

# QUALITY OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE TOOL (P.O.S.T.)

- 1) Reference Number
- 2) Address
- 3) Area (hectares)
- 4) Postcode
- 5) Geocode X   
Y
- 6) Year of Establishment of POS:

## Activities

- 7) Type of usage *(tick all relevant)*
- Active-formal ☐ 1
- Active-informal ☐ 1
- Passive only ☐ 1 *(go to Q9)*
- 8) For what type of activities is the space designed? *(tick all relevant)*
- Tennis (grass/hard courts) ☐ 1
- Soccer ☐ 1
- Football ☐ 1
- Netball (grass/hard courts) ☐ 1
- Cricket ☐ 1
- Baseball ☐ 1
- Walking (only if paths) ☐ 1
- Cycling ☐ 1
- Fitness Circuit ☐ 1
- Basketball/Netball Hoops ☐ 1
- Hockey ☐ 1
- Athletics ☐ 1
- Rugby ☐ 1
- Children's playground ☐ 1
- Other  ☐ 1

## Environmental Quality

- 9) Is the POS on the beach/river foreshore?
- Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2
- 10) Are there water features within the POS?
- Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2 *(Go to Q13)*
- 11) Type of water feature *(tick all relevant)*
- Lake ☐ 1
- Pond ☐ 1
- Water Fountain ☐ 1
- Stream ☐ 1
- Other  ☐ ☐

- 12) Estimate the percentage of the POS occupied by the water feature(s)? *(tick one)*
- Up to 25% ☐ 1
- 26% & up to 50% ☐ 2
- 51% -75% ☐ 3
- More than 75% ☐ 4

- 13) (a) Are there other aesthetic features in the POS?
- Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2 *(Go to Q14)*

- (b) Which of the following features are present? *(tick all relevant)*

- Statues ☐ 1
- Gazebos/Rotunda ☐ 1
- Sculptures ☐ 1
- Ducks/Swans ☐ 1
- Bridge ☐ 1
- Rocks ☐ 1
- Other  ☐ 1

- 14) Are there trees in this POS?
- Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2 *(Go to Q18)*

- 15) Estimate the approximate number of trees present *(tick one)*
- 1 – 50 trees ☐ 1
- 50 – 100 trees ☐ 2
- More than 100 trees ☐ 3

- 16) Where are the trees placed? *(tick all relevant)*

- Perimeter all sides ☐ 1
- Perimeter some sides ☐ 1
- Along walking paths ☐ 1
- Random placement throughout ☐ 1
- Other  ☐ 1

- 17) Are there gardens in this POS?
- Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2

- 18) (a) Are there walking paths or cycleways within or around the POS? *(tick all relevant)*
- Walking path/s ☐ 1
- Designated dual-use path/s ☐ 1
- None ☐ 1 *(Go to Q20)*

- (b) Shade along paths *(tick one)*

- Very good (canopies of many trees touch) ☐ 1
- Good (canopies of some trees touch) ☐ 2
- Medium (canopies don't touch but trees close together) ☐ 3
- Poor (canopies of trees don't touch and trees spread apart) ☐ 4
- Very poor (little or no shade) ☐ 5

- 19) Describe the placement of paths within the POS *(tick all relevant)*

- Perimeter, all sides ☐ 1
- Perimeter, some sides ☐ 1
- Diagonal ☐ 1
- Radial ☐ 1
- Path around water/visual feature ☐ 1
- Other  ☐ 1

20) Is there evidence that the grass is watered?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

21) Are dogs allowed? (*tick all relevant*)

Yes, on leash at all times ☐1

Yes, on leash at certain times ☐1

Yes, no leash specified ☐1

Not allowed ☐1 (*go to Q23*)

Not specified ☐1 (*go to Q23*)

22) Is access for dogs: (*tick one*)

Restricted from some areas ☐1

Allowed all areas ☐2

Not specified ☐3

23) Is graffiti present?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

24) Is vandalism evident?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

25) Is there litter throughout the POS?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

