



CEDAR PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008-2010

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This management plan is divided into the following sections.

Sections 1 and 2 give a summary and information about the site, including location, history and the industrial landscape.

Section 3 is a statement of the 'Vision for the Future of Cedar Park'.

Section 4 outlines how the vision relates to overarching Council priorities and programmes: the strategic context.

Sections 5 to 12 state the objectives for the future management and how those objectives are being, and will continue, to be met.

Section 13 gives information about monitoring, reviewing and plans for the future.

Section 14 contains the appendices.



1. Summary

The aims and objectives for the management of Cedar Park, and from which the management plan is derived, are the means by which the 'Vision' (section 3) will be realised. This is based on the Green Flag criteria and falls into eight broad categories:

**Creating a sense of welcome to the area;
Ensuring a safe and healthy environment;
Ensuring the area is clean and well maintained;
Ensuring the area is managed in environmentally
sensitive ways;
Conserving the historic heritage;
Encouraging community involvement;
Effective marketing of the area;
Implementing an effective management strategy.**

This Management Plan covers the period 2008-2010

The plan is displayed at Cedar Park for viewing and comments. Any information in the supporting file can be obtained on request from Ashton District Assembly Office.

2. Site Details

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Location: Grid reference: SJ 947001
Map coverage: Ordnance Survey Sheets
1:50,000 Landranger Map 109: Manchester
1:25,000 Explorer Map 277: Manchester and Salford
Cedar Park is situated on the B6194 in the Hurst area of
Ashton-under-Lyne and in the Ward of Hurst.

