

	Full Council
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Agenda Item	11

To consider updates to the Potential Open spaces Improvement plan (POSI)

BDC has written to parish and town councils plus sporting bodies, interested organisations and district council members regarding our annual update for the Potential Open Space Improvements (POSI) plan.

The Potential Open Space Improvements plan (formerly known as the Open Space Action Plan) is a key document used by Braintree District Council as Local Planning Authority. It demonstrates the need for additional and improved open spaces when seeking S.106 monetary contributions for Public Open Space improvements across the district.

It is important that the document is kept up to date to provide the best opportunity to improve areas of open space, including allotments, across the district.

HTC is asked to notify BDC of any:

1. Existing items to be removed
2. Projects that have already been delivered and can be removed
3. Changes or errors in the existing information
4. New items we wish to be included within the 2026 version

When submitting proposals, we are asked to consider the following:

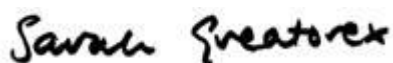
Use

The POSI plan relates to activities that take place in open space, including playing pitches, greens, courts, ancillary facilities, changing rooms and landscaping. Proposals must address the provision and enhancement of open spaces, which may include formal playing pitches, recreation areas, landscaping, parks and gardens, seating furniture, play equipment, amenity greenspace and allotments.

Land ownership

Sites cannot be included unless the ownership is known and it is available or designated for public use. If leasehold, the proposal should be consistent with the remaining term of the lease.

Recommendation : that HTC approves the updates to the POSI.



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