



East Devon District Council

East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Vision

“To ensure that sufficient pitches are provided of a good quality and which support the needs of each sport and club around East Devon and take account of cross-border issues within the city of Exeter. This provision should be sufficient and flexible to deal with current and projected increases in demand.”

Summary of key general issues

- Provision of youth and mini football and rugby pitches is particularly poor.
- Management and maintenance of many grounds is poor due to lack of funds.
- Distinct lack of access to all-weather floodlit training facilities throughout the district and need for at least 2 full-size 3G AGPs.
- Number of Exeter based clubs playing in East Devon.
- In general, in addition to existing stock there is a district-wide need for 4x adult football pitches, 6x youth 11v11 pitches, 4x 9v9 pitches, 6x mini soccer.
- Conservative estimate there is a district-wide need for two to three cricket grounds in East Devon.
- Given aspirations and current supply, shortage of good quality grass pitches will restrict rugby development.

Summary of key sub-area issues

Sub-area	Key issues
Exeter fringe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exeter-based clubs playing in East Devon • Winslade Park (Friends Life) pitches at risk • Adequate sports pitches and ancillary facilities for Cranbrook • Need for 2x mini soccer pitches • Delivery of Exeter Youth RFC pitches at Oil Mill Lane
Axminster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Millwey football pitch at risk • Distinct lack of youth/mini football pitches • Need for 1x youth 11v11, 2x 7v7 mini and 2x 5v5 mini soccer pitches
Exmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of football and cricket facilities at Bicton College • Former Rolle College playing fields at risk • Strategic need for 3G AGP plus significant demand for all-weather floodlit training facilities. • Potential relocation of Exmouth RFC • Distinct lack of grass rugby pitches for both Exmouth RFC and Withycombe RFC • Distinct lack of youth/mini football pitches. • Need for 3x youth 11v11, 1x youth 9v9, 2x mini 7v7 and 1x 5v5 mini soccer pitches • Cricket grounds at capacity
Honiton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing football, cricket and rugby pitches in town of poor quality and over capacity. • Honiton Community College aspirations for an AGP but still require access to grass pitches • Honiton Hornets Hockey Club cannot play in Honiton due to lack of suitable sand-based AGP • Significant demand for all-weather floodlit training facilities • Lease at St Rita's due to expire in 2015 • Honiton development trust proposals for Tower Hill sports hub
Ottery St Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinct lack of dedicated youth/mini football pitches • Kings School sand-based AGP in desperate need of refurbishing • Rockbeare playing fields pitches poor quality and at capacity • West Hill Junior FC split across multiple sites • Need for 1x youth 11v11, 2x mini 7v7s and 1x 5v5 mini soccer pitches
Seaton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaton Town FC's Colyford Road pitch is over capacity, too narrow and the club need additional pitches • Need for 1x youth 11v11 and 1x youth 9v9 football pitch

Sidmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undersupply of youth football pitches • Significant demand for floodlit all weather training facilities from rugby and football clubs • Back Lane pitches in Newton Poppleford are poor quality and over capacity • Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings FC split across multiple sites • Need for 1x youth 9v9 and 2x 7v7 mini soccer pitches • No mini rugby pitches • Insufficient changing provision at Byes Lane, Sidford
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Priority sport specific actions

All existing playing field land is protected by Local Plan and Sport England policies and the NPPF to deliver current and future needs unless specific action plans to allow loss of a playing field are contained within this document.

	Protect	Enhance	Provide
Football	All football pitches in the district unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. Particular emphasis on the protection of football pitches at Winslade Park and the former Rolle College pitches in Exmouth.	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing football pitches to meet current and future needs of clubs. Particular emphasis on increasing the quality of pitches rated as “poor” through installation of drainage plus improvement of maintenance and access to floodlit all-weather training facilities.	New football pitches commensurate to new housing development in line with the strategic need for facilities in that location. Particular emphasis on dedicated youth and mini pitch provision across the district plus delivery of full-size 3G AGPs in Axminster, Cranbrook and Exmouth.
Cricket	All cricket pitches in the district unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. Particular emphasis on the protection of the cricket square at Winslade Park.	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing cricket pitches to meet current and future needs of clubs.	New cricket pitch provision commensurate to new housing development in line with the strategic need for facilities in that location. Particular emphasis on securing additional cricket pitches in the Exeter fringe, Exmouth, Sidmouth and Ottery St Mary sub-areas.
Rugby	All rugby pitches in the district unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing rugby pitches to meet current and future needs of clubs. Particular emphasis on installing drainage and access to floodlit all-weather training facilities.	New rugby pitch provision commensurate to new housing development in line with the strategic need for facilities in that location. Particular emphasis on provision of new grass pitches in Exmouth and Honiton but also mini provision in Sidmouth plus a full-size World Rugby 22 compliant 3G AGP in Exmouth and training pad in Sidmouth.
Hockey	All hockey suitable sand-based AGPs in the district.	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing sand-based AGPs in the district. Particular emphasis on refurbishment of the Kings School AGP in Ottery St Mary and floodlights at the Sidmouth College AGP.	A new sand-based AGP at Honiton Community College to home Honiton Hornets Hockey Club and potentially a sand-based AGP at Clyst Vale Community College to re-home East Devon Hockey Club should they wish to move back to the district from Exeter.

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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Playing pitches are an important element of open space that it is essential to ensure there is sufficient provision of. Playing pitches provide spaces for organised team sports such as football, rugby union, cricket, hockey, rugby league and American football as well as space for informal sports participation in the form of “kickabouts” and ancillary sporting activities such as archery, rounders and athletics which sometimes use playing pitches.
- 1.2 This Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) has been produced by East Devon District Council and as such covers the entire operating area of this Council. The Exeter and East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy Needs Assessment (Stage C of the methodology) was prepared by Bennet Leisure and Planning Ltd (BeLAP) for East Devon District and Exeter City Councils jointly. This report acts as a shared evidence base for the strategies in both Councils to reflect the number of cross-boundary issues which exist in a variety of pitch-based sports. Cross-boundary issues and recommendations and action plans affecting them have been subject to discussion and input from both Councils to ensure a consistent approach.
- 1.3 The PPS covers all pitches across East Devon. This includes both natural grass and Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs), pitches owned by Local Authorities, privately owned pitches, pitches on educational sites, pitches in their own right, and pitches provided as part of a recreation ground.

Methodology

- 1.4 This PPS has been produced in line with the new Sport England methodology for the production of Playing Pitch Strategies: “Developing and Implementing a Playing Pitch Strategy: A Step by Step Approach”. From here on this will be referred to as “the methodology” or “the new methodology”
- 1.5 The new methodology has been developed by Sport England in partnership with the National Governing Bodies for Sport (NGBs) to be a more collaborative approach resulting in a strategy owned by and providing for more than just the Local Authority, to reflect the differences in how each sport is played and pitches are used, to understand capacities and usage, and to ensure the strategy is able to be implemented and continuously kept robust and up-to-date. The new methodology focuses less on quantitative statistics (although these do play an important part) and more so on a qualitative assessment of needs and demands of sports and clubs to ensure that the strategy identifies the issues and serves the interests of the people and clubs actively involved in the sports themselves. The strategy should assess the situation on a site by site basis.
- 1.6 The approach includes 5 stages broken down into 10 individual steps:

STAGE A – Prepare and tailor the approach

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STAGE B – Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision

2. Gather supply information
3. Gather demand information

STAGE C – Assess the supply and demand information and views

4. Understand the situation at individual sites
5. Develop the current and future picture of provision
6. Identify the key findings and issues

STAGE D – Develop the strategy

7. Develop the recommendations and action plan
8. Write and adopt the strategy

STAGE E – Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date

9. Apply and deliver the strategy
10. Keep the strategy robust and up to date

Figure 1: Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy – The 10 Step Approach



1.7 Stages A, B, D and E have been undertaken by officers at East Devon District Council with input from the steering group. Stage C was carried out by consultants BeLAP with check and challenge by the steering group.

STAGE A – Prepare and tailor the approach

Why is the strategy being developed?

- A.1 This Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) has been produced to:
- Ensure sufficient provision of good quality playing pitches;
 - Protect playing pitches from development;
 - Provide an evidence base in responding to planning applications;
 - Provide an evidence base for requesting developer contributions towards playing pitch provision through planning obligations/Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL);
 - Help direct investment in playing pitches;
 - Help co-ordinate the priorities and investment programmes of a range of organisations/bodies
- A.2 It is essential that sufficient playing pitches of good quality are available within East Devon to ensure that everyone who wants to play sport can do, to encourage further participation in sports, to improve performance and to protect against injury in sport. Principally, this strategy is designed to ensure that enough pitches are being provided of a decent standard to cater for demand now and going forward.

Strategic context

- A.3 Paragraph 73 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires planning policies on sport and recreation and their application to be underpinned by robust evidence:

‘Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up to date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required.’

- A.4 Paragraph 74 of the NPPF protects open spaces including playing pitches from development unless certain criteria are met:

‘Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements, or*
- The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or*
- The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.’*

- A.5 The Draft East Devon Local Plan (2013-2031) contains the following relevant strategies and policies:

- Strategy 43 – requires open spaces including playing pitches to be provided in line with development;
- Policy RC1 – protects open spaces including playing pitches from being built on unless certain criteria are met;
- Policy RC2 – allows for the provision of new or enhancing of existing recreation facilities including playing pitches where certain criteria are met;
- Policy RC4 – allows for the provision of new recreation facilities in the countryside and on the coast where certain criteria are met;
- Policy RC5 – allows for new community buildings and developer contributions to be sought towards their provision;
- Policy RC6 – allows for new or enhanced community facilities to be provided where certain criteria are met;
- Policy RC7 – requires new community facilities to be capable of dual use where appropriate.

A.6 This strategy will meet the requirement of NPPF paragraph 73 and provide evidence for responding to planning applications to build on existing playing pitches, create new pitches and develop new and existing ancillary facilities.

A.7 It will also provide evidence for requesting developer contributions towards playing pitches and ancillary facilities. The East Devon Open Space Study provides some evidence in terms of quantity, quality and access to existing facilities, however, the PPS will give more detailed assessments of usage and quality which can help to evidence the need for further investment in pitches when the afore-mentioned documents are not able to. Developer contributions may be provided through planning obligations (Section 106 Agreements) or through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

A.8 The PPS can also help to direct investment in playing pitches from other funding sources including the capital investment programme of the Council, private funding (e.g. by clubs), Sport England and other grants, and inward investment from the National Governing Bodies for Sport (NGBs) into their County bodies and individual clubs/projects.

A.9 It will also help to guide the co-ordination of priorities and investment programmes of a range of organisations/bodies. Sport England and NGBs have been part of the steering group since the start of the process and the priorities of clubs have been taken account of in assessing options and action plans.

The initial scoping meeting

A.10 As suggested by the methodology, an initial scoping meeting was held on 31 July 2013. This was attended by representatives of the East Devon District Council's Planning, Countryside, Economic Development and Streetscene departments; Exeter City Council, Active Devon, Sport England, The English Cricket Board (ECB), The Football Association (FA), Devon FA, The Rugby Football Union (RFU), English Hockey (EHB), and LED Leisure. The meeting was designed to get all of the relevant parties around the table right from the start and get to understand the key drivers, aims and objectives, and how information was going to be gathered and analysed.

A.11 The ability of the NGBs to provide and help capture much of the survey data was a key outcome of the meeting. It was clear that NGB help in getting responses to surveys

would be important to get a good sample size and to ensure the main issues and sites were covered.

A.12 It was also decided at the meeting that it would be favourable to conduct the surveys and do pitch assessments in-house but to hire consultants to provide analysis of the data.

Scope

A.13 Originally, the steering group felt it was appropriate to produce a PPS covering both East Devon and Exeter. This was because both Councils had out-of-date existing strategies, many clubs and sports operate across the boundaries and cost savings could be achieved. However, following the completion of Stage C it was decided to produce separate strategies that share a single evidence base. This allowed slightly differing timescales to be followed and more manageable sized strategies to be produced whilst still tackling the cross-boundary issues and consistent approaches to be taken.

A.14 The diagram below shows the general movement of teams between Exeter, East Devon and other authorities.

	OTHER AUTHORITIES	EXETER	EAST DEVON
FOOTBALL	St Martins Youth (Teignbridge)	Exeter Panthers Yth x 6 Newtown 1 st XI Newtown 2 nd & 3 rd X Henry's Cronies Whipton Youth x 2 Heavitree Youth x ¾ Exeter College rugby Exeter College football Pinhoe Spartans x 2	
CRICKET		Exeter Erratics Countess Wear	
HOCKEY	Ashmoor HC + Dart HC (Teignbridge) ECVH (Mid Devon)		East Devon HC (Exe Ladies HC) Honiton Hornets

A.15 The Needs Assessment and Key Findings & Issues Report splits East Devon into seven sub-areas for ease of presentation and to help understand provision in different areas of the District. These sub-areas and the Parishes which they contain are listed in the following table:

'Exeter fringe' sub-area	Combe Raleigh
Bishop's Clyst (Clyst St Mary and Sowton)	Cotleigh
Bramford Speke	Dunkeswell
Broadclyst	Gittisham
Clyst Honiton	Honiton
Clyst St George	Luppitt
Cranbrook*	Monkton
Farringdon	Offwell
Huxham	Sheldon
Netherexe	Stockland
Poltimore	Upottery
Rewe	Widworthy
Stoke Canon	Yarcombe
Upton Pyne	
	Ottery St Mary sub-area
Axminster sub-area	Aylesbeare
All Saints	Broadhembury
Axminster	Feniton
Chardstock	Ottery St Mary
Dalwood	Payhembury
Hawkchurch	Plymtree
Kilmington	Rockbeare
Membury	Talaton
Musbury	Whimple
Shute	
Uplyme	Seaton sub-area
	Axmouth
Exmouth sub-area	Beer
Budleigh Salterton	Colyton
Colaton Raleigh	Combpyne Rousdon
East Budleigh with Bicton	Seaton
Exmouth	
Lympstone	Sidmouth sub-area
Woodbury	Branscombe
	Farway
Honiton sub-area	Newton Poppleford
Awliscombe	Northleigh
Buckerell	Otterton
Clyst Hydon	Sidmouth
Clyst St Lawrence	Southleigh

*Cranbrook currently is within Broadclyst Parish but will in the future become its own parish out right and so for the purposes of this assessment is being treated separately.

A.16 The Draft East Devon Local Plan looks forward to 2031. However it is appropriate to only plan for the next 10 years through this PPS. This will mean that the methodology and content of the strategy can be updated within a reasonable time-period, whilst three yearly data reviews can keep the strategy live up to that point.

A.17 Assessments of Cranbrook within this strategy however extend beyond the 2024 period to take account of the strategic vision for Cranbrook as a whole developing up to 7,500 dwellings.

Vision

A.18 The vision of the Playing Pitch Strategy is to ensure that sufficient pitches are provided of a good quality and which support the needs of each sport and club around East Devon and take account of cross-border issues within the city of Exeter. This provision should be sufficient and flexible to deal with current and projected increases in demand.

Objectives

A.19 The methodology explains that a clear set of objectives should be drawn up which relate to the 10 steps (see paragraph 1.6 of this strategy). They should be practical, relate to specific outcomes and achievements, be measurable, and help guide the management of the work. The objectives set out below are numbered to relate to the step number in the methodology.

1. To produce a well researched, robustly evidenced strategy specific to East Devon that takes account of local demands and trends;
2. To utilise existing studies/data/information regarding facilities and sites where possible to avoid duplication and where this is not possible gather using a simple survey method;
3. To gather demand information using a simple survey method and by utilising as much information available from NGBs as possible;
4. To audit all sites individually by visiting them in person;
5. To create a strategy that enables the current stock of playing pitches to be enhanced and improved and future provision to be tailored and provided in line with priorities;
6. To identify the key sites, issues and priorities for investment;
7. To develop an on-going action plan that is realistic, achievable and allows for future updating/reviewing;
8. To adopt this strategy with Member approval;
9. To apply the findings of this strategy to improve and enhance existing facilities and prioritise investment in specific new facilities;
10. To keep the strategy robust and up to date through annual reviews.

Strategy management

A.20 This PPS was developed by and will continue to be delivered by a project steering group. The steering group consists of key officers from the Council's planning, countryside and economic development departments; representatives of Sport England; FA; ECB; RFU; EH; Active Devon and LED Leisure; as well as Member portfolio holders for economy and environment and Member champions for asset management and health and wellbeing. This steering group will continue to meet at least annually to discuss the annual review of the PPS.

Timescale

A.21 At the initial scoping meeting at the end of July 2013 it was proposed and agreed that the PPS should be completed by April 2014 giving the recommended 9 months. It was

considered that this would be long enough to produce a robustly evidenced strategy as well as not so distant as to cause issues with certain key playing pitch proposals that were dependant on the production of a PPS.

A.22 In reality, the process took much longer, in part due to advice from the FA and RFU to refrain from starting football and rugby pitch assessments until October and from the ECB to wait until May for cricket, a particularly wet winter, a lack of survey responses, delays in hiring consultants and delays through Council committee timetables. The whole process took two years from conception to adoption.