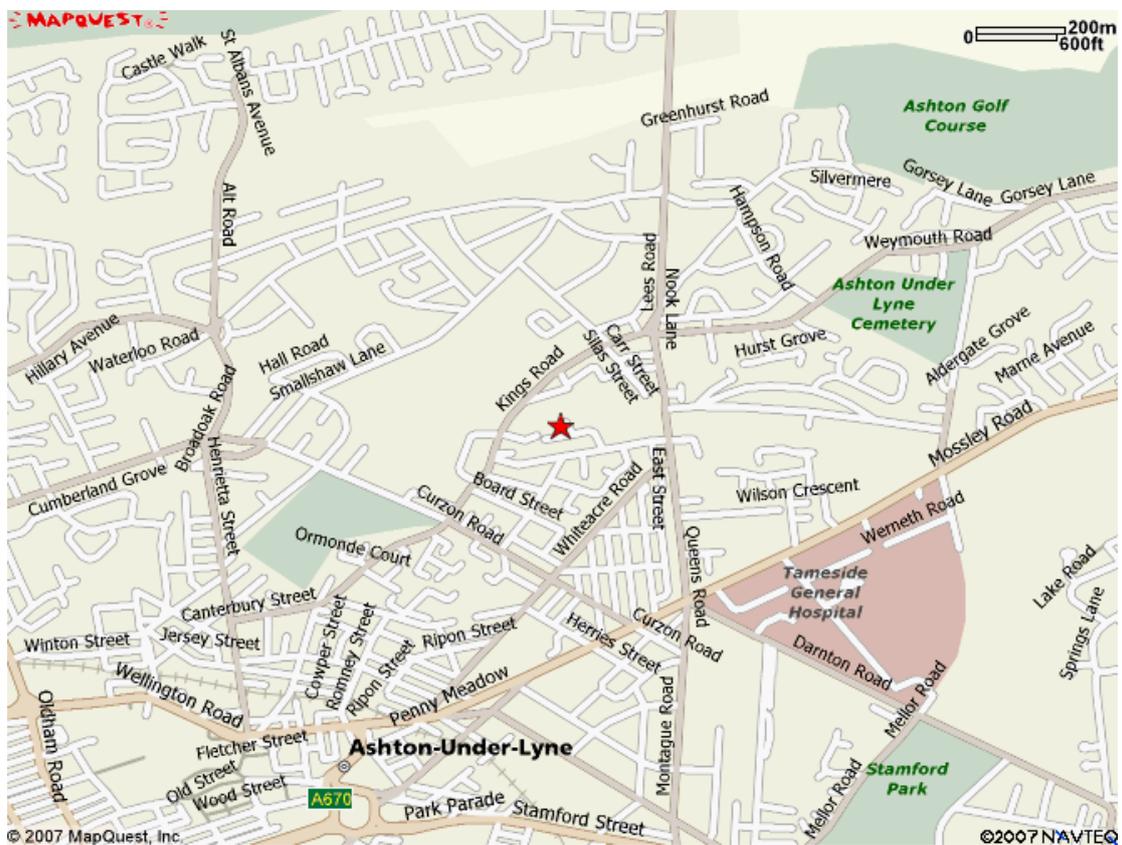
Area: 2.78 Hectares

Tenure: The land is owned by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, and managed by Ashton District Assembly, within the Neighbourhood and Community Services function.

Access: Access is from Ashton town centre, on the A670, then the B6194 sign posted Oldham.

Site Details:

Tameside's Mapping System View



Mapquest View

History of the Park:

Urban parks were established in 1833 as a direct result of the Industrial Revolution. As towns and cities grew and prospered, there grew a necessity to create a prime weapon in the new urban war against social evils.

In this same year, the Select Committee on Public Works produced the first report confirming how much public parks were needed, bringing the benefits of exercise, health, a civilising influence and meeting places. To this end, many Industrialists became benefactors of such places. Ashton-under-Lyne had its fair share of pioneers.

The Hurst area of Ashton was a mixture of coal mining and, later, cotton mills. The Whittaker family were the main pioneers of the area, owning the large mills which surrounded Cedar Park, or Hurst Urban District Council Recreation Ground as it was known from the closing of Hurst Colliery to the 1930s.



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An aerial view of the mills: The Recreation Ground is in the bottom right corner.

The Hurst Urban District Council Recreation Ground Committee was formed around 1911. Councillors and Officers were entrusted with the formation of the park, much as they do today. The recreation ground was officially opened on 12th June 1913, with Lady Aitken, wife of the MP for Ashton, opening the main entrance on Chapel St, now Alderley St, with a gold key. The local Sunday Schools led a procession to mark the event.

The playground was added later, with the bowling greens and pavilions following in 1925.

Use today:

The site is regularly used by local people and visitors from around the Borough, for a variety of activities. There are well developed links with local schools and other partners, and due to the refurbishment of the large pavilion, a programme of events has been established.

Summary of Resources:

Cedar Park is one of number of urban parks within Ashton which cater for the diverse cultural nature of the area. Hurst was once a thriving industrial and coal mining area and the small pockets of housing estates have grown from these brown field sites. The Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) has brought a much needed programme of refurbishment to the area. Cedar Park has benefited from this in many ways - a once shabby changing room is now a well appointed community building. There are plans to extend this in 2009 with further funding secured.

Cedar Park is managed and maintained by Ashton District Assembly. It is situated on a busy road linking Ashton with Oldham. The park is a small urban park flanked by predominantly small industries and social housing. Briefly, the park comprises: Bowling Greens; a MUGA; Pavilions; Cycle Track/Road Safety markings; Play Area; IPlay; and a Mini Soccer Pitch.

The gentle rolling landscape is a draw for dog walkers and mature trees and shrubs form the backdrop for this integral part of the Hurst community.



A plaque commemorating a member of the Bowling Club.

3. A Vision for Cedar Park

This section contains a statement of Tameside Metropolitan Borough's vision for Cedar Park. The statement forms the basis for the future of the park.

'We want Tameside to be an attractive and environmentally friendly place to live, work and visit. We are committed to working with local communities to protect and improve our surroundings to make Tameside a cleaner and more accessible place for current and future generations.'

The District Assembly's aim is to promote Cedar Park as a diverse leisure facility for those in the local community who live near it and others who use it as an area for both formal and informal recreation.

The aims and objectives by which 'the vision for Cedar Park' will be raised are based on the key criteria set in the *Green Flag Park Award Guidance Manual*.

We believe this vision can best be achieved by continuing to work closely with the users of the park and partnership agencies.

