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Dear Mr Hanson

**Open Space Needs Assessment 2025 Consultation
List of Spaces in Durham City**

As part of this consultation, the Trust feels it is important to identify all the open spaces within the City of Durham. Below we list these spaces, drawing on the data collected for the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan, with a few additions, and updates where these are known to us,

The spaces are listed under categories, so some spaces may be listed more than once.

We hope this is useful to ensure that all the appropriate spaces within the City are identified to inform your assessment of gaps in provision.

Yours sincerely

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LIST OF SPACES IN DURHAM CITY

Agricultural land

Arbour House Farm
Baxter Wood Farm
Elvet Moor Farm
Farewellhall Farms
Frankland Farm
Fields: Merryoaks, Mountjoy, Potters Bank, Whinney Hill

Allotments and Community Gardens

Crossgate Community Garden, Laburnum Avenue
Green Lane allotments
Elvet Green Park (previously named Hemp Garden; disused Bowling Green), Elvet Waterside
May Street allotments
North End allotments
St Margaret's allotments, Margery Lane
Wharton Park Community Garden
The Jubilee Walk, Aykley Heads
Old Durham Gardens
St Cuthbert's Hospice community garden

Cemeteries

Bow Cemetery, Potters Bank
Durham Cemetery and Crematorium, South Road
Quaker Burial Ground, Bellevue Court, Claypath (disused)
Redhills Roman Catholic Cemetery, Redhills Lane
St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Cemetery, Framwellgate Peth
St Giles Cemetery, Gilesgate
St Margaret's Cemetery, Margery Lane
St Nicholas' Cemetery, Providence Row
St Oswald's Cemetery, Church Street
Stockton Road Cemetery

Sports Fields and Facilities

Banks Sports Field, Sheraton Park
Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation, Bow School
Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation, Choristers School
Durham Archery Lawn Tennis Club
Durham City Cricket Club, Green Lane
Durham City Rugby Football Club, Hollow Drift
Durham High School
Durham Johnston Comprehensive School
Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation, Durham School
Durham University, Graham Sports Centre, Maiden Castle (public access to facilities)

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Durham University, individual College provision (e.g. Collingwood College, Grey College, John Snow College)

Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre, Walkergate

Nevilles Cross School

The Racecourse

St Leonard's Catholic School

St. Margaret's Primary School

Community Centres

Merryoaks Community Hall

Alington House Community Association

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Children's Playgrounds

Allergate

Bakehouse Lane

Church Street

Merryoaks, Park House Road

Mount Oswald

Wharton Park

Scheduled Monument

Maiden Castle promontory fort

Registered Battlefield

Battle of Neville's Cross 1346

Local Green Spaces (designated under the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan)

The River Wear corridor in the areas of the Peninsular Woodlands, the Racecourse and the Sands
Observatory Hill

Bow Cemetery

Clay Lane

Flass Vale and North End allotments

St Margaret's Cemetery and allotments

Durham Light Infantry (DLI) grounds

Maiden Castle Wood, Great High Wood, Hollinside Wood, and Blaid's Wood

Neville's Cross Battlefield

Local Nature Reserves (LNR)

Aykley Wood

Flass Vale

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Local Wildlife Sites (LWS)

Baxter Wood
Blaid's Wood
Flass Vale
Hopper's Wood
Houghall, Maiden Castle and Little High Woods
Moorhouse Wood (west of the A167)
North Wood (on edge of Durham city Golf Course)
Pelaw Wood
Saltwell Gill Wood

Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW)

Blaid's Wood
Borehole Wood
Farewell Hall Wood
Great High Wood
Hollinside Wood
Hopper's Wood
Maiden Castle Wood
Moorhouse Wood (west of the A167)
North Wood (on edge of Durham city Golf Course)
Pelaw Wood
Saltwell Gill Wood

Footpaths

Public Rights of Way (incl. on DCC map)
Observatory Hill (from Footpath 23 to copse to South Road/Elvet Hill Road junction)
Houghall Discovery Trail

Parks, Gardens and Woods

Botanic Gardens, Durham University, South Road
The Houghall Arboretum and Pinetum, East Durham College, Houghall Campus
Crook Hall Gardens
Linear Park, Mount Oswald
Low Burnhall, Woodland Trust wood
Old Durham Gardens
Pelaw Woods
Peninsular Woodlands
Riverbanks Gardens
Heritage Walks in the peninsular area: Castle walks (Motte and moat walk, North Terrace walk, Bishops walk), Prebends Walk, Hatfield Walk, Principals Walk, The 18thC landscaping of the Prebends Bridge approaches and quarry walks on the outer banks
Wharton Park
Burn Hall Registered park and garden

