

# St Helens Council

## Bold Forest Social Infrastructure Baseline

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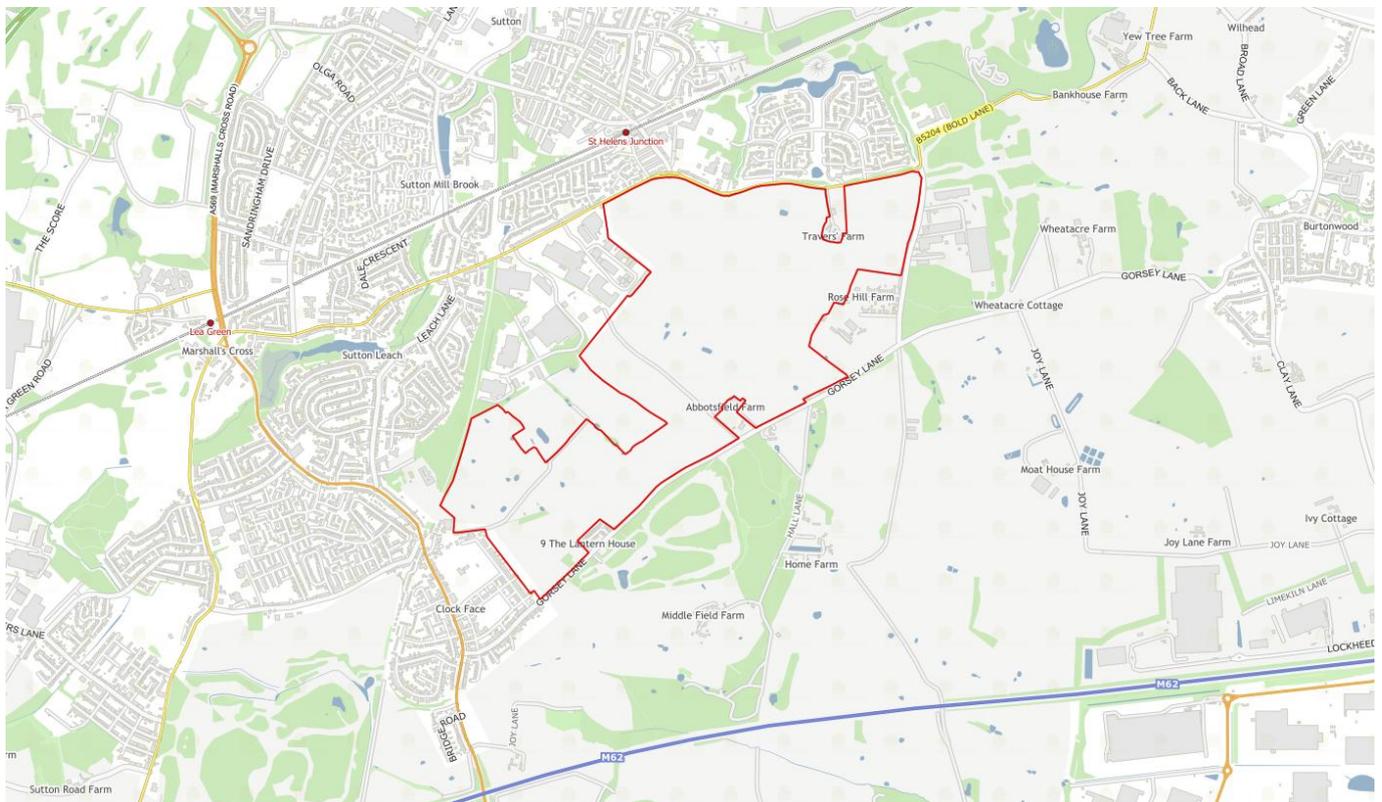
# 1. Introduction

1.1 Avison Young have undertaken a baseline review of social infrastructure to inform the Bold Forest Garden Village (BFGV) masterplan process. This baseline review has been progressed, drawing on available data to inform an understanding of potential social infrastructure to be accommodated within the area in the future.

## Site Location & Search Area

1.2 The BFGV site is located to the south east of St Helens and is proposed to provide an urban extension to the areas of Bold. It is bounded by Reginald Road, Bold Road, Travers Entry, Gorsey Lane and Crawford Street. It is located in the south of the borough and is divided between the wards of Bold & Lea Green and Sutton - South East.

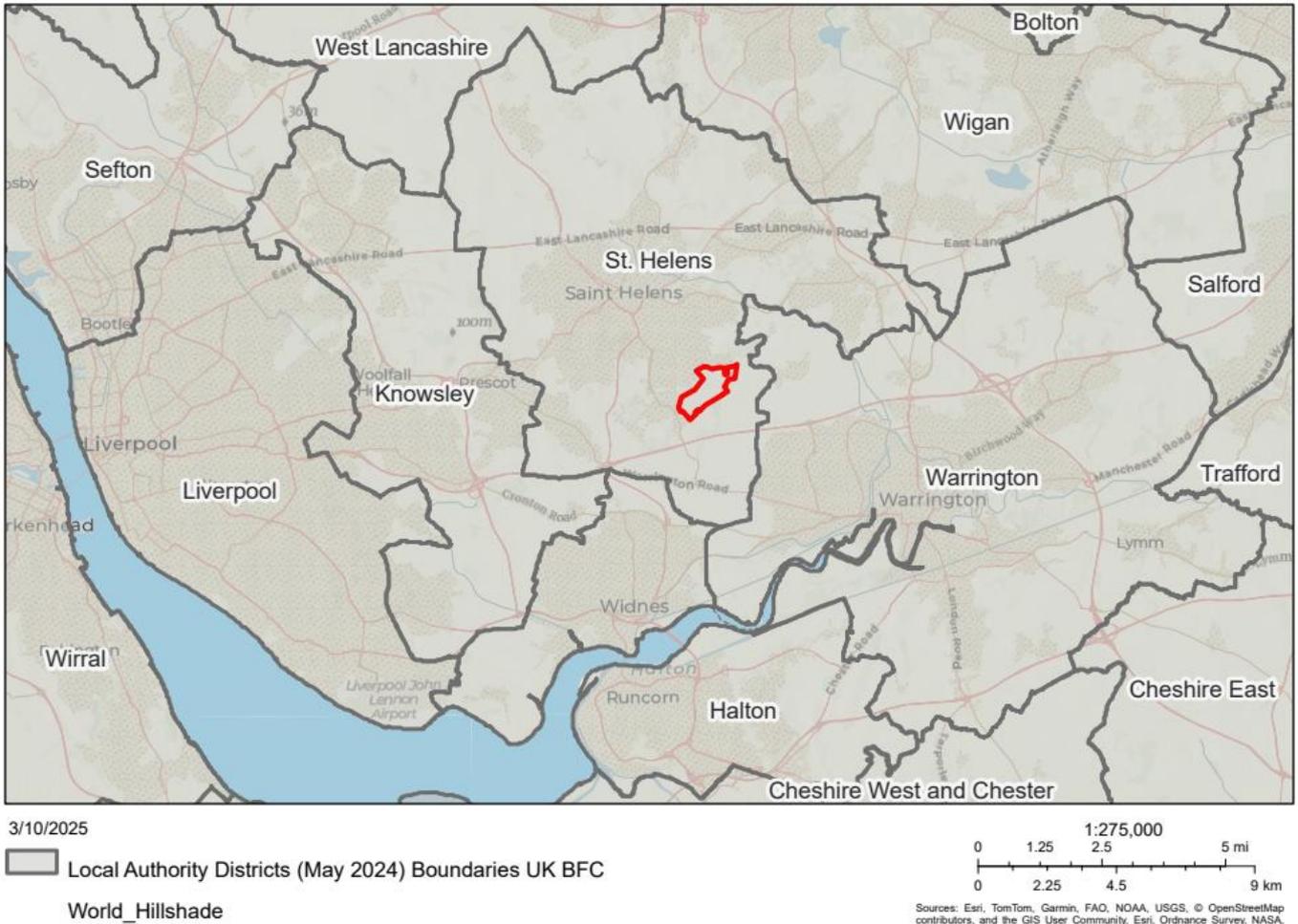
**Figure 1: Site Boundary excluding the Local Nature Reserve**



Source: St Helens Council, 2024

- 1.3 The site is located 2.5 miles south of St Helens Town Centre and is approximately 3 miles from junction 7 of the M62 motorway. St Helens Junction Rail Station and Lea Green Rail Station are located within walking distance of the site. From St Helens Junction there are train connection services to Manchester and Liverpool. St Helens had a resident population of approximately 107,677 at the 2021 Census.
- 1.4 Whilst the site is located within St Helens, its proximity to the borough boundary makes it relevant to consider existing social infrastructure in neighbouring areas. This has included both Warrington and Halton.
- 1.5 Figure 2 gives an indication of the site location in the context of St Helens and its neighbouring authorities.

**Figure 2: Site Boundary excluding the Local Nature Reserve**



Source: Avison Young, 2025

## Analysis Approach

1.6 This paper focuses on social infrastructure, which is defined as infrastructure that is created to help communities come together and provide wider benefit to people. This report does not consider more physical infrastructure required to unlock the development such as highways and utilities which is covered in separate baseline reports. This paper therefore focuses on the following infrastructure elements:

- Education
- Childcare
- Health
- Sports and Leisure
- Public Open Space
- Retail and Commercial
- Community Facilities

- 1.7 The analysis has captured:
- A review of relevant Council policy starting with the Local Plan but considering other key documents that are relevant to allow for an understanding of policy requirements and relevance to BFGV.
  - Desktop analysis into the location of local infrastructure in the area surrounding BFGV, to give a detailed understanding of capacity or gaps where relevant.
  - Engagement with Council officers to understand in greater detail the needs and requirements within their specialist areas.
- 1.8 Each infrastructure section therefore considers each of these three sub-sections in turn. This allows for a comprehensive picture on the current infrastructure requirements in the local area. More detail on the approach to each sub-section has been provided on the below:

### Policy Review

- 1.9 The policy review looked at key Council policy in relation to each of the key infrastructure elements set out. The starting point for this was to review the Local Plan as the overarching planning document for St Helens. This was to understand the key policy position for each infrastructure both in terms of any specific reference in BFGV but also in relation to the wider context of St Helens. This wider context also means a need to review other important Council documentation to understand their importance and weighting in relation to delivery of infrastructure relating to BFGV.

### Desktop Analysis

- 1.10 Desktop analysis was undertaken to understand the location and spread of existing social infrastructure in relation to BFGV. This is an important consideration as it gives an understanding of what existing services are available to benefit residents moving into the new development, as well as any shortfall in provision for existing residents.
- 1.11 This understanding also allows a picture to be painted of where improvement may be required and whether this is needed on-site or whether off-site improvement to an existing piece of infrastructure would be more cost effective whilst benefiting not just the new community but the existing community who already reside in St Helens and the surrounding area.
- 1.12 For certain use types we have undertaken analysis against an early assumption on housing mix and resident numbers.
- 1.13 The Icenj Housing Market Demand Analysis set out recommendations for housing mix on-site which has formed the basis of population estimates at this stage. This recommended housing mix is as follows:

**Table 1: Icenj's recommendation for the housing mix on the BFGV site**

	Market	Affordable home ownership	Affordable housing (rented)	
			General needs	Older persons
1 bedroom	25%	10%	15%	40%
2 bedrooms		50%	35%	60%
3 bedrooms	50%	35%	40%	
4+ bedrooms	25%	5%	10%	

Source: Icenj, 2024

1.14 These figures have been used to provide an estimated housing mix and population estimate set out in the table below. This assumes a policy compliant 30% affordable housing provision broken down as 10% is affordable home ownership and 20% affordable rent. This gives an estimated housing and population breakdown as follows:

**Table 2: Estimated Housing Mix and Resident Numbers**

	Proportion (%)	Number of Houses	Residents per Home	Estimated Residents
1 bedroom	12.73%	382	2	764
2 bedrooms	20.77%	623	3	1,869
3 bedrooms	46.50%	1395	4	5,580
4+ bedrooms	20.00%	600	5	3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>3.74</b>	<b>11,213</b>

Source: Avison Young, 2025

## Officer Engagement

1.15 Alongside the desktop analysis set out above, engagement has been undertaken with Council planning officers as part of an infrastructure working group involving attendees from across multiple teams across the Council. This has allowed a joined up approach to discussion to establish potential infrastructure requirements and the evidence base to justify the proposed approach to infrastructure to be incorporated into the BFGV optioneering exercise.

1.16 A list of meetings undertaken were as follows to obtain key information and feedback from officers on infrastructure requirements that may be necessary to be tested further throughout the process:

- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Health Specific Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Infrastructure Task Group Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Infrastructure Task Group Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Schools Specific Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Schools Specific Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Health Specific Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Schools Specific Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Infrastructure Task Group Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Schools Specific Meeting

## 2. Schools and Early Years

### Policy Review

2.1 School infrastructure is a potentially important infrastructure requirement for the delivery of BFGV. The Local Plan states a requirement as part of Policy LPA 11 Bold Forest Garden Suburb for:

“Contributions towards primary and secondary school provision in the area, to meet the identified need for additional school places, through the extension of existing schools and / or delivery of new school facilities”

- 2.2 This clearly states the anticipated requirement for school infrastructure however, the allocation allows for assessment of whether this should be delivered on-site or off-site.
- 2.3 St Helens Council coordinates applications for maintained nursery school places. Government policy states that 15 hours of free nursery care per week is available from the term after a child's third birthday. This allowance covers 38 weeks per year or can be extended to 52 weeks if the total number of permitted hours is not exceeded.
- 2.4 Further changes to childcare allowances were announced in the Budget of March 2023. This set out that:
- From April 2024, the allowance extended from 15 hours to 30 hours per week for eligible parents. Parents are eligible if they work more than 16 hours a week and earn less than £100,000.
  - From September 2024, eligible parents could access the 15 hours of free childcare from 9 months old rather than 3 years;
  - From September 2025, the allowance will extend from 15 hours to 30 hours per week for all parents with children under 3 years of age.
- 2.5 This change in policy has been estimated to increase demand for places with Department for Education research estimating from September 2025 the number of additional hours that the childcare sector needs to deliver nationally being:
- 9-month- to 12-month-olds: 190,000
    - (90,000 from new childcare users; 100,000 from parents switching)
  - 12-month- to 24-month-olds: 1,400,000
    - (800,000 from new childcare users; 600,000 from parents switching)
  - 24-month- to 36-month-olds: 2,000,000
    - (1,300,000 from new childcare users; 700,000 from parents switching)
- 2.6 Further outcome of this research estimated that:
- demand in the summer 2024 term could be met within existing capacity
  - around 10,000 new places are needed above the 31 December 2023 baseline for autumn 2024
  - around 70,000 new places are needed above the 31 December 2023 baseline for autumn 2025
- 2.7 This increased demand will likely have an impact on St Helens as they will need to accommodate some of this national demand within the local authority area.

