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Appendix A – Management of Open Spaces, 2024/2025 Actions

Action	2025 comments
<p>Officers to develop a Supplementary Planning Document, which will include guidance on open space provision, management and maintenance.</p>	<p>A Supplementary Planning Document on Developer Contributions is currently being developed. This document includes guidance regarding management of open spaces linked to the Good Practice Guide and will be presented to the Local Development Framework group in April 2025.</p>
<p>Officers to look into developing a 'Good Practice Code', which developers could be asked to sign up to. This would set out the Council's expectations around the developer's appointment of an appropriate management company.</p>	<p>As detailed in the report, a draft Good Practice Guide for the Management of Open Spaces has been developed (Appendix B). The guide sets out the Council's expectation that developers and management companies consistently provide good levels of service. The core principles of service, fairness, transparency and community underpin the Council's expectations in respect of the service Rushcliffe residents will receive from developers and management companies in any arrangements for the maintenance of public open spaces</p>
<p>Management Companies to be invited to join Growth/Development Boards.</p>	<p>The relevant management companies have been invited to join the Growth and Development Boards for the Fairham and Bingham developments.</p> <p>Relevant management companies will be invited to join the respective Boards moving forward. Where Growth and Development Boards are not yet in place, officers will engage with management companies at the earliest opportunity to build positive relationships and establish expectations.</p>
<p>The Council to make contact with management companies on behalf of existing residents' groups with concerns or disputes, and where appropriate convene a meeting with a view to achieving positive resolution.</p>	<p>The Council is unable to act as an advocate for residents on an individual case by case basis, however, it can, where requested, act as convener with management companies and residents' groups where wider issues are raised.</p>

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<p>The Council to make contact with other agencies e.g. Nottinghamshire County Council in their role as Highways and Local Flood Authority</p>	<p>There is a role for other agencies and authorities to be working collaboratively with the Council to advocate for best practice in the management and maintenance of relevant infrastructure. This is particularly the case with regards to sustainable drainage systems on new developments.</p> <p>Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 provides a framework for the widespread adoption of SuDS and could give Nottinghamshire Council (NCC) the role of sustainable drainage approval body (SAB), with responsibility for checking compliance and approving their use on new housing development. This schedule has not yet been implemented, but the Council is in touch with NCC to understand what implications this could have.</p>
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