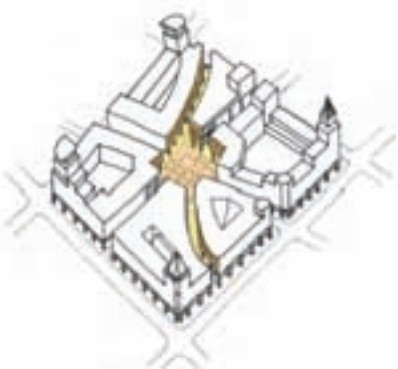




Square centred on key civic building



Court located in block interior



Circus at street intersection



Plaza as extended forecourt space

Table 3.4 A typology of open spaces	
Principle open space types	Character and function
Greenway	A network of spaces encompassing cycle and footpath routes, but also acting as ‘wildlife corridors’ – enabling wildlife to travel through urban areas. Typically these follow streams or disused railways, for example, with green fingers penetrating from the countryside, through the town/city edge and into the urban core.
Water way	Includes lakes, ponds, rivers, canals and streams, which provide rich wildlife habitats, offer recreational value and can be used as movement corridors.
Meadow	A public space for informal recreation, located on the edge of a neighbourhood. Often part of a flood plain comprising natural grasses and wildflowers.
Woodland / Nature Reserves	A wood or coppice of trees left in the natural state, interlaced with internal footpaths, sometimes designated as a nature reserve, with restricted access to areas rich in wildlife.
Playing field	Open spaces formally laid out for active recreation, such as football or rugby- including golf courses. Management / ownership can be shared between schools, clubs and the wider community to ensure facilities are well used.
Churchyard, cemetery	Located adjacent to a church and often providing a green oasis at the heart of a community.
Allotments	A semi-public agglomeration of gardening plots rented to individuals by the local authority.
Park	See Table 3,5 for park types.
Green	An informal grassed public space associated with the focal point of village life, that sometimes incorporates a football or cricket pitch.
Square	A formal public space, no larger than a block and located at focal points of civic importance fronted by key buildings, usually hard paved and providing passive recreation.
Plaza	A public space associated with the extended forecourt of commercial (office / retail) buildings, with formal landscaping.
Communal garden	A semi-private space not accessible to the general public, usually located within the interior of a perimeter block, providing a centrally managed green space for residents.
Private garden	A private space located within the plot of an adjacent building.
Playground	A small area dedicated for child’s play, that is fenced and located within close walking distance to nearby houses, overlooked by residents.
Courtyard	A private open space often for vehicular servicing/parking
Atrium	A glass covered semi-public or private space serving as a thoroughfare, seating area and sun trap for building occupants or visitors.