East Devon characteristics

A.23 East Devon is a rural District abutting the city of Exeter as well as rural areas of Devon, Somerset and Dorset, with a long coastline much of which is designated as the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. In addition to the World Heritage Site, two-thirds of the District is covered by Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) – the Blackdown Hills AONB and East Devon AONB. The District's location in such a naturally beautiful area and within commuting distance of Exeter, Bristol, Plymouth, Bournemouth, Southampton and London makes it a very desirable place to live.

A.24 East Devon had a population of 132,457 according to the 2011 Census.¹ The age profile of the population is significantly older than the Devon or national averages, mean age being 46.9 in East Devon whilst being 41.6 in the South West and 39.3 in England and Wales.² Similarly, the retired population of East Devon is 8% higher than the national average and 4% higher than the Devon average.³ This age profile may suggest different sporting habits to the national average, with perhaps less people participating in football, rugby and hockey than the national average, but a higher proportion of people playing cricket. Other sports such as bowls, swimming, walking, archery, sailing and tennis are also popular. Whilst East Devon's population is older than the national average this should not however mean that services for younger people are neglected.

A.25 The female population of East Devon is higher than the male population as is standard across the South West and the country; however, the difference is higher in East Devon.⁴ Different genders prefer different sports. This may be reflected in pitch provision for the District.

¹ Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2011), *Usual resident population, 2011 (KS101EW)*, [available at: <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadTableView.do?a=7&b=6275084&c=East+Devon&d=13&e=62&q=6415150&i=1001x1003x1032x1004&m=0&r=1&s=1407331383737&enc=1&dsFamilyId=2473>], accessed 06/08/2014.

² ONS (2011), *Age Structure, 2011 (KS102EW)*, [available at: <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadTableView.do?a=7&b=6275084&c=East+Devon&d=13&e=62&q=6415150&i=1001x1003x1032x1004&m=0&r=1&s=1407331383722&enc=1&dsFamilyId=2474>], accessed 06/08/2014.

³ ONS (2011), *Economic Activity, 2011 (KS601EW)*, [available at: <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadTableView.do?a=7&b=6275084&c=East+Devon&d=13&e=62&q=6415150&i=1001x1003x1032x1004&m=0&r=1&s=1407331383722&enc=1&dsFamilyId=2484>], accessed 06/08/2014.

⁴ ONS (2011), *Usual resident population, 2011 (KS101EW)*, [available at: <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadTableView.do?a=7&b=6275084&c=East+Devon&d=13&e=62&q=6415150&i=1001x1003x1032x1004&m=0&r=1&s=1407331383737&enc=1&dsFamilyId=2473>], accessed 06/08/2014.

A.26 In terms of health, a slightly higher number of people are limited a little in their day-to-day activities and slightly less people have very good health, although a similar number to the Devon and national average have very bad health.⁵

A.27 The main difference to Devon and national averages in terms of economic activity is the higher proportion of the East Devon population that are retired. These people often have more time available to pursue hobbies and interests, however some may not be physically fit enough to partake in pitch-based sports. Retired people are most likely to play cricket out of the pitch-based sports. In addition to this, there are less than half the national percentage of students in East Devon, presumably due to the fact that no universities or university colleges exist in the District and because Exeter University is based on the West side of the city. Young people whilst at college/university tend to play more pitch-based sports.

A.28 The percentage of households with no cars or vans is significantly lower than the national average.⁶ This might suggest a greater ability to drive to access playing pitches, however, other modes of transport/closer pitches would still be encouraged.

A.29 Active Places Power gives a comparison of East Devon’s sports market segmentation. Sport England says this is “to help us understand the nation’s attitudes to sport, their motivations and barriers. Whilst the profiles do tend to stereotype somewhat they are a good indicator of how the East Devon population profile plays sports. The table below is taken from Active Places Power. Where the East Devon rate is lower than the South West/National average are marked in green and where the rate is higher are marked in red. The Sport England profiles for each person or “segment” can be found on the Active Places Power website.⁷

East Devon Sports Market Segmentation

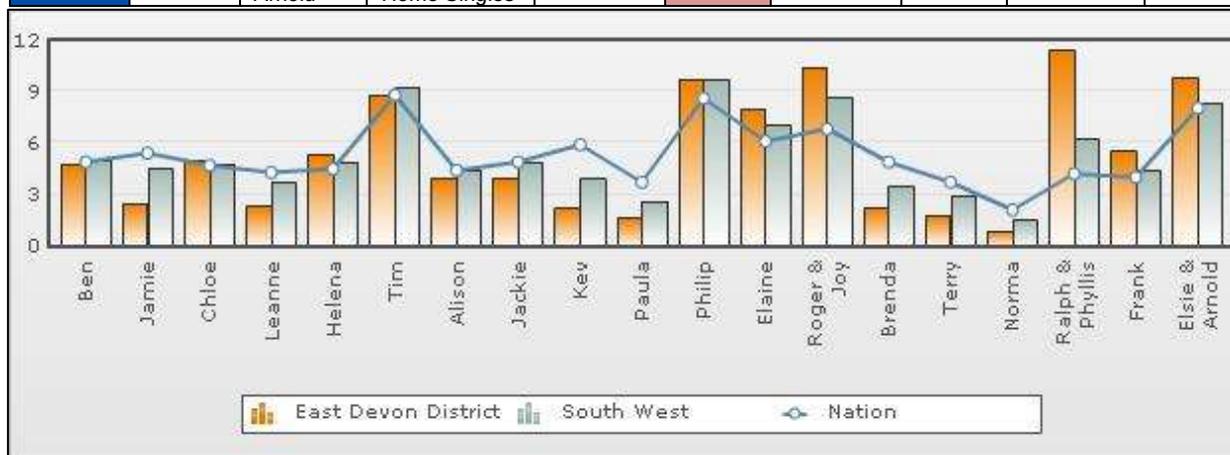
Colour	Code	Name	Description	East Devon District		South West		Nation	
				Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
	A01	Ben	Competitive Male Urbanites	5117	4.7	205345	5.0	1989287	4.9
	A02	Jamie	Sports Team Drinkers	2709	2.5	186803	4.5	2162891	5.4
	A03	Chloe	Fitness Class Friends	5470	5.0	198344	4.8	1896625	4.7
	A04	Leanne	Supportive Singles	2498	2.3	151533	3.7	1711607	4.3
	B05	Helena	Career Focused Females	5791	5.3	203547	4.9	1829866	4.5
	B06	Tim	Settling Down Males	9652	8.8	381205	9.2	3554150	8.8
	B07	Alison	Stay at Home Mums	4227	3.9	183840	4.4	1766560	4.4
	B08	Jackie	Middle England Mums	4257	3.9	202369	4.9	1965002	4.9
	B09	Kev	Pub League	2404	2.2	160928	3.9	2386568	5.9

⁵ ONS (2011), *Health and Provision of Unpaid Care, 2011 (KS301EW)*, [available at: <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadTableView.do?a=7&b=6275084&c=East+Devon&d=13&e=62&g=6415150&i=1001x1003x1032x1004&m=0&r=1&s=1407331383722&enc=1&dsFamilyId=2480>], accessed 06/08/2014.

⁶ ONS (2011), *Car or Van Availability, 2011 (KS404EW)*, [available at: <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadTableView.do?a=7&b=6275084&c=East+Devon&d=13&e=62&g=6415150&i=1001x1003x1032x1004&m=0&r=1&s=1407331383722&enc=1&dsFamilyId=2483>], accessed 06/08/2014.

⁷ Sport England, *Active Places Power*, [available at: <https://www.activeplacespower.com/>], accessed 06/08/2014.

			Team Mates						
	B10	Paula	Stretched Single Mums	1729	1.6	108301	2.6	1507276	3.7
	C11	Philip	Comfortable Mid-Life Males	10583	9.7	402621	9.7	3480166	8.6
	C12	Elaine	Empty Nest Career Ladies	8784	8.0	291988	7.0	2444113	6.1
	C13	Roger & Joy	Early Retirement Couples	11363	10.4	355568	8.6	2723835	6.8
	C14	Brenda	Older Working Women	2410	2.2	143582	3.5	1976776	4.9
	C15	Terry	Local Old Boys	1967	1.8	120156	2.9	1484513	3.7
	C16	Norma	Later Life Ladies	1032	.9	61650	1.5	854962	2.1
	D17	Ralph & Phyllis	Comfortable Retired Couples	12481	11.4	257440	6.2	1700496	4.2
	D18	Frank	Twilight Year Gents	5984	5.5	182928	4.4	1612960	4.0
	D19	Elsie & Arnold	Retirement Home Singles	10745	9.8	344791	8.3	3206387	8.0



A.30 The above market segmentation shows that there are significantly less Jamies, Leannes, Kevs, Paulas, Brendas, Terrys and Normas than the national average, but more Philips, Elaines, Roger & Joys, Ralph & Phyllis', Franks and Elsie & Arnolds than the national average. The dominant segments are Tim, Philip, Roger & Joy, Ralph & Phyllis and Elsie & Arnold.

A.31 The dominant segments as mentioned above have some similarities in the sports they tend to participate in. All groups have swimming and keep fit/gym listed in their top 3 sports that they participate in. Cycling also is popular with Tim, Philip and Roger & Joy. Football is popular with the younger segments (Tim and Philip), Golf and bowls are popular with the older segments (Roger & Joy, Ralph & Phyllis and Elise & Arnold).

A.32 The dominant segments as mentioned above also have similarities in the sports they would like to participate more in. Swimming and keep fit/gym are popular across the board, whilst Tim, Philip and Roger & Joy would like to do more cycling and Ralph & Phyllis would like to do more golf.

A.33 Whilst the dominant segments are the types of sporting groups that are most numerous in East Devon and therefore need to be catered for, it is important not to neglect other sporting groups. There are relatively average numbers of Bens, Chloes, Helenas, Alisons and Franks. The popular sports that these segments participate in are keep fit/gym, swimming, cycling and athletics. Ben enjoys football, whilst Frank

may enjoy golf and bowls. Chloe and Helena enjoy some equestrian sports. These segments would like to participate in more swimming across the board. Also popular would be keep fit/gym, cycling, athletics and tennis. Ben would like to participate in more football whilst Frank may like to play more golf.

A.34 Using the popular participation data of the dominant and average segments above, it seems appropriate to suggest that the following sports are the most popular for current participation in East Devon:

- Swimming
- Keep fit/gym
- Cycling
- Football
- Golf
- Bowls
- Athletics
- Equestrian

A.35 It would also be appropriate to suggest that generally people would like to participate more in the following sports:

- Swimming
- Keep fit/gym
- Cycling
- Golf
- Athletics
- Tennis

A.36 Of the above sports, football is the only pitch-based sport, however athletics and general keep fit exercise may be an ancillary use to pitches. This perhaps highlights the need for a wider sports strategy.

A.37 In addition to the information above which is based on general trends and sports market segmentation, it is useful to incorporate local knowledge. It is important to note that there are a total of 56 football clubs fielding 179 teams, 24 cricket clubs fielding 89 teams, 4 rugby clubs fielding 52 teams and 2 hockey clubs fielding 16 teams playing in East Devon (includes clubs from Exeter playing in East Devon but not East Devon clubs playing in Exeter). There are currently no affiliated clubs offering lacrosse, rounders, baseball, softball, American football, Australian football, Gaelic football, shinty, hurling, polo or cycle polo. However, Exmouth Community College does play American football and has aspirations to become a hub for the sport's development in the South West. East Devon is a priority area for Rounders England in developing the sport. Most schools also play rounders during the summer term. Football and cricket are most definitely the more popular of the pitch-based sports in East Devon.

A.38 The last Active People Survey conducted by Sport England is APS8 to quarter 2 of 2013/14.⁸ At this point, 28.6% of the East Devon population participated in at least one session of 30 minutes and moderate intensity sport per week (in comparison to 36.7% regionally, and 35.5% nationally). If we assume that it is correct then there is a need to significantly encourage and increase participation in sport. However, this may be considered to be an anomalous figure as the figure for the last full year to 2012/13 was 36.3% and a 7.3% drop in participation over just six months does not seem reasonable.

⁸ Sport England (2014), *Once a week participation (16+) APS8 Q2*, [available at: <http://www.sportengland.org/research/who-plays-sport/>], accessed 06/08/2014.

A.39 As recognised by the Open Space Study⁹, the following important characteristics should be considered by the strategy:

- Its mixed urban and rural character. The local authority covers very extensive rural tracts and includes 67 town and parish councils.
- Pressures of expansion in respect of the Exeter/East Devon growth point, with the new settlement of Cranbrook.
- The often contrasting issues and problems affecting rural and urban communities in relation to the provision of and access to various open space, sports and recreational opportunities.

Sports to cover in the Playing Pitch Strategy

A.40 Having assessed the characteristics, sporting habits and existing clubs of East Devon, it was considered appropriate for the Playing Pitch Strategy to focus on football, cricket, rugby union and hockey, whilst bearing in mind the presence of other minority sports on specific other pitches.

⁹ BeLAP & JPC (2012), *East Devon Open Space Study Final Report*, [available at: <http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/env029-eastdevonopenspacestudy.pdf>], accessed 12/09/2014.

STAGE B – Gathering information and views on the supply of and demand for pitches

What information needs to be gathered?

B.1 The methodology states that the following information is required regarding the supply of provision:

- Site name, location and reference details;
- Ownership and management type;
- Number and type of pitches;
- How accessible the pitches are to the community;
- The quality of the pitches and ancillary facilities;
- How the site and its pitches are maintained;
- The current level of protection and security of tenure;
- Views of users, provider and other parties.

The methodology recommends auditing all sites irrespective of ownership including sites that were once pitches but no longer are, so long as they have not been developed.

B.2 The methodology states that the following information is required regarding the demand for playing pitches:

- Sports clubs (competitive matches and training);
- Casual and other demand;
- Educational demand (and from other providers);
- Displaced demand;
- Latent demand;
- Trends and changes in demand;
- Future demand.

The methodology recommends that all demand information should be recorded against a specific site(s).

Identifying supply data

B.3 The information gathering stage began by consulting Sport England's Active Places Power (APP) website.¹⁰ The Playing Pitch Strategy Report was run off the website for each authority to provide a definitive list of the playing pitch sites on Sport England's records, the sports market segmentation information (previously outlined) was consulted, and the clubs information was accessed.

B.4 The information from APP was taken as the base data but was supplemented with information obtained directly from the NGBs who provided information on all of the clubs active for their sport within the study area and local information gleaned from existing studies and a survey of Parish Councils.

¹⁰ Sport England, *Active Places Power*, [available at: <https://www.activeplacespower.com/>], accessed 06/08/2014.

Parish Councils survey

B.5 Parish Councils were contacted with a list of open spaces (including pitches) requesting that they confirm that we had all of the open spaces within their areas listed. An example of the Parish Councils survey can be seen below.

Example survey (Budleigh Salterton)

East Devon Open Space Study Review and Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)

East Devon District Council is embarking on a review of the **Open Space Study 2012**. This is a review of the facilities that make up the open space provision within the district. The point of reviewing the supply data is to ensure that new/updated/removed facilities are taken account of.

EDDC is also producing a new **Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)** in partnership with Exeter City Council to replace the currently adopted 2003 PPS which was prepared jointly with Mid Devon and West Devon which is now out of date. Sport England have recently updated their methodology for preparing a PPS and so it seems appropriate to now update. Before sending surveys to individual clubs about their teams and pitches and undertaking non-technical pitch assessments, we need to be sure that we have all of the playing pitches within the District covered and so checking this as part of the Open Space Study Review is the best way to do this.

Over-page are two lists of facilities in **Budleigh Salterton**. The first list contains facilities that were audited as part of the Open Space Study in November 2011. If these facilities have been updated it will say so in the "comments" column. If facilities have been removed they will be shown as struck out. The second list contains new facilities that have been created since November 2011 or which were missed out by the original audit. Please review these lists.

For the Open Space Study Review we need to know:

1. Do we have the full range of facilities within your area listed?
2. Have we marked down where facilities have been updated/refurbished since November 2011?
3. Are there any facilities listed that are no longer in use?

Please send responses by Friday 20 September 2012 to G.Thompson@eastdevon.gov.uk or Graeme Thompson, Planning Policy, East Devon District Council, Knowle, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HL.

