

Appendix 1

Exeter and East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy Needs Assessment – BeLAP

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Exeter City Council and East Devon District Council are producing a Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy for their two authorities in association with **belap**, which was commissioned to assist in this process in June 2014.
- 1.2 New playing pitch strategies were required for the following reasons:
- The existing Playing Pitch Strategies for East Devon and Exeter are now out of date and need replacing/updating.
 - To create an evidence-based document that is useful for multiple users including the Development Management, Planning Policy, Estates Management, Streetscene and Countryside departments at each Council; sports clubs; schools; National Governing Bodies for sport; sport and leisure providers in the area; and funding bodies.
 - To provide an evidence base for determining planning applications.
 - To guide funding streams towards prioritised projects/issues.
 - To understand current and projected supply and demand.
- 1.3 It was decided to carry out a joint needs assessment for the strategies as the authorities have many current joint projects and working arrangements; there are multiple cross-border issues, relating to displaced demand, and potentially there were cost savings. The study area thus comprised the whole of the East Devon District Council (EDDC) and Exeter City Council (ECC) administrative areas. Two separate, but closely related strategies will, be developed from the joint Needs Assessment.

Vision and key objectives

- 1.4 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 Exeter. This provision should be sufficient and flexible to deal with current and projected increases in demand. The strategy will run to 2024 (10 years) but be regularly reviewed to keep it up-to-date and robust.
- 1.5 Key objectives are as follows, numbered to relate to the step number in the methodology:
1. To produce a well researched, robustly evidenced strategy specific to East Devon and Exeter 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.

Managing the development of the strategy

- 1.6 A steering group comprising Councillors and officers from planning policy, development management, estates management and countryside from each authority and representatives from LED Leisure, Active Devon, Sport England, Devon FA, The FA, The ECB, The RFU and The EHB was established late in 2013. This had met on two occasions to progress the strategy before **belap** was appointed.. The intention would be for this group to continue meeting once a year to help keep the strategy up to date and robust.
- 1.7 **belap** was commissioned to analyse the data which had been collected prior to their appointment. This data essentially comprised site audits and a questionnaire survey to all clubs in the area. **belap** completed site assessments for cricket and also carried out consultation to fill in major gap in the consultation process; but – due to the tight timetable - some still remain and this Needs Assessment should be considered as an Interim Report. .
- 1.8 This document presents the research findings, assessment and analysis from this study of playing field provision and provides the foundations for the development of the Exeter and East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy, which will be prepared by the authorities themselves and will be available as a separate document.
- 1.9 This document is the evidence based assessment report and is set out as follows;
 - Section 1 – Introduction,
 - Section 2 - Strategic Context, Population and Participation
 - Section 3 – Football (split in to 3A: Exeter and 3B: East Devon)
 - Section 4 – Cricket
 - Section 5 – Rugby
 - Section 6– Hockey and Other Sports
 - Section 7 - AGPs
 - Section 8 – Key Issues and Findings (split in to 3A:Exeter and 3B: East Devon)

The Playing Pitch Methodology

1.10 This section summarises the methodology that has been used in the development of the assessment and strategy. The assessment has been produced in line with guidance by Sport England (Playing Pitch Guidance, An approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy) 2013.

Figure 1 summarises the ten stages of this methodology.

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



1.11 **belap** was commissioned to review Steps 1, 2 and 3 and undertake Steps 4, 5 and 6.

1.12 With regard to Steps 2 and 3, the salient points are:

Stage 2: Steps 2 and 3 – Gather Supply and Demand Information and Views

1.13 The data collection process on the supply side included a full audit of pitches across Exeter and East Devon. For each site, the following information was collected;

- Site name, location, ownership and management type
- Number and type of pitches
- Accessibility of pitches to the community
- Overall quality of pitches and ancillary facilities (including maintenance regimes)
- Level of protection and security of tenure
- Views of users and providers.

1.14 To evaluate the demand for playing pitches in Exeter and East Devon, the following information was collated;

- Number of sports clubs and teams and their match and training requirements
- Casual and other demand
- Educational demand
- Displaced demand (i.e. teams wishing to play within their home authority but unable to)
- Latent demand
- Future demand (including club and team aspirations for development as well as National Governing Body priorities and targets)
- User views and experiences, including trends and changes in demand.

1.15 The following tasks were undertaken to compile the supply and demand information – some of this being completed by **belap**;

- Reviewing earlier audits of playing pitches (including a report by PMP Consultants for East Devon in 2002), the consultants’ own local knowledge and the Sport England Active Places tool;
- reviewing NGB data on pitches and local participation;
- full review of local league websites, fixture lists and pitch booking records;
- use of available technical quality assessment reports; and
- undertaking non technical site visits (in line with the Sport England Matrix) to sites where information on pitch quality was not otherwise available;
- undertaking a survey of all schools and consultation with other playing pitch providers;
- a full programme of consultation with sports clubs and league secretaries;
- face to face and telephone discussions with NGBs to discuss key issues and priorities;

1.16 Each pitch has been assigned a quality rating, using a scoring matrix prepared by the national governing bodies and provided through the emerging Sport England Guidance for the Preparation of a Playing Pitch Strategy (2013). The high response to club consultation, as well as information provided from grounds maintenance teams and NGBs means that this represents a robust assessment of the issues arising with pitch quality.

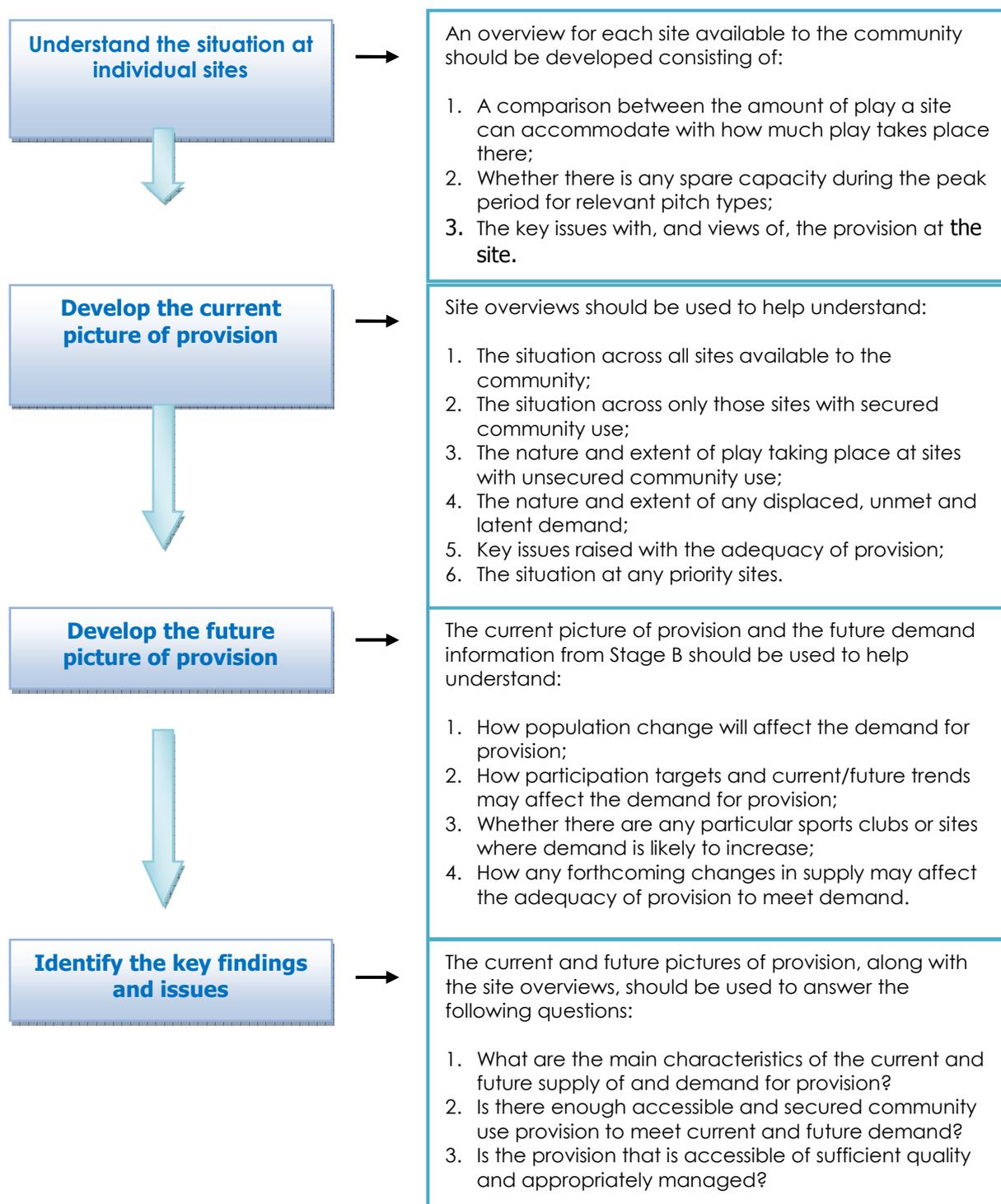
1.17 The response rate for through the consultation survey for each sport is as follows:

- Football - 51 out of 110 football clubs (46%);
- Cricket - 100%
- Rugby -100%
- Hockey - 100%

Stage C: Steps 4, 5 and 6 – Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views

1.18 Figure 2 below sets out detail of the process used to analyse the adequacy of provision.

Figure 2 – Overview of the Assessment Process



Stages D & E: Steps 7 – 10 - Develop the Strategy and Deliver the Strategy and Keep it Up to Date and Robust

1.19 These stages will follow on once the Needs Assessment and Key Findings and Issues have been agreed.

2 STRATEGIC CONTEXT, POPULATION AND SPORTS PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 An understanding of the local strategic context, population and sports participation trends is essential in order to ensure that the assessment and strategy is tailored to the characteristics, profile and aspirations for the local area.
- 2.2 This section therefore briefly summarises the key policies that impact upon the preparation of this assessment and strategy and provides an overview of the demographics and sports participation trends of the Area, and assesses the impact of this on demand for pitch sports. It provides an overview only - sport specific issues and participation is discussed in Sections 3 – 8.

Strategic Context - National Level

- 2.3 At a national level, there are several key policies that impact upon the preparation of this Playing Pitch Strategy:
- 2.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) clearly establishes the requirement that local plans ensure that there is proper provision of community and cultural facilities to meet local needs. The NPPF's expectations for the development of local planning policy for sport and physical activity/recreation, is set out in paragraphs 73 and 74 which require there to be a sound (i.e. up-to-date and verifiable) evidence base underpinning policy and its application. Paragraph 73 indicates that

'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.'

- 2.5 Paragraph 74 states that

'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.'*

- 2.6 Sport England has been a statutory consultee on planning applications affecting playing pitches since 1996 and has a long established policy of retention, which is the precursor to the National Planning Policy Framework guidance above. Sport England also advises that informed decisions on playing pitch matters require all local authorities to have an up to date assessment of need and a strategy emanating from this. Sport England recommend that a strategy is monitored and updated annually and refreshed every three

years. This assessment will support the Councils in implementing a robust strategic approach to the delivery of pitches across the area. Sport England's National Strategy – (2011/12 – 2014/15) and Youth and Community Strategy (2012 – 2017) both underpin this playing pitch assessment.

2.7 National Governing Body Facility Strategies: The Football Association (FA), England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Rugby Football Union (RFU), Rugby Football League (RFL) and England Hockey all set out strategies guiding the provision of facilities for their specific sport as follows;

- The Football Association – National Game Strategy
- Grounds to Play – England and Wales Cricket Board Strategic Plan (2010 – 2013)
- The Rugby Football Union National Facilities Strategy
- The National Hockey Facility Strategy – The Right Facilities in the Right Places (2012)

Strategic Context - Local Level

2.8 There are a number of local documents which underpin the development of a Playing Pitch Strategy for Exeter and East Devon

Exeter – Strategic Documents

2.9 The Evidence Base for the Exeter LDF includes two reports relating to open space, sport and recreation: a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy dating from 2005 and the Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point Green Infrastructure (GI) Study (2009). The latter is principally concerned with the development coming forward to the east of the city on key transport corridors in the vicinity of the new development at Cranbrook.

2.10 Exeter City Council's Corporate Plan – 'Building a Stronger, Sustainable City: 2012-2014' sets out a number of purposes, which the provision of high quality playing field facilities can contribute to, including: 'maintain the assets of our city' and 'provide great things for me to do, see and visit'. One of the objectives is to 'maintain and improve sporting and leisure facilities operated on behalf of the council.'

East Devon – Strategic Documents

2.11 Those of particular relevance to the Playing Pitch Strategy comprise:

- East Devon Open Space Study (2012) – Appendix A, B, C, D and Fixed Sports Addendum
- East Devon Open Space Study Review (2014) – Updates the study with more recent and accurate data.
- A Playing Pitch Strategy for East, Mid and West Devon (2002)
- Exmouth Playing Pitch Review (2013) – Carried out by Sports Solutions for the Exmouth regeneration team at EDDC using the old Sport England PPS methodology

2.12 The Open Space Study for East Devon was endorsed by Members in 2012 and now forms evidence in deciding planning applications. The standards recommended in the study have been translated into the New Local Plan as a strategy to help guide provision of open space on and off-site. The Open Space Study Review 2014 was endorsed by

Members in June 2014 and also now forms evidence for deciding planning applications. This has updated the 2012 study to keep it robust and up to date.

- 2.13 Appendices 7 and 10 of EDDC’s Asset Management Plan are particular interest to the Strategy, as is “Enjoying this outstanding place” in the Council Plan.
- 2.14 Active Devon – the Community Sports Partnership for Devon has produced ‘Everyone in Devon active for life ‘ - ‘A Framework for an Active Devon 2012-15’ The Mission as set out within this is: “Working together with those who share our vision of Everyone in Devon active for life, we create, support, promote and deliver local opportunities for people to participate in physical activity and sport.’
- 2.15 What is evident from the strategic analysis is the importance of participation, active lifestyles and the health and using sport to deliver improvements in the quality of life for the residents of the two authorities.

Population and Participation in Sport

- 2.16 An understanding of population trends and overall participation in sport underpins the evaluation of the adequacy of facilities for football, cricket, rugby, and hockey in later sections. It provides an understanding of potential participation and latent demand as well as current levels of participation in sport and physical activity. As such, it provides an important context for playing pitch provision.
- 2.17 This summary of key issues and trends draws on the findings from the Sport England Active People surveys and Sport England’s Market Segmentation tool.
- **Population trends:** What are the population trends in Exeter and East Devon and what does this mean for pitch sports participation?
 - **Sports Participation trends:** what are the overall trends in participation, how are these changing and what does this mean for pitch sports participation?
 - **What is the sporting profile of participants in Exeter and East Devon and where do they live:** Using the Sport England market segmentation data to set out a sports and spatial profile of the most dominant population groups in Exeter and East Devon. How do pitch sports rank in the importance and the amount of sports played by these groups?
- 2.18 The theoretical information summarised in this section will then be used to inform the sport specific assessments set out in Sections 3 to 7.

POPULATION PROFILE AND TRENDS – EXETER

- 2.19 Analysis of the population profile provides a context for the interpretation of participation in pitch sports.. This is extracted from ONS Census data and the most up to date population projections that are available.
- 2.20 The 2011 Census estimates Exeter’s population to be 117,800.
- 2.21 Current ONS population projections to 2024 are based on 2012 population estimates, and were released by ONS in May 2014. This Playing Pitch Strategy has to calculate ‘Team Generation Rates’ for each of the main pitch sports, and to do this population projections are required for different age and gender categories, depending on the specific requirements of the pitch sport governing bodies. These are looked at further under

‘future demand’.

2.22 The table below shows the forecasted population change in Exeter for each year from 2014 to 2024, which is the end date for the Playing Pitch Strategy. This shows a forecasted population growth of some 5,500 or 4.6% in the period to 2024.

Table 1.1: Population Projections for Exeter by year

2012 based Population Projections for Exeter 2014-2024 (000s)												
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	%Chg 2014-2024	% Chg 2014-2024
120.4	121.1	121.7	122.4	122.9	123.4	123.8	124.2	124.7	125.3	125.9	+5.5	+4.6%

Source: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

2.23 Looking in more detail at these population projections, the data below shows the most up to date forecasted population change in Exeter by age group for the next 10 years (2014-2024).

Table 1.2: ONS Population Projections for Exeter by age group: 2014-2024

Age Group	2014	2024	Change 2014-2024	% Change 2014-2024
0-4	6962	6803	-509	-2.3%
5-9	6176	6552	+376	+6.1%
10-14	5151	6322	+1171	+22.7%
15-19	8646	9018	+372	+4.3%
20-24	14780	13739	-1041	-7.0%
25-29	9424	8843	-581	-6.1%
30-34	8690	9126	+436	+5.0%
35-39	7253	8389	+1136	+15.7%
40-44	7105	7444	+339	+4.8%
45-49	7702	6426	-1240	-16.1%
50-54	7129	6716	-413	-5.8%
55-59	6146	7229	+1083	+17.6%
60-64	5617	6518	+901	+16.0%
65-69	5646	5436	-210	-3.7%
70-74	4194	4946	+752	+17.9%
75-79	3521	4853	+1332	+37.8%
80-84	2979	3332	+353	+11.8%

85+	3305	4223	+918	+27.8%
Total Pop.	120,433	125,958	+5,525	+4.6%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

- 2.24 If these changes are analysed by age groups, it can be seen that, of the predicted increase in population of 5,525 (4.60%) over the 10 year period 2014-2024, the age groups predicted to increase are the 5-19, 30-44, 55-64 and 70+ age groups, with all other age groups (ie 0-4, 20-29, 45-54 and 65-69) seeing a decline in numbers over this period.
- 2.25 If these changes are analysed in accordance with the different age groups that generally take part in different pitch sports, the situation is expected to be as follows:

Table 1.3: Population Change in Exeter by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	Change 2014-2024	% Change 2014-2024
Mini pitch sports (5-9)	6,176	6,552	+376	+6.1%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)	13,798	15,340	+1,542	+11.2%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)	32,896	31,708	-1,187	-3.7%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)	15,888	17,253	+1,365	+8.6%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)	13,301	11,759	-1,542	-13.1%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)	17,410	19,185	+1,775	+10.2%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (5-69)	99,470	101,799	+2,329	+2.3%
Total population	120,433	125,958	+5,525	+4.6%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

- 2.26 It can be seen from the above analysis of ONS population projections for Exeter that:
- Whilst the overall population of Exeter is expected to increase by 5,525 (4.6%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall 'active participation' age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a lower rate (ie by 2,329 or 2.3%).
 - The age groups within the 'active participation' group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 years (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 years (youth/junior pitch sports), the 35-45 years and the 55-69 groups (adult and vets pitch sports).
 - The age groups predicted to see a decline in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 20-34 years and the 46-54 years (adult and vets pitch sports).

- Overall, the adult pitch sport range 20-54 years is projected to decrease slightly (by 2.2%) However, there are variations within this, with one age ranges within the traditional 'Vets' age ranges for some sports (35 – 45 years) projected to increase. The picture for adult pitch sports players is therefore mixed; but there may be scope in promoting participation by 'vets'. The implications of this is explored further within the 'Future Demand' sections for each individual pitch sport.

Housing projections – Exeter

- 2.27 Projected housing completions within Exeter for the period 2014-2024 are currently estimated at 6695 (this includes planning permissions, sites without planning permissions, broad locations for growth and windfalls).
- 2.28 The Exeter Core Strategy sets out the main growth plans to 2026 (www.exeter.gov.uk/corestrategy). In particular:
- 3500 dwellings allocated at Newcourt (c.2000 permissions and c.500 complete)
 - 2500 dwellings allocated at Monkerton / Hill Barton (c.1500 permissions and c.50 complete)
 - 500 dwellings allocated at SW Exeter (adjacent 2000 allocated in Teignbridge) (No planning permissions yet).
- 2.29 Based on an average household size for Exeter of 2.2 persons per dwelling, this would mean additional population within these areas as follows:
- 7700 at Newcourt
 - 5500 at Monkerton / Hill Barton
 - 7700 at SW Exeter and adjacent in Teignbridge
- 2.30 A joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment is currently being produced across Exeter and East Devon which may provide alternative projections than those used to inform this report , particularly the Team Generation Rates set out under the individual pitch sports . If necessary, these sections will be revisited at the appropriate time.

POPULATION PROFILE AND TRENDS – EAST DEVON

- 2.31 The 2011 Census estimates East Devon's population to be 132,460. Current ONS population projections to 2024 are based on 2012 population estimates, and were released by ONS in May 2014.
- 2.32 The table below shows the forecasted population change in East Devon for each year from 2014 to 2024, which is the end date for the Playing Pitch Strategy. This shows a forecasted population growth of some 8,400 or 6.2% in the period to 2024.

Table 1.4: Population projections for East Devon by year

2012 based Population Projections for East Devon 2014-2024 (000s)												
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Chg 2014-2024	% Chg 2014-2024
135.4	136.0	136.7	137.5	138.3	139.2	140.0	140.9	141.9	142.8	143.8	+8.4	+6.2%

Source: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

2.33 Looking in more detail at these population projections, the data below shows the most up to date forecasted population change in East Devon by age group for the next 10 years (2014-2024).

Table 1.5: ONS Population Projections for East Devon by age group: 2014-2024

Age Group	2014	2024	Change 2014-2024	% Change 2014-2024
0-4	6203	6064	-139	-2.2%
5-9	6579	7132	+553	+8.4%
10-14	6634	7749	+1115	+16.8%
15-19	7221	7147	-74	-1.0%
20-24	5578	4731	-847	-15.2%
25-29	5598	5304	-294	-5.3%
30-34	5575	5907	+332	+6.0%
35-39	6022	6724	+702	+11.7%
40-44	8055	7366	-689	-8.6%
45-49	9380	7373	-2007	-21.4%
50-54	9342	9061	-281	-3.0%
55-59	9106	10645	+1539	+16.9%
60-64	9618	11004	+1386	+14.4%
65-69	11441	10481	-960	-8.4%
70-74	8934	10158	+1224	+13.7%
75-79	7512	10775	+3263	+43.4%
80-84	5965	7389	+1424	+23.9%
85+	6602	8740	+2138	+32.4%
Total Population	135,373	143,758	+8,385	+6.2%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

- 2.34 If these changes are analysed by age groups, it can be seen that, of the predicted increase in population of 8,385 (6.2%) over the 10 year period 2014-2024, the age groups predicted to increase are the 5-14, 30-39, 55-64 and 70+ age groups, with all other age groups (ie 0-4, 15-29, 40-54 and 65-69) seeing a decline in numbers over this period.
- 2.35 If these changes are analysed in accordance with the different age groups that generally take part in different pitch sports, the situation is expected to be as follows:

Table 1.6: Population Change in East Devon by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	Change 2014-2024	% Change 2014-2024
Mini pitch sports (5-9)	6,579	7,132	+553	+8.4%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)	13,856	14,896	+1,040	+7.5%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)	16,751	15,942	-809	-5.1%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)	15,931	15,626	-305	-2.0%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)	16,868	14,899	-1,969	-13.2%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)	30,166	32,131	+1,965	+6.5%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (5-69)	100,154	100,629	+475	+0.5%
Total population -	135,373	143,758	+8,385	+6.2%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

- 2.36 It can be seen from the above analysis of ONS population projections for East Devon that:
- Whilst the overall population of East Devon is expected to increase by 8,385 (6.2%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall 'active participation' age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a much lower rate (ie by 475 or 0.5%).
 - The age groups within the 'active participation' group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (adult pitch sports) groups.
 - However, age groups encompassing from 20 to 54 years are all projected to show a decrease (overall, by -6.2%, with the smallest decrease falling in the 35-45 years age group -2.0%).
- 2.37 The following compares the population projections between the two authorities, the most marked difference being the projected in the population in the 35-45 years age group (traditionally 'vet's football'), which shows a decrease of 2.0% in East Devon, but an increase of 8.6% in Exeter. The implications of this are considered further within the 'Future Demand' sections for each individual pitch sport.

Table 1.7: Population Change in East Devon & Exeter by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024: COMPOSITE TABLE

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	EAST DEVON % Change 2014-2024	EXETER % Change 2014-24
Mini pitch sports (5-9)			+8.4%	+6.1%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)			+7.5%	+11.2%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)			-5.1%	-3.7%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)			-2.0%	+8.6%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)			-13.2%	-13.1%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)			+6.5%	+10.2%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (5-69)			+0.5%	+2.3%
Total population – East Devon	135,373	143,758	+6.2%	
Total population - Exeter	120,433	125,958		+4.6%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

Housing projections for East Devon

2.38 The East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026 (Proposed Post-Publication Changes – Aug 2013) proposes 15,180 new dwellings in the period 2006-2026 excluding “windfalls”. 7,455 of these proposed new dwellings are to be built in East Devon’s ‘West End’. Taking into account dwellings already built, the projected housing completions for East Devon for the period 2014-2024 (the period of this Playing Pitch Strategy) are shown in Table 1.8 below.

Table 1.8: Proposed New Housing: East Devon 2006-2026 and 2014-2024

Settlement	New Local Plan Housing Allocations 2006 to 2026	Projected Completions 2014 to 2024
Cranbrook	6,055	4,713
Broadclyst (includes Pinhoe and Blackhorse sites)	1,400	1,909
East Devon’s ‘West End’ Totals	7,455	6,622
Axminster	1,738	1,418

Budleigh Salterton	176	122
Exmouth	1,792	1,205
Honiton	397	323
Ottery St Mary	383	603
Seaton	613	466
Sidmouth	693	268
'Town' Totals	5,792	4,405
Villages & Rural Areas Totals	1,933	1,268
GRAND TOTAL	15,180	12,295

Population Projections compared to New Housing Allocations

2.39 The latest ONS population projections for East Devon show an increase of some 8,400 people (+6.2%) in the period 2014-2024 (the period of this Playing Pitch Strategy). ONS Guidance states the following:

- *These projections are based on the 2012 mid-year population estimates published on 26 June 2013 and a set of underlying demographic assumptions regarding fertility, mortality and migration based on local trends. They are consistent with the 2012-based national population projections for England.*
- *They are not forecasts and do not attempt to predict the impact that future government or local policies, changing economic circumstances or other factors might have on demographic behaviour. The trends for these projections take into account information from the 2011 Census.*
- *The primary purpose of the subnational projections is to provide an estimate of the future size and age structure of the population of local authorities in England. These are used as a common framework for informing local-level policy and planning in a number of different fields as they are produced in a consistent way.*

2.40 Based on an average household size for East Devon of **2.08** persons per dwelling¹, this projected population would require a total of **4,038** new dwellings in East Devon in the period 2014-2024. Based on the New Local Plan, housing completions in this period are projected to be **12,295** which is significantly higher than that required to meet 'natural' projected population growth. For the purpose of this assessment, the following is therefore assumed:

2.41 About **4,038** of the new dwellings proposed for East Devon in the period 2014-2024

¹ East Devon District Council (2013), *New East Devon Local Plan 2006 to 2026 Proposed Submission (Publication) - November 2012 Incorporating Proposed Minor Post Publication Changes (editing) July 2013.*

would provide for the ‘natural’ projected population growth, to meet latest ONS projections. These are to be distributed across existing settlements in the District.

- 2.42 Additional ‘major housing growth’ (including **6,622** proposed dwellings in East Devon’s West End) would provide for population growth over and above that required to meet ONS projections.
- 2.43 Therefore, in order to calculate future pitch requirements in Section...’Future Demand’, both ONS Population Projections and locally derived Projected Housing Completions are used. Using only ONS Projections would significantly underestimate likely future pitch requirements, and would not take into account the major new housing growth areas East of Exeter.
- 2.44 A joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment is currently being produced across Exeter and East Devon which may provide alternative projections than those used to inform this report , particularly the Team Generation Rates set out under the individual pitch sports . If necessary, these sections will be revisited at the appropriate time.

Cranbrook

- 2.45 As a brand new settlement it will be very important to ensure that Cranbrook is able to sustain itself in terms of access to pitch space. There are circa 3,500 homes with permission or resolution to grant permission at Cranbrook. In addition to this, the Local Plan allocates a further 2,500 dwellings in expansions to the East and West and indicatively proposes that a further 1,500 dwellings will be delivered South of the old A30 post 2026.
- 2.46 At the moment, the only open access pitch space due to be provided by the first 3,500 will indicatively be a cricket “circus” and two adult football pitches in the Eastern end of the site area of the existing permission. For this reason, the PPS is asked to consider whether there will be a requirement for specific sports provision (e.g. rugby) in the expansion areas, where they might need to be located considering the location of the “existing” pitches, and what the specifications of the pitches might need to be for any sports clubs to be able to use the facilities for playing in specific leagues. In addition to this there will be grass pitches for the two primary schools and secondary school as well as an artificial pitch at the secondary school. It would be useful to consider the surface of the permitted AGP.

ADULT PARTICIPATION IN SPORT

Active People

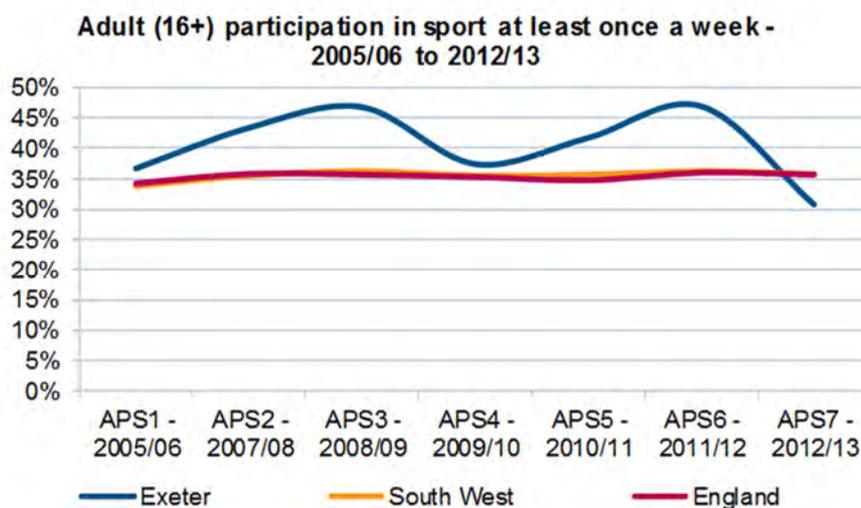
- 2.47 Sport England’s main measure of sport is based on the percentage of adults (aged 16+) playing for at least 30 minutes of sport at moderate intensity at least once a week, measured by the Active People Survey (APS). This continuously measures the number of people taking part in sport across the nation and in local communities. It is the largest survey of sport and activity ever carried out in Europe and forms the basis of the data below.
- 2.48 The ‘1 x 30’ indicator does not include recreational walking or recreational cycling. It does include more strenuous walking activities, such as hill walking, rambling and power walking. For those aged 65 and over, it includes light intensity activities such as yoga, pilates, bowls, archery and croquet. It also includes cycling if done at least once a week at moderate intensity for 30 minutes.

2.49 The latest APS results cover the 12 month period from April 2013 to April 2014 (APS8 Q2). An analysis of the Active People data from 2005-2013 is provided by Sport England in a series of Local Sports Profiles which are available for each local authority area in England. These profiles form the basis of the following summary of sports participation in Exeter and East Devon.

Table 1.9: Active People: Exeter

Adult (16+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week), by year			
Active People Survey and Year	Exeter	South West	England
APS1 - 2005/06	36.7%	33.8%	34.2%
APS2 - 2007/08	43.4%	35.5%	35.8%
APS3 - 2008/09	46.8%	36.3%	35.7%
APS4 - 2009/10	37.4%	35.5%	35.3%
APS5 - 2010/11	41.7%	35.7%	34.8%
APS6 - 2011/12	46.9%	36.2%	36.0%
APS7 - 2012/13	31.3%	35.8%	35.7%
APS8 (Q2) 2013/2014	33.6%	36.7%	35.5%

Source: Active People Survey, Year: 2005/06 (APS1), to 2013/14 (APS8 Q2)
 Measure: Adult participation, aged 16+
 ^ 1 session a week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days)



Adult (16+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week[^]), by year, and demographic breakdown

Year	Exeter		South West		England	
	2005/06	2012/13	2005/06	2012/13	2005/06	2012/13
All	36.7%	30.8%	33.8%	35.8%	34.2%	35.7%
Male	41.1%	25.7%	37.8%	38.4%	38.9%	40.9%
Female	32.5%	35.5%	30.1%	33.3%	29.8%	30.7%
White	37.0%	31.8%	33.7%	35.9%	34.3%	35.6%
Non-White	*	*	37.0%	35.0%	33.2%	36.3%
Limiting Disability	20.0%	*	15.6%	19.1%	15.1%	18.5%
No Limiting Disability	40.1%	31.5%	37.3%	39.3%	37.8%	39.2%
16-25	64.0%	*	59.2%	58.3%	55.7%	53.7%
26-34	43.2%	*	47.4%	47.6%	45.2%	45.0%
35-54	32.1%	37.7%	35.3%	38.5%	35.2%	37.7%
55+	17.8%	20.8%	18.8%	21.4%	18.8%	21.3%
NS SEC 1-2	40.8%	37.1%	38.9%	41.3%	40.1%	42.1%
NS SEC 3	37.5%	*	33.1%	35.2%	32.3%	34.7%
NS SEC 4	*	*	29.5%	31.7%	32.4%	33.6%
NS SEC 5-8	31.1%	23.0%	28.1%	30.9%	26.9%	28.7%

[^] 1 session a week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days)

Source: Active People Survey, Year: 2005/06 (APS1), to 2012/13 (APS7), Measure: Adult participation

Active People - Exeter Summary

2.50 For Exeter City the above survey data shows the following:

- Since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, once a week sports participation in Exeter has **fallen from 36.7% to 33.6%** in 2013/14.
- In the period 2005/06 to 2011/12, overall participation rates in Exeter were above both the regional and national figures.
- However, the latest Active People Survey (APS8 Q2 2013/14) figure for adult participation in sport at least once a week in Exeter is **33.6%, which is lower than both the South West Region figure of 36.7% and the national figure of 35.5%.**
- The 2012/13 (APS7) survey shows that adult male sports participation rates (25.7%) in Exeter were much lower than female (35.5%). Male participation rates were significantly lower than both the regional and national levels, whilst female rates were above both regional and national levels.
- Sports participation rates among older people (55+) in Exeter are below both regional and national rates.

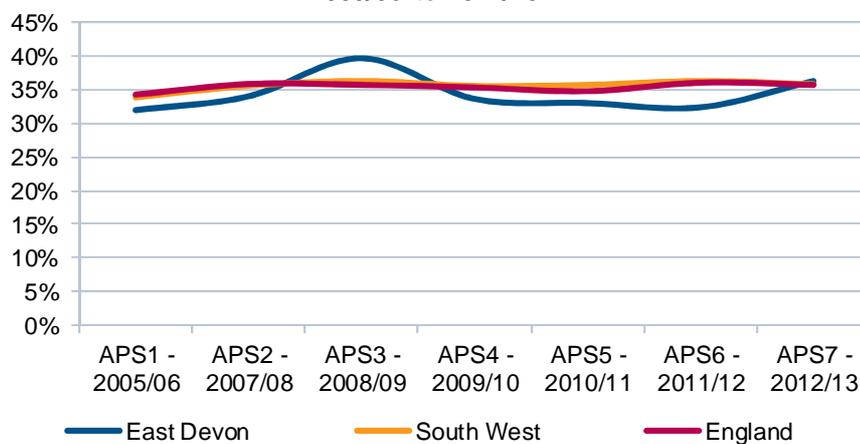
The overall downward trend in sports participation rates in Exeter since 2005/06 suggests that there is a need to develop policies and proposals aimed at increasing participation in sport and active recreation in the City.