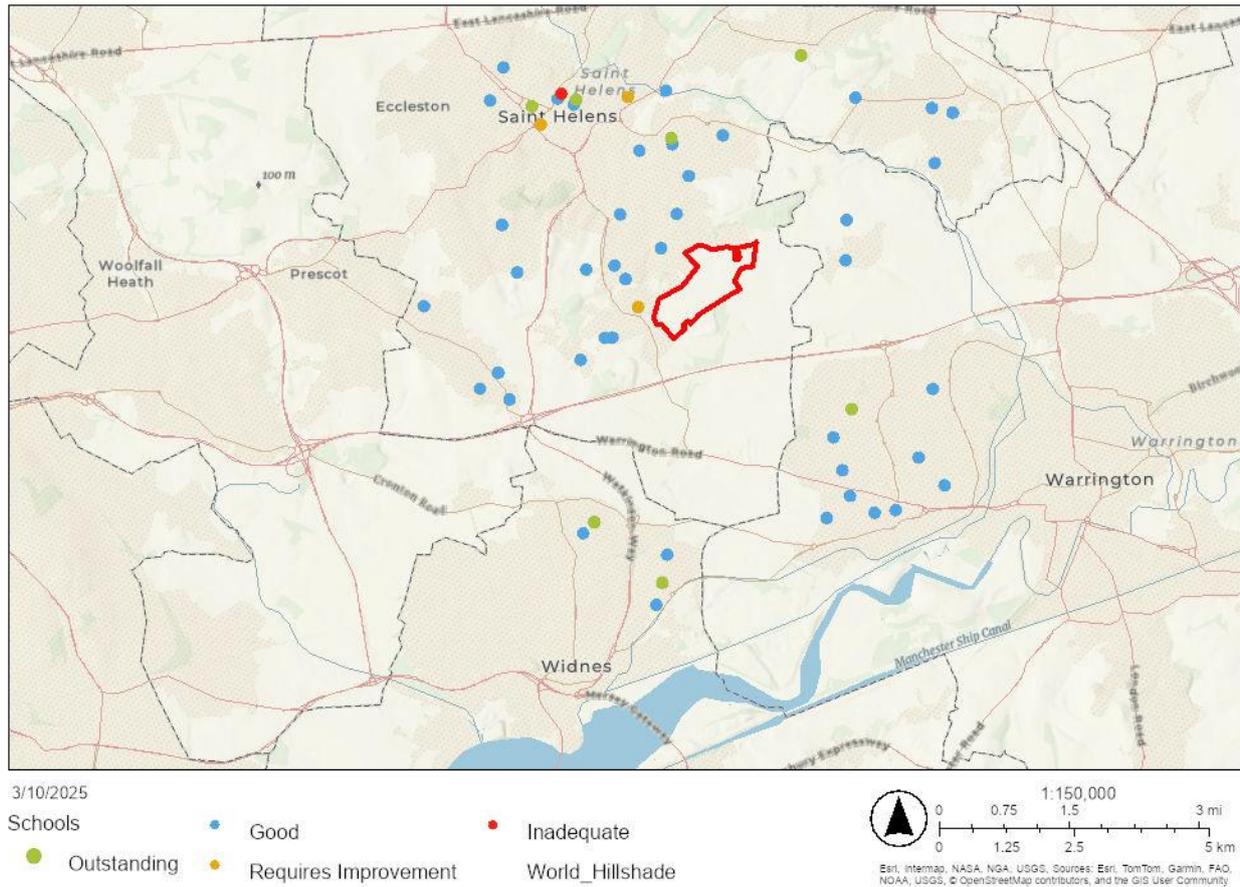
## Desktop Analysis

- 2.8 Avison Young has undertaken high level analysis of local school provision as part of this baseline exercise. Concurrently St Helens Council has commissioned a more detailed review of school provision, including engagement with schools, to inform the masterplan strategy. The below commentary summarises the high-level Avison Young analysis and the key findings of the more detailed assessment.

### Avison Young Analysis

- 2.9 Figure 3 sets out local school infrastructure, within a 5 kilometre radius of the site (note the closest point of the site boundary has been used to measure distance, other parts of the site may be significantly further):

**Figure 3: Local Schools in the Vicinity of BFGV**



Source: Avison Young, 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

2.10 Table 3 sets out the nearest ten primary schools (within a 2km distance), as well as Secondary, Further Education and Special Educational Needs to provide the key schools likely of focus. A larger version of this table assessing all schools mapped above can be found in Appendix 1.

**Table 3: Local School Details**

School Name	Distance to Site (km)*	Primary / Secondary	Academy / Council Run / Other	Ofsted Rating
<b>Primary Schools</b>				
Willow Tree Primary School	0.33	Primary	Academy	Requires Improvement
St Anne's Catholic Primary School	0.44	Primary	Council Run	Good
Sutton Oak CofE Primary School	0.69	Primary	Council Run	Good
Sherdley Primary School	0.71	Primary	Council Run	Good
St Theresa's Catholic Primary School	0.84	Primary	Council Run	Good
Eaves Primary School	1.03	Primary	Council Run	Good
Robins Lane Community Primary School	1.4	Primary	Council Run	Good
Sutton Manor Community Primary School	1.55	Primary	Council Run	Good
St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School	1.68	Primary	Burtonwood Council Run	Good
Burtonwood Community Primary School	1.71	Primary	Academy	Good
<b>Secondary Schools</b>				
St Cuthbert's Catholic High School	1.31	Secondary	Council Run	Good
The Sutton Academy	1.44	Secondary	Academy	Good
Mill Green School	2.05	Secondary	Council Run	Outstanding
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy	2.94	Secondary	Academy	Good
<b>Further Education</b>				
St Helens College	3.56	Further Education	Independent	Requires Improvement
<b>Special Educational Needs</b>				
Ash Meadow School	0.98	Primary and Secondary - Special Educational Needs	Independent Special School	Good
Lansbury Bridge School	1.94	Primary and Secondary - Special Educational Needs	Community Special School	Good

Source: Avison Young, 2025

\* Closest point of site boundary used to measure distance, other parts of site may be significantly further

2.11 The majority of schools in the Local Area score Good Ofsted Ratings. However, there is a slight concern that the closest school, Willow Tree Primary School, immediately to the west of the site has a lower Requires Improvement rating.

2.12 Further analysis has also been undertaken reviewing the potential for expansion on the sites of existing local school provision.

- 2.13 We have noted that several schools within the immediate vicinity are Academies. This may give the Council less control over what can be delivered on these sites and further engagement with the schools will be required, as they operate outside of the Council's remit.
- 2.14 Willow Tree Primary School is potentially the most likely candidate for expansion given its proximity to the western edge of the site.
- 2.15 The freehold of land the school is located on is under Council ownership and appears to have some ability for expansion as shown in Figure 4 below, subject to assessments into development prospects and potential constraints around more mature trees which appear to be in situ in the northern part of the site.

**Figure 4: Willow Tree Primary School Site**



Source: Nimbus Maps, 2025

- 2.16 However, the school is understood to be an academy which may impact the ability and willingness for it to be an expansion candidate. Furthermore, the poorer Ofsted rating may limit demand from parents for this school.

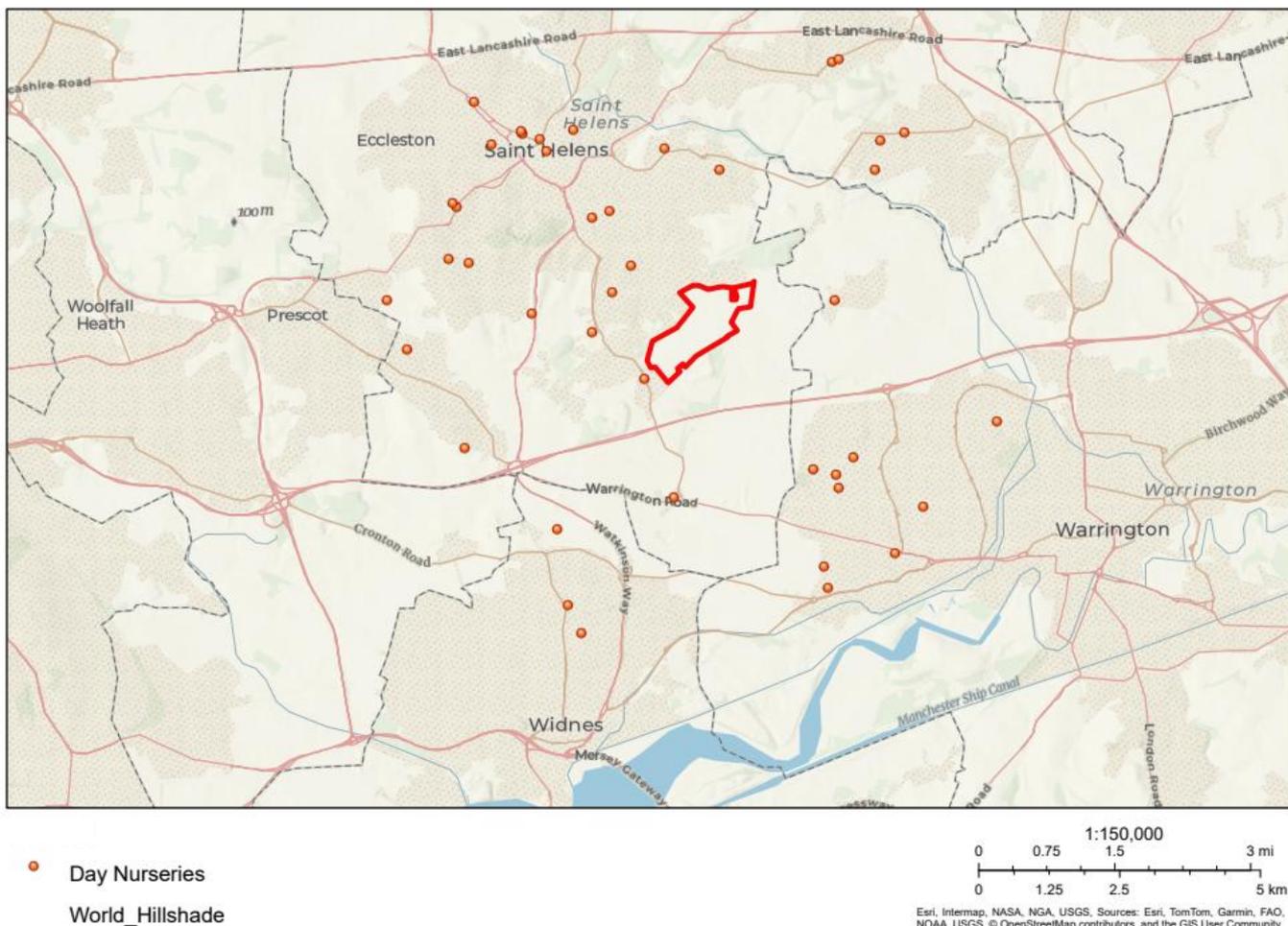
- 2.17 The second most proximate school is St Anne's Catholic Primary School shown on the southern end of the highlighted land parcel (Figure 5). This is located at the southern end of what appears to be public open space to the south of Monastery Lane although is not classified as such in the Ordnance Survey Greenspace register and as such could potentially provide expansion land subject to further investigation.
- 2.18 The school is understood to be Council run giving potential greater ability for the Council to influence, but the land is understood to be in the ownership of the Archdiocese of Liverpool and so engagement with the landowner would be required.

**Figure 5: St Anne's Catholic Primary School Site**



2.19 Figure 6 shows the location of day nurseries within a 5km radius of BFGV. This shows there are 42 nurseries in this area. We do not have information on capacity and demand for these nurseries and as such further engagement is required with the Schools team to understand availability of places to accommodate increased demand coming out of BFGV.

**Figure 6: Childcare Facilities in the Local Area**



Source: Avison Young, 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

2.20 Full information of each of the nurseries is contained in Appendix 2. The nearest nursery is Little Angels Nursery School located just 0.22 km from the western boundary. Little Angels scored a Good on its latest Ofsted Report.

2.21 The mapping indicates a lack of provision to the north of the site, which may need to be assessed further as a location for future provision either on or off-site.

### Detailed Analysis Key Findings

2.22 Table 4 below provides the outcome of detailed modelling by St Helens Council Schools team in relation to the number of children estimated to be yielded from the development:

**Table 4: Detailed Education Analysis Child Yield Data**

Phase	Total Children	Numbers per Year Group
Early Years	194	99
Primary	855	122
Secondary	470	92
Post 16	186	89
SEND	44	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,749</b>	

Source: St Helens Council, 2025

- 2.23 The modelling has also factored in the current forecast capacity for existing school provision in the local area and other new developments coming forward and their potential impact on that capacity.
- 2.24 This analysis has led to the estimated requirement of a need for:
- 1x new maintained nursery;
  - 4x FE primary school education although it is expected that 1x FE can be accommodated through current capacity in existing schools provision;
  - 2x FE secondary school provision
  - Contributions towards improvement to Post-16 education and SEND provision across the borough.
- 2.25 It is expected that at 2x FE primary school and nursery school provision will be delivered on-site to cater for the needs of the local community and limit travel distances, as well as creating a sense of community.
- 2.26 The final 1x FE of primary school provision and 2x FE secondary school provision is expected to be delivered through improvements to existing provision.
- 2.27 From a primary school perspective, due to existing capacity it is unlikely that this will be an upfront requirement and that it will be early 2030s until the provision is required,
- 2.28 The expectation from a SEND perspective would be contributions towards creating additional specialist places in the Borough, these may be in a specialist school which is not located very close to the site, or in mainstream schools which are close to the site

## Officer Engagement

- 2.29 Initial engagement with Council officers has identified:
- Identified capacity within local primary schools, but with a need to explore how the BFGV delivery programme alongside other major developments in the area will impact.
  - Some capacity issues within secondary schools but this is considered to be a short-term issue, unlikely to be impacting at time when BFGV commences meaningful delivery.
  - As a result of the outcome of the modelling the Council officer preference would be for the primary and nursery provision to be delivered on-site, with secondary and SEND provision delivered through improvements to existing facilities.

## Masterplan Implications

- 2.30 The modelling undertaken by the Council has provided an indication of the likely requirement from a masterplan perspective.
- 2.31 Whilst the secondary and SEND provision is likely to be delivered off-site there is a need to try and accommodate at least a 2xFE primary school and maintained nursery on-site.
- 2.32 From a phasing perspective this does not need to be upfront infrastructure due to current forecast capacity in existing schools, with 2032 seen as the trigger date for this being required based on current modelling.

