 11 good facilities, seven average and two poor. One of the poor facilities, on Bromley Farm, is due to be upgraded as part of the Year 2 Playbuilder Scheme. Those facilities classified as average are mainly subject to overuse as all the sites are very well used recreational areas.

2.40 Congleton Town Council has undertaken a detailed survey of all play areas, with specific issues raised as part of that survey included in Appendix C and the individual site database records.

Accessibility

2.41 Generally most areas of Congleton are within 5 to 10 minutes walking distance of a facility, but some areas do have barriers such as busy main roads and limited crossing points of the railway and canal. Some sites are also the only amenity space in that neighbourhood such as Lower Heath (Cong129) and Quinta Park (C90).

Biodiversity

2.42 Opportunities for biodiversity exist in the larger strategic sites and some of the neighbourhood parks, where there is space to develop wildlife areas and plant bulbs.

Issues

2.43 There is a shortage of children's play facilities in Congleton. Looking at the variety of facilities there are no multi-use games areas and only a small number of facilities for older children.

Recommendations

- Address the need for additional facilities for children and teenagers.

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Type 7: Allotments, Community Gardens & Urban Farms

Quantity

2.44 There are three allotment sites in Congleton: Hilary Avenue (C27), which is a new community allotment area, Colehill Bank (C106) and Moody Street (C88). These are all small allotment facilities. There are no Cheshire East Council managed sites in Congleton.

Quality

2.45 The new allotment facility at Hilary Avenue is good quality, the other two sites are average quality.

Accessibility

2.46 The sites are located in the central and eastern areas of Congleton. The majority of Congleton residents do not have easy access to allotment facilities.

Biodiversity

2.47 Moody Street allotment area is part of a larger area of open space where there may be opportunities to expand the site and increase biodiversity with boundary planting and composting.

Issues

2.48 There is a shortage of allotment facilities in Congleton.

Recommendations

- Address the need for additional allotment facilities.

Type 8: Cemeteries & Churchyards

Quantity

2.49 St Peter's Churchyard and Congleton Cemetery (Cong18) is a central facility on the edge of the centre of Congleton serving all of the town. Other local facilities are St Stephen's Church, St John's and St James's. St John's at Buglawton has a large graveyard attached. There is also a closed cemetery at the rear of St Peter's Churchyard that is of nature conservation importance.

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Quality

2.50 Congleton Cemetery is a good quality facility but there are drainage issues in the southern part of the site.

Accessibility

2.51 The cemetery is a central facility close to public transport.

Biodiversity

2.52 The mature trees and landscaping add to biodiversity; the addition of bird and bat boxes would aid biodiversity.

Issues

2.53 There is poor drainage in the southern part of the cemetery.

Recommendations

- Investigate how to improve drainage in the southern part of the cemetery.

Type 9: Accessible Countryside in Urban Fringe Areas

Quantity

2.54 Astbury Mere (C101) has already been mentioned under Natural and Semi-Natural Urban Greenspaces. The site acts as an urban fringe park and is managed as a Country Park by Cheshire East Ranger Service, but is owned by Astbury Mere Trust. The site has a visitor centre, car park, toilets, sail sport centre and extensive path network.

2.55 Outside Congleton, residents can also access Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve, which is situated midway between Holmes Chapel and Congleton. The site has a visitor centre and 50 acres of woodland surrounding a 13 acre lake catering for walking, cycling, orienteering and canoeing. It is served by public transport from Congleton town centre.

Quality

2.56 Astbury Mere Country Park is a good quality site that experiences heavy public usage and is well appreciated by the local community and visitors. The site suffers from litter problems and some anti-social behaviour and there is a general deterioration of site infrastructure. Astbury Mere Country Park has received the Green Flag Award on five occasions.

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Accessibility

2.57 Astbury Mere is 10 to 15 minutes walk from Congleton town centre and has multiple access points, some Public Rights of Way and part of one of the national cycle routes run through the site. There is a lack of safe pedestrian access at the southern entrance off Newcastle Road.

Biodiversity

2.58 Astbury Mere has a mix of woodland, ponds, amenity grassland and meadows plus the Mere itself and marginal habitats. These diverse landscapes are managed for their different landscape and biodiversity qualities.