Cedar Park is managed in context with the over arching policies and strategies of the council. In particular: **Tameside Council's Vision and Values**

4. Strategic Context

The Council's overall vision is to maximise the well-being of the people of the Borough. In achieving this vision it will:

- **Establish open systems of listening and communicating**
- **Develop innovative ways of involving the community**
- **Be flexible and adaptive to the changing needs of the Borough**
- **Work in a co-operative and co-ordinated way to improve the quality of services**
- **Provide quality of access to services**
- **Develop public confidence in local democracy and the Council**

The Community Strategy

Based upon extensive consultation with local people, businesses and partner organisations in 2002, the Tameside Strategic Partnership (TSP) established the key issues facing the Borough for the next ten years. From this the Partnership produced the 2003-2013 Community Strategy, which sets out six themes for the future of Tameside. These themes are:

- **Supportive Communities** - Promoting a cohesive Borough with strong and positive relationships between people from all backgrounds and cultures, and where all people have similar life opportunities- Cedar Park welcomes all users.
- **A Safe Environment** - Reducing crime and improving community safety- Cedar Park promotes safety and discourages vandalism.
- **A Prosperous Society** - Improving the local economy through strong sustainable businesses, a skilled workforce and good quality housing. Cedar Park is in the Regeneration area and has benefited through funding.
- **A Learning Community** - Raising educational achievement and learning opportunities, Cedar Park supports this.
- **A Healthy Population** - Improving health and support for vulnerable people, Cedar Park, through Tameside Youth Service and Surestart, also supports this.
- **An Attractive Borough** - Protecting our environment and creating a cleaner, greener neighbourhood. Cedar Park contributes through the District Assembly's work in this area.

Other linking strategies

Sustainable Communities Business Plan

A working document for delivering the Council's Parks and Land Management Service. The plan delivers best value through continuous improvement, performance monitoring, action plans, equalities and resources.

Trees and Woodland Strategy

A strategy for the effective management of the Borough's trees and woodlands.

Health and Well-being Strategy

A vision for improving the health of all Tameside's residents. Access to the parks and green space and its health benefits also form part of this strategy.

Quality of Life Strategy for Tameside

A strategy for improving the quality of life through the Council's programme of Local Agenda 21 work. The strategy seeks to achieve:

Social progress that meets the needs of everyone.

Effective protection of the environment.

Prudent use of natural resources.

Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.

Children's Play Policy

This policy guides play provision for children across Tameside. The policy aims to ensure that a suitable amount and standard play facilities are provided by the Council and are really accessible to children and their parents and carers. The play ground in Cedar Park is one of the Local - Plus sites designed for both young and older children.

Health and Safety Policy

This policy has been developed to ensure the health and safety of all residents of the Borough, employees and members of the council in connection with the management of public facilities throughout Tameside.

The management of Cedar Park supports all of the above policies, as will be seen throughout this plan.

Performance

The performance of Tameside Council is judged annually as part of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). In 2008, Tameside retained its '4 Star Status.' The management of Cedar Park through the District Assembly continues to contribute to that achievement.



A Four Star Council with the District Assembly Teams

5. Creating a Sense of Welcome

The overall impression for any member of the community approaching and entering the area should be positive and inviting.

Objectives:

To provide easily accessible information about Cedar Park

To provide and maintain high quality signage and information that can improve a visitor's first impression of the park

To keep people informed about who manages the area

To continue to provide and improve access to the area for people irrespective of their age or ability

How the objectives are met: Easily accessible information

Information about opening hours, directions and facilities in the park can be found on Tameside Council's website at <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/parks>

The District Assembly can be contacted direct through the Council's main switchboard on 0161 342 8355, for information for all its parks and open spaces.

Publications issued through partnerships—Tameside What's On and Tameside Citizen—are available with information about the events in the park and locality.

Signage

As the park has progressed through its refurbishment, signage has been part of this process, and as such has been designed in line with styles in other parks

There are entrances at Alderley St, Queens Rd and Carr St.

There are also notice boards in the Cedar Centre which give information about forthcoming events and available courses.

The boundary fence and entrance gates are all recently installed which improves the overall aesthetics and safety of the park.

Access—physical

There is a good and frequent public transport system which caters for the whole of the Greater Manchester area, the bus stop is directly outside the Queens Rd entrance gates.

There is a pedestrian crossing at Queens Rd, and adequate parking at either side of the park.

A car park, accessed from Carr St, has recently been completed.

Tameside has a number of cycle lanes within the highway infrastructure, encouraging cyclists.

There are 3 entrances to the park which are secured by Total Security Solutions, a local security firm, in the evening.