Table 1 – Facilities previously audited for Open Space Study 2012 in November 2011

Reference	Site Name	Typology	Area (Ha)	Comments
BU001	Jubilee Field	Parks and Recreation Grounds	2.54	
BU002	The Green	Parks and Recreation Grounds	3.40	
BU003	Dissaud Railway Line	Amenity Open Space	3.02	
BU008_C1	Greenway Lane Play Area	Play Space - Children	0.32	
BU008_P	Greenway Lane Playing Field	Outdoor Sport - Pitches	0.48	Re-classify as Parks and Recreation Grounds?
BU009	Budleigh Salterton FC	Outdoor Sport - Pitches (FA)	3.48	
BU013_C1	St Peter's School Playground	Education (Play)	0.28	
BU013_P	St Peter's C of E Primary School Playing Field	Education (Sport)	0.67	
BU016	Norman's Crescent Play Area	Play Space - Children	0.32	
BU017	Lime Kiln Skate Park	Play Space - Youth	0.07	
BU019_C1	Knowle Playground	Play Space - Children	0.08	
BU019_P	Knowle Playground football pitch	Outdoor Sport - Pitches	0.38	Re-classify as Parks and Recreation Grounds? These allotments are due to be moved slightly during development of houses.
BU020	Greenway Lane Allotments	Allotments	0.36	
BU021	Shortwood Close Allotments	Allotments	0.29	
BU022	St Peter's Burial Ground	Cemeteries and Churchyards	3.42	
BU023	West Terrace Allotments	Allotments	0.17	

Table 2 – New facilities created since November 2011 audit / not previously audited

Site Name	Typology	Comments
BU_NEW1 - Deepways Play Area	Play Space - Children	Mapped but not included in quality audit originally
BU_NEW - The Lanes	Amenity Open Space	Mapped but not included in quality audit originally
BU010 - Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club - Croquet/Bowls	Outdoor Sport - Hard (FA)	Mapped but not included in quality audit originally
BU010 - Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club - Tennis	Outdoor Sport - Hard (FA)	Mapped but not included in quality audit originally

B.6 45 out of 65 Parishes responded, giving a response rate of 69%. This was considered to be a reasonable rate of response and so it was assumed that all sites containing pitches had been identified.

Pitch user survey

B.7 Once the full set of playing pitch sites had been identified, pitch users were sent a survey to ascertain the detail of the required information as set out in paragraphs B1 and B2 above. This survey was based on the survey questions recommended by each

of the NGBs and designed using software which meant that they looked professional, flowed well and collation and interrogation of the data was easy. This also enabled the surveys to be sent out and responded to electronically and/or by paper.

- B.8 With the help of the relevant NGB and Devon County Council, surveys were sent out to all football, rugby and hockey clubs as well as schools. The ECB chose to conduct their own survey.
- B.9 The main aim of the pitch user surveys was to get data and views regarding specific sites and clubs.
- B.10 Survey responses were circulated to the NGBs for check and challenge so that they were aware of club responses and able to suggest if any major issues had been missed or they could provide additional information.
- B.11 Responses relating to the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities was used to supplement information gathered through site audits.
- B.12 Response rates varied significantly. 100% of rugby, hockey and cricket clubs responded to surveys. However just 41 out of 110 football clubs across East Devon and Exeter responded (equating to 37%), and just 25 out of 109 schools across East Devon and Exeter responded (equating to 23%), however 23 of these responses were from schools in East Devon of which there are 65 meaning 35% of East Devon schools responded.
- B.13 Multiple attempts were made by Council officers, the Devon FA, Devon County Council and BeLAP to improve response rates by re-sending surveys, asking local Councillors to encourage schools and by directly contacting clubs and schools however this did not provide many more responses. Unfortunately, this seems to have been the best response rate possible.
- B.14 Responses received varied in terms of their depth. Some responses went into plenty of detail, describing issues and aspirations well and answering all or most of the questions, whilst others responded with minimal explanation and only answered a percentage of the questions. Overall it was felt that whilst response rates could have done with being a little higher, there were enough responses of a reasonable standard to be able to draw conclusions.

Site audits

- B.15 All sites were audited during this process. This included formally designated current pitches as well as sites of former pitches and recreation grounds which potentially could accommodate formal pitches.
- B.16 Pitches that were assessed for the Exmouth Playing Pitch Review (assessed by Sports Solutions in January 2013) were not revisited, however, all other football, rugby and artificial pitches were audited by in-house officers between November 2013 and April 2014. Cricket pitches were audited by BeLAP in May/June 2014.
- B.17 Site audits followed the advice and process as prescribed by the various non-technical assessment forms provided in the NGBs' appendices to the methodology. To ensure consistency, all persons who were to undertake site audits were given training by a representative of the Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI) courtesy of the Devon FA.

Whilst this training applied specifically to assessing football pitches, many of the same skills were transferrable to rugby and artificial pitches were far easier to assess (and in all cases with AGPs someone was needed to guide the auditor around and therefore they could explain issues in great detail).

- B.18 Where sites were in private ownership the owners/clubs were contacted and an on-site meeting was arranged where possible. This gave auditors a chance to listen to and understand issues fully. Details of issues and aspirations were recorded on assessment sheets.
- B.19 Where possible ancillary facilities (changing rooms, clubhouse etc) were accessed and audited as well. Where they were unable to be accessed, information was extracted from user surveys, however in some cases this was not possible as clubs/owners did not respond to the survey.
- B.20 Site assessments were recorded on the aforementioned pro-formas and then entered into a spreadsheet with in-built formulas in order to process the pitch score and ancillary facilities score.

Pitch bookings

- B.21 To help supplement pitch user data collected through the surveys, information on pitch bookings and leases was sought from the owners of pitches known to be let out for community use. The estates department of the Council provided information on bookings and leases for Council owned pitches, LED and relevant schools provided information on actual / typical bookings for most of the AGPs and the Commando Training Corps Royal Marines (CTCRM) Lympstone provided information on the usage of their AGPs. This significantly helped to understand whether these pitches were over or under subscribed at present.

STAGE C – Assess the supply and demand information and views

The Exeter and East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy Needs Assessment

- C.1 Consultants BeLAP were appointed jointly by East Devon District Council and Exeter City Council to conduct Stage C of the PPS methodology. Their report completed in September 2014 and entitled the Exeter and East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy Needs Assessment (referred to as the Needs Assessment from here on) can be found as Appendix 1 to this strategy. The section below has been compiled based on the key issues and findings of that report. The report was compiled to cover both Exeter and East Devon so as to consider any cross-boundary issues. This strategy focuses on East Devon and cross-boundary issues, however does not consider those key findings relating to Exeter where no known cross-boundary issues exist. The Needs Assessment should be read as Stage C to this strategy, however site-by-site summaries of all assessed pitches have been provided at Appendix 2.
- C.2 The Needs Assessment was subject to check and challenge by the steering group and all parties felt it adequately recognised the main issues across the two authorities.
- C.3 Section 8B of the Needs Assessment highlights the key findings and issues for East Devon on a sport by sport basis therefore they are not repeated here. This strategy aims to address these issues fully.

Consultation

- C.4 In addition to the Needs Assessment, consultation on the draft Playing Pitch Strategy has in some cases resulted in additional or amended issues that the strategy should seek to resolve.

Site-by-site summaries

- C.5 Appendix 2 to the Playing pitch Strategy contains site-by-site summaries of all pitch sites in East Devon including the full lists of issues considered by the strategy alongside pitch arrangements, quality ratings, clubs using the site, sports played and action plans.

Other sites

- C.6 In addition to the sites summarised in Appendix 2, a number of primary school sites have small football pitches marked out and do make them available for community use, however there is not enough information about this usage known. In general it should be an action point of this strategy to ensure that any community use is secured through a formal community use agreement or similar and where possible extended. The junior football pitches at Ottery St Mary Primary School and Seaton Primary School are prime examples for this.

- C.7 There are also a number of open access playing fields and recreation grounds around the district which have informal football provision on them. These have not been included in the assessment as the methodology states that pitches must be marked out to be counted. It may be that some of these sites could be formally marked out to provide for additional junior football provision especially. However it must be remembered that such sites are currently accessible to the public for kickabouts, sometimes dog walking, and general recreation. If making a site available as a formal pitch were to mean that public access would have to be restricted/stopped then this might not be the most appropriate action. In addition to this, it should be recognised that laying out individual youth/mini football pitches is of limited use. Providing multiple youth//mini pitches together is far more appropriate and preferable.

STAGE D – Develop the strategy

Scenario testing

- D.1 Having understood the key findings and issues relating to the analysis of supply and demand it is possible to look at what projects could help to resolve these issues. This may include (but not limited to) improving existing sites, providing additional sites, relocating clubs to share sites and re-designating existing sites to cater for different sports.
- D.2 Scenario testing will consider what will happen if certain changes to supply or demand occur. The methodology sets out a series of example scenario questions and these have been adapted below to consider certain specific scenarios in East Devon.

What if the certain sites with a poor quality rating are improved?

- D.3 The following pitches with secure community access were assessed as being poor quality through the non-technical pitch assessments work:

Site Name	Pitch types rated as poor	Sub-area	Pitch score	At/near capacity
Hawkchurch Recreation Ground	Football (adult 11v11)	Axminster	36	No
Cloakham Lawn	AGP (sand-based training)	Axminster	42	No
Woodbury Recreation Ground	Football (adult 11v11)	Exmouth	31	No
Withycombe Common pitches	Cricket	Exmouth	50	No
Dunkeswell Rovers FC	Football (adult 11v11)	Honiton	30	No
Offwell Recreation Ground	Football (adult 11v11)	Honiton	47	No
All Hallows Recreation Ground	Rugby (adult x2)	Honiton	M0/D0	Yes
Washbrook Meadows, Ottery St Mary	Football (adult 11v11 x2, youth 9v9)	Ottery St Mary	31-49	No (adult) Yes (youth)
Tipton St John Playing Field	Football (adult 11v11)	Ottery St Mary	46	Yes
Rockbeare Playing Fields	Football (adult 11v11)	Ottery St Mary	47	Yes
The Kings School AGP	AGP (full-size sand-based)	Ottery St Mary	Poor	No
Elizabeth Road Recreation Ground	Football (youth 11v11)	Seaton	9	No
Back Lane Playing Field, Newton Poppleford	Football (adult 11v11, youth 9v9, youth 7v7, mini 5v5)	Sidmouth	29-43	Yes
Stantyway Playing Field, Otterton	Football (adult 11v11)	Sidmouth	26	Yes

- D.4 Of the above sites, 5 are currently operating at or close to capacity. If these pitches can be elevated to a standard rating then the capacity of the pitches in theory increases. Where a single team plays on a pitch which has a spare capacity during the peak period of 0.5 this is not considered to mean that the pitch is at/near capacity. Where multiple teams play on a pitch/pitches that are deemed to have a spare capacity of 0.5 during the peak period then they are considered to be at/near capacity.
- D.5 The rugby pitches on the **All Hallows Recreation Ground** (home to Honiton RFC) are described as “badly worn and boggy; looked unplayable. Unrestricted public access. Clubhouse facilities not up to league standards” by the quality audit. The main issues

here are maintenance, drainage and overuse. The current match equivalent usage of the pitches here is 3 but capacity is just 1. Installation of pipe or pipe and slit drainage would lift the pitch out of the poor category and bring the capacity of the pitches up to 3.5 or 4. Significant improvements to the maintenance regime would also help although drainage is the key issue. Decreasing the usage of the pitches would also help to address capacity issues here. Installation of an AGP at Honiton Community College would reduce/prevent the need for the school to use All Hallows for educational purposes.

- D.6 The youth 9v9 football pitch at **Washbrook Meadows** (home to Ottery St Mary AFC) is described as “Clearly not given the same attention as the other two pitches. Uneven and grass too long”. Addressing the evenness and maintenance would lift the quality of this pitch up to standard. With carrying capacity currently at 1 match equivalent and usage the same so there is currently no spare capacity on the pitch. Increasing the quality to standard would bring the capacity up to 2.
- D.7 The site notes for the adult football pitch at **Tipton St John Playing Field** state “Mole damage. North eastern corner very uneven. Open access, plenty of dogs”. With the playing field being an open access site, there is little can be done about dogs being walked on the pitch except putting up signs to try and stop it. The main issues here otherwise relate to the evenness and maintenance of the pitch. Evenness is particularly a problem due to moles but could be overcome with adequate maintenance. The carrying capacity of the pitch is currently 1 match equivalent and usage is the same so there is currently no spare capacity. Increasing the quality of the pitch to standard would increase that capacity to 2 meaning that the pitch could be available to further teams in the Ottery St Mary and Sidmouth sub-areas. With Sidmouth Junior Vikings FC actively looking for pitches this could be a site worth considering. There is also plenty of room on the site to lay out additional youth/mini football pitches so long as they didn't compromise the cricket outfield.
- D.8 The adult football pitch at **Rockbeare Playing Fields** is on an open access recreation ground which means that little can be done about dog walking and unofficial use, however there are issues with evenness and maintenance of the pitch which affect its rating and capacity. Carrying capacity of the adult pitch is currently 1 match equivalent and usage at peak times is the same. Raising the quality to standard would increase the capacity to 2. Improving the maintenance regime slightly and addressing current issues with the evenness of the surface could easily bring the pitch up to standard quality.
- D.9 All of the football pitches at **Back Lane Playing Field** in Newton Poppleford are being considered here as at/near capacity. The Needs Assessment suggests that the adult pitch which is of poor quality is near capacity, however does not give capacity scores for the junior pitches. This is because their usage could not be verified. We were made aware that Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings FC play at Back Lane however unsure on specific teams or pitches that were used and how much they were used. All of the pitches have a combined capacity of 6 match equivalent sessions per week at present due to their “poor” rating. Comments from STJVFC suggest that pitches are severely over capacity and that drainage of the adult pitch is a key issue. The main issues pulling the quality rating down here were regarding evenness of the adult pitch playing surface, maintenance, unofficial use and damage to the surface (someone was playing golf at the time of surveying), and the slope of the pitch (particularly the mini 7v7). Addressing the evenness and maintenance by increasing aeration and seeding programmes would go some way to doing this. Reducing unofficial use of the surface by putting up signs saying no dog walking on the pitches and no golf could help resolve issues with damage to the surface. Potentially levelling the field could also

help. Taking account of STJVFC's comments installation of effective drainage to the adult pitch could also make a significant difference to the site capacity. Raising the quality to "standard" would increase the combined capacity of all of the pitches to 12 match equivalent sessions per week which should resolve any capacity issues here. Having said that, additional youth/mini football pitches are required in the Sidmouth sub-area.

- D.10 The site notes for the adult football pitch at **Stantyway Playing Field** (home to Otterton FC) state "Serious issue with moles, dips need filling". The main issues here relate to the slope of the pitch, evenness, drainage, dog walking and maintenance. The pitch currently has a carrying capacity of 1 match equivalent and usage at peak times is the same so no spare capacity exists. Addressing all of these issues by levelling, installing drainage and improving maintenance significantly would improve the pitch to standard rating, however this would require significant investment. Increasing the quality to standard would increase the capacity to 2.
- D.11 Whilst the **AGP at the Kings School** in Ottery St Mary is not at capacity (Needs Assessment states it to be at about 69%), the pitch is highlighted as being particularly poor and even dangerous. Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club run many teams and so the surface is a high priority for improvement. Replacing the surface, fencing, boards, goals and floodlights would be the only way to guarantee a good quality pitch here.

What if community use can be secured at certain sites?

- D.12 There are a number of schools and private facilities that have sports pitches that are not available for secured community use. The methodology states that "as a guide there should be a good degree of certainty that the pitch will be available to the community for at least the following three years...arrangements which may suggest such certainty could include:
- A formal community use agreement
 - A leasing or management agreement requiring pitches to be available to the community/a community club
 - A formal policy for community use adopted by the owner and or educational establishment
 - Written confirmation from the owner and or educational establishment".
- D.13 The Needs Assessment clearly identifies the level of community use on sites using the methodology's definitions of:
- A – Available for community use and used
 - B – Available for community use but unused
 - C – Not available for community use
 - D – Not available as disused.
- D.14 As a matter of course, all sites which currently fall into category B should be explored as to whether clubs could effectively utilise these pitches and therefore reduce congestion on pitches elsewhere. If they are not suitable at present (hence why they are not being used) then the reason for this should be explored and if possible addressed. No sites knowingly fall into this category, however this situation should be monitored.
- D.15 The Needs Assessment shows the level of community use at secondary schools in East Devon. Axe Valley Community College, Honiton Community College, Colyton

Grammar School and Sidmouth College are both shown as having pitches that are not currently available to the community.

- Axe Valley Community College is unable to provide community use as “the level of school use, together with soil type and weather” means they have very limited capacity. The school is keen to install a full-size 3G AGP which now has planning permission and they would want to explore full community use with this facility.
- Honiton Community College is keen to expand the use of its facilities although availability would be limited at present. They wish to install an AGP and this would allow much more widespread community use. This could help to satisfy demand for floodlit training pitches in the Honiton area as well as provide a home for the Honiton Hornets Hockey Club.
- Colyton Grammar School currently allows community use of the football pitches, however cannot allow use of the rugby or cricket pitches due to a covenant on the land which specifically outlaws use by anyone other than the school.
- Sidmouth College has a grass pitch but this is currently unavailable to the community. They would be happy to let it out if the right opportunity arises however, they would want to be assured that such use would not lead to school use being compromised.

D.16 Table 3.4 in the Needs Assessment shows the level of community use at primary schools in East Devon. St Mary’s Catholic School in Axminster, Awliscombe Primary School, Upottery Primary School, Payhembury Primary School, Beer Primary School and Newton Poppleford Primary School are listed as having pitches but not being available for community use. In addition to this, a number of primary schools have generic playing fields or there is a lack of information as to their provision.