Table 1.10: Active People: East Devon

Adult (16+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week[^]), by year			
Active People Survey and Year	East Devon	South West	England
APS1 - 2005/06	31.9%	33.8%	34.2%
APS2 - 2007/08	34.0%	35.5%	35.8%
APS3 - 2008/09	39.6%	36.3%	35.7%
APS4 - 2009/10	33.6%	35.5%	35.3%
APS5 - 2010/11	33.0%	35.7%	34.8%
APS6 - 2011/12	32.4%	36.2%	36.0%
APS7 - 2012/13	36.3%	35.8%	35.7%
APS8 (Q2) 2013/2014	28.6%	36.7%	35.5%

Source: Active People Survey, Year: 2005/06 (APS1), to 2013/14 (APS8 Q2)
 Measure: Adult participation, aged 16+
[^] 1 session a week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days)

Adult (16+) participation in sport at least once a week - 2005/06 to 2012/13



Adult (16+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week[^]), by year, and demographic breakdown

Year	East Devon		South West		England	
	2005/06	2012/13	2005/06	2012/13	2005/06	2012/13
All	31.9%	36.2%	33.8%	35.8%	34.2%	35.7%
Male	35.7%	37.2%	37.8%	38.4%	38.9%	40.9%
Female	28.6%	35.4%	30.1%	33.3%	29.8%	30.7%
White	32.0%	36.2%	33.7%	35.9%	34.3%	35.6%
Non-White	*	0.0%	37.0%	35.0%	33.2%	36.3%
Limiting Disability	16.3%	*	15.6%	19.1%	15.1%	18.5%
No Limiting Disability	35.1%	40.5%	37.3%	39.3%	37.8%	39.2%
16-25	60.4%	*	59.2%	58.3%	55.7%	53.7%
26-34	53.9%	*	47.4%	47.6%	45.2%	45.0%
35-54	35.7%	37.1%	35.3%	38.5%	35.2%	37.7%
55+	19.5%	24.0%	18.8%	21.4%	18.8%	21.3%
NS SEC 1-2	35.7%	40.9%	38.9%	41.3%	40.1%	42.1%
NS SEC 3	38.5%	*	33.1%	35.2%	32.3%	34.7%
NS SEC 4	23.9%	*	29.5%	31.7%	32.4%	33.6%
NS SEC 5-8	24.4%	*	28.1%	30.9%	26.9%	28.7%

[^] 1 session a week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days)

Source: Active People Survey, Year: 2005/06 (APS1), to 2012/13 (APS7), Measure: Adult participation

Active People: East Devon Summary

2.51 For East Devon District the above survey data shows the following:

- Since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, once a week sports participation in East Devon has **fallen from 31.9% to 28.6%** in 2013/14.
- In the period 2005/06 to 2011/12, overall participation rates in East Devon remained slightly below the regional and national figures, apart from 2008/09 which saw a significant increase to 39.6%.
- The latest Active People Survey (APS8 Q2 2013/14) figure for adult participation in sport at least once a week in East Devon is **28.6%, which is lower than both the South West Region figure of 36.7% and the national figure of 35.5%.**
- The 2012/13 (APS7) survey shows that adult male sports participation rates (37.2%) in East Devon were higher than female (35.4%), although male participation rates were below both the regional and national levels, whilst female rates were above both regional and national levels.
- Sports participation rates among older people (55+) in East Devon are above both regional and national rates.

2.52 The apparent fall in sports participation rates in East Devon since 2012/13 suggests that there is a need to develop policies and proposals aimed at increasing participation in sport and active recreation in the district

Market Segmentation

- 2.53 Sport England’s market segmentation tool has been designed to help understand the life stages and attitudes of different population groups – and the sporting interventions most likely to engage them.
- 2.54 The market segmentation data builds on the results of Sport England’s Active People survey, the Department of Culture, Media and Sport’s Taking Part survey, and the Mosaic tool from Experian. From this data it is possible to:
- present a picture of the dominant social groups in a given local authority area;
 - estimate the proportion of the population within each market segment group that **do** participate in specific sports and how this compares to county, regional and national figures; and
 - estimate how many people **would like** to participate (or participate more) in specific sports.

Market Segmentation: Exeter

2.55 The table below shows the numbers and percentage rates of the Exeter population that fall into each of the 19 sports market segmentation groups.

Market segmentation								
Code	Name	Description	Exeter		South West		England	
			Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
A01	Ben	Competitive Male Urbanites	4.2	4.3%	205.2	5.0%	1,989.1	4.9%
A02	Jamie	Sports Team Drinkers	9.9	10.1%	198.2	4.5%	2,162.9	5.4%
A03	Chloe	Fitness Class Friends	3.5	3.5%	198.2	4.8%	1,896.5	4.7%
A04	Leanne	Supportive Singles	7.9	8.0%	151.5	3.7%	1,711.6	4.3%
B05	Helena	Career Focused Females	4.2	4.3%	203.5	4.9%	1,829.8	4.5%
B06	Tim	Settling Down Males	7.4	7.5%	381.0	9.2%	3,554.0	8.8%
B07	Alison	Stay at Home Mums	3.4	3.5%	183.7	4.4%	1,766.4	4.4%
B08	Jackie	Middle England Mums	5.4	5.5%	202.3	4.9%	1,965.0	4.9%
B09	Kev	Pub League Team Mates	5.3	5.4%	160.9	3.9%	2,386.6	5.9%
B10	Paula	Stretched Single Mums	3.9	3.9%	108.3	2.6%	1,507.3	3.7%
C11	Philip	Comfortable Mid-Life Males	8.0	8.1%	402.4	9.7%	3,480.0	8.6%
C12	Elaine	Empty Nest Career Ladies	5.4	5.5%	291.8	7.0%	2,443.9	6.1%
C13	Roger & Joy	Early Retirement Couples	6.9	7.0%	355.4	8.6%	2,723.7	6.8%
C14	Brenda	Older Working Women	3.9	3.9%	143.6	3.5%	1,976.8	4.9%
C15	Terry	Local ‘Old Boys’	3.6	3.6%	120.1	2.9%	1,484.5	3.7%
C16	Norma	Later Life Ladies	1.8	1.9%	61.6	1.5%	855.0	2.1%
D17	Ralph & Phyllis	Comfortable Retired Couples	2.4	2.4%	257.2	6.2%	1,700.2	4.2%
D18	Frank	Twilight Year Gents	3.8	3.9%	182.9	4.4%	1,612.9	4.0%
D19	Elsie & Arnold	Retirement Home Singles	7.8	7.9%	344.7	8.3%	3,206.3	8.0%
Total			98.8	100.0%	4,141.3	100.0%	40,252.4	100.0%

Source: Sport England and Experian Ltd, Year: 2010, Measure: Sport Market Segmentation

2.56 The table above and the chart below show that the dominant market segmentation groups in Exeter are:

Jamie: Mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student

- Jamie is a very active type that takes part in sport on a regular basis

- The top sports that Jamie participates in are: 28% of this group play football, compared to 4% of all adults; 22% take part in 'keep fit and gym' compared to 17% of all adults; 12% take part in both athletics (running) and cycling, and 10% go swimming.
- Jamie may also take part in badminton, tennis, cricket, basketball and golf.

Philip: *Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children*

- Sporting activity levels are above the national average.
- The top sports that Philip participates in are: cycling, 16% of this segment do this at least once a month, almost double the national average.
- Philip also enjoys keep fit/gym, swimming, football, golf and athletics (running). His participation in most of his top sports is above the national average.

Leanne: *Mainly aged 18-25, likely to have children, student/part time vocational*

- The top sports that Leanne participates in are: 23% of this group take part in 'keep fit' and gym compared to 17% of all adults; 18% of this group take part in swimming compared to 14% of all adults; 9% take part in athletics or running, and 6% take part in cycling
- Leanne may also take part in football, badminton, netball, horse-riding, tennis and volleyball

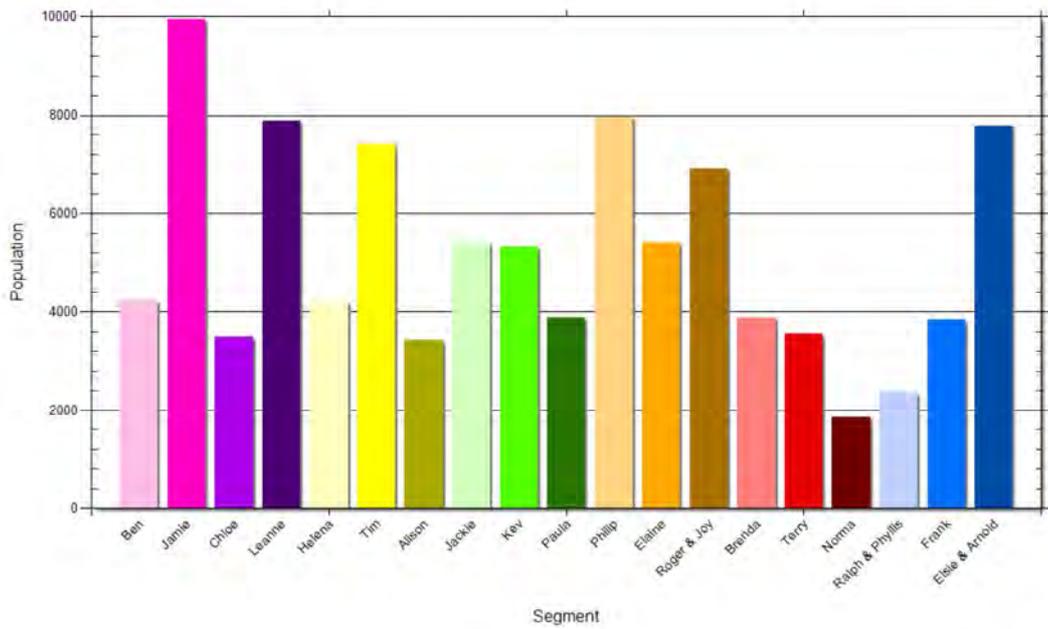
Elsie & Arnold: *Retired singles or widowers, predominantly female.*

- Much less active than the average adult population, they are likely to be doing less sport than 12 months ago, mainly due to health or injury.
- The top sports that Elsie & Arnold participate in are 'keep fit/gym' (10%), 7% take part in swimming, and 3% take part in bowls.

Tim: *Sporty male professionals, settling down with partner*

- Tim is an active type that takes part in sport on a regular basis.
- The top sports that Tim participates in are cycling (21% of this segment take part in cycling compared to 9% of all adults); 20% of this segment take part in keep fit/gym, compared to 17% of all adults.
- Swimming, football and athletics or running are also popular sports for Tim.

Population of all segments within catchment area 



Market Segmentation: East Devon

2.57 The table below shows the numbers and percentage rates of the East Devon population that fall into each of the 19 sports market segmentation groups.

Market segmentation

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Source: Sport England and Experian Ltd, Year: 2010, Measure: Sport Market Segmentation

2.58 The table above and the chart below show that the dominant market segmentation groups in East Devon are:

Ralph & Phyllis: *Retired couples, enjoying active and comfortable lifestyles*

- Generally less active than the average adult population, but their activity levels are higher than others in their age range.
- They are likely to be doing the same or less sport than 12 months ago, with health the main issue for those doing less.
- The top sports that Ralph & Phyllis participate in are keep fit or gym (10%); swimming (9%); golf (7%) and bowls (4%).

Roger & Joy: *Early Retirement Couples*

- Slightly less active than the average adult population.
- The top sports that Roger & Joy participate in are: keep fit/gym and swimming (13%), followed by cycling (8%), golf (6%) and angling (2%).
- Their participation levels are below average for all of these sports, with the exception of bowls, golf and angling.

Elsie & Arnold: *Retired singles or widowers, predominantly female.*

- Much less active than the average adult population, they are likely to be doing less sport than 12 months ago, mainly due to health or injury.
- The top sports that Elsie & Arnold participate in are 'keep fit/gym' (10%), 7% take part in swimming, and 3% take part in bowls.

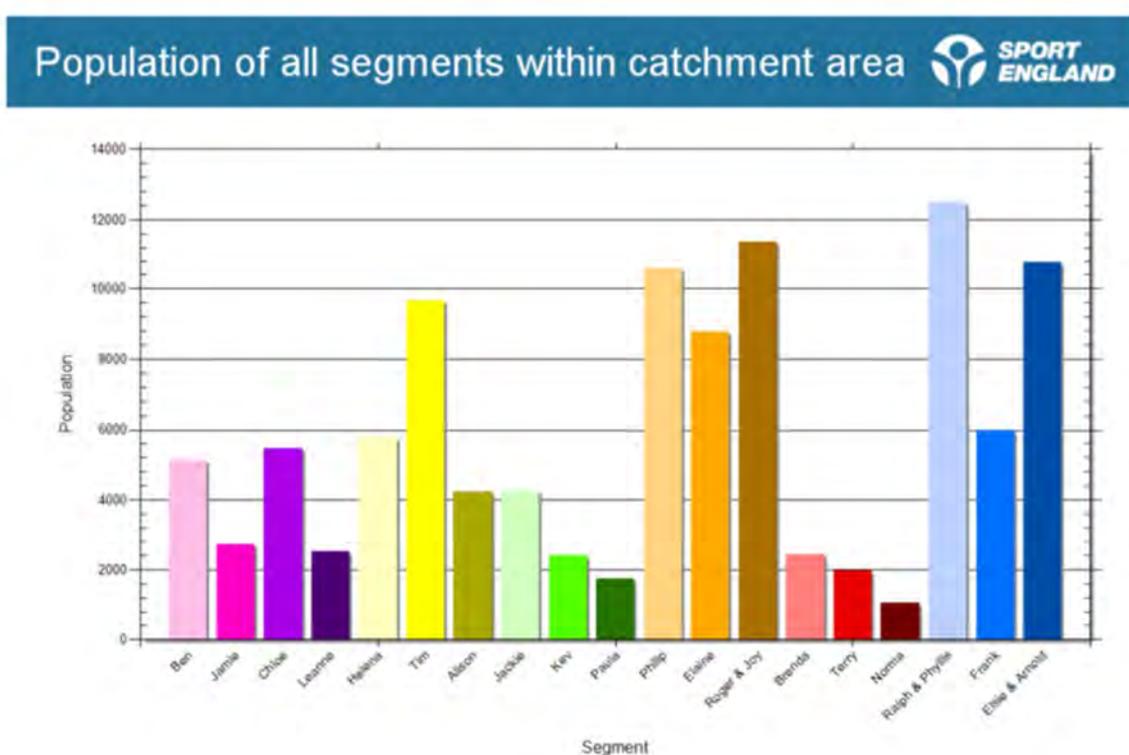
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- Philip also enjoys keep fit/gym, swimming, football, golf and athletics (running). His participation in most of his top sports is above the national average.

Tim: *Sporty male professionals, settling down with partner*

- Tim is an active type that takes part in sport on a regular basis.
- The top sports that Tim participates in are cycling (21% of this segment take part in cycling compared to 9% of all adults); 20% of this segment take part in keep fit/gym, compared to 17% of all adults.
- Swimming, football and athletics or running are also popular sports for Tim.



Notes:

- People who say they would like to do more of a certain sport, could already be playing that sport, but want to do more of it.
- Estimates of potential latent demand are indicated for individual pitch sports. These figures would only be achieved if all aspirations were met, and this is considered to be unrealistic. However, they do provide an indication of the varying levels of latent demand for the different pitch sports in the local area.

2.59 The Sports Market Segmentation analysis provides a broad indication of the number of existing residents who currently participate in the different pitch sports, and from which market segments the majority of participants are from. It suggests that a significant number of residents (about 2,600) would like to play pitch sports (or play more) – further details are included in the Sections 4-7 and in the Appendix. Whilst it is unlikely that all

'latent demand' would become actual demand, if fully realised this would represent an increase in demand for playing pitches in the area.

East Devon: Sub Areas

2.60 For ease of presentation throughout this report, East Devon has been divided into sub areas, as below. After consideration, it was decided that Exeter, being geographically compact, would not require a sub area approach.

2.61 The population in 2012 is shown for each parish within East Devon, to indicate the overall population of each sub area.

Table 1.11: Population of East Devon Sub Areas, by parish²

	Pop. 2012
'Exeter fringe' / Broadclyst Sub Area	
Broadclyst	3172
Bishop's Clyst (Sowton and Clyst St Mary parishes)	1258
Clyst Honiton	318
Clyst St George	779
Farringdon	347
Poltimore	299
Huxham	104
Rewe	428
Stoke Canon	652
Netherexe	41
Brampford Speke	347
Upton Pyne	481
Total pop	8226
Axminster Sub Area	
Axminster	6927
All Saints	561
Kilminster	893
Musbury	552
Hawkchurch	560
Membury	539
Uplyme	1607
Shute	606
Dalwood	373
Chardstock	839
Total pop	13457
Exmouth Sub Area	

² PPSA (2012), 2012 PPSA population estimate for East Devon.

Exmouth	35989
Budleigh Salterton	5291
East Budleigh with Bicton (2 parishes that act as one)	1080
Lympstone	2052
Colaton Raleigh	694
Woodbury	3078
Total pop	48184
Honiton Sub Area	
Honiton	11608
Gittisham	555
Offwell	427
Monkton	169
Combe Raleigh	239
Luppitt	456
Awliscombe	534
Buckerell	260
Cotleigh	224
Stockland	681
Widworthy	321
Upottery	750
Yarcombe	467
Dunkeswell	1649
Sheldon	184
Total pop	18524
Ottery St Mary Sub Area	
Ottery St Mary	9010
Feniton	1830
Talaton	590
Whimble	1828
Rockbeare	968
Aylesbeare	581
Payhembury	721
Broadhembury	704
Plymtree	637
Clyst Hydon	285
Clyst St Lawrence	90
Total pop	17244
Seaton Sub Area	
Seaton	7385
Axmouth	516
Colyton	3247
Beer	1323

Combpyne Rousdon	344
Total pop	12815
Sidmouth Sub Area	
Sidmouth	14106
Branscombe	509
Southleigh	241
Farway	254
Northleigh	152
Otterton	673
Newton Poppleford	2099
Total pop	18034
EDDC TOTAL POP	136484

Table 1.12: Population of East Devon Sub Areas, by parish

Sub Area	Total Sub Area Pop.	Largest Town Pop.
Exeter Fringe	8226	Broadclyst 3172
Axminster	13457	Axminster 6927
Exmouth	48184	Exmouth 35989
Honiton	18524	Honiton 11608
Ottery St Mary	17244	Ottery St Mary 9101
Seaton	12815	Seaton 7385
Sidmouth	18034	Sidmouth 14106
EDDC TOTAL POP	136484	

Notes

1. The populations of largest towns in Table 1.11 are for their parish area (which in the case of Broadclyst, Ottery St Mary and Sidmouth contain large amounts of rural hinterland with significant sized villages e.g. West Hill in Ottery and Sidbury in Sidmouth).
2. The total EDDC population in tables 1.10 and 1.11 is different to the total population taken from the ONS 2012 population projections. This is because of the population projections have different origins, however, unfortunately ONS 2012 population projections do not drill down to Parish levels.

3A FOOTBALL: EXETER

3.1 This section assesses the adequacy of pitches for football in Exeter by presenting the following:

- An overview of pitch supply:
- An overview of demand for football
- The pattern of play of football
- A review of the capacity and adequacy of current provision across the city including an understanding of activity at individual sites
- The future picture of provision for football across Exeter

OVERVIEW OF PITCH SUPPLY

Quantity

3.2 The letters in the 'Community Use' column signify the following, as set out in Sport England's latest Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, October 2013.

- A Available for community use and used
- B Available for community use and unused
- C Not available for community use, as matter of policy and practice
- D Not available as disused. Any sites where pitches were once, but are no longer, marked out and remain undeveloped.

EXETER

Table 3.1: Football pitches in Exeter (excluding those on school sites)

Table 3.1: Owner / Manager	Maintained by	Name	Adult football	Junior football	Junior 9v9	Junior 7 v 7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5 v 5	Community Use	Shared Sites
ECC/leased to club	Club mark & maintain main pitch; ECC mark & maintain 9v9	Alphington Sports Ground	1		1				A	Football
ECC	ECC	Bettysmead	1		1				A	
ECC	ECC	Bromhams Farm – temporarily closed due to EA works	2			1			D	
ECC	ECC	Cowick Barton Playing Field	4		2		1		A	
Education/Exeter College	Exeter College	Countess Wear (Exeter College)	2						A	
Education/University	University of Exeter	Duckes Meadow	7		4				C	Rugby/ Lacrosse
ECC	ECC	Exeter Arena	1						A	

Table 3.1:									
Owner / Manager	Maintained by	Name	Adult football	Junior football	Junior 9v9	Junior 7 v 7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5 v 5	Community Use
ECC	ECC	Exwick Playing Fields	2		1				A
Education/Exeter College	Exeter College	Exwick (Exeter College)	1						A
ECC	ECC	Grace Road – temporarily closed due to EA works							D
ECC/leased to club	ECC; self managing club open/look after changing rooms	Hamlin Lane Playing Field	4			2			A
ECC/leased to club	ECC	King George V Playing Field	7		1		3		A
Private/DC Police	Private/DC Police	Middlemoor	1						A
ECC/leased to club?	ECC	Station Rd, Pinhoe	1						A
Professional club (leased from ECC?)	Club	St James Park (Exeter City FC)	1						C
Owned by	Club	Topsham FC	1						A

Topsham FC								
Education/ University	University	Topsham (Exeter University)	2					C
Owned by Heavitree Sports & Social Club/leased to FC	Club	Wingfield Park (Heavitree Utd)	1					A
ECC	ECC	Wonford Playing Field	1		1		1	A

Table 3.2: Football pitches in Exeter on school sites

TABLE 3.2 Name of educational establishment	Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) available	Which external pitches do you use?	How many hours are the pitches currently available for community use?	If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not.	Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?.	If there is capacity to accommodate any/more community use, please give details	What additional provision is needed?	Community use
ISCA College of Media Arts	1 adult football. No community use, due to intensity of use by school							C
St James School	No marked grass pitches							C
St Lukes School	2 adult football	None			Occasional use by junior football teams	No spare capacity	None	A

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St Peter's School	2 adult football. No community use, due to intensity of use by school							C
West Exe Technology College	None							C
Bramdean School (Independent)	Football; size not known							C
Exeter School (Independent)	1 7v7 football							C
Alphington Primary	1 x 7v7		N/R					B
Bowhill Primary	35m x 18m MUGA		N/R					N/K
Clyst Heath Primary	Grass area 63m x 33m 1 x 7v7		N/R					N/K
Countess Wear Primary	Generic grass field		N/R					N/K
Exwick Heights Primary	Generic grass field 79m x 52m		N/R					N/K

TABLE 3.2	Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) available	Which external pitches do you use?	How many hours are the pitches currently available for community use?	If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not.	Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?.	If there is capacity to accommodate any/more community use, please give details	What additional provision is needed?	Community use
Ladysmith Junior	1 x 9v9; 2 x 7v7; 1 x 5v5		N/R		Various junior teams			A
Montgomery Primary	2 x 5v5		N/R					N/K
Newtown Primary	No grass pitch space							
Pinhoe CoE Primary	No grass pitch space							
Redhills Primary	No grass pitch space							
St David's CoE Primary	No grass pitch space							
St Leonards CoE Primary	1 x 7v7 (51m x 46m)	None	None	No spare capacity				C
St Michael's CoE Primary	Very small grass area – no pitch							C
St Nicholas Catholic Primary	One field; possibly 1 x 7v7	St Luke's – for competitions		No changing facilities			Would like markings & permanent goal posts	C
St Sidwell's CoE Primary	No grass pitch space							
St Thomas Primary	No grass pitch space							

TABLE 3.2 Name of educational establishment	Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) available	Which external pitches do you use?	How many hours are the pitches currently available for community use?	If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not.	Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?.	If there is capacity to accommodate any/more community use, please give details	What additional provision is needed?	Community use
Stoke Hill Junior	Large grass field (100m x 100m) 1 x junior		Thursday evenings		Panthers on Thursday evenings in season plus occasional use by other schools	Maybe - would depend on circumstances as security and vandalism is an issue		A
The Topsham School	General playing field 46 x 27m 1 x 5v5			Pitch in secured area. Arrangements needed to unlock school premises		Out of school hours e.g. weekends and after 5pm, providing can unlock/lock securely.		B
Woodwater Academy	Pitch space: 51m x 28m1 x 7v7		N/R					N/K
Whipton Barton Junior	Grass area – 68 x 57m1 x 7v7		N/R					A
Wynstream School	Junior football 66m x 43m							A

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	1 x 9v9							

Table 3.3: Summary Table of football pitches by community use in Exeter

TABLE 3.3:	Total Pitch Provision	Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Used) (A)	Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Not used) (B)	Pitch Provision Not Available to the Community (C)	Not available as disused (D)
Type of pitch					
Adult Football	45	30	3	10	2
Junior 11v11	0	0	0	0	0
9 v 9	14	9	1	4	1
Junior 7v7	11	6	2	2	0
Mini 5v5	8	5	3	0	0
TOTAL	78	50	9	16	3

Table 3.4: Summary Table of Ownership/Management of Exeter football pitches

TABLE 3.4:	Adult football	Junior football	Junior 9v9	Junior 7 v 7	Mini 5 v 5
Ownership / Management					
Exeter City Council	12		4	2	1
Exeter City Council – leased to clubs	12		2	2	3
Professional clubs/club owned/private	4		0	0	0
University of Exeter	9		5	0	0
Exeter College	3		0	0	0
Secondary schools	5		0	0	0
Primary Schools	0		3	6	4
Independent Schools	0		0	1	0
TOTAL	45		14	11	8

3.3 Key points in relation to pitch supply in Exeter are:

- 53% of adult and 42% of junior and mini pitches are owned by Exeter City Council. Around half of these are leased to clubs. Exeter CC Parks Department manages, maintains and promotes the pitch elements at all their sites, other than the main pitch at The Chronicles, Alphington. Two large Exeter CC sites – King George V and Hamlin Lane – are on long leases to clubs (Central FC and Stoke Hill FC respectively); this arrangement began at the start of the 2012/13 season.
- The other major supplier of pitches is the education sector – whether University, Exeter College or schools (secondary and primary). Grounds owned by Exeter College at Countess Wear and Exwick are the home ground of football clubs (Dynamoes FC and Exwick FC respectively). The University pitches are used by University teams (some of which play in local leagues, others in the extensive network of inter and intra University fixtures on Wednesday afternoons and at weekends).
- The secondary school pitches are not generally available, due to the need to accommodate school fixtures and play throughout the week, although a junior team plays at St Lukes School, Exeter
- Pitches at Bromhams Lane and Grace Road are temporarily closed due to Environment Agency works.
- A few primary schools in Exeter make an important contribution to hosting junior football teams.

Quality

Scoring of sites

- 3.3 The scores given to both the pitch quality and built facilities are based upon Sport England's new playing pitch strategy guidance – Appendix 2d. (<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>)
- 3.4 The pitch quality score is based upon the amalgamation of a score for the playing surface (grass length/cover, size/slope/evenness of pitch and any problem areas) with a score for the pitch maintenance programme (frequency and adequacy of grass cutting, seeding and application of remedial dressings)
- 3.5 Below is a summary from site visits and from consultation with clubs.

Table 3.5: EXETER Football Pitch Quality Rating

TABLE 3.5:									
Ground	Pitch quality score/rating	Built facilities score/ rating	Notes from site audit	Club responding	Summary of club rating of pitch maintenance	Has quality of your pitches changed?	Why?	Interior/ exterior	Any specific problems
Alphington Sports Ground, The Chronicles	64/Standard	77/Good		Alphington F.C.	Adequate	Much poorer	Badly rutted at the end of the season after heavy rain then drying out to quickly.We had to purchase 30 tonnes of top soil,but due to very hot summer the newly seeded areas did not take very well.Also did not have the equipment or facility to be able to water as much as was needed.	Adequate/ Adequate	Playing surface not as good as it should be,due to problems previously mentioned,and lack of funds to carry out the work needed
Bettysmead	60/Standard	53/Standard		(Beacon Knights FC)					
Bromhams Farm	56/Standard	N/A		(Alphington Youth)					
Cowick Barton Playing Field	64/Standard	46/Poor		Exeter Snooker Club FC		No difference		Adequate/ Adequate	

TABLE 3.5:									
Ground	Pitch quality score/rating	Built facilities score/rating	Notes from site audit	Club responding	Summary of club rating of pitch maintenance	Has quality of your pitches changed?	Why?	Interior/ exterior	Any specific problems
				Railway Club FC	Poor	No difference		Good/ Good	Our pitch and other pitches at the ground are too small
				West Exe Youth	Good		The council look after the pitches very well	Adequate/ Good	Last year changing rooms were closed as we weren't using them enough
Countess Wear (Exeter College)	73/Standard + 63/Standard	51/Standard		N/R					
Duckles Meadow/ Exeter University	65/Standard	59/Standard							
Exeter Arena	Not assessed			N/R					
Exwick Playing Field	52/Standard	49/Poor		N/R					
Exeter College Exwick	81/Good	43/Poor	New changing being built						
Hamlin Lane Playing Field	61/Standard	56/Standard		Exe United FC	Good	Slightly better	Weather over the summer has improved pitches, feel this is widespread rather than just the	Good/ Good	

TABLE 3.5:									
Ground	Pitch quality score/rating	Built facilities score/rating	Notes from site audit	Club responding	Summary of club rating of pitch maintenance	Has quality of your pitches changed?	Why?	Interior/ exterior	Any specific problems
							pitches at Hamlin Lane		
Hamlin Lane Playing Field				Met Office FC	Adequate	No difference		Adequate/ Adequate	The grass quality is fairly poor, with the goalmouths not properly re-seeded at the start of the season.
Hamlin Lane Playing Field				Priory FC	Good	No difference		Good/ Good	
Hamlin Lane Playing Field				Stoke Hill FC	Adequate			Good/ Good	
King George V Playing Field	60/Standard	63/Standard		Central FC	Good	No difference		Good/ Good	Dogs' fouling is the biggest issue
King George V Playing Field				Centre Spot FC	Good	No difference		Adequate/ Adequate	
King George V Playing Field				Henry's Cronies FC	Adequate	Slightly better		Poor/ Adequate	
King George V Playing Field				Winchester FC	Adequate	No difference		Good/ Good	Dog fouling and opposing teams not collecting rubbish
Middlemoor	76/Good	63/Standard		N/R					

TABLE 3.5:									
Ground	Pitch quality score/rating	Built facilities score/rating	Notes from site audit	Club responding	Summary of club rating of pitch maintenance	Has quality of your pitches changed?	Why?	Interior/ exterior	Any specific problems
Station Road, Pinhoe	64/Standard	46/Standard		Pinhoe Spartans	Adequate	No difference		Adequate/Poor	
St James Park Exeter City FC	85/Good	86/Good		N/R					
Topsham Town FC, Coronation Field	73/Standard	73/Standard		Topsham Town FC	Acceptable	-		Acceptable	Pitch overuse is an issue. Lack of floodlights. Would like to install floodlights
Topsham, Exeter University	76/Good	93/Good		N/R					
Wingfield Park	71/Standard	86/Good		N/R					
Wonford Playing Field	57/Standard	49/Poor		City Raiders YFC	Poor	Slightly poorer	The council moved the pitches in the summer and the work that was required on the pitches could have been done to a higher standard.	Poor/Poor	The pitches are OK but some improvements needed e.g. more grass. Dog fouling is a big issue and we clear it up as best we can.

3.6 Emerging points to arise from the quality assessment of Exeter’s football pitches are:

- No pitches rated as poor on Sport England’s VQA: all rated either standard to good. The higher scoring pitches were those either on University or College land or leased by clubs (Topsham, St James). Exeter CC maintained pitches generally scored standard from around 57 – 64; the highest scoring was Cowick Barton (64) and the lowest, Exwick (at 52).
- However, the VQA is only a snapshot in time and the evidence needs to be triangulated with information from clubs and others involved. It should be noted that there is a range of responses on quality from the clubs; two clubs using the same site may have very different opinions as to its quality.
- In general, clubs regard the maintenance of the pitches as being of acceptable and good quality (which is not often the case with clubs using local authority grounds) If they felt the quality of the pitches had changed recently, they were just as likely to have improved as have deteriorated (at The Chronicles Alphington, which is not maintained by ECC). KGV was especially highly regarded.
- Dog fouling is an issue at public grounds, notably Wonford and King George V.
- There was greater variation in the VQA of changing facilities which did range from poor (Wonford, Exwick) through to standard. Clubs regard changing on ECC grounds as being standard or good quality (but the different perceptions from different clubs is illustrated by clubs’ rating of changing facilities at King George V)
- On this basis, the capacity of the pitches is probably as good as it can be, with very little scope for improving maintenance.
- Improvements/enhancements required/desirable at each ground will be further highlighted as options in the final Strategy

OVERVIEW OF DEMAND

Active People and Market Segmentation

3.8 From the Active People Survey and Market Segmentation data (explained in Section 2) it is possible to estimate:

- the proportion of the local adult population within each market segment group that **currently** participate in football, and how this compares to county, regional and national figures; and
- how many adults **would like** to participate (or participate more) in football (ie latent demand).

3.9 The key participants in football in Exeter come from those market segments groups that are most likely to play football nationally. However, the relative proportion of the population that participates from each group differs from national rates due to the

make-up of the local population. For football, the main market segmentation groups in Exeter are:

- **Jamie:** sports team lad, mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student
- **Ben:** competitive male urbanite, mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional.
- **Tim:** settling down male, mainly aged 26-45, married or single, may have children, professional.
- **Philip:** comfortable mid-life male, mainly aged 46-55, married with children, full time employment and owner occupier.
- **Keve:** pub league team mate, mainly aged 36-45, married or single, may have children, vocational job.
- The main female segment participating in football in Exeter is: **Leanne:** Mainly aged 18-25, likely to have children, student/part time vocational

FA Participation Figures

3.10 From data cut early in 2014, the FA estimates the following:

- Exeter has a total of 74 affiliated clubs with a total of 197 teams of which 194 play in Exeter.
- Of the 194 teams operating in Exeter, 72 (37.1%) are adult teams, 80 (41.2%) are youth teams (all formats) and 42 (21.7%) are Mini-Soccer teams.
- 86.9% or 106 of the 122 Youth and Mini-soccer teams play in a club that has achieved a Charter Standard Award as compared to a national average of 81.1%.
- The number of teams has decreased by 6 teams overall in Exeter from season 12/13 to season 13/14.
- This comprises: · a decrease of 8 adult team(s); · an increase of 3 youth team(s) (all formats); a decrease of 1 Mini-Soccer team(s).

Clubs and Teams Playing in Exeter

3.11 The following table lists all the clubs and teams playing in Exeter according to consultation with site managers, booking records, leagues and clubs, compiled during June/July 2014.

Table 3.6: List of Football Clubs and Teams in Exeter (as at June 2014) and trends in membership (clubs in italics may not be running next season (2014/15))

TABLE 3.6	Adult Men TOTAL	Adult Ladies TOTAL	VETS	Junior Girls TOTAL	U18	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	U7	GRAND TOTAL	Increase/decrease trends over last three years (if info supplied)
Club																		
Alphington FC	4	1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			Adult, Yth & mini increased
Beacon Knights									1	1	1							
<i>Barley Wanderers</i>	1																	
<i>First and Last</i>	1																	
Green Gables	1																	
Higher Celtic	1																	
Exeter Snooker Club	1																	
<i>St Thomas Social</i>	1																	
Railway Club	1																	
Winchester	1																	
Westexe Youth							1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1		
Exwick Villa Youth								1										
Westexe Youth Girls				3			1	1		1								
Exeter Panthers											1							
Exwick Village	1																	

TABLE 3.6																		
Club	Adult Men TOTAL	Adult Ladies TOTAL	VETS	Junior Girls TOTAL	U18	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	U7	GRAND TOTAL	Increase/decrease trends over last three years (if info supplied)
St Martin's Youth									1	1	1							
Exwick Youth									1									
Exwick Village	2																	
Stoke Hill	1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		Yth decreased
Pinhoe Spartans							1	2	2		1		2	1		1		
Whipton & Pinhoe	1																	
Open Space International	1																	
Priory FC	1																	
Half Moon	1																	
Whipton & Pinhoe Sunday	1																	
Exe United	1																	Stayed the same
Stoke Hill Arms	1																	
Central Youth FC							1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2			Adult, Yth & mini increased
Heavitree Youth FC									2		2							
Lord's XI	1																	
Henry's Cronies	1																	

Club	Adult Men TOTAL	Adult Ladies TOTAL	VETS	Junior Girls TOTAL	U18	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	U7	GRAND TOTAL	Increase/decrease trends over last three years (if info supplied)
St Martin's 3 rd XI	1																	
Centre Spot	1																	Stayed the same
Exeter Pheonix	1																	
Mount Radford	1																	
Timepiece Sunday	1																	
Wonford Inn	1																	
Central FC	1																	
Deeside FC	1																	
Pinhoe FC	3																	Adult increased
Topsham Town	3																	Decreased
Heavitree Utd	2	1								1								
Heavitree Social Utd	1												2					
Walter Dawe											1	1	1	1	1			Yth & mini increased
Whipton Youth												1	1	1	1			Increased
Exeter City Ladies		1																
Heavitree Youth												1	1	2	1			Stayed the same
TOTAL	42	3	1	(3)	1	1	7	9	12	10	14	9	12	10	8	3	142	

3.12 Emerging findings in relation to number of football clubs and teams in Exeter are:

- According to FA figures (data cut in January 2014) Exeter has a total of 74 affiliated clubs with a total of 197 teams of which 194 play in Exeter. 72 (37%) are adult teams, 80 (41%) are youth teams (all formats) and 42 (22%) are Mini-Soccer teams.
- This study has identified 142 teams in Exeter – 46 of which are adult (32%), 63 of which are youth teams (44%) and 33 (23%) of which are mini-soccer teams. There are around 38 separate clubs involved in fielding these teams.
- The difference may partly be accounted by data being collected at different times in the season.