### 3. Health

#### Policy Review

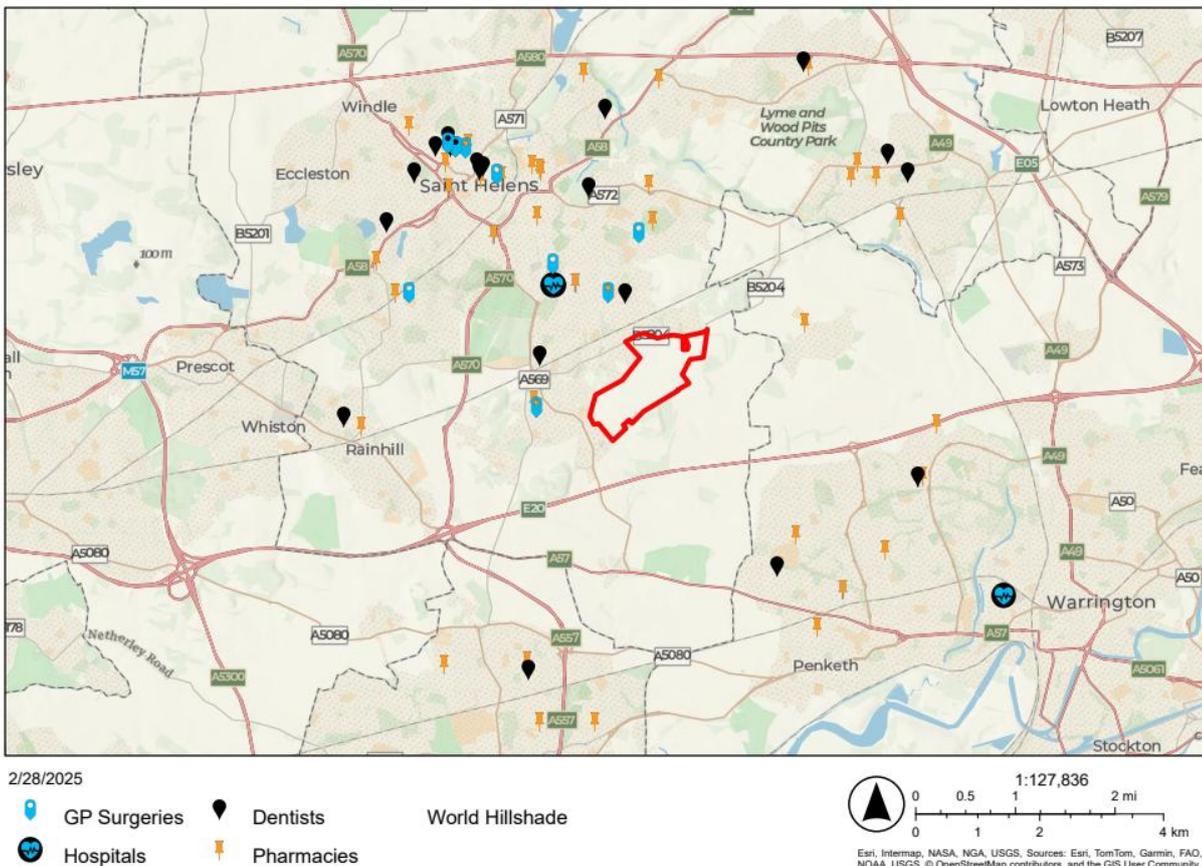
- 3.1 Local Plan Policy LPA11 establishes a clear requirement for on-site health infrastructure in the form of a GP surgery. It is noted that this relates both to existing under provision in the local area, as well as the future demand anticipated from additional population as a result of the BFGV delivery.
- 3.2 Policy LPA11 requires:
 

“Provision of a new GP surgery within the development, which could be in the form of the relocation and expansion of an active practice onto the site;”

#### Desktop Analysis

- 3.3 Avison Young have undertaken initial desktop analysis to map the health facilities in the Local Area.
- 3.4 Figure 7 and Table 4 sets out existing local health infrastructure. Figure 7 shows there is a degree of distance to health facilities particularly on the eastern end of the site. The mapping has had regard to GP surgery catchment areas and only surgeries where at least part of the site boundary is within the catchment area have been included.

**Figure 7: Health Facilities in the Local Area**



Source: Avison Young, 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

**Table 4: Local Health Facilities**

Facility Name	Distance to Site (km)*	Catchment Area	Accepting New Patients
<b>Hospitals</b>			
St Helens Hospital	1.49	N/A	N/A
Warrington Hospital	6.11	N/A	N/A
<b>GP Surgeries</b>			
Rainbow Medical Centre	0.55	Whole site in catchment	Yes
Four Acre Health Centre	0.87	Whole site in catchment	Yes
Berrymead Family Medical Centre	1.30	Most site in catchment	Yes
Marshall's Cross Medical Centre	1.48	Whole site in catchment	Yes
Patterdale Lodge Medical Centre: Burtonwood	2.06	Outside of catchment	Yes
Hall Street Medical Centre	3.14	Western edge of site in catchment	Yes
Rainbow Medical Centre	3.27	Whole site in catchment	Yes
Mill Street Medical Centre	3.80	Whole site in catchment	Yes
Ormskirk House Surgery	3.93	Whole site in catchment	Yes
Parkfield Surgery	3.93	Whole site in catchment	Yes
Lingholme Health Centre	4.06	Whole site in catchment	Yes
Phoenix Medical Centre	4.06	Northern parts of site in catchment	Yes
<b>Dentists</b>			
Junction Lane Dental Surgery	0.4	N/A	No
J E Thorpe and Associates Ltd	0.95	N/A	No
Parr Dental Surgery Limited	2.2	N/A	Yes
Alverna House Dental Practice Ltd	3.35	N/A	Yes - Children only
Barrow Street Dental Practice	3.39	N/A	No
Victoria Square, St Helens	3.39	N/A	No
St Helens Family Dental Clinic	3.52	N/A	No
Lingley Road Dental Practice	3.54	N/A	No
The Alders Dental Practice	3.82	N/A	No
Newton Dental Practice	3.89	N/A	Yes - Children only
Lowe House Dental Practice	3.93	N/A	No
mydentist, Warrington Road, Rainhill	3.98	N/A	Yes

Facility Name	Distance to Site (km)*	Catchment Area	Accepting New Patients
The Corner Dental Surgery Limited	3.98	N/A	No
mydentist, Westbrook Centre, Warrington	4.13	N/A	Yes
The Corner Dental Surgery Ltd	4.15	N/A	Unknown
Windle House Dental	4.16	N/A	Yes - Children only
Laurel Villa Dental Surgery	4.17	N/A	No
Newtown Dental Centre	4.17	N/A	No
Farnworth Dental	4.25	N/A	Yes - Children only
Haydock Dental Practice	4.3	N/A	Yes
<b>Pharmacists</b>			
44 pharmacists found within a 5km distance of the site boundary	Less than 5km	N/A	N/A

Source: Avison Young, 2025

\* Closest point of site boundary used to measure distance, other parts of site may be significantly further

\*\* Only GP surgeries where part of the BFGV site boundary falls within the catchment area are included, plus Patterdale Lodge, Burtonwood which has been identified as a potential relocation option.

3.5 Analysis of wider healthcare provision identifies that there is:

- St Helens Hospital within a 5km distance and a second Warrington hospital just over 6km away.
- 10 GP surgeries with a catchment area that incorporates BFGV, all of which state they are accepting patients.
- 20 NHS dental practices within a 5km distance of the site, however only 3 are currently accepting adult patients and 7 accepting children for NHS treatment.
- 44 pharmacies within 5km of the site

3.6 Alongside the Avison Young analysis, NHS Property Services in conjunction with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) have provided analysis which shows the struggles in terms of capacity of existing GP practices. The analysis has focused on the GP surgeries within a 2 mile radius of the site:

**Table 5: GP Capacity Analysis**

Premises	Primary Care Network (PCN)	Weighted Patient List Size	Actual NIA of Current Premises	Required Floorspace (NIA) as per HBN Guidance	Additional Floorspace Required
Rainbow Medical Centre*	St Helens South	16,663	657sqm	1,142sqm	18%
Rainbow Medical Centre: Thatto Heath Surgery*	St Helens South		277 sqm		
Four Acre Health Centre	St Helens South	9,286	478sqm	636sqm	25%
Berrymead Family Medical Centre	St Helens South	9,397	308sqm	644sqm	52%
Marshalls Cross Medical Centre	St Helens Central	7,733	513sqm	530sqm	3%

Source: NHS Property Services in conjunction with the Integrated Care Board (ICB), 2025

\* In assessing existing capacity, the premises capacity of the main surgery and its branch sites is assessed together

3.7 The above data illustrates that all 5 GPs which shows that the nearest GP practices are currently in a healthcare floorspace deficit. This means that these GP practices will struggle to accommodate new patients from the development coming forward.

## Officer / Stakeholder Engagement

3.8 Despite the above analysis suggesting that GP surgeries in the area are accepting patients, engagement with Council Officers and the NHS set out a clear requirement for health infrastructure in the area.

3.9 It was stressed that the location of the development was particularly challenging when it came to GP provision as all GPs in the local area are oversubscribed and as such would likely struggle to accommodate the level of demand that a housing development of this scale would require. This is further proven by the data in Table 5.

3.10 As such the engagement highlighted that a new health centre would likely need to be delivered within an early phase of development. Modelling by NHS Property Services in conjunction with the ICB has calculated a space requirement for the new health centre of 566sqm GIA to reflect demand unlocked by the development.

3.11 During engagement, it was felt that the relocation of an existing practice may be an optimal solution as it would deliver a quantum of patients from the outset whilst the residential numbers build over time.

3.12 During engagement with the NHS a new facility has been discussed as the preferred mitigation, however there are a number of challenges that would need to be overcome including financial and other commissioning considerations. Therefore, should this not be possible, financial contributions towards improvements at nearby practices would be sought.

3.13 The evidence also points to a limited capacity within Dental Practices in the local area. Officer engagement suggested that the masterplan should consider the accommodation of dental facilities

within the masterplan. It should however be noted that we understand that there is no funding for new NHS dental facilities and as such it is unlikely that a dentist will come forward as part of the health centre provision.

## Masterplan Implications

- 3.14 The baseline analysis supports the need for a new health facility in the area based on the lack of capacity at existing practices to accommodate their current patients, let alone the new patients being delivered by BFGV.
- 3.15 The analysis suggests a health facility of 566 sqm GIA will be required to accommodate the impact of the development.
- 3.16 The timing of delivery of a new facility on-site (subject to overcoming necessary challenges discussed above) is an important consideration, particularly in relation to the 12-15 years it will take for the housing to all come forward. As such there is a risk with building the entire premises up front and it being significantly under-utilised for a period of time. Therefore, the timing of the delivery will need to take into account the phasing of the housing development.
- 3.17 Relocating an existing practice may help to have a quantum of patients up front, although this element is unlikely to be funded through the development as it is not triggered by the new housing, therefore alternative funding may need to be sought.
- 3.18 During engagement with the NHS a new facility has been discussed as the preferred mitigation, however there are a number of challenges that would need to be overcome including financial and other commissioning considerations. Therefore, should this not be possible, financial contributions towards improvements at nearby practices would be sought.

## 4. Public Open Space

### Policy Review

- 4.1 Local Plan Policy LPA11 Bold Forest Garden Suburb provides an indication of the expected Public Open Space (POS) provision for BFGV:

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- a) *Provision of an accessible, comprehensive, high quality and connected network of multi-functional green spaces in accordance with a Green Infrastructure Plan to be provided as part of the comprehensive masterplan approach for the whole site as required by Policy LPA04.1, section 2 f);*
- b) *Retention of existing and provision of new high quality, well designed and accessible open space and play space provision in accordance with Policies LPC05 and LPD03. Details of how open spaces will be subsequently maintained will need to be considered through the masterplanning process;*
- 4.2 The comprehensive masterplan to address point a) and Policy LPA01, Section 2 is the subject of this instruction.
- 4.3 Regarding the other requirements referenced in b), the wider Local Plan states:
- 4.4 **Policy LPC05: 'Open Space'** states that the Council will seek to ensure that the Borough's network of open spaces is protected, managed, enhanced and where appropriate expanded. It will support the implementation of programmes and strategies to manage and enhance all forms of open space, including where applicable through the use of Green Flag or similar designations. The policy states that development proposals that would result in the loss of open space will only be permitted in certain circumstances. The policy states that new residential development will be required to contribute towards the provision, expansion and / or enhancement of open space to meet needs in accordance with Policies LPA07 and LPD03.
- 4.5 **Policy LPD03 'Open Space and Residential Development'** states that proposals for new residential development of 40 dwellings or more will be required to make provision for new open space or expand/ enhance existing open space. This is expected where there are existing deficiencies in open space in the existing area, when development generates a need for open space and if it is appropriate to provide certain typologies of open space as part of the design. Development proposals that would include new open space must incorporate long term management and maintenance arrangements.
- 4.6 These policies clearly show that there is likely to be a requirement for POS provision to be provided given the scale of the development.

#### Other Policy

- 4.7 Alongside the Local Plan there is also an Open Space Provision and Enhancement Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) adopted in 2024. The SPD provides greater detail of the likely POS requirements.
- 4.8 The scale of development is likely to trigger a full suite of POS provision as summarised in Table 6.

**Table 6: Planning Open Space Site Requirements**

Type of Open Space	Thresholds for On-Site Provision	Reason for On-Site Threshold	Thresholds for Off-Site Contributions
Parks & gardens	500+ dwellings	Scale of development generates the requirement for a small park/recreation ground.	40 dwellings
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	500+ dwellings	Scale of development would require the creation of some natural & semi-natural greenspace. Additional tree planting may also be required.	40 dwellings
Amenity greenspace	40+ dwellings	For amenity purposes and to achieve a well-designed scheme.	Preference is for on-site provision
Provision for children & young people	40+ dwellings	Size able to accommodate a Local Area of Play.	40 dwellings
Allotments	500+ dwellings	Developments of over 1,000 dwellings should provide 20 plots on-site.	50 dwellings (generate the need for one plot)

Source: St Helens Council, 2024

4.9 The Open Space Standards set out by the SPD gives a calculated requirement to be tested with officers and as part of the development of the masterplan, as summarised in Table 7.

**Table 7: Public Open Space Quantity Requirements**

Open Space Typology	Quantity Standard (minimum number of hectares per 1,000 population)	Accessibility Standard (maximum walking distance between dwelling and nearest open space of this type)	Quality Standard (Site Assessment Rating)
Parks and gardens	0.8	1.2km	60%
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	2	1.2km	35%
Amenity greenspace	1	400m	40%
Provision for children and young people	0.1	800m	50%
Allotments	0.1	1.2km	45%

Source: St Helens Council, 2024

4.10 These figures will be tested against proposed housing mix and resident numbers coming out of the development to create and test the open space requirement.

- 4.11 The SPD also sets out in more detail the requirement for equipped play provision which clearly shows that given the scale there is likely to be an expectation for all provision mentioned, as summarised in Table 8.

**Table 8: Public Open Space Site Size Requirements**

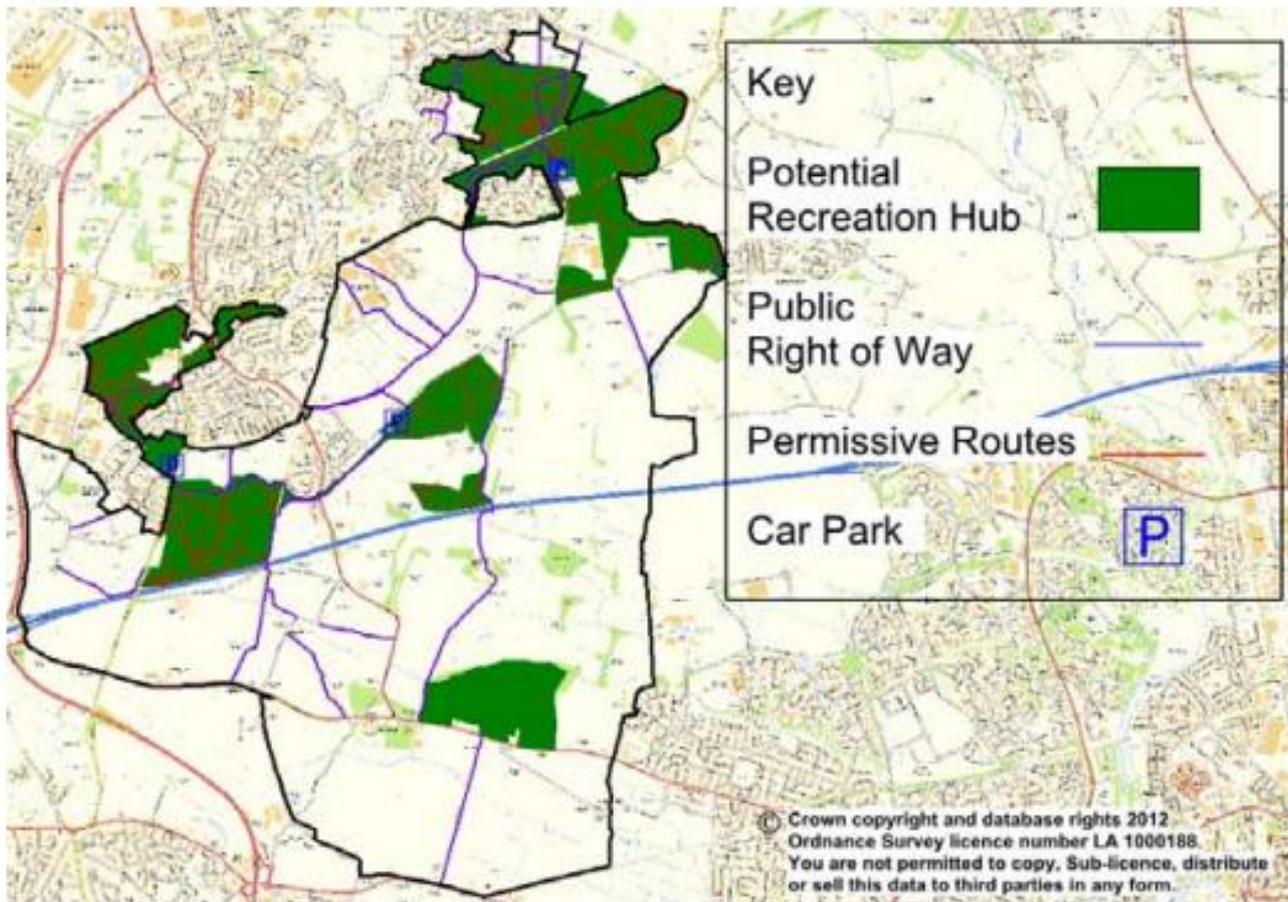
<b>Number of Dwellings</b> (potential number of residents) <sup>7</sup>	<b>Local Area of Play (LAP)</b>	<b>Locally Equipped Area of Play (LEAP)</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play (NEAP)</b>	<b>Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)</b>
40-50 (80–250)	Yes	No	No	No
51-200 (102-1,000)	No	Yes	No	No
201-500 (402-2,500)	Yes	Yes	No	Contribution <sup>8</sup>
501+ (2,505+)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes / Contribution <sup>8</sup>