Issues

2.59 The main issues are general deterioration of site infrastructure, lack of safe public access through the southern entrance off Newcastle Road and a lack of sustainable funding.

Recommendations

- Investigate sustainable funding sources to improve facilities at Astbury Mere.

Type 10: Civic Spaces

Quantity

2.60 Congleton town centre has paved pedestrian areas along Duke Street, Bridge Street, Little Street and Victoria Street. Although this hasn't been assessed for quality purposes the area contains seating, litter bins and planting tubs.

3 Conclusion

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3.1 Shortages exist in the amount of children's play provision, with a supply of 0.11ha per 1,000 resident population, representing a shortage of 13.11ha. Outdoor sport provision of 1.73ha per 1,000 resident population meets the minimum standard but only due to the inclusion of Astbury Mere, which caters for outdoor water sports but not pitch provision. If Astbury Mere is excluded the amount available drops to 1.2ha per 1,000 population leaving a shortage of 10.29ha. Congleton has a high proportion of natural and semi-natural open space but some of this space is vulnerable to overuse such as Dane-in-Shaw Pasture, part of which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest.





3.2 The following points are detailed recommendations:

- Investigate whether accessibility to Congleton Park can be improved.
- Consider how to support facilities at Astbury Mere.
- Consider how to deal with visitor pressures at Dane-In Shaw Pasture.
- Improve access to green corridors to residents in western Congleton.
- Consider how to improve accessibility to outdoor sport provision for residents in south-east Congleton.
- Consider how to deliver the proposal for additional pitches at Back Lane - saved policy DP5 (C1) of the [Congleton Local Plan](#) - or at an alternative site.
- Consider how to deliver Congleton Rugby Club's requirements in terms of land for four pitches, club house and associated facilities.
- Consider how to improve the quality of general amenity open spaces.
- Address the need for additional facilities for children and teenagers.
- Address the need for additional allotment facilities.
- Investigate how to improve drainage in the southern part of the cemetery.
- Investigate sustainable funding sources to improve facilities at Astbury Mere.

Appendices

Appendix A Quality Report

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Congleton											
Total area (ha)		7.91	81.59	14.09	81.47	21.10	2.98	0.50	2.77	0.00	0.00
Number of sites		4	17	6	21	78	14	3	1	0	0
 Poor Quality	(ha) (number) (% poor)	0.08 1 1.0%	0.24 1 0.3%	0.75 1 5.3%	0.00 0 0.0%	2.08 19 9.8%	0.03 1 1.1%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%
 Average Quality	(ha) (number) (% average)	0.00 0 0.0%	4.83 7 5.9%	2.11 2 14.9%	22.31 8 27.4%	15.07 52 71.4%	2.16 7 72.4%	0.32 2 63.3%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%
 Good Quality	(ha) (number) (% good)	7.83 3 99.0%	76.52 9 93.8%	11.23 3 79.7%	32.79 5 40.3%	3.96 7 18.8%	0.79 6 26.4%	0.18 1 36.7%	2.77 1 100.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%
 Excellent Quality	(ha) (number) (% excellent)	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%	0.00 0 0.0%

Appendix B Outdoor Sports Facilities Report (Type 4)

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Type 4 Facilities: All Facilities (Congleton)