3.13 Origin of players and cross boundary movement is considered further under the Future Provision, later in this section.

PATTERN OF PLAY

3.14 Football teams train on a variety of surfaces. Information about teams training on artificial surfaces is presented within Section 7: Artificial Grass Pitches. The questionnaire sent to clubs did not specifically ask where clubs train, but the information provided on use of grass pitches for training (which is taken into account in assessment of the capacity of playing pitches set out later in this section) and desired additional training facilities is set out below.

Table 3.7: Information on training by Exeter clubs

TABLE 3.7 Club	Where and when do you train (if at your ground)?	Do you have demand for additional training facilities?	If yes, what type of facilities would be required? (e.g. ...	If yes, where would the facilities be sited?	If yes, who would manage the facilities?
Alphington FC	During the summer months 4 hours – 2 hours on ground	Yes	Either of the above.	At the Chronicles Alphington	Alphington F.C.
Central FC	2 hours on ground	No			
Centre Spot FC		Yes	3g astro so can be used in any weather.	In Exeter	Shared between club and council
City Raiders YFC	3-4 hours for all the teams using the selection of pitches that we have as a club	Yes	Extra grass pitch, or astro.	On the Wonford playing fields site if possible.	The club is willing to manage any new facilities.
Exe United		No			
Exeter City Ladies FC		No			
Heavitree Youth U7 to U11		Yes	3G or AGP, we lease the all-weather facilities at Exeter secondary schools, but again demand outweighs supply		

TABLE 3.7					
Club	Where and when do you train (if at your ground)?	Do you have demand for additional training facilities?	If yes, what type of facilities would be required? (e.g. ...	If yes, where would the facilities be sited?	If yes, who would manage the facilities?
Heavitree Youth U12 to U16		Yes	Any/all types of training facilities considered. There are not enough facilities to meet demand in our club	In Exeter or immediate environs	
Henry's Cronies		Yes	3G pitch, astro turf, floodlit grass		I would volunteer for management
Pinhoe AFC	2 hours at ground	No			
Priory FC		No			
Railway Club FC		Yes	flood lit	at the ground	unsure
Roc Active Exeter	We train indoors at Riverside Leisure Centre	No			
Stoke Hill FC	Elsewhere on ground		We use Exeter University 3G in Winter		
Topsham FC	On pitch		No		
Westexe Town FC	We train at West Exe Tech College				

TABLE 3.7 Club	Where and when do you train (if at your ground)?	Do you have demand for additional training facilities?	If yes, what type of facilities would be required? (e.g. ...	If yes, where would the facilities be sited?	If yes, who would manage the facilities?
Wipton Youth FC	2 hours on ground	No			
Winchester FC	1 hour on ground	Yes	Floodlights!!! Or some kind of lighting for evening winter training.	King George fields	Could be managed by pitch owners

Matchplay

3.15 In assessing whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate footballing activity at existing playing fields, it is necessary to understand the pattern of play. Summaries are presented below; the information is presented in more detail following the assessment of capacity.

Table 3.8: Overall Pattern of Play

Area	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
EXETER	78	23	16	12

CAPACITY

Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views

3.15 Supply and demand is measured through the use of match equivalents to ensure that a comparison is possible. Both the adequacy of pitch provision to meet demand over the course of a week; and the capacity of a pitch to meet demand at peak time are measured. To measure demand, a team playing home fixtures every other week would generate the equivalent of 0.5 match equivalents per week (one fixture every other week). Match equivalent values are also used to measure the use of pitches by educational establishments and the impact of casual access and training.

Peak Time Demand

3.16 The ability of a pitch to accommodate demand at peak time is as important as the overall capacity of the site over a week. The local leagues currently have specific kick off times and it is important that there are enough pitches available when teams are scheduled to play.

3.17 Based on the above, peak time in football has been calculated as follows;

Table 3.9: Peak time of play in Exeter

	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Total
Senior Football		51% (23)	42% (19)	7% (3)	45
Ladies				100% (3)	3
Youth & Minis	96% (79)		4% (3 x Girls)		82

3.18 It should be noted that pitches can only be considered to have spare capacity at peak time when they are not already utilised to their full capacity over the course of a week. An adult pitch that is not used on a Saturday afternoon (city wide peak time), but is used three times per week at other times (Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and midweek

for example) would not be considered able to sustain additional play at peak time, even though no one would be using the facility then, as this would be detrimental to the quality of the pitch.

3.19 In Exeter, on local authority pitches, a limit of three games per weekend is set by the Parks Department, although this rarely occurs in practice.

Capacity scores

3.20 FA guidelines on playing pitch capacity are used to measure supply – pitch capacity is based upon the quality of the pitch and the consequential number of matches that it can sustain per week. The assumptions used are set out in the Table below. This means that a ‘good’ adult football pitch can sustain the equivalent of 3 matches a week; a ‘standard’ mini pitch can sustain the equivalent of 4 mini soccer matches a week.

Table 3.10: Capacity Scores based upon Pitch Quality

Agreed pitch quality rating	Number of match equivalent sessions a week		
	Adult football pitch	Youth football pitch	Mini soccer pitch
Good	3	4	6
Standard	2	2	4
Poor	1	1	2

Situation at Individual Sites

3.21 Table 3.11 below presents an analysis of activity on a site specific basis and considers;

- the amount of play that a site is able to sustain (based upon its quality and the facilities and pitches available);
- how much play takes place at each site, as well as the impact of educational and informal or casual use;
- whether there is any spare capacity at the site based upon a comparison between the capacity of the site and the actual usage; and
- the key issues relating to the site.
- Peak time for adult football is Saturday afternoon and for junior football, Sunday mornings

Table 3.11: Capacity of Pitch Sites in Exeter

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The Chronicles, Alphington	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1		2	2 (2 x Sat pm; 2 x Sun pm + training)	0	Possibly a little spare capacity – see J	0 (Sat pm)	Sunday sides – Vets and Ladies – do not play every Sunday so could accommodate infrequent additional side. There is room for another pitch on the site.
	Secured Community Use	Junior 9v9	1		2	1.5 (Sat am: u8, u9, u10, u11)	0.5	Possibly some spare capacity for minis?	0 (Sat am)	
Bettsmead	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1		2	1 (Sat am: u13 & u14)	1	No adult team playing; youth teams use adult pitch. Spare capacity on Sat pm and Suns	1 (Sat pm)	Spare capacity on existing pitches and still room for more pitches; site capacity can be increased

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	Secured Community Use	Junior 9v9 (2014/15)2	1		2	1 (Sat am: u12 x 2)	1	Possible spare capacity on Sat pm and Suns	0 (Sat am)	Pitch configuration & size can be changed to meet demand
Cowick Barton	Secured Community Use	Adult football	4		8	7 (2 x Sat pm; 6 x Sun am + 8 x Sat am (u13 x 3, u14 x 2, u15 x 2, u16)	1	Assumed that youth teams u13 and upwards playing on adult pitches.	2 (Sat pm)	Spare capacity in the week. Could be used as central venue. ECC says Cowick now at capacity on Sun ams with 4 teams but likely 3 at home regularly
	Secured community Use	Junior 9v9	2		4	3 (Sat am x 4: U11, u12 x 3) + use by Westexe School	1	Some spare capacity during week	0 (Sat am)	
	Secured community Use	Junior 7v7	1		4	2 (Sat am x 4: U7, u8, u9, u10)	2	Spare capacity during week	0 (Sat am)	

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Countess Wear (Exeter College)	Secured community use	Adult football	2		4	2 (Sat pm + Sat am: u11, u12, u16) + training	2	Potentially able to sustain more play Saturdays & Sundays & midweek	0 (Sat pm)	Information required on use by Exeter College during week
Duckes Meadow, Exeter University	Education	Adult football	7		14	12 (4 x Sat pm; 3 x BUCS; 20 x intramural) training	2	Training sessions in addition; may be some spare capacity if all space used for adult pitches	0 (Wed pm)	No.s of pitches as at end of 2013/14 season. . Accommodates large number of Uni teams for matches and training; may be a little spare capacity. There have been more pitches in previous years and there is space.
	Education	Junior (9v9?)	4		8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Use not known; may be marked as full size pitches when

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Exeter Arena	Secured community use	Adult football	1		1	No home team this year?	1	Pitch not being used this season	1 (Sat pm)	Exwick Vila Youth u15s & Exeter Panthers u12 (both want to move – EP going to Bettysmead)
Exwick Playing Field	Secured community use	Adult football	2		4	2 (Sat am: u14 x 2 + u12 & u13; + 1 x Sat pm.; poss. Sun teams on Sun am + Exeter College	n/a	Probably at capacity with College use?	Possibly a little (say 0.5) on Sat pm	Not sure what Sunday teams playing. Exeter College use Wednesdays and other days in week
	Secured community use	Junior 9v9	1		2	0.5 (Sat am: u12)	1.5	Potentially able to sustain a little more play	0.5 (Sat am)	In practice, probably used by u13s also; and for training etc by Exeter College

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	Exwick (Exeter College)	Secured community use	Adult football	1	3	1 (2 x Sat pm)	2	Additional use by Exeter College for matches & training; probably at capacity	0 (Sat pm)	
	Hamlin Lane	Secured Community use	Adult football	4	8	All pitches 7.5 (Sat am: (u11, u12, u13,u14, u15 x 2 & u16 x 2) Sat pm x 5; Sun am x 4)	0.5	No spare capacity	0 (Sat pm) because of amount of use at other times	ECC say spare capacity at Hamlin Lane now very limited, but could accommodate 1-2 more Sunday teams
		Secured Community use	Junior 7v7	2	4	1.5 (U7, u8, u9)	2.5	Spare capacity if only being used by u9s downwards	0.5 (Sat ams)	1 additional 7v7 not used
	King George V	Secured Community Use	Adult football	7	14	7 (Sat am – u13, u14, u15,u16; 6 x Sat pm; 6 x Sun am)	7	Site at capacity on Saturday mornings with youth teams; limited spare	Perhaps 2 (Sat pm)	Sunday am teams not all confirmed – could be between 2 and 6.

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								capacity on Saturday pms and Sundays		ECC say spare capacity at KGV now very limited. Some unauthorized training also takes place
	Secured Community Use	Junior 9v9	1		2	2 (U11 x 2; u12 x 3)	0	See above	0 (Sat am)	See above
		Junior 7v7	3		6	3 (2 x u8, 2 x u9, 2 x u10, u7)	3		0 (Sat am)	
Middlemoor	Restricted?	Adult football	1		2	1.5 (Sat am: 2 x u14; 1 x Sun am)	0.5	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays and Sundays	1 (Sat pm)	Not clear when peak time
Station Road, Pinhoe	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1		2	1 (2 x Sat pm)	1	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays and Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	In practice, do not play every Sat and no other use of site. Room to mark out mini pitch

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	Topsham Town FC	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	2 (2 x Sat pm; 2 x Sun pm) + training	0	Spare capacity on Sat ams and Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	Pitch being overplayed last season, but no junr this season and Exeter Ladies have also moved.
	Topsham, University of Exeter	Education	Adult football	2	6	4.5 (3 x Sat pm + 4 x BUCS) + training	1.5	Possibly some spare capacity on Sundays and during the week	0.5 (Sat pm)	Ground also accommodates training throughout the week and is not currently hired out for community use
	Wingfield Park, Heavitree	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	3.0 (Sat am 2 x u10; 2 x Sat pm; 2 x Sun am; 1 x Sun pm)	-1.0	Pitch is being overplayed	0 (Sat pm)	Minis, juniors and seniors all playing on same, adult pitch
	Wonford Playing Fields	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	0	2	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays & Sundays	1 (Sat pm)	No adult use at present

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	Secured Community Use	Junior 9v9	1		2	1 (U11 & u12)	1	As above	Possibly 0.5 Sat am	Junior teams do not have weekly fixtures and thus additional side could play
	Secured Community Use	Junior 7v7	1		2	1 (U8, u9, u10)	1	As above	Possibly 1 Sat am	Mini teams do not have weekly fixtures and thus additional side could play. Teams train on ground also.

3.22 Clubs were asked whether they played at their preferred grounds. The following clubs responded::

- Centre Spot would prefer to play at Hamlin Lane, rather than KGV, because its social facilities are nearer to Hamlin Lane
- Heavitree Youth would like a ground that they can 'call their own'. Each season, they have to negotiate with a variety of landlords for sufficient grounds to field their 11 a side teams.
- Railway Club FC would prefer to play at Exwick rather than Cowick Barton, because that site is closer to the Railway Club and the pitches at Cowick Barton are 'too small'
- Whipton Youth play at Willowbrook School but there are no facilities for changing, washing, food, drinks or electric or toilets. So not fully equipped for sports events

3.24 Football in Exeter – Commentary on Capacity

- Because junior teams play on Saturday mornings and peak time for senior sides is Saturday afternoons, many pitches are played on twice on Saturdays and can plough up the pitches a little for Sunday teams
- ECC has been catering for different sized pitches for 8 years, making changes to age appropriate sizes and putting mini 7v7 on flat areas.
- Clubs using Exeter City Council pitches take out a licence for a 'slot' on a Saturday or Sunday; the licence fee covers a designated time, access to changing room etc and the agreement that ECC maintain and mark out the pitches. However, sometimes the pitch may be marked out (incurring cost) but the pitch is not used (the match is cancelled; fixtures change), which is an inefficient way of running the site. Exeter CC Parks Department would like to know if games are not going to take place. Sub letting of pitches is known to take place; as does training on the pitches during mid week, although the fee for the licence does not cover this.
- The cost of the licence is substantially less than the cost of maintenance for the pitch (less than one quarter of an adult team and less than a ninth for a junior team). In the economics of site management, a pitch needs an adult team playing on it to help pay for its upkeep, and the gradual decrease in the number of Sunday teams is leaving some pitches hosting junior teams only, which is not sustainable.
- The 2013/14 season was the worst for weather for ten years and several weeks were lost to play due to bad weather. However, generally Exeter's pitches drain well and during the 2011/12 season, for example, there were no breaks at all and most league play was finished by February. Exeter CC Parks Dept feel that there is plenty of time during a normal season for games to be scheduled and played, particularly for juniors who would complete their fixtures list even if they started mid-October. They do not play every week and there are a number of 'empty' Saturdays
- The Hamlin Lane and KGV sites were transferred on long leases to clubs for the start of the 2012/13 season. That year, ECC cut and marked the pitches, with a view that gradually the clubs (Stoke Hill and Central FC) would take over this function.
- The following section discusses each ground in turn and is followed by a summary of capacity.

3.25 The Chronicles, Alphington: 1 adult and 1 9v9 pitch

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
The Chronicles, Alphington	1 st & 2 nd XI		2		
The Chronicles, Alphington	Ladies XI & Vets				2
The Chronicles, Alphington	U8s, 9s, 10s, 11s	4			

Observations/Comments:

- Leased to Alphington FC. 4 adult teams currently playing – 2 Saturday and 2 Sunday sides. Neither Sunday side play every week (Vets and Ladies) so ground could accommodate another Ladies or Vets side on a Sunday.
- No spare capacity however for Saturday sides which is why 3rd and 4th teams are playing at King George V .
- Possibly some spare capacity for additional mini team on Saturday mornings, but not for juniors (u12, u13, u14, u15 & u16) which is why these teams play at other sites.

3.26 Bettysmead: 1 adult and 1 9v9 pitch

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Bettysmead	BK u12, u13, u14	3			
Exeter Panthers	U12	1			

Observations/Comments:

- This is a large site with changing facilities for 4 teams. Last season, one full size and two mini pitches were marked out; in 2014/15 is going to be one full size and an intermediate.
- Home base of Beacon Knights Juniors (their senior side plays at Newton St Cyres). Beacon Knights used to be a very large junior club; it now runs 3 teams and last season these were the only teams using Bettysmead. Because juniors have less fixtures, some Saturdays saw no play at all.
- Exeter CC Parks Department are marking out Intermediate (i.e. 9v9) pitch this season for Exeter Panthers u12s, who want an Exeter base. It is hoped that this club will develop and run more teams to keep the site fully used.
- The site needs a ball net.
- There is considerable spare capacity at this site. There is one adult pitch which has no regular team playing (although could be used for youth sides). There is room for additional pitches at the site.

3.27 Bromhams Farm: pitches no longer marked out

Observations/comments:

- This site has been marked out in the past for 2 adult and a youth pitch. The site is currently closed due to Environment Agency works. A possible option being considered is to integrate it further within the Valley Park as open space. The neighbouring Grace Road site has also been used as playing pitches and has had various uses trialled there, including rugby union, but none have been successful or viable. The car park is heavily used by dog walkers.
- There are changing rooms which require major investment to become usable again (£3k was spent on them to freshen them up, but they are still not used).
- Alphington used to play u12, u13, u14, u15 & u16 here but there were many cancellations (postponements?) so the club moved to Cowick Barton. The ground floods, but with the canal one side and flood relief the other, it cannot be any better drained.

3.28 Cowick Barton: 4 adult, 2 9v9 and 1 mini pitch

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Cowick Barton	Barley Wanderers			1	
Cowick Barton	First & Last			1	
Cowick Barton	Green Gables			1	
Cowick Barton	Higher Celtic			1	
Cowick Barton	Exeter Snooker Club			1	
Cowick Barton	St Thomas Social			1	
Cowick Barton	Railway Club		1		
Cowick Barton	Winchester		1		
Cowick Barton	West Exe Youth U10s, u11s, 2 x u12s, 2 x u13s, u14s, u15, u7, u8, u9	11			
Cowick Barton	WEY Girls u13 & u15 & u16				3
Cowick Barton	Alphington Youth u12, u13, u14, u15 & u16	5			

Observations/comments

- This is the largest site managed by Exeter CC Parks Department, home to some 14 youth and mini teams (including the only girls' teams in Exeter) and 8 senior sides.
- Last year some six Sunday league teams played here but at time of writing, only 3 of these have confirmed for next season. ECC say Cowick will be at capacity on Sunday mornings with four teams but likely to be three at home regularly.

- This site illustrates well the challenges in managing individual sites and marking out pitches to accommodate changing demand. This site used to be the mainstay of the Sunday league, but the gradual drop off in Sunday teams has created space for Alphington Youth teams to come here from Bromhams Farm
- From next season, there will be 4 adult pitches; the Railway Club FC and Winchester FC (which used to be a Sunday side) will share a pitch on a Saturday afternoon – they can choose which one.
- On Saturday mornings, the ground will be split (by the cycle path traversing it) between Westexe and Alphington Youth teams. Westexe will have 2 full size pitches and an Intermediate 9v9 (which u16s can use as training) plus one mini pitch. Alphington will have 2 full size pitches and an intermediate (9v9) pitch. There will be a transitional period whilst the clubs adjust to this arrangement. It is necessary to have both junior clubs at the site because just one – say Westexe – would not generate enough activity to use the whole ground.
- The site is now at capacity on Saturday and Sunday mornings. There is a little spare capacity for Saturday pms on the adult pitch and there is spare capacity at the ground during the week. The ground could be used as a central venue for e.g. u16s or for girls' football (especially as it is the home ground of the three Westexe Youth girls' teams).

3.29 Countess Wear: 2 adult football

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Countess Wear	Dynamos 1 st XI, u16, u12, u11	3	1		

Observations/Comments

- The ground and a small changing room are owned by Exeter College. It is too far from the College to enable use during curriculum time. It is used sometimes on Wednesday afternoons for BUCS activity (intra-College fixtures) and also for some enrichment classes as part of the College's Sports Academy work (fitness training etc)
- The ground is not used to its full potential by the College; it cannot act as a 'classroom'; the College have leased Exwick playing field (Foxhayes) for that purpose.
- The ground is also used by Countess Wear Dynamos at the weekends for matches, and for training. It has some spare capacity at weekends and during the week.

3.30 Duckes Meadow

Observations/Comments

- The number of pitches changes year on year; current assessment done on basis of 7 adult and 4 junior 9v9 pitches.

- The pitches are currently used solely by the University for matches and also used intensively for training. The pitches are not hired out as their location in the flood plain means additional use would cause deterioration of surface.
- In winter, great amount of use in day and Saturdays/Sundays 9 – 5pm
- 4 University teams play in local Devon & Exeter league on Saturdays. 3 BUCS teams play on Wednesdays + 20 intramural teams on Weds and other times to suit. The Women’s 2nd XI BUCS team also plays here sometimes.
- Full changing for 4-5 teams, but car parking poor.
- Sometimes change configurations of pitches. Not used very much in summer
- Because full pattern of use it is difficult to assess, but there may be some spare capacity if all space used for adult pitches

3.31 Exeter Arena

Observations/Comments

- One pitch in the centre of the athletics track. Used last season by Exwick Villa Youth u15s & Exeter Panthers u12. Exeter Panthers u12 going to Bettysmead and understood that Exwick youth team also looking to move.

3.32 Exwick Playing Fields: 2 adult and 1 9v9 pitch

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Exwick Playing Fields	Exwick Village u14		1		
Exwick Playing Fields	St Martin’s Youth u12, u13, u14	3			
Exwick Playing Fields	Exwick Youth	1			

Observations/Comments

- 2 adult and 1 intermediate football pitch. Hosting 4 junior and 1 senior side. Adult pitches also used by Exeter College during week and the amount of this use still has to be factored in.
- The ground lies adjacent to the Exwick (Exeter College) site and next to Flowerpot (across the river) which has rugby pitches.
- The cricket wicket on the Exeter College site is to be moved and this is a possible location. Some realignment of the pitches would be required. There is potential for other changes/development of this site.

3.33 Exwick (Exeter College)

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Exwick (Exeter College)	Exwick FC		2		
	TOTAL	78	23	16	12

Observations/Comments

- This ground (the former Civil Service Sports Ground) has been acquired on a 150 year lease by Exeter College from Exeter City Council. The sports pavilion is being rebuilt with changing rooms, a classroom and other ancillary provision and the ground will act as an outdoor resource for all the sports related courses and academy at the College. It will be Exeter College's main classroom site, used every day for teaching
- The pitch will be peninsular league standard.
- The grass and artificial wicket is in the middle of the site; it has been agreed with the cricket club and other stakeholders that the pitch will be moved and negotiations are currently underway to move the cricket club, possibly to the adjacent Exwick playing field site.
- Exwick Villa FC will continue to use couple of evenings a week practice and for matches on Saturdays (two teams).
- The possibility of locating a 3g AGP on the site has also been mooted.

3.34 Hamlin Lane: 4 adult pitches and 2 7v7 pitches

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Hamlin Lane	Open Space International		1		
Hamlin Lane	Priory FC		1		
Hamlin Lane	Stoke Hill FC		1		
Hamlin Lane	Whipton & Pinhoe FC		1		
Hamlin Lane	Half Moon FC			1	
Hamlin Lane	Whipton & Pinhoe Sunday			1	
Hamlin Lane	SH u11, u12, u13, u14, u15, u16, u7, u8, u9	9			
Hamlin Lane	Pinhoe Spartans u15, u16	2			
Hamlin Lane	Exe United FC			1	
Hamlin Lane	Stoke Hill Arms FC			1	

Observations/Comments

- This Exeter CC site has been leased to Stoke Hill FC and hosts up to 8 senior sides and at least 11 youth sides. It has 4 adult pitches and two 7v7 pitches.
- With u11s upwards using the adult pitches these are now virtually at capacity. Some of the junior teams do not play many matches each season and this is why there may be some spare capacity for adult (Sunday teams)
- There has been a decline in the Sunday teams using the site over the last couple of years; only 4 are currently registered as playing here and more are needed to help the viability of the site.

3.35 King George V: 7 adult, 1 9v9 and 3 7v7 pitches

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
KGV	Newtown 4ths – disbanded?		1		
KGV	Alphington FC 3 rd & 4 th XI		2		
KGV	Central FC			1	
KGV	Central Youth 2 x u10s, 2 x u11s, 2 x u12s, u13s, u14s, u15s, u16s, 2 x u8, 2 x u9	14			
KGV	Centre Spot FC			1	
KGV	Exeter Pheonix			1	
KGV	Heavitree Youth 2 x u12s, 2 x u14s	4			
KGV	Henry’s Cronies		1		
KGV	Lord’s XI		1		
KGV	Mount Radford FC			1	
KGV	Pinhoe Spartans u7s & u12s	2			
KGV	Timepiece Sunday			1	
KGV	Wonford Inn			1	

Observations/Comments

- The 7 adult pitches, 1 9v9 and 3 mini pitches here are on a long lease to Central FC
- At least 17 youth teams use the site on Saturday mornings; with 6 adult teams based here on Saturday afternoons and up to 6 Sunday sides (although some have not confirmed yet for the coming season.) As with other sites in Exeter, usage by Sunday teams has declined; 4 pitches used to be allocated to the Sunday league; now the number is two.

- The site is effectively still managed and maintained by Exeter CC, which has the requisite equipment to maintain and mark the pitches. As with Hamlin Lane, the site is in a transitional phase, following the transfer of the lease.
- On such sites, realignment of pitches is always an option; Exeter CC would prefer the mini pitches to be flat at the top of the site, but the leasehold club have expressed a wish for them to be moved to a different (sloping) location, and replaced by 9v9 pitches.
- This is the busiest site in Exeter on a Saturday morning; full to capacity with Pinhoe, Heavitree and Central Youth FCs' fixtures. Vehicles are backed up along the access road and traffic management is difficult.
- This site – like Cowick Barton – would be a good site for a central league (u16s? girls?) and for the holding of cup fixtures. There are 4 girls' changing rooms and an official's room from investment in the site 10 years ago.
- Some clubs train at the site and there is also some 'unofficial' use of the pitches by schools during the week, but there are no regular bookings.
- The heavy use on Saturdays can damage the pitches for Sunday play.
- In summary, site at virtually at capacity, with limited spare capacity on Saturday pms and Sundays and during the week.

3.36 Middlemoor: 1 adult pitch

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Middlemoor	Deeside FC			1	
Middlemoor	Pinhoe Spartans Youth 2 x u14s	2			

Observations/Comments

- This site has one adult pitch and is owned by Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.
- It apparently hosts a Sunday side and 2 youth teams; but no further information on usage has been forthcoming.
- Planning permission is forthcoming for this site (which will mean the loss of the cricket pitch). A realigned adult football pitch will remain.

3.37 Station Road: 1 adult pitch

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Station Road, Pinhoe	Pinhoe FC 1 st & 2 nd		2		
Station Road, Pinhoe	Pinhoe Vets				1

Observations/Comments

- Pinhoe FC has sole use of this site (on a lease from Exeter CC). There is one adult pitch. There is room to mark out a minis pitch (which has been done in the past), although there are now some drainage issues with this part of the site which need to be resolved (and also damage by rabbits).
- 2 senior teams are played here, but the pitch is not used every Saturday. There is spare capacity. Juniors from the club play at several locations in the city (e.g. at KGV and Hamlin Lane, and outside Exeter at Rockbeare Playing Fields in East Devon).
- The ground has dug outs and other ancillary facilities commensurate with when it was in a higher league, although these have now deteriorated. The changing is in a relatively poor condition.
- The site is located within the Exeter Core Strategy Monkerton and Hill Barton strategic allocation area.

3.38 Topsham FC, Coronation Field

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Coronation Field, Topsham	Exeter City Ladies FC				1
Coronation Field, Topsham	Topsham Town 1 st & 2 nd XI		2		
Coronation Field, Topsham	TT Vets				1

Observations/Comments

- There is one pitch here; site is owned by the club. A junior team was played here last season but is not playing 2014/15. The Ladies and the Vets do not play every Sunday and there is spare capacity here.
- Last year a 3rd XI played at KGV; it is understood that this team is not running this season.
- Apparently Exeter City Ladies FC are playing their home games at Exminster (St Martins) this coming season (2014/15). The changing here is poor quality and the pitch is not rated highly. This pitch is in Teignbridge.

3.39 Topsham, University of Exeter ground: 2 adult football pitches

Observations/Comments

- Topsham Sports Ground (owned by the University) has 2 football pitches – occasionally these may be used for rugby and/or lacrosse.

- One of the football pitches is an enclosed football stadia pitch. The pitch hosts matches for the University 1st team (which plays in local D&E league) and for another 2 University league teams (which play on Saturdays).
- 4 BUCS teams also use the site on Wednesdays, including the Ladies 1st BUCS XI.
- The pitches are currently used solely by the University for matches and also used intensively for training. The pitches are not hired out. It seems unlikely that there is any spare capacity.

3.40 Wingfield Park, Heavitree: 1 adult pitch

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Wingfield Park, Heavitree	Heavitree Ladies				1
Wingfield Park, Heavitree	Heavitree Utd 1 st & 2nds		2		
Wingfield Park, Heavitree	HU u13s - Pioneer			1	
Wingfield Park, Heavitree	Heavitree Social Utd Youth 2 x u10s	2			
Wingfield Park, Heavitree	Heavitree Social Utd FC			1	

Observations/Comments

- There is one grass pitch here and a 3g 5v5 training area. The pitch is heavily used by Sunday, junior sides and mini sides and is at capacity. Heavitree Juniors play at other locations throughout the city.

3.41 Wonford Playing Fields: 1 adult, 1 9v9 and 1 7v7 pitch

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
Wonford Playing Fields	City Raiders Youth u8, u9, u10, u11, u12	5			

- This is a large site, owned and managed by Exeter CC. In the past many teams – both Saturday and Sunday teams - have played here, but it is not a popular venue, and adult use of the site has all but disappeared. Problems with the site include vandalism and dog fouling (which the youth football club currently using the site comments on).
- The site is currently being used by a club formerly known as City raiders and now named after the local primary school, Walter Daw.
- The site can accommodate up to four adult size pitches but this season will be marked with a full size, intermediate size and mini pitch. There is spare capacity therefore.

- This site is linked with Section S106 money obtained from the development of St Loyes.
- From a site visit it transpired that discussions have been held with a local baseball club about the possibilities of siting a baseball pitch here.

3.42 Other locations

- Other pitches are used by youth teams around the city:

		Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm
(Newton St Cyres (Mid Devon))	Pinhoe Spartans u15	1			
St Lukes School	Pinhoe Spartans u10	1			
Ladysmith Junior School	Heavitree Youth u8s, 2 x u9s, u10 & u11	5			
Whipton Barton Junior School	Whipton Youth	1			
Willowbrook School	Whipton Youth	3			

Summary of Capacity

3.43 The Table below totals information contained within Table 3.11 above, on the match equivalents for each relevant category. It relates to the pitches where a detailed analysis of capacity has been undertaken; pitches at secondary schools and primary schools have not been included.

Table 3.12: Summary of Situation regarding match equivalent sessions for the city of Exeter

C Pitch Type	D No of Pitches	E Total Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use (match equivalents)	G Difference (E – F) i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week across Exeter	I Extent of any Spare Capacity for Community Use During the Peak Period (match equivs)
Adult football	37	76	20	7.5
9v9	11	22	5	1
7v7	7	16	8.5	1.5

3.44 37 adult pitches can accommodate 76 match equivalent slots (based on the quality and therefore carrying capacity) of the pitches. Across the week, it has been calculated that there are 20 match equivalent slots spare (one match equivalent could represent 2 teams

- on the basis that teams play at home on alternate weeks; or a training slot; or use by a school).). Wingfield Park, Heavitree is being overplayed (the only pitch to be assessed as such)
- 3.45 At the peak time for adult play (Saturday afternoons) there are 7.5 match equivalent slots available (equivalent to 15 teams). 19 of the pitches have no spare slots on Saturday afternoons. The pitches with some spare capacity are Bettysmead (1 match equivalent); Cowick Barton (0.5); Exeter Arena (1), Exwick Playing Fields (0.5), King George V (up to 2 match equivalents, subject to use of pitches in morning by youth teams); Middlemoor (1; no Saturday league teams at present, but future of pitch uncertain), and Wonford (1; no adult teams playing at present). The situation at the two University grounds – Duckes Meadow and Topsham – are harder to ascertain: Duckes Meadow has up to 10/11 pitches (adult and junior) but fields around 35 teams and so would appear to have little spare capacity; there may be 0.5 match equivalent (1 team) spare at Topsham.
- 3.46 This is not very much spare capacity – in part because there is heavy use of some adult pitches by youth teams on Saturday mornings which reduces their capacity for adult teams. Peak time demand can be met, but there are no genuinely ‘surplus’ pitches, only spare slots dotted here and there. This is due in no small measure to Exeter City Council’s Parks Department and their management of their sites to try and make as most effective use as possible and to adapt pitch sizes where feasible to meet demand. It is often said that at least 10% of pitch stock should be left for rest and recovery at any one time.
- 3.47 There are sites where additional pitches could be provided – notably at Bettysmead, and other sites which could be brought back into use if the demand is there e.g. Bromhams Farm.
- 3.48 The situation for 9v9 and 7v7 pitches is even tighter, with hardly any spare capacity at peak time (Saturday mornings); 0.5 match equivalent (1 team) each at Exwick and Wonford 9v9 pitches and 1.5 split between Hamlin Lane and Wonford 7v7 pitches. Junior teams do use other pitches at schools which are detailed separately (see also analysis on junior teams and the pitches they are playing on).
- 3.49 It should be noted however, that junior and mini teams do not play regular fixtures every week as do senior league teams, and therefore often additional teams can be dovetailed in on existing pitches. Nevertheless, most grounds are at capacity for youth and mini games and demand for this looks set to continue increasing.

Junior Football Pitch Sizes

- 3.50 There are issues around the sizing of junior pitches. Pitches in the past have been marked out using the maximum and minimum pitch sizes as outlined in the laws of the game. These sizes vary tremendously, are often adapted to fit the space available and have been open to local interpretation. The FA has consulted widely and has been encouraged to produce national pitch sizes for mini soccer, 9v9, youth football and adult football. Youth football has recently seen a youth review take place under Devon FA and a new structure put in place which provides the most appropriate size pitch and goals for the age and size of the players. Improvements to the pitches and ancillary facilities would be welcomed - the provision of toilet facilities is a min requirement for youth football

Table 3.13: FA recommended pitch sizes

		Recommended size without run-off		Recommended size including runoff		Recommended size of goalposts	
Age	Type	Length x width (m)		Length x width (m)		Height x width (m)	
Mini soccer U7/U8	5v5	37	27	43	33	1.83	3.66
Mini soccer U9/U10	7v7	55	37	61	43	1.83	3.66
Youth U11/U12	9v9	73	46	79	52	2.13	4.88
Youth U13/U14	11v11	82	50	88	56	2.13	6.40
Youth U15/U16	11v11	91	55	97	61	2.44	7.32
Youth u17/U18	11v11	100	64	106	70	2.44	7.32
Over 18 (senior ages)	11v11	100	64	106	70	2.44	7.32

3.46 It is now mandatory to play U11s & U12s on 9v9 pitches (U12s from 2014/2015 season). If junior teams are to play on the correct size pitches, more appropriately sized pitches will be required in Exeter.

3.47 If we allow that U15s and U16s youth teams can play on full size adult pitches and there is some flexibility for u7, u8, u9 and u10 playing on either 5v5, 7v7 pitches or 9v9 pitches, the teams which are not playing on the age appropriate size pitches are highlighted in grey below. Some of the mini and younger youth sides, if they are playing on adult pitches, may be playing across the pitch; but this is not ideal and is therefore highlighted. A number of assumptions about which pitches youth teams play on underpins this table and it may thus not be completely accurate, but nevertheless illustrates the range of pitch sizes required to meet the requirements of the FA’s Youth Review.