The footpaths and entrances are easily accessible by baby buggies and wheelchairs.

Vegetation is cut back to ensure visibility and prevent injury.

Social

The park has close links with the local community groups and partners with continual improvement in mind.

The park caters for a variety of social groups and, since the refurbishment, hosts a full programme of events over the year.

Staff receive training in disability awareness and, if appropriate, can receive training to help them understand and respond to various users.

Parks staff wear easily identifiable clothing and are courteous and helpful.



6. A Safe and Healthy Environment

It has been the experience of the District Assemblies over the years that effective management of the safety aspects of an area helps to give visitors the guidance to use and enjoy it. A well managed site, where vandalism is quickly repaired, also helps to make people think twice before committing wilful damage, and helps in the presentation of a well cared for site.

Objectives:

To provide a physical environment where visitors can feel safe

To maximise the role that Tameside Council can play in improving the health of the residents of Tameside

To ensure a culture of security

How the objectives are met:

Safe Environment

An annual inspection of the park is carried out in conjunction with a Health and Safety Advisor, in accordance with Health and Safety guidelines, to monitor existing procedures and highlight any areas requiring attention. Recommendations are implemented by the Park's Operation Team. On a day to day basis, any incidents are reported to either the gardener or the Council staff through the main switchboard, and dealt with appropriately.



The children's playground is inspected weekly by the District Assembly Staff and any hazards dealt with. Faults with the equipment are reported and rectified by a specialist playground maintenance team. Weekly reports are filed which allow action to be monitored.

Risk Assessments have been undertaken for all maintenance operations within the park and suitable work methods developed. In addition, a Risk Assessment is carried out prior to any event in the park to ensure public and staff safety.

Staff are on call seven days a week to respond to any occurrences which may affect the health and safety of visitors, including a 24 hour call-out system for emergencies involving dangerous trees. Emergencies can be reported by phoning 0161 342 2222 at any time (minicom 0161 342 3009).

Regular inspections by the management team identify any general health and safety concerns which are then dealt with appropriately.



All trees are inspected annually to identify any safety issues and a budget is in place to deal with these.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is not a major issue in the park but Tameside has designated land under The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, as having a zero tolerance for dog owners who fail to clean up after their dogs in these areas. There may be on the spot fines or prosecution via Tameside Patrollers. A dedicated dog bin is erected in the park for owners' use.

Health Benefits

There is a programme of events, which encompasses the park and through the new Iplay equipment, aimed at health and well-being for all users of the facilities.

Security

Tameside Patrollers regularly patrol the park and surroundings as part of their security checks. The patrollers are under the remit of the Council's Community Safety Team and work closely with the Police and Community Police. Their work involves community liaison, enforcement issues for littering and dog fouling, youth issues and to provide a uniformed presence within the Borough. The park has recently refurbished the security lighting and CCTV is present.



Any repairs through acts of vandalism are carried out by the District Assembly, reported direct or through staff within the park.

All staff have received Working Safely training.



Terry Turner - Cedar Park Craft Gardener

7. Clean and Well Maintained

The Council believes that for health and safety, as well as for aesthetic reasons, it is important to manage and maintain Cedar Park to a high standard.

Objectives:

- To keep the area free of litter, waste and graffiti
- To manage and maintain the park to a high standard
- To maintain equipment to a high standard

How the objectives are met:

Litter and Waste

Litter bins are provided within key points in the park, but subject to funding, this is hoped to be extended.

The park is litter picked and checked weekly and all reports are given to the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor. (Appendix 1)



Ashton District Assembly has acquired graffiti cleansing machinery, which is able to tackle graffiti issues as soon as possible. The park has a few small business buildings which flank the perimeter and often experience graffiti issues on these dividing walls.

The site is subject to yearly Local Environmental Quality Surveys, from which the NI 195 standard is reported to DEFRA. This information is reported to council members and members of the public at the District Assembly meetings. These surveys are carried out by the District Assembly staff.

Manage and Maintain

Formal grass and shrub areas are maintained by the District Assembly's Grounds Maintenance team in accordance with a clearly specified schedule. A permanent gardener is based in Cedar Park.



The basic grounds maintenance operations are laid out in a grounds maintenance specification that are modified as required reflecting local need. The specification may be viewed on request to the Operations Support Officer.