#	Ref	Site Name	Settlement	Ward	Type	No	Size	Ownership	Quality	Art?	Comm?	Club	Frequency	Comments
282	C101	Asbury Mere	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Other	1	13.7	Private	Good	No	No	Sailsports Centre and Stoke on Trent Angling Club	Regular / Frequent	
388	C92	Back Lane Playing Fields	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Football pitches - adult / senior	5	3.5	Municipal	Good	No	Yes	Curshaws FC, Congleton Hotspurs, Vale Juniors U14s	Regular / Frequent	I pitch used as 2 mini soccer pitches. Rest of clubs: VJs U15/16s, Queens Head FC, Shakerley Arms, Congleton Athletic, FC Bruce, AFC Vale, Congleton Youth FC, Sandbach Old Yets, AFC Durham, Vale Hoppers FC,
400	C92	Back Lane Playing Fields	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Rugby pitches	2	1.6	Municipal	Good	No	Yes	Congleton RUFC	Regular / Frequent	
399	C92	Back Lane Playing Fields	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Football pitches - junior / 7aside	1	0.5	Municipal	Good	No	Yes	Vale Juniors U7/8/9/11/12/13	Regular / Frequent	
394	C83	Black Firs County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Cricket pitches			School	Good	No	No			
383	C83	Black Firs County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Football pitches - junior / 7aside			School	Good	No	No			
395	C83	Black Firs County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Netball / basketball courts			School	Good	No	No			
431	C41	Buglawton County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Football pitches - junior / 7aside	1	0.5	School	Average	No	Yes		Regular / Frequent	Used on Saturdays for football.
434	C103	Congleton Cricket Club	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Bowling greens	1	0.2	Private	Good	No	Yes		Regular / Frequent	
433	C103	Congleton Cricket Club	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Cricket pitches	1	1	Private	Good	No	Yes	Congleton Cricket Club	Regular / Frequent	Various senior and junior teams; South Cheshire Hockey Club based there too
446	C19	Congleton Golf Club	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Golf courses	1	15.3	Private	Good	No	Yes	Congleton Golf Club	Regular / Frequent	

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#	Ref	Site Name	Settlement	Ward	Type	No	Size	Ownership	Quality	Art?	Comm?	Club	Frequency	Comments
409	C86	Congleton High School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Football pitches - adult / senior	3	2.1	School	Good	No	Yes	Congleton Rovers	Regular / Frequent	Training and matches
412	C86	Congleton High School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Netball / basketball courts	3	0.24	School	Good	Yes	Yes	Various community clubs use facilities	Casual	
410	C86	Congleton High School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Rugby pitches	1	0.8	School	Good	No	Yes	Various community clubs use facilities	Casual	
411	C86	Congleton High School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Tennis courts	3	0.15	School	Good	Yes	Yes	Various community clubs use facilities	Casual	
435	C85	Congleton Lawn Tennis Club	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Tennis courts	9	0.45	Parish	Good	Yes	Yes	Congleton Lawn tennis Club	Regular / Frequent	6 all weather and 3 artificial grass; 3 all weather floodlit, 1 grass floodlit; adult and junior teams
425	C49a	Congleton Park	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Bowling greens	1	0.2	Municipal	Good	No	Yes			
499	C49a	Congleton Park	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Rugby pitches	1	0.8	Municipal	Good	No	Yes	Congleton RUFC	Regular / Frequent	This is one of the 2 senior pitches that Congleton RUFC use - the other is at Hankinson Field
432	C108	Congleton Town Football Club	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Football pitches - adult / senior	1	0.7	Municipal	Average	No	Yes	Congleton Town Football Club	Regular / Frequent	
430	C47	Hankinson Field	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Rugby pitches	1	0.8	Municipal	Good	No	Yes	Congleton Rugby Club	Regular / Frequent	Various senior and junior teams
403	C65	Havannah County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Football pitches - junior / 7aside			School	Good	No	No			
405	C65	Havannah County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Other			School	Good	No	No			Rounders
404	C65	Havannah County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Netball / basketball courts			School	Good	Yes	No			
443	Cong5	Mossley C of E Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Football pitches - junior / 7aside			School	Poor					

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#	Ref	Site Name	Settlement	Ward	Type	No	Size	Ownership	Quality	Art?	Comm?	Club	Frequency	Comments
444	Cong5 5	Mossley C of E Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Netball / basketball courts			School	Poor					
445	C1	Mossley Cricket Club	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Cricket pitches	1	1	Private	Good	No	Yes	Mossley Cricket club	Regular / Frequent	Active adult and junior teams
415	C95	Quinta County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Netball / basketball courts			School	Poor	Yes	No			
414	C95	Quinta County Primary School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Football pitches - junior / 7aside	1	0.5	School	Poor	No	Yes	Cubs and Saturday football club	Regular / Frequent	For matches and training.
406	C63a	St John's Road Playing Fields	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Football pitches - adult / senior	1	0.7	Municipal	Good	No	Yes	Mow Cop Hornets U18s	Regular / Frequent	Parking and changing rooms needed
407	C63a	St John's Road Playing Fields	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Football pitches - junior / 7aside	1	0.5	Municipal	Average	No	Yes	Congleton United U12s	Regular / Frequent	Left hand corner boggy. Club would like senior pitch.
427	C56	St Mary's Roman Catholic School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	General sports fields used for informal games	1	0.5	School	Good	No	Yes	Dane Valley Scouts	Regular / Frequent	Used once a week for football matches during football season
428	C56	St Mary's Roman Catholic School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Netball / basketball courts			School	Good					
429	C56	St Mary's Roman Catholic School	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Tennis courts			School	Good					
495	C23	The Railway Bowling Club	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Bowling greens	1	0.2	Private	Average	No	Yes	Railway Bowling Club	Regular / Frequent	
Totals:						42	45.94							