Table 3.14: Sizes of pitches played on by junior and mini teams in Exeter

Club/Team	Site	Size on	Play	Recommended size
Alphington Youth u8	The Chronicles, Alphington	9v9		5v5
Alphington Youth u9	The Chronicles, Alphington	9v9		7v7
Alphington Youth u10	The Chronicles, Alphington	9v9		7v7
Alphington Youth u11	The Chronicles, Alphington	9v9		9v9
Alphington Youth u12	Cowick Barton	9v9		9v9
Alphington Youth u13	Cowick Barton	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Alphington Youth u14	Cowick Barton	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Alphington Youth u15	Cowick Barton	Adult		U15/u16 11v11

Club/Team	Site	Size on	Play	Recommended size
Alphington Youth u16	Cowick Barton	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
Beacon Knights u12	Bettysmead 1A + 1 9v9	9v9		9v9
Beacon Knights u13	Bettysmead	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Beacon Knights u14	Bettysmead	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Central Youth u8 x 2	King George V: 7A, 1 9v9 and 3 7v7	7v7		5v5
Central Youth u9 x 2	King George V	7v7		7v7
Central Youth u10 x 2	King George V	7v7		7v7
Central Youth u11 x 2	King George V	9v9		9v9
Central Youth u12 x 2	King George V	9v9		9v9
Central Youth u13	King George V	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Central Youth u14	King George V	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Central Youth u15	King George V	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
Central Youth u16	King George V	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
City Raiders u8	Wonford Playing Fields: 1A, 1 9v9, 1 7v7	7v7		5v5
City Raiders u9	Wonford Playing Fields	7v7		7v7
City Raiders u10	Wonford Playing Fields	7v7		7v7
City Raiders u11	Wonford Playing Fields	9v9		9v9
City Raiders u12	Wonford Playing Fields	9v9		9v9
Dynamos u11	Countess Wear: 2A	Adult		9v9
Dynamos u12	Countess Wear	Adult		9v9
Dynamos u16	Countess Wear	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
Exeter Panthers u12	Bettysmead	9v9		9v9
Exwick Youth u14	Exwick Playing Fields (ECC) 2A + 1 9v9	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Heavitree Youth u 12 x 2	King George V	9v9		9v9
Heavitree Youth u13	Wingfield Park, Heavitree: 1A	Adult		U13/14 11v11
Heavitree Youth u14 x 2	King George V	9v9		9v9
Heavitree Youth u8s	Ladysmith Junior School: 1 9v9, 2 7v7, 1 5v5	5v5		5v5
Heavitree Youth u9s x 2	Ladysmith Junior School	7v7		7v7
Heavitree Youth u10	Ladysmith Junior School	7v7		7v7
Heavitree Youth u11	Ladysmith Junior School	9v9		9v9
Heavitree Social Utd Youth u10 x 2	Wingfield Park	Adult		7v7
Pinhoe Spartans u7	King George V	7v7		5v5
Pinhoe Spartans u12	King George V	9v9		9v9
Pinhoe Spartans u14 x 2	Middlemoor	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Pinhoe Spartans u15	Hamlin Lane	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
Pinhoe Spartans u16	Hamlin Lane	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
Pinhoe Spartans u15	Newton St Cyres (Mid Devon)			
Pinhoe Spartans u10	St Lukes School ?	Adult		7v7
Pinhoe Spartans u13 x 2	Rockbeare	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
St Martin's Youth u12	Exwick Playing Fields	9v9		9v9
St Martin's Youth u13	Exwick Playing Fields	Adult ?		U13/u14 11v11
St Martin's Youth u14	Exwick Playing Fields	Adult ?		U13/u14 11v11
Stoke Hill u7	Hamlin Lane: 4A + 2 7v7	7v7		5v5
Stoke Hill u8	Hamlin Lane	7v7		5v5
Stoke Hill u9	Hamlin Lane	7v7		7v7
Stoke Hill u11	Hamlin Lane	Adult		9v9
Stoke Hill u12	Hamlin Lane	Adult		9v9

Club/Team	Site	Size on	Play	Recommended size
Stoke Hill u13	Hamlin Lane	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Stoke Hill u14	Hamlin Lane	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
Stoke Hill u15	Hamlin Lane	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
Stoke Hill u16	Hamlin Lane	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
West Exe Youth u7	Cowick Barton 4A + 2 9v9 + 1 mini 7v7	7v7		5v5
West Exe Youth u8	Cowick Barton	7v7		5v5
West Exe Youth u9 x 2	Cowick Barton	7v7		7v7
West Exe Youth u10	Cowick Barton	7v7		7v7
West Exe Youth u11	Cowick Barton	9v9		9v9
West Exe Youth u12 x 2	Cowick Barton	9v9		9v9
West Exe Youth u13 x 2	Cowick Barton	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
West Exe Youth u14	Cowick Barton	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
West Exe Youth Girls u13	Cowick Barton	Adult		U13/u14 11v11
West Exe Youth Girls u15	Cowick Barton	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
West Exe Youth Girls u16	Cowick Barton	Adult		U15/u16 11v11
Whipton Youth u8	Whipton Barton Primary school	?		5v5
Whipton Youth u9	Willowbrook School	?		7v7
Whipton Youth u10	Willowbrook School	?		7v7
Whipton Youth u11	Willowbrook School	?		9v9

3.48 The main issues to arise from the above concern are that around 16 x U13/U14 teams are playing on full adult size pitches when, ideally, they should be playing on youth u13/14 sized pitches. However, it is accepted that it is difficult to provide such sized pitches and that a more flexible option is for U13/U14s to play on adult pitches but have appropriately sized smaller goals.

3.49 4 x u11 and u12 teams are playing on adult pitches when they should ideally be playing on 9v9 pitches (at Hamlin Lane and Countess Wear). If junior teams are to play on the correct size pitches, therefore, a minimum of two further 9v9 youth pitches will be required.

FUTURE PICTURE OF PROVISION

3.50 The future requirement for football pitches will be impacted by several factors, including;

- A General changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
- B Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
- C Consideration of latent, unmet and displaced demand
- D Local trends in participation and club specific development plans and aspirations; and
- E Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

A GENERAL CHANGES IN PARTICIPATION TRENDS AND HOW SPORT IS PLAYED

3.50 Although population growth will influence demand, changes in participation may perhaps have the most significant impact on demand for playing pitches.

3.51 As demonstrated earlier in this section, it appears that demand from junior football is increasing in Exeter. Changes to youth football have only been introduced in the last couple of years (including the creation of 5 v 5 and 9 v 9) and as such, the impact is not yet fully apparent. The FA indicate that in pilot areas, the introductions of these new formats have seen an increase in the number of teams playing and greater retention of players through the older age groups. In particular;

- where historically two 7 v 7 teams would merge to become one 11 v 11 team when starting to play junior football, now the two teams will seek additional players and instead of merging will remain as two 9 v 9 teams; and
- the same will happen at 9 v 9 age groups, where 9 v 9 teams transition to 11 v 11 teams, they will stay as two teams and seek additional players instead of merging.

3.51 The FA therefore believe that there will be an increase in the overall number of teams (and participants) in future years as a result of the youth review and that higher levels of demand will occur as a result. In this event:

- The already insufficient stock of age appropriate junior football pitches would become even more constrained, and mini soccer pitches (7 v 7 and 5 v 5) would also become insufficient
- If issues relating to the drop off in the transition between junior and senior football were addressed however, the spare capacity currently seen in adult football pitches may also become constrained.

3.52 A number of football initiatives are also being implemented by Sport England, focusing on 14 – 24 year olds, and this is similarly expected by the FA to increase the number of teams being formed.

Trends in football

3.55 Analysis of recent trends in the local leagues, using several sources reveals the following;

Adult Saturday league play

- There has been significant decline in adult 11v11 football in recent years nationally, although some areas, including Exeter, are bucking this trend. The Devon & Exeter League is very strong at the moment, and is growing, with eight divisions and a premier divisions. It is the biggest adult league in the county.
- There appears to be a trend in Exeter especially where some Sunday football teams are reforming as Saturday sides. The time of play on a Saturday is more attractive, and the clubs often play on better pitches (as they have the advantage of not having been played on by another adult team earlier that weekend). Saturday clubs often have access to better social facilities too.
- Devon & Exeter League is restructuring to bring it in line with the Peninsula League; this will have implications for ancillary facilities at grounds (e.g. floodlights for Step 6).

Adult Sunday league

- In Devon, in 2013/14 there were around 60 teams less playing Sunday football than in 2012/13. The Sunday Football League in Exeter is gradually declining year on year, although it still has three divisions.
- The study of teams was carried out before all bookings for Sunday football had been confirmed, but it does seem that some teams which ran in 2013/14 will not be running in 2014/15. The reduction in numbers of teams playing on Sundays has implications for use and sustainability of the pitch stock; it means revenue decreases; it also means that more juniors can be accommodated on the pitches if they are only supporting an adult side on Saturdays.

Junior football

- The Exeter & District Youth League has grown rapidly over the last 3 years; it was from u9s to u14s and now ranges from u8s to u16s. It wants to extend to u18s so that it can feed in to senior sides.
- It is now drawing from a large area and teams from Exeter & District Youth League travel as far afield as Tiverton and Newton Abbot to play.
- At the same time, leagues around Exeter are shrinking or disappearing, such as Juventus and East Devon Youth league, which only has 2 age groups.
- Mid Devon mini soccer league is popular and attracts some second teams from the area; this has a less formal, competitive structure.
- Some new youth football clubs have formed recently in Exeter, e.g. Whipton & Pinhoe

Small sided soccer

- The trend at present is for more adults to take up playing small sided football, which fits in with current lifestyles, working patterns (shift work) and aspirations. Through discussions with FA officers and AGP facility managers, it is apparent that there is a continual growth in small sided soccer (although difficult to quantify numerically), with several local leagues playing on artificial surfaces. Thus it is important to point out that even though the number of teams may have declined, the number of players in football may not have decreased as they may now be playing small sided soccer rather than 11v11 (i.e. pattern of play has changed, but participation rates remain the same).

3.56 Factors B – E are now considered in turn in order to build a picture of future demand for football pitches in Exeter.

B POPULATION CHANGES - EXETER

ONS Population projections (2011-2021)

3.57 It can be seen from the previous analysis of ONS population projections for Exeter that:

- Whilst the overall population of Exeter is expected to increase by 5,525 (4.6%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall ‘active participation’ age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a lower rate (ie by 2.329 or 2.3%).
- The age groups within the ‘active participation’ group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (veterans pitch sports) groups.

3.58 Overall, the adult pitch sport range 20-54 years in Exeter is projected to decrease slightly (by 2.2%). However, there are variations within this, and the 35-45 years age group (traditionally ‘Vets Football’) is projected to increase by just under 9%. This may impact upon the demand for Vet’s teams, but it is not reliable to translate this into an actual number of teams.

Team Generation Rates

3.59 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand. Table 3.15 below summarises the current TGRs for football in Exeter and uses them to assess the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for football.

Table 3.15: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Football Teams in Exeter: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	No. of teams in age group (2014)	Current popn in age group (2014)	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024)	Potential change in no. of teams in age group 2014-2024
Football – Male 11 v 11 (16-45yrs)	46	28,624	623	29,423	+2
Football - Female 11 v 11 (16-45yrs)	2	27,759	13,880	27,312	No change
Football – Youth Male 11 v 11 (12-15yrs)	35	2,105	60	2,563	+8
Football – Youth Female 11 v 11 (12-15yrs)	3	2,057	686	2,467	+1
Football - Youth Male 9 v 9 (10-11yrs)	23	1,060	46	1,295	+6

Football - Youth Female 9 v 9 (10-11yrs)	0	973	0	1,240	No change
Mini Soccer 7 v 7 Mixed (8-9yrs)	22	2,329	106	2,588	+3
Mini Soccer 5 v 5 Mixed (6-7yrs)	11	2,518	229	2,635	+1

Source: Population data: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

3.60 The above table suggests the following to 2024, from population change alone:

- There will be an increase of around 2 teams in adult football across the city
- There will be a significant increase in the number of junior and mini teams:
 - Up to 8 boys and 1 girls youth 11v11 teams
 - Up to 6 boys 9v9 teams
 - Up to 4 mini soccer teams

3.61 There is new development planned to the South west of Exeter: 500 dwellings allocated at SW Exeter (adjacent 2000 allocated in Teignbridge) (No planning permissions yet). At an occupancy rate of 2.2 people per dwelling this would equate to 7700 residents in this area. On the basis of current TGRs and age range split, it is estimated that this would generate an extra: 1 men’s and 2 youth and 2 mini football teams.

C CONSIDERATION OF LATENT, UNMET AND DISPLACED DEMAND

3.63 Sport England market segmentation data presented earlier in this Section can also be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate in football and the number of people that would like to play (or play more). This suggests that there is potential to increase adult football participation by up to 20%. It is estimated that 7,624 adults in Exeter currently play football, with about 1,500 residents indicating that they would like to play (or play more) football. This potential rate of increase is similar to county and national figures. Most of this latent demand is from residents in the main market segments that currently play.

3.64 This figure cannot be split into male and female but if we assume a two thirds male and one third female split, this would suggest around 1000 adult males wanting to play more football and 500 females. It is not possible to say whether these would be drawn more to playing 11v11 on grass, or small sided soccer on artificial surfaces, but if we assume grass, 1000 adult males is equivalent to just under 2 teams (TGR = 623). The number of women wishing to play more football is not large enough to generate a team.

3.65 One of the characteristics of TGRs is that if there are no teams or a very low number of teams currently playing (so that the number required to generate one team is very high) increases in population in the relevant age playing range may not ‘trigger’ an extra team. The TGR for women’s football is currently very high, but there is evidence (see below) that more women’s and girls teams may develop in the future.

Displaced demand

3.66 There is some cross boundary movement between Exeter and East Devon. A number of Exeter based teams are playing in East Devon (the movement is that way rather than teams from East Devon coming into Exeter); some Exeter teams are also playing in Mid Devon. See Table 3.16 below.

Table 3.16: Movement of teams into and out of Exeter (and East Devon)

Origin of Team	Sport	Club/team	Where playing	Local Authority	Sub Area/Parish
Exminster, Teignbridge	Football	St Martins Youth/3 jnr teams	Exwick Playing Fields	Exeter	
Exeter	Football	Exeter City FC/ Various teams	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter	Football	Exeter Panthers X 4 mini teams	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Newtown FC 1 st XI	Newton St Cyres	Mid Devon	
Exeter	Football	Newtown FC 2 nd & 3 rd XI	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Henry's Cronies Sunday XI	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Whipton Youth U13	Clyst Vale Comm. College	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Heavitree Youth 3 junior teams	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter	Football	Pinhoe Spartans 2 junior teams	Rockbeare Playing Fields	East Devon	Ottery St Mary: Rockbeare
Exeter	Football	Pinhoe Spartans Junior team	Newton St Cyres	Mid Devon	
Exeter	Football	Exeter Ladies 1 st XI	St Martin's Exminster (2014/15 season)	Teignbridge	
Other Sports					
Exeter	Cricket	Countess Wear CC 2 teams	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter College	Rugby	Rugby teams Occasional	Cullompton RFC	Mid Devon	
Exeter College	Rugby	Rugby teams Occasional	RM Lympstone	East Devon	
Exeter College	Football	Football team s Occasional	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
East Devon	Hockey	East Devon Hockey Club 5	Exeter St Peter's School	Exeter	

		men's; 3 jnr teams	AGP (training & matches)		
East Devon	Hockey	Honiton Hornets Hockey Club 1 team	Exeter School (training)	Exeter	
Teignbridge	Hockey	Ashmoor Hockey Club 4 men's and 2 ladies' teams	Isca College of Media Arts AGP (matches)	Exeter	
Teignbridge	Hockey	Dart Hockey Club 2 men's and 3 ladies' teams	Westexe Sports Centre AGP	Exeter	
Mid Devon	Hockey	Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets 2 senior teams	St James School AGP	Exeter	

3.66 Some key things to note:

- The Cat and Fiddle Training ground hosts a large number of pitches used by Exeter City FC for its various training squads and youth teams and is sometimes used by other partners, such as Exeter College. Therefore teams playing here are not considered as displaced demand.
- Exeter College also use resources outside of Exeter; e.g. Cullompton RFC, Topsham RFC (rugby), Cat and Fiddle ground (Exeter City FC) and RM Lypstone occasionally for fixtures and training. This has not been considered as displaced demand.
- Much of the displacement seems to be close to the City's administrative boundary and well within the Exeter and East Devon growth area (Broadclyst, Rockbeare etc). The reasons for this displacement may depend upon such considerations as availability of coaches and team managers, the fact that several players live on the east of the city or just outside, as much as a lack of capacity within grounds in Exeter.
- Nevertheless, they are considered as displaced demand from the point of view of this study, on the understanding that were suitable facilities available in Exeter, they may move back. This would appear to be the case particularly in respect of youth football teams (Pinhoe Spartans, Heavitree Youth and Exeter Panthers). In fact Exeter Panthers u12 which played last year at Broadclyst Recreation Ground is playing this year at Bettysmead in Exeter.
- The situation does change from year to year – Exeter Ladies played at Topsham Town FC's ground last year but this year are playing at St Martin's in Exminster (Teignbridge).

D LOCAL TRENDS IN PARTICIPATION AND CLUB SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS

3.67 Several football clubs have aspirations to grow and this will impact both on demand across Exeter as a whole but also more locally at a site specific level. Club aspirations are set out below. These aspirations are considered conservatively; some of them are dependent upon access to more/better pitches and changing facilities, but others will depend on the availability of support personnel.

- Centre Spot FC: Adult men’s team:
- Winchester FC – another senior side if had access to another pitch and Floodlights!! - lighting for evening winter training.
- Women’s teams – Exeter City Ladies FC would like to run another Ladies team, if access to more pitches
- Alphington FC: U18s
- Henry’s Cronies: general aspirations for another senior side and youth teams if had ‘better changing facilities and pitches’
- Heavitree Youth & Stoke Hill FC juniors: more junior teams, but would be dependent on upon volunteers to manage
- Westexe Town FC: More youth and mini soccer teams – boys and girls if had access to more all weather pitches and more junior pitches
- Whipton Youth: more junior teams
- City Raiders YFC (Wonford Playing Fields); more youth teams if had access to different size pitches, Changing facilities, toilets for all to use male and female, nets to stops ball being kicked into the stream).Additional pitches:

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EXETER?

Table 3.17 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams 11v11	Youth teams 9v9	Minis	Notes
Population growth to 2024	2	1	9	6	4	
South west Exeter growth	1		2		2	
Latent demand	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Displaced demand	6	1	6		4	
Aspirations	4	1	6	4	4	

TOTAL	13	4	23	10	14	
Match equivalents	7	2	12	5	7	

3.68 Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing spare capacity at grounds. However, as a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock and the need for appropriately sized junior pitches this would suggest the need for additional pitches as follows:

2 x adult pitches

6 x 11v11 pitches of different sizes

5 x 9v9 pitches

3 x mini pitches.

D FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO SUPPLY

3.69 There are various proposed changes to supply which will be evaluated within the Strategy.

3B FOOTBALL: EAST DEVON

3.2 This section assesses the adequacy of pitches for football in East Devon by presenting the following:

- An overview of pitch supply:
- An overview of demand for football
- The pattern of play of football
- A review of the capacity and adequacy of current provision across East Devon by sub area, including an understanding of activity at individual sites
- The future picture of provision for football across East Devon

OVERVIEW OF PITCH SUPPLY

Quantity

3.2 The letters in the 'Community Use' column signify the following, as set out in Sport England's latest Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, October 2013.

- A Available for community use and used
- B Available for community use and unused
- C Not available for community use, as matter of policy and practice
- D Not available as disused. Any sites where pitches were once, but are no longer, marked out and remain undeveloped.

Tables 3.1 to 3.7 set out the stock of football pitches within East Devon

EAST DEVON

Quantity – East Devon

Table 3.1: Football Pitches in East Devon

TABLE 3.1:	Owner/ Manager	Name	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use
Parish									
Exeter Fringe Sub Area									
Broadclyst	Community Organisation	Broadclyst Recreation Ground	1						A
Broadclyst	Private (New Inn pub)	New Inn Pub (may be car park)						2	A, but not included in totals
Clyst St Mary	Exeter City FC	Cat and Fiddle	3	1	1		2		A, but restricted
Clyst St Mary	Private/ leased to club	Winslade Park (Clyst Valley AFC)	1						A
Clyst St Mary	Private	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	2				2		A
Clyst Honiton		Waterslade Park (REMOVED)							Requirement through Skypark106 to replace ground (no longer in existence)
		Exeter Fringe Total	7	1	1		4		
Axminster Sub Area									

TABLE 3.1: Parish	Owner/ Manager	Name	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use
Axminster	Sports Club	Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre	1		1				A
Axminster	Axminster Town FC	North of Cloakham Lawn (Axminster Town FC new site)	2		1				A
Axminster	Axminster Town FC	Valley View (Axminster Town's former ground) REMOVED							Ground currently being developed
Axminster	EDDC	Millwey Football Pitch		1					D
Axmouth	Sports Club	Boshill Cross	1						A
Hawkchurch	Community Organisation	Hawkchurch Playing Field	1						A
Uplyme	Sports Club	Venlake Meadow	1						A
		Axminster Sub Area Total	6	1	2				
Exmouth Sub Area									
Exmouth	EDDC	Withycombe Raleigh Common	3						A
Exmouth	EDDC	King George V (Exmouth Town FC)	1						A
Exmouth	Education	Rolle College		2					A
Exmouth	EDDC/ Sports	Warren View	2						A

TABLE 3.1:	Owner/ Manager	Name	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use
Parish									
	Club								
Budleigh Salterton	EDDC/ Sports Club	Greenway Lane (Budleigh Salterton FC)	1						A
East Budleigh	EDDC	East Budleigh Recreation Ground	1						A
Lympstone	Other	Burgmanna (Cliff Field)	1						A
Lympstone	MoD	CTCRM	1						A
Woodbury	Community Organisation	Woodbury Playing Fields	1						A
		Exmouth Sub Area Total	11	2					
Honiton Sub Area									
Honiton	EDDC	Mountbatten Sports Field – mini pitches overmarked on adult football	2				2		A
Honiton	Other	St Rita’s Sports Field		2					A
Awliscombe	Sports Club	Greenway Lane	1						A
Dunkeswell	Sports Club	Dunkeswell Football pitch	1						A
Upottery	Comm. Org/Sports	Glebe Park	1						A

TABLE 3.1: Parish	Owner/ Manager	Name	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use
	Club								
Offwell	Other	Offwell Recreation Ground	1						A
		Honiton Sub Area Total	6	2			2		
Ottery St Mary Sub Area									
Ottery	Sports Club	Washbrook Meadow	2		1				A
Feniton	Comm.Org/ Sports Club	Acland Park	3		1		5		A
Ottery	Community Organisation	Tipton St John Playing Field	1						A
Plymtree	Community Organisation	Plymtree Playing Field	1						D
Rockbeare	Other/ Comm.Org	Rockbeare Playing Fields	1				2		A
Whimble	Other/ Trust	Knowle Cross	1						A
		Ottery Sub Area Total	8		2		7		
Seaton Sub Area									
Colyton	Community Organisation	Peace Memorial Playing Field	2			1	1	2	A

TABLE 3.1: Parish	Owner/ Manager	Name	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use
Colyton	Community Organisation	Chantry Bridge	1		1				A
Seaton	EDDC	Elizabeth Road Recreation Ground				1			A
Seaton	EDDC	Seaton Town Football pitch, Colyford Road	1						A
Beer	Comm.Org/ Sports Club	The Furzebrake, Stover Long Lane	1						A
		Seaton Sub Area Total	4			2	1	2	
Sidmouth Sub Area									
Sidmouth	EDDC	Manstone Lane	1						A
Sidford	EDDC	Byes Lane	1	1					A
Sidford	EDDC/club leased	Byes Lane (Sidbury FC)	1						A
Sidmouth	Sidmouth Town Co.	Long Park						2	A
Farway	Sports club	Eastlee Park (Farway Utd)	1						A
Newton Poppleford	Other/ Trust	Back Lane	1		1	1	1		A

TABLE 3.1: Parish	Owner/ Manager	Name	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use
Otterton	Comm.Org/ Sports Club	Stantyway Lane	1						A
		Sidmouth Sub Area Total	6	1	1	1	1	2	

Table 3.2 Summary of football pitches at secondary schools in East Devon

Pitches only listed where available for whole of season i.e. pitches which double for football and rugby are listed separately.

TABLE 3.2: Parish	Owner/ Manager	Name	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Football/Rugby	Mini 5v5	Community Use
Broadclyst	Education	Clyst Vale Community College	2							A
Axminster	Education	Axminster College			1			2		A
Honiton	Education	Honiton Community College						1		C
Ottery	Education	The King's School	1					2		A
Colyton	Education	Colyton Grammar School	1	1						A
Sidmouth	Education	Sidmouth College						1		C
Sidmouth	Independent	St John's International School			1			2		A

Table 3.3 Community use of football pitches at Secondary Schools in East Devon

<p>TABLE 3.3</p> <p>Name of educational establishment</p>	<p>Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) available</p>	<p>Which external pitches do you use?</p>	<p>How many hours are the pitches currently available for community use</p>	<p>If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not?</p>	<p>Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?</p>	<p>If is capacity to accommodate any / more community use, please give details.</p>	<p>What additional provision is needed?</p>
<p>The Axe Valley Community College</p>	<p>Winter; One dedicated football 9v9 (76m x 38m), two football/rugby. All natural turf. Summer; 400m grass athletics track, 2 x sprint straights. artificial cricket wicket,</p>		<p>Ad hoc - a few hours per week</p>	<p>The pitches are of reasonable quality but the level of school use, together with soil type & weather means have very limited capacity for additional training sessions, matches or community use, despite strong demand from local clubs & teams. There is a need to restrict further community use of the pitches to prevent damage to the playing surface and compromising curriculum requirements.</p>	<p>The main current community use is for the Exeter City Youth Development Programme and one-off skill events or summer training delivered by Axminster Town AFC</p>	<p>Only if an AGP were installed.</p>	<p>There is a real need for a 3G floodlit artificial grass pitch (AGP) primarily for football use to accommodate community, and enhance school, use</p>

TABLE 3.3 Name of educational establishment	Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) available	Which external pitches do you use?	How many hours are the pitches currently available for community use	If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not?	Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?	If is capacity to accommodate any / more community use, please give details.	What additional provision is needed?
Clyst Vale Community College	Two grass full size football pitches, used for 400m athletics track in the Summer Two grass rugby pitches, one slightly smaller used for rounder's and cricket in the Summer Tarmac 3 tennis court area, or two netball courts		Weekends, 2x90 minute matches on football	The pitches have suffered from overuse and rain. This year there has been no outside use of the rugby pitches	Local Football clubs for matches and preseason training		We do not have an artificial pitch and this is the only area of demand that is not met. Currently the sports hall and tennis courts are used for hockey
Colyton Grammar School	Adult 11v11 and youth 11v11 not generally available for community use although have recently been used by Axminster Town FC whilst their new ground is being developed	None	Saturdays am	N/A	2013/14 – Axminster FC 2014/15 – Seaton FC	Will have changing facilities available in October 2014.	None
Exmouth Community College	AGP 90m X 60m AGP 60mX 40m NO GRASS PITCHES	Withycombe RFC Hulham Road Exmouth	Weekdays 5.00pm - 9.30pm, Weekends All Day	N/A	Most local Junior football clubs in Exmouth. Withycombe RFC Exmouth RFC Community football and rugby		No grass football or rugby pitches. We run 16 teams across all year groups. We hire local pitches usually incurring travel costs. We require 2 grass football pitches/ 1 Rugby grass pitch or

TABLE 3.3 Name of educational establishment	Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) available	Which external pitches do you use?	How many hours are the pitches currently available for community use	If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not?	Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?	If is capacity to accommodate any / more community use, please give details.	What additional provision is needed?
							a 3G AGP.
Bicton College	. Two full size rugby and a small AGP.	Sidmouth Rugby Club playing fields Sidford		Huge increase in Sports students at the College means there is no spare capacity at present.	N/A		3 more full-size grass rugby/soccer pitches - full size 3G pitch
Honiton Community College	One general playing field; seasonal rugby/football pitch	All Hallows which is rented from EDDC.	Nighttime (not floodlit) and weekends. (5x4hrs. and 2x9hrs)		Honiton running club use the grounds. Honiton Rugby club, link up disabled group use the pitch.	The College is always looking to expand the use of its facilities. We welcome community groups and clubs. We would be extremely keen to install an AGP on campus to improve our sports space, enable all year round use & allow much more widespread community use. Local sports clubs have none or very limited winter playing surfaces and an AGP would improve sports a	The pitch on site is not enough for us to use for all sports lessons hence the need to rent All Hallows to supplement our PE. The sports pitch cannot be used for every lesson as it is often too wet to use

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						hundred fold in Honiton and surrounding area.	
The King's School, Ottery St Mary	General use playing field which us used, for football (1 adult), rugby (2 seasonal rugby/football pitches) and athletics. We also have a MUGA	We use an all-weather pitch which is operated by LED mainly for hockey.	Sat & Sun our field is used for Football/Rugby /Cricket/Archery, summer our MUGA used for Tennis	We encourage community use where possible.	Sat & Sun and sometimes after school (Tennis Only). Pitch use is mainly Football and Rugby in the winter and Cricket in the summer.	Increased use on Sat and Sun and more use of MUGA in winter.	All Weather Pitch is in very poor condition; surface needs replacing as idangerous in many weather conditions. Main field has no water supply or facilities that both the school and community users would want.
Sidmouth College	Usable space for pitch 116m x 79m; field used for rugby, football, athletics, rounders			No community use			
St John's International School	1 x 11v11; 1 x 9v9; 1 x 7v7 (overlaps 11v11)				Youth 11v11 & mini 7v7 is let out to Sidbury Youth FC	Happy to let out to others if opportunity arises.	

Table 3.4: Summary of football pitches at primary schools in East Devon

TABLE 3.4:			Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use	No information
Sub Area	Parish	Name								
Exeter Fringe	Brampford Speke	Brampford Speke Church Of England Primary School	Generic grass field							
Exeter Fringe	Broadclyst	Broadclyst Primary Academy Trust			1			1	A	
Exeter Fringe	Clyst St Mary	Clyst St Mary Primary School	Generic grass field							
Exeter Fringe	Clyst St George	Lady Seaward's Church of England Primary School, Clyst St George	Generic grass field							
Exeter Fringe	Cranbrook	St Martin's Church of England Primary and Nursery School	Generic grass field							
Exeter Fringe	Stoke Canon	Stoke Canon Church Of England Primary School (football field)						1	A	
Axminster	Axminster	All Saints Church Of England Primary School Axminster	Generic grass field							
Axminster	Axminster	Axminster Community Primary School	Generic grass field							
Axminster	Hawkchurch	Hawkchurch Church Of England School								X
Axminster	Kilminster	Kilminster Primary School	Generic grass field							
Axminster	Membury	Membury Community School								X

TABLE 3.4:			Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use	No information
Sub Area	Parish	Name								
Axminster	Uplyme	Mrs Ethelston's Church of England (VA) Primary School	No grass							
Axminster	Musbury	Musbury Primary School	Generic grass field							
Axminster	Shute	Shute Community Primary School	Generic grass field							
Axminster	Chardstock	St Andrews CoE Primary School	Generic grass field							
Axminster	Axminster	St Mary's Catholic Primary School						1	C	
Exmouth	Exmouth	Brixington Primary School	Generic grass field							
Exmouth	Exmouth	Bassetts Farm Primary School	Generic grass field							
Exmouth	East Budleigh	Drake's Church of England Primary School, East Budleigh								X
Exmouth	Littleham	Littleham Church Of England Primary School, Exmouth	Generic grass field							
Exmouth	Lympstone	Lympstone Church Of England Primary School	Generic grass field							
Exmouth	Exmouth	Marpool Primary School	Generic grass field and MUGA							
Exmouth	Exmouth	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Exmouth	Generic grass field							
Exmouth	Budleigh Salterton	St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Budleigh Salterton					2		A	

TABLE 3.4:				Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use	No information
Sub Area	Parish	Name									
Exmouth	Exmouth	The Beacon Church Of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, Exmouth	No grass								
Exmouth	Withycombe Raleigh	Withycombe Raleigh Church Of England Primary School, Exmouth	Generic grass field								
Exmouth	Woodbury	Woodbury Church Of England Primary School	Generic grass field								
Exmouth	Woodbury Salterton	Woodbury Salterton Church Of England Primary School	Generic grass field								
Honiton	Awliscombe	Awliscombe Church Of England Primary School							1	C	
Honiton	Honiton	Honiton Primary School	Generic grass field (large)								
Honiton	Honiton	Littleton Primary Academy	Generic grass field								
Honiton	Honiton	Mill Water Community School									X
Honiton	Offwell	Offwell Church Of England Primary School									X
Honiton	Stockland	Stockland Church Of England Primary School	Generic grass field								
Honiton	Upottery	Upottery Primary							2	C	
Ottery St Mary	Broadhembury	Broadhembury Church Of England Primary									X
Ottery St Mary	Clyst Hydon	Clyst Hydon Primary School	No grass								
Ottery St Mary	Feniton	Feniton Church Of England Primary School	Adjacent playing fields								

TABLE 3.4:										
Sub Area	Parish	Name	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use	No information
Ottery St Mary	Ottery St Mary	Ottery St Mary Primary School						2	A	
Ottery St Mary	Payhembury	Payhembury Church Of England Primary School						1	C	
Ottery St Mary	Plymtree	Plymtree Church Of England Primary School								X
Ottery St Mary	Rockbeare	Rockbeare Church Of England Primary School	Generic grass field							
Ottery St Mary	Tipton St John	Tipton St John Church Of England Primary School	Generic grass field							
Ottery St Mary	Ottery St Mary	West Hill Primary School					1		A	
Ottery St Mary	Whimble	Whimble Primary School	No grass							
Seaton	Beer	Beer Church Of England Primary School						1	C	
Seaton	Colyton	Colyton Primary School								X
Seaton	Seaton	Seaton Primary School					1	1	A	
Sidmouth	Branscombe	Branscombe Church Of England Primary School								X
Sidmouth	Farway	Farway Church Of England Primary School								X
Sidmouth	Newton Poppleford	Newton Poppleford Primary School					1		C	
Sidmouth	Otterton	Otterton Church Of England Primary School								X
Sidmouth	Sidbury	Sidbury Church Of England Primary School	Generic grass field							

TABLE 3.4:			Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Community Use	No information
Sub Area	Parish	Name								
Sidmouth	Sidmouth	Sidmouth Church Of England (VA) Primary School								X

Table 3.5 Community use of football pitches at Primary Schools in East Devon (where information available)

TABLE 3.5						
Sub Area/Name of educational establishment	Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) /	Which external pitches do you use?	If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not.	Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?.	If there is capacity to accommodate any/more community use, please give details	What additional provision is needed?
Exeter Fringe/Clyst St Mary Primary School	Generic playing field	Clyst Valley Rovers and Clyst St Mary Village Hall playing field	As a general playing field it is a suitable facility for sports clubs.			This meets current provision but we are unable to say if it will in the future!
Exeter Fringe/Lady Seward's Primary School, Clyst St George	Grass area and playground	Made arrangements to use Clyst St George Cricket ground mainly in summer months for seasonal sports/sports day.	No facilities available			
Axminster/Mrs Ethelstons Primary,	None	King George Playing	No facilities			Small playground only at school. A site has been purchased for a

TABLE 3.5 Sub Area/Name of educational establishment	Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) /	Which external pitches do you use?	If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not.	Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?.	If there is capacity to accommodate any/more community use, please give details	What additional provision is needed?
Uplyme		Field	available			new school which would address problems, but unlikely for several years. Playing Fields are open to public and not always available.
Axminster/Shute Community Primary	Generic field, sloping			2-4hrs annually: Summer celebrations, races.	School holidays, weekends or evenings	Needs lots of maintenance due to the sloping nature of the pitch, waterlogged as the fields behind drain onto pitch
Axminster/St Andrew's VA Primary School, Chardstock	Generic playing field, marked out for 7 a side		Provision is available, but has only been used by cycle club	Only use we have is cycle club once a year	After school, weekends, school holidays - subject to caretaker provision which is not available at these times	
Exmouth/Lympstone primary school	Generic public playing field	Candy's field				Lines for games and sports would be needed and a fenced area specifically for the school
Exmouth/Marpool Primary School	Playing field & MUGA with oversized basketball court & playground with netball court		No changing facilities for community use	Local U9 rugby team use it in season		

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Exmouth/St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Exmouth	Generic playing field used for all sports			Arsenal soccer school use it for after school clubs and sometimes holiday clubs	out of school hours	
Exmouth/St Peter's Primary School, Budleigh Salterton	1 large field (marked out for 2 x 7 a side)				Budleigh Salterton Ladies FC intend to use our field to develop girl's football in the community 2014/15	No changing facilities available as the school is locked in the evenings and weekends.
Exmouth/The Beacon CE Primary School, Exmouth	Only small playground	We have to walk 10 minutes to the Exmouth Rugby Ground, Exmouth if we wish to use a playing pitch (goodwill) - this is in danger of becoming unavailable with the town's redevelopment.	WE have no playing pitch			Availability is dependent on campers/motorhomes, club activities etc. at present. In the future it is likely to be developed on leaving us with no provision.
Exmouth/Woodbury Salterton Primary School	The school owns a small field a short walk away which we use less	We rent a small field across from the school where we	Would need further details before could agree to the field			

TABLE 3.5 Sub Area/Name of educational establishment	Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) /	Which external pitches do you use?	If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not.	Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?.	If there is capacity to accommodate any/more community use, please give details	What additional provision is needed?
	frequently	play football.	being used by others; no changing facilities			
Honiton/Honiton Primary School	Large grass field		No changing and toilet facilities without accessing whole school building, & no separate access to pitches (problems with security)			
Honiton/Littleton Primary Academy	Generic playing field		Has happened in past, but problem is that no toilet facilities if school is not open.	N/A		This is difficult to assess. Depends on government plans for sports education. Our grounds are used to capacity at present.
Honiton/Offwell Primary School		Offwell Playing Fields Offwell Honiton Devon				
Ottery/Clyst Hydon Primary school, Ottery St Mary	Playground (currently being resurfaced)	Playing field. We also rent the village hall for indoor PE activities	No facilities			More grassed area is needed but unable to afford to purchase further fields. School is a listed building privately owned not by the local authority.