D.17 All schools with suitable pitches should be encouraged to allow dual use where possible and any blocks to this such as a lack of externally accessible toilets or changing facilities should be worked through to see if community use can be secured. To ensure this, formal legal community use/dual use agreements will be encouraged to be signed.

D.18 Rural areas with limited provision, Exmouth, Seaton and Honiton should be particular focuses for improving secure community access to primary school pitches as they can be a vital resource of youth/mini football pitches.

D.19 The only non-school pitches to be unavailable for community use are the rugby pitch and AGPs at CTCRM, Lypstone and the junior football pitches at The New Inn near Broadclyst. The football pitch at the CTCRM is available for limited community use, however the CTCRM are unable to allow any further usage of facilities “due to the intensity of usage in support of training and the requirement to provide members of the Corps recreational facilities”. It is therefore unfeasible to assume that further community use could be secured on this site. The New Inn near Broadclyst apparently hosts two youth teams of Broadclyst Sports FC possibly on two 5v5 pitches although little information exists about these and it is believe it is on a grace and favour basis. The pitches were not counted in the assessment, but if secured community use could be gained this could be a vital addition to the number of available junior football pitches in the Exeter fringe sub-area.

What if some pitches are re-designated from one sport (or pitch type) to another?

D.20 The methodology suggests that if there are any marked differences between how well demand is met for different sports in an area then certain sites should be considered

for re-designation from a well catered for sport to a less well catered for sport. In East Devon there are no areas or sports that are particularly over-provided for and so re-designation of sport being played on a site is not really an option.

D.21 It is important to also consider whether any pitch types within a sport are under provided for and therefore whether other pitch types could be remarked as more appropriate pitch types. An example of this would be an overprovision of adult football pitches but an under-provision of youth/mini pitches.

D.22 Generally around the district there is a problem with junior/youth/mini football teams playing on adult sized pitches. Table 3.16 of the Needs Assessment highlights teams playing on the wrong sized pitch. Remarketing some of these pitches to be more age appropriate may be possible, however in many cases (generally where youth teams are playing on adult pitches) the adult teams take priority and so they couldn't be remarked. In these cases additional youth pitches would be required; although in the short term more appropriate sized goals should be provided. The table below indicates pitches that could be remarked and therefore resolve certain issues.

Site	Sub-area	Current pitch type	Pitch type to remark as
Winslade Park (Friends Life)	Exeter fringe	2x Adult 11v11 2x Mini 7v7s	Discuss with clubs and FA
Acland Park	Ottery St Mary	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11
Elizabeth Road Playing Field	Seaton	Mini 7v7	Youth 9v9

D.23 The suggested remarketing above may resolve some of the issues surrounding lack of appropriate sized youth/mini football pitches around the district, however, on some sites it is not possible to remark pitches accordingly. This means that there would still be requirements for the following additional youth/mini pitches in the following areas. It has also been taken into account that it is not sustainable to provide these pitches on their own; they must be located with other pitches and/or artificial grass training pitches for more effective management and use. At least two mini pitches should be provided together to enable hosting of competitions and leagues etc. It should also be recognised that an element of pragmatism may be necessary. Youth teams that ideally would play on youth 11v11 pitches could play on adult size pitches but would require the correct sized goal. Similarly, mini teams that ideally would play on mini 5v5 pitches could play on mini 7v7 pitches so long as the right sized goals were used.

Sub-area	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5
Exeter fringe				2
Axminster	1		2	2
Exmouth	3	1	2	1
Honiton		1		
Ottery St Mary	1		2	1
Seaton	1	1		
Sidmouth		1	2	
Total	6	4	8	6

D.24 The above recommendations for additional youth pitches are simply to meet current needs. Needs arising from population growth to 2024, major housing growth at Cranbrook and to the East of Exeter, latent and displaced demand and aspirations of clubs would be in addition to this.

What if a site outside of the study area that currently caters for a significant amount of demand generated from within the study area is no longer available?

D.25 The only sport that this really affects in East Devon is hockey:

- East Devon Hockey Club train and play mainly at St Peter’s Sports Centre in Exeter and also do some training at St Luke’s Science and Sports College;
- Exe Hockey Club (formed out of a merger between Exmouth Hockey Club and Exeter Ladies Hockey Club) train and play at St Luke’s Science and Sports College; and
- Honiton Hornets Hockey Club are training at Exeter School this year.

D.26 Should St Peter’s, St Luke’s or Exeter School AGPs become unavailable for any reason, it is unlikely that they could all be accommodated on AGPs in East Devon at present. All sand-based AGPs in East Devon have some spare capacity, however each has a reason why it would not be able to host the teams at present:

AGP	Reason couldn’t accommodate additional hockey
Exmouth Community College	Currently used for football and rugby training on Saturday mornings and there are no externally accessible dedicated changing facilities.
CTCRM	Not available for community use.
The Kings School	Used by Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club for matches on Saturdays and training on Sundays, by Honiton Hornets for matches on Saturdays and in serious need of refurbishment.
Sidmouth College	Used by Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club for matches on Saturdays and Sundays and requires floodlights to increase hours of usage.
Colyton Grammar School	Potentially available, however the pitch is a long way from the bases of all three clubs.

D.27 Considering the above reasons why hockey demand is being met in Exeter and couldn’t be accommodated in East Devon, there are certain actions that could resolve these should the need arise.

D.28 It is not known whether if suitable facilities were available East Devon Hockey Club or Exe Hockey Club would want to relocate back to East Devon. If they wanted to or were forced to by closure of facilities in Exeter then the following actions may be required:

- Provide dedicated and externally accessible changing facilities at Exmouth Community College.
- Conversion of the smaller sand-based AGP at Exmouth Community College to 3G and the construction of a full size 3G AGP at Raleigh Park could free up vital training and matchplay space on the full-size sand AGP at the college.
- Construction of a full size sand-based AGP at Honiton Community College.
- Potentially the construction of a full-size sand-based AGP at Clyst Vale Community College.

D.29 The above actions are all projects which the relevant schools have aspirations to develop and so subject to securing funding and planning permission would be possible to be developed should the need arise. The need for Honiton Hornets to relocate back to Honiton is a more pressing issue.

What if there is a demand to move some current demand to a different pitch type?

D.30 There is a big movement towards training on 3G surfaces for football and rugby. The Needs Assessment considers this in its Section 7. The Needs Assessment identifies

that in East Devon there is a requirement for a minimum of two full-size 3G pitches in addition to the full-size 3G pitch planned at Axe Valley Community College and the conversion of the smaller AGP at Exmouth Community College to 3G. This issue and the available options are considered in “key issue 5” below.

What if new pitches are provided on a specific new or existing site?

D.31 The following new pitches are in the pipeline/proposed/aspired to. These have been outlined in publicly accessible documents, in responses to the surveys or are otherwise generally known. Facilities already planned for Cranbrook are dealt with separately in paragraphs D.48-D.69.

	Proposal	Location	Proposer	Status
Exeter fringe	3x new rugby training pitches, changing room and educational building.	Oil Mill Lane, Clyst St Mary	Exeter Youth RFC	Planning permission 14/1572/MFUL.
	Requirement to replace the football pitch at Waterslade Park (former ground of Clyst Rovers FC) linked to S106 for Skypark development.	Skypark, Clyst Honiton	St Modwen Devon County Council	Planning permission 06/3300/MOUT no reserved matters application dealing with the replacement sports pitch as yet.
	New AGP.	Clyst Vale Community College, Broadclyst	Clyst Vale Community College	Aspiration of the college but no plans or applications received as yet.
Axminster	New football pitches to replace the loss of Valley View (former ground of Axminster Town FC).	North of Cloakham Lawn, Axminster	Axminster Town FC Devonshire Homes	Planning permission 1661/MFUL. Pitches are in the process of being completed ready for the 2014-15 season.
	New full-size 3G pitch.	Axe Valley Community College, Axminster	Axe Valley Community College Axminster Town FC Millwey Rise FC	Planning permission 13/1365/CM and DCC/3507/2013. Planned to be installed 2014/15.
	New school playing field	Mrs Etherlstone's Primary School, Uplyme	Mrs Ethelstone's Primary School	Planning permission 12/2399/MOUT for a new school including a playing field.
Exmouth	Replacement of half-size sand-based AGP with 3G surface.	Exmouth Community College, Exmouth	Exmouth Community College	Recently completed project including new minimal-spill sports lighting.
	Replacement of grass rugby pitch with full-size “World Rugby 22 compliant” 3G AGP.	Raleigh Park, Exmouth	Withycombe RFC Exmouth Community College	Aspiration of club and college but no formalised plans or applications as yet.
	Replacement rugby pitches for Exmouth RFC linked to Exmouth Regeneration plans for redevelopment of Imperial Ground.	Exmouth	East Devon District Council Exmouth RFC	Exmouth Town Centre and Seafront Masterplan plans for the redevelopment of the Imperial Ground (home to Exmouth RFC) into a supermarket and the relocation of the rugby club to new premises as yet

				unidentified.
Honiton	New sports hub for rugby, football and cricket.	Tower Hill, Honiton	Honiton Development Trust	Honiton Development Trust have plans for a hub venue to include a wide range of pitches for rugby, football and cricket to resolve issues with existing pitches within the town. The Draft East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026 states "We will enhance Honiton by...encouraging the provision of sports pitches on hill top land to the South of the town in line with community aspirations".
	Replacement of grass playing field with AGP.	Honiton Community College	Honiton Community College	Aspiration of the college. Planning application 12/2476/FUL proposing this facility was withdrawn following advice from Sport England that it was premature of the Playing Pitch Strategy being completed. Also an aspiration of the hockey and rugby clubs.
Seaton	Additional grass football pitches.	Seaton	Seaton Town FC	Aspiration of the football club. Planning applications 12/1185/MOUT and 13/1641/MOUT for housing, employment and open space including two football pitches both refused. No further plans or applications as yet.
Sidmouth	All-weather training surface for training in wet weather	Sidmouth	Sidmouth RFC	Aspiration of the rugby club to have an all weather training surface. No plans or applications as yet.

Exeter Youth RFC proposals on Oil Mill Lane, Clyst St Mary

D.32 The provision of three new rugby training pitches for Exeter Youth RFC on Oil Mill Lane near Clyst St Mary (see Appendix 5) would have no impact on issues with rugby pitches around East Devon unless they were available for existing East Devon teams to use. However, the planning permission for this site currently specifically precludes other clubs from using the site due to concerns regarding the potential increase in traffic to the site.

Waterslade Park

D.33 Waterslade Park near Clyst Honiton was home to Clyst Rovers until 2010. The ground was contained within the site area of the Skypark business park development which gained planning permission in June 2010 following protracted S106 negotiations. The S106 for the development requires the replacement of Waterslade Park with a new 96m x 60m football pitch, drainage, goals, changing rooms and parking to a defined specification or to such other specification as agreed between EDDC and the owner. The other specification may comprise of an alternative sports facility of equivalent quality/quantity. Clyst Rovers disbanded in 2010. This being the case it is important to consider what sort of provision should be made here. The site is very close to Cranbrook and it may be that teams arising from Cranbrook would want to use the facility, however Cranbrook will be required to deliver its own pitches in addition to this facility. Clyst Honiton is within the Exeter fringe sub-area of this strategy, an area that has a significant amount of movement of football clubs from Exeter playing in East Devon. Many of these clubs play at Broadclyst Recreation Ground, Winslade Park in Clyst St Mary or Rockbeare Playing Fields. Broadclyst Recreation Ground is currently at capacity and caters for the majority of these teams. It may be worth discussing with one or more of these teams whether they would be interested in relocating to any replacement facility at Skypark. This may mean that the replacement provision would be better suited as youth/mini pitches rather than a single adult pitch. Alternatively, the possibility of developing a junior/youth/mini football hub could be explored. The replacement facility would form part of this wider provision. Clubs of other sports in the Exeter/East Devon area should also be considered for relocation here if they are looking for a new facility, however there is a proven need for football in this vicinity.

Clyst Vale Community College AGP aspirations

D.34 Clyst Vale Community College has aspirations to develop an AGP on-site. In addition to this, an AGP is required to be installed in Cranbrook. It is important to consider the surfaces of these two AGPs in tandem as they will be relatively close together. It would be reasonable to suggest that if one of the surfaces is delivered as a sand-based AGP then the other should be a 3G surface to ensure that there is access to both surface types in the vicinity. The pressing need in this part of East Devon and Exeter is for all weather, floodlit football training facilities. Existing sand-based AGPs in Exeter are currently heavily used by football clubs blocking the availability of the pitches for hockey use. In addition to this, many existing football clubs in East Devon are desperate for such a facility. The Needs Assessment suggests that there is a requirement for two full size 3G AGPs arising from East Devon alone and that one of these could be delivered at Cranbrook. With Cranbrook being the only AGP of the two that can near enough be relied upon to be installed it makes sense for this AGP to be 3G and cater for the greatest demand. The potential AGP at Clyst Vale Community College could then be a sand-based surface which would allow the school to field a hockey team and could potentially be used by any hockey club arising from Cranbrook or if East Devon Hockey Club wanted to relocate back to East Devon.

Exmouth Community College conversion of half size AGP to 3G

D.35 Exmouth Community College has recently replaced its half size sand-based AGP with a 3G surface. This will provide a much needed all-weather floodlit training facility for football and rugby clubs in the Exmouth area. It should help to reduce the usage of grass pitches for training therefore increasing spare capacity on them. However, due to its size and the existing demand for such a facility it is likely that some training will

still spill over onto the full size sand-based surface. Therefore it is likely that further 3G provision will be required in the Exmouth area.

Raleigh Park proposed 3G

D.36 In addition to the conversion above, Exmouth Community College and Withycombe RFC have a joint aspiration to install a full size "World Rugby 22 compliant" 3G pitch at Raleigh Park, replacing the current grass pitch. Withycombe RFC currently run 10 teams. They train on the competitive pitch for 10 hours per week and also on the 3G surface at Sandy Park in Exeter for 2 hours per week and the sand-based AGP at Exmouth Community College for 90 minutes per week both at significant cost. The club has just one grass pitch but has no room to expand to deliver additional pitches. The club anticipate an increase in the number of teams they run each year and suggest that by 2018/19 they will have four more junior teams and potentially one or two more adult teams. Exmouth Community College also use Raleigh Park for PE lessons and school football and rugby matches. This means that Raleigh Park is significantly over used. The club and college consider that delivery of a full size World Rugby 22 compliant 3G AGP on this site would relieve many or all of these issues as well as cater for additional training demands from other football and rugby clubs in Exmouth, however additional grass pitches would still be required for the rugby club to meet current and future demand.

Relocation of Exmouth RFC

D.37 As part of the Exmouth Town Centre and Seafront Masterplan, East Devon District Council intends to relocate Exmouth RFC so that the Imperial Ground can be redeveloped for a supermarket. The new location for Exmouth RFC is not yet known but the Needs Assessment shows that the club requires four senior and two mini-midi rugby pitches to cater for their current needs. The club would prefer (as supported by the RFU) to have all of these required pitches delivered on the same site. In terms of making adequate replacement provision to mitigate the loss of the Imperial Ground, only two adult and one mini/midi would need to be provided, however, the new pitches would then be just as overused as the current pitches. That being the case any movement of the rugby club should consider how and where the additional two adult and one mini/midi pitch will be delivered. Replacement pitches should be suitably drained, floodlit, and include training areas. Ancillary facilities should be sufficient for the number of teams playing at the pitches including separate changing facilities for adults and juniors and men and women, sufficient car parking, and appropriate social facilities. The loss of the disused athletics track at the Imperial Ground should be explored further to assess whether demand exists for this facility. It is important to note that even if the rugby club do not relocate to new pitches, additional grass rugby pitches will be necessary to meet current demands.

Tower Hill sports hub proposals

D.38 Honiton specific analysis is included in Appendix 3, please refer to this for an in-depth assessment of pitch issues and options in Honiton.

Honiton Community College AGP aspiration

D.39 Honiton specific analysis is included in Appendix 3, please refer to this for an in-depth assessment of pitch issues and options in Honiton.

Seaton Town FC pitches

D.40 Seaton Town FC are severely restricted by only having one adult pitch and no junior/youth/mini pitches as well as the inadequacy of the current facilities on Colyford Road. Planning applications for employment, housing and recreational uses including new football pitches for the club on land adjacent to Harepath Road have been refused and dismissed at appeal meaning that the club need to seek out alternative options for new pitches although no specific plans are known as yet.

Sidmouth training AGP

D.41 Sidmouth RFC have aspirations for an all-weather training pad although there are no formal plans or locations known at present. Provision of floodlights on the existing sand-based AGP at Sidmouth College could go some way to resolving this issue by enabling non-contact training to be conducted on it during the Winter, however the club would ideally like access to a World Rugby 22 compliant 3G training facility that would allow full contact training on an all-weather surface. Access to such a facility would be supported by many football and rugby clubs across central East Devon.

What if there is a reduction in the maintenance budget for some sites?

