

## What do you think of parks, play areas, sport and recreational land, other open spaces and indoor sports facilities in Leeds?

For your chance to win **£250** please fill in the slip below and enclose **it** along with the **completed** questionnaire.

Dear Resident,

We very much **hope you can spare 10 minutes to complete the attached questionnaire**. The results will look at open space and indoor sports facilities to see if there are enough to meet the future needs of Leeds' residents. The findings will be used to help make important decisions on where money will be spent in your local open spaces, sport and recreation facilities.

Even if you don't use open space, sport and recreation facilities, we are keen to hear your views and all the answers you give will be treated as confidential.

**The questionnaire is quick and easy to answer.** Please try to answer as many questions as possible by placing a tick in the boxes or write your answer in the space provided. Please return your questionnaire even if you are unable to answer all of the questions, as any information you provide will be helpful. When completing the questionnaire please answer the questions in relation to the open space, sport and recreation facilities within your area.

### Who should complete the questionnaire?

The questionnaire is not addressed to any particular individual in your household. This is because we would like to hear the views of the widest possible range of people – so anyone can answer the questionnaire. If you have questions or need help completing the questionnaire please phone myself on 0161 2355570. Alternatively, you can email your views to:

[leedsopenspace@pmpconsult.com](mailto:leedsopenspace@pmpconsult.com)

Please return your completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope by **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**.

Many thanks for your help with this important study.

Yours sincerely

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### FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN £250:

Please complete (and enclose with your completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope):

**Name:** .....

**Address:**.....

**Telephone Number:**.....

# Leeds City Council - Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs Assessment



## DEFINITIONS OF OPEN SPACE

- Parks and gardens** - These range from major parks to small memorial gardens (eg Golden Acre and Burley Park)
- Natural areas** - Woods, Nature Reserves and unmanaged greenspaces such as scrubland
- Green corridors** - These are footpaths, canal towpaths, bridleways and cycleways
- Amenity areas** - These are small or large greenspaces often found amongst housing estates
- Play areas for children** - These are equipped play areas for children (eg swings, slides and climbing frames)
- Facilities for young people / teenagers** - These range from youth shelters, to skate parks and multi-use-games-areas
- Outdoor sports facilities** - Grass pitches, bowling greens, tennis courts, athletics tracks and golf courses
- Allotments** - Public or private open spaces dedicated to growing produce and gardening
- Cemeteries and churchyards** - Open and closed burial grounds and cemeteries
- Civic spaces** - Formal hard surfaces for pedestrians such as civic squares and market squares
- Indoor sports facilities** - Swimming pools, sports halls, racquet sports, bowls centres, ice rinks, private and council run gyms

## SECTION ONE - QUANTITY, QUALITY AND ACCESS

### Quantity

**Q1** Please tick below whether you feel there is ENOUGH OR NOT ENOUGH provision for each type of open space, sport and recreation facilities within your local area and if possible, explain briefly the reason for your answer (e.g. not enough in your area/ quality is poor / difficult to get to).

	More than enough	About right	Nearly enough	Not enough	No opinion
Parks and gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answer	<input type="text"/>				
Natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answer	<input type="text"/>				
Green corridors	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answers	<input type="text"/>				
Amenity areas	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answer	<input type="text"/>				
Play areas for children	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answer	<input type="text"/>				
Facilities for young people / teenagers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answer	<input type="text"/>				
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answer	<input type="text"/>				
Cemeteries and churchyards	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answer	<input type="text"/>				
Civic spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason for answer	<input type="text"/>				

### Travel Time

**Q2** Please write the TIME you would expect to travel and the type of transport you would expect to use when travelling to open space, sport and recreation facilities in Leeds (please state one time and travel mode for each type only e.g. if you expect to walk to a play area for children and take 10 minutes to get there, please write 10 in the walk column):

	Walk	Cycle	Bus	Car
Parks and gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green corridors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amenity areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play areas for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for young people / teenagers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cemeteries and churchyards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civic spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**SECTION TWO - SPECIFIC TO THE TYPE OF OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY YOU USE MOST FREQUENTLY**

**Q8** Which of the following TYPES do you use MOST FREQUENTLY in Leeds? (PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE.)