<p>TABLE 3.5</p> <p>Sub Area/Name of educational establishment</p>	<p>Please indicate the type(s) of pitch(es) /</p>	<p>Which external pitches do you use?</p>	<p>If no community use, are there any particular reasons why not.</p>	<p>Who uses the pitches and what is the nature and extent of this use?.</p>	<p>If there is capacity to accommodate any/more community use, please give details</p>	<p>What additional provision is needed?</p>
<p>Ottery/Feniton Church of England VA Primary</p>		<p>Feniton Playing Fields Association, Good size area. But difficult with the cricket pitch closest to school as this is the area we use most,</p>			<p>Unknown - we are using the community facility.</p>	<p>There are issues with proposed housing in Feniton; some of the area may be used for extra school provision. It is assumed at this time there would still be sufficient playing field area left.</p>
<p>Ottery/Ottery St Mary Primary School</p>	<p>Generic playing field</p>			<p>Local football club (u8 team) Local pre-schools (for sports days etc.) Exeter City FC soccer schools Premier Sports holiday club</p>	<p>Holiday clubs during school holidays Weekend use</p>	
<p>Ottery/Payhembury C of E Primary School</p>	<p>Generic playing field</p>			<p>weddings, parties, youth club activities</p>		
<p>Ottery/Tipton St John C of E Primary School</p>	<p>Very small netball court and small grass area for five a side which is community owned and very uneven</p>	<p>Tipton St John Playing Field Tipton St John Sidmouth Devon</p>	<p>We use field nearby for games, but share with public and dogs.</p>			<p>A larger netball court five a side football, primary sized area for tag rugby, hockey and general invasion games marked out all year round Use of tennis club courts</p>

TABLE 3.5						
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Ottery/West Hill Primary School	Generic playing field, grass.	N/A		West Hill Wasps Football Club; Saturday and sometimes Sunday mornings for practice sessions.		N/A
Ottery/Whimble Primary School	The school has an offsite MUGA with a tarmac surface.	Whimble Cricket Pitch, Whimble		Adult football and adult netball groups – hired out	Yes. More groups could use in evenings, but use limited because no toilet provision at site. Currently looking for options provide toilets to increase community use.	
No detailed information was received from schools in the Seaton and Sidmouth Sub Areas						

Table 3.6: Summary of East Devon Football Pitches by Sub Area (including schools)

TABLE 3.6							
Name	Adult football	Junior football 11v11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Football/ rugby seasonal
Exeter Fringe Total	9	1	2		4	2	
Axminster Sub Area	6	1	3			1	2
Exmouth Sub Area	11	2			2		
Honiton Sub Area Total	6	2			2	3	1
Ottery St Mary Sub Area Total	9		2		8	3	2
Seaton Sub Area Total	6	1	1	2	2	4	
Sidmouth Sub Area Total	6	2	2	1	2	3	1
TOTAL	53	9	10	3	20	16	6

Table 3.7: Summary Table of football pitches by community use in East Devon

	Total Pitch Provision	Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Used) (A)	Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Not used) (B)	Pitch Provision Not Available to the Community (C)	Not available as disused (D)
Adult Football	53	53			
Junior Football	9	8			1
9 v 9	10	10			
Junior 7v7	3	3			
Mini 7v7	20	19		1	
Mini 5v5	16	10		6	
Football/ rugby seasonal	6	4		2	
TOTAL	117	107		9	1

3.7 Points in relation to the quantity and distribution of pitches within East Devon are:

- EDDC owns 21 sites in East Devon and maintains 11 of them. The remainder of the EDDC sites are generally managed by clubs.
- Provision in East Devon is made up from parish and town council owned playing fields, club owned premises and educational land. As such, it is difficult to provide a strategic overview and ways of improving the sustainability and effectiveness of existing provision needs to be considered on a site by site basis.
- Lack of age appropriate junior sized pitches in certain areas: for example, lack of youth and mini pitches in Exmouth sub area, and no 9v9 junior pitches recorded in Honiton sub area. This is returned to later in this Section.
- There are a number of pitches in the district which are no longer marked out as pitches or have recently been developed; these are recorded as:
 - Waterslade Park, Clyst Rovers ground: Removed for construction of the Clyst Honiton Bypass and Skypark. Replacement site required, linked to S106
 - Millwey Rise, Axminster: Pitch not currently marked out. Club now playing at Cloakham Lawn.
 - Valley View, Axminster: Ground developed for housing. Replacement pitches for Axminster Town FC being completed to the north of Cloakham Lawn.
 - Plymtree Playing Field: No longer marked out or used for football (or cricket).

Quality

Scoring of sites

3.8 The scores given to both the pitch quality and built facilities are based upon Sport England's new playing pitch strategy guidance – Appendix 2d. (<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>)

3.9 The pitch quality score is based upon the amalgamation of a score for the playing surface (grass length/cover, size/slope/evenness of pitch and any problem areas) with a score for the pitch maintenance programme (frequency and adequacy of grass cutting, seeding and application of remedial dressings)

3.10 Below is a summary from site visits and from consultation with clubs.

Table 3.8: EAST DEVON Football pitch quality rating

Sub Area	TABLE 3.8: Ground	Pitch quality score/rating	Built facilities score/rating	Notes from site audit	Club responding	Summary of club rating of pitch maintenance	Has quality of your pitches changed?	Why?	Interior/exterior	Any specific problems
Exe F	Broadclyst Recreation Ground	59/ Standard	74/ Standard	Fairly average pitch in an open access recreation ground with very poor grass coverage. Signs encouraging dog walkers to avoid the pitch would be a good idea.	N/R					Ground will require upgrading to meet more senior league requirements
Exe F	New Inn Pub			Not audited						
Exe F	Cat & Fiddle (Exeter City FC)			Not audited; not available for community use.						
Exe F	Clyst Vale Community College			Not audited. School say that the pitches have suffered from overuse and rain.						
Exe F	Clyst Valley FC, Winslade Park	79/ Standard	51/ Standard	Pitch itself is generally in good condition. Recent subsidence and pitch has moved. Poor drainage in parts. Occasional primary school use. Changing old and poor. Planning Permission sought for alterations and extensions but no funding available	Clyst Valley FC	Adequate	Slightly poorer	Long dry summer and work done around the pitch	Adequate/Adequate	Pitch played on every week and twice every other week at weekends. Fairly light and sandy soil which gets compacted and needs lots of feeding.
Exe F	Winslade Park (Friends Life)			Not audited as access was denied. No comments received from clubs, despite several attempts.						

Sub Area	TABLE 3.8: Ground	Pitch quality score/ rating	Built facilities score/ rating	Notes from site audit	Club responding	Summary of club rating of pitch maintenance	Has quality of your pitches changed?	Why?	Interior/ exterior	Any specific problems
Axm	Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre, Axminster	69/ Standard	86/ Good	Good quality pitch. Penalty spot seemingly not central to goal. Not enough funds or right machinery to do all maintenance they want to. Would like floodlights. Overmarks cricket pitch.	Millwey Rise Youth FC	Good	Much better		Good/Go od	
Axm	North of Cloakham Lawn (new pitches)			Not ready yet						
Axm	Boshill Cross, Axmouth	59/ Standard	82/Good	Good quality pitch. Drainage coming towards the end of life - no problems really as yet (club cleared the stream to help with this). Floodlights on training pitch require updating and in an ideal world would have some for pitch as well. Perimeter rail and dugouts required if the club are to progress up leagues. Occasionally lose balls into the road so possibly could do with a net to stop this happening. Good quality clubhouse with bar, kitchen and changing rooms.	Axmouth United FC	Good	No difference		Good/ Good	
Axm	Hawkchurch Playing Field	36/Poor	35/Poor	Poor quality pitch with lots of litter and poor drainage.	N/R					
Axm	Venlake Meadow Uplyme	60/ Standard	69/ Standard	Undulations and some poor drainage. Goalmouths need attention.	N/R					

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Axm	Axe Valley Community College	70/70/61 Standard		Football and rugby shared. Rabbit damage. Goals in poor condition.						
Exm	Withycombe Common pitches (aka archery club)	94/Good	89/Good		Exiles FC	Good	No difference		Adequate/Good	Loss of footballs from inadequate fencing
Exm	Withycombe Common pitches (aka archery club)				Exmouth Phoenix FC	Good	No difference		Adequate/Adequate	Loss of footballs on average 2 balls (£20 per game) due no netting or high fence line to stop footballs going into the dense overgrowth at the edges of the ground.
Exm	King George V Ground, Exmouth Town FC			No assessment provided	Exmouth Town FC	Adequate	Much poorer	Very dry summer, unable to water all of the pitch due to cost and impractical	Good/ Good	Ground is open and despite notices "Private Property" pitch is used by local "teenagers" and this year by language schools without permission

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Exm	Rolle College, Exmouth									
Exm	Warren View Sports Ground, Exmouth			No overall score available as no score given on pitch maintenance which is required for final rating.	Exmouth Amateurs FC	Adequate	Slightly poorer	After the drainage on the main pitch was sorted a few years ago, the top soil was replaced by man made soil, the grass has never grown properly. We still haven't signed off on the work and it remains an outstanding issue	Adequate/Poor	The standard of grass coverage on the main pitch due to non growth because of the man made soil that was brought in
Exm	Warren View Sports Ground, Exmouth				Exmouth Amateurs juniors FC	Poor	Much poorer	Problem with contractor not fertilising pitch	Adequate/Poor	Fencing loose surrounding main pitch

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								therefore no grass growth over summer and dry conditions		
Exm	Budleigh Salterton FC, Greenway Lane	50/ Standard	78/ Standard	Semi-professional ground. Poor grass coverage. Boundary fence is not complete /gate open (open for public access). Leaves all over Northern end of pitch. Also a small 28m long training area not marked out but with small goals.	N/R					
Exm	Greenway Lane Playing Field (1 x 9v9?)			Kickabout only						
Exm	East Budleigh Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road	50/ Standard		Dogs walked on and around the pitch, goal mouths worn - typical issues of an open access pitch.	East Budleigh FC	Good	No difference		Good/Good	Inconsiderate dog owners letting their dogs foul on the playing surface and digging holes
Exm	Burgmanna Hill, (aka Cliff Field) Lympstone	51/ Standard	No on site facilities	Popular dog walking field perched at top of cliff, where balls go over edge. Netting needed. Pitch cannot cope with more matches (?)	N/R					
Exm	CTCRM			Standard according to CTCRM response						

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Exm	Woodbury Recreation Ground	31/Poor	20/Poor	Trust are looking to level out the field which is currently on a slope and add in drainage because field is waterlogged much of the year.	Woodbury FC	Poor	No difference		Poor/ Adequate	Pitch is frequently waterlogged due to poor drainage and the uneven surface often creates pools of water.
Hon	Mountbatten Park (Honiton Sports & Social Club)	66/ Standard	63/ Standard	Good quality pitch. Maintenance unknown. Shared with cricket outfield. Good clubhouse on site						
Hon	St Ritas Field (adjacent to Mountbatten Sports Field)	59/ Standard	63/ Standard	Reasonable pitch but some rabbit and badger damage and litter about. Use main pitch changing facilities	Honiton Town Youth FC	Adequate	No difference		Adequate/Adequate	
Hon	Greenway Lane, Awliscombe	56/ Standard	20/ Poor	Isolated pitch with no facilities miles out of Awliscombe village. Quite good playing surface. Damp but not wet. Teams have to change at Awliscombe village hall and drive out to the pitch to play. Home, away and referee all change together.	Awliscombe United FC	Good	No difference		Adequate/Good	Distance of pitch away from village and facilities.
Hon	Dunkeswell Football Field	30/ Poor		Poor pitch quality; too long and too narrow. Big dips in goalmouths. Puddling water. Lines dug in rather than painted., Building on site, no access – may be storage or changing.						

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Hon	Glebe Park, Upton	63/ Standard	Good	Good quality pitch; drains make surface slightly uneven. New clubhouse on site but no access	N/R					
Hon	Offwell Recreation Ground	47/Poor		Reasonably good pitch for a recreation ground, but brought down by unevenness of surface and rabbit damage, No access to changing						
OSM	Washbrook Meadow, Ottery St Mary	49/Poor	54/ Standard	Seemingly good quality pitch and goals - looks well maintained. Quite a range in grass length, some slight undulation and a fairly severe slope. Training areas next to car park had floodlights but no pitches marked out. Has seemingly been 2 mini pitches marked out here in the past. <u>9v9 pitch rated as poor, but adult, standard.</u>	Ottery St Mary Youth FC	Good	No difference		Adequate/Poor	
OSM	Kings School, OSM	54/ Standard		Poor grass coverage and some puddling But not so bad considering recent weather. Used by Westhill Junior FC but no facilities for changing						
OSM	Acland Park, Feniton	70/ Standard	92/ Good	Moles are a real problem on this pitch. Dogs are not allowed but occasionally have issues. Whole pitch slopes southwards moderately. Site - Not enough funds to carry out maintenance as much as would like to on all pitches. Main adult pitch 1 gets preference. Need equipment for aeration. Hoping to build new replacement clubhouse facilities if redevelopment of existing clubhouse	Feniton FC	Adequate	No difference		Good/ Good	Reliability of grass cutting equipment has meant a huge expenditure on a new mower

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				gets permission at appeal. Same redevelopment would build on the cricket pitch which would in turn move to cover adult pitch 3 and mini soccer pitch 1. Adult pitch 3 would then move to where mini 4 and 5 currently are. Better access to an all weather pitch would be good (currently only really Ottery and that is under a lot of demand). Floodlights would be good to enable evening training. The old pig farm next door is dangerous. Balls go in it and kids play in it but a bit of a deathtrap. Car parking is a bit on the small side as have to use grass sometimes.						
OSM	Acland Park, Feniton				Feniton Youth FC	Adequate	Slightly poorer	Difficult growing season, lack of ground maintenance equipment. No funds for drainage work or aeration.	Good/Good	Dog Fouling, as this is an open space. Being a rural location we have wildlife damage to pitches and fouling of other wildlife apart from dogs
OSM	Tipton St John	46/Poor		Mole damage. North eastern corner very uneven. Open access, plenty of dogs	N/R					

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OSM	Rockbeare Playing Fields	47/Poor	55/Standard	Pitch leased from Rockbeare Manor Estate. Home to Exeter Panthers u9s and u10s. Rockbeare Rangers disbanded 2010 due to lack of interest in managing club. Mole and badger damage. Village hall available as clubhouse						
OSM	Knowle Cross, Whimble	60/Standard	58/Standard	No fence stopping access from the adjoining Parish Field recreation ground. Over marked with Cricket pitch.	Whimble FC	Good	No difference		Good/Good	
SEA	Peace Memorial Playing Field, Colyton	59/Standard		Seemingly good pitch but apparently floods very badly. Clubhouse on site	Colyton FC	Good	No difference		Good/Good	
SEA	Chantry Bridge, Colyton	52/Standard	43/Poor	Club only use this site for youth games now. Boilers have been written off and not intended to replace them as club don't use the facility very much.					Poor/Poor	Isolated facility. Poor changing but club barely use site – only some youth teams.
SEA	Elizabeth Road Recreation Ground, Seaton	21/Poor		Very poor ground, kickabout. Boggy, severely sloping						
SEA	Colyford Road, Seaton	71/Standard	45/Poor	Semi-professional ground. Grass coverage not the best. All corners severely slope off.	Seaton FC	Good	No difference	Largely because our groundsman works tirelessly.	Adequate/Adequate	As previously stated - size, buildings, upgrading needed if we

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								However the pitch is, inevitably, showing signs of deteriorating from constant use.		stay at Colyford Road.
SEA	The Furzebrake, Beer	66/ Standard	78/ Standard	Semi-professional ground. Grass coverage not the best. Major slope-off in South-Eastern corner and slight undulation. Good quality clubhouse. Parking is on grass which could potentially require laying hardstanding in the future.	Beer Albion FC	Good	Slightly better		Good/ Good	
SEA	Colyton Grammar School	64/ Standard		Not generally open for community use (although school say Seaton FC team will be playing 2014/15)						
SID	Manstone Lane, Sidmouth	74/ Standard	78/ Standard	Generally a pretty good pitch. Some surface water but ground not boggy so probably just as a result of recent (very) heavy rain. Grass coverage very good in places but verging on poor in others.	Sidmouth Town FC	Good	No difference		Good/ Good	Club employs own groundsman
SID	Byes Lane, Sidford	81/Good	78/ Standard	Pretty good pitches, although poor grass coverage through centre, rabbit damage, mower tracks, and the drainage line don't seem to cover right to the very end of the pitch	Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings	Adequate	Slightly better	Recently installed drainage has begun to bed in. There is still	Good/ Good	Extensive rabbit damage

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								a significant issue with rabbit damage to the pitch		
SID	Long Park Sidmouth	40% + 37%/ Poor		No changing. Pitches not within size guidelines. Club have plans to turn these two mini pitches into one adult pitch and use St John's School for u8s matches.						
SID	Eastlee Park, Farway	87%/ Good		Good quality pitch. No assessment of changing.						
SID	Back Lane Playing Fields, Newton Poppleford	43/Poor		Poor grass coverage in centre of pitch but very poor weather recently so not so bad considering. Cricket overmarks all the football pitches.	Newton Poppleford FC	Adequate	No difference	We have not reached the coldest and wettest part of the year yet this season. No matches have been called off to date in season 2013-14	Poor/ Adequate	We need to widen our pitch to meet the requirements of the Devon and Exeter league if we get promoted in to the Premier Division, but not possible because of the number of junior teams who also use the facilities.

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SID	Stantyway Playing Field	26/Poor		Serious issue with moles, dips need filling						

3.7 Findings from the audit of football pitch quality in East Devon are:

- More variation in quality from Sport England’s VQA than in Exeter (where maintenance of many pitches IS by Exeter CC which ensures high consistency). Many rural grounds score poorly; most are within the standard range,
- Only 3 grounds rated as good – Withycombe Raleigh in Exmouth (assessed in January 2013) and Byes Lane, Sidford and Eastlee Park, Farway (assessed in autumn 2013). The latter were carried out before the weather had caused deterioration of some of the pitches.
- Variation on the quality of changing rooms; several grounds have their capacity and scope for development limited by either poor quality or non existent changing rooms.
- Clubs however generally rating pitch maintenance as good or standard.
- A number of clubs and community associations are planning improvements to their grounds (detailed under relevant sub area section below)
- Improvements/enhancements required at each ground will be further highlighted as options in the final Strategy

OVERVIEW OF DEMAND

EAST DEVON

Active People and Market Segmentation

Demand and Latent Demand for Football

- 3.8 From the Active People Survey and Market Segmentation data it is possible to estimate:
- the proportion of the local adult population within each market segment group that **currently** participate in football, and how this compares to county, regional and national figures; and
 - how many adults **would like** to participate (or participate more) in football (ie latent demand).
- 3.9 The key participants in football in East Devon come from those market segments groups that are most likely to play football nationally. However, the relative proportion of the population that participates from each group differs from national rates due to the make-up of the local population. For football, the main market segmentation groups in East Devon are:
- **Ben:** competitive male urbanite, mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional.
 - **Tim:** settling down male, mainly aged 26-45, married or single, may have children, professional.
 - **Philip:** comfortable mid-life male, mainly aged 46-55, married with children, full time employment and owner occupier.
 - **Jamie:** sports team lad, mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student.

- **Kev:** pub league team mate, mainly aged 36-45, married or single, may have children, vocational job.

3.10 The main female segment participating in football in East Devon is:

- **Chloe:** Young image-conscious females keeping fit and trim.

FA Participation Figures

3.11 According to January 2014 information from the FA, East Devon has a total of 66 affiliated clubs with a total of 190 teams of which 188 play in East Devon.

- Of the 188 teams operating in East Devon, 64 (34.0%) are adult teams, 81 (43.1%) are youth teams (all formats) and 43 (22.9%) are Mini-Soccer teams.
- 69.4% or 86 of the 124 Youth and Mini-soccer teams play in a club that has achieved a Charter Standard Award as compared to a national average of 81.1%.
- The number of teams has decreased by 5 teams overall in East Devon from season 12/13 to season 13/14.
- This comprises: a decrease of 7 adult team(s); an increase of 2 youth team(s) (all formats); · an equal number of Mini-Soccer team(s)

Clubs and Teams Playing in East Devon

3.12 The following table sets out clubs and teams playing in East Devon, from research.

Table 3.9: List of Football Clubs and Teams in East Devon (as at June 2014) and recorded trends in membership (teams in italics are Exeter based teams – see displaced demand for further info.....

TABLE 3.9	Adult Men TOTAL	Adult Ladies TOTAL	Junior Girls TOTAL	U18	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	U7	GRAND TOTAL	Increase/decrease trends over last three years (if info supplied)
Sub Area/Club																
Exeter Fringe																
Broadclyst Sports FC						1			1	1		1				
<i>Newton 2nd & 3rds</i>	2															
<i>Henry's Cronies</i>	1															
<i>Exeter Panthers</i>										1			2	2		
(Exeter City FC youth)																
<i>Wipton Youth</i>								1								
Clyst Valley AFC	2															Stayed the same
Brixington Blues Youth FC											1	1	2	2		
<i>Heavitree Youth</i>					2			1								
Axminster Sub Area																
Millwey Rise FC	2							1	1	1		1	1			Yth & minis increased
Axminster Town FC	1				1						1	1	1			Yth & minis increased
Hawkchurch Utd FC	1						1									
Uplyme Utd FC	2															

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Exmouth Sub Area																
Brixington Blues Youth				1	1	2	1	1	1	2						
Woodbury FC	3															Adults increased
Fats FC	1															
Exeter Pheonix FC	1															All stayed the same
Exiles FC	1															
Dynamo Bank FC	1															
Bank Utd FC	1															
Exmouth Town FC	2						1									Yth increased
Exmouth Utd Youth FC						1	1	1			1	1	1			Minis increased
Exmouth Amateurs FC	2	1	1		1		1G		1							Yth & minis increased
Sidmouth Town FC						1										
Budleigh Salterton FC	2	1														
East Budleigh FC	2															
Lympstone Youth FC										2	1	1	1			
Lympstone FC vets	1V															
Lympstone FC	2															

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HONITON SUB AREA																	
Honiton Town FC	2																
Honiton Town Youth FC					1		1	1		1	2	2	1	1			Minis increased
Awliscombe Utd FC	1																All stayed the same
Dunkeswell Rovers FC	1																
Upottery FC	1																
Offwell Rangers	1																
OTTERY ST MARY																	
Ottery St Mary FC	2		1		1	1	1G		1	1	1	1					Adult & minis decreased
West Hill Junior FC			1		1G	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				Yth & minis increased
Feniton FC	2	1															
Feniton FC (Youth)					1		1	1	2	1	1	2					Yth & minis increased
Fluxton FC	2																
Tipton St John FC	1																
Exeter Panthers FC											2	2					
Pinhoe Spartans								2									

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Whimple FC	1															Stayed the same	
SEATON SUB AREA																	
Axmouth Utd FC	1															Stayed the same	
Colyton FC	2									1	1	1	1			Stayed the same	
Seaton FC	2						1	1	1							Adults dec; yth & minis increased	
Beer Albion	2															Stayed the same	
SIDMOUTH SUB AREA																	
Sidmouth Town FC	3															Stayed the same	
Sidmouth Town Sunday	1																
Sidbury Utd FC	1																
Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings				1	1		2	1	1	2	2	2	2			Yth/minis increased	
Sidmouth Town Vets	1																
Farway FC	2																
Newton Poppleford FC	1															Adults decreased	
Otterton FC & Vets	2																
TOTAL	61	3	(3)	2	10	7	11	12	10	14	14	17	13	5	179	(+Sidbury Youth)	

3.13 Emerging findings from the analysis of numbers of football clubs and teams in East Devon indicates the following:

- The FA figures (January 2014) record a total of 66 affiliated clubs with a total of 190 teams of which 188 play in East Devon; 64 (34%) are adult teams, 81 (43%) are youth teams (all formats) and 43 (23%) are Mini-Soccer teams. (Some of the teams listed are based in surrounding local authority areas)
- This study has recorded 56 clubs in total, fielding 179 teams: 64 adult (36%); 66 youth (37%) and 49 mini soccer (27%). The difference between the FA's figures and this study is explained by some clubs outside East Devon being erroneously included in the FA data and the demise of some clubs since the FA data was collected.
- The number of teams has decreased by 5 teams overall in East Devon from season 12/13 to season 13/14: (decrease of 7 adult team(s); an increase of 2 youth team(s) and no change in the number of Mini-Soccer team(s)).
- It is hard to discern a trend amongst the numbers of teams in East Devon, although several clubs record increasing numbers of youth and minis.
- An estimated 6,019 East Devon adults currently participate in football, with approximately 1,200 indicating that they would like to play (or play more)
- Origin of players, cross boundary movement and future and latent demand is considered further under the Future Provision, later in this section.

PATTERN OF PLAY

3.14 Football teams train on a variety of surfaces. Information about teams training on artificial surfaces is presented within Section 7: Artificial Grass Pitches. The questionnaire sent to clubs did not specifically ask where clubs train, but the information provided on use of grass pitches for training (which is taken into account in assessment of the capacity of playing pitches set out later in this section) and desired additional training facilities is set out below.

Training – EAST DEVON

Table 3.10: Information on training by East Devon clubs

TABLE 3.10: Club	Please state if your teams train on the pitch or elsewhere on the ground	How many hours are the pitches used for any other informal use	Do you have demand for additional training facilities?	If yes, what type of facilities would be required? (e.g. ...	If yes, where would the facilities be sited?	If yes, who would manage the facilities?
Clyst Valley AFC			Yes	All weather facilities	As near as possible to our existing ground	...
Axminster FC		Unknown	Yes	3G AGP	Axminster	
Millwey Rise Youth FC	Elsewhere on the ground		Yes	3G pitch - Axe Valley		
East Budleigh F.C	On the pitch	2 hours	No			
Exiles FC (Withycombe Raleigh)			Yes	3 g for year round training	plumb park	exiles fc
Exmouth Amateurs (Warren View Sports Ground)	On the pitch	roughly 3 hours, we have a Commando Concept Boot Camp two nights per week, plus Saturday	Yes	If we had a floodlight astro or 3G area, we could accommodate all training requirements. At the moment youth section train at the college	We do have a training pitch which could be transformed	It would be managed within a committee setup

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		mornings				
Exmouth Amateurs FC	Elsewhere on the ground – 4 hours a week	5	Yes	3G	On site	Club
Exmouth Phoenix FC (Withycombe Raleigh)			No			
Exmouth Town (2006) AFC (King George V)	On the pitch – 4 hours a week	not on a regular basis	Yes	Preferably 3G but cast prohibitive	On land currently referred to as "Donkey field"	The Club
Exmouth United FC (prev. Rolle College)			Yes	As above 3G Training pitch.	Within the site	The football club committee and its coaches.
Woodbury FC (Woodbury)	On the pitch – 2 hours a week	3 hours	No			
Awliscombe United FC	We have to train elsewhere	0	Yes	Astro in honiton would be very good	Honiton	Council

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Honiton Town Youth FC (St Ritas Field)	2 hrs a week	0	Yes	floodlit grass pitch or a local astro-3g pitch	Local to us. At moment both Colyton & ottery always seem to be booked during midweek early evening	Hopefully this could be a council managed facility.
Feniton FC	Elsewhere on the ground	2 hours	Yes	All weather training surface	on the ground	the football club
Feniton FC (Acland Park)	Elsewhere on the ground		Yes	3g or Multi Surface with lights	Feniton Football Club Land	Feniton Playing Fields Committee with the aid of Feniton Sports and Social Club
Ottery St Mary YFC	On the pitch		No			
West Hill Junior FC	On the pitch – 1.5 hrs a week	not known	No			
Whimble FC (Knowle Cross)			No			
Axmouth United FC (Boshill)	Most training takes place on a smaller		Yes	Improved floodlighting on existing training pitch could reduce		The Club

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Cross)	adjoining pitch (which is floodlit) but in winter we use local astro turf pitch facilities.			need to use astro pitch elsewhere		
Beer Albion (The Furzebrake)			Yes	3G	At the Furzebrake	The club officers
Colyton AFC (Peace Memorial PFds)	Elsewhere on the ground	0	No			
Seaton Town FC - Seaton Town Youth (Colyford Road, Seaton)	On the pitch – 6 hours a week	Not informal but the one pitch has to accommodate (season 2013-14) two adult teams and four Youth teams.	Yes	3G pitch with floodlights would be ideal. At present in winter we use the facilities at Colyton Grammar which requires a considerable financial outlay.	We have site for this.	Impossible to answer without prior discussion
Newton Poppleford	Elsewhere on	Cannot provide an accurate	Yes	Floodlit Astro turf facilities during	Sidmouth College. Facility	EDDC-Sport Centre

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FC (Back Lane)	the ground	figure, as the ground is also used by two cricket teams during the summer.		November to March. We have to go to Colyton or Ottery St Mary at present.	already there, just needs lights	
Sidmouth Town FC (Manstone Lane)	Elsewhere on the ground				We also train at Colyton Grammar School 3G	
Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings (Sidford)		Believed to be 5 hours of other football & rugby	Yes	3g-AGP. But floodlighting is the key. Currently we have 200? Young players & they all have a round trip of nearly 20 miles minimum to attend midweek training in the winter months.	Sidmouth College astro turf	LED

Matchplay

3.14 In assessing whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate footballing activity at existing playing fields, it is necessary to understand the pattern of play. Summaries are presented below; the information is presented in more detail following the assessment of capacity.

Table 3.10: Overall Pattern of Play

Area	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Exeter Fringe	19	5	1	1
Axminster Sub Area Total	9	7		
Exmouth Sub Area	21	13	8	4
Honiton Sub Area Total	10	6		
Ottery Sub Area Total	29	6	3	1
Seaton Sub Area Total	7	6		
Sidmouth Sub Area Total	11	8	1	3
EAST DEVON	106	51	13	9

CAPACITY

Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views

3.23 Supply and demand is measured through the use of match equivalents to ensure that a comparison is possible. Both the adequacy of pitch provision to meet demand over the course of a week; and the capacity of a pitch to meet demand at peak time are measured. To measure demand, a team playing home fixtures every other week would generate the equivalent of 0.5 match equivalents per week (one fixture every other week). Match equivalent values are also used to measure the use of pitches by educational establishments and the impact of casual access and training.

Peak Time Demand

3.24 The ability of a pitch to accommodate demand at peak time is as important as the overall capacity of the site over a week. The local leagues currently have specific kick off times and it is important that there are enough pitches available when teams are scheduled to play.

3.25 Based on the above, peak time in football has been calculated as follows;

Table 3.11: Peak time for football in East Devon

	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Total
Senior Football		76% (45)	19% (11)	5% (3)	59
Ladies				100% (3)	3
Youth & minis	95% (106)		3% (3 x Girls)	2% (2 x u18s)	111

3.26 It should be noted that pitches can only be considered to have spare capacity at peak time when they are not already utilised to their full capacity over the course of a week. An adult pitch that is not used on a Saturday afternoon (district wide peak time), but is used three times per week at other times (Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and midweek for example) would not be considered able to sustain additional play at peak time, even though no one would be using the facility then, as this would be detrimental to the quality of the pitch.

Capacity scores

3.27 FA guidelines on playing pitch capacity are used to measure supply – pitch capacity is based upon the quality of the pitch and the consequential number of matches that it can sustain per week. The assumptions used are set out in the Table below. This means that a ‘good’ adult football pitch can sustain the equivalent of 3 matches a week; a ‘standard’ mini pitch can sustain the equivalent of 4 mini soccer matches a week.