In addition, a regular programme of inspection and maintenance is carried out on the Children's Playground.

Structural and service repairs and maintenance are undertaken by Ashton District Assembly's budget.

Surface materials are durable in areas of heavier use, and appropriate to the context of the park. There are formal shrub beds, regularly maintained grassed areas and trimmed edges along paths in general to present a well cared for site.

Equipment

Plant and equipment used in the park are maintained and repaired as required. In some cases this is undertaken by the Authority's in-house workshops. In other circumstances equipment on lease from commercial companies is maintained by them under the lease agreement.

All equipment (mowers etc) are maintained to a high standard in accordance with the requirements of the Health and Safety guidelines, each item being covered by a risk assessment and policy of use.

Play equipment is subject to the same standards and review procedures.

Staff are appropriately trained in the use and maintenance of equipment.

All staff are provided with and are required to wear appropriate safety equipment.

Vehicles and machinery are maintained to a high standard with regard to manufacturers' recommendations, from small power tools to larger vehicles. This might be carried out at the central maintenance depot or at the manufacturer.

8. Sustainability

Tameside's District Assemblies and Parks and Land Management teams are under the umbrella of Neighbourhood and Community Services, and as such recognise the importance of preserving the environment.

Objectives:

To promote and improve the area's environmental value

To maximise resource conservation and recycling

How the objectives are met:

In line with its commitment to Local Agenda 21, Ashton District Assembly continuously takes account of the principles of sustainability in its management of Cedar Park.

Pesticides are not used within the park unless there is no other viable alternative. If required this would be limited to spot treatment of pests and disease rather than blanket distribution of chemicals.

Overall responsibility for good environmental management at Cedar Park rests with the District Assembly and its Operations Team.

Resource Conservation and Recycling

Water bills are monitored to identify possible leaks.

All materials (paths, timber etc) are from sustainable sources. New plants have a local provenance. Any chemicals and products, such as for cleaning, are subject to assessment under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations, and the lowest risk products are used.



Peat-based products are not used in planting composts or soil conditioners for beds within Cedar Park. All bedding plants used in the park are grown in peat-free compost.

All green waste generated in the park is collected from dedicated containers by Tameside Environmental Services staff to be composted centrally.

Vehicles and machinery are regularly serviced to minimise fuel consumption and emissions.

Plastic containers used in the growing of bedding plants for the park are either reusable or recyclable.

Due to the size of the park and restrictions to vehicle access it is not considered feasible to introduce public recycling facilities within the park, but these are available nearby in the town centre.

All arboricultural waste, including large trunks, is now split and chipped and the resultant chippings are used as top dressings on planted beds across the Borough.

9. Conservation and Heritage

Buildings and Structures

Cedar Park's focus has generally been on the open aspect rather than that of buildings. The original pavilions have been refurbished over the years, but the tennis courts have been lost and a putting green no longer exists. The Safer Stronger Communities Fund has enabled a different focus for Cedar Park. Facilities for people of all ages are now available.

Renovations to the Pavilion...



The New Kitchen Area...



It has been necessary to replace most of the gates and fencing.

Nature Conservation

Due to the size, location and character of the site, the opportunities to provide suitable habitats for wildlife are not as great in Cedar Park as they are in some other parks. The presence and maintenance of a number of larger trees, such as Cedar, London Plane and Cherry are increasing the food and shelter available to allow a number of birds to live and raise young in the park. New tree species are being introduced to encourage this further.

Virtual elimination of the use of pesticides in the park results in a greater variety of insects, which in turn provides more food for birds visiting and nesting in the park.

The Council's Arboriculture Team have responsibility for the trees within the park.



10. Community Involvement

The value of Cedar Park lies in its conception from industrial meeting place for recreation to the community focussed base that it is today.

Who are the community?

The local residents who live in the vicinity of the park
Visitors to the area: participants on events; individuals and families from all ages and backgrounds.

Who are the partners?

Groundwork
Tameside Council and its officers
Bowling Clubs
Tameside Youth Service/Art Groups
Sports Development

Objectives:

To capture and use the views of the community for the future of the park
To manage an appropriate mix of facilities
To maximise accessibility for all to the area.