**Amenities (*tick one only for each question*)**

26) Is children's play equipment present?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2 (*go to Q30*)

27) What items of play equipment are present? (*please tick all relevant*)

Swing/s ☐1

Slide/s ☐1

Climbing Equipment ☐1

Hanging Bars/Rings ☐1

SeeSaws/Rockers ☐1

Bridges/Tunnels ☐1

Activity Panels (eg noughts & crosses) ☐1

Cubby House/s ☐1

Other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐1

\_\_\_\_\_ ☐1

28) What is the playground surface? (*tick all relevant*)

Sand ☐1

Grass ☐1

Rubber ☐1

Gravel or pebbles ☐1

Woodchips ☐1

Other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐1

\_\_\_\_\_ ☐1

29) Is playground shaded? (*tick one only*)

Area 1

Area 2

Partial cover/shade ☐1 ☐1

Total cover/shade ☐2 ☐2

No cover/shade ☐3 ☐3

30) Are barbecues present?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

31) Are picnic tables present?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

32) (a) Are there parking facilities serving the POS?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2 (*Go to Q33*)

(b) Estimate the number of bays (*tick one only*)

0 - 20 ☐1

21-50 ☐2

More than 50 ☐3

33) Are there public access toilets?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

34) Is there a kiosk/café present? (*tick one only*)

7 days per week ☐1

Weekdays only ☐2

Weekends only ☐3

No ☐4

35) Is there access to public transport within one block of POS?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

36) Is there seating present?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

37) Are there clubrooms/meeting rooms present?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

38) Are rubbish bins present?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

39) Are dog litter bags provided?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2 (*Go to 41*)

40) In how many locations in POS are dog litter bags present?

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41) Are there taps or other water sources accessible for dogs?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

42) Are drinking fountains present?

Yes ☐1

No ☐2

**Safety**

43) Is there lighting within the POS? (i.e., not just street lighting)

Yes ☐1

No ☐2 (*Go to Q45*)

44) Where is the lighting located? (*Tick all relevant*)

Around courts, buildings, and equipment ☐1

Along paths ☐1

Perimeter all sides ☐1

Perimeter some sides ☐1

Random throughout POS ☐1

- 45) From the centre of the POS, how visible are surrounding roads?  
(tick one)
- Road/s clearly visible from the centre of the POS ☐1
- Road/s is partly visible from centre of the POS ☐2
- Road/s cannot be seen from the centre of the POS ☐3
- 46) (a) From the centre of the POS, how visible are the surrounding houses?  
Clear visibility means you can clearly see windows, back yards, or front yards of houses overlooking the park? (tick one)
- Road/s clearly visible from the centre of the POS ☐1
- Road/s is partly visible from centre of the POS ☐2
- Road/s cannot be seen from the centre of the POS ☐3 (go to Q47)

- (b) How many of these houses overlook the park? (tick one)
- More than 10 ☐1
- Between 5 and 10 ☐2
- Between 1 and 5 ☐3

- (c) Is there any area of the POS where you are unable to clearly see surrounding houses?
- Yes ☐1 No ☐2

- 47) Are all roads surrounding the POS minor roads or cul-de-sacs?
- Yes ☐1 (Go to Q49) No ☐2

- 48) a) Does the major road/s have a zebra crossing to assist access to the POS?

Yes ☐1 No ☐2

- b) Does the major road/s have a pedestrian crossing with signals to assist access to the POS?

Yes ☐1 No ☐2

- 49) To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding this POS? (circle one number for each item)

1 = Strongly Agree (SA)

2 = Agree (A)

3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree (Neither)

4 = Disagree (D)

5 = Strongly Disagree (SD)

	S.A.	A	Neither	D	S.D
●P.O.S. is interesting for walking	1	2	3	4	5
●P.O.S is suitable for casual ball sports	1	2	3	4	5
●P.O.S. is suitable for cycling	1	2	3	4	5

I HAVE CHECKED EACH QUESTION ☐