Open Space Assessment

The Local Plan sets out in Policy C3 "Providing public open space for leisure and recreation" sets out the requirement for providing public open space within new development. The policy stipulates that proposals should maintain and/or enhance the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space and address any shortfalls in provision, when measured against the standards set out in Table 12 of the Local Plan. The process by which applicants can determine their open space requirements, including identifying shortfalls at a local level, is set out in the Open Space Supplementary Planning Document.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council have produced an Open Space Calculator and Open Space SPD in November 2016 to calculate the requirements of open space to be provided as part of or resulting from development.

The Open Space SPD sets out a three stage process to calculating the open space requirement and include;

Stage A Accessibility (distance) assessment – to establish whether all residents of the new development access existing open space within the required distances;

Stage B Quantity Assessment – to establish whether there is an existing open space quantity shortfall in the local area; and

Stage C Quality Assessment – to establish whether there is an existing open space quality shortfall in the local area.

It is considered that a commuted sum in lieu of onsite provision is acceptable over onsite provision in this case and therefore is proposed that the development will likely require a commuted sum to meet the open space need as a result of the development and will likely be secured through a Section 106 Agreement.