How the objectives are met:

Community Views

We regularly undertake surveys to find out from users whether we are providing the kind of service they want. This includes barriers to use, things they particularly like and changes they would like to see. Tameside Citizen's Panel is made up of residents from across the Borough, who express their opinions on all of Tameside's services. All parks are also surveyed for the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA), where questions are asked about the

facilities a park may have and usage of the park (appendix 2). The last survey was completed in 2008.

Verbal and written feedback is given to the District Assembly or Youth Service, after an event, which is then entered into a comments log.

We consult with local residents on issues that may affect them.

A newly formed 'Friends of Cedar Park' group meets at the Cedar Centre monthly (appendix 3). There are very active Bowling Clubs and a well attended Youth Club.

Facilities

The park has:

Formal flower and shrub beds with paths and benches at the bowling greens to cater for contemplation and relaxation.

A multi-use games area for the more energetic.

A mixed bowling club has use of its own pavilion.

Football fields are on the Alderley St side of the park.

Iplay equipment.

Community Building.

Cycle and Safety Play Track.



A small children's play area can be found near to the MUGA .



Tameside Youth Service hold sessions for youths and there are summer programmes for younger children.



Accessibility

All sectors of the community are welcomed at Cedar Park as already stated, and the facilities within the park reflect the involvement of all users.

11. Marketing

Cedar Park is not just a local park and play area, it is an integral part of community life. The District Assembly is keen to ensure that local residents are kept informed about the park and its development and also that people around Tameside are made aware of the park and encouraged to visit.

Objectives:

To promote Cedar Park in the context of an overall marketing strategy

To provide a range of information about the park and to promote Cedar Park as a resource for the whole community

How the objectives are met:

Tameside has an overarching marketing strategy which incorporates all services. It is regularly reviewed and plays an integral part in the work of the District Assembly in promoting its parks.

Events in the park are advertised on the Council's website; in the local free newspaper and in the *Tameside Citizen*, delivered to all households.

Tameside has a dedicated Tourism Centre which promotes Tameside as a tourist attraction, including the parks.

Notice boards in the Cedar Centre and at each entrance promote the events held there.

Most events are free to attend

Events held in the park are advertised in the local 'Tameside Citizen' which is delivered to every household in Tameside; Tameside's 'Whats On' booklet available through Libraries and Customer Service points; and also through the park itself.

Publicity Leaflets and Pamphlets



12. Management and Maintenance

This management plan demonstrates how Cedar Park contributes to the safety, health and social life of its community and how Ashton District Assembly, under the direction of Neighbourhood and Community Services, can maintain and bring in future investment to benefit all partners and users, without which Cedar Park would not be as successful as it is today.

Responsibility for the overall management of Cedar Park lies with Ashton District Assembly under the direction of the Town Manager. District Assemblies bring services to the community at a local level. A budget is allocated to each area which is then split between services. Extra funding comes in from Government grants, partnerships and local community groups.

The Town Manager is assisted in the management of the park by his team including an Assistant Town Manager, Environmental Officers responsible for the day to day management of Green Spaces in the town, an Operations Manager responsible for grounds maintenance work on all green sites and administrative assistance.

This management team hold monthly meetings where future works and developments for the park are discussed.

All current and proposed work and events at the park are included within the Ashton Town Plan, produced each year by the Town Manager and agreed by the District Assembly. The individual Town Plans in turn are incorporated into the wider Business Plan, which covers the whole of Tameside's District Assembly Service.

The Town Plan for Ashton can be viewed through the following link:
http://www.tameside.gov.uk/corpgen/distass/townplan_ash.pdf

13. Monitoring and Review

It is intended that this plan be a working document and, as such, shall be amended as opportunities arise to carry out improvements to the park or changing circumstances affect the existing proposals. The purpose of this plan is to help provide a welcoming recreational facility for the residents of Ashton and the wider area.



