



AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

17 SEPTEMBER 2014

Report of: Trevor Hilliar – NP Resident Representative

Title: Play Areas - Hengrove

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Coordinator

Recommendation:

**a) To discuss how and what support the NP wants to provide to
have play areas in the ward of Hengrove**

1. Background

1.1 Parks and green spaces have a vital role in helping children and young people learn a variety of skills through play and social interaction. Exploring the wider environment such as woodlands, streams, wildlife areas – provides the freedom to choose what they do and where they go, stimulating the imagination and testing boundaries.

2. Children's Play Space

2.1 Traditionally children's play in parks has been based on the provision of equipment in designated play spaces. While Bristol has some wonderful play spaces such as Blaise and Hengrove it also suffers from small, poor quality and poorly located equipped playgrounds, often determined by localised funding or housing development.

2.2 Creating diversity and stimulating imaginative play are essential for our children to grow and learn. Children love climbing on rocks and tree stumps, playing in water and sand, and running around trees.

Well–designed spaces using natural materials or a mix of natural and traditional equipment, in a safe dog free environment will transform children’s play opportunities.

- 2.3 Providing a network of larger and better play spaces will offer a wider range of experiences and challenges for children. Parents and carers also benefit from adequate seating in grassed areas within play spaces to sit and relax while their children play. To further improve the environment for children, all play spaces are promoted as smoke-free.

3. Green Space Standards

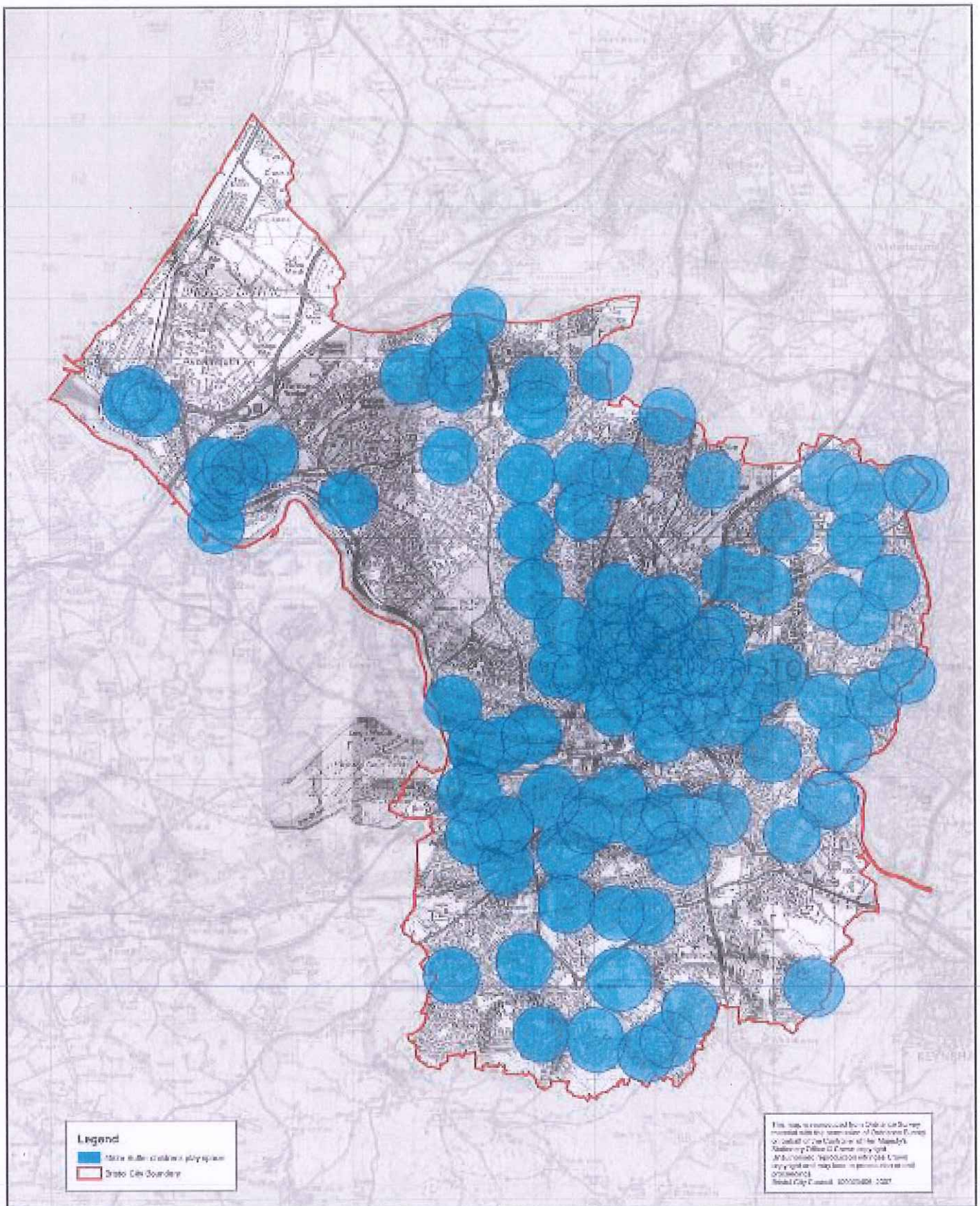
- 3.1 There are three specific standards which comprise the Bristol Green Space Standards:

