

**Table 2 Local open space**

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Purpose and function	Local open space (LOS) is usually small parklands that service the recreation needs of the immediate residential population. LOS is primarily used for recreation and may include small areas of nature space. LOS is unlikely to be used for any formal or informal sport.
Access	Within 400 metres or 5 minute walk.
Typical size	0.4ha to 1ha**
Location and design	LOS should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be located within a 5 minute walk from surrounding residences</li> <li>• Include accessible, safe pedestrian and cycling connections</li> <li>• Form part of an overall pedestrian and cycling network to connect key destination points</li> <li>• Support good passive surveillance</li> <li>• Be responsive to natural site features</li> <li>• Build on sense of place</li> <li>• Assist to preserve local biodiversity and natural area values.</li> </ul>
Activities	LOS activities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s play, dog walking, picnics, friends and family gatherings</li> <li>• Relaxation and rest spots</li> <li>• Casual team activities</li> <li>• Walking, running or cycling.</li> </ul>
<p>** Small open spaces can provide numerous community benefits, particularly within an inner urban context. The inclusion of small parks (less than 0.4ha) in greenfield residential developments is not generally considered optimal unless purposeful function can be demonstrated.</p>	

**Figure 1 Example of local open space**