D.42 A reduction in maintenance budgets whether real or relative is a particularly realistic scenario to consider. Many clubs in all sports struggle to afford to do as much maintenance as they would like to already, and if past trends continue this issue is likely to be exacerbated. Reduction in maintenance budgets is likely in many cases to bring the assessed quality of the pitches on a site down and as such their carrying capacity. Addressing this issue could take one of two forms – provision of additional pitches (although where would the maintenance budget for these come from?) or financial support for the club to enable them to carry out necessary maintenance. Either of these options will require careful consideration and joined-up thinking between relevant clubs, NGBs (National Governing Bodies for Sport), Sport England and land owners. In some cases, encouraging ground sharing can help by sharing the maintenance costs with another club, however this must be balanced against the increased usage of the pitches.

What if further sports development initiatives or alternative forms of a sport are introduced?

D.43 Within football there are two distinct issues to consider here: 1) The growth of junior football; and 2) the growth in 5-a-side teams and leagues.

D.44 The Exeter and District Youth League has grown significantly in recent years. If this trend continues and spreads further into East Devon then it will be important to ensure that sufficient youth/mini football pitches are provided. There is already a significant undersupply of such pitches within East Devon the extent of which would be exacerbated. Junior teams already often play on multiple different sites and on the wrong size of pitch (see paragraphs D.20-D.24). If junior football increases significantly the provision of a central junior football hub would be a beneficial action. Such a facility could potentially benefit from pooled maintenance resources and allow clubs to play on the same site throughout the age groups.

- D.45 Generally nationwide there has been a large increase in the numbers of people playing small sided football. 5-a-side football and futsal have both grown in popularity, however this strategy only needs to consider 5-a-side as futsal is played indoors. Many cities around the country have developed 5-a-side centres where teams can book or turn up and play either within a league system or just with friends. Such centres are generally commercial ventures and based on 3G surfaces. Whilst the methodology suggests that commercial centres should not be included within the strategy, they do offer an alternative form of the game which is growing in popularity and can increase participation. Exeter does not have such a facility as yet, and as such it would be worth exploring whether demand exists for such a facility and if so, whether it could be located within East Devon in conjunction with the major housing growth at Cranbrook and elsewhere in the West End.
- D.46 In cricket, there has been significant diversification to other forms of the game including T20 and Kwik Cricket although these generally do not require alternative facilities.
- D.47 In rugby there has been a significant growth in interest in 7s, touch and tag rugby. 7s are played on a standard senior size rugby pitch and the touch and tag forms of the game are generally used for non-contact training.

What if a significant increase in demand will be located in a particular part of the study area?

- D.48 The Draft East Devon Local Plan proposes major housing and employment growth at East Devon's West End. This growth is centred around the new community of Cranbrook and urban extensions to Exeter at Pinhoe and Tithebarn Green/Blackhorse. These developments will introduce a significant population and amount of demand into an area currently with very few sporting facilities. An in-depth assessment has been conducted specifically focusing on Cranbrook and this can be found at Appendix 4.
- D.49 Most of the housing allocated to be delivered at Pinhoe and Tithebarn Green/Blackhorse now has planning permission or at least a resolution to grant permission subject to Legal Agreement. This being the case there are limited opportunities remaining to influence sports pitch provision in these areas. However, a similar exercise as conducted for Cranbrook in Appendix 4 using Team Generation Rates (TGRs) will be conducted for any remaining sites as and when planning applications are received.

Developing the recommendations and actions

- D.50 Following on from the key findings and issues highlighted by the Needs Assessment and the above scenario testing it is important to consider some of the options for addressing key issues in more depth. The recommended action for each of these key issues has been carried forward into the main action plan.

Key issue 1 – Former Millwey Rise FC football pitch, Axminster

Explanation of the issue

D.51 The former Millwey Rise FC football pitch in Axminster is no longer marked out as a pitch and is under pressure for development. It is important to understand whether the pitch is needed or not. The Needs Assessment raises the issue that there is a distinct lack of youth/mini football pitches in the Axminster sub-area. Since the Needs Assessment was carried out it has been uncovered that there are two mini 5v5 pitches overmarking the outfield of the main cricket pitch at Cloakham Lawn, however there is still a lack of mini 7v7 pitches. The junior pitch at Cloakham Lawn is probably at capacity.

Options

D.52

- 1 Level and bring the former Millwey pitch back into use as 2x mini 7v7 and develop new changing facilities and car park accessed off Chard Road;
- 2 Level and mark out 1x mini 7v7 football pitch and allow the remainder of the field to be lost;
- 3 Allow development of the whole of the Millwey site provided that suitable alternative mini soccer provision is made elsewhere and is available prior to the site being developed;
- 4 Allow the site to be lost and provide no suitable alternative replacement.

Recommended action

D.53 Due to the distinct lack of mini football pitches in the Axminster sub-area it would be unwise to allow the permanent loss of the former Millwey Rise FC pitch in Axminster without adequate replacement. Levelling the existing site and developing changing and parking facilities would not seem to be the best option when two football hubs (Cloakham Lawn and Axminster Town FC's new site) exist nearby. It had been planned for a youth 9v9 pitch to be installed at Axminster Town FC's new site, however, this appears to have stalled. If this could be developed as a mini 7v7 pitch and also a second mini 7v7 pitch be delivered on land at Cloakham Lawn linked into the housing development there then the former Millwey Rise FC site could be lost for development. **This being the case scenario 3 should be followed.**

Key issue 2 – Cranbrook AGP

Explanation of the issue

D.54 A full-size AGP is due to be provided at Cranbrook. The surface of this AGP has not been determined as yet and so this strategy needs to consider the merits of installing different surface types. The Needs Assessment identifies a need for 2x full-size 3G AGPs in East Devon in addition to the full-size 3G AGP being installed in Axminster and the converted half-size 3G being installed in Exmouth. It suggests that one of these could be to serve Cranbrook and the other developments to the East of Exeter. In addition to this the Needs Assessment explains that there are significant pitch congestion issues on AGPs within Exeter due to football clubs training on sand-based AGPs when they are required by the hockey clubs. Assessing the demands of the population growth expected at Cranbrook and to the East of Exeter, the Needs Assessment highlights significant demand for football and cricket, but a lesser demand for rugby and hockey facilities.

Options

D.55

- 1 Install a full-size long-pile World Rugby 22 compliant 3G AGP with shock pad suitable for football and rugby training and matches;
- 2 Install a full-size long-pile 3G AGP suitable for football training and matches and rugby training;
- 3 Install a full-size sand-based AGP suitable for hockey training and matches and football training.

Recommended action

D.56 Due to the significant demand within East Devon and also arising from Exeter, a 3G surface should be installed. With the specific demand arising from Cranbrook being for football more than any other sport it and football usage of sand-based AGPs in Exeter preventing access for hockey clubs, it would make sense for this surface to be suitable for football training and matches, however with projected rugby demand much lower it would not be a requirement to provide a fully World Rugby 22 compliant 3G surface with shock pad. This will allow rugby training to take place on the pitch but not matches. Due to the much lower hockey demand and plans to replace the sand-based surface at the Kings School, any hockey demand arising from Cranbrook could potentially be accommodated at Ottery St Mary. Alternatively, if Clyst Vale Community College pursue their aspiration to develop an AGP on-site, this could become a sand-based surface and as such cater for hockey demand arising from Cranbrook. **This being the case, scenario 2 should be followed.**

Key issue 3 – Proposed development at Winslade Park (Friends Life)

Explanation of the issue

D.57 Winslade Park is currently a private site on which the company Friends Life are based. The site contains two adult and two mini football pitches and a cricket pitch. The company has publicly announced its intention to vacate the site and has a planning application currently being considered for the development of the site for housing and other uses. The submitted plans show much of the sports provision being built on and limited replacement sports provision being made in the form of one adult and one youth football pitch overmarking a reduced size cricket pitch. Heavitree Youth Football Club (from Exeter), Brixington Blues Youth Football Club (from Exmouth), Countess Wear Cricket Club (from Exeter) and Exeter Erratics Cricket Club (from Exeter) all played at Winslade Park last season. It is understood that Brixington Blues have now relocated all of their play to the Withercombe Common pitches near Exmouth, however the other three clubs continue to need provision at Winslade Park. Winslade Park is the stated favoured home ground of Countess Wear Cricket Club and none of the clubs have alternative dedicated home grounds that they can use. The football usage on site may require some of the football pitches to be remarked to more appropriate sizes but this should be discussed with the clubs and the FA. In addition to this, Clyst Valley AFC who play on their home ground next door only have one pitch and this is at capacity. The club want to expand the number of teams they have and to do this would need access to additional pitches. Local sports clubs have formed the Clyst St Mary Sports & Recreation Club who are looking to ensure that sufficient sports facilities (including tennis as well) are retained on the Winslade Park site and potentially manage these facilities.

Options

D.58

- 1 Resist the loss of any of the open space currently on-site;
- 2 Allow the development of some of the open space so long as adequate, sufficient open space is left to provide the same sports provision as currently

exists plus mitigating on-site open space as required by policy for a development of this scale;

- 3 Allow the loss of all sports provision on-site and allow mitigating provision of suitable alternative replacement sports provision elsewhere.

Recommended action

D.59 The pitches at Winslade Park (Friends Life) should be retained. They are the preferred home ground of Countess Wear Cricket Club and play host to football and cricket clubs who do not have alternative facilities to use. In addition to this, with Clyst Valley AFC's home ground at capacity and the club actively seeking additional pitches, there is even more need to ensure continued provision on the site. If development of the site for housing is deemed appropriate in principle, then it may be reasonable to allow the development of some of the existing open space so long as suitable and adequate sports provision akin to that which already exists on the site plus appropriate mitigating on-site open space is made within the development. This would mean as a minimum ensuring that the football and cricket pitches are retained or replaced elsewhere on the site like for like. Since the Needs Assessment was carried out it has arisen that Countess Wear Cricket Club U10s, U13s, U15s and Colts also play at Winslade Park in addition to the two adult teams already known about. This significantly increases the usage of the site from that expressed within the Needs Assessment. The current number of grass cricket wickets should be retained. Only youth/mini football currently takes place at Winslade Park, however, if Clyst Valley AFC are looking to utilise some of the pitches as well then it is important that a suitable combination of adult, youth and mini pitches are continued to be provided on the site. The cricket and football provision should not overmark one another, however, there may be some scope for adult and youth/mini football pitches to overmark depending on the arrangements. Pitch sizes and arrangements should be discussed with the clubs and the FA. Pitches should be located in a level location however not within the floodzone. There should be adequate buffers beyond the pitch boundaries to ensure that the pitches are usable. Replacement changing facilities and adequate car parking must also be provided. In addition to this the Clyst St Mary Sports and Recreation Club have expressed an interest in taking on the ownership and running of the sports facilities at Winslade Park. This should be supported and encouraged to provide a community run sports hub capable of delivering continued and enhanced use of the site. **This being the case, scenario 1 should be followed, however, scenario 2 may be considered appropriate depending on how the impacts of the development are mitigated.**

Key issue 4 – Exmouth United FC

Explanation of the issue

D.60 The former Rolle College pitches off Douglas Avenue in Exmouth have until recently been home to Exmouth United FC, however a dispute over the football club's lease has led to the football club being forced off the ground. Exmouth has a chronic shortage of sports pitches in general but especially the youth and mini football pitches which Exmouth United FC require. The club have plans to use St Johns Road playing field as a permanent home which would require laying out of formal pitches and restricting access to the general public to ensure pitch quality is not undermined. In addition to this it is important to note that Exmouth Amateurs FC are struggling to keep up with maintenance at their site (Warren View).

Options

D.61

- 1 Develop multiple youth/mini football pitches, changing facilities and car parking at St Johns Road playing field and Knapp Cross playing field.

- 2 Encourage Exmouth United FC and Exmouth Amateurs FC to ground share at Warren View and review pitch provision on the site to ensure it best suits the needs of both teams.
- 3 Develop additional new youth/mini football pitches on a greenfield site in/near Exmouth.

Recommended action

D.62 Developing St Johns Road and Knapp Cross as long term options could be difficult options to take. There are currently no changing facilities and no car parking. Providing these would mean developing on valuable public open space. In addition to this if the club were to restrict access by developing private facilities then this would mean the loss of currently accessible public open space and pitches which Exmouth is especially short of. If the pitches could be kept accessible to the public then this may become a more viable option. The Council has recently invited local clubs including Exmouth United FC to tender for temporary/interim use of the sites to help meet the significant shortfall in facilities, however long term use of the sites as permanent pitch sites may not be suitable. Exmouth United FC and Exmouth Amateurs FC sharing facilities at Warren View could potentially make both clubs and maintenance of facilities more viable. In order to facilitate this, the second adult pitch and the training area at Warren View would need to be reviewed in order to provide adequate junior/youth/mini pitches at the site. The conversion of the half-size AGP at Exmouth Community College to 3G may help facilitate this also by reducing the need for a dedicated on-site training area at Warren View. Developing additional new pitches on a Greenfield site would be beneficial in order to meet wider needs for youth/mini football pitches in the Exmouth sub-area and district-wide. In addition to this it is important to note that the loss of the former Rolle College pitches should be adequately mitigated. If Exmouth United FC are being evicted pending potential development of the site then adequate and appropriate replacement football pitches should be provided elsewhere for this to be considered acceptable in sporting terms. Replacement of the football pitches with alternative sporting facilities will also require the provision of replacement youth football pitches due to the chronic shortage of such facilities in the Exmouth area. **This being the case, scenarios 1 and 2 may be possible interim options to follow, however, ultimately, scenario 3 should be considered.**

Key issue 5 – Need for 3G surfaces in East Devon especially for training

Explanation of the issue

D.63 There are currently no full-size 3G AGPs in East Devon with secure community access (although a half-size 3G has recently been completed at Exmouth Community College). The only other 3G surface in the district is at the CTCRM in Lypstone and is only available for MoD use. A full-size 3G AGP has planning permission to be installed at Axe Valley Community College. This is a joint venture between the school, Axminster Town FC and Millwey Rise FC and will be available with secure community use. The Needs Assessment identifies that there is a need for two full-size 3G AGPs in East Devon in addition to the planned provision in Axminster, and it also suggests it would be worth exploring whether half-size or training pad 3Gs would be appropriate in certain areas. A significant demand for 3G training surfaces has been recorded from football and rugby clubs in the Sidmouth-Honiton-Ottery St Mary triangle and in the Exmouth area. As already explained there is a significant demand arising from Exeter and Cranbrook also, and so one of the two required full-size 3G AGPs should be put in at Cranbrook. This will satiate demand from the Ottery St Mary sub-area.

Options

D.64

- 1 Install a full-size World Rugby 22 compliant 3G AGP in Exmouth and a World Rugby 22 Compliant 3G training pad in Sidmouth;
- 2 Install a full-size World Rugby 22 compliant 3G AGP in Honiton and a World Rugby 22 compliant 3G training pad in Sidmouth;

Recommended action

D.65 Demand for a full-size 3G pitch in Exmouth is extensive from both football and rugby teams as well as Exmouth Community College. Whilst the recent conversion of the small AGP at the college will satiate some of this demand, there will still be outstanding demand for full-size rugby pitches and football pitches. In particular, Withycombe RFC have just one pitch (Raleigh Park) which is overused by both the club and the college. The college have no grass pitches of their own and so have to use Raleigh Park for PE lessons and school fixtures. The club and college have aspirations to install a full-size World Rugby 22 compliant 3G surface at Raleigh Park replacing the grass pitch. There are limited opportunities for delivering significant additional pitches outside of the town boundary and so the conversion of the grass pitch at Raleigh Park to 3G could potentially help this situation, however there may well still be a need for additional grass pitches as well. There is also demand for a full-size 3G pitch in the Sidmouth and Honiton areas. There are limited opportunities for installing a full-size 3G pitch in Sidmouth, however Honiton Community College does have aspirations to develop a full-size AGP (surface not specified). It is important to note that Honiton Hornets Hockey Club currently train in Exeter and play matches on the poor sand-based AGP at the Kings School in Ottery St Mary. If the proposed surface at Honiton Community College were sand-based this could give the hockey club a home base at which to start developing their club and increase its long-term sustainability which is currently at risk due to training and playing matches far away. Development of a small World Rugby 22 compliant 3G training pad in the Sidmouth-Honiton area could well satisfy the 3G demand. This could be used by rugby and football clubs from both areas for full contact training thereby reducing the usage of clubs' own grass pitches. A small grass football training area exists at Sidford Recreation Ground on Byes Lane and this potentially could be the site for such a facility. **This being the case scenario 1 should be followed.**

Key issues in Honiton

D.66 In addition to the key issues considered above, there are significant pitch supply issues in Honiton and these are considered fully at Appendix 3.

Action Plan

D.67 Below are tables showing the actions required to deliver against each issue. Issues have been separated out by sub-area starting with general issues and are then presented in alphabetical order on a site by site basis. Actions are given priorities and relevant potential delivery partners are highlighted. By being highlighted as potential delivery partners, bodies are not obligated to fund or facilitate the action, however, it is suggested that they be involved in the project. Similarly, action plans are not guaranteed to be delivered against but they do suggest the best ways of potentially resolving the listed issues. Identification of action plans is not a guarantee that such solutions would gain planning permission. All planning applications are considered on their own merits.