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Open Green Spaces

Aykley Heads

Common Land, Aykley Heads

Elvet Green Park (previously named Hemp Garden; disused Bowling Green), Elvet Waterside
Gilesgate Green

Hollow Drift (field adjacent to Durham City Rugby Club ground)

Observatory Hill

Peskies Park

The College

The riverbanks (the parts of the riverbanks that are not just pavements)

Roundabouts, landscaped (Gilesgate Roundabout, Leazes Bowl Roundabout, Framwellgate Peth
Roundabout, Roundabout on A167 near University Hospital of North Durham, Roundabout on A167
near Sniperley)

The Sands

The Story

East Durham College, Houghall Campus grounds

Urban Open Spaces

Fowler's Yard

High Street

Market Place

Millennium Place

Palace Green (with some characteristics of an open green space)

The riverbanks in the City Centre (the parts of the riverbanks that are just pavements)

Green Corridors

National Trust, Crook Hall, Green Corridor Project

Railway line

River Wear

B6532

Dryburn Road

Dryburn Hill

Southfield Way

Framwellgate Peth (from County Hall roundabout to Sidegate)

Frankland Lane

Sidegate

North Road

Station Approach

A167 (Sniperley Roundabout; Club Lane to Durham Johnson School; Enterprise Care Hire to Clay
Lane; Potters Bank traffic lights to River Browney)

Footpath from St Johns Church to Clay Lane (PROW FP11)

Clay Lane (PROW FP15)

Margery Lane

Blind Lane, from Margery Lane to Crossgate Peth (PROW FP16)

Grove Street

Pimlico

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South Street (except for the bottom section connecting to Crossgate)

Mill Hill Lane and Footpath (PROW FP17) (from Elvet Hill Road to A167)

Footpath A167 to South Road (A177+ (PROW FP18)

Potters Bank

Elvet Hill Road

Quarry Heads Lane

A177 (Cock of the North Roundabout, South Road, Stockton Road to Shincliffe Bridge)

Footpath (PROW FP51) from Stockton Road cemetery to the playground next to St Oswald's Institute, Church Street

Leazes Road (A690)

Note: footpaths and roads that pass through larger areas of green spaces are not included

Housing developments and the grounds of large organisations can have green areas that can function as green corridors, e.g. University Hospital of North Durham, Land Registry, The Downs, schools, University colleges, University Mountjoy site, churches and cemeteries

Dark Corridors

Franklands Lane and PROW FP118

Footpath around the racecourse playing fields

Part of PROW FP78 running along river banks in Pelaw Woods area.

End of Green Lane running along Hollow Drift

Footpaths along the S / SW bank of the River Wear from Baths Bridge around Maiden Castle Wood to the entrance to Houghall Wood (incl PROW FP48, FP41) and around the Graham Sports Centre to Shincliffe Bridge (PROW FP54)

Part of Houghall Lane near Houghall Equine Centre

Railway embankments

Clay Lane Local Green Space (PROW FP15)

Blind Lane, from Margery Lane to Crossgate Peth (PROW FP16)

Footpath from A167 to South Road (PROW FP18)

Unlit large green open spaces:

Hoppers Wood

Aykley Heads (incl the Durham Light Infantry grounds Local Green space)

Wharton Park

Frankland Lane area (incl tracks and footpaths)

The Sands (part of the River Wear corridor Local Green Space)

Pelaw Wood

Racecourse (part of the River Wear corridor Local Green Space)

Whinney Hill

Mount Joy

Houghall Equine Centre and Farm

Maiden Castle Wood, Great High Wood, Hollinside Wood, and Blaid's Wood; Little High Wood (Maiden Castle Wood, Great High Wood, Hollinside Wood, and Blaid's Wood is a Local Green Space)

Botanical Gardens

South Road Cemetery

Burnhall Wood

Woods and fields to West of A167 (incl PROW FP19, tracks around Moorhouse Wood, tracks behind Merryoaks estate, Quarry House Lane and PROW FP9, PROW FP10, and track, Club Lane and PROW FP11)

Neville Cross Battlefield (Local Green Space)

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Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation, Choristers School sports fields

Observatory Hill (Local Green Space)

Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation, Durham School sports fields

Bow Cemetery (Local Green Space)

St Margaret's Cemetery and allotments (Local Green Space)

Peninsular Riverbanks (unlit except for a short strip of lighting either end of Prebends Bridge and stretching along bank to Fulling Mill (PROW FP61) and from Windy Gap to Framwellgate Bridge (PROW FP62)) (part of the River Wear corridor Local Green Space)