<i>Parks and gardens</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Play areas for children</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Allotments</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Natural areas</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Facilities for young people / teenagers</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Cemeteries and churchyards</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Green corridors</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Outdoor sports facilities</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Civic spaces</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Amenity areas</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Indoor sports facilities</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Q9** Please name the SITE you use MOST FREQUENTLY and where it is located. (e.g. part of town)

Site Name.....

Location.....

**QUESTIONS 10- 15 SHOULD RELATE TO THE TYPE YOU USE MOST FREQUENTLY AS INDICATED IN QUESTIONS 8 and 9**

**Travel**

**Q10** How do you normally TRAVEL there? (please tick one box only)

*Walk* .....     *Car* .....     *Public transport*.....     *Cycle* .....

**Q11** How LONG does it take you to reach this type of open space, sport and recreation facility? (please tick one box only)

*About 5 minutes*.....     *About 10 minutes*.....     *About 15 minutes*.....

*About 20 minutes*.....     *About 25 minutes*.....     *Over 30 minutes* .....

**Aspirations**

**Q12** If you were describing your ideal features within this type, what would be the TOP FEATURES you think should be provided? (please only tick up to FIVE). If you use an indoor sports facility most frequently please answer from Q15 onwards (Q18 will relate to your ideal features)

<i>Well kept grass</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Events eg music</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Dog walking facilities</i> . <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Cycle paths/parking</i> ... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Clean / litter free</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Toilets</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Dog free area</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Play assistants</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Flowers/trees and shrubs</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Cafe</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Litter bins</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Welcoming staff</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Changing facilities</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Seating</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Facilities for children and young people</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Ease of booking</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Parking facilities</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Picnic area</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Good access to site</i> ... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Maintenance of equipment</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Footpaths</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Nature features (eg wildlife)</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>On site security (eg warden/CCTV)</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Level surface/ good drainage</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Pond / lake /water features</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Information boards</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Other</i>	<input type="text"/>		

**Q13** Do you feel safe when using this type of open space, sport and recreation facility in Leeds?

*Yes* .....     *No*.....     *Sometimes*.....

**Q14** Which of the following factors would make you feel SAFER using this type of open space, sport and recreation facility? (please tick one or more)

<i>Adequate lighting</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Staff on site (e.g. park rangers)</i> ... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Overlooked by housing</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Clear route to open space</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Reputation of area / space</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other users</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>CCTV</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Clear boundaries</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Other</i>	<input type="text"/>	

**Quality**

**Q15** Please indicate whether you experience any of the following **PROBLEMS** at the open space, sport and recreation type you visit most frequently as indicated in Q8 by rating the seriousness of the problem in the boxes below:

	<i>Significant Problem</i>	<i>Minor Problem</i>	<i>No problem</i>
Vandalism and graffiti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and age of equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of seating etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of grass cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misuse of site (e.g. unruly behaviour)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty in booking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A lack of or poor changing facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SECTION THREE - OUTDOOR SPORTS**

**General**

**Q16** Please tick below whether you feel there is **ENOUGH OR NOT ENOUGH** provision for each type of outdoor sport facility in your local area and if possible, explain briefly the reason for your answer.

	<i>More than enough</i>	<i>About right</i>	<i>Nearly enough</i>	<i>Not enough</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Grass pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<input type="text"/>				
Synthetic turf pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<input type="text"/>				
Athletics tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<input type="text"/>				
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<input type="text"/>				
Bowling greens	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<input type="text"/>				
Golf courses	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Reason for answer</i>	<input type="text"/>				

**Q17** Please write the **TIME** you would **expect** to travel against the type of transport you would **expect** to use for each outdoor facility type. (please state one time and travel mode for each facility type only)

	<i>Walk</i>	<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Public Transport</i>	<i>Car</i>
Grass pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Synthetic turf pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Athletics tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowling greens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SECTION FOUR - INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES**