CEDAR PARK ACTION PLAN

| What do we want to do | Contributes to | Target date |
|---|--|-------------|
| To investigate a seating scheme for the main park | The overall aesthetics of the park | Ongoing |
| To refurbish and improve the lighting in the park | To improve safety and security and to enable greater use of the park | Summer 2009 |
| To maintain partnerships in managing future projects for the site | Improved used of the park and engagement of new partners and community members | Ongoing |
| To enhance visitor enjoyment for all | Manage facilities appropriately | Ongoing |
| To continue with building refurbishments | Improved usage of the park | End 2009 |
| Continue building better relationships with local schools | Encourages new users and ownership | Ongoing |
| Improve the planting and hedgerows in the park | Encourage wildlife and extend the variety of species | Ongoing |

This document reflects the aims and objectives for the future success of Cedar Park and as such is designed to encourage the effective use of resources within the park. The overall aim is to make Cedar Park available to as many people as possible and to make that experience an enjoyable one.

Appendix 1

TAMESIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE (DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES)

CEDAR PARK - ASHTON-U-LYNE

| JOB DESCRIPTION | FREQUENCY | WEEK 1 | WEEK 2 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| CUT BOWLING GREEN No1 | 3 X PER WEEK | X | X |
| CUT BOWLING GREEN No1 | | X | X |
| CUT BOWLING GREEN No1 | | X | X |
| | | | |
| CUT BOWLING GREEN No2 | 3 X PER WEEK | X | X |
| CUT BOWLING GREEN No2 | | X | X |
| CUT BOWLING GREEN No2 | | X | X |
| | | | |
| SHEAR WORK -BOWLING GREENS | WEEKLY | X | X |
| CLEAN CHANNEL - BOWLING GREENS | WHEN REQUIRED | X | X |
| | | | |
| CUT GRASS - ROTARY MACHINE | WEEKLY | X | X |
| CUT GRASS - FLYMO | WEEKLY | X | X |
| STRIM FENCE - LINES AND OBS | WHEN REQUIRED | X | X |
| WEED AND CULTIVATE SHRUBS | WHEN REQUIRED | X | X |
| WEED AND CULTIVATE ROSES | WHEN REQUIRED | X | X |
| DEAD HEAD SHRUB, ROSE, FLOWER BEDS | WHEN REQUIRED | | |
| PLANT SUMMER BEDDING | ONCE PER SEASON | X | X |
| PLANT SPRING BEDDING | ONCE PER SEASON | X | X |
| CUT BEECH HEDGE | TWICE PER SEASON | | |
| | | | |
| OPEN AND CLOSE GATES | DAILY | X | X |
| CHECK PARK - LITTER PICK | DAILY | X | X |
| INSPECT AND CLEAN PLAYGROUND | DAILY | X | X |
| EMPTY LITTER BINS | DAILY | X | X |
| SWEEP PATHS | WHEN REQUIRED | X | X |
| CLEAR LEAVES | WHEN REQUIRED | X | X |
| CLEAN GRID TOPS | WHEN REQUIRED | X | X |

AGMA PARKS SURVEY

Appendix 2 AGMA Questionnaire

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | N/A |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| | Agree | | | Disagree | Don't Know |
| There is good access to the park and paths are level and well surfaced | | | | | |
| The park has enough seats, benches and picnic tables | | | | | |
| The flower beds, trees and shrubs are attractive and well maintained | | | | | |
| The park has well maintained sports facilities | | | | | |
| The park has adequate play facilities for children of all ages | | | | | |
| The park has easy to follow signs and notice boards | | | | | |
| The park has adequate and well maintained toilet facilities | | | | | |
| The park is kept tidy and free from litter | | | | | |
| The park is kept free from dog mess | | | | | |
| I feel safe using the park | | | | | |

Appendix 3

Friends of Cedar Park Public Meeting Minutes from meeting held 21st October 2008

Present: Cllr M Sidebottom, Cllr W. Harrison, Sue Moorcroft, Sangita Patel (TMBC Regen), Bradley McAllister, Robert Skeldon, Navina Fadries (TMBC), Gerald Brierley, (Mens Bowling), Geoff Roebuck, Jim Sutherland (Residents), Janet Wardley, Jackie Wardley, M Mellor, Doris Wardley (Ladies Bowling)