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Type 6 Facilities: All Facilities (Congleton)

#	Ref	Site Name	Settlement	Ward	Type	No	Size	Ownership	Quality	Comments
243	C107	Atkin Close Playground	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Playground	1	0.04	Private	Good	Facilities for young children
251	Cong5 36	Balmoral Gardens Amenity land & play area	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Playground	1	0.02	Private	Average	Facilities for toddlers/young children - needs upgrading
255	C8	Bromley Farm Community Park	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Kickabout	1	1.9	Municipal	Average	Tarmac. Some attempt at modernisation, but area generally looks very tired. Year 2 Playbuilder Site
257	C8	Bromley Farm Community Park	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Other	1	0.01	Municipal	Good	Youth shelter. Some attempt at modernisation, but area generally looks very tired. Year 2 Playbuilder Site
256	C8	Bromley Farm Community Park	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Playground	1	0.09	Municipal	Poor	Some attempt at modernisation, but area generally looks very tired. Year 2 Playbuilder Site
249	C49b	Congleton Park play area and garden	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Playground	1	0.11	Municipal	Good	
302	Cong1 9	Galloway Green Play Area	Congleton		Playground	1	0.1	Municipal	Good	New play area on new housing estate catering for young children
250	C47	Hankinson Field	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Skatepark / BMX Ramp	1	0.01	Municipal	Good	Metal ramps.
237	C82	Haworth Avenue Amenity Land & Kickabout	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Kickabout	1	0.03	Municipal	Average	
232	Cong1 29	Lower Heath Playing Field	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Playground	1	0.05	Municipal	Good	Zipline/climbing frame, swings. Year 1 Playbuilder Site
233	Cong1 29	Lower Heath Playing Field	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Other	1	0.01	Municipal	Average	Basketball court may be due for improvement. Year 1 Play builder Site
258	Cong5 22	Marshall Grove/Reades Lane Play Area & kickabout	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Playground	1	0.01	Private	Good	Recently refurbished/updated.
259	Cong5 22	Marshall Grove/Reades Lane Play Area & kickabout	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Kickabout	1	0.1	Private	Average	Astro turf, over-erosion.
300	C48	Park Road Paddling Pool	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Other	1	0.14	Municipal	Good	outdoor paddling pool - well used facility

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#	Ref	Site Name	Settlement	Ward	Type	No	Size	Ownership	Quality	Comments
241	C90	Quinta Park Play Area	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Playground	1	0.03	Municipal	Average	Artificial surface- facilities for 14 and under - needs upgrading
240	C90	Quinta Park Play Area	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Kickabout	1	0.1	Municipal	Average	Grass - needs upgrading
236	C63a	St John's Road Playing Fields	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Other	1	0.01	Municipal	Good	Teenage shelter
235	C63a	St John's Road Playing Fields	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Playground	1	0.12	Municipal	Good	Swings, slides, roundabout, spring, climbing wall, climbing frame
253	C16	Thames Close Amenity Land & Play Area	Congleton	Congleton Town East	Playground	1	0.01	Municipal	Poor	Old swings, rubber needs updating. Part of large site that has lots of potential.
242	C112	West Road Play Area	Congleton	Congleton Town West	Playground	1	0.04	Municipal	Good	Swings, slides etc.
Totals:						20	2.93			

Appendix D Potential Future Site Upgrade Information

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Bromley Farm Community Park - Year 2 Playbuilder site.