**Q18** If you were describing your ideal features for indoor sport facilities, what would be the **TOP FIVE FEATURES** you think should be provided? (please only tick up to FIVE)

<i>Accessible routes to leisure facilities.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Information available.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Ease / security of parking.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Welcoming staff.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Cleanliness of changing rooms...</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Child care facilities.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ease of booking.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Maintenance of facility / equipment.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Cost of facilities.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Range of activities.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Refreshments / vending.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Longer opening times.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>Cycle parking.....</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q19

Please tick below whether you feel there is ENOUGH or NOT ENOUGH provision for each type of indoor facility in your local area and if possible, explain briefly the reason for your answer

	<i>More than enough</i>	<i>About right</i>	<i>Nearly enough</i>	<i>Not enough</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>					
Sports halls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>					
Indoor bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>					
Racquet sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>					
Private gyms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>					
Council run gyms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>					
Ice rinks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reason for answer</i>					

Q20

Please write the TIME you would expect to travel against the type of transport you would expect to use for each indoor facility type. (please state one time and travel mode for each facility type only)

	<i>Walk</i>	<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Public Transport</i>	<i>Car</i>
Swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports halls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racquet sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private gyms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council run gyms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice rinks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SECTION FIVE - CITY CENTRE**

Q21

In terms of open space, sport and recreation facilities in the city centre specifically, how would you rate the current quantity of provision?

*More than enough*.....      *About right* .....      *Nearly enough* .....   
*Not enough* .....      *No opinion* .....

*Please explain the reason for your answer*

Q22

How would you rate the quality of open space, sport and recreation facilities in the city centre?

*Very Good* .....      *Good* .....      *Don't Know* .....   
*Very Poor* .....      *Average* .....      *Poor* .....

*Please explain the reason for your answer*

Q23

What type of open space, sport and recreation facility would you like to see more of in the city centre? (Please tick one)

<i>Parks and gardens</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Facilities for young people / teenagers</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Civic spaces</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Natural and semi natural</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Outdoor sports facilities</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Green corridors</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Amenity areas</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Indoor sports facilities</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Cemeteries and churchyards</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Play areas for children</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Allotments</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	

**General**

Q24

How often do you participate in moderate intensity physical activity for at least 30 minutes?

*Never*.....      *Twice per week*.....      *Four times per week* .....   
*Once per week*.....      *Three times per week* .....      *Five or more times per week* .....

Q25

If you have any other COMMENTS that you would like to make regarding open space, sport and recreation provision in Leeds, please write them in the box below.

[Empty box for comments]

**SECTION SIX - SOME DETAILS ABOUT YOU**

Q26

Are you:

Male.....  Female.....

Q27

How old are you?

16 -18 .....  30-44 .....  60-74 .....   
19-29 .....  45-59 .....  75+ .....

Q28

How long have you lived in the City of Leeds?

Up to 1 year.....  4-5 years .....  11 -15 years.....  21 years or more.....   
2-3 years .....  6-10 years .....  16-20 years.....

Q29

Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed (incl. full time, part time or self employed).....  Unemployed and not looking for work.....  Not working but responsible for looking after home/dependents...   
Unemployed and currently looking for work.....  Student or on a training scheme.  Other .....   
Retired.....

Other (please specify)

[Empty box for other employment status]

Q30

Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?

White British .....  Any Other Mixed Background .....  Black or Black British Caribbean.   
White Irish.....  Asian or Asian British Indian .....  Black or Black British African .....   
Any Other White Background.....  Asian or Asian British Pakistani ..  Any Other Black Background .....   
White and Black African.....  Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi.....  Chinese .....   
White and Asian.....  Any Other Asian Background.....

Q31

Are there any children in the household under 16 years?

Yes .....  No.....

Q32

As part of the consultation process would you be willing to take part in a residents focus group? If yes, please provide your details below and you may be contacted in the forthcoming weeks.

Yes .....  No.....

Name

[Empty box for name]

Address (including post code)

[Empty box for address]

Email Address

[Empty box for email address]

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**Thank you for completing this questionnaire, please return it in the prepaid envelope provided by Wednesday 21st May**