Table 3.12: Capacity Scores based upon Pitch Quality

Agreed pitch quality rating	Number of match equivalent sessions a week		
	Adult football pitch	Youth football pitch	Mini soccer pitch
Good	3	4	6
Standard	2	2	4
Poor	1	1	2

Situation at Individual Sites

3.28 Table 3.13 below presents an analysis of activity on a site specific basis and considers;

- the amount of play that a site is able to sustain (based upon its quality and the facilities and pitches available);
- how much play takes place at each site, as well as the impact of educational and informal or casual use;
- whether there is any spare capacity at the site based upon a comparison between the capacity of the site and the actual usage; and

- the key issues relating to the site.
- Peak time for adult football is Saturday afternoon and for junior football, Sunday mornings

Table 3.13: Capacity at Football Pitch Sites in East Devon:

A Site Name	B Type of Community Use	C Pitch Type	D No of Pitches	E Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use	F Current Community Use	G Difference (E – F) i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week	H Assessment	I Extent of any spare capacity for community use during the peak period (match equivs)	J Capacity Issues and Views
EAST DEVON – EXETER FRINGE									
Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	3.5 (2 Sat pm; 1 Sun am; 6 Sat ams (incl. minis)	-1.5	Pitch technically being overplayed	0 (Sat pm)	No spare capacity
New Inn pub	?	Mini football	(2)		2 (u12 & u13)			0	Not considered further as marked out in pub garden on grace & favour basis
Clyst Vale Community College	Secured Community Use	Adult football	2	4	U13 & u9 Sat am; plus school use	0	School use; no spare capacity	0	School use
Winslade Park (Clyst Valley AFC)	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	1.5 (2 Sat pm; u18 Sun pm)	0.5	Potential to accommodate additional play on Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	
Winslade Park (Friends Life)	Secured community Use	Adult	2	4	1.5 (Sat am: u13, 2 x u16)	2.5	Potential to accommodate additional play on Sats & Suns	2 (Sat pm)	Depending on quality rating (standard or good?), pitches have some capacity for both Saturday & Sunday play. Possibilities of pitches not being

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									available 2014/15 due to pending redevelopment of site.
Winslade Park (Friends Life)	Secured community Use	7v7	2	4	3 (2 x u7, 2 x u8, u9, u10),	1	Potentially able to accommodate more play on Sundays	0 (Sat am)	See above
EAST DEVON – AXMINSTER SUB AREA									
Cloakham Lawn, Axminster	Secured Community use	Adult Football	1	2	1 (2 Sat teams)	1	Potentially able to accommodate some additional play on Sat am & Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	Juniors could use adult pitch Sat ams (see below)
Cloakham Lawn, Axminster	Secured Community Use	Junior 9v9	1	2	2.5 (5 Sat am: u13, u12, u11, u9, u8)	-0.5	At capacity to the level that the pitch can sustain	0 (Sat am)	Mini teams do not exert so much wear on pitches
North of Cloakham Lawn (new pitches, Axminster)	Secured Community Use	Adult Football	2	4	1.5 (2 Sat pm snr + U16 Sat am)	2.5	Potentially able to accommodate additional team Sat am or teams on Sundays	1 (Sat pm)	
North of Cloakham Lawn (new pitches,	Secured Community Use	9v9	1	2	1.5 (Sat am x 3: u8, u9 & u10)	0.5	Potentially able to accommodate some additional play on Saturdays	0 (Sat am)	May be able to accommodate extra mini teams as not so much wear on

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Axminster							and on Sundays		pitches
Boshill Cross, Axmouth	Secured Community Use	Adult Football	1	3	0.5 (1x Sat pm)	1.5	Potentially able to accommodate additional play on Saturdays and on Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Considerable spare capacity here for e.g.another adult side and up to 4 juniors
Hawkchurch Playing Field	Secured Community Use	Adult Football	1	1	0.5 (1 x Sat pm)	0.5	Potentially able to accommodate a little additional play on Saturdays and Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Poor ground but could accommodate one more senior side or 2 youth?
Venlake Meadow, Uplyme	Secured Community Use	Adult Football	1	2	1 (2 x Sat pm)	1.0	Potentially able to accommodate some additional play on Sat ams and/or Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	Opportunities for development of youth teams or Sunday adult sides
Axe Vale Community College					Used for occasional training and coaching				
EAST DEVON – EXMOUTH SUB AREA									
Withycombe Raleigh Common	Secured Community Use	Adult football	3	9	7.0 (2 Sat pm;, 5 adult x Sun am,	2.0	Close to capacity on both Saturdays and Sundays	0.5 (Sat)	Potentially could accommodate a few additional mini teams

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					Sat: 2 x u11, u12, u13, u14, 2 x u15, u16 and: u18 Sun pm)				and possibly an additional team on Saturday pm
King George V, Exmouth	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	1.5 (2 Sat pm + u14 Sat am) + training on pitch	0.5	Spare capacity on Sat am or Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	Could accommodate additional team
Rolle College, Exmouth	Out of Action	Youth football 11v11	2	4	2.5 (u8, u9, u10, u13, u14 Sat am; u15 Sun am)	1.5	At capacity Sat am; spare capacity Sundays	0 (Sat am)	No longer in use
Warren View, Exmouth	Secured Community Use	Adult football	2	4	3 (2 Sat pm; 1 Sun pm; u12 Sat am + u16 +u14G Sun am) + training on pitch	1	Potentially able to accommodate more play on Saturdays & Sundays	1 (Sat pm)	Teams are well spread throughout weekend. Not age appropriate sizes
Budleigh Salterton FC	Secured Community Use	Adult Football	1	2	1.5 (2 Sat pm; 1 Sun pm)	0.5	Potentially able to accommodate an extra team on Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	Ladies play 3 or so games per season so could accommodate other teams on Sundays or Sats

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East Budleigh Recreation Ground	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	1 (2 x Sat pm) + training on pitch	1.	Potentially able to accommodate more play on Sat ams Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	Could accommodate junior and/or Sunday sides
Burgmanna Hill, Lympstone	Secured Community use	Adult football	1	2	2 (Sat am: u8, u9, u10, 2 x u11) + Vets Sun pm?	0	Technically at capacity	0 (Sat am)	All youth teams, so could possibly field additional team at weekend. Not age appropriate size
CTCRM	Restricted MoD	Adult football	1	2	1 (2 x Sat pm)	1	At capacity, as MoD site & community use allowed to current extent	0 (Sat pm)	
Woodbury Playing Fields	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	1	0.5 (1 x Sat pm) + training on pitch	0.5	Potential to accommodate additional team.	0.5 (Sat pm)	Only one team playing – poor quality ground – 2 other teams play at Withycombe Raleigh
HONITON SUB AREA									
Mountbatten Sports Field, Honiton	Secured Community Use	Adult football	2	4	1 (2 x Sat pm)	2	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays & Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Mini pitches overmark the 2 nd adult pitch, so limited capacity for additional adult teams here

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Mountbatten Sports Field, Honiton	Secured Community Use	Mini 7v7	2	8	5 (Sat ams: u7, u8, 2 x u9, 2 x u10)	3	Technically spare capacity on Sundays	0 (Sat am)	See above
St Ritas, Honiton	Secured Community Use	Youth football 11v11	2	4	2 (Sat am: u11, u13, u14, u16) + training on pitch	2	Spare capacity on Saturday pm &/or Sundays	0 (Sat am)	
Greenway Lane, Awliscombe	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	0.5 (1 x Sat pm)	1.5	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays & Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Could accommodate additional youth and/or adult teams
Dunkeswell Football Field	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	1	0.5 (1 x Sat pm)	0.5	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays or Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Even though poor quality, could accommodate an additional team
Glebe Park, Upton	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	0.5 (1 x Sat pm)	1.5	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays & Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Could accommodate additional youth and/or adult teams
Offwell Recreation Ground, Offwell	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	1	0.5 (1 Sat pm)	0.5	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays & Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Even though poor quality, could accommodate an additional team
OTTERY ST MARY SUB AREA									

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Washbrook Meadow, Ottery St Mary	Secured Community Use	Adult football	2	4	2.5 (2 x Sat pm; 2 x Sat am: u15, u16 & Sun am U14G) + training on pitch	1.5	Potentially able to accommodate more play on Saturdays & Sundays	1 (Sat pm)	Could accommodate additional Sat pm and Sunday teams
Washbrook Meadow, Ottery St Mary	Secured Community Use	Youth Football 9v9	1	1	32 (Sat am: u9, u10, u11, u12,)	0	Possibly capacity for additional minis	0 (Sat am)	Poor pitch reduces capacity but minis do not exert much wear and tear on pitch
Kings School, Ottery St Mary	Community Use	Adult football	1	2	2.5 (u8, u9, u10, u11, u12,, u13 + u16 Sun am)	-0.5	Nominally at capacity but see Notes	0 (Sat ams)	Other pitches on site overmarked for rugby but may still be available for youth football.
Acland Park, Feniton	Secured Community Use	Adult football	3	6	3 (2 Sat pm + 1 Sun pm + 3 on Sat am: u13, u14 & u16)	3	Potentially able to accommodate more play on Saturdays & Sundays	1.5 (Sat pm)	Across three pitches considerable spare capacity for adult and junior teams
Acland Park, Feniton	Secured Community Use	Junior 9v9	1	2	1.5 (u11 + 2 x u12 on Sat am)	0.5	Potentially able to accommodate more play on Saturdays & Sundays	0.5 (Sat am)	If age appropriate pitches used, this pitch may have room for another u11/u12 team, but if being used for other age groups, it is probably

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									at capacity
Acland Park	Secured Community Use	7v7	5?	20	1.5 (Sat am: 2 x u9, u10)	18.5	Potentially able to accommodate more play on Sats and Suns	3.5	These calculations pertain if all mini pitches included, probably only 2-3 used at present
Tipton St John Playing Field	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	1	1.5 (1 Sat pm; 2 x Sat am – u14 & u15)	-0.5	At capacity; slightly overused	0 (Sat pm)	
Rockbeare Playing Fields	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	1	1.5 (1 x Sat pm, 2 x u13 Sat am)	-0.5	At capacity – poor pitch	0 (Sat pm)	Occas. Tipton St John FC play here but no regular Sat. team
Rockbeare Playing Fields	Secured Community Use	Mini 7v7	2	4	2 (Sat am: 2 x u9, 2 x u10)	2	Potentially able to accommodate a little additional play on Sundays	0 (Sat am)	Poor pitches and probably at capacity for mini teams
Knowle Cross, Whimple	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	0.5 (1 x Sat pm)	1.5	Potentially able to accommodate more play on Saturdays and Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Could accommodate youth teams as well.
SEATON SUB AREA									

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Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Field	Secured Community Use	Adult football	2	4	1 (2 x Sat pm)	3	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays & Sundays	1 (Sat pm)	Plenty of spare capacity even if juniors playing on adult pitches
Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Field	Secured Community Use	Youth 7v7, mini 7v7	2	6	1.5 (Sat am: u9, u11, u12)	4.5	Potentially able to sustain more junior play on Saturdays & Sundays	0.5 (Sat am)	Pitch sizes recorded may not be accurate: u11s & u12s may play on adult pitches
Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Field	Secured Community Use	2 mini 5v5	2	8	0.5 (u8)	7+	Potentially able to sustain more mini play on Saturdays and Sundays	1.5 (Sat am)	Plenty of spare capacity
Chantry Bridge	Secured Community Use	Adult football, Youth 9v9	1	2	0.5 (Sat am u8)	1.5	Potentially able to sustain more play on Sat pm & Sundays	0.5 (Sat am)	Changing facilities may reduce capacity to support more usage.
Colyton Grammar school		Adult football	1				Will be hosting Seaton FC youth team 2014/15		
Elizabeth Road Playing Field Seaton	Secured Community Use	Youth 7v7	1	1	0.5 (Sat am: u12)	0.5	Potentially able to sustain a little more play on Saturdays & Sundays	0.5 (Sat am)	Poor ground
Seaton Town FC, Colyford Road	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	2 (Sat am: u13, u14; 2 x Sat pm) + training on pitch	0	Probably at capacity	0 (Sat pm)	Ground needs upgrading

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The Furzebrake, Beer	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	1(2 x Sat pm)	1	Potentially able to sustain more play on Sat am (juniors) & Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	
SIDMOUTH SUB AREA									
Manstone Lane, Sidmouth	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	2	2 (3 x Sat pm; 1 x u18s + 1 x Vets on Sun pm.)	0	No spare capacity	0 (Sat pm)	Site being used to capacity
Byes Lane, Sidford	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	3	0.5 (1 x Sat pm)	2.5	Potentially able to sustain more play on Sats & Suns)	0.5 (Sat pm)	Home to Sidbury Utd FC
Byes Lane, Sidford	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	3	1 (1 x Sun pm; Sat am: u16)	2	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays and Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Older youth teams (u14 & u13 may use this pitch as well)
Byes Lane Sidford	Secured Community Use	Youth 11v11	1	4	5 (Sat am: u14 x 2, u13, u12, 2 x u11, 2 x u10, 2 x u9)	-1	At capacity	0 (Sat am)	Assume that older juniors use the senior pitch
Long Park Sidmouth	Secured Community Use	Mini 5v5	2	4	1 (Sat am: 2 x u8)	3	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays and Sundays	3 (Sat am)	Club have plans to enlarge these pitches

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Eastlee Park, Farway	Secured Community Use	Adult football	1	3	1 (2 Sat pm)	2	Potentially able to sustain more play on Saturdays & Sundays	0 (Sat pm)	Could accommodate juniors or a senior Sunday side
Back Lane, Newton Popleford	Secured Community Use	Adult pitch	1	1	0.5 (1 x Sat pm)	0.5	Potentially able to sustain a little more play on Saturdays or Sundays	0.5 (Sat pm)	Poor quality pitch so limited spare capacity
Back Lane, Newton Popleford	Secured community use	9v9	1	1	n/a		No information relating to usage available.		Apparently used by youth teams? (Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings?)
Back Lane, Newton Popleford	Secured community use	7v7	2	4	N/A		No information relating to usage available.		Apparently used by youth teams? (Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings?)
Stantyway Lane, Otterton	Secured Community Use	Adult pitch	1	1	1 (1 X Sat pm; 1 x Sun pm)	0	Probably at capacity; may be able to accommodate additional team Suns	0 (Sat pm)	Poor quality pitch: Vets only play occasionally on Sun pms.

3.21 Clubs were asked whether they played at their preferred ground. The following clubs responded:

Table 3.14: Preferred Grounds; East Devon football clubs

Club	Ground	Preferred Ground?
Exiles FC	Exmouth Archery Club	lack of facilities in town
Exmouth United FC	Currently Rolle College Playing Fields. Tenancy finishes end of current season.	St Johns Playing Fields, Exmouth, EX8
Honiton Town Youth FC	St Ritas Field (adjacent to Mountbatten Sports Field)	Mountbatten Sports park due to the facilities that are available there. St Ritas pitches are basically on a field with no facilities
Seaton Town FC - Seaton Town Youth	Colyford Road Seaton EX122DF	Yes in current circumstances but the pitch is too narrow to allow the Club to progress. Widening the pitch is not possible given the constraints of the site. We need a bigger pitch and second pitch. In September 2014 we will not be able to accommodate all our Youth teams and we will need to hire, if possible, a pitch outside of Seaton. If we cannot do this, we may have to disband one Youth team.

Football in East Devon – Commentary on Capacity

On a sub area basis:

3.22 Exeter Fringe

Ground	Club	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Broadclyst Sports FC u15	1			
Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Exeter Panthers 2 x u7, 2 x u8, u12	5			
Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Newtown 2 nd & 3 rd		2		
Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Henry's Cronies			1	
New Inn Pub	Broadclyst Sports Club u11 & u12	2			
Clyst Vale Community College	Whipton Youth u13 & BSC u9	2			
Winslade Park (Clyst Valley AFC)	Clyst Valley AFC 1 st & 2 nd + u18s		2		1

Winslade Park (Friends Life)	Brixington Blues: 2 x u7, 2 x u8, u9, u10	6			
Winslade Park (Friends Life)	<i>Heavitree Youth: u13 + 2 x U16</i>	3			
	Exeter Fringe Total	19	4	1	1

Observations/Comments

- The clubs in italics are Exeter teams and therefore the extent of displaced demand from Exeter can be appreciated
- Broadclyst Recreation ground is accommodating 3 senior and a range of junior teams from Exeter and the pitch is being overplayed. Newtown FC from Exeter plays its 2nd and 3rds here; the ground will need enhancement to meet Peninsula League standards
- There are apparently two small mini pitches occasionally marked out in a field adjacent to New Inn pub, but these are not considered further; they apparently cater for 2 Broadclyst Sports Club teams – u11s and u12s, and this suggests these teams cannot be accommodated elsewhere.
- Broadclyst Sports Club FC do not appear to run any adult teams. Their juniors use 3 different grounds – Broadclyst Recreation Ground (u15s), Clyst Vale Community College (u9s) and the New Inn (u11s & u12s)
- The Cat and Fiddle ground has a range of pitches but is not available for community use; it functions primarily as a training ground and is also the home ground of Exeter City Youth FC u10s – u18s. It has not been considered in the demand assessment. However, the lease of the site is soon to expire and the future of the club/teams at this site is not assured.
- Clyst Vale Community College pitches (2 adult) are used for pre season training and on Saturday mornings by u13s and u9s team.
- Clyst Valley AFC (stadium pitch at Winslade Park) run two senior Saturday sides and an u18s on their pitch; on this basis there is capacity for an additional Sunday team. The pitch has recently been widened and drainage, perimeter barriers and safety netting installed.
- The 2 adult and 2 mini 7v7 pitches at Winslade Park (Friends Life) are home to 6 youth and mini Brixington Blues teams and 3 Heavitree Youth teams. Heavitree Youth is an Exeter based club and therefore again, this sub area is meeting demand from Exeter teams. Brixington Blues is a large youth football club from Exmouth.
- Issues around development of Winslade Park to be considered further. However, if Winslade Park pitches to be replaced – consider remarking one existing adult to 2 x 9v9 pitches. (Issues/potential for Winslade Park to be further explored) Football teams are being displaced due to development works this coming season; Brixington Blues may go to Withercombe Raleigh; it is not known where Heavitree Youth will be accommodated.

3.23: Exeter Fringe Sub Area – Capacity summary

3.24 This Table, and the other tables below, present information contained within Table 3.13 above, on the match equivalents for each relevant category. It relates to the pitches where a detailed analysis of capacity has been undertaken.

EXETER FRINGE SUB AREA	Pitch Type	No. of pitches	Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Difference i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week	Extent of any spare capacity for community use during the peak period (match equivs)
Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Adult football	1	2	-1.5	0
Clyst Vale Community College	Adult football	2	4	0	0
Winslade Park (Clyst Valley AFC)	Adult football	1	2	0.5	0
Winslade Park (Friends Life)	Adult	2	4	2.5	2
Winslade Park (Friends Life)	7v7	2	4	1	0
New Inn pub	Mini football				0

3.25 Key points:

- Broadclyst Recreation Ground being overused. Some spare capacity at Winslade Park (Friends Life) for adult football, but 7v7 pitches have no spare capacity for juniors at peak time; so sub area cannot cope with demand from both within and outside the area for youth teams at peak times on Saturday mornings.

3.26 Axminster Sub Area

Ground	Club	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Cloakham Lawn	Millwey Rise 1 st & 2 nd ; u13, u12, u11, u9, u8	5	2		
North of Cloakham Lawn (new pitches)	Axminster 1 st XI + u16, u10, u9, u8	4	1		
Boshill Cross, Axmouth	Axmouth Utd FC		1		
Hawkchurch Playing Field	Hawkchurch FC		1		
Venlake Meadows	Uplyme FC		2		
	Axminster Sub Area Total	9	7		

Observations/Comments

- Cloakham Lawn site with one adult and one 9v9 pitch is accommodating 2 senior sides and range of juniors. The junior pitch is probably at capacity.
- North of Cloakham Lawn (new Axminster Town FC) pitches: At present, club appears to be running one senior side, u16s and three junior sides. The aspiration is for 2 adult pitches

and a 9v9 pitch at this site, to accommodate youth development, growth and expansion which is expected once the club is settled in its new ground.

- Town Council and others are looking to provide new changing facilities at Cloakham Lawn.
- There was a football pitch at Millwey Rise, although this has been out of action since Millwey Rise FC moved to Cloakham Lawn; poor condition, no changing
- Axmouth Utd FC (Boshill Cross) is playing one senior side on a good senior adult pitch and the ground could therefore accommodate at least another adult side and up to 4 juniors comfortably on this pitch. Perimeter rail and dugouts required if the club are to progress up leagues. The club is also looking at improvements to floodlights on its training pitch
- Hawkchurch FC’s ground is an example of a poor rural ground. It can sustain two teams and therefore has a little spare capacity,
- Venlake Meadows – home of Uplyme FC hosts 2 Saturday teams– a standard quality site which could accommodate some juniors or extra adult teams.
- Axe Valley Community College: College’s response says 1 adult pitch: the main current community use is for the Exeter City Youth Development Programme and one-off skill events or summer training delivered by Axminster Town AFC
- The pitches are of reasonable quality but the level of school use, together with the combination of soil type and weather means that they have very limited capacity for additional training sessions, matches or community use, despite the strong demand from local clubs and teams. There is a need to restrict further community use of the pitches to prevent damage to the playing surface and compromising curriculum requirements. The College desires a 3g AGP, currently being progressed.

3.27: Axminster Sub Area – Capacity summary

AXMINSTER SUB AREA	C Pitch Type	No. of pitches	Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Difference i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week	Extent of any spare capacity for community use during the peak period (match equivs)
Cloakham Lawn, Axminster	9v9	1	2	-0.5	0
North of Cloakham Lawn (new pitches)	9v9	1	2	0.5	0
Cloakham Lawn, Axminster	Adult Football	1	2	1	0
Boshill Cross, Axmouth	Adult Football	1	3	1.5	0.5
Hawkchurch Playing Field	Adult Football	1	1	0.5	0.5
Venlake Meadow, Uplyme	Adult Football	1	2	1	0

North of Cloakham Lawn (new pitches,) Axminster	Adult Football	2	4	2.5	1
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3.28 Key points:

- 9v9 pitches: existing 9v9 at Cloakham Lawns being overplayed. New 9v9 pitch may have a little spare capacity for minis, but basically no spare capacity for youth and mini teams on Saturday mornings (peak time). (Suggest retention of Millwey pitch to meet growth in demand, although some demand for matches for youths and minis may be met on new 3g AGP.....)
- Adult football is fairly well served with spare capacity in Axminster at the new Axminster FC pitch site to the North of Cloakham Lawn site for an additional Saturday adult team.
- All rural grounds have some element on spare capacity, although the Uplyme pitch is at capacity at peak time (Saturday afternoons)

3.29 Exmouth Sub Area

Ground	Club	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Withycombe Raleigh Common (aka Archery Field)	Brixington Blues u18, u16, 2 x u15, u14, u13, u12, 2 x u11	8			1
Withycombe Raleigh Common	Woodbury FC		2		
Withycombe Raleigh Common	Bank Utd FC			1	
Withycombe Raleigh Common	Dynamo Bank FC			1	
Withycombe Raleigh Common	Exiles FC			1	
Withycombe Raleigh Common	Exmouth Pheonix FC			1	
Withycombe Raleigh Common	Fats FC			1	
King George V Exmouth	Exmouth Town FC	1	2		
Rolle College	Exmouth Utd Youth FC u15, u14, u13, u10, u9, u8	5		1	
Warren View	Exmouth Amateurs FC 1 st & 2 nd ; u14G, Ladies, u12, u16	1	2	2	1
Budleigh Salterton Greenway Lane	BS FC 1 st & 2 nd & ladies		2		1
East Budleigh Recreation Ground	EB 1 st & 2 nd		2		
Burgmanna Hill (aka Cliff Field)	Lymptone Youth FC u8, u9, u10, 2 x u11 + occas. Vets	5			1
CTCRM	Lympstone FC		2		
Woodbury Playing Fields	Woodbury FC 3rd XI		1		
	Exmouth Sub Area	21	13	8	4

Observations/Comments

Withycombe Raleigh

- The Withycombe Raleigh site (managed by East Devon DC) has 3 adult pitches available on Saturday and Sunday for am and pm kick off times. Weekday matches available also but these never happen. Last season 2013/14, the following use was recorded:
 - Saturday AM all three pitches were used by Brixington Blues (Junior Teams)
 - Saturday PM one pitch was used by Woodbury FC (2 teams)
 - Sunday AM all three pitches used by FATS/Exiles, Bank/Dynamo and Phoenix
 - Sunday PM one pitch used by Brixington Blues on various Sundays.
- Every team which applied for a pitch got one last season. 18 days were cancelled due to the bad weather. However, it is expected that in the coming season, the pitches may be over booked, as the Brixington Blues are losing the Friends Life pitches at Clyst St Mary (Winslade Park). However, it has not been confirmed if they will be using Withycombe Raleigh pitches yet.
- These pitches are of good quality; they are almost at capacity.

Other Exmouth pitches

- King George V: one adult pitch – running 2 senior sides and one junior; potentially space for another Sunday or youth side. Some unauthorised use by language schools etc and for training. Exmouth Town aspire to a new training area and new, replacement floodlights.
- Rolle College – now out of use (was 2 youth 11v11 pitches). Exmouth Utd Youth FC run 6 teams here and urgently need a new home; the club have set up a development plan for a proposal to use St. John's Playing Exmouth as a permanent home venue. Would need at least 1 7v7, 1 9v9 and 1 youth 11v11 to play on correct sizes. This ongoing project to be reviewed further within the Strategy.
- Warren View has 2 adult pitches; teams are well spread throughout weekend and no capacity issues; there is some spare capacity. Exmouth Amateurs FC are looking in to the possible improvement of their ground: the club would like floodlight astro or 3G area, to accommodate all training requirements. At the moment youth section train at the college. Have a training pitch on site which 'could be transformed'. Club currently in talks with a youth section and if possible will run age groups from u8 - u16, and approximately 3 adult teams
- Exmouth Community College has no grass pitches; Table 3.3 earlier in this Section sets out the College's aspirations for a full size 3g (see also Section 8)

Lympstone

- Burgmanna Hill (aka Cliff Field): One adult pitch which Lympstone Youth are using on a Saturday morning. Approaching capacity but because some are mini teams which exert less wear and tear on the pitches, it could accommodate a senior team on a Saturday afternoon or a team(s) on Sundays.
- CTCRM Lympstone. The base states: 'In respect of the grass pitches, due to the intensity of usage in support of training and the requirement to provide members of the Corps

recreational facilities, availability of these amenities for wider use is very limited. The situation is exacerbated as the maintenance contract is in place to meet core activity; without either the funding or flexibility to provide additional maintenance commensurate with an increase in pitch usage. Usage is currently restricted to a maximum of one game on a Saturday and one game on a Sunday; however, this varies year on year depending upon the Corps team fixtures. This last season we let the facilities to Lymptone FC for their Saturday fixtures; however, the atrocious weather resulted in a large number of matches being cancelled. We do let the pitches on an adhoc basis, if available, to assist local clubs who have an emergency requirement’.

Other pitches

- Budleigh Salterton: one adult pitch, rated as standard catering for 2 Saturday XIs and a Ladies team on Sundays. The ladies team does not play very often and there is thus spare capacity for additional Sunday (or Saturday morning youth) use.
- East Budleigh: the adult pitch here caters for 2 adult teams on a Saturday so has spare capacity
- Woodbury FC’s pitch is poor, and is frequently waterlogged. The club just play their 3rd team here at present because it is such poor quality. Their 1st and 2nd XIs play at Withycombe Raleigh. Local trust looking to level field and add drainage, but funding is dependent on setting up a junior side; however there is not room for a junior pitch. Plans have been also drafted to provide a purpose built facility for shared community use at the playing fields and provision of a MUGA are planned.

3.30: Exmouth Sub Area – Capacity summary

EXMOUTH SUB AREA	Pitch Type	No. of pitches	Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Difference i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week	Extent of any spare capacity for community use during the peak period (match equivalents)
Withycombe Raleigh Common	Adult football	3	9	2	0.5
King George V, Exmouth	Adult football	1	2	0.5	0
Warren View, Exmouth	Adult football	2	4	1	1
Budleigh Salterton FC	Adult Football	1	2	0.5	0
Burgmanna Hill, Lymptone	Adult football	1	2	0	0
CTCRM	Adult football	1	2	1	0
Woodbury Playing Fields	Adult football	1	1	0.5	0.5
East Budleigh Recreation Ground	Adult football	1	2	1	0

Rolle College, Exmouth	Youth football 11v11	2	4	1.5	0
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3.31 Key points:

- The pitches at Withycombe Raleigh are close to capacity; possible resizing of pitches may be beneficial and enable capacity to be increased
- In Exmouth itself, the adult pitch at King George V has no spare capacity for adult teams; Warren View may be able to accommodate additional Saturday adult teams. Warren View is accommodating youth teams on adult pitches; there is some room for growth.
- A key issue in Exmouth is the lack of age appropriate pitches for youth teams, particularly given the pending loss of the 2 youth pitches at Rolle College. In any event, these were at capacity for Saturday morning peak time youth use and more age appropriate pitches are required (minis and 9v9)
- Burgmanna Hill is catering for a range of youth teams on Saturdays; although the adult pitch is used occasionally by a Vets team on Sunday afternoons, resizing for age appropriate pitches should be considered.

3.32 Honiton Sub Area

Ground	Club	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Mountbatten Sports Field – adult pitches	Honiton Town FC		2		
Mountbatten Sports Field – minis + St Rita’s youth 11v11	Honiton Town Youth u7, u8, 2 x u9, 2x u10, u11, u13, u14, u16	10			
Greenway Lane, Awliscombe	Awliscombe Utd FC		1		
Dunkeswell Football Field	Dunkeswell Rovers FC		1		
Glebe Park, Upottery	Upottery FC		1		
Offwell Recreation Ground	Offwell rangers FC		1		
	Honiton Sub Area Total	10	6		

Observations/Comments

- At Mountbatten Sports Field, Honiton Town FC is currently fielding 2 Saturday teams off 2 adult pitches so there is spare capacity here for additional Saturday & Sunday teams. However, the 2 mini pitches are on the 2nd adult pitch, which restricts that pitch’s capacity for additional teams.
- 10 junior and mini teams are playing on 2 mini 7v7 pitches and 2 11v11 youth pitches at Mountbatten Sports Field and the adjacent St. Ritas ground. There is some spare capacity, but very little, if any, at peak time (Saturday mornings). The lack of changing facilities at St. Ritas is an issue for the club using it.

- The grass area on site at Honiton Community College is not large enough to accommodate the college’s needs and so the College rents the All Hallows rugby ground from EDDC.
- There are long-standing proposals for a major pitch site incorporating grass football, rugby and cricket pitches at Tower Hill, Honiton; the Strategy will be assessing potential demand for these facilities.
- Playing Fields at Awliscombe, Dunkeswell, Upottery and Offwell are generally poor to adequate grounds, fielding one Saturday adult team each. There is thus some spare capacity for junior development and an additional adult team at these sites.

3.33: Honiton Sub Area – Capacity summary

HONITON SUB AREA	Pitch Type	No. of pitches	Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Difference i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week	Extent of any spare capacity for community use during the peak period (match equivs)
Mountbatten Sports Field, Honiton	Adult football	2	4	2	0.5
Mountbatten Sports Field, Honiton	Mini 7v7	2	8	3	0
St Ritas, Honiton	Youth football 11v11	2	4	2	0
Greenway Lane, Awliscombe	Adult football	1	2	1.5	0.5
Dunkeswell Football Field	Adult football	1	1	0.5	0.5
Glebe Park, Upottery	Adult football	1	2	1.5	0.5
Offwell Recreation Ground, Offwell	Adult football	1	1	0.5	0.5

3.34 Key Points:

- The issue at Mountbatten Sports Field/St Rita's Honiton is lack of capacity for youth and mini teams. The youth pitches at St Rita's do not have changing facilities; and they are full at peak times (Saturday mornings), as are the mini pitches at Mountbatten. Moreover, the lack of dedicated mini pitches means that the capacity of one of the adult pitches at Mountbatten is compromised.
- Elsewhere in the Sub Area there is spare capacity for youth teams to develop and/or an additional adult team to play on the rural adult pitches at Awliscombe,

Dunkeswell, Upottery and Offwell.; however, quality of these pitches is variable and can reduce their overall capacity.

3.35 Ottery St Mary Sub Area

Ground	Club	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Washbrook Meadows, OSM	Ottery St Mary FC 1 st & 2 nd		2		
Washbrook Meadows, OSM	Ottery St Mary u16, u15, u12, u11, u10, u9, u14G	6		1	
The Kings School	West Hill Juniors FC u8, u9, u10, u11, u12 u13, U16G	6		1	
Acland Park, Feniton	Feniton FC 1 st & 2 nd + ladies		2		1
Acland Park, Feniton	Feniton FC 2xu9, u10, u11, 2xu12, u13, u14, u16	9			
Tipton St John Playing Fields	Fluxton FC		1		
Tipton St John Playing Fields	West Hill Juniors FC u14 & u15s	2			
Rockbeare Playing Fields	Tipton St John FC 1 st XI		1		
Rockbeare Playing Fields	Exeter Panthers 2 x u9, 2 x u10	4			
Rockbeare Playing Fields	Pinhoe Spartans 2 x u13	2			
Knowle Cross, Whimble	Whimble FC			1	
	Ottery Sub Area Total	29	6	3	1

Observations/Comments

Ottery St Mary

- Washbrook Meadows in Ottery St Mary has 2 adult pitches of fairly good quality and 1 youth 9v9 pitch which is rated poor. It seems likely that in order to accommodate the range of juniors, youth teams are using the adult pitches on Saturday morning but the adult pitches still have some capacity for additional adult and junior sides.
- The youth pitch is virtually at capacity but could accommodate some more mini teams.
- The Kings School has 3 adult pitches but two are overmarked for rugby, so it has been recorded as having one adult football. It accommodate a range of juniors from West Hill Juniors, and with school use in the week is probably at capacity. (West Hill Juniors have also been recorded playing at Tipton St John; this may be because there is some basic changing available there) West Hill Jnrs state that they would like to be able to provide a unit for changing and toilets for two teams at the school site.
- There is also a recreation ground on Winter's Lane, owned and maintained by EDDC, which could be improved into a proper pitch and also mini pitches at the primary school.

Feniton

- Acland Park, Feniton: This is a large site with 3 adult pitches, 1 9v9 junior pitch and potentially 5 7v7 mini pitches, all rated as standard. The pitches have problems with moles.
- With the number of pitches here (potentially up to 5 minis although these may not all be being used, there is considerable spare capacity here. The 9v9 pitch is almost at capacity but presumably it is possible to provide another 9v9 pitch by realigning/enlarging the minis, if demand is there.

Other sites

- Tipton St John playing field (one adult pitch) is catering for 2 junior teams from West Hill, OSM. Occasionally Tipton St John FC play here but there is no regular Saturday team. The pitch is rated as poor which limits its capacity for additional teams
- Rockbeare playing field: the site has one adult and 2 mini pitches which are rated as poor. Because of demand in the area, the site is catering for 6 junior teams (from Exeter) and one adult side, and is virtually at capacity, although there may be room for a little additional play on Sundays on the mini pitches (although no demand recorded).
- Knowle Cross has a standard adult pitch and is recorded as catering for Whimble FC Sunday team. There is therefore some spare capacity for another adult and youth teams

3.36: Ottery St Mary Sub Area – Capacity summary

OTTERY ST MARY SUB AREA	Pitch Type	No. of pitches	Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Difference i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week	Extent of any spare capacity for community use during the peak period (match eqivs)
Washbrook Meadow, Ottery St Mary	Adult football	2	4	1.5	1
Washbrook Meadow, Ottery St Mary	9v9	1	1	0	0
Kings School, Ottery St Mary	Adult football	1	2	-0.5	0
Acland Park, Feniton	Adult football	3	6	3	1.5
Acland Park, Feniton	9v9	1	2	0.5	0.5
Acland Park, Feniton	7v7	5	20	18.5	3.5
Tipton St John Playing Field	Adult football	1	1	-0.5	0
Rockbeare Playing Fields	Adult football	1	1	-0.5	0
Rockbeare Playing Fields	7v7	2	4	2	0
Knowle Cross, Whimble	Adult football	1	2	1.5	0.5

3.37 Key Points:

- It is best to consider these pitches by settlement; Ottery St Mary has sufficient adult pitches for Saturday league teams, but as in other areas, the adult pitches are used by youth teams on Saturday mornings, and there is no additional capacity within the town to accommodate any growth in youth and mini teams (Winter's Lane could be developed into a youth 11v11 pitch?)
- Acland Park at Feniton is a large site and there is considerable spare capacity here to accommodate senior, junior and mini teams, but again age appropriate larger youth pitches would be of benefit. There appears to be ample mini pitch provision
- The pressure on the pitches in the Ottery St Mary area can be seen by the fact that the pitch at Tipton St John playing fields is nevertheless used by two teams from West Hill. Other West Hill Juniors are accommodated at The King's School, Ottery St Mary
- Similarly, the shortage of pitches to the east of Exeter (and in the east of the city) is demonstrated by the fact thaty Rockebeare playing fields, despite being a poor quality, site acocmmodates 6 junior amd mini teams from Exeter, but this pitch is at capacity now for both senior and junior/mini football at peak times.

3.38 Seaton Sub Area

Ground	Club	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Colyton	Colyton FC 1 st & 2 nd		2		
Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Colyton	Colyton Youth FCu9, u11, u12	3			
Chantry Bridge, Colyton	Colyton Youth FC u8	1			
Elizabeth Road Recreation Ground, Seaton	Seaton Town FC u12	1			
Colyford Rd, Seaton	Seaton Town FC 1 st & 2 nd + u13 and u14s	2	2		
The Furzebrake, Beer	Beer Albion FC 1 st & 2 nd		2		
	Seaton Sub Area Total	7	6		

Observations/Comments

- There are a range of pitches at Peace Memorial Playing Fields in Colyton– 2 adult, 2 7v7 and 2 mini pitches. These currently support 2 senior sides and 4 youth and mini so there is considerable spare capacity. This is a massive site and potentially pitches could be reoriented and moved around to provide for whatever the demand is. The main adult pitch floods on a regular yearly basis, however the club prefer to keep it in its current location near the car park and close to changing facilities, with its perimeter rail and with a bank for spectators to stand on and watch.
- Colyford Road Seaton has one adult pitch which is rated as standard. This is catering for 2 Saturday adult and 2 Saturday youth teams and is probably at capacity, and the ground requires upgrading as it is deteriorating from constant use.

- There is a youth 7v7 pitch at Elizabeth Road Playing Field which is rated as poor. Seaton Town u12s play here, probably because the Colyford Road pitch is at capacity for Saturday morning
- Chantry Bridge in Colyton is a separate site to the Peace Memorial Playing Fields. It is only used by Colyton Youth FC now and the changing rooms need a major overhaul (boilers are no longer functioning) but the club are apparently not interested in doing anything to it.
- Seaton FC is an expanding club and is desperate for more pitches, as its current ground is of restricted width. Additional pitches formed part of a recent planning application off Harepath Road, however the application was dismissed on appeal.
- The Furzebrake at Beer sustains 2 senior sides; it has spare capacity for juniors or a Sunday team.
- Colyton Grammar School has one adult and one 11v11 youth pitch. In 2013/14 it was used by Axminster FC for Saturday home matches, and will be used in In 2014/15 by Seaton FC for Saturday home matches (emphasizing again the problems that Seaton FC are having in accommodating their matches within Seaton.