Source: St Helens Council, 2024

## Desktop Analysis

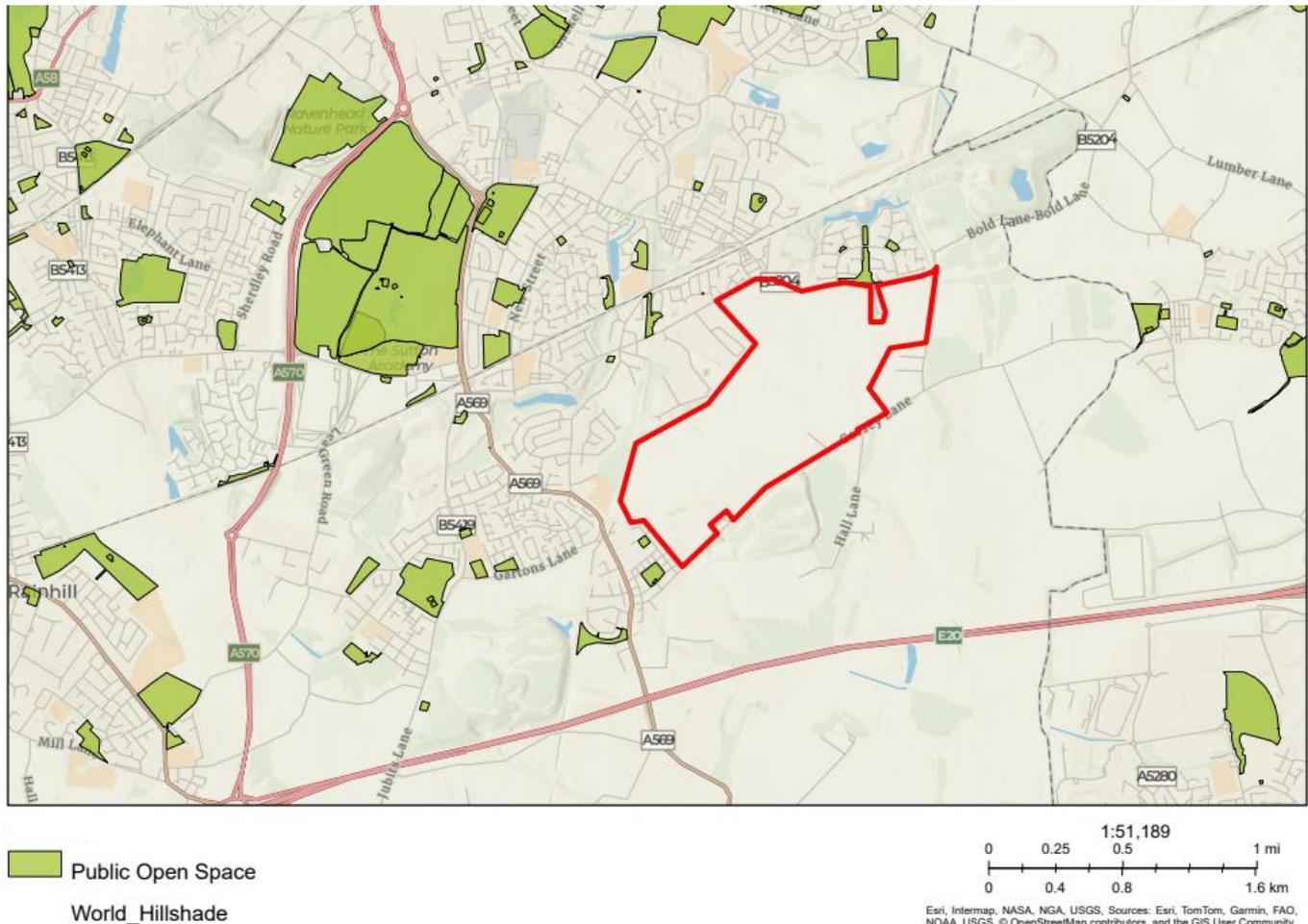
- 4.12 Desktop analysis has been undertaken to understand the open space provision already in close proximity to the site. The masterplan will consider the potential to invest in existing space to compensate for need generated through the development. as mitigation for on-site provision.
- 4.13 The Bold Forest Area Action Plan provides a summary of green space already in the vicinity of the site area.

**Figure 8: Existing Natural and Semi-Natural Space in the Local Area**



Source: St Helens Council, 2015. Red circle shows the broad location of BFGV.

- 4.14 Clock Face Country Park is located immediately to the south of the site. It is on the site of a former colliery which has been reclaimed in the late 1990s by St Helens Council to provide a community woodland and POS provision for the local community. The site measures 57 acres and contains woodlands, footpath networks, meadow areas and a fishing pond.
- 4.15 There is also other significant open green space provision slightly further afield but still in close proximity including:
- Colliers Moss – large green space to the North East providing 130 hectares of developing and developed habitats, which includes wetlands, woodland, grassland and heathland.
  - Sutton Manor Woodland – Large space to the west. The Sutton Manor Woodland is located in the south of Sutton in St Helens on the site of the old Sutton Manor Colliery. The site is 230 acres in size and at its highest point it is over 200m above sea level with a sculpture called The Dream at the top of the spoil heap. The wider site provides community woodland and other habitats for nature and visitors.
- 4.16 These large areas of open space are excellent in providing natural and semi-natural space in the immediate vicinity. However, there is also needs to be a consideration of other types of recreational POS provision. To assess this the Ordnance Survey Open Greenspace mapping has been used, illustrated at Figure 9.

**Figure 9: Ordnance Survey Recorded Public Open Space in the Local Area**

Source: Avison Young, 2025; data provided by Ordnance Survey, 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

4.17 Figure 9 gives an indication of POS in the local area. The most notable being Sherdley Park and neighbouring Ravenhead Nature Park to the west of the site. However, there are also more immediate smaller pockets of POS in particular:

- Clock Face Miners Recreation Ground to the south west of the site
- A strip of POS to the north of the site running north to south through the housing site

4.18 A more detailed desktop analysis into the larger areas of public space within closer proximity to the subject estate is summarised in Figure 10 and Table 9.

4.19 This has been assessed against the following criteria:

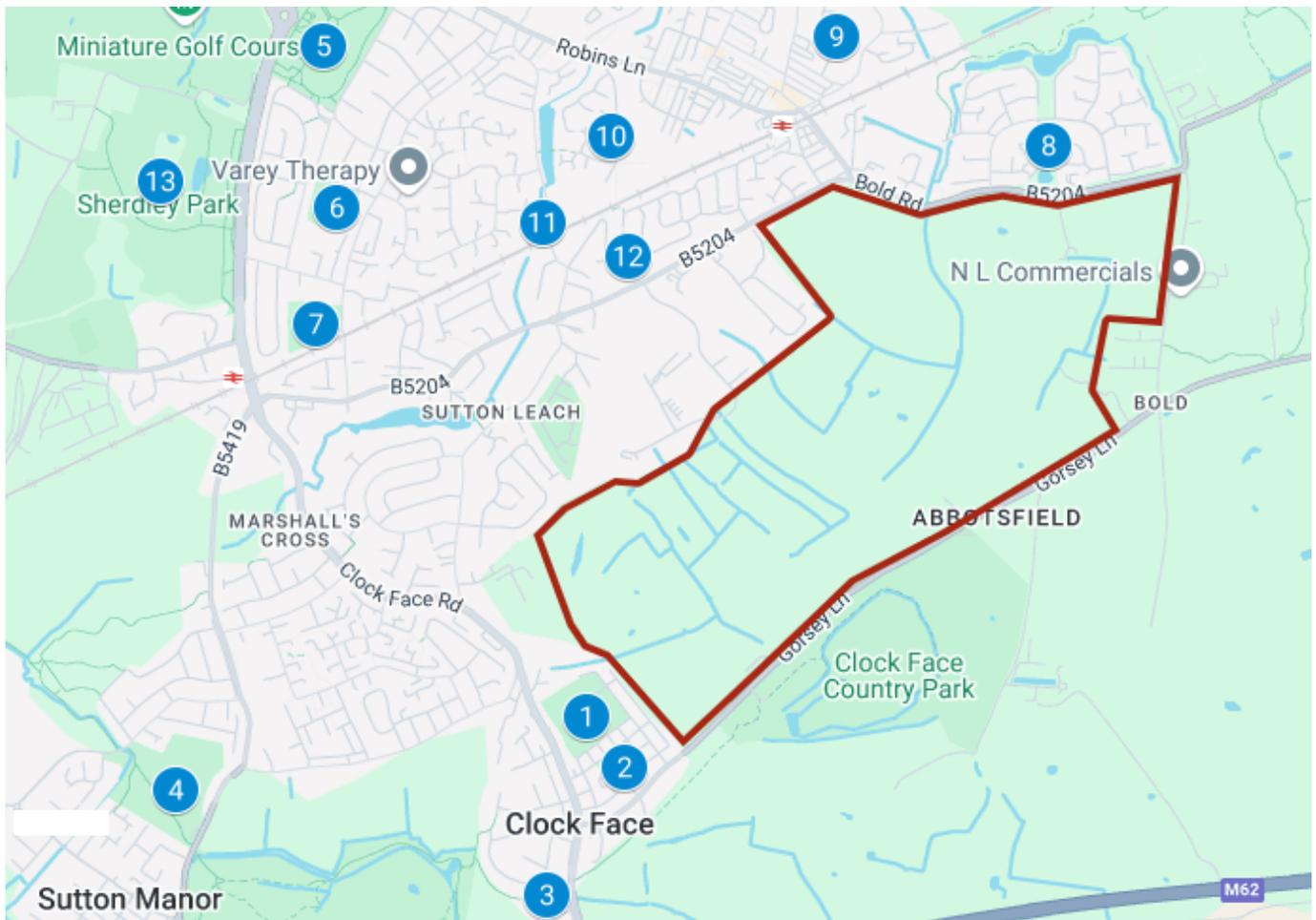
- Multi-functionality - a strategic approach to land use that considers the multiple and diverse benefits a place can offer, beyond its primary function.
- Connected - to arterial routes, local transport and local communities.
- Accessible - to all users in terms of design and useability.
- Character - in terms of the landscape, type of land and topography.

4.20 Each site has been ranked on the following scale:

- Poor - does not meet the criteria at all

- Basic – only meets the criteria in a very small way
- Reasonable – broadly meets the criteria
- Good – provides good quality provision in this category
- Great – provides high quality provision in this category

**Figure 10: Location of Open Space included as part of the Open Space Audit**



Source: Avison Young, 2025– Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

**Table 9: Open Space Desktop Assessment**

No.	Address	Description	ITT Criteria	Image
1	Clock Face Miners Rugby Club, Crawford Street, St Helens, WA9 4QS	Rugby Club that can also be utilised for football and other training purposes. Accessible and well connected with car parking provision.	-Multi-functionality (Good – public recreation and sports facilities) -Connected (Good - links to bus and local area) -Accessible (Good – flat although no paths across the site given its use as sports pitches – social club with wheelchair access and disabled parking) -Character (Flat topography that is well maintained)	
2	Land adjacent to Lindsay St, Clock Face, St Helens, WA9 4XA	Patch of land accessible to public within a residential setting. The site has a small play area and a storage container.	-Multi-functionality (Reasonable – offers children's play space, plus open green space) -Connected (Good - links to bus and local area) -Accessible (Good – flat but no paths) -Character (Flat topography that is well maintained)	
3	Land adjacent to Sweet Brier Court, Clock Face, St Helens, WA9 4UH	Patch of land that is maintained and cut back for local uses.	-Multi-functionality (Good – public recreation, aesthetic and local habitats) -Connected (Basic – Bus stop in proximity but it's situated at the edge of St Helen's) -Accessible (Great – path running through the site) -Character (Flat topography with woodland and irregular shaped site)	
4	King George V Playing Fields, Jubits Ln, Sutton Manor, St Helens, WA9 4RU	Playing fields with playground facilities and parking. Although we understand there are flooding issues which limit its use as playing fields	-Multi-functionality (Reasonable – public recreation, aesthetic and local habitats, although we understand there are flooding issues which limit its use as playing fields) -Connected (Good - links to bus and local area) -Accessible (Great – easily accessible from the local area and paths around the site) -Character (Flat topography that is well maintained)	
5	Sutton Park, Robins Ln, Marshalls Cross Rd, Scorecross, St Helens, WA9 5AS	A park with a basketball area, play area and children's play area.	-Multi-functionality (Good – mixture of play facilities, sports facilities and wider parkland settings) - Connected (Good - links to bus and local area) -Accessible (Great – paths running through the site) -Character (Flat topography that is well maintained and a part tree line boundary)	
6	Sutton Cricket & Tennis Club, New St, ST Helens, WA9 3UU	A tennis and cricket club.	-Multi-functionality (Good – public recreation and sports facilities) -Connected (Good - links to bus and local area) -Accessible (Good – flat but no paths) -Character (Flat topography that is well maintained – key to the local area)	
7	St Nicholas Church / Cemetery, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3UX	Church and Cemetery grounds. Additionally used for scouts' group and the team ministry parish office.	-Multi-functionality (Basic – limited usage to religious and graveyard functions) -Connected (Great – close to Lea Green station and bus links) -Accessible (Good – maintained paths to church) -Character (Flat topography that is well maintained and fit for purpose)	
8	The Pastures, St Helens, WA9 4ZA	Connects into Bold Moss Country Park. Space created for the surrounding housing estates. Additionally, there is a large pond to the south.	-Multi-functionality (Reasonable – Aesthetic, habitats via trees and a pond, used for informal recreation) -Connected (Good - links to bus and local neighbourhood) -Accessible (Good – flat and footpath running along full length of the area)	

No.	Address	Description	ITT Criteria	Image
			-Character (Flat topography that is well maintained in the heart of New Bold)	
9	Percy Park, Percy St, St Helens, WA9 3HR	A small park that provides a playground. Within a housing context.	-Multi-functionality (Good – ample space with public recreation) -Connected (Great – close to St Helen’s Junction station and bus links) -Accessible (Great – paths going through the park) -Character (Flat topography that is well maintained. Serves the local area)	
10	St Anne & Blessed Parish Church, Monastery Rd, St Helens, WA9 3ZD	St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church/Parish Grounds.	-Multi-functionality (Basic – limited usage to religious and graveyard functions) -Connected (Great – close to St Helen’s Junction station and bus links) -Accessible (Great) -Character (Flat topography that is well maintained and specifically fit for purpose)	
11	Land adjacent to Gerards Ln, Sutton Leach, St Helens, WA9 3SN	Heavily wooded area. Not useable space.	-Multi-functionality (Basic – Site is heavily wooded and as such its usage maybe limited, but has strong potential for wildlife) -Connected (Great – close to St Helen’s Junction station and bus links) -Accessible (Basic – no obvious site access and heavily vegetated) -Character (Dense woodland with hilly topography)	
12	Land adjacent to Little Dainstead, St Helens, WA9 4BY	Pond on site plus accessible walking and children’s area.	-Multi-functionality (Good – public recreation, aesthetic and local habitats with a pond feature) -Connected (Great - good links to both Lea Green and St Helen’s Junction, bus access) -Accessible (Great – paths going through the site) -Character (Small irregular shaped site. Flat topography that is well maintained)	
13	Sherdley Park, St Helens, WA9 5DE	Public Park, Leisure Centre, Golf Course and Driving Range	-Multi-functionality (Great – wide mixture of land uses and types from formal to informal recreation, sports facilities, play area and paths across the area) -Connected (Good - links to bus and local neighbourhood) -Accessible (Great – flat and paths throughout the site) -Character (public park with a variety of uses. Varied topography that is well maintained)	

Source: Avison Young, 2025

4.21 This shows there is some good quality green space within the local vicinity in the way of parks and playing fields but these are generally slightly further away as shown by Figure 9. There is also a relatively small amount of local play facilities.

