

CRWIA Screening template

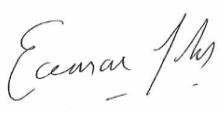
Please complete all sections.

0	Insert policy/measure name. East Lothian Open Space Strategy 2026
1	<p>Brief Summary to include the policy name and overall aims.</p> <p>The East Lothian Open Space Strategy 2026 sets out a 10-year strategic framework (2026–2036) for the development, enhancement and management of parks, greenspaces, sports pitches and other open spaces across East Lothian. It aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect and enhance existing publicly accessible open spaces.• Guide the provision of high-quality new open spaces.• Address climate resilience, biodiversity, health and wellbeing, and social equity.• Fulfil statutory obligations under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 and inform the next Local Development Plan.

2	<p>What aspects of the policy/measure will affect children and young people Remember, the UNCRC articles include non-citizen and undocumented children and young people.</p> <p>The purpose of the updated East Lothian Open Space Strategy is to review the provision, quantity, quality and accessibility of the public parks, greenspaces and open spaces within and on the edge of East Lothian's towns and villages. The Strategy sets out revised and updated proposals on the development, maintenance and use of open spaces and green networks in East Lothian and proposals to meet future need and demand.</p> <p>The proposals are evidence-led and follow consultation & engagement, and aim to ensure that everyone in society will be able to benefit from equitable access to suitable, sufficient, high-quality parks, green spaces, play spaces, sports pitches and other open spaces. This includes children and young people.</p> <p>The principles set out in the draft strategy for the development, maintenance and use of parks, greenspaces and other open spaces in East Lothian will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that local communities are involved in making decisions about improvements to their local parks and greenspaces; • Enabling more people to visit, use and feel welcome in our parks and open spaces; • Ensuring that our parks and greenspaces are accessible to all, taking particular note of requirements for specific groups including people with disabilities or other mobility issues, those with protected characteristics, and ensuring the voices of children and young people are heard; • Encouraging and supporting the involvement of local people, groups and organisations in the management of their local parks and greenspaces; • Ensuring that management of parks and greenspaces delivers the Outcomes of the strategy, based in particular around the key themes of Climate, Nature and Health and Wellbeing
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3	<p>What likely impact will the policy/measure have on children and young people? Please consider both direct and indirect impacts.</p> <p>‘Direct’ impact refers to policies/measures where children and young people are directly affected by the proposed changes, e.g., in early years, education, child protection or looked after children (children in care).</p> <p>‘Indirect’ impact refers to policies/measures that are not directly aimed at children but will have an impact on them. Examples include welfare reforms, parental leave, housing supply, or local transport schemes.</p> <p>Impact can be positive or negative, specific or disproportionate.</p> <p>Indirect: Positive impact</p> <p>The Open Space Strategy sets out revised and updated proposals on the development, maintenance and use of open spaces and green networks in East Lothian and proposals to meet future need and demand. The proposals are evidence-led and follow consultation & engagement, and aim to ensure that everyone in society will be able to benefit from equitable access to suitable, sufficient, high-quality parks, green spaces, play spaces, sports pitches and other open spaces. This includes children and young people.</p> <p>It is recognised that play spaces and equipped play areas are more likely to be used by children and young people. We have recently undertaken a detailed East Lothian Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA), approved in 2024. We commissioned Play Scotland to prepare our PSA including undertaking a detailed assessment of all formal public outdoor play spaces in East Lothian, with particular focus on inclusion and accessibility. Extensive consultation and engagement, particularly with children and young people, including those with Additional Support Needs, also informed the PSA, with particular attention to the views of the following three groups, which were identified as priority groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled and Additional Support Needs (ASN) children and families; • Young women and girls; • Early years (0-4 year olds) families. <p>Five play spaces were also assessed by disabled children and their families with the support from specialist practitioners from East Lothian Play Association (ELPA) and Can Do. Play Scotland developed a new Accessibility and Inclusion Play Space Assessment to assess East Lothian’s formal outdoor play spaces. Views gathered from children and young people included their views on playing, hanging-out in and enjoying other outdoor open spaces including parks and more natural open spaces. The PSA includes Recommendations to improve the quality, range, accessibility and inclusion of play areas.</p> <p>The East Lothian Play Sufficiency Assessment is published on the Council’s website: https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/13879/play_sufficiency_assessment_report_-_march_2024</p>
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<p>4</p>	<p>Which groups of children and young people will be impacted? This can refer to any grouping of children or young people by a shared characteristic – not just age or setting but the circumstances in which they are living.</p> <p>Improving and enhancing parks, greenspaces and play spaces, including improving accessibility for all ages and abilities, enabling access to nature, and spaces for outdoor play, sports and social gathering / events, will benefit all children and young people, particularly their health, wellbeing and physical activity. Specific enhancements to play areas / playspaces proposed through the Play Sufficiency Assessment and the Open Space Strategy, developed through consultation & engagement with a range of children and young people, are intended to benefit all children & young people across our communities. Children and young people who are anticipated to benefit most from these proposals are those who live in more deprived areas and/or areas with currently lower quality parks & greenspace provision, as these areas will be a priority for improvement and enhancement to benefit local people.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Is a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment required? Please state if a CRWIA will be carried out or not. Please explain your reasons.</p> <p>Children and young people will not be adversely affected by this strategy. The Open Space Strategy is a 10-year high-level strategic document with overarching actions. The strategy proposes that any local improvements to parks/open spaces would involve seeking views from local people including children & young people wherever possible and by collaboratively preparing Park Management Plans in partnership with key stakeholders and partners, including local communities and involving specific groups as appropriate, to deliver improvements and enhancements to open space. Identification of any particular impacts would therefore be undertaken at this local level at the project stage (Park Management Plan preparation stage) for specific parks – there may be impacts at that stage but they will differ between different local areas and different towns depending on their demographic and SIMD status.</p> <p>Considering all the recent evidence and information gathered through the Open Space Strategy process, including additionally considering the information and feedback from other recent consultations (including the PSA and LDP2) to enhance our understanding, it is our conclusion that a full CRWIA is not required.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>If you are not proceeding to a full CRWIA, please sign off.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Head of Service signature: Date of Sign off: 15/12/2025</p>