3.39: Seaton Sub Area – Capacity summary

SEATON SUB AREA	Pitch Type	No. of pitches	Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Difference i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week	Extent of any spare capacity for community use during the peak period (match equivs)
Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Field	Adult football	2	4	3	1
Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Field	Youth 7v7, mini 7v7,	2	6	4.5	0.5
Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Field	2 mini 5v5	2	8	7+	1.5
Colyton Grammar school	Adult football	1			
Elizabeth Road Playing Field Seaton	Youth 7v7	1	1	0.5	0.5
Seaton Town FC, Colyford Road	Adult football	1	2	0	0
The Furzebrake, Beer	Adult football	1	2	1	0

3.40 Key points:

- The two main clubs in this sub area find themselves in contrasting situations. Colyton FC - with 2 adult and 4 mini/youth sides, has access to a range of pitch sizes and there is considerable spare capacity for both adult and mini sides, and a little spare capacity for youth teams playing on 9v9 pitches.
- On the other hand, Seaton Town FC, with 2 adult teams and 3 junior sides, struggles to accommodate these as it has just one pitch which is deteriorating and requires upgrading. It plays one team off site. There is a need for additional pitches (adult and junior) in Seaton.
- Elsewhere in the sub area, Saturday senior teams play at Beer and there is spare capacity to develop junior sides

3.41 Sidmouth Sub Area

Ground	Club	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Manstone Lane	Sidmouth Town FC		3		
Manstone Lane	Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings u18s				1
Manstone Lane	Sidmouth Town Vets				1
Byes Lane, Sidford	Sidmouth Town Sunday FC			1	
Byes Lane, Sidford	Sidbury Utd FC		1		
Byes Lane Sidford	Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings 2 x u9, 2 x u10, 2 x U11, u12, u13, u14 x 2, u16	11			
Long Park, Sidmouth	STV 2 x u8	2			
Eastlee Park, Farway	Farway Utd FC 1 st & 2 nd		2		
Back Lane	Newton Poppleford FC 1 st XI (+ juniors?)		1		
Stantyway Playing Fields, Otterton	Otterton FC 1 st XI + Vets		1		1
	Sidmouth Sub Area Total	13	8	1	3

Observations/Comments

Sidmouth and Sidford

- Manstone Lane – Sidmouth Town’s main pitch is catering for the club’s 3 Saturday sides, plus u18s and Vets on Sunday pms, so it is at capacity. It requires floodlights to progress into the next league.
- Byes Lane, Sidford, has 2 adult pitches and 1 youth 11v11 rated as good. One pitch is home to Sidbury Utd FC, fielding one team. The other adult and the youth pitch are rented out by East Devon DC and are available on Saturday and Sunday for am and pm kick off times. Weekday matches available. Season 2013/14:
 - Saturday AM both pitches used by Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings

- Saturday PM no teams play
- Sunday AM Sidmouth Town Sunday FC play on adult pitch; Sunday PM no teams play
- Every team which applied for a pitch got one last season. 20 days were cancelled due to the bad weather/rabbit issues.
- Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings are using several sites:
 - Byes Lane Sidford (one adult and one junior pitch) – 2 x u9, 2x u10, 2 x U11, u12, u13, u14 x 2, , u16
 - Long Park – 2 x u8 .
 - St John’s International School (see below): also Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings apparently have plans to turn these two mini pitches at Long Park into one adult pitch and use St John’s School for u8s matches.
 - The club apparently also use Back Lane, Newton Poppleford, although no information on this is available.
 - The youth 11v11 pitch at Byes Lane is at capacity and it is assumed that some of the older juniors use the adult pitch. There is a need for resizing of some pitches to accommodate the growing youth demand
- Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings are constantly looking for new pitch facilities and have looked at acquiring land for a new mini pitch near to the existing Byes Lane pitches. The club state that they will work with interested parties for permission/funding to floodlight the Sidmouth College artificial grass pitch.
- Sidmouth College has a seasonal adult football pitch marked out but this not available for community use.
- St John’s International School – the schools state that their mini 7v7 and youth 11v11 pitch is let out to Sidbury Youth FC and happy for others to use if required. This may be Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings?

Other sites

- Newton Poppleford: There is a range of pitches at Back Lane playing fields: 1 adult pitch, 1 youth 9v9, a 7v7 and a mini 7v7. The adult pitch would require widening to meet the requirements of the Devon and Exeter league if the club is promoted in to the Premier Division. However, the club feel this would not be feasible, given the number of junior teams who also use the facilities (Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings FC?). The club hope to extend the changing room facilities over the next three years, financial permitting.
- Eastlee Park, Farway is rated as good and is home to two Saturday sides. It could accommodate additional senior or youth teams.
- Stantway Playing Field, Otterton Playing Fields accommodates one regular Saturday adult team and an occasional Vets team. It is rated as poor quality and could therefore only accommodate another, less frequent team.

3.42: Sidmouth Sub Area – Capacity summary

SIDMOUTH SUB AREA	Pitch Type	No. of pitches	Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Difference i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week	Extent of any spare capacity for community use during the peak period (match equivalents)
Manstone Lane, Sidmouth	Adult football	1	2	0	0
Byes Lane, Sidford	Adult football	1	3	2.5	0.5
Byes Lane, Sidford	Adult football	1	3	2	0.5
Byes Lane Sidford	Youth 11v11	1	4	-1	0
Long Park Sidmouth	Mini 5v5	2	4	3	3
Eastlee Park, Farway	Adult football	1	3	2	0
Back Lane, Newton Poppleford	Adult pitch	1	1	0.5	0.5
Back Lane, Newton Poppleford	9v9	1	1		
Back Lane, Newton Poppleford	7v7	2	4		
Stantyway Lane, Otterton	Adult pitch	1	1	0	0

3.43 Key points:

- In Sidmouth, the Manstone Lane pitch is being used to capacity, and any further expansion here would require additional pitch access.
- At Byes Lane, the youth pitch is at capacity, at peak time and elsewhere in the week, and it appears that junior teams do use the adult pitch. However, that pitch only has limited spare capacity at peak time for juniors (Saturday mornings). Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings struggle to accommodate all its teams locally, and more junior pitches are required (particularly 9v9)
- Elsewhere in the sub area there is a little spare capacity for an additional adult Saturday team at Newton Poppleford, although the pitch is of poor quality, but other pitches are full. Eastlee Park, Farway is a good example of a rural pitch which could meet demand for youth teams.

Junior Football Pitch Sizes

3.44 There are issues around the sizing of junior pitches. Pitches in the past have been marked out using the maximum and minimum pitch sizes as outlined in the laws of the game. These sizes vary tremendously, are often adapted to fit the space available and have been open to local interpretation. The FA has consulted widely and has been encouraged to produce national pitch sizes for mini soccer, 9v9, youth football and adult football. Youth football has recently seen a youth review take place under Devon FA and a new structure put in place which provides the most appropriate size pitch and goals for the age and size of the players. Improvements to the pitches and ancillary facilities would be welcomed - the provision of toilet facilities is a min requirement for youth football

Table 3.15: FA recommended pitch sizes

Age	Type	Recommended size without run-off		Recommended size including runoff		Recommended size of goalposts	
		Length x width (m)		Length x width (m)		Height x width (m)	
Mini soccer U7/U8	5v5	37	27	43	33	1.83	3.66
Mini soccer U9/U10	7v7	55	37	61	43	1.83	3.66
Youth U11/U12	9v9	73	46	79	52	2.13	4.88
Youth U13/U14	11v11	82	50	88	56	2.13	6.40
Youth U15/U16	11v11	91	55	97	61	2.44	7.32
Youth u17/U18	11v11	100	64	106	70	2.44	7.32
Over 18 (senior ages)	11v11	100	64	106	70	2.44	7.32

3.45 It is now mandatory to play U11s & U12s on 9v9 pitches (U12s from 2014/2015 season). If junior teams are to play on the correct size pitches, more appropriately sized pitches will be required in East Devon.

3.46 If we allow that U15s and U16s youth teams can play on full size adult pitches and there is some flexibility for u7, u8, u9 and u10 playing on either 5v5, 7v7 pitches or 9v9 pitches, the teams which are not playing on the age appropriate size pitches are highlighted in grey below. Some of the mini and younger youth sides, if they are playing on adult pitches, may be playing across the pitch; but this is not ideal and is therefore highlighted. A number of assumptions about which pitches youth teams play on underpins this table and it may thus not be completely accurate, but nevertheless illustrates the range of pitch sizes required to meet the requirements of the FA’s Youth Review.

Table 3.16: Sizes of pitches played on by junior and mini teams in East Devon, by sub area. Teams highlighted in grey are not playing on appropriate sized pitches.

Club/Team	Site	Size Play on	Recommended size
EXETER FRINGE SUB AREA			
Broadclyst Sports FC u15	Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Adult	U15/16 11v 11
Exeter Panthers u7 x 2	Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Adult	5v5
Exeter Panthers u8 x 2	Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Adult	5v5
Exeter Panthers u12	Broadclyst Recreation Ground	Adult	9v9
Broadclyst Sports Club u11 & u12	New Inn Pub	?	9v9
Whipton Youth u13	Clyst Vale Community College	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Broadclyst Sports Club u9	Clyst Vale Community College	Adult	7v7
Brixington Blues u7 x 2	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	7v7	5v5
Brixington Blues u8 x 2	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	7v7	5v5
Brixington Blues u9	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	7v7	7V7
Brixington Blues u10	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	7v7	7v7
Heavitree Youth u13	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Heavitree Youth u16 x 2	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	Adult	U15/u16 11v11

Club/Team	Site	Size Play on	Recommended size
AXMINSTER SUB AREA			
Axminster Town u8	Axminster Town FC new site	9v9	5v5
Axminster Town u9	Axminster Town FC new site	9v9	7v7
Axminster Town u10	Axminster Town FC new site	9v9	7v7
Axminster Town u16	Axminster Town FC new site	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
Millwey Rise u8	Cloakham Lawn	9v9	5v5
Millwey Rise u9	Cloakham Lawn	9v9	7v7
Millwey Rise u11	Cloakham Lawn	9v9	9v9
Millwey Rise u12	Cloakham Lawn	9v9	9v9
Millwey Rise u13	Cloakham Lawn	Adult	U13/u14 11v11

Club/Team	Site	Size Play on	Recommended size
EXMOUTH SUB AREA			
Brixington Blues u11x2	Withycombe Raleigh	Adult	9v9
Brixington Blues u12	Withycombe Raleigh	Adult	9v9
Brixington Blues u13	Withycombe Raleigh	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Brixington Blues u14	Withycombe Raleigh	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Brixington Blues u15 x 2	Withycombe Raleigh	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
Brixington Blues u16	Withycombe Raleigh	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
Brixington Blues u18	Withycombe Raleigh	Adult	Adult
Exmouth Town u14	King George V Exmouth	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Exmouth Utd Youth u8	Rolle College	Youth 11v11	5v5
Exmouth Utd Youth u9	Rolle College	Youth 11v11	7v7
Exmouth Utd Youth u10	Rolle College	Youth 11v11	7v7
Exmouth Utd Youth u13	Rolle College	Youth 11v11	U13/u14 11v11
Exmouth Utd Youth u14	Rolle College	Youth 11v11	U13/u14 11v11
Exmouth Utd Youth u15	Rolle College	Youth 11v11	U15/u16 11v11
Exmouth Amateurs u12	Warren View	Adult	9v9

Club/Team	Site	Size Play on	Recommended size
Exmouth Amateurs u14G	Warren View	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Exmouth Amateurs u16	Warren View	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
Lympstone Youth u8	Burgmanna Hill	Adult	5v5
Lympstone Youth u9	Burgmanna Hill	Adult	7v7
Lympstone Youth u10	Burgmanna Hill	Adult	7v7
Lympstone Youth u11 x 2	Burgmanna Hill	Adult	9v9

Club/Team	Site	Size Play on	Recommended size
HONITON SUB AREA			
Honiton Town Youth u7	Mountbatten Sports Field	7v7	5v5
Honiton Town Youth u8	Mountbatten Sports Field	7v7	5v5
Honiton Town Youth u9 x 2	Mountbatten Sports Field	7v7	7v7
Honiton Town Youth u10 x 2	Mountbatten Sports Field	7v7	7v7
Honiton Town Youth u11	St Rita's	Youth 11v11	9v9
Honiton Town Youth u13	St Rita's	Youth 11v11	9v9
Honiton Town Youth u14	St Rita's	Youth 11v11	U13/u14 11v11
Honiton Town Youth u16	St Rita's	Youth 11v11	U15/u16 11v11

Club/Team	Site	Size Play on	Recommended size
OTTERY ST MARY SUB AREA			
Ottery St Mary u9	Washbrook Meadow	9v9	7v7
Ottery St Mary u10	Washbrook Meadow	9v9	7v7
Ottery St Mary u11	Washbrook Meadow	9v9	9v9
Ottery St Mary u12	Washbrook Meadow	9v9	9v9
Ottery St Mary u14G	Washbrook Meadow	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Ottery St Mary u15	Washbrook Meadow	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
Ottery St Mary u16	Washbrook Meadow	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
Feniton Youth u9 x 2	Acland Park	7v7	7v7
Feniton Youth u10	Acland Park	7v7	7v7
Feniton Youth u11	Acland Park	9v9	9v9
Feniton Youth u12 x 2	Acland Park	9v9	9v9
Feniton Youth u13	Acland Park	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Feniton Youth u14	Acland Park	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Feniton Youth u16	Acland Park	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
West Hill Juniors u14	Tipton St John Playing Fields	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
West Hill Juniors u15	Tipton St John Playing Fields	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
West Hill Juniors u8	King's School Ottery St Mary	Adult	5v5
West Hill Juniors u9	King's School Ottery St Mary	Adult	7v7
West Hill Juniors u10	King's School Ottery St Mary	Adult	7v7
West Hill Juniors u11	King's School Ottery St Mary	Adult	9v9
West Hill Juniors u12	King's School Ottery St Mary	Adult	9v9
West Hill Juniors u13	King's School Ottery St Mary	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
West Hill Juniors u16G	King's School Ottery St Mary	Adult	U15/u16 11v11
Exeter Panthers u9 x 2	Rockbeare Playing Fields	7v7	7v7
Exeter Panthers u10 x 2	Rockbeare Playing Fields	7v7	7v7
Pinhoe Spartans u13 x 2	Rockbeare Playing Fields	Adult	U13/14 11v11

Club/Team	Site	Size Play on	Recommended size
SEATON SUB AREA			
Colyton Youth FC u8	Peace Memorial Playing Fields	5v5	5v5
Colyton Youth FC u9	Peace Memorial Playing Fields	7v7	7v7
Colyton Youth u11	Peace Memorial Playing Fields	Adult	9v9
Colyton Youth u12	Peace Memorial Playing Fields	Adult	9v9
Seaton Town u12	Elizabeth Road Playing Fields	7v7	9v9
Seaton Town u13	Colyford Road, Seaton	Adult	U13/u14 11v11
Seaton Town u14	Colyford Road, Seaton	Adult	U13/u14 11v11

Club/Team	Site	Size Play on	Recommended size
SIDMOUTH SUB AREA			
Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings u8 x 2	Long Park	5v5	5v5
STV u9 x 2	Byes Lane Sidford	Youth 11v11	7v7
STV u10 x 2	Byes Lane Sidford	Youth 11v11	7v7
STV u11 x 2	Byes Lane Sidford	Youth 11v11	9v9
STV u12	Byes Lane Sidford	Youth 11v11	9v9
STV u13	Byes Lane Sidford	Youth 11v11	U13/u14 11v11
STV U14 x 2	Byes Lane Sidford	Youth 11v11	U13/u14 11v11
STV u16	Byes Lane Sidford	Adult?	U15/u16 11v11

3.47 The main issues to arise from the above are that around 15 x U13/U14 teams are playing on full adult size pitches when they should be playing on youth u13/14 sized pitches.

3.48 Around 8 x u11 and u12 teams are playing on adult pitches when they should be playing on 9v9 pitches

3.49 If junior teams are to play on the correct size pitches, more appropriately sized pitches will be required.

FUTURE PICTURE OF PROVISION

3.52 The future requirement for football pitches will be impacted by several factors, including;

- A General changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
- B Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
- C Consideration of latent, unmet and displaced demand
- D Local trends in participation and club specific development plans and aspirations; and
- E Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

A GENERAL CHANGES IN PARTICIPATION TRENDS AND HOW SPORT IS PLAYED

3.53 Although population growth will influence demand, changes in participation may perhaps have the most significant impact on demand for playing pitches.

3.54 As demonstrated earlier in this section, it appears that demand from junior football is increasing in both Exeter and East Devon. Changes to youth football have only been introduced in the last couple of years (including the creation of 5 v 5 and 9 v 9) and as such, the impact is not yet fully apparent. The FA indicate that in pilot areas, the introductions of these new formats have seen an increase in the number of teams playing and greater retention of players through the older age groups. In particular;

- where historically two 7 v 7 teams would merge to become one 11 v 11 team when starting to play junior football, now the two teams will seek additional players and instead of merging will remain as two 9 v 9 teams; and
- the same will happen at 9 v 9 age groups, where 9 v 9 teams transition to 11 v 11 teams, they will stay as two teams and seek additional players instead of merging.

3.55 The FA therefore believe that there will be an increase in the overall number of teams (and participants) in future years as a result of the youth review and that higher levels of demand will occur as a result. In this event:

- The already insufficient stock of age appropriate junior football pitches would become even more constrained, and mini soccer pitches (7 v 7 and 5 v 5) would also become insufficient
- If issues relating to the drop off in the transition between junior and senior football were addressed however, the spare capacity currently seen in adult football pitches may also become constrained.

3.56 A number of football initiatives are also being implemented by Sport England, focusing on 14 – 24 year olds, and this is similarly expected by the FA to increase the number of teams being formed.

Trends in football

3.55 Analysis of recent trends in the local leagues, using several sources reveals the following;

Adult Saturday league play

- There has been significant decline in adult 11v11 football in recent years nationally, although some areas, including Exeter, are bucking this trend. The Devon & Exeter League which covers East Devon is very strong at the moment, and is growing, with eight divisions and a premier divisions. It is the biggest adult league in the county. The Perry Street League covers the far east of East Devon
- The Devon & Exeter League is restructuring to bring it in line with the Peninsula League; this will have implications for ancillary facilities at grounds (e.g. floodlights for Step 6).

Adult Sunday league

- In Devon, in 2013/14 there were around 60 teams less playing Sunday football than in 2012/13. The Sunday Football League in the Exeter and East Devon area is gradually declining year on year, although it still has three divisions.
- The study of teams was carried out before all bookings for Sunday football had been confirmed, but it does seem that some teams which ran in 2013/14 will not be running in 2014/15. The reduction in numbers of teams playing on Sundays has implications for use and sustainability of the pitch stock; it means revenue decreases; it also means that more juniors can be accommodated on the pitches if they are only supporting an adult side on Saturdays.

Junior football

- The Exeter & District Youth League has grown rapidly over the last 3 years; it was from u9s to u14s and now ranges from u8s to u16s. It wants to extend to u18s so that it can feed in to senior sides.
- It is now drawing from a large area and teams from Exeter & District Youth League travel as far afield as Tiverton and Newton Abbot to play.
- At the same time, leagues around Exeter are shrinking or disappearing, such as Juventus and East Devon Youth league, which only has 2 age groups.
- Mid Devon mini soccer league is popular and attracts some second teams from the area; this has a less formal, competitive structure.
- Some new youth football clubs have formed recently in Exeter, e.g. Whipton & Pinhoe

Small sided soccer

- The trend at present is for more adults to take up playing small sided football, which fits in with current lifestyles, working patterns (shift work) and aspirations. Through discussions with FA officers and AGP facility managers, it is apparent that there is a continual growth in small sided soccer (although difficult to quantify numerically), with several local leagues playing on artificial surfaces. Thus it is important to point out that even though the number of teams may have declined, the number of players in football may not have decreased as they may now be playing small sided soccer rather than 11v11 (i.e. pattern of play has changed, but participation rates remain the same).

3.56 Factors B – E are now considered in turn in order to build a picture of future demand for football pitches in first, Exeter and secondly, East Devon

B POPULATION CHANGES – EAST DEVON

ONS Population projections (2011-2021)

3.57 It can be seen from the analysis of ONS population projections for East Devon that:

- Whilst the overall population of East Devon is expected to increase by 8,385 (6.2%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall ‘active participation’ age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a much lower rate (ie by 475 or 0.5%).
- The age groups within the ‘active participation’ group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (veterans pitch sports) groups.
- The age group predicted to see a decline in numbers in the period to 2024 is the 20-54 (adult pitch sport) age group (overall a decline of -6.2%, with the smallest decrease falling in the 35-45 years age group -2%)..

Team Generation Rates

3.58 Table 3.17. below summarises the current TGRs for football in East Devon and uses them to assess the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for football.

Table 3.17: TGRs and Potential Change in Number of Football Teams in East Devon (excluding New Housing Growth Areas East of Exeter): 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	No. of teams in age group (2014)	Current popn in age group (2014)	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024)	Potential change in no. of teams in age group 2014-2024
Football – Male 11 v 11 (16-45yrs)	64	19,515	305	19,318	No change
Football - Female 11 v 11 (16-45yrs)	3	18,941	6,314	17,878	No change
Football – Youth Male 11 v 11 (12-15yrs)	37	2,840	77	3,177	+5
Football – Youth Female 11 v 11 (12-15yrs)	3	2,700	900	3,058	+1
Football - Youth Male 9 v 9 (10-11yrs)	24	1,328	55	1,551	+5
Football - Youth Female 9 v 9 (10-11yrs)	0	1,213	0	1,481	No change
Mini Soccer 7 v 7 Mixed (8-9yrs)	31	2,625	85	2,959	+4
Mini Soccer 5 v 5 Mixed (6-7yrs)	18	2,666	148	2,822	+2

Source: Population data: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

3.59 Calculations can also be made to show potential change to the number of football teams in the new housing growth areas east of Exeter. The table below uses the projected population figures in combination with TGRs to suggest the number of teams that might be created.

Table 3.18: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Football Teams: New Housing Growth Areas East of Exeter: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	Current popn in age group (2014)	% of 2014 population in age group	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024): Cranbrook	Potential no. of teams in age group (2024): Cranbrook	Future popn in age group (2024): Broadclyst	Potential no. of teams in age group (2024): Broadclyst
Football – Male 11 v 11 (16-45yrs)	19,515	14.4%	305	1,412	4.6	572	1.9
Football - Female 11 v 11 (16-45yrs)	18,941	14.0%	6,314	1,372	0.2	556	0.1
Football – Youth Male 11 v 11 (12-15yrs)	2,840	2.1%	77	206	2.7	83	1.1
Football – Youth Female 11 v 11 (12-15yrs)	2,700	2.0%	900	196	0.2	79	0.1
Football - Youth Male 9 v 9 (10-11yrs)	1,328	1.0%	55	98	1.8	40	0.7
Football - Youth Female 9 v 9 (10-11yrs)	1,213	0.9%	0	88	0	36	0
Mini Soccer 7 v 7 Mixed (8-9yrs)	2,625	1.9%	85	186	2.2	75	0.9
Mini Soccer 5 v 5 Mixed (6-7yrs)	2,666	2.0%	148	196	1.3	79	0.5

Note: Figures for Cranbrook assume:

- 4,713 housing completions 2014-2024
- Average household size 2.08
- 9,803 new residents 2014-2024
- Age/sex breakdown of population same as 2014

Note: Figures for Broadclyst assume:

- 1,909 housing completions 2014-2024
- Average household size 2.08
- 3,971 new residents 2014-2024
- Age/sex breakdown of population same as 2014

3.60 The Table 3.17 suggests the following for East Devon as a whole to 2024, from population change alone:

- No change to adult football
- There will be a significant increase in the number of junior and mini teams:
 - Up to 5 boys and 1 girls youth 11v11 teams
 - Up to 5 boys 9v9 teams
 - Up to 6 mini soccer teams

3.61 For Cranbrook and allocated developments at the edge of Exeter to 2024, Table 3.18 suggests the following:

- Up to 7 adult men's 11v11 teams
- Up to 1 women's football team
- Up to 4 boys 11v11 teams
- Up to 3 boys 9v9 teams
- Up to 5 mini soccer teams

C CONSIDERATION OF LATENT, UNMET AND DISPLACED DEMAND

3.62 Sport England Market Segmentation data can also be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate in football and the number of people who would like to play (or play more). This suggests that there is potential to increase adult football participation by up to 20% in East Devon. Around 6019 adults currently play football and around 1,200 residents indicate that they would like to play (or play more) football. This potential rate of increase is similar to county and national figures. Most of this latent demand is from residents in the main market segments that currently play.

3.67 This figure cannot be split into male and female but if we assume a two thirds male and one third female split, this would suggest around 800 adult males wanting to play more football and 400 females. It is not possible to say whether these would be drawn more to playing 11v11 on grass, or small sided soccer on artificial surfaces, but if we assume grass, 800 adult males is equivalent to 2 teams (TGR = 305). The number of women wishing to play more football is not large enough to generate a team.

3.68 One of the characteristics of TGRs is that if there are no teams or a very low number of teams currently playing (so that the number required to generate one team is very high) increases in population in the relevant age playing range may not 'trigger' an extra team. The TGR for women's football is currently very high, but there is evidence (see below) that more women's and girls teams may develop in the future.

Displaced demand

3.69 There is some cross boundary movement between Exeter and East Devon. A number of Exeter based teams are playing in East Devon (the movement is that way rather than teams from East Devon coming into Exeter): See Table 3.19 below.

Table 3.19: Movement of teams into and out of East Devon (and Exeter)

Origin of Team	Sport	Club/team	Where playing	Local Authority	Sub Area/Parish
Exminster, Teignbridge	Football	St Martins Youth/3 jnr teams	Exwick Playing Fields	Exeter	
Exeter	Football	Exeter City FC/ Various teams	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter	Football	Exeter Panthers X 4 mini teams	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Newtown FC 1 st XI	Newton St Cyres	Mid Devon	
Exeter	Football	Newtown FC 2 nd & 3 rd XI	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Henry's Cronies Sunday XI	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Whipton Youth U13	Clyst Vale Comm. College	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Heavitree Youth 3 junior teams	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter	Football	Pinhoe Spartans 2 junior teams	Rockbeare Playing Fields	East Devon	Ottery St Mary: Rockbeare
Exeter	Football	Pinhoe Spartans Junior team	Newton St Cyres	Mid Devon	
Exeter	Football	Exeter Ladies 1 st XI	St Martin's Exminster (2014/15 season)	Teignbridge	
Other Sports					
Exeter	Cricket	Countess Wear CC 2 teams	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter College	Rugby	Rugby teams Occasional	Cullompton RFC	Mid Devon	
Exeter College	Rugby	Rugby teams Occasional	RM Lypstone	East Devon	
Exeter College	Football	Football team s Occasional	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
East Devon	Hockey	East Devon Hockey Club 5 men's; 3 jnr teams	Exeter St Peter's School AGP (training & matches)	Exeter	
East Devon	Hockey	Honiton Hornets Hockey Club 1 team	Exeter School (training)	Exeter	
Teignbridge	Hockey	Ashmoor Hockey Club	Isca College of Media Arts	Exeter	

		4 men's and 2 ladies' teams	AGP (matches)		
Teignbridge	Hockey	Dart Hockey Club 2 men's and 3 ladies' teams	Westexe Sports Centre AGP	Exeter	
Mid Devon	Hockey	Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets 2 senior teams	St James School AGP	Exeter	

3.66 Some key things to note:

- The Cat and Fiddle Training ground hosts a large number of pitches used by Exeter City FC for its various training squads and youth teams and is sometimes used by other partners, such as Exeter College. Therefore teams playing here are not considered as displaced demand.
- Exeter College also use resources outside of Exeter; e.g. Cullompton RFC, Topsham RFC (rugby), Cat and Fiddle ground (Exeter City FC) and RM Lypstone occasionally for fixtures and training. This has not been considered as displaced demand.
- Most of these teams are, in reality, travelling a relatively short distance out of the city to use pitches in the Exeter Fringe sub area (Broadclyst, Rockbeare etc). Also, the reasons for them playing at these locations are not fully established and may depend upon such considerations as availability of coaches and team managers, the fact that several players live on the east of the city or just outside, as much as a lack of capacity within grounds in Exeter.
- Nevertheless, they are considered as displaced demand from the point of view of this study, on the understanding that were suitable facilities available in Exeter, they may move back. This would appear to be the case particularly in respect of youth football teams (Pinhoe Spartans, Heavitree Youth and Exeter Panthers). In fact Exeter Panthers u12 which played last year at Broadclyst Recreation Ground is playing this year at Bettysmead in Exeter.
- In the calculations presented in Table 3.20, Exeter based teams are entered as a minus, to show that they originate outside East Devon.

D LOCAL TRENDS IN PARTICIPATION AND CLUB SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS

3.67 Several football clubs have aspirations to grow and this will impact both on demand across East Devon as a whole but also more locally at a site specific level. Club aspirations are set out below. These aspirations are considered conservatively; some of them are dependent upon access to more/better pitches and changing facilities, but others will depend on the availability of support personnel.

Exeter Fringe - None

Axminster Sub Area:

- Axminster FC would like to run more teams once they are settled at their new ground
- Millwey Rise Youth to run more youth teams at Cloakham Lawns - Harry's Field

Exmouth Sub Area

- Exiles FC would like to run more adult teams if they had access to more pitches at Withycombe Raleigh
- Exmouth Amateurs FC at Warren View would like to run age groups from u8 - u16, and approximately 3 adult teams if had access to more pitches, better changing rooms and more storage areas
- Exmouth Town (2006) AFC currently playing at King George V Ground would look to develop youth and ladies football if had access to more pitches.
- Exmouth Utd FC: Currently Rolle College Playing Fields. Tenancy finishes end of current season. Would like to run 6 to 10 year age groups teams, but require access to pitches and all weather surface to train on
- Woodbury FC playing at Woodbury Playing Fields: would like to run Mini-soccer-youth teams. We also have 3 adult teams, so other pitches outside the area have to be arranged when there is more than 1 home match. The club state that with new changing facilities to the required spec, we could make the ground available to women and children.
- Brixington Soccer School based at Brixington School would run more teams if more changing and storage available

Honiton Sub Area

- Honiton Town Youth FC: St Ritas Field (adjacent to Mountbatten Sports Field. We are now at full capacity as not many teams will stagger ko times. We always plan to backfill the younger age group (u5-6) and would hope to keep hold of our U16 team to play with U17 or 18 next season
- Feniton FC at Acland Park would like to expand numbers of mini and junior teams – if more pitches? And all weather floodlight training area
- Ottery St Mary YFC would like to run more mini soccer teams

Seaton Sub Area

- Seaton Town FC - Seaton Town Youth at Colyford Road: We intend to reintroduce our Women's team in 2014 or 2015. We have a large group of girls aged 11-16 training once a week. Would like access to more pitches, plus our changing facilities are inadequate in respect of size of rooms and lack of separation of teams and officials.

Sidmouth Sub Area

- Newton Poppleford FC would like to run more adult teams. However, not possible, unless access to more pitches. The available space is fully utilised. Better changing facilities and a proper club house would make a difference.
- Sidmouth Town FC at Manstone Lane have plans to run a Ladies and Vets Team. Need floodlights for training
- Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings would run 3-4 teams across a range of age groups if had better access to floodlit training facilities and more pitches

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EAST DEVON?

Table 3.20 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams 11v11	Youth teams 9v9	Minis	Notes
Population growth to 2024	0	1	6	5	6	
East of Exeter: Cranbrook Expansion	5	0.5	3	2	4	
East of Exeter: Broadclyst Expansion	2	0.5	2	1	2	
Latent demand	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Displaced demand	-3		-5		-4	
Aspirations	5	3	10	8	10	
TOTAL	14 (-3)		21 (-5)	16	22 (-4)	
Match equivalents	7	3	11	8	11	

3.52 Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing spare capacity at grounds. However, as a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock this would suggest the need for additional pitches:

- 4 x adult pitches
- 6 x 11v11 pitches of different sizes
- 4 x 9v9 pitches
- 6 x mini pitches (7x7 and 5v5).

3.53 Meeting the demand of the above TGRs for Cranbrook and other major housing growth to the East of Exeter to 2024 would require the following pitches to be provided. These figures have been calculated assuming 1 team = 0.5 home games per week, using Table 3.12 and by assuming all new pitches and ancillary facilities are provided to a “good” specification and maintenance. Development exceeding the assumptions set out at the bottom of table 3.18 would create more demand and as such more pitches may be required.

- 2-3 x adult 11v11
- 2x youth 11v11
- 2x youth 9v9
- 1x mini 7v7
- 1x mini 5v5

D FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO SUPPLY

3.54 There are various proposed changes to supply which will be evaluated within the Strategy.

4 CRICKET

4.1 This section assesses the adequacy of pitches for cricket in Exeter and East Devon by presenting the following:

- An overview of pitch supply
- An overview of demand for cricket
- The pattern of play of cricket
- A review of the capacity and adequacy of current provision across Exeter and East Devon, including an understanding of activity at individual sites
- The future picture of provision for cricket across Exeter and East Devon

OVERVIEW OF PITCH SUPPLY

The letters in the 'Community Use' column signify the following, as set out in Sport England's latest Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, October 2013.

- A Available for community use and used
- B Available for community use and unused
- C Not available for community use, as matter of policy and practice
- D Not available as disused. Any sites where pitches were once, but are no longer, marked out and remain undeveloped.

Quantity

Cricket pitches in Exeter

- 4.2 There are 10 sites containing facilities for cricket in Exeter. This figure includes all known public, private, school and other pitches whether or not they are in secured community use.
- 4.3 The total pitch provision in Exeter is summarised in Table 4.1. The 10 sites comprise 13 cricket pitches with 8 grass squares and 7 non-turf wickets. 4 grounds have both – Exwick (Exeter College), Alphington Sports Club, Exeter School and Bonfire Field Topsham.

Table 4.1 – Cricket Pitches in Exeter

TABLE 4.1: Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Community use	Shared sites
Local authority (ECC)/leased to Sports club	Alphington Sports Club	11 (1)	A	Football
Owned by rugby club/leased to CC	Bonfire Field Topsham	15 (1)	A	Rugby
Local authority(DCC) / rented	Coaver Club	(1)	A	
Private landowner/ leased to CC	Exeter Cricket Club	12	A	
Education - University	Exeter University, Topsham Sports Ground main pitch	10	A	
Education - University	Exeter University, Topsham Sports Ground second pitch	6	A	Rugby
Education – College/rented to Exwick CC	Exwick (Exeter College)	6 (1)	A	Football
Government/ Other	Middlemoor Police Headquarters	(1) – subject to loss through development	D	Football
Independent school	Bramdean School	4	C	Rugby
Independent school	Exeter School	8 (1)	C	Rugby
Education – Secondary School	St Peter's School	(1)	C	Football
Education – Secondary School	St Luke's School	(1)	C	Football

Table 4.2 Summary of Cricket Pitches in Exeter

Ownership Type	Cricket Ground	Artificial wicket	Grass Pitch	Community use of grounds				Shared Site
				A	B	C	D	
ECC leased to cricket club	1	1	1	1				1
Private/club leased to cricket club	2	1	2	2				1
Devon County Council	1	1		1				
University of Exeter	1		2	1				1
Exeter College	1	1	1	1				1
Secondary school	2	2				2		2
Independent school	2	1	2			2		2
Other (Police)	1	1					1	1
TOTAL	11	8	8	6		4	1	9

4.4 Findings for quantity of cricket pitches in Exeter

- There are no local authority operated public access sites for cricket in Exeter. Two pitches on local authority grounds – at Coaver and Alphington – are rented and leased to clubs respectively.
- The hierarchy of the sites (incorporating access and availability) can be divided into: dedicated cricket grounds offering first class facilities (Exeter CC and Exeter University’s Topsham Sports Ground), club grounds shared with other sports Exeter College’s ground at Exwick, Alphington Sports Club and Bonfire Field Topsham), grounds catering for less formal play (Coaver Club) and school facilities where no community use has been recorded (St Peter's School, Bramdean School and Exeter School).
- 9 of the 11 sites are shared with either rugby or football, with implications for the joint management of grounds (in Table 4.2, the 2 pitches at University of Exeter ground at Topsham are recorded separately, but one has rugby on the outfield). These are reviewed within Section 8. Most of the winter pitches are on the cricket outfields.
- 8 of the 11 grounds have an artificial wicket and 3 of these only have an artificial wicket. Artificial wickets are mostly used for practice when the weather is not good and when a mobile net cage surrounds them. They appear to be rarely used for play if an alternative grass wicket is available. An example is Exeter CC which has an artificial wicket which is not used and has been reincorporated into rest of the square.
- A significant part of the stock is on education sites (6 out of the 11 grounds) with implications for public access. The University’s grounds have limited community use but the facilities at St Peter’s School, St Lukes School and the two independent schools are not available for community use. (In any event, the pitch at Bramdean School is too small for anything other than very junior use).

- Pitches have been provided in the recent past at King George V (which had up to 3 pitches), Bettysmead and (longer ago) at Exhibition Fields. The first two sites may have potential for new provision to accommodate displaced clubs in the short or longer term (see below – re: Exwick and Winslade Park)
- The pitch at Middlemoor (Devon and Cornwall Police HQ) is recorded here, but is subject to redevelopment and will no longer be a cricket pitch.
- The supply of cricket pitches is also affected by the proposals for the redevelopment of the Exeter College site at Exwick (the cricket pitch is to be relocated) and, just outside the city, the pitch at Winslade Park which is used by an Exeter club – Countess Wear – and also subject to relocation pending development of the site.

