

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS MATTER 4**

**Open Space Study (Action 4.3)**

<b>4.3</b>	<b>Undertake an Open Space Assessment to ensure open space policy / decisions on open space are in line with NPPF (and set out how this will inform the Open Space Supplementary Planning Document - SPD). [This is also a Main Modification].</b>
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1. The Council commissioned Knight Kavanagh and Page (KKP) to produce an Open Space Assessment (OSA) for Rossendale. This is available to view on the Local Plan Examination webpage in Examination Library 8  
[https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/11331/examination\\_library\\_8\\_-\\_items\\_arising\\_from\\_action\\_list\\_document\\_el6001](https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/11331/examination_library_8_-_items_arising_from_action_list_document_el6001)
  
2. The Council is expecting to commission KKP to prepare a new Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to replace the existing Open Space and Play Equipment Contributions SPD  
[https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/10810/open\\_space\\_and\\_play\\_equipment\\_contributions](https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/10810/open_space_and_play_equipment_contributions). We are still awaiting confirmation of the timescales for the production of such a document. This information will be made available to the Inspectors as soon as possible.
  
3. In addition to looking at Open Space provision it is hoped that the findings of the Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities studies may also input into the SPD. Depending on timescales it may be necessary to continue to use the existing SPD for these matters until such time that the SPD can be updated with the findings of the Indoor Built Sports Facilities study and an update to the 2016 Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Study, submitted as part of the Council's [Evidence Base](#). Both of these studies are underway and are being prepared with the assistance of Sport England and Rossendale Leisure Trust. Please refer to Action 17.1.
  
4. This SPD will provide further detail on the policies and proposals within the Local Plan. This will focus on open space provision standards and how they will be applied. This will assist in the consideration and determining of planning applications.
  
5. The SPD is expected to contain the following information:
  - i. Policy context – where does the requirement for open space sit in terms of national and local planning policy
  - ii. Overview of the evidence base used to inform setting of standards
  - iii. Explanation to the set provision standards
  - iv. Explanation to how the standards are applied and how contributions are calculated
  - v. Setting process for calculating the financial contribution for off-site provision or improvements
  - vi. Design principles for open space provision
  - vii. Setting process for calculating maintenance costs required