4.22 Despite the good quality open space around, there is an identified shortfall in the Bold & Lea Green area. Analysis undertaken by Knight, Kavanah & Page as part of their assessments into sports and open space provision to inform the Council’s Open Space SPD (2024). This shows in green the areas where Bold & Lea Green is overprovided and the areas where there is greater need:

**Table 11: Bold & Lea Green Public Open Space Shortfall Assessment**

Typology	PARKS & GARDENS		NATURAL/SEMI-NATURAL		AMENITY GREENSPACE		PROVISION FOR PLAY		ALLOTMENTS	
	Total hectares	Hectares per 1,000 population	Total hectares	Hectares per 1,000 population	Total hectares	Hectares per 1,000 population	Total hectares	Hectares per 1,000 population	Total hectares	Hectares per 1,000 population
Bold & Lea Green	6.7422	0.59	223.3139	19.53	5.312	0.46	0.2788	0.02	2.6705	0.23

Source: Knight, Kavanagh & Page, 2022

4.23 This shows a need for new POS to be delivered and given the scale of development, there is a requirement to provide more POS to cater for the new community being created whilst also considering supporting the existing communities. We have undertaken an initial test based on assumed population numbers and Council policy to feed into initial masterplan development and optioneering, summarised in Table 10.

**Table 10: Calculated Public Open Space Requirements**

Estimated Requirements	Policy Requirement (sq m per person)	Requirement (ha)
Parks and Gardens	8	8.9704
Natural & Semi-Natural	20	22.426
Amenity Greenspace	10	11.213
Provision for young people	1	1.1213
Allotments	50 dwellings = 1 plot	60 plots

Source: Avison Young, 2025

## Officer Engagement

- 4.24 Initial officer engagement identified the following to be considered within the masterplan process:
- There is an abundance of natural and semi-natural woodland in the local area and as such this should not be a priority for delivery within the masterplan. Connections to these areas will be important.
  - There is going to be a requirement for equipped play provision with at least one Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play (NEAP) required and probably a Local Equipment Area of Play (LEAP) as well. The north east of the site was seen as the area most in need of provision.
  - There is a shortfall in parks provision but the provision of informal open space was seen as a greater priority.
  - Current local provision is currently just over requirement for allotments.
- 4.25 Materials used (timber was seen as a negative due to longevity) and the management of infrastructure was also seen as a key requirement for consideration for the Council and more widely with landowners and other stakeholders as the masterplan progresses.

## Masterplan Implications

- 4.26 The analysis and engagement has shown that there is significant amount of natural and semi-natural greenspace in the local area and as such this is not identified as a masterplan priority.
- 4.27 Regarding other types of space, Table 10 provides an indication of the amount of space the housing should deliver in relation to addressing the identified shortfalls in the local area against the calculated requirements for parks and gardens (9.0 hectares), amenity greenspace (11.2 hectares) and provision for play (1.2 hectares).
- 4.28 The Council officers have identified that from a play perspective a NEAP needs to be accommodated within the scheme as well as a LEAP considering the scale of development.

## 5. Sports and Leisure

### Policy Review

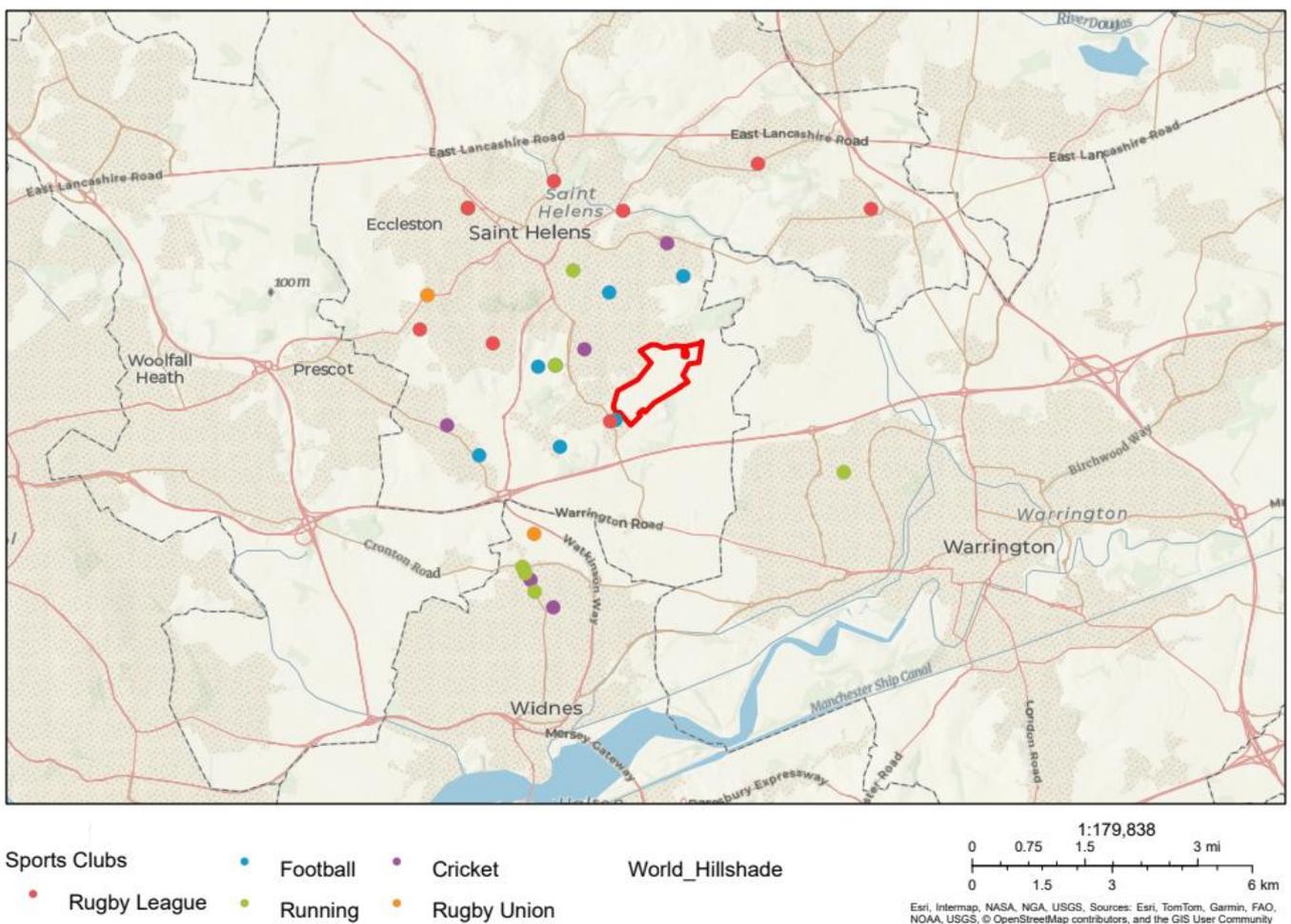
- 5.1 There is no specific reference to Sport and Leisure within Local Plan Policy LPA11: Bold Forest Garden Suburb.
- 5.2 **Policy LPD03 'Open Space and Residential Development'** states that provision for outdoor sports facilities will be achieved through contributions to enhance existing facilities or the provision of new facilities, which will be informed by the Council's latest Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan.
- 5.3 The Council's **Playing Pitch Strategy** indicates that currently in the Parr Sutton & Bold area the current provision is performing against demand. Although the Strategy does note wider requirements for most sports across the borough. However, this analysis does not factor in increased demand from new development. As such additional analysis is required to assess future demand coming out of BFGV.
- 5.4 The Council also has an **Active Lives Strategy** which aims to promote activity and wellbeing in the local community. One key action is to 'provide safe spaces for active travel, including safer walking and cycling in the borough' including in 'all local planning activity'. This is an important consideration into the design and development of the BFGV masterplan to ensure the promotion of active travel is promoted along with other ways to help residents live healthy lives.
- 5.5 Sport England also have a key policy, **Planning for Sport**, which will need to be considered as part of the masterplan process. This has 12 key principles whose relevance should be considered as part of the masterplan:
- Recognise and give significant weight to the benefits of sport and physical activity.
  - Undertake, maintain and apply robust and up-to date assessments of need and strategies for sport and physical activity provision, and base policies, decisions and guidance upon them.
  - Plan, design and maintain buildings, developments, facilities, land and environments that enable people to lead active lifestyles.
  - Protect and promote existing sport and physical activity provision and ensure new development does not prejudice its use.
  - Ensure long-term viable management and maintenance of new and existing sport and physical activity provision.
  - Support improvements to existing sport and physical activity provision where they are needed.
  - Encourage and secure wider community use of existing and new sport and physical activity provision.
  - Support new provision, including allocating new sites, for sport and physical activity which meets identified needs.
  - Ensure a positive approach to meeting the needs generated by new development for sport and physical activity provision.
  - Provide sport and physical activity provision which is fit for purpose and well designed.
  - Plan positively for sport and physical activity provision in designated landscapes and the Green Belt.
  - Proactively address any amenity issues arising from sport and physical activity developments.

## Desktop Analysis

5.6 Mapping has been undertaken to identify local sport provision in the St Helens area, as illustrated in Figure 11. This analysis has focused on the following sports due to their popularity and impact on playing pitch requirements (excluding running):

- Football
- Cricket
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Running

**Figure 11: Sports Clubs in the Local Area**



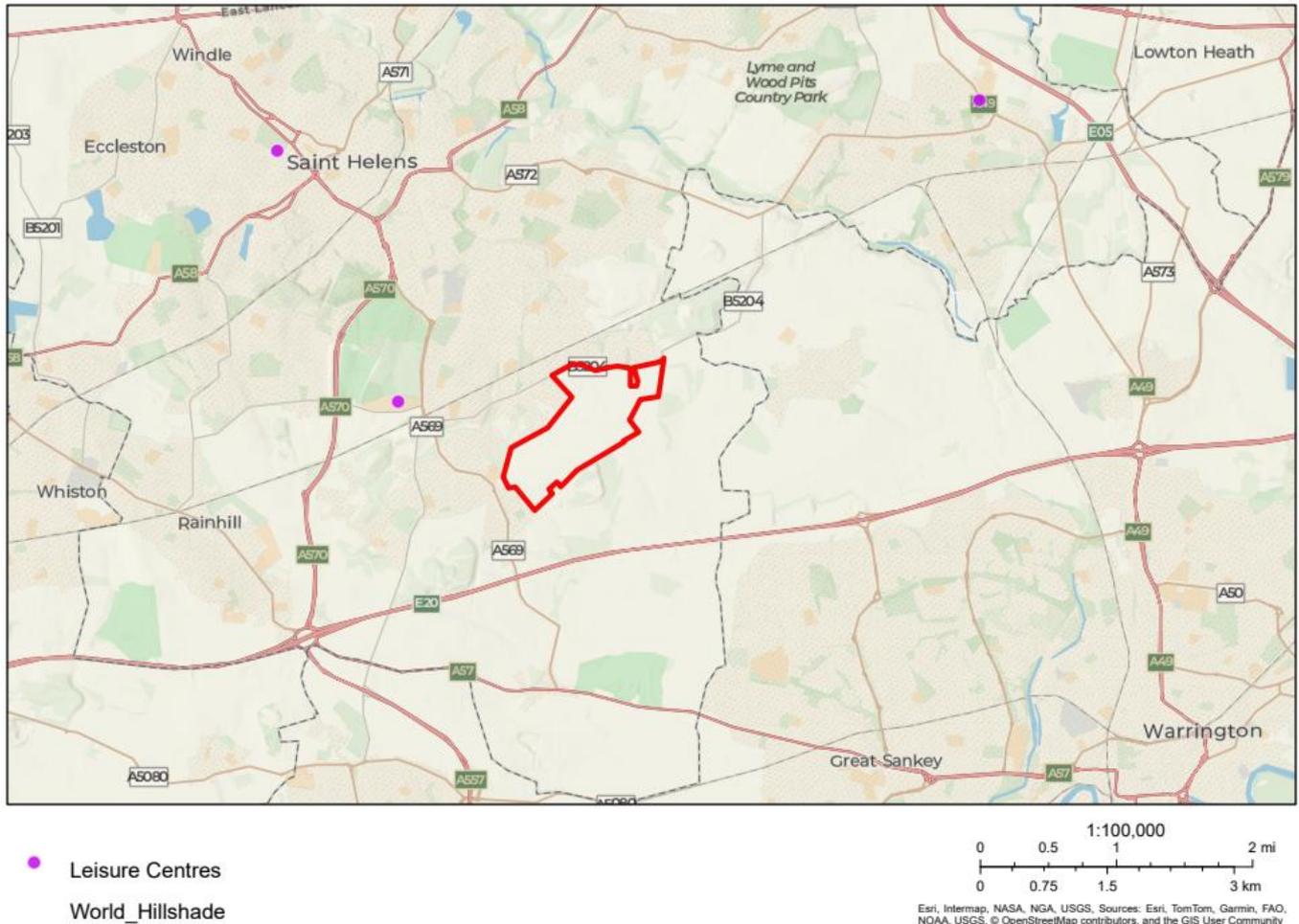
Source: Avison Young, 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

5.7 A more detailed review of the pitches shows the most proximate provision is at Clock Face Miners Rugby Club immediately to the south west of the site, as illustrated at Figure 12. Given its location there should be strong consideration as to whether improvement works or additional pitches in close proximity to Clock Face Miners maybe a positive benefit both to the existing and new community. Further engagement should be undertaken with Clock Face Miners Rugby Club as part of the masterplan process to understand their needs for expansion and what is required.