4.5 Therefore, the ongoing presence of cricket pitches and their security of tenure in Exeter is an issue. Only 5 sites are genuinely available for community use – of these Exwick is being relocated. The artificial wicket at DCC’s ground (Coaver) could cater for more play if it was turned 90 degrees.

Cricket Pitches in East Devon

4.6 There are 32 sites containing facilities for cricket in East Devon. This figure includes all known public, private, school and other pitches whether or not they are in secured community use.

4.7 The 32 sites comprise 26 grass squares and 16 non-turf wickets. 9 grounds have both – Axminster Cricket Club, Cloakham Lawn main pitch, Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club, Exmouth Cricket Club, Feniton Cricket Club, Honiton Cricket Club, Seaton Cricket Club, Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club, Winslade Park cricket pitch and Woodbury Cricket Club and Clyst Hydon..

Table 4.3 – Cricket Pitches in East Devon

TABLE 4.3 Sub Area	Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Community use	Shared sites
Exeter fringe	National Trust/ leased to CC	Broadclyst Cricket Club	10	A	
Exeter fringe	Private/leased to CC	Clyst St George Cricket Club	10	A	
Exeter fringe	Private/rented to CC	Winslade Park cricket pitch	12 (1)	A (but about to close)	Football
Exeter Fringe	Education	Clyst Vale Community College	(1)	C	Football
Axminster	Community organisation/	All Saints Cricket Club	6	A	

TABLE 4.3 Sub Area	Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Community use	Shared sites
	Sports club				
Axminster	Private owner/leased to CC	Axminster Cricket Club, Cloakham Lawn	14 (1)	A	Football
Axminster	Education	Axe Valley Community College	(1)	C	Football/ Rugby
Axminster	Community org/ Sports club	Chardstock Cricket Club	7	A	
Axminster	Community organisation/ leased to CC	Kilmington Cricket Club	10	A	
Axminster	Community organisation/ rented to CC	Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club, King George V	10 (1)	A	
Exmouth	Private/Leased to CC	Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club	13 (1)	A	
Exmouth	Local authority/ Leased to CC	Exmouth Cricket Club	15 (1)	A	
Exmouth	Independent school	St Peter's School	4	C	Rugby
Exmouth	Local authority (EDDC)	Withycombe Common cricket pitch	(1)	A	Football
Exmouth	Private/ leased to CC	Woodbury Cricket Club	9 (1)	A	
Honiton	EDDC/ leased to CC	Honiton Cricket Club	10 (1)	A	Football
Honiton	Education	Honiton Community College	(1)	C	Football/ Rugby
Honiton	Community organisation/ Sports club	Stockland Cricket Club, Victory Hall	6	A	
Honiton	Community organisation/ leased to cc	Upottery Cricket Club	9	A	
Ottery St Mary	Owned by club	Clyst Hydon Cricket Club main pitch	12	A	
Ottery St Mary	Owned by club	Clyst Hydon Cricket Club	(1)	A	Football

TABLE 4.3 Sub Area	Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Community use	Shared sites
		second pitch			
Ottery St Mary	Private owner/ leased to PFA	Feniton Cricket Club	10 (1)	A	
Ottery St Mary	Owned by club	Ottery St Mary Cricket Club	10	A	
Ottery St Mary	Community organisation	Plymtree Playing Fields	No cricket being played this season D		
Ottery St Mary	Education – Secondary	The Kings School cricket pitch	(1)	A	Football and rugby
Ottery St Mary	Community Organisation	Tipton St John Cricket Club	7	A	Football
Ottery St Mary	Private/ leased to Trust	Whimble Cricket Club, Knowle Cross	12	A	Football
Seaton	Education - Secondary	Colyton Grammar School	(1)	C	Rugby
Seaton	EDDC/ leased to CC	Seaton Cricket Club	17 (1)	A	
Sidmouth	Community Organisation	Branscombe Cricket Club	6	A	Football
Sidmouth	Community Organisation	Newton Poppleford Cricket Club	8	A	Football
Sidmouth	Private/ Sports club	Sidbury Cricket Club	4	A	
Sidmouth	Owned by club	Sidmouth Cricket Club	13	A	

Table 4.4 Summary of Cricket Pitches in East Devon

Ownership Type	Cricket Ground	Artificial wicket	Grass Pitch	A	B	C	D	Shared site
Private/Leased or rented to club	9	5	9	9				2
EDDC	1	1		1				1
EDDC/Leased to club	3	3	3	3				1
Club owned	3	1	3	3				1
Community Org/Rented or leased to club	10	1	10	9			1	4
Education	5	5		1		4		5
Independent School	1		1			1		1
TOTAL	32	16	26	26	1	4	1	15

4.8 Emerging findings for quantity of cricket pitches in East Devon

- There is a patchwork of ownership and management arrangements with 9 sites privately owned (with various leasing and renting arrangements) which means that these sites do not have long term security of tenure.
- A further 10 sites are owned by a community organisation (which includes parish councils and/or playing field trusts). Usually this implies security of tenure but pitches can be subject to other pressures such as Plymtree which is not being used this season, and may thus become vulnerable as a pitch site (recorded as 'D' under Community Access).
- Almost half of the cricket grounds are on shared sites with winter pitch sports (see Section 8); this includes all pitches on school sites.
- 5 of the 6 pitches on school sites do not appear to be available to the community. The pitch at the King's School Ottery St Mary is available to the community and used. None of the school sites have grass wickets – just an artificial strip.
- Half of the grounds have an artificial wicket. Artificial wickets are mostly used for practice when the weather is not good and when a mobile net cage surrounds them. They appear to be rarely used for play if an alternative grass wicket is available. An example is Ottery St Mary CC where the artificial wicket is not used and has been reincorporated into rest of the square.
- 26 out of the 32 sites have community access and are used.
- Only 3 clubs – Sidmouth, Clyst Hydon and Ottery St Mary – own their own grounds.

- A number of cricket pitches in East Devon no longer exist or have fallen into disuse and cannot now be played upon. These include:
 - Bicton College – although there are plans to replace this (it was used by Sidmouth 3rd XI)
 - Plymtree currently not being used (as above)
 - Colyton Peace Memorial Ground
 - Rockbeare Playing Fields
- The Winslade Park estate (where Countess Wear plays) is subject to redevelopment proposals which may mean that football and cricket pitches will be relocated (there is also an artificial wicket here).

Quality

Scoring of sites

4.9 The score given to the overall pitch quality and shown in Table 4.5 below is based upon Sport England’s new playing pitch strategy guidance – Appendix 3d. (<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>). There are 5 different elements upon which the assessment rating is based: condition of the cricket outfield, condition of artificial wickets, condition and maintenance of grass wickets, presence of pavilion/changing rooms and the condition of non-turf cricket practice nets. Where a particular element is not present at a site, the score is averaged-out to give a comparable rating for all sites.

Table 4.5: EXETER Cricket Pitch Quality Rating

TABLE 4.5	Name	Quality %age Score					Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
		Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets				
Devon League 2014	Middlemoor Police HQs	63	86		100		83%	Good	Unsure of availability. Hasn't had much recent use. No square, grass not cut, no boundary markings. Scores as 'good' but not a	

TABLE 4.5		Quality %age Score								
Devon League 2014	Name	Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets	Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
									facility that embraces cricket. NOW BEING DEVELOPED; PITCH REMOVED	
-	Coaver Club	80	100		80		87%	Good	Artificial wicket has recently been extended. Scores 'good' due to lack of artificial surfaces and grass wicket.	OPQ - Standard, CHF - Good
Premier	Exeter Cricket Club	100		100	92	83	94%	Good	Also 3 colts wickets and artificial wicket. AW has not been use for number of years and has grassed over and not been assessed. Very old pavilion and net cages being replaced by next season.	
F	Exwick (Exeter College)	87	86	83	52		77%	Standard	Buildings on site currently being developed, cricket is still being played and temporary changing in place. Future of cricket at site is uncertain.	OPQ - Standard, CHF - Good
C	Alphington Sports Club	87	100	100	100		97%	Good	Well tended artificial wicket in very good condition	OPQ - Good, CHF - Acceptable
-	Exeter University, Topsham Sports Ground main	100		100	100		100%	Good	5 bay net facility with highly maintained grass surface. No artificial surfaces. Very nice	

TABLE 4.5	Name	Quality %age Score						Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
		Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets					
Devon League 2014	pitch									ground	
-	Exeter University, Topsham Sports Ground second pitch	87		100	100		96%	Good	Slight slope. Smaller square than main pitch, very well maintained. Rugby on outfield.		
E	Bonfire Field Topsham	87	86	100	80	67	84	Good	Large square, also has junior wickets. Rugby on outfield	OPQ - Good, CHF - Good	

4.10 Findings from the quality assessment of Exeter’s cricket pitches are:

- All grounds score good other than Exwick but this is often due to the peculiarities of the scoring system which means that it is better not to have artificial wicket (or just to have an artificial wicket without a grass square)! More notice should be afforded to the comments. Moreover, changing can sometimes decrease or increase the relative score, specifically at Exwick where there was only temporary changing in place. However, for Exeter University’s main ground at Topsham, to score 100% is an accurate reflection of this being an exceptional facility.
- Sharing of grounds can constrain play and reduce the quality of the outfield. In Exeter, this is particular an issue at Topsham CC (sharing with rugby) and Alphington and Exwick (sharing with football) (See Section 8)

Table 4.6: EAST DEVON Cricket Pitch Quality Rating

TABLE 4.6		Quality %age Score									
Sub area	Devon League 2014	Name	Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets	Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
Axm.		All Saints Cricket Club								(not audited)	
Axm.	B	Axminster Cricket Club, Cloakham Lawn main pitch	100	86	100	100	75	92%	Good	Very nice ground. Nets out of action at time of visit due to sewage spill after drainage block.	OPQ - Good, CHF - Good
Axm.	-	Axminster Cricket Club, Cloakham Lawn second pitch							N/A	Pitch lying fallow this season due to lack of demand. Just cut monthly.	
Axm.	F	Chardstock Cricket Club	80		100	72		84%	Good	Remote, sloping site. Remnant of previous net cage.	
Axm.	E	Kilminster Cricket Club	87		100	100	33	80%	Standard	Good grass. Flat site, slightly undulating. Overall score lowered due to poor quality of nets. Also portable net cage on site (in reasonable condition)	OPQ - Standard, CHF - Good
Axm.	D	Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club, King	93	100	100	60		88%	Good	Slight slope. Good grass. Club in need of covers and mower. Portable net cage used on artificial	OPQ - Good, CHF - Good

TABLE 4.6		Quality %age Score									
Sub area	Devon League 2014	Name	Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets	Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
		George V								wicket.	
ExF.	-	Broadclyst Cricket Club	100		100	80		93%	Good	Brand new pavilion nearing completion	
ExF.	D	Clyst St George Cricket Club	87		83	52		74%	Standard	Sloping site. Remnant of artificial net cage, no longer appears to be in use. Rabbits	
ExF.	E	Winslade Park cricket pitch	100	71	100	52		81%	Good	Nice ground in attractive setting. Future of cricket in doubt due to development proposals.	OPQ - Good, CHF - Unacceptable
Exm.	A	Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club	87	86	100	100		93%	Good	Ground subject to regular flooding which prevents use of artificial grass. Nets have been damaged by flooding and are no longer used. Extensive drainage network around and across ground. Pitch in surprisingly good condition.	OPQ - Good, CHF - Good
Exm.	Premier	Exmouth Cricket Club	93	100	100	100	92	97%	Good	Very nice ground. Surface scarring between edge of square and artificial	

TABLE 4.6		Quality %age Score									
Sub area	Devon League 2014	Name	Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets	Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
										wicket	
Exm.	-	Withycombe Common cricket pitch	70	29		52		50%	Poor	Just artificial strip. Appears to have been recently used - faint boundary lines evident. Changing is for football teams but available for cricket.	
Exm.	F	Woodbury Cricket Club	80	100	83	52	58	75%	Standard	Sloping site.	OPQ - Good, CHF - Good
Hon.	D	Honiton Cricket Club	93	100	100	72		91%	Good	Slight slope. Good grass. Practice cage on artificial wicket edge of square due to 'fairy ring' fungal infection.	OPQ - Standard, CHF - Acceptable
Hon.	-	Stockland Cricket Club, Victory Hall	87		67	72		75%	Standard	No nets. Changing in village hall	
Hon.	F	Upottery Cricket Club	93		67	72		77%	Standard	Sloping site. No artificial strip or nets apparent. Changing is within village hall	
OSM	C	Clyst Hydon Cricket Club main pitch	100		100	72	58	83%	Good	Slight slope	OPQ - Good, CHF - Acceptable

TABLE 4.6		Quality %age Score									
Sub area	Devon League 2014	Name	Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets	Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
OSM		Clyst Hydon Cricket Club second pitch	87	57		72	58	69%	Standard	Slight slope. Smaller pitch suitable for junior play. No grass square.	
OSM	D	Feniton Cricket Club	93	43	83	60	92	74%	Standard	Slight slope. Artificial wicket average/poor. Good (new?) net facilities. Pavilion is cabin style buildings with toilets in main social club building	OPQ - Good, CHF - Unacceptable
OSM	C	Ottery St Mary Cricket Club	100		83	92	92	92%	Good	Nice ground. Non turf wicket is redundant and has been left for grass to grow over. It is no longer used nor usable and therefore not assessed.	OPQ - Good, CHF - Good
OSM		Plymtree Playing Fields							N/A	Currently not in use. Artificial wicket in irretrievable condition. Pavilion old but appears sound. Flat site. Wouldn't take much to return to use.	
OSM	-	The Kings School cricket pitch	87	71				79%	Standard	Single artificial strip within athletics track and between football/rugby pitches. School facility but being	

TABLE 4.6		Quality %age Score									
Sub area	Devon League 2014	Name	Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets	Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
										used.	
OSM	-	Tipton St John Cricket Club	80		83	52		72%	Standard	No nets nor artificial surfaces.	
OSM	E	Whimple Cricket Club, Knowle Cross	100		100	80	75	89%	Good	Flat site. Good grass. Good nets.	OPQ - Good, CHF - Good
Sea.		Peace Memorial Playing Field Colyton							N/A	No cricket. Only evidence that cricket previously existed is base of former artificial strip.	
Sea.	D	Seaton Cricket Club	93	86	100	92	75	89%	Good	Very large square (also has additional 6 youth wickets). Good grass, flat surface. Surface of one of the two net bays being re-laid at time of visit.	OPQ - Good, CHF - Good
Sid.	-	Branscombe Cricket Club								(not yet audited)	
Sid.	-	Newton Poppleford Cricket Club	87		83	72		81%	Good	Slight slope. No artificial surfaces. Changing in Newton Poppleford Pavilion	

Sub area	Devon League 2014	Name	Quality %age Score						Overall Score	Potential rating (poor, standard, good)	Notes from site audit	Summary of club rating & comments (OPQ=overall pitch quality; CHF = changing facilities)
			Cricket Outfield	Artificial wickets	Grass wickets	Changing pavilion	Non-turf cricket practice nets					
Sid.	-	Sidbury Cricket Club	97		83	52		74%	Standard	Small ground. 4 cut strips plus junior. Old net facility. New portable net cage. Planning Permission has been granted for installation of all weather strip.		
Sid.	Premier	Sidmouth Cricket Club	100		100	100	83	96%	Good	Very nice, sloping ground. Large square 15 strips including juniors. Poor parking.		

4.11 The emerging points to arise from an assessment of East Devon’s cricket pitches are:

- As with Exeter there is a hierarchy of grounds and pitch quality. The two premier grounds in the district are Sidmouth and Exmouth, each vying with each other to some extent to maintain pole position.
- Below this are the raft of second tier grounds with good solid clubs who often own their facilities or operate on a long lease and are able to invest in a good standard of maintenance, notably: Axminster CC, Budleigh Salterton CC, Ottery St Mary, Seaton CC.
- The third tier of grounds are often more rural in location, and smaller clubs but their grounds can still be of good quality e.g. Chardstock, Kilmington, Broadclyst, Clyst St George.

4.12 However, there are other issues that the pitch assessments do not particularly emphasise which can have an impact on the quality of the pitches, for example, ground sharing with winter pitch sports and capacity of changing rooms (see table below on ground sharing). Withycombe Cricket Pitch scores ‘poor’; it is an artificial strip sandwiched in between two football pitches.

Triangulating evidence on quality

4.13 The non-technical site assessment provides a snapshot of pitch quality at one point in time. Evidence on quality also needs to take into account the views of the clubs using the

pitches and the Devon Cricket Board who have carried out their own assessments of the pitches. The following assessments have been provided by the Devon Cricket Board

4.14 This study has triangulated the evidence on pitch quality obtained from the non-technical site assessments, the views of the clubs, the views of the Devon Cricket Board and the ECB Pitch and Outfield Quality Ratings provided by umpires through the ECB. Taking all information into account, the study rates the cricket pitches overall as presented in Table 4.7 below (final column).

Table 4.7: EXETER: Overall Cricket Pitch Quality Rating (This table combines scores from all sources – overall cumulative rating suggested in Right hand column)

TABLE 4.7 Ground	Club: Overall Pitch Quality	Non-Tech. Assessment	Site	ECB Umpires	Overall
		Score %	Level	Overall Pitch & outfield %age	
Alphington Sports Club	Good	97	Good	74	Good
Bonfire Field Topsham	Good	84	Good		Good
Coaver Club	Standard	87	Good		Good
Exeter Cricket Club		94	Good	87	Good
Exeter Univ. Topsham Sports Gnd. main pitch		100	Good		Good
Exeter Univ. Topsham Sports Gnd. 2 nd pitch		96	Good		Good
Exwick (Exeter College)	Standard	77	Standard		Standard
Middlemoor Police Headquarters		83	Good		Good

Table 4.8: EAST DEVON: Overall Cricket Pitch Quality Rating (This table combines scores from all sources – overall cumulative rating suggested in Right hand column)

TABLE 4.8: Ground	Club: Overall Pitch Quality	Non-Tech. Assessment	Site	ECB Umpires	Overall
		Score %	Level	Overall Pitch & outfield %age	
Broadclyst Cricket Club		93	Good		Good
Clyst St George Cricket Club		74	Standard	85	Standard
Winslade Park cricket pitch	Good	81	Good		Good
All Saints Cricket Ground					n/a
Axminster CC, Cloakham Lawn main pitch	Good	92	Good	82	Good
Axminster CC, Cloakham Lawn second pitch		n/a	n/a		n/a
Kilmington Cricket Club	Standard	80	Standard		Standard
Chardstock Cricket Club		84	Good		Good
Uplyme & Lyme Regis CC, Venlake Meadow	Good	88	Good		Good
Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club	Good	93	Good	79	Good
Exmouth Cricket Club		97	Good	83	Good
Withycombe Common		50	Poor		Poor
Woodbury Cricket Club	Good	75	Standard		Standard
Honiton Cricket Club	Standard	91	Good		Good
Stockland Cricket Club, Victory Hall		75	Standard		Standard
Upottery Cricket Club		77	Standard		Standard
Clyst Hydon CC main	Good	83	Good		Good

TABLE 4.8: Ground	Club: Overall Pitch Quality	Non-Tech. Site Assessment		ECB Umpires	Overall
		Score %	Level	Overall Pitch & outfield %age	
Clyst Hydon CC second		69	Standard		Standard
Feniton Cricket Club	Good	74	Standard		Standard
Ottery St Mary Cricket Club	Good	92	Good	83	Good
Plymtree Playing Fields		n/a	n/a		n/a
The Kings School cricket pitch		79	Standard		Standard
Tipton St John Cricket Club		72	Standard		Standard
Whimble CC, Knowle Cross	Good	89	Good		Good
Peace Memorial Playing Field		n/a	n/a		n/a
Seaton Cricket Club	Good	89	Good		Good
Branscombe Cricket Club					n/a
Newton Poppleford Cricket Club		81	Good		Good
Sidbury Cricket Club		74	Standard		Standard
Sidmouth Cricket Club		96	Good	94	Good

OVERVIEW OF DEMAND

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Active People and Market Segmentation (Sport England)

- 4.15 The Sport England Market Segmentation data (explained in Section 3/Football) can be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate in cricket. The key participants in cricket in Exeter come from those market segments groups that are most likely to play cricket nationally. However, the relative proportion of the population that participates from each group differs from national rates due to the make-up of the local population. For cricket, the main market segmentation groups in Exeter are:

1. **Jamie:** sports team lad, mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student.
2. **Tim:** settling down male, mainly aged 26-45, married or single, professional.
3. **Ben:** competitive male urbanite, mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional.
4. **Philip:** comfortable mid-life male, mainly aged 46-55, married with children, full time employment and owner occupier.
5. **Keve:** pub league team mate, mainly aged 36-45, married or single, may have children, vocational job.

4.16 The main female segment participating in cricket in Exeter is:

1. **Leanne:** Mainly aged 18-25, likely to have children, student/part time vocational

Clubs and Teams playing in Exeter

4.17 Research for the study has established the following:

Table 4.9: Number of cricket teams fielded by each club in Exeter

	Adult	Youth	Ladies	Girls	Total
Alphington CC	3	2			5
Exeter CC	5	4			9
Exwick CC	2				2
Sunset CC	1				1
Topsham St James CC	4	5	1	1	11
Exeter Erratics	1				
Exeter Total	16	11	1	1	29

EAST DEVON

Active People and Market segmentation

4.18 The Sport England Market Segmentation data (explained in Section 3/Football) can be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate in cricket. The key participants in cricket in East Devon come from those market segments groups that are most likely to play cricket nationally. However, the relative proportion of the population that participates from each group differs from national rates due to the make-up of the local population. For cricket, the main market segmentation groups in East Devon are:

1. **Tim:** settling down male, mainly aged 26-45, married or single, professional.
2. **Ben:** competitive male urbanite, mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional.
3. **Philip:** comfortable mid-life male, mainly aged 46-55, married with children, full time employment and owner occupier.
4. **Jamie:** sports team lad, mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student.
5. **Roger & Joy:** Early retirement couples and free-time couples nearing the end of their careers

4.19 The main female segment participating in cricket in East Devon is:

1. **Chloe:** Young image-conscious females keeping fit and trim.

Clubs and Teams Playing in East Devon

Table 4.10: Cricket Clubs and Teams playing in East Devon

TABLE 4.10/ Sub Area	Adult	Youth	Ladies	Girls	Total
Exeter Fringe					
Broadclyst CC	1				1
Clyst St George CC	3	2			5
Countess Wear CC	2				2
Exeter Erratics CC - occasional team	1				
Axminster					
All Saints CC	1				1
Axminster CC	2	2			4
Chardstock	2				
Kilmington CC	2				2
Uplyme & Lyme Regis CC	3				3
Exmouth					

Budleigh Salterton CC	4	4			8
Exmouth CC	3	2	1		6
Newton Poppleford	1				
Woodbury CC	2	2			4
Honiton					
Honiton CC	2	1			3
Upottery CC	2				2
Yarcombe & Stockland	1				
Ottery St Mary					
Clyst Hydon CC	2	1			3
Feniton CC	3	3			6
Ottery St Mary CC	4	8			12
Tipton St John	1				
Whimble CC	2	5			7
Seaton					
Seaton CC	3	3			6
Sidmouth					
Sidmouth CC	3	4			7
Sidbury	1				
Branscombe CC	1				1
East Devon Total	51	37	1	0	89

- 4.20 Cricket in East Devon is very club based and all teams playing are part of well-established clubs. A community league operates at Budleigh Salterton but other than this there is very little midweek casual play and no midweek senior league.

PATTERN OF PLAY AND CAPACITY

4.21 The pattern of play of cricket teams in Exeter and East Devon is as follows:

Table 4.11: Pattern of play of EXETER cricket teams

TABLE 4.11 Club	Teams	Mid Week	Sat PM	Sun PM
Alphington CC	1st XI, 2nd XI, Midweek XI, U14, U13	3	2	
Avocets (Topsham/Exeter CC)	U13 Girls	1		
Exeter CC	1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, Sunday XI, Midweek XI, U15, U13, U12, U11	5	3	1
Exwick CC	1st XI, 2nd XI		2	
Sunset CC	Friendly X1	1		
Topsham St James CC	1st XI, 2nd XI, Sunday XI, Midweek XI, Ladies XI, U15, U14, U12, U11, U10	6	2	2
	TOTAL	16	9	3

*Exeter Erratics play at the University ground, Topsham and at other sites – 6 a side friendlies, evening league matches and friendlies at weekends. There is also a University Nomads team who play at various venues, as their name suggests!.

Table 4.12: Pattern of play of EAST DEVON cricket teams

Table 4.12/ Club	Teams	Mid Week	Sat PM	Sun PM
Clyst St George CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, Midweek XI, U14, U12	3	2	
Countess Wear CC	1st XI, 2nd XI		2	
Broadclyst CC	Friendly XI			1
Axminster CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, U15, U12	2	2	
All Saints CC	XI		1	

Table 4.12/ Club	Teams	Mid Week	Sat PM	Sun PM
Chardstock CC	1 st XY, Friendly XI	1	1	
Kilmington CC	1st X1, 2nd XI		2	
Uplyme & Lyme Regis CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, Friendly XI		2	1
Honiton CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, U15	1	2	
Upottery CC	1st X1, 2nd XI		2	
Yarcombe & Stockland CC	1 st XI	1		
Exmouth CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, Womens XI, U15, U12	2	3	1
Woodbury CC	1st X1, Friendly XI, U14, U13	2	1	1
Budleigh Salterton CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, Sunday XI, Friendly XI, U15, U13, U12, U11	5	2	1
Newton Poppleford CC	Friendly XI	1		
Ottery St Mary CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, Friendly XI, U15, 2xU14, U13, U12, U11, 2xU10	8	3	1
Clyst Hydon CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, U14	1	2	
Feniton CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, Friendly XI, U12, U11, U10	3	2	1
Tipton St John	Friendly XI	1		
Whimple CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11	5	2	
Seaton CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, Friendly XI, U15, U13, U11	3	2	1
Sidmouth CC	1st X1, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, U15, u13, U12, U11	4	3	
Sidbury CC	Friendly XI	1		
Branscombe	Friendly XI	1		
		45	36	8

4.22 The summary of pattern of play according to whether teams are senior or junior is as follows:

Table 4.13: Summary of Pattern of Play

	Mid week	Sat pm	Sun am	
Exeter Senior	25% (4)	56% (9)	19% (3 (1L))	16
Exeter Junior	100% (12)			12
East Devon Senior	18% (9)	67% (34)	18% (8 (1L))	51
East Devon Junior	100% (36)			36

4.23 Throughout the area, juniors mostly play in the East Devon Youth League on midweek evenings. Sometimes, small juniors play on Saturday mornings on the outfield, not always midweek

4.24 There is some adult midweek play in both Exeter and East Devon. Well over half of adult play in Exeter and two thirds of adult play in East Devon is on Saturday afternoons. Just under a fifth of teams play friendlies on Sundays across both areas.

Training Needs

4.25 The majority of clubs do train – in summer on their home ground (although not all clubs have nets). In winter, clubs train in local school sports halls. The University of Exeter Indoor Cricket centre nets are used extensively from Feb to April two to three nights a week by local cricket clubs hiring a lane or two from 6pm to 10pm. The importance of school sports facilities in providing cricket nets is amply illustrated.

Table 4.14: Training needs – Exeter Cricket Clubs

Club	Venue training for	Do you have demand for additional training facilities?	If yes, what type of facilities would be required (e.g. grass pitch, non-turf practice nets or mobile net cages etc.)
Alphington CC	University of Exeter indoor practice nets	Yes	Non-turf practice nets.
Exeter CC	University of Exeter indoor practice nets	Yes	Separate Non turf practice area not facing pitch
Exwick Cricket Club	University of Exeter indoor practice nets	Yes	Would like nets
Sunset CC	University of Exeter indoor practice nets		
Topsham CC	Exeter School sports centre		

Table 4.15: Training needs – East Devon Cricket Clubs

Club	Venue for training	Do you have demand for additional training facilities?	If yes, what type of facilities would be required (e.g. grass pitch, non-turf practice nets or mobile net cages etc.)
Axminster CC	Axe Valley College sports centre		
Budleigh Salterton CC	University of Exeter indoor practice nets		
Clyst Hydon CC	Sidmouth College sports centre		
Clyst St George CC	University of Exeter indoor practice nets		
Countess Wear CC	St Lukes School sports hall		
Exmouth CC	Exmouth Community College	Yes	Urgently need a fixed practice facility, the club has never had one, trying to raise finances now. We have planning permission for a twin lane net facility
Feniton CC	Ottery St Mary sports centre	Yes	Lightweight mobile net cage
Honiton CC	University of Exeter indoor practice nets	Yes	Mobile cages
Ottery St Mary CC	Ottery St Mary sports centre		
Seaton CC	Ottery St Mary sports centre		
Sidmouth CC	University of Exeter indoor practice nets		
Uplyme & Lyme Regis CC	Woodroffe School		
Whimble	Ottery St Mary sports centre	Yes	At present the club practice facilities. Would require non turf practice nets, mobile or

Club	Venue training for	Do you have demand for additional training facilities?	If yes, what type of facilities would be required (e.g. grass pitch, non-turf practice nets or mobile net cages etc.)
			temporary net cages.
Woodbury	Exmouth Community College	Yes	non turf pitch to replace our existing one and also new non turf pitch on top playing field

CAPACITY

Capacity scores - Situation at Individual Sites

4.26 To evaluate the adequacy of facilities for cricket, the amount of wickets available is measured against the level of use of these wickets. This is considered firstly at a site specific level and then information and issues are compiled in order to present a city or district wide picture. To determine the situation at individual sites, the following is evaluated;

- the amount of play that a site is able to sustain (based upon the site quality and the number of wickets on the square);
- how much play takes place at each site, as well as the impact of educational and informal or casual use;
- whether there is any spare capacity at the site based upon a comparison between the capacity of the site and the actual usage; and
- the key issues relating to the site.

4.27 Demand is therefore measured in terms of the number of home games that each team will play per season. Only one game is traditionally played on a pitch per day, particularly for senior fixtures, due to the length of time that a game takes to finish. As well as the ability of the square to sustain the required amount of play, the capacity of a cricket club can also be affected by the amount of games that can be accommodated at any one time.

4.28 Based upon the above parameters, Tables 4.17 and 4.18 provide an overview of site specific activity for each of the pitches that offer community use in Exeter and East Devon. Information has been gleaned from a painstaking trawl of fixture lists to establish accurately the amount of activity at each site.

4.29 For cricket, unlike other pitch sports, the capacity of a pitch is measured on a season rather than weekly basis and is primarily determined by the number and quality of wickets on a pitch. Play is rotated throughout the season across the number of wickets

on a pitch to reduce wear and allow for repair and each wicket can accommodate a certain amount of play per season. As a guide, the ECB suggests:

4.30 A good quality wicket (which should be aspired to) should be able to take:

- 5 matches per season per grass wicket (adults);
- 7 matches per season per grass wicket (juniors);
- 60 matches per season per non turf wicket (adults); and
- 80 matches per season per non turf wicket (juniors).

4.31 The Strategy has established the quality of the grounds for capacity assessment purposes; it has taken on board club views and the latest ECB Pitch Quality Standards where available, and also incorporated pitch and outfield markings (ratings) from the ECB. Ultimately if a cricket square is rated as poor then it is unable to sustain as many matches as indicated within the guidance. As such the carrying capacity may need to be amended to reflect this. Also if the quality of a ground is poor then this could be a priority of the strategy to rectify. A range of capacity scores can arise where a club has junior teams playing and a good or standard wicket can accommodate more junior than senior teams.

Table 4.16: – Site Specific Usage and Capacity: Cricket pitches in Exeter

TABLE 4.16 Site	Pitch Type	No of Wickets	Quality Assessment/ % score	ECB PQS Report	Estimated number of Match Equivalents Per Season	Theoretical capacity grass wicket (+ artificial)	Comparison	Notes
Alphington Sports Club	Grass + artificial	11+1	Good/97%		40	55-77 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate some additional play	
Bonfire Field Topsham	Grass + artificial	15+1	Good/84%		68	75-105 (60-80)	Site operating close to capacity	Junior teams, Friendly team, Evening League T20 Team play on the artificial wicket
Coaver Club	Artificial	+1	Good/87%		20	(60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate a lot more additional play	No junior play recorded
Exeter Cricket Club	Grass	12	Good/94%		74	60-84	Site operating at capacity	
Exeter University, Topsham Sports Ground main pitch	Grass	10	Good/100%		?	50	Site probably operating close to capacity.	
Exeter University, Topsham Sports Ground second pitch	Grass	6	Good/96%		?	30	Usage not known	On rugby pitch, smaller square than main pitch.

TABLE 4.16 Site	Pitch Type	No of Wickets	Quality Assessment/ % score	ECB PQS Report	Estimated number of Match Equivalents Per Season	Theoretical capacity grass wicket (+ artificial)	Comparison	Notes
Foxhayes (Exwick) (Exeter College)	Grass + artificial	6+1	Standard/77 %		30	24-36 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate some additional play	

Cricket in Exeter – Commentary on capacity

4.32 Emerging findings are:

- Overall – in Exeter, Exeter Cricket Club is operating at capacity (their 3rd XIs use the University pitch at Topsham – a reciprocal arrangement as the University 1st XI sometimes play at Exeter CC (which is next to the university))
- At the University’s ground at Topsham, the 1st pitch is used by its 1st XI, then other University teams and Ladies, followed by Devon youth cricket at weekends and occasional corporate events. The second pitch at this ground is also used by University BUKS teams; and rugby is played on the outfield. In total, 4 University teams are recorded as playing at this site and there would appear to be some spare capacity. The ground also occasionally hosts Exeter Cricket Club 3rd XI.
- Topsham CC (playing on the ground owned by Topsham RFC) is also operating close to capacity
- Both Alphington and Exwick CCs’ grounds are showing some potential to accommodate additional play.
- However, Exwick CC (and the square at the ground now owned by Exeter College) needs to relocate, and discussions have been taking place with regard to it being resited at Exwick Playing Fields. Exwick is a locally based club to that part of Exeter.
- There is a lack of security of tenure for Exeter cricket clubs and team generation rates for cricket in the city (see later in this section) are low. There are just 16 adult and 12 junior teams within the city at present, but the following sections suggests that there may be some latent demand.
- Two clubs which draw the majority of their members from Exeter – Exeter Erratics CC and Countess Wear CC (Based at Winslade Park (Friends Life) are temporarily being displaced. There may be possibilities to provide temporary cricket facilities for them within the city (either at King George V or Bettysmead – both of which have had cricket tables in the past). Or such a table on a publicly managed site could be reinstated to support the development of midweek friendly and corporate leagues, Sunday friendly and junior cricket further within Exeter.
- The Middlemoor site which is shared between football and cricket has overriding resolution to grant planning permission and will be removed as a cricket pitch.

Table 4.17: – Site Specific Usage and Capacity: Cricket pitches in East Devon

TABLE 4.18								
Site	Pitch Type	No of Wick-ets	Quality Assessment/ % score	ECB PQS Report	Estimated number of Match Equivalents Per Season	Theoretical capacity grass wicket (+ artificial)	Comparison	Notes
Exeter Fringe								
Broadclyst Cricket Club	Grass	10	Good/93%		25	50	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	No junior play recorded
Clyst St George Cricket Club	Grass	10	Standard/74 %		49	40-60	Site operating close to capacity	Capacity is reduced due to 'standard' pitch rating
Winslade Park cricket pitch	Grass + artificial	12+1	Good/81%		30	60-84 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	Ground may be lost to redevelopment and cricket pitch moved; status uncertain
Axminster								
Axminster Cricket Club, Cloakham Lawn main pitch	Grass + artificial	14+1	Good/92%		30	70-98 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	
TABLE 4.17								
Site	Pitch	No of Wick-ets	Quality Assessment/ % score	ECB PQS Report	Estimated number of Match Equivalents Per Season	Theoretical capacity grass wicket (+ artificial)	Comparison	Notes

	Type							
Chardstock Cricket Club	Grass	7	Good/84%		20	35	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	No junior play recorded
Kilmington Cricket Club	Grass	10	Standard/80%		20	40	Potentially able to accommodate some additional play	No junior play recorded
Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club,	Grass + artificial	10+1	Good/88%		36	50-70 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	
Exmouth								
Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club	Grass + artificial	13+1	Good/93%		79	75-91 (60-80)	Site operating close to capacity	Local community league played throughout season as well as full array of juniors
Exmouth Cricket Club	Grass + artificial	15+1	Good/97%		60	65-85 (60-80)	Site operating close to capacity	Heavy peak time (weekend use). Used also for representative games and by touring teams. Capacity further reduced by fungal infection of