Apologies: Rachel Berrisford, Tracey Bennett, Kevin Lees, Pam Chadwick, Caroline Wilkinson (TMBC) Beth Walker (Resident)

| | | Lead Person/ Organisation |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Minutes of last Meeting Agreed | |
| 2. | <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>There were no matters arising</p> <p><i>Community Learning Champion</i> – Bradley McAllister circulated a leaflet regarding current learning initiatives and introduced himself and briefed members regarding his role as Community Learning Champion within the Smallshaw Hurst area. This is to promote and publicise working, learning and volunteering opportunities amongst local residents helping them to access learning opportunities, build on existing skills or develop new ones. The Neighbourhood Working Fund supports learning courses in IT, confidence building/assertiveness, Maths and English and working, learning and volunteering opportunities. Bradley is currently looking at running a Horticulture Garden Course if there are 6-12 people interested, they must be aged 19 or over to access these courses.</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>Bank Account</u></p> <p>Sangita passed on the details and an application form for the Friends of Group to open a bank account with the Co-operative Bank. A follow up Friends of Meeting will take place to alter and complete the application form.</p> | S Patel |
| 4. | <p><u>Free Trees</u></p> <p>J Sutherland mentioned that the shrubs are getting choked by excess growth near the wooden fence where the new houses are. Also at the next meeting discussion to take place where the new trees will be planted.</p> | K Lees |
| 5. | <p><u>Mossley Visit</u></p> <p>Cllr M Sidebottom read out a message from Paul Douthwaite from the Friends of Mossley expressing their thanks to members for the visit. It was mentioned about providing litter bins in the park area for the Cedar Park. Discussion took place regarding broken glass resulting in smashed bottles by young people drinking in the park over the weekend. Sangita to ask the Patrollers to look at CCTV camera which is placed on the hardcore area and look at footage from the previous Friday evening. Youths are also playing football on the bowling green. Discussion took place regarding dog fouling and dog waste bins which need emptying more regularly. Sangita to speak to the Patrollers regarding residents who persistently allow their dog to foul in the park.</p> | S Patel |

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| 6. | <u>Any Other Business</u> | |
| 6.1 | <i>Have your say on Employment and Skills Issues</i> - There will be two Focus Groups in November one for Incapacity Benefit Claimants to be held at the Broadoak Community Centre and another will be held for Lone Parents at Hurst Knoll Primary School. Anyone interested or requiring more information to contact Sangita | S Patel |
| 6.2 | <i>Junior Bowling</i> – Gerald has met with Bill Beezer regarding junior bowling coaching which will start in the third week in April. A meeting will be arranged the week prior to training with the Youth Service and Sports Development. The preferred day for coaching is Tuesdays between 4.30 - 6.30pm and both greens can be used pending age groups. If Tuesdays cannot be accommodated Saturdays has been suggested as an alternative between 10am-12 noon. Bill will provide all the coaching and will use the pavilion and facilities within the park. He will require 2 helpers male and female on the days involved from the Youth Service and Sports Development. There will be a charge of £1.00 per session per child and at the end of the course each participant will receive a treat. Young people aged 7 and above will be able to hold a 2lb bowl, Bill will provide all equipment but may need extra if over subscribed. The course will complete by 2 nd week in September. Janet and Gerald have discussed how to involve young people within their club after the coaching for those that are interested. It was agreed this was a positive step and the coaching sessions to be marketed. Young people will be contacted on the existing list which has been forwarded by Caroline Wilkinson to Rachel Berrisford. Nevina and Rob to liaise regarding session helpers. | Janet Wardley Gerald Brierley N Fadries R. Skeldon |
| 6.3 | <i>Extension of Building</i> - Initially the existing building was estimated at £60,000 but has now come in at £40,000 | |
| 6.4 | <i>Security</i> – Discussion took place regarding locking of the car park security gates without checking that the park is empty. It was agreed that signage should be provided stating opening and closing times. | M Sidebottom K Lees |
| 6.5 | <i>Post Code</i> - The post code for Cedar Park is OL6 ATT | |
| 6.6 | <i>Junior Youth Club</i> –There is youth provision for 8 –13 year olds at Cedar Park on Thursdays after school 4.30 – 6.00pm | |
| 6.7 | <i>Crime and Disorder Meeting</i> – to take place next Wednesday details available from Geoff | |
| 6.8 | <u>Future Meeting Dates</u> Tuesday 18 th November 9.30am Tuesday 16 th December 9.30am | |
| 7. | <u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u> The next Friends of Cedar Park meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th November at 9.30am at the Cedar Centre | |