**Figure 12: Location of Clock Face Miners Rugby Club**

Source: Avison Young, 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

- 5.8 Playing pitch provision at King George V Playing Field and Sherdley Park has also been identified as being in close proximity and opportunities for improvement and enhancement.
- 5.9 We understand from engagement with Council Officers that King George V Playing Field has significant issues with drainage and as such is relatively unusable from a playing pitch perspective. Whilst further afield, Sherdley Park was identified by Officers as being an alternative potential location for new playing pitch provision.
- 5.10 Leisure Centres are also a vital source of physical activity and host of a number of indoor sporting activities. St Helens Council has three key leisure assets within the borough:
- Sutton Leisure Centre
  - Newton-Le-Willows Health and Fitness
  - Queens Park Health and Fitness

**Figure 13: Council Managed Leisure Centres in the Local Area**

Source: Avison Young, 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

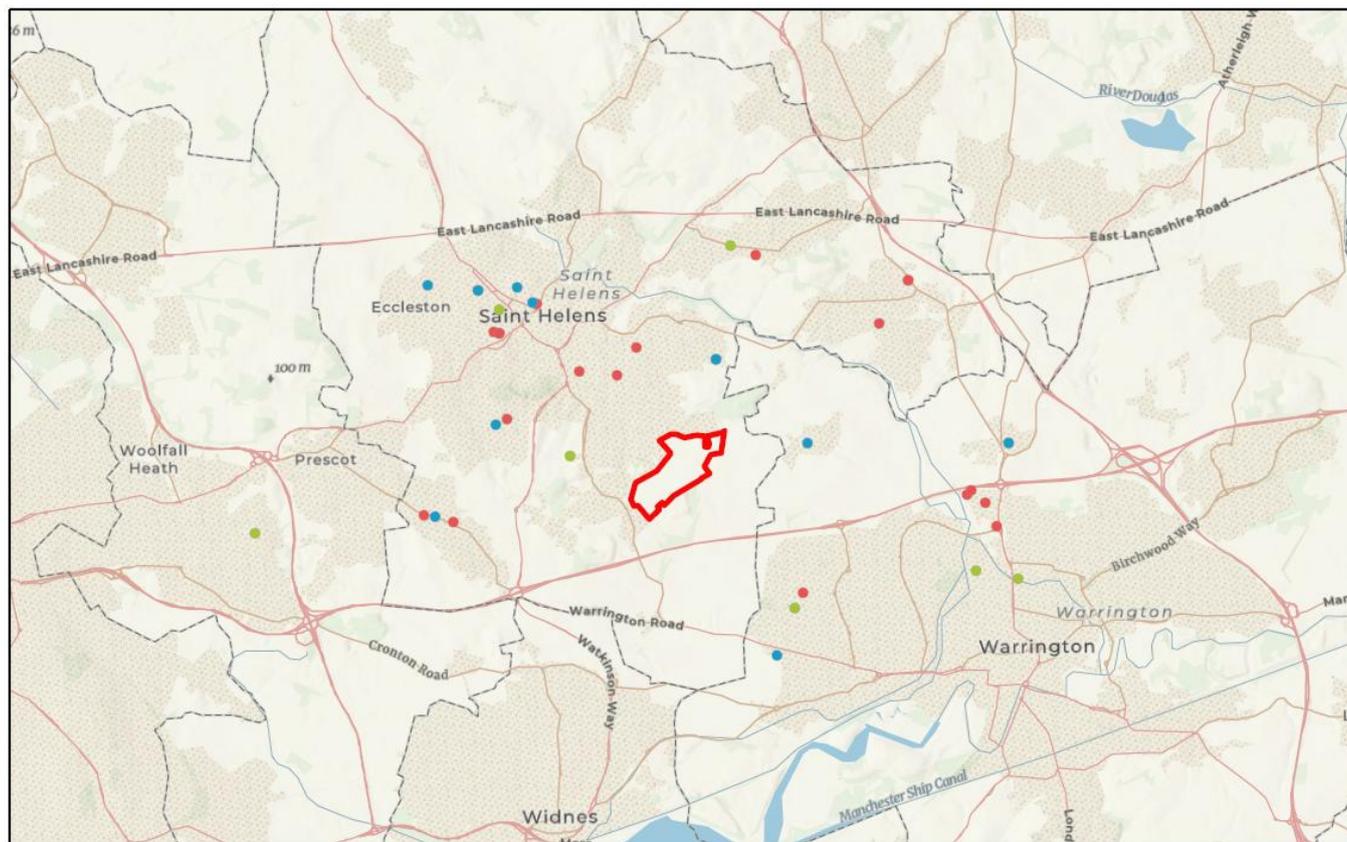
- 5.11 Sutton Leisure Centre is the most significant given its proximity to the site (1.44 kilometres). Sutton Leisure Centre shares a site with Sutton Academy Secondary School and is immediately to the south of Sherdley Park which already has playing pitch provision utilised by Parkdale Sidac FC.
- 5.12 The centre is also in an excellent location adjacent to Lea Green Railway Station and Clock Face Road which passes the western edge of the BFGV site. The A570 / James Roby Way to the west provides direct access to Junction 7 of the M62. Its location suggests a logical location for improvement works and investment into sporting provision to benefit the development and the borough as a whole, if justified by the development.
- 5.13 Queens Park Health & Fitness offers swimming, group exercise, badminton, soft play, fitness suites, squash, outdoor sports and more. The centre is situated more centrally to St Helen's approximately 3 miles from the subject estate. The centre was constructed in 2010 and appears to be of good specification and condition. The site is situated off the A570, which connects onto the A580.
- 5.14 Newton-le-Willows Health and Fitness is located to the east of St Helen's within the northern outskirts of Newton-le-Willows. The property is situated circa 4.6 miles from the subject estate. The facility offers a 25-metre swimming pool, a two-storey fitness suite, an exercise studio, spinning studio, astro turf pitch/soft play area. Additionally, the complex offers a Costa Coffee on site.
- 5.15 The council previously operated Central Fitness and Parr Swimming & Fitness Centre under the 'GoActive' brand; however, the following has since closed down.

**Figure 14: Site Location for Sutton Leisure Centre and Sutton Academy**

Source: Google Maps, 2025

- 5.16 Other leisure centres within a relative proximity comprise Haydock Community Leisure Centre, Winwick Leisure Centre, and Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub to name a few.
- 5.17 Additionally, there is a good provision of private gyms within the local area, with most gyms being of local ownership. Amongst them are some recognisable national brands such as Everlast gyms, JD gyms and Pure gyms; however, they are relatively low in supply compared to the independent occupiers.
- 5.18 Furthermore, there are several Yoga/Pilates studios within the area that provide an alternate form of fitness. Noticeably they are all ran by small scale occupiers, with 5 options being available in St Helens. Other forms of leisure like Rock climbing are not currently available in the St Helen's area.
- 5.19 Figure 15 shows a mapping of these facilities, showing good wider provision but limited in the immediate area.

**Figure 15: Mapping of Leisure Centre, Private Gym and Yoga/Pilates Facilities in the Local Area**

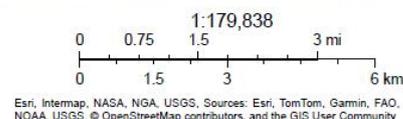


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Leisure Centre and Gym Facilities

- Private Gym
- Yoga/Pilates

- Leisure Centre
- World\_Hillshade



Source: Avison Young, 2025

## Officer Engagement

5.20 Prior to engagement in December 2024, Council officers undertook modelling of demand for sport coming out of Bold Forest which set out the below requirement.

**Table 12: St Helens Council Calculated Playing Pitch Requirements**

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport	
	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>[1]</sup>	Training demand <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Bold Forest Green Village – 6,873 new population</b>		
Adult football	1.04	12.59 hours
Youth football	3	
Mini soccer	2.26	
Rugby union	0.56	0.61
Rugby league	1.18	1.45
Adult hockey	0.15	0.45 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0.11 hours
Cricket	15.6	-

<sup>[1]</sup>As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season.

<sup>[2]</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

Source: St Helens Council, 2024

- 5.21 These figures need to be tested and refined as the masterplan develops against final estimated additional resident numbers.
- 5.22 Other key notes coming out of initial consultation:
- There is known pressure on leisure facilities in the local area in particular Sutton where the leisure centre is struggling with capacity and in need of investment.
  - Clock Face Miners is seen as an obvious location for investment given its proximity to the site.
  - Investment is required into the nearby King George V Playing Fields which is currently unusable due to flooding issues.
  - There is also a noted lack of swimming pools in the borough well below the benchmark.
  - Any investment is seen to be in existing provision rather than the providing of new.
  - Physical activity should be designed into the scheme.
- 5.23 Further engagement in January 2025 highlighted:
- Indoor improvements would be best placed at Sutton Leisure Centre;
  - Concerns were raised around Sport England's stance on improving existing provision and early engagement with Sport England is recommended;
  - This approach may impact on the ability for investment into King George V Playing Fields to be seen as a contribution;
  - Investment into Sherdley Park, located adjacent to Sutton Leisure Centre was seen as a credible alternative;
  - Clock Face Miners investment was also seen as a credible option.

## Masterplan Implications

- 5.24 The above analysis suggests a clear requirement for playing pitch provision in the local area. However engagement with Officers indicates that providing improvement to existing sport and leisure facilities maybe more beneficial to the community as a whole rather than new provision on site.
- 5.25 This is particularly true of the leisure centres where Sutton Leisure Centre is identified as a key site for improvement. However, it must be noted that there is a limited amount of leisure and gym facilities in the local area around the red line boundary and as such consideration could be given to whether some facilities within or closer to the red line would be beneficial.
- 5.26 Given the proximity of Clock Face Miners Rugby, it is important that further engagement is undertaken to consider improvement works or new pitches in close proximity to them to enable / support any expansion plans or ambitions they may have and to minimise on-site land take.

## 6. Retail, Commercial and Community Facilities

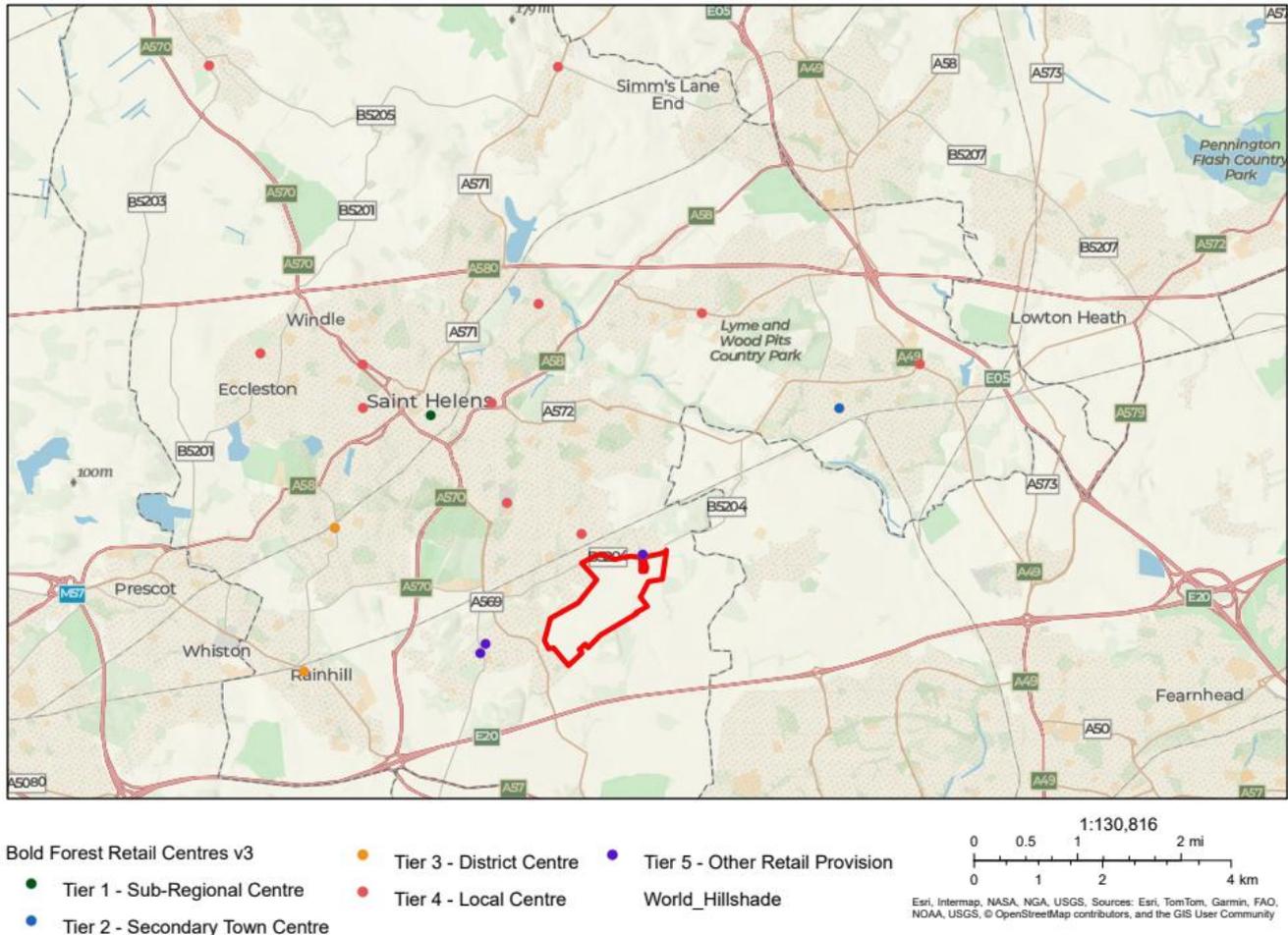
### Policy Review

- 6.1 A review of Local Plan Policy LPA11 Bold Forest Garden Suburb provides an indication of the expected retail provision for BFGV:
- *Provide a small local centre containing community and retail facilities;*
- 6.2 Further detail is provided within the wider document:
- *The BFGS (Bold Forest Garden Suburb) is not within walking distance of a local or district centre. However, due to its size it is considered that it could support a small local centre containing community and retail facilities, which will make the development more sustainable. Retail provision will be looked at in more detail through the comprehensive masterplanning process and in any subsequent SPD.*
- 6.3 Whilst this provides limited information into the anticipation of exactly what is provided it shows a clear anticipated requirement for some retail and community provision on-site.
- 6.4 The wider Local Plan also recognises the importance of St Helens Town Centre in playing a sub-regional role in providing retail provision, complemented by Earlestown Town Centre as the second largest retail centre. Other smaller district and local centres provide additional retail provision.
- 6.5 However, the Local Plan does recognise the need for town centres to diversify their role given competition from retail parks and internet shopping. As such we have seen a growth in other forms of provision in town centres including leisure, food and beverage and residential to diversify the use types away from traditional retail. The Council has also invested significantly alongside the English Cities Fund into St Helens Town Centre recognising its importance to the borough and it is important that any local centre in BFGV doesn't compete with the town centre and complements the existing provision in the borough.
- 6.6 St Helens Council's Retail and Leisure Study, 2017 provides further insight into the classification of different retail centres:
- Tier 1: St. Helens town centre
  - Tier 2: Earlestown town centre
  - Tier 3: District centres – Rainhill and Thatto Heath
  - Tier 4: Local Centres – Billinge, Chain Lane, Clipsley Lane, Denton's Green, Eccleston, Fingerpost, Marshall's Cross, Newton-le-Willows, Newtown, Rainford, Sutton

### Desktop Analysis

- 6.7 A starting point of our desktop analysis was to map the important centres set out in the Retail and Leisure Study, as illustrated by Figure 16.

