

The National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) recommends a minimum standard for outdoor playing space of 6 acres per 1000 population. This is commonly referred to as the "NPFA 6 Acre Standard".

The following tables provide an assessment of the outdoor playing space provision in the largest settlements of the District against the "NPFA 6 acre standard".

Table 1. Existing Level of Provision

Settlement	Population (1991 Census)	Existing Land Available		Area per 1000 Population	
		Ha	(Acres)	Ha	(Acres)
Bedale (incl. Aiskew)	4167	8.1	(19.9)	1.9	(4.8)
Easingwold	3545	2.9	(7.1)	0.8	(2.0)
Great Ayton	4650	7.7	(19.0)	1.7	(4.1)
Northallerton (inc. Romanby)	14961	*32.0	(*79.1)	2.1	(5.3)
Stokesley	4008	5.6	(13.9)	1.4	(3.5)
Thirsk (incl. Sowerby)	7626	20.2	(49.9)	2.6	(6.5)

*This figure does not include the existing Rugby Club site.

Table 2. Proposed Level of Provision

Settlement	Existing Land Available		Additional Land Allocated under Policy SR3		Total		Area per 1000 Population	
	Ha	(Acres)	Ha	(Acres)	Ha	(Acres)	Ha	(Acres)
Bedale (incl. Aiskew)	8.1	(19.9)	1.5	(3.7)	9.6	(23.6)	2.3	(5.7)
Easingwold	2.9	(7.1)	15.5	(38.4)	18.4	(45.5)	5.2	(12.8)
Great Ayton	7.7	(19.0)	0	(0)	7.7	(19.0)	1.7	(4.1)
Northallerton (inc. Romanby)	32.0	(79.1)	4.7	(11.6)	36.7	(90.7)	2.5	(6.1)
Stokesley	5.6	(13.9)	0	(0)	5.6	(13.9)	1.4	(3.5)
Thirsk (incl. Sowerby)	20.2	(49.9)	6.1	(15.0)	26.3	(64.9)	3.4	(8.5)

