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KKP, who produced the Open Space Assessment, carried out a site audit between May and July 2019. Sites were identified by the following means:

- Identification of existing sites protected in the Core Strategy. Individual settlement tables in the OSA document highlight whether a site is currently protected in the Core Strategy;
- Identification of additional open spaces through a desk top exercise and site visits;
- Identification of additional sites through engagement with town and parish councils.

A site size threshold of 0.2 hectares was used. For sites to be included within the assessment they needed to fall into one or more of the following categories:

- 1. Parks and gardens
- 2. Natural and semi-natural greenspace
- 3. Amenity greenspace
- 4. Provision for children and young people
- 5. Allotments
- 6. Cemeteries/churchyards
- 7. Civic spaces

Table 1.1, page 1, defines each typology.

There were a number of sites that are currently protected in the Core Strategy that did not fall into the typologies used, such sites have not been assessed. The OSA, page 6, notes that such sites are listed in the site list tables for each settlement (with no site ID) for clarity.

A number of strategic sites on the edge of, or outside settlements, were excluded to avoid skewing figures. Such strategic sites serve a wider area/population than a specific settlement with most people likely to travel by car to them. These are discussed further on page 10 of the document.