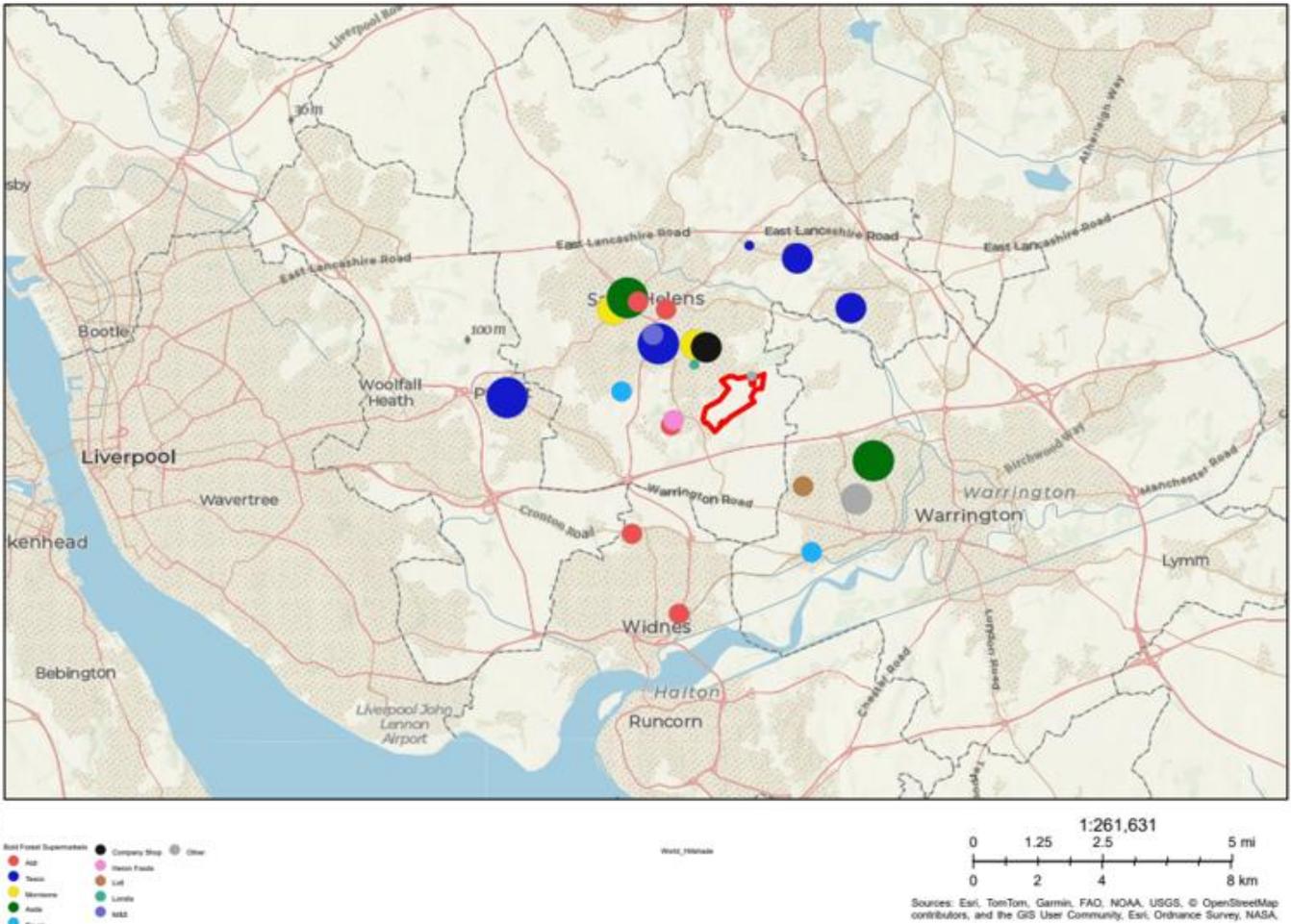
**Figure 16: Local Retail Centres by Tier**



Source: Avison Young 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

- 6.8 Sutton is the closest centre to the north of the site but as stated in the Local Plan there is a material lack of retail provision in the local area surrounding BFGV. To the west of the site in Bold, there is a small retail parade which has a Morrisons Daily, Herons Food, a health centre, pharmacist and a number of other small retail premises. There is also a separate Aldi supermarket in the area but limited other retail provision. To the north of the site in New Bold the provision is even more limited with a small retail parade of four shops including New Bold Convenience Store providing the only notable retail provision. Despite their exclusion from the Retail and Leisure Study, we have classed these as Tier 5: Other Retail Provision in the above mapping due to their proximate location and potential importance to the surrounding area of BFGV.
- 6.9 The above analysis focuses on the provision within St Helens. It must be noted that there is also provision slightly further away but with good transport access in Warrington, Prescott and then further but larger provision in Liverpool and Manchester city centres.
- 6.10 Alongside the wider retail provision, supermarket provision is also an important consideration. Alongside the aforementioned Aldi supermarket, Figure 17 below shows the location of supermarkets within the vicinity:

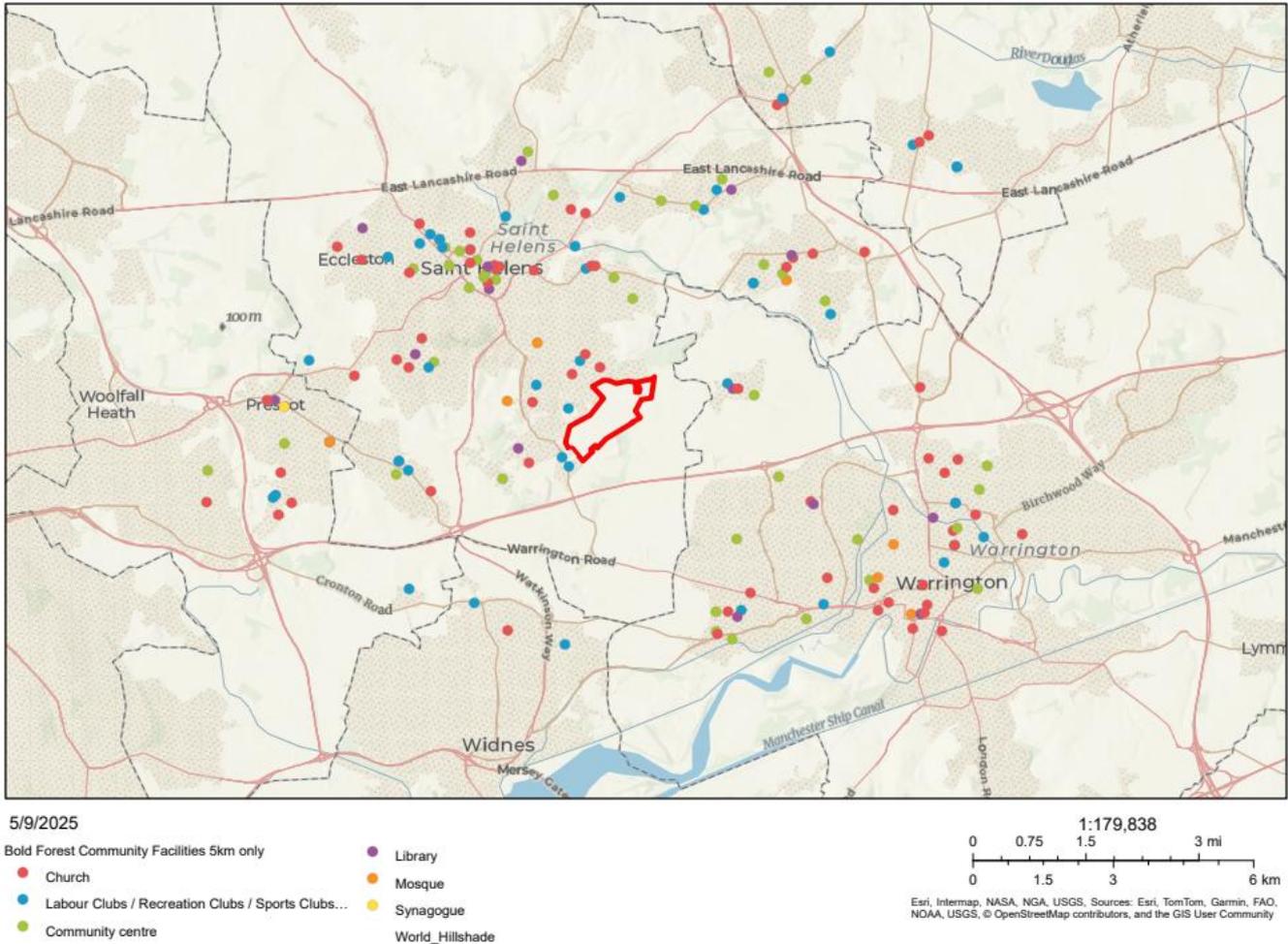
**Figure 17: Supermarkets in Local Area**



Source: Avison Young, 2025 – size of circle indicates size of store – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

- 6.11 This shows clear clustering of supermarket provision around the town centre and to the south of the town centre but limited in immediate proximity to the site apart from the previously mentioned New Bold Convenience Store and smaller supermarkets to the west in Bold.
- 6.12 The local centre requirement within the BFGV allocation in the Local Plan also references community facilities. Community centres are vital in providing amenity and enrichment to the local population.
- 6.13 To assess the local provision we have undertaken a review of local community centre and libraries, religious facilities such as churches, mosques and synagogues, as well as other key facilities such as labour clubs, recreation clubs and sports clubs to give a full picture of the number of facilities within the community.
- 6.14 Figure 18 shows the mapping of locations found within a 5 kilometre radius of the site of existing community centres and libraries within the local area which provide important access to community provision. A total of 170 assets have been identified and a full list can be found in Appendix 3.

**Figure 18: Community Provision in Local Area**



Source: Avison Young 2025 – Red line boundary indicates approximate BFGV site boundary

- 6.15 The community centre mapping shows a proportionate lack of community centre provision in the southern part of St Helens. The immediate area is a mixture of churches and labour clubs, recreation clubs and sports clubs.
- 6.16 The closest library facility is Chester Lane Library in Bold which is 1.02 kilometres from the western edge; whilst the closest Council managed community centre is Derbyshire Hill Family & Community Centre which is 1.73 kilometres to the north of the site. Outside of the two of these there is very limited Council run provision in the southern part of the borough. Chester Lane Library is only open four days per week which further limits the community provision.
- 6.17 As such there may be merit in considering some form of community provision as part of a local centre to cater for both the new and existing community in the vicinity of BFGV.

### Masterplan Implications

- 6.18 There is a clear lack of retail provision in the immediate vicinity particularly in the northern end of the site. New Bold only has a very small convenience store with limited other provision as such a local centre particularly focused on the northern end of the site would appear to be particularly beneficial.
- 6.19 Whilst there appears to be a significant amount of community provision in St Helens the southern part of the borough around BFGV does appear to be underprovided compared to other areas, as such

consideration as to additional community uses maybe beneficial potentially as part of a wider local centre.

- 6.20 The masterplan process should include indicative retail impact modelling to understand the potential scale of future retail provision that could be supported from additional homes delivered in the BFGV area.

## 7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The preceding sections have started to create a picture of potential social infrastructure implications for the BFGV project, either within the red line boundary or in surrounding areas through improvement to existing provision.
- 7.2 The initial findings of this paper suggest a potential requirement for:
- A new health facility on-site or financial contributions towards improvements at nearby GP practices. Where a new health facility is to be provided on-site, further engagement with ICB and wider NHS as required will be undertaken in relation to delivery including timing, scale and operational matters;
  - New Local Centre to potentially incorporate a number of uses including health centre, retail provision and community facilities with further detail required as part of the masterplan evolution to inform scale of retail;
  - Likely need for new school provision likely to include additional provision equivalent to a 3-form entry primary school. Further work is required to determine whether this will need to be accommodated on-site or could be secured off-site;
  - Need for Public Open Space with a specific on-site focus on play and amenity greenspace given the abundance of natural and semi-natural greenspace already in the local area;
  - Consideration of leisure improvements around Sutton Leisure Centre;
  - New playing pitch provision to be considered, with likely off-site locations identified around an expansion to Clock Face Miners Rugby Club and/or at Sherdley Park subject to engagement.
- 7.3 The emerging conclusions need to be tested further as the optioneering process progresses and housing mix and resident numbers are better estimated. The testing of these will help to refine the thinking around social infrastructure and further develop the evidence base and justification for its implementation.
- 7.4 This will also need to be tested against deliverability and viability to understand the funding potential for this infrastructure as well as any triggers such as number of housing units before it must come forward. This will form the next step of the infrastructure piece and will coincide with the development of the preferred option.

# Appendix I

## School Details

School	Postcode	Distance (km)	Primary or Secondary	Ofsted Rating
<b>Primary Schools</b>				
Allanson Street Primary School	WA9 1PL	2.06	Primary	Good
Barrow Hall Community Primary School	WA5 3TX	3.04	Primary	Outstanding
Broad Oak Community Primary School	WA9 2JE	2.07	Primary	Good
Brookfields School	WA8 3JA	4.54	Primary	Outstanding
Burtonwood Community Primary School	WA5 4AQ	1.71	Primary	Good
Chapelford Village Primary School	WA5 3AL	4.53	Primary	Good
Eaves Primary School	WA9 3UB	1.03	Primary	Good
Farnworth Church of England Controlled Primary School	WA8 9HS	3.98	Primary	Good
Grange Valley Primary School	WA11 0XQ	3.55	Primary	Outstanding
Great Sankey Primary School	WA5 1SB	5.02	Primary	Good
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	WA10 1LN	3.43	Primary	Good
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School	WA9 2JE	2.07	Primary	Good
Lunts Heath Primary School	WA8 9RJ	3.72	Primary	Outstanding
Lyme Community Primary School	WA12 9HD	3.24	Primary	Good
Merton Bank Primary School	WA9 1EJ	3.04	Primary	Requires Improvement
Moorfield Primary School	WA8 3HJ	4	Primary	Good
Newton-le-Willows Primary School	WA12 9UF	4.35	Primary	Good
Parish Church of England Primary School	WA10 1LW	3.49	Primary	Outstanding
Park Road Community Primary School	WA5 3EF	3.83	Primary	Good
Penketh Primary School	WA5 2QY	4.35	Primary	Good
Queen's Park CofE/Urc Primary School	WA10 4NQ	4.58	Primary	Good
Robins Lane Community Primary School	WA9 3NF	1.4	Primary	Good
Sankey Valley St James Church of England Primary School	WA5 1XE	5.24	Primary	Good
Sherdley Primary School	WA9 4HA	0.71	Primary	Good
St Anne's Catholic Primary School	WA9 3SP	0.44	Primary	Good
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	WA8 0BW	4.94	Primary	Good
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School	WA9 5BT	2.66	Primary	Good
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	WA5 2AR	4.32	Primary	Good
St Mary & St Thomas CofE Primary School	WA10 2HS	3.91	Primary	Outstanding
St Mary's Catholic School	WA12 9RX	4.08	Primary	Good
St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School	WA5 4PN	1.68	Primary	Good
St Philip (Westbrook) CofE Aided Primary School	WA5 8UE	4	Primary	Good
St Theresa's Catholic Primary School	WA9 4XU	0.84	Primary	Good
Sutton Manor Community Primary School	WA9 4AT	1.55	Primary	Good