- Quality standard – a level of quality which all spaces should attain.
- Distance standard - how far should people have to travel to reach a particular type of space.
- Quantity standard - how much green space of different types there should be.

- 3.2 The BCC Children’s Play Space (Appendix 1) and the SHW Topology Map (Appendix 2) shows that the Hengrove ward does not meet the Green Space standard for Children Play Space around the Distance standard.

4. The NP is requested to:

Discuss and advise how to support the request for a Children Play Space for the Hengrove ward.



Parks and Green Space Strategy

TYPOLOGY : CHILDRENS PLAY SPACE

FOLLOWING FEASIBILITY
 Distance Buffer 450 Metre Radius
 Within 10 Minutes Radius
 May 2007

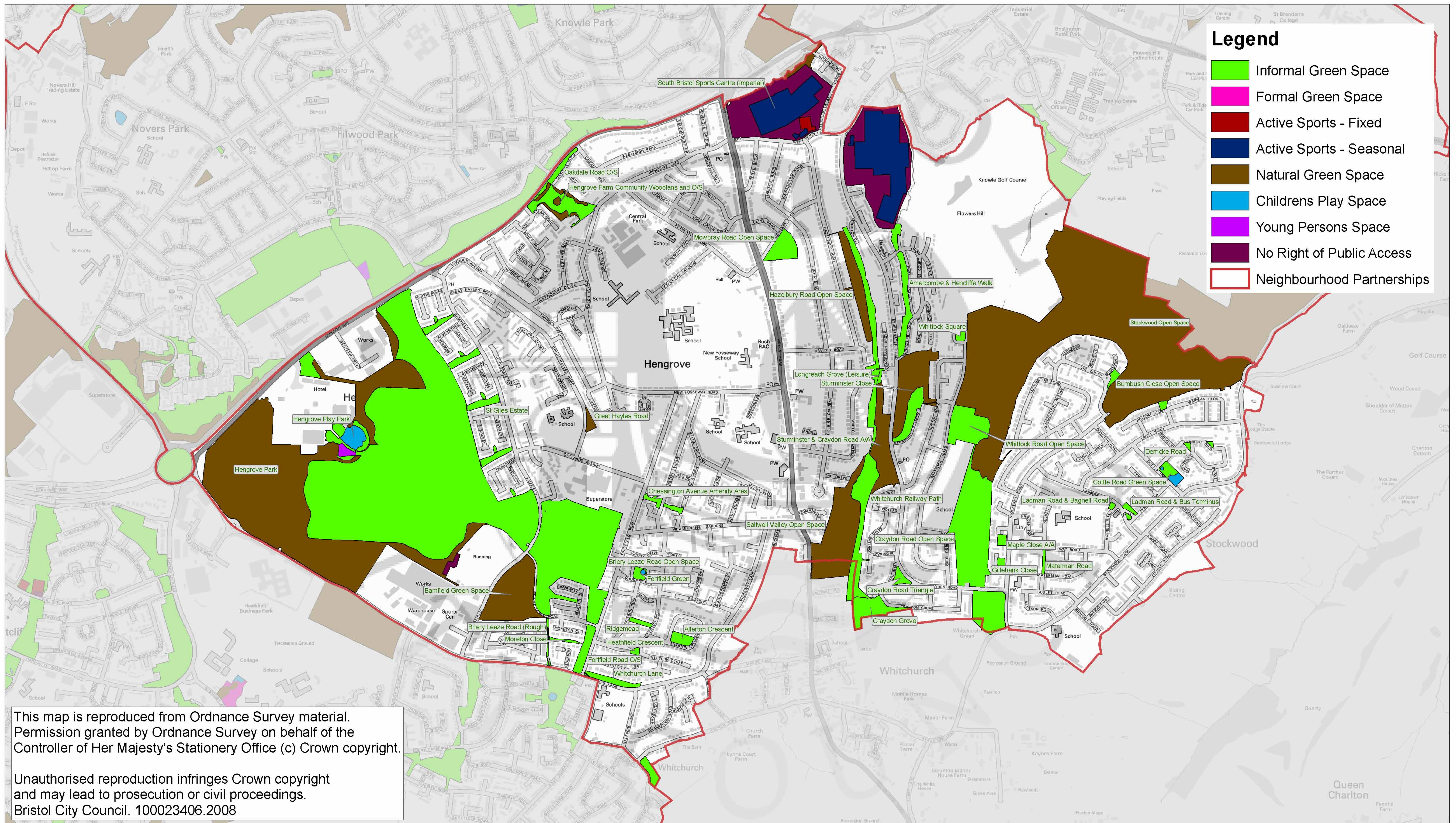


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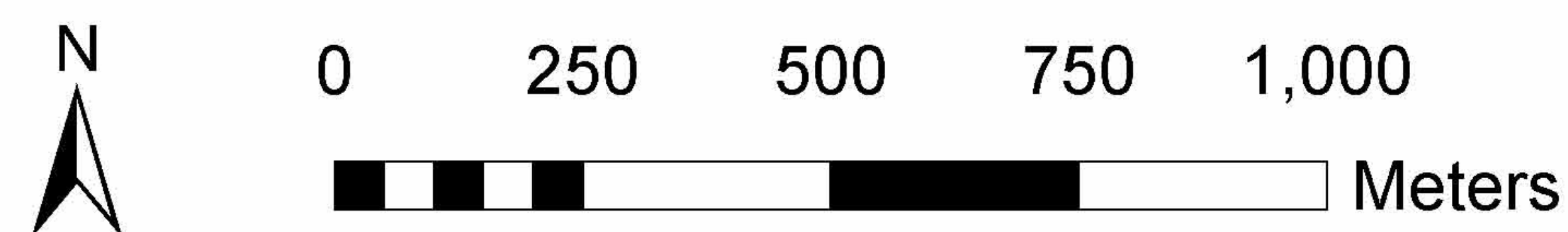




- Legend**
- Informal Green Space
 - Formal Green Space
 - Active Sports - Fixed
 - Active Sports - Seasonal
 - Natural Green Space
 - Childrens Play Space
 - Young Persons Space
 - No Right of Public Access
 - Neighbourhood Partnerships

Parks and Green Space Strategy

**Neighbourhood Partnership 14
Hengrove and Stockwood
Typology Mapping - June 2008**



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