SPORTING & OPEN SPACE NEED ASSESSMENTS
CASE STUDIES

Boulthurst Way

**Client**
Tandridge District Council

**Location**
Hurst Green, Tandridge District Council

**Services provided**
Planning consultancy

**Description**
Open Space Need Assessment on behalf of the council to review the need for an area of recreational amenity space. Our assessment compared local open space provision across various typologies with the local population size and the council’s adopted open space standards. We identified that around a third of the open space could be considered surplus to the local need, presenting an opportunity for new residential development to address local housing needs.

Allhallows Golf Course

**Client**
Turners Britannia Parks Limited

**Location**
Allhallows, Medway Council

**Services provided**
Planning consultancy

**Description**
Open Space Need Assessment to examine the need to retain a 9-hole golf course to address local qualitative and quantitative needs for golf course provision and, thereafter, the need for alternative outdoor sport, amenity and other open space uses in the Rochester region. Planning permission was subsequently secured to develop part of the site for the provision of 81 residential park homes.

Redhill Close

**Client**
Braybon Holdings Limited

**Location**
Brighton, Brighton & Hove City Council

**Services provided**
Planning consultancy

**Description**
This site had lain unused and in disrepair for almost 20 years. We advised the landowner on the need for retaining open space at the site in line with local, regional and national planning policy. Our assessment considered the requirements under both the existing Local Plan and the emerging LDF, and advised retaining sufficient space for a junior football pitch and children’s play area. An application for residential development including these facilities was later approved.
Williams Lane

Client
Ashill Developments

Location
Mortlake, LB of Richmond-upon-Thames

Services provided
Planning consultancy

Description
Market assessment carried out to consider the viability and likelihood of restoring the site to a range of recreational and sport uses. Our report was submitted in support of our client’s planning application for the site. We understand that our client’s application was granted planning permission and the site has since been sold to a developer.

Neeld Lawn Tennis Club

Client
Telford Homes

Location
Hendon, LB of Barnet

Services provided
Planning consultancy

Description
Assessment of the need to retain this tennis club facility, on behalf of a residential developer keen to re-utilise the site. Particular attention was paid to national planning policy, along with Sport England and Lawn Tennis Association strategic documents. We later gave Expert Witness evidence at a Planning Inquiry into the refusal of the application. The appeal was upheld, partly on the basis of our evidence.

Gulliver’s Bowl

Client
Churchill Retirement Homes

Location
Bexhill, Rother District Council

Services provided
Planning consultancy

Description
This bowls club was experiencing falling membership and participation and did not have enough income to maintain the dated clubhouse and indoor rink, nor the need or income to maintain two outdoor greens. Our Leisure team provided two reports - the first considered the viability of retaining the club in its current form, while the second looked at the need to retain one of the two outdoor greens in view of local need, alternative local supply, and the falling level of participation.