School	Postcode	Distance (km)	Primary or Secondary	Ofsted Rating
Sutton Oak CofE Primary School	WA9 3QD	0.69	Primary	Good
Thatto Heath Community Primary School	WA9 5QX	3.21	Primary	Good
Wargrave CofE Primary School	WA12 8QL	3.6	Primary	Good
Willow Tree Primary School	WA9 4LZ	0.33	Primary	Requires Improvement
St Bartholomew's Catholic Primary School	L35 6NN	3.06	Primary	Good
Oakdene Primary School	L35 0QQ	3.46	Primary	Good
Longton Lane Community Primary School	L35 8PB	4.25	Primary	Good
Rivington Primary School	WA10 6LF	4.8	Primary	Good
<b>Secondary Schools</b>				
Great Sankey High School	WA5 3AA	3.24	Secondary	Good
Launchpad Centre - PRU	WA10 1UH	3.7	Secondary	Good
Mill Green School	WA9 1BU	2.05	Secondary	Outstanding
Penketh High School	WA5 2BY	4.83	Secondary	Good
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy	WA11 9BB	2.94	Secondary	Good
St Cuthbert's Catholic High School	WA9 3HE	1.31	Secondary	Good
The Sutton Academy	WA9 5AU	1.44	Secondary	Good
This Is My Education - TIME	WA10 1UD	3.73	Secondary	Inadequate
Rainhill High School	L35 6NY	3.05	Secondary	Good
<b>Further Education</b>				
St Helens College	WA10 1PP	3.56	Further Education	Requires Improvement
<b>Primary and Secondary Schools – Special Educational Needs</b>				
Ash Meadow School	WA9 4RT	0.98	Primary and Secondary - Special Educational Needs	Good
Lansbury Bridge School	WA9 1TB	1.94	Primary and Secondary - Special Educational Needs	Good

# Appendix II

## Nursery Details

Nursery	Postcode	Distance (km)
Little Angels Nursery School	WA9 4QS	0.22
Early Learners Nursery – Sutton	WA9 3UG	1
Small Wonders Day Care Nursery (lea Green)	WA9 4DA	1.05
Little Journeys Day Nursery	WA9 3UU	1.13
Small Wonders Peasley Cross	WA9 3BN	1.92
Building Blocks Day Nursery Bold Heath	WA8 3UZ	2.05
General Day Nursery & After School	WA9 5AB	2.05
Little Harvards	WA9 2JE	2.07
Portico	WA9 5GG	2.19
Early Learners Nursery (Parr) Ltd	WA9 1QU	2.5
Little Foxes (Newton)	WA12 9XD	2.9
Patterdale Lodge Day Nursery	WA12 9DD	3.36
Little Einsteins Nursery	WA10 1ET	3.45
St Helens College Nursery and Creche	WA10 1PZ	3.45
Portico Poppets	WA9 5QH	3.51
Tower Tots	L35 6NE	3.59
Beacon Nursery	WA10 1TF	3.65
Linden House Day Nursery Limited	WA12 9YG	3.75
Small Wonders Day Nursery - Thatto Heath	WA10 3RE	3.89
Happy Bunnies	WA10 2JL	3.98
Beyond The Nest Ltd	WA10 2DW	4.01
Small Wonders	WA11 0JU	4.13
Daydreams	WA10 3HL	4.21
Love Learning Childcare Ltd	WA11 0NJ	4.22
Kidzone Preschool and Out of School Club	L35 8PB	4.25
Storytime Private Day Nursery	WA10 4LZ	4.25
Rathlee Nursery School	WA10 3HX	4.29
Portico Lodge	L35 7JS	4.73
Heirs and Graces PDN	WA10 6SG	4.95
Cottontails Day Nursery	WA5 4JJ	1.46
Stepping Stones Day Nursery - Lingley Mere	WA5 3UZ	2.78
Sankey Wasps	WA5 3TX	3.04
Busy Nought To Fives Nursery (Great Sankey)	WA5 3TA	3.08
Wilmere Lane Nursery School	WA8 5UR	3.25
Dunkys Day Nursery (Sankey)	WA5 3AE	3.3
Green Park Day Nursery	WA5 2RW	4.27
Dunkys Day Nursery (Farnworth)	WA8 9JZ	4.31
Chapelford Village Nursery & Link Club Ltd	WA5 3AL	4.53
Kids Planet Penketh	WA5 2QS	4.61
Partou Willowdene Day Nursery & Pre-school	WA8 6SJ	4.71
Bright Horizons Callands Day Nursery and Preschool	WA5 9UY	4.82
Kids Planet Great Sankey	WA5 2TP	4.84

# Appendix III

## Community Facilities

Name	Postcode	Distance (km)	Type of Space
<b>Libraries</b>			
Chester Lane Library	WA9 4DE	0.61	Library
Burtonwood Library/Sub Post Office	WA5 4PS	1.05	Library
St Helens Library	WA10 1BX	1.89	Library
St Helen's Central Library	WA10 1HP	2.10	Library
Thatto Heath Library	WA10 3QX	2.26	Library
Newton-le-Willows Library	WA12 9TU	2.43	Library
Westbrook Library	WA5 8UG	2.56	Library
Haydock Library	WA11 0LY	2.69	Library
Penketh Library	WA5 2EY	2.90	Library
Whiston Hospital Library	L35 5DR	3.09	Library
Moss Bank Library	WA11 7EQ	3.10	Library
Eccleston Library	WA10 5PJ	3.69	Library
Prescot Library	L34 5GA	3.88	Library
Oxford Park Library	WA2 8HE	4.04	Library
Warrington Library	WA1 1HU	4.53	Library
<b>Community Centres</b>			
The Shining Lights Centre / Saints Foundation	WA9 4AT	0.87	Community centre
Derbyshire Hill Family & Community Centre	WA9 2LU	1.07	Community centre
Burtonwood Community Centre	WA5 4LH	1.34	Community centre
The Parr Sports & Community Centre	WA9 2LH	1.36	Community centre
The Hope House	WA10 1AJ	1.90	Community centre
Kingswood Community Centre	WA5 7XQ	1.98	Community centre
PERTH Community Centre	WA9 5QX	1.99	Community centre
Healthwatch St Helens	WA10 1BD	2.04	Community centre
Whittle Hall Community Centre	WA5 3UA	2.05	Community centre
Starting Point	WA10 1RE	2.05	Community centre
Crownway Community Centre	WA12 9DA	2.08	Community centre
Wonderland Community Centre	WA10 3JQ	2.08	Community centre
Newton Le Willows Boys & Girls Club	WA12 9AB	2.17	Community centre
St Ann's Millenium Centre	L35 0LE	2.23	Community centre
Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action	WA10 1TF	2.26	Community centre
Haydock Community Leisure Centre	WA11 0JG	2.33	Community centre
Grange Valley Youth Centre	WA11 0TT	2.33	Community centre
Newton Community Centre	WA12 8EX	2.47	Community centre
Peter Street Centre	WA10 2EQ	2.47	Community centre
The Hope Centre	WA10 2DT	2.50	Community centre
Chain Lane Community Centre	WA11 9HT	2.54	Community centre
Meeting Lane Community Centre	WA5 2QX	2.66	Community centre
Deafness Resource Centre	WA10 2QB	2.69	Community centre

Name	Postcode	Distance (km)	Type of Space
Cetra Community Centre	WA11 0PZ	2.76	Community centre
St. Teresa's	WA10 4HW	2.83	Community centre
Oaks Centre	WA5 2QS	2.86	Community centre
The Olive Tree	WA5 2NB	3.09	Community centre
Park Farm ACYP Community Centre	WA11 7PG	3.20	Community centre
Bewsey Barn Community Centre	WA5 9PB	3.29	Community centre
King's Community Centre	WA5 1JH	3.45	Community centre
Prescot Community & Youth Centre	L35 5DW	3.69	Community centre
Whitecross Community Centre	WA5 1PT	3.72	Community centre
Diamond Community Support Centre	WN4 9QW	4.31	Community centre
Orford Community Centre - The Hub Lions	WA2 8AG	4.39	Community centre
Ashton Community Centre	WN4 8PG	4.42	Community centre
Orford Community Hub	WA2 9EW	4.50	Community centre
Radley Common Community Centre	WA2 0JY	4.53	Community centre
Mosscroft Community Centre	L36 6EB	4.70	Community centre
The St Elphin's Community Centre Association	WA1 2EG	4.99	Community centre
<b>Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs</b>			
Clockface Miners Recreation Club	WA9 4QS	0.03	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Clockface Labour Club	WA9 4TZ	0.07	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Sidac Social Club	WA9 4PJ	0.21	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
East Sutton Labour Club	WA9 3QA	0.37	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Sutton Cricket & Tennis Club	WA9 3UU	0.70	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
The Club-Burtonwood	WA5 4HQ	0.96	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Parr Cons & Working Mens Club	WA9 2DG	1.50	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
The Earlestown Viaduct Sports & Social Club	WA12 9NU	1.81	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Earlestown Cricket Club	WA12 9NU	1.81	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Blackbrook Rugby Recreation club	WA11 9BB	1.82	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Thatto Health Social Club	WA9 5RE	2.02	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Rainhill Ex-Services Club	L35 4LS	2.06	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Rainhill Recreation Club	L35 0LH	2.18	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Rainhill CC	L35 0LH	2.18	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Jaguar Land Rover Sports and Social Club	WA8 5AJ	2.25	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs

Name	Postcode	Distance (km)	Type of Space
Haydock Conservative Club	WA11 0GT	2.31	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Lowe House Social Club	WA10 2BE	2.43	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Blackbrook Working Men's Club	WA11 0AU	2.43	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Moorfield Sports & Social Club	WA8 3HQ	2.44	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Vulcan Reservoir	WA12 8AA	2.47	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Haresfinch ARLFC	WA11 9NS	2.52	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Haydock Cricket club	WA11 0JZ	2.62	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Windle Social Club	WA10 2QF	2.71	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Holy Family Social Club	WA8 5DH	2.71	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
The Unison Sports & Social Club	WA10 6SX	2.81	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Bishop Road Police Club	WA10 6SX	2.81	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Penketh & Great Sankey Conservative Club	WA5 2BG	2.87	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
FC St Helens	WA10 6TD	2.94	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
St Helen's Town Cricket club	WA10 6RP	2.96	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Greenalls Sports & Social Club	WA10 4DN	3.20	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Crosfields Recreation Club	WA5 1XU	3.46	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Prescot Odyssey Cricket Club	L34 6JW	3.55	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Whiston Social Club	L35 3RZ	3.83	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Whiston Labour Club	L35 3RY	3.88	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
St Oswalds Catholic Social Club	WN4 9LH	4.05	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Walkers Sports and Social Club	WA2 8PU	4.25	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
The Tetleys Club	WA2 8PU	4.25	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Warrington Irish Club	WA2 7AL	4.44	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
St Benedicts Social Club	WA2 7QE	4.46	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs

Name	Postcode	Distance (km)	Type of Space
Golborne Community Club	WA3 3BW	4.60	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Rylands Recreation Club	WA2 7RZ	4.76	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Golborne Sports & Social Club	WA3 2SE	4.87	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Golbourne Hockey club	WA3 2SE	4.87	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Golborne Cricket Club	WA3 2SE	4.87	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
Stubshaw Cross Community Club	WN4 8TP	4.88	Labour Clubs / Recreation Clubs / Sports Clubs
<b>Religious</b>			
Sutton Village Church	WA9 3LE	0.18	Church
St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church	WA9 3ZD	0.31	Church
All Saints Church, St helens	WA9 3PY	0.42	Church
St Theresa of the Child of Jesus Church	WA9 4RR	0.48	Church
St Nicholas Church, Sutton	WA9 3UX	0.59	Church
St Michael's Parish Hall	WA5 4PT	1.12	Church
St Peters Parr C of E Church	WA9 2DZ	1.51	Church
Saint Peter's Church	WA9 2DT	1.53	Church
The Mount Church, St Helen's	WA9 1BW	1.73	Church
St Batholomews Church	L35 6NY	1.82	Church
St Helens Parish Church	WA10 1AF	1.95	Church
St Helen's Baptist Church	WA10 1EL	2.00	Church
Holy Cross and Saint Helen Catholic Church	WA10 1EF	2.01	Church
St Helen's Spiritualist Church	WA10 1LH	2.05	Church
St Marys Immaculate Catholic Church	WA11 9RJ	2.23	Church
St John's Church	WA10 3ND	2.27	Church
St Austins R C Church	WA9 5NN	2.27	Church
Cross Lane United Church	WA12 9PT	2.27	Church
St John's United Reform church	WA10 2JZ	2.30	Church
St Paul's Church	WA11 9QF	2.30	Church
St Luke's Church	WA8 9HU	2.38	Church
All Saints Church	WA12 9TY	2.42	Church
Church of St Mary's, Lowe House	WA10 2BE	2.43	Church
St Matthew's Church	WA10 3SE	2.45	Church
Saint Phillip Westbrook	WA5 8UF	2.51	Church
St Mark's Church	WA10 2TZ	2.60	Church
St Mary & St John R C Church	WA12 9UD	2.65	Church
St Mary's C of E Church	WA5 1RE	2.74	Church
St Joseph's Catholic Church	WA5 2BB	2.77	Church
St Lukes Church	WA10 4PU	2.85	Church
Saint Paul's Church Penketh	WA5 2RX	2.91	Church
Our Lady Help of Christians	L34 2QT	2.92	Church
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church	WA10 6SF	3.14	Church
St Peter's Church	WA12 9SR	3.23	Church

Name	Postcode	Distance (km)	Type of Space
St James Church	WA5 1EU	3.27	Church
St James Church	WA4 6PT	3.27	Church
Christ Church Eccleston	WA10 5DA	3.47	Church
St Oswald's Church	WA2 8LF	3.50	Church
St Oswald's Church	WA1 3LB	3.50	Church
Kings Church	WA5 0DY	3.53	Church
St Leo R C Church	L35 3PN	3.66	Church
Prescot Community Church	L35 3SX	3.74	Church
Life Church Orford	WA2 9SE	3.75	Church
St Barnabas Church	WA5 1TY	3.83	Church
St Julie Church	WA10 5HJ	3.84	Church
St Nicholas Church, Whiston	L35 3SG	3.86	Church
St Oswald and St Edmund	WN4 9NP	3.96	Church
Prescot Parish Church	L34 3LA	3.98	Church
Roman Catholic Church of Stephen, First Martyr	WA2 9HS	4.00	Church
St Thomas Church, Ashton-in-Makerfield	WN4 9PL	4.04	Church
Relentless Church	WA5 1AJ	4.05	Church
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church	WA5 1AE	4.09	Church
St Andrew's Church	WA2 9UE	4.13	Church
St Alban's Church, Warrington	WA2 7JQ	4.35	Church
St Ann's Church Warrington	WA2 8AJ	4.35	Church
St Benedict's Church Warrington	WA2 7QE	4.46	Church
Holy Trinity C of E Church	WA1 1XG	4.53	Church
St Margaret & All Hallows	WA2 8DT	4.55	Church
King's Church Warrington	WA1 1JG	4.55	Church
Christ church Haydock URC	WA11 OAX	4.56	Church
Life Church Golborne	WA3 3DA	4.68	Church
Saint Gabriel's Parish Church - Huyton Quarry	L36 6BH	4.75	Church
St Thomas Church, Goborne	WA3 3TH	4.84	Church
Iman Trust Mosque	WA9 5AU	0.89	Mosque
Friday Prayer	WA9 3DA	0.92	Mosque
Friday Prayer	WA5 1QG	0.92	Mosque
Aysha Siddique Muslim Community Centre and Prayers Room	WA12 9AS	2.17	Mosque
Jumma Salah in Sanctuary	L35 5DR	3.09	Mosque
Warrington Islamic Association	WA5 0BF	3.74	Mosque
Mosque Warrington	WA1 1LX	4.42	Mosque
Princes Road Synagogue	L34 5PB	3.74	Synagogue

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