D.68 Action plans are prioritised 1 to 3 with priority 1 action plans expected to be delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review). Priority 2 action plans should also be worked towards within three years where possible but generally delivered against within six years. Priority 3 action plans are not given specific dates by which they will be delivered against. This is because in many cases the action plan is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not something that the Council is necessarily able to control; they are generally less pressing, generic issues; or they are heavily dependant on whether or not priority action plans can be/are delivered. Progress towards delivering against the action plans and the potential for additional actions will be considered at yearly meetings of the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group.

D.69 The following tables refer to the Sport England Guidance headings of **PROTECT**, **ENHANCE** and **PROVIDE**. Use of these headings helps to give a quick overview of the main thrust of the action plans for resolving the issues on each site. By default all playing pitch and playing field sites will be protected from being lost unless there is a genuine specific excess of provision identified through the Playing Pitch Strategy or equivalent/better provision will be secured as replacement. For this reason the protect heading is only shown on those specific sites known to be specifically at risk and which should be protected. A lack of a protect heading is not symbolic of a site's suitability to be lost without adequate replacement.

D.70 The following tables also include various symbols to denote which sport they are relevant to:

F	Football
C	Cricket
R	Rugby
H	Hockey
O	Other

D.71 The following acronyms are used for potential delivery partners to save space in the tables:

Acronym	Delivery Partner
EDDC	East Devon District Council
ECC	Exeter City Council
DCC	Devon County Council
SE	Sport England
FA	The Football Association / Devon FA
RFU	The Rugby Football Union
ECB	The England and Wales Cricket Board / Devon Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
LED	Leisure East Devon

General

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open access, dogs walked on the pitch 	G.1	F C R H O	Support installation of signs to discourage walking dogs on pitch and dog bins to increase likelihood of owners picking up. Also explore possibility of dog exclusion areas in some cases.	3	EDDC, Clubs, owners
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared sites e.g. football overmarking cricket outfield 	G.2	F C	Ensure the clubs sign up to a code of conduct to ensure the quality of the cricket outfield is respected.	3	Clubs, ECB, FA, RFU
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs struggle to keep up with maintenance or do as much as they would like to due to restricted funds 	G.3	F C R H O	Explore the possibility of establishing a shared maintenance pool for hire which may be cheaper for clubs in long run.	3	EDDC, Clubs, FA, ECB, RFU, EH, SE
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few schools with secured community use 	G.4	F C R H O	Work to secure long-term community use agreements with schools that have suitable pitches.	2	DCC, Schools, EDDC, NGBs, SE
			G.5	F C R H O	Support schools with suitable pitches in development of facilities to allow secured community use (e.g. Changing facilities accessible from outside school building).	2	DCC, Schools, EDDC, NGBs, SE

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ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several grounds do not have changing provision 	G.6	F C R H O	Support clubs in development of ancillary facilities where possible. If a site is not appropriate for such facilities consider encouraging the club to move to new premises that could be developed.	3	Clubs, NGBs, SE, EDDC
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football pitch congestion on Saturday afternoons due to general shift to Saturday teams away from Sunday teams 	G.7	F	Actively lobby leagues to spread play over the weekend or stagger kickoffs to free up pitch capacities.	1	Clubs, FA, SE
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally district wide projected increase in requirements for youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini football pitches but no increase in demand for adult pitches. 	G.8	F	Explore possibility of developing of a junior football hub within East Devon to cater for the needs of multiple youth clubs from the area, help increase club and site viability and maintenance.	2	Clubs, FA, SE, EDDC
			See Action Ref. EF.2				
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little 'joined-up thinking'. 	G.9	F C R H O	Steering group to continue meeting once per year to keep dialog going and increase joined-up thinking.	1	Steering Group

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ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management and maintenance of grounds leased to clubs is variable and often poor. 	G.10	F C R H O	Encourage and support clubs in becoming more self-sufficient in a world with less public subsidy. In some cases this may mean encouraging ground sharing or fundraising or increasing membership subs.	1	EDDC, NGBs, SE
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many cricket sites do not have long term security of tenure 	G.11	C	Work with clubs and landowners to help secure tenancies and therefore allow clubs to plan for the future.	1	ECB, SE, Clubs, land owners, EDDC
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Devon Youth League hopes to set up a girls cricket section next year 	G.12	C	Encourage female participation in cricket and facilitate this where necessary by supporting clubs in providing appropriate changing facilities etc.	1	ECB, SE, EDDC
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mini rugby pitches in East Devon despite large-scale youth participation 	G13	R	Explore the potential for laying out additional mini rugby pitches in Exmouth, Sidmouth and Honiton to allow close links with existing clubs.	2	Clubs, RFU, SE, EDDC
			See Action Ref. EF.15, EX.15, HO.1, SI.21 and SI.22				

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?		
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for a minimum of two full size 3G AGPs in East Devon in addition to the planned full size provision at Axminster and converted half size at Exmouth Community College 	See Action Refs EF.16, EX.18 and SI.6						
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Devon is a priority area for Rounders England in developing the sport. 	G.14	O	Work with Rounders England to identify demand and need for facilities.	2	Active Devon, Rounders England, SE, EDDC, LED		
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General trend towards small sided soccer in adult football participation. 	G.15	F	Explore possibility of developing a floodlit, 5 -a-side 3G hub venue in East Devon's West End to cater for this kind of demand. Most cities around the UK now have centres similar to this with pitches available for hire however Exeter does not as yet. A facility in the West End could capture both Exeter and East Devon demand for such a facility. Such a facility would be in addition to the main 3G needs uncovered by this strategy.	3	FA, SE, EDDC, ECC		
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Devon Hockey Club are playing in Exeter. East Devon Hockey 	G.16	H	Explore whether East Devon Hockey Club would be interested in relocating back to East Devon if suitable facilities existed.	1	EH, EDDC, ECC		

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		Club want to set up more boys and junior mixed teams but lack of facilities in Exeter is restricting this.	See Action Ref. EF.8 and EX.9					
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In general, in addition to existing stock suggest the need for an additional: 4x adult football pitches; 6x 11v11 pitches of different sizes; 4x 9v9 pitches; 6x mini pitches (7v7 and 5v5). 	See Action Refs G.8, EF.2,10,15, AX.4,11,14, EX.6,19,20,21,27, HO.5,13,18,19, OT.8,19,20,21, SE.3,4,12, and SI.2					
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservative estimate, given the basic trend of greater participation for women and girls and junior teams, the requirement is for two to three cricket grounds within East Devon 	See Action Refs EF.15, EX1,2,4,11, OT.11,12,13, SI.18					

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?		
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given aspirations and the current pitch supply, the shortage of good quality grass pitches will restrict rugby development. 	See Action Refs EF.14,15, EX.2,15,17,18, HO.1,18,19, SI.22 and 23						
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some sites around the district have significant spare capacity. 	G.17	F C R H O	Explore whether these sites could accommodate additional clubs at certain times to help resolve capacity issues elsewhere.	1	Clubs, FA, ECB, RFU, EH, EDDC		

Exeter fringe sub-area

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
ENHANCE	Broadclyst Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult pitch supporting 3x adult teams and 6x junior teams Pitch technically being overplayed and no spare capacity – pitch caters for a lot of Exeter based football clubs 	EF.1	F	Support the procurement of mobile goals to allow the pitch to be moved and resized easily to suit needs of teams and allow parts of the pitch to recover.	1	Broadclyst Parish Council, Clubs, EDDC, FA, SE
			EF.2	F	Explore the provision of multiple junior/youth/mini football pitches in a hub within Cranbrook to allow all youth clubs in area to play on one site. This could free up capacity at Broadclyst Recreation Ground which is currently near capacity. These pitches may be in addition to those required by Cranbrook as a development in itself.	2	EDDC, Developers, Clubs, FA, SE
			EF.3	F	Explore possibilities for re-homing some of the Exeter displaced demand back in Exeter and possibly on pitches due to be provided by major West End sites.	3	ECC, EDDC, FA, Clubs
		EF.4	F	Support the club in improving the ground to enable them to progress in leagues so long as it doesn't stop other clubs or the general public from using the ground as they require or explore alternative locations for Newtown FC to play within the Exeter fringe sub-area of East Devon or Exeter.	3	Broadclyst Parish Council, Clubs, EDDC, ECC, FA, SE	
					See Action Ref EF.10		

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
ENHANCE	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current lease is soon to expire. Club have plans to develop a full size indoor 3G and 60mx40m indoor 3G along with reconfiguration of existing grass pitches and new ancillary facilities. Plans would help the club academy to meet the Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP) for category 2 standard training facilities and enable them to provide better “football in the community” delivery 	EF.5	F	Support the club in developing their facilities and encourage increased community use which the developments should provide.	3	Club, FA, SE, EDDC
			EF.6	C	Replace nets which are bringing the quality of the pitch down to standard. This will increase capacity rating.	2	Club, ECB, SE
ENHANCE	Clyst St George Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning on increasing number of teams but site operating at close to capacity – capacity reduced due to “standard” pitch rating Poor quality nets 	EF.7	C	Explore possibility of increasing number of grass wickets on site.	3	Club

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PROVIDE	Clyst Vale Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School interested in installing an AGP Grass pitches overused 	EF.8	H	Assuming that the AGP being installed at Cranbrook has a 3G surface then support CVCC in developing a sand-based AGP.	1	School, DCC, EDDC, EH, SE
PROVIDE	The New Inn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transient site operated on a grace and favour basis 	EF.9	F	Work to achieve secured community access.	2	EDDC, Broadclyst Parish Council, Club, Owners
PROVIDE	Waterslade Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of ground required in S106 for Skypark development. Former users of the site (Clyst Rovers FC) now disbanded. 	EF.10	F	Explore options for users of a replacement sports facility including football clubs currently using the overused Broadclyst Recreation Ground and other sports clubs in the Exeter/East Devon area. Replacement provision wouldn't have to be an adult football pitch and could potentially form part of a wider sports hub.	1	EDDC, DCC, developers, FA, RFU, ECB, EH, SE
ENHANCE	Winslade Park (Clyst Valley AFC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old and poor quality changing facilities 	EF.11	F	Support the club in developing new changing facilities of a suitable standard	3	Club, FA, SE

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clyst St Mary Primary School use the pitch for all of their sports and recreational activities – including this use the site is at capacity Cannot expand to provide additional teams as site only has room for the one pitch 	See Action Ref. EF.12				
PROTECT	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning application for housing development on the site currently being considered. 	EF.12	F C	Existing pitches at Winslade Park (Friends Life) should be retained and enhanced, however replacement provision may potentially be considered appropriate. Any replacement provision should be at least of equal quality to the existing pitches and not impact on the running of the clubs or their ability to continue playing at Winslade Park. Provision should not be in the floodplain but must remain on the site. Important to retain the number of cricket wickets and avoid use of the outfield for football. Local clubs and the FA should be consulted over the sizes and arrangements of football pitches on the site. Plans of Clyst St Mary Sports & Recreation Club to take on the ownership and management of sports facilities at Winslade Park to create a sporting hub will be supported where they align with the priorities of the PPS.	1	EDDC, FA, ECB, SE, Clubs, developers
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2x adult football and 2x mini 7v7 pitches on site but only junior football played on the site currently. 	EF.13	F	Explore possibility of remarking some of the football pitches to be more age appropriate.	2	EDDC, FA, Clubs, developers

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exeter Youth RFC have plans to develop a training centre on Oil Mill Lane just outside Clyst St Mary in East Devon. 	EF.14	R	Support the club in developing these premises to meet the needs of Exeter Youth RFC.	3	EDDC, ECC, RFU, SE, Clubs
PROVIDE	Cranbrook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cranbrook new community is planned to grow to a total of 7,500 dwellings (approximately 15,600 people). Adequate sports pitches and ancillary facilities must be provided. 	EF.15	FCRO	<p>Ensure that Cranbrook as a whole provides for the appropriate sports pitch provision and ancillary facilities as set out in Appendix 4. The possibility of developing hub sites should be encouraged as this can ensure greater flexibility of pitches, sustainability of clubs and allow teams to feed into one another. The assessment in Appendix 4 should also guide the provision of sports pitches which form part of the already permitted development. As an example, 7,500 dwellings should provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4x adult 11v11 football 3x youth 11v11 football 2x youth 9v9 football 2x mini 7v7 football 2x mini 5v5 football (A mini 7v7 or 5v5 to be overmarked on each half of 2 of the adult pitches.) 15x grass wickets (minimum) with room to cut more if necessary and room for junior wickets to be cut into the outfield. 2x senior rugby 4x mini/midi rugby (2 of which overmarking one of the seniors) 3G Football Turf Pitch AGP 	1	EDDC, developers, FA, ECB, RFU, SE

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What should the surface of the planned AGP at Cranbrook be? 	EF.16	F O	Install a full-size long-pile 3G Football Turf Pitch AGP suitable for football training and matches and rugby training	1	EDDC, developers, FA, SE	
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for 2x mini 5v5 football pitches in the Exeter fringe sub-area 	See Action Refs EF.2, EF.10 and EF.15					
ENHANCE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadclyst Sports Club juniors split across 3 sites 	See Action Refs EF.1, EF.2 and EF.3					

Axminster sub-area

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
PROVIDE	Axe Valley Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned 3G AGP 	AX.1	F	Ensure that the planned full size, floodlit 3G at AVCC is installed and secured community use is agreed.	1	School, DCC, FA, SE, Clubs, LED
ENHANCE	Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth 9v9 pitch at capacity 	See Action Refs AX.4, AX.11 and AX.12				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket nets out of action due to sewage spill after drainage block 	AX.2	C	Support club in replacing nets / resolving issue.	2	EDDC, Club, owners, Axminster Town Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training AGP poor / out of action due to sewage spill 	AX.3	F H O	Support club in resolving issue	2	EDDC, Club, owners, Axminster Town Council
PROVIDE	Former Millwey football pitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not in use currently and under pressure for development. Sloping No ancillary facilities 	AX.4	F	Allow loss of former Millwey football pitch so long as 2x mini 7v7 grass pitches are provided in the town ahead of the development. One pitch may be provided at Cloakham Lawn through permitted housing development, the other may replace the planned youth 9v9 pitch at Axminster Town FC's new site. Development of a 7v7 pitch will also reduce usage of the 9v9 pitch at Cloakham Lawn resolving capacity issues there.	1	EDDC, FA, SE, Clubs, Axminster Town Council

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
ENHANCE	Hawkchurch Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality pitch 	AX.5	F	Explore ways to improve the pitch quality.	3	Hawkchurch Parish Council, Club, FA
ENHANCE	Kilmington Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality nets 	AX.6	C	Support club in procuring new nets.	3	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Kilmington Parish Council
ENHANCE	King George V Playing Field, Uplyme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club in need of covers and a mower 	AX.7	C	Support club in procuring covers and a mower	3	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Uplyme Parish Council
PROVIDE	North of Cloakham Lawn (Axminster Town FC new pitches)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under construction Planned youth 9v9 pitch stalled and unlikely to be provided now 	AX.8	F	Ensure new football pitches are available for use as soon as possible	1	Club, FA, SE, developers
			See also Action Ref. AX.4				
ENHANCE	Venlake Meadow, Uplyme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undulation, poor drainage and goalmouths need attention 	AX.9	F	Support club in improving the pitch quality by addressing these issues if necessary	3	Club, FA, SE, EDDC, Uplyme Parish Council

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PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey Players in Axminster have to travel to Lyme Regis to play 	See Action Ref. SE.6						
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for 1x youth 11v11, 2x mini 7v7 and 2x mini 5v5 football pitches in Axminster sub-area 	AX.10	F	Require provision of youth pitches in association with housing development at Axminster	1	FA, SE, EDDC, Axminster Town Council		
			See Action Ref. AX.4						
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinct lack of youth/mini football pitches in the Axminster sub-area. 	See Action Ref. AX.4						
			AX.11	F	Encourage provision of new youth/mini football pitches within East of Axminster development.	1	EDDC, developers, Axminster Town Council		
			AX.12	F	Encourage dual-use of school sites where possible. This may include supporting the development of appropriate facilities e.g. Changing and toilets accessible from outside the school building.	1	DCC, schools, EDDC, FA, SE, Clubs		

Exmouth sub-area

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
PROVIDE	Bicton College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of football and cricket pitches due to expansion in rugby at the college. Sidmouth Jnr Vikings FC are now being forced to play at Newton Poppleford, Long Park and Byes Lane and these sites are over-used and are not marked out appropriately for younger age groups. Sidmouth CC 3rds and Exeter CC 3rds have found temporary alternative accommodation but on sites with capacity issues Need 3x more grass rugby/football pitches or a full size 3G pitch to meet college demands 	EX.1	F C	Require replacement football and cricket pitches at the college.	1	Bicton College, Clubs, FA, ECB, SE
			EX.2	F C R	Support college in developing additional grass rugby pitches to enable college ties with Exeter RFC to be improved. Ensure that this allows the replacement of the lost football and cricket pitches.	2	Bicton College, Clubs, RFU, FA, ECB, SE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality, temporary changing facilities 	EX.3	F C R	Support the college in developing permanent changing facilities suitable for extending secure community use at the site.	2	Bicton College, Clubs, FA, ECB, RFU, SE, EDDC

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
PROVIDE	Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch floods every year Site operating at close to capacity Nets damaged by flooding 	EX.4	C	Explore the possibility of developing a new ground with extra capacity and reduced/no flood risk on other land owned by the owner of the current ground.	2	Club, owner, ECB, SE, EDDC
PROVIDE	Burgmann Hill (Cliff Field), Lympstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult pitch supporting youth teams most of the time (only occasional use by Vets) Site technically at capacity No on-site changing facilities or car parking Cliff top location means footballs lost over edge occasionally 	EX.5	F	Encourage procurement of mobile goals of a variety of sizes to allow pitch to be reconfigured for different age group matches.	2	Club, FA, SE, EDDC, Lympstone Parish Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club wish to expand number of teams significantly. 	EX.6	F	Encourage the provision of additional football pitches with adequate changing facilities and car parking alongside housing development in Lympstone parish.	1	EDDC, Lympstone Parish Council, Clubs, FA, SE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club have aspirations to develop a 3G pitch in the Lympstone area 	EX.7	F	Support the club in installing a 3G pitch if demand does exist when considered against priority AGP projects.	3	Club, FA, SE, EDDC
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club wish to expand number of teams significantly. 	EX.7	F	Support the club in installing a 3G pitch if demand does exist when considered against priority AGP projects.	3	Club, FA, SE, EDDC

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ENHANCE	East Budleigh Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open access playing field – dog fouling and digging on the pitch 	See Action Ref. G1				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grass pitches on site. Have to hire local pitches including Raleigh Park (next door) 	See Action Ref. EX.18				
PROVIDE	Exmouth Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans to convert small sand-based AGP to 3G 	EX.8		Support school in converting small AGP to 3G to improve football, rugby and American football training options and to allow potential for some junior football matches to be played on site.	This project has now been completed.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No hockey club using full size sand-dressed AGP 	EX.9		Support establishment of a satellite hockey club at the school for the 2014/15 season and explore the potential of basing a full hockey club at the site in the future.	2	Clubs, EH, SE, School, DCC, EDDC, LED
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-size sand-dressed AGP surface will likely need replacing in 2-4 years time 	EX.10		Support the school in replacing the sand-based surface when it comes to the end of its life in 2-4 years time.	2	School, DCC, EDDC, EH, SE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College is aiming to become a hub for the development of American Football in the UK. 	See Action Ref. EX.8 and EX.18				

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PROVIDE	Exmouth Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site operating at close to capacity 	EX.11	C	Explore need for an additional cricket ground in the Exmouth sub-area.	3	Clubs, ECB, SE, EDDC
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fungal infection of pitch 	EX.12	C	Treat the fungal infection.	3	Club
PROTECT	Former Rolle College Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exmouth United FC lease to use this site has now expired. Club need a new home. Loss of valuable youth football pitches 	EX.13	F	A suitable action plan for all parties should be drawn up by a steering group. If the youth pitches at the Former Rolle College Playing Pitches are lost (to any kind of development including alternative sports uses) then they should be adequately replaced elsewhere.	1	Clubs, FA, SE, EDDC, land owners, Exmouth Town Council
				See Action Ref. EX.19, EX.21 and EX.28			
ENHANCE	King George V (Exmouth Town FC), Exmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unauthorised use Club would like floodlights to be replaced 	EX.14	F	Support club in improving security of site and replacing floodlights.	3	Club, FA, SE, EDDC

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PROVIDE	Imperial Ground, Exmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exmouth Town Centre and Seafront Masterplan has plans to relocate the rugby club and redevelop the Imperial Ground for a supermarket. Majorly over capacity. Not enough pitches to run current levels of teams and plans to increase number of teams in future Have to hire additional grass and artificial pitches for training and matches One set of posts needs replacing 2nd XV pitch undulates and due to overuse often unplayable Main pitch doesn't have floodlights 	EX.15	R	A working party should be set up to assess possible options for a new site for the club. Best use should be made of the relocation of Exmouth RFC and other sites in Exmouth as necessary to support the club's current number of teams and potential future increases. The club require 4x adult rugby pitches and 2x mini/midi pitches. The club would prefer (as supported by the RFU) to have all of these required pitches delivered on the same site. In terms of making adequate replacement provision to mitigate the loss of the Imperial Ground, only two adult and one mini/midi would need to be provided, however, the new pitches would then be just as overused as the current pitches. That being the case any movement of the rugby club should consider how and where the additional two adult and one mini/midi pitch will be delivered. Replacement pitches should be suitably drained, floodlit, and include training areas. Ancillary facilities should be sufficient for the number of teams playing at the pitches including separate changing facilities for adults and juniors and men and women, sufficient car parking, and appropriate social facilities. The loss of the disused athletics track at the Imperial Ground should be explored further to assess whether demand exists for this facility. It is important to note that even if the rugby club do not relocate to new pitches, additional grass rugby pitches will be necessary to meet current demands.	1	EDDC, Club, RFU, SE, developers, Exmouth Town Council
			EX.16	R	Install drainage and replace floodlights on second pitch to improve capacity at the Imperial Ground as a stop-gap measure.	This project has now been completed.	

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PROVIDE	Raleigh Park, Exmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site over capacity and want to increase all youth and mini/midi range teams. • Exmouth Community College use the pitch for PE and school matches. • Withycombe RFC requires more changing rooms already and would need even more if they were able to expand. Similarly car parking already an issue that will only get worse 	EX.17	R	Encourage and explore potential for providing additional grass rugby pitches in the Exmouth area for Withycombe RFC to use.	1	Clubs, EDDC, RFU, SE, developers, Exmouth Town Council

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ENHANCE	Warren View, Exmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withycombe RFC and Exmouth Community College have joint plans to develop a full size IRB22 compliant 3G pitch on site replacing the current grass pitch Club currently have to hire 3G at Sandy Park (Exeter) and use the sand-based AGP at Exmouth Community College for training and additional grass pitches for matches at significant costs. 	EX.18		Support the development of a full size, floodlit, World Rugby 22 compliant 3G AGP in the Exmouth area. The facility must be available for community use for all rugby and football clubs in the area as well as schools and have adequate and sufficient car parking and changing facilities available. A working party should be set up to consider the appropriate location of this provision including potentially at Raleigh Park and to explore potential running and maintenance partners.	1	Clubs, school, EDDC, DCC, FA, RFU, SE, Exmouth Town Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth teams not playing on appropriate sized pitches Spare capacity at peak times Poor maintenance of pitches Poor ancillary facilities 	EX.19		Encourage ground sharing of site with Exmouth United FC or another youth club to help share maintenance costs, improve facilities and make it more viable to lay out youth and mini football pitches on the site in addition to existing adult pitches. Recommend that club arrange an FA Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) visit.	1	Clubs, EDDC, FA, SE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like a floodlit astroturf/3G training area 			See Action Ref. EX.13		
					See Action Ref. EX.8 and EX.18		

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PROVIDE	Withycombe Common Pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to capacity at peak times. Probably over capacity in 2014/15 as Brixington Blues teams that have previously played at Winslade Park are now playing here. Youth football teams playing on adult sized pitches. 	EX.20	F	Consider remarking one adult pitch as multiple youth/mini football pitches or providing movable youth/mini appropriate sized goals to enable junior teams to play on appropriate sized pitches. Recommend that club arrange an FA Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) visit.	1	EDDC, Clubs
			EX.21	F	Explore the possibility of developing multiple additional new youth/mini football pitches on a greenfield site in/near Exmouth. A working party should be set up to consider potential for this.	1	Clubs, EDDC, FA, SE, Exmouth Town Council, land owners
		EX.22	F	Support clubs in installing netting on boundaries to avoid loss of footballs.	3	Clubs, EDDC, FA, SE	
		EX.23	C	No cricket club uses this site, possibly because only an artificial wicket is provided here. Artificial wicket was replaced in May 2014 and there is not enough land to enable grass wickets to be laid out as well. Reassess position at next review.	3	ECB, EDDC, SE, Clubs	
ENHANCE	Woodbury Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club would like the artificial wicket to be replaced and also a new one on the “top playing field” 	EX.24	C	Support the club in replacing these artificial wickets.	3	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Woodbury Parish Council

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ENHANCE	Woodbury Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality pitch Trust are looking to level out the field and install drainage but funding dependent on establishing a junior team Woodbury FC have 3x adult teams but two have to play at Withycombe Common due to only having one pitch and it being so poorly drained 	EX.25	F	Support club in levelling and installing drainage. Encourage procurement of mobile goals to enable junior pitch to be marked out over adult pitch.	2	Club, FA, SE, EDDC, Woodbury Parish Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality ancillary facilities. Plans have been drafted to provide a purpose built facility for shared community use at the playing field 	EX.26	F	Support development of a shared community facility at the site with improved changing facilities.	2	Club, FA, SE, EDDC, Woodbury Parish Council
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinct lack of junior, youth and mini football pitches in the Exmouth sub-area. Need for 3x youth 11v11s, 1x youth 9v9, 2x mini 7v7s and 1x mini 5v5 	EX.27	F	Encourage the provision of a youth/mini football pitch alongside the adult pitch at Budleigh Salterton FC and the levelling, generally making safe and marking out of an official junior 9v9 football pitch (but still accessible to the public) on the adjoining Greenway Lane Recreation Ground.	2	EDDC, Club, FA, SE
			EX.28	F	Support the use of Council owned playing fields at St John's Road and Knapp Cross as formal pitches on a temporary, interim basis whilst alternative potential pitch sites are assessed.	1	EDDC, Clubs, FA, SE, Exmouth Town Council

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			See Action Ref. EX.21				
PROVIDE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently only one mini/midi rugby pitch in Exmouth 	See Action Ref. EX.15, EX.17 and EX.28				
PROVIDE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lympstone FC seniors and juniors play in different locations 	See Action Ref. EX.6				

Honiton sub-area

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
PROVIDE	All Hallows Recreation Ground, Honiton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pitches are of poor quality and massively over played. The pitches are very poorly drained and maintained. The club cannot expand into womens rugby or develop further youth teams due to available pitch space. Club desperately need access to all weather floodlit training facilities. Ancillary facilities could be improved. 	HO.1	R	Explore possibilities for the rugby club to move to a new site capable of providing a total of 3x senior pitches, 5x mini/midi pitches, floodlit grass training areas and appropriate ancillary facilities preferably all on the same site. Definite plan of action to be agreed through the ongoing PPS Steering group by December 2015. If no alternative options are found to be deliverable then Tower Hill proposals should be explored more fully. Should the rugby club stay at All Hallows, efficient drainage must be installed.	1	Club, EDDC, RFU, SE, Honiton Town Council
		See Action Refs. HO.20 and SI.6					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honiton Community College use the pitches at All Hallows and if they are to install an AGP on their own grass pitch will need to use All Hallows even more potentially. 	HO.2	O	Ensure that All Hallows remains available for Honiton Community College to use.	1	EDDC, School
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site open to public access 	See Action Ref. G.1				

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ENHANCE	Dunkeswell Football Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality pitch 	HO.3	F	Encourage remarking of pitch to correct dimensions and the filling in of holes and dips to create a safe playing surface.	3	Club, FA	
PROVIDE	Greenway Lane, Awliscombe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch only site in the middle of nowhere. Teams have to change at village hall in Awliscombe and then drive for a few miles to reach the pitch. 	HO.4	F	Encourage the provision of a new pitch with appropriate changing facilities and car parking alongside any potential housing development at Awliscombe village.	2	EDDC, Awliscombe Parish Council, Club, FA, SE	
PROVIDE	Honiton Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School currently use All Hallows Recreation Ground in addition to their own playing field The college has aspirations for an AGP on site replacing the grass football/rugby pitch. The school would still continue to need to use the pitches at All Hallows. 	See Action Ref. HO.2 and HO.20					

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PROVIDE	Mountbatten Park, Honiton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football and cricket sharing Mountbatten means that the football club have to squeeze their end of season home matches into much shorter time frame in order to complete by 30th April and cricket also cannot play home games for 6 weeks of the season. No pre-season football matches can be played and pre-season training has to take place at St Rita's. Also, the football club cannot develop their pitch (stand etc) due both to space and sharing Drainage issues for football pitches at Mountbatten limiting capacity 	HO.5	F C	Explore the possibility of moving the senior football club to a new site capable of providing 2 stand-alone, well-drained football pitches with suitable ancillary facilities. Cricket and mini football pitches could remain at Mountbatten. Definite plan of action to be agreed through the ongoing PPS Steering group by December 2015. If no alternative options are found to be deliverable then Tower Hill proposals should be explored more fully.	1	Clubs, EDDC, Honiton Town Council, FA, SE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Fairy ring" fungal infection on cricket square 	HO.6	C	Treat fungal infection.	3	Club

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clubhouse/changing is poor – affects ability to attract new members and ability to raise sides each year. 	HO.7	F C	Support club in improving existing / replacing clubhouse and changing rooms.	2	Club, EDDC, ECB, SE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket practice facilities sub-standard – require permanent practice nets (2 full lanes). 	HO.8	C	Support club in procuring new practice nets and artificial wickets for training.	2	Club, EDDC, ECB, SE
PROTECT	Offwell Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality pitch – uneven and subject to rabbit damage 	HO.9	F	Support club in addressing evenness and rabbit issues.	2	Club, EDDC, Offwell Parish Council, FA, SE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New permanent village shop potentially proposed to be constructed on part of the existing playing field. 	HO.10	F C	Planning application received and subsequently withdrawn. Should a new planning application be received the proposals should not impact on the existing adult football pitch, training areas, ability of Offwell Rangers FC to expand and lay out a youth/mini football pitch on site in addition to the adult pitch, or the ability to reinstate the cricket pitch at some point in the future.	1	EDDC, Offwell Parish Council, Club, FA, ECB, SE
PROVIDE	St Rita's Centre, Honiton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of changing facilities on site. Teams have to change at Mountbatten Park and walk round to pitch 	HO.11	F	Explore the possibility of developing changing facilities at St Rita's.	2	Club, EDDC, land owners, FA, SE

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor access to St Rita's pitches from the road along a track in need of resurfacing. Lack of parking. 	HO.12	F	Explore possibility of installing lighting and suitable surface for the track leading to the pitches plus potential for additional car parking.	2	Club, EDDC, DCC, Honiton Town Council	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitches significantly overused due to training on pitches and also pitch arrangements (overmarking etc). 	HO.13	F	Explore options for delivering additional youth football pitches at St Rita's and levelling and draining existing pitches. If this is not possible then consider alternative options. Definite plan of action to be agreed through the ongoing PPS Steering group by December 2015.	1	Club, EDDC, land owners, Honiton Town Council, FA, SE	
		See Action Ref. HO.20						
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lease due to expire in 2015 	HO.14	F	Encourage Honiton Town Youth FC or Honiton Town Council to take on the lease of the St Rita's Centre pitches when lease is up for renewal.	1	EDDC, Club, Honiton Town Council	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rabbit, mole and badger damage 	HO.15	F	Support the club in installing rabbit and badger proof fencing around the border of the site.	3	Club, EDDC, land owners, FA, SE	
ENHANCE	Stockland Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No nets 	HO.16	C	Support the club in procuring cricket nets should they wish to do so.	3	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Stockland Parish Council	

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ENHANCE	Upottery Cricket club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No nets or artificial wicket 	HO.17	C	Support the club in procuring cricket nets and artificial wicket should they wish to do so.	3	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Upottery Parish Council		
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honiton Development Trust has plans to develop a sports hub site out of town on Tower Hill incorporating significant football, cricket and rugby provision. 	HO.18	F C R H O	Explore the possibility of addressing all Honiton pitch issues on alternative sites better related to the existing town and outside of the AONB first but if there are no realistic alternatives then some pitches may need to be delivered on Tower Hill.	1	Steering Group		
			See Action Refs HO.1, HO.5, HO.10, HO.12, HO.13, HO.14 and HO.15						
			HO.19	F C R H O	Only support the development of such a facility if all clubs involved are willing to move, a sustainable travel plan can be developed and it would not adversely affect existing clubs, viability of other clubs and facilities in the area and access to open access pitches in Honiton and surrounding villages.	2	Steering Group		
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honiton Hornets Hockey Club train in Exeter and play matches at The Kings School AGP in Ottery St Mary. This is significantly stymieing the club's development and retention of players. Lack of all weather training facilities in Honiton 	HO.20	H O	Encourage and support the provision of a full size, floodlit, <u>sand-based</u> AGP at Honiton Community College available for community use outside of school times, along with suitably accessible changing facilities for such community use (accessible without the main school building being open). Pitch must be suitable for local football and rugby teams to conduct non-contact all weather floodlit training.	1	School, DCC, Clubs, EH, SE, FA, RFU, Honiton Town Council, EDDC,		

Ottery St Mary sub-area

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ENHANCE	Acland Park, Feniton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial cricket wicket poor 	OT.1	C	Support club in installing a replacement artificial wicket.	2	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Feniton Parish Council	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket Club have short lease from land owner. 	OT.2	C	Encourage developer to allow a longer lease on the land to the PFA now that applications for development at Feniton have been turned down at appeal.	2	Club, ECB, Feniton Parish Council	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floodlights for evening training would be useful Club is interested in developing a multi-sport all weather surface suitable for football training, tennis and netball 	OT.3	F O	Explore the potential for developing a multi-sport, all weather, floodlit surface at Acland Park.	3	Club, FA, SE, EDDC, Feniton Parish Council	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club unable to afford to do as much maintenance as they would like to do and need equipment for aeration Significant mole damage 	See Action Ref. G.3					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth 9v9 pitch is nearing capacity 	OT.4	F	Reconfigure pitch arrangements to provide youth 11v11 pitch in place of one adult pitch and also ensure capable of hosting youth 9v9 matches.	3	Club	

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ENHANCE	The Kings School, Ottery St Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changing facilities at grass sports field 	OT.5	F C O	Support the school and clubs in developing changing facilities at the grass pitches site.	2	School, DCC, Clubs, FA, ECB, SE, EDDC, Ottery St Mary Town Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor grass coverage and drainage on football pitches 	OT.6	F	Explore possibility of installing drainage on the grass pitches	2	School, DCC, Clubs, FA, SE, EDDC, Ottery St Mary Town Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sand-based AGP is of poor quality, well beyond lifespan, surface is worn, drainage is poor, fencing is inadequate, insufficient bounce, floodlights are old and inefficient, there are insufficient goals to play small sided games, no pull-ins for goals not in use, and is generally not fit for purpose for modern hockey 	OT.7	H O	Replace surface with new sand-based carpet, replace floodlights, replace (and extend) fencing, replace boards, replace goals with fold-out safety goals (lack of significant run-off area/pull-outs).	1	EDDC, School, DCC, Clubs, EH, SE, Ottery St Mary Town Council, LED

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football pitch nominally at capacity for community use due to seasonality of football/rugby on two of the pitches 	OT.8	F O	Explore possibility of one of the seasonal pitches to be able to be used for youth football all year round.	2	School, DCC, Clubs, FA, SE
ENHANCE	Knowle Cross, Whimble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to access from adjacent recreation ground 	See Action Ref. G.1				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club would like non turf practice nets, mobile or temporary net cages 	OT.9	C	Support the club in procurement of non turf practice nets, mobile or temporary net cages.	This project has now been completed.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous football and cricket matches cancelled per season due to poor drainage. 	OT.10	F C	Support club in installing adequate drainage to pitches.	2	Club, ECB, FA, SE, EDDC, Whimble Parish Council
PROVIDE	Ottery St Mary Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site operating at capacity – 3rd XI already play at The Kings School but club want to increase number of teams including Ladies and more juniors. 	OT.11	C	Explore the possibility of developing an additional cricket ground in the Ottery St Mary sub-area.	2	Clubs, Steering Group
			OT.12	C	Explore possibility of Ottery St Mary CC fielding teams at other grounds in the sub-area with spare capacity such as Feniton, Clyst Hydon and Tipton St John	2	Clubs, Steering Group

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PROTECT	Plymtree Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football pitch removed due to lack of demand Cricket pitch removed due to lack of demand 	OT.13	C	Explore possibility of reinstating the cricket pitch at Plymtree Playing Field.	2	Clubs, land owner, Steering Group
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caters for Exeter based football teams 	OT.14	F	Explore whether, if adequate pitches existed in Exeter whether teams would rather play there.	2	Clubs, ECC, EDDC, FA
ENHANCE	Rockbeare Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality pitches Pitches at capacity due to poor quality Mole and badger damage 	OT.15	F	Support clubs and trust in improving maintenance on site and filling in dips causing problems with evenness to bring quality up to "standard" and therefore increase capacity.	1	Clubs, land owner, FA, SE, EDDC, Rockbeare Parish Council
			See Action Ref. G.3				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open access facility 	See Action Ref. G.1				

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ENHANCE	Tipton St John Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football pitch rated poor and at capacity Uneven, mole damage 	OT.16	F	Support clubs and PFA in improving maintenance on site and filling in dips causing problems with evenness to bring quality up to "standard" and therefore increase capacity.	2	Clubs, land owner, FA, SE, EDDC, Ottery St Mary Town Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open access, dogs walked on pitch 	See Action Ref. G1				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cricket nets or artificial wicket 	OT.17	C	Support the club in procurement of nets and installation of artificial wicket if desired.	3	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Ottery St Mary Town Council
PROVIDE	Washbrook Meadows, Ottery St Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth 9v9 rated as poor quality and at capacity 	OT.18	F	Support the club in addressing the evenness and maintenance which would lift the quality of this pitch up to "standard".	2	Club, FA, SE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior and youth teams using adult sized pitches 	OT.19	F	Explore possibility of laying out a formal youth football pitch at Winter's Lane Recreation Ground.	1	EDDC, Clubs, FA, SE, Ottery St Mary Town Council
			OT.20	F	Explore possibility of laying out youth pitch with minis overmarking and procurement of mobile goals at Town Council Recreation Ground.	1	Ottery St Mary Town Council, Clubs, FA, SE, EDDC

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PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Hill Juniors are split across two sites 	OT.21	F	Encourage the development of youth and mini pitches in West Hill	1	Club, Ottery St Mary Town Council, EDDC, FA, SE
		See Action Refs OT.19 and OT.20					
PROVIDE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand for 3G football facilities in the Ottery St Mary / Feniton area 	See Action Ref. EF.16				
PROVIDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for 1x youth 11v11, 2x mini 7v7s and 1x mini 5v5 football pitches in Ottery St Mary sub-area 	See Action Refs OT.19, OT.20 and OT.21					

Seaton sub-area

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
ENHANCE	Boshill Cross, Axmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage coming towards the end of its life. Games occasionally cancelled and means that unable to set up additional sides or let other clubs use the site due to capacity constraints. 	SE.1	F	Support club in installing new drainage if they intend on increasing number of teams playing on site. Recommend that club arrange an FA Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) visit.	2	Club, FA, SE, EDDC, Axmouth Parish Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasionally lose footballs into the road (A358), could do with nets to reduce this risk. 	SE.2	F	Explore possibility of installing nets.	3	Club, FA, SE, EDDC
ENHANCE	Chantry Bridge, Colyton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing facilities poor – boilers condemned 	SE.3	F	Explore possibility of replacing boilers and refurbishing changing facilities so that Chantry Bridge can be made available for other football clubs in the area that are short of pitches.	2	Clubs, FA, SE, EDDC, Colyton Parish Council
PROVIDE	Colyford Road, Seaton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch too narrow and cannot be widened due to penned-in nature of the site Site at capacity. Club run two adult and two 	SE.4	F	Explore and encourage provision of a new home ground for Seaton Town FC in Seaton with a minimum of 2 full-sized pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch overmarking the second adult pitch, moveable goals for increased pitch flexibility and adequate ancillary facilities (car parking and changing). All pitches should be ideally provided on one site to help with ongoing viability and maintenance.	1	Club, EDDC, FA, SE, Seaton Town Council

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		youth teams off this one pitch and plans to increase teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor ancillary facilities 	See Action Ref. SE.3				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club would like a floodlit 3G pitch and say they have the site for one 	SE.5	F	Explore the potential of developing a floodlit 3G training pad in Seaton if demand does exist when considered against priority AGP projects.	3	Club, EDDC, FA, SE, Seaton Town Council
		See Action Ref. AX.1					
ENHANCE	Colyton Grammar School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No hockey club currently playing here 	SE.6	H O	Encourage formation of a satellite hockey club to use the site in 2014/15.	2	Club, School, DCC, EH, SE
ENHANCE	Elizabeth Road Recreation Ground, Seaton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch rated poor – slope and drainage major issues 	SE.7	F	Explore levelling of pitch and installation of drainage.	2	Seaton Town Council, Clubs, FA, SE
ENHANCE	The Furzebreak, Beer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club would like a 3G training area at The Furzebreak 	SE.8	F	Support the club in installing a 3G training surface at The Furzebreak if demand does exist when considered against priority AGP projects.	3	Club, FA, SE, Beer Parish Council
			See Action Ref. AX.1				

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch majorly slopes off in one corner 	SE.9	F	Encourage levelling work to improve standard of pitch.	2	Club, FA, SE
ENHANCE	Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Colyton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site floods badly especially main adult pitch 	SE.10	F	Consider location of main pitch.	3	Club
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial cricket wicket no longer used but base still in place 	SE.11	C	No demand for this facility at present, but should be retained in case of future demand.	3	Club, land owners, Colyton Parish Council, ECB
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General need for youth 9v9 football pitches in Seaton sub-area 	SE.12	F	Explore possibility of mini 7v7 pitch at Elizabeth Road Recreation Ground being remarked as a youth 9v9.	2	Club, Seaton Town Council, FA, SE, EDDC
PROVIDE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for 1x youth 11v11 and 1x youth 9v9 football pitch in Seaton sub-area 	See Action Ref. SE.4				

Sidmouth sub-area

Overview	Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?	
PROVIDE	Back Lane, Newton Poppleford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality football pitches at capacity 	SI.1	F	Support the club in addressing the main issues pulling the quality rating down (drainage of adult pitch, evenness, maintenance, unofficial use and damage to the surface). Recommend that club arrange an FA Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) visit.	1	Club, FA, SE, Newton Poppleford Parish Council, EDDC	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult football pitch needs widening for club to be able to gain promotion to the Devon & Exeter League Premier Division but use by junior teams means this can't be done 	SI.2	F	Encourage the provision of additional youth/mini football pitches in the Sidmouth sub-area, preferably in a combined hub location to relieve pressure on adult pitches.	1	Clubs, FA, SE, EDDC	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club wants to extend changing facilities in coming years 	SI.3	F	Support the club in extending changing facilities if demand exists.	3	Club, Newton Poppleford Parish council, FA, SE, EDDC	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catering for Sidmouth CC 3rd XI displaced from Bicton College 	See Action Ref. EX.2					
PROVIDE	The Blackmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over capacity including training use Would benefit from access to a 3G training area 	See Action Ref. SI.6 and SI.17					

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ENHANCE	Branscombe Village Hall Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club would like an artificial cricket wicket on site 	SI.4	C	Support the club in installing an artificial cricket wicket	3	Club, ECB, SE, Branscombe Parish Council, EDDC	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent football goals within the cricket outfield 	SI.5	F C O	Encourage either procurement of mobile goals or removal of goals and reinstatement of a single goal near the South-Eastern boundary of the field as no official pitch marked out and no team uses.	2	Branscombe Parish Council, EDDC	
PROVIDE	Byes Lane, Sidford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desperate need for floodlit all weather training facilities 	SI.6	F R	Encourage provision of a floodlit World Rugby 22 compliant 3G training pad with shock pad at Sidford Recreation Ground.	1	Clubs, RFU, SE, EDDC, Sidmouth Town Council	
		See Action Ref. SI.17						
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth 11v11 football pitch at capacity Junior football teams using inappropriate sized pitches 	See Action Ref. SI.2					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two adult rugby pitches poorly maintained and in poor state – on average 25% of matches/training lost due to weather 	SI.7	R	Levelling and drainage works currently taking place. Pitches expected to be back on line in September 2015. Ensure available again as soon as possible.	1	EDDC, Club, RFU, SE	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No defined responsibilities for maintenance of Byes Lane rugby pitches in lease from EDDC to Sidmouth RFC. 	SI.8	F R	Draw up new lease agreement specifically setting out the maintenance responsibilities of each party ahead of levelling and drainage works being completed.	1	EDDC, Club
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate changing and car parking when all football and rugby pitches in use 	SI.9	F R O	Explore potential of using Sidford United / Sidford Tennis Club changing facilities when necessary.	1	Clubs, EDDC, FA, RFU, SE
			SI.10	F R	Support development of additional/extended changing facilities and additional car parking in place of current grass rugby training area if floodlit 3G training pad can be delivered.	1	Clubs, EDDC, FA, RFU, SE, Sidmouth Town Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive rabbit issues across the site 	SI.11	F R	Install rabbit proof fencing around site boundaries.	1	EDDC
ENHANCE	Long Park, Sidmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changing facilities 	SI.12	F	Encourage Sidmouth Town FC to allow use of their clubhouse at Manstone Lane for changing.	2	Clubs, FA
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club plan to replace the two mini 5v5 pitches with a larger format football pitch and move mini football to St John's International School 	SI.13	F O	Support the club in these proposals so long as St John's International School pitches remain in secure community use.	3	Club, School, FA, SE, Sidmouth Town Council

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ENHANCE	Manstone Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sidmouth Town FC travel to Colyton Grammar School for floodlit training sessions 	See Action Refs SI.6 and SI.17				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch being used to capacity 	See Action Ref. SI.2				
			SI.14	F	Support installation of drainage in order to increase capacity of site.	2	Club, FA, SE, EDDC, Sidmouth Town Council
			SI.15	F	Support the provision of floodlights that would not adversely affect the amenity of neighbouring houses.	2	Club, EDDC, FA, SE, Sidmouth Town Council
ENHANCE	Sidbury Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club plan to install artificial cricket wicket. Planning permission granted. Site operating at capacity 	SI.16	C	Support Sidbury Cricket Club in installing artificial cricket wicket to increase capacity of the ground.	2	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Sidmouth Town Council
ENHANCE	Sidmouth College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No floodlights means AGP is not used to its potential and restricting growth and development of Sidmouth & Ottery Hockey Club AGP almost at capacity for matches 	SI.17	F R H O	Install floodlighting at Sidmouth College AGP	1	School, DCC, EDDC, Clubs, EH, FA, RFU, SE, Sidmouth Town Council, LED

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PROVIDE	Sidmouth Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site operating at capacity even with Sidmouth 3rd XI playing elsewhere already 	SI.18	C	Explore the potential for an additional cricket ground within the Sidmouth sub-area	2	Steering Group
		See Action Refs SI.16 and EX.2					
ENHANCE	Stantyway Playing Field, Otterton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sloping ground Plans to relevel the outfield, put in ball stop netting and install new practice facilities 	SI.19	C	Support the club in plans to relevel the outfield, put in ball stop netting and install new practice facilities.	3	Club, ECB, SE, EDDC, Sidmouth Town Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality pitch – serious issues with moles and evenness Pitch at capacity Poor drainage 	SI.20	F	Support club in addressing all of these issues by levelling, installing drainage and improving maintenance significantly.	2	Club, FA, SE
PROVIDE	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open access – dogs walked on pitch 	See Action Ref. G.1				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings FC split across 4 sites Lack of junior/youth football pitches in Sidmouth area. Need for 1x youth 9v9 and 2x mini 7v7s 	See Action Ref. SI.2				

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PROVIDE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mini rugby pitches in Sidmouth 	SI.21	R	Encourage provision of mini pitches at Byes Lane, Sidford alongside/overmarking the two senior rugby pitches which are currently being levelled, having drainage inserted and being re-laid. New surface should have increased capacity to allow this.	1	Club, RFU, SE, EDDC
PROVIDE			SI.22	R	Explore the possibility for additional stand-alone mini pitches in Sidmouth area.	2	Club, RFU, SE, EDDC, Sidmouth Town Council

STAGE E – Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date

Applying the strategy

- E.1 This PPS has been produced by a steering group consisting of a wide range of bodies and organisations. As such it should similarly benefit and be able to be used by them all. A key element of the methodology is that the strategy should be kept robust and up to date. This will involve yearly reviews whereby the recommendations and action plan are re-visited. The steering group will also continue to meet yearly and this will help to ensure that the strategy is working and results are being seen. Full data reviews will be carried out every three years.
- E.2 This strategy will be used for the following purposes:
- Ensure that enough pitches of a good quality and for the right sports are provided in the right places to respond to increasing populations and pressures on existing pitch stock;
 - Act as evidence in assessing planning applications for new housing that will increase pressures on existing pitches to ensure that they contribute towards mitigating that impact where reasonable;
 - Act as evidence in assessing planning applications for development on playing fields/pitches by protecting existing stock of pitches, requiring adequate replacement provision where suitable;
 - Help to advise a range of bodies/organisations on asset management. This may be making the most out of assets in their control already, purchasing new assets, disposing of redundant/surplus assets or resolving security of tenure issues;
 - Direct investment by a range of bodies/organisations towards projects with highest priority first;
 - Help clubs to understand how they can financially plan for anticipated future growth/reduction in memberships;
 - Help to deliver wider health and wellbeing goals;
 - Support bids for funding from a range of potential funding sources;
 - To monitor delivery of new pitches and ensure that the strategy is on-track.
- E.3 The PPS will be reviewed annually and will cover the following topics as recommended by the methodology:
- How the delivery of the recommendations and action plan has progressed and any changes required to the priority afforded to each action (e.g. the priority of some may increase following the delivery of others);
 - How the PPS has been applied and the lessons learnt;
 - Any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area (e.g. the most used or high quality sites for a particular sport) and other supply and demand information, what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues;
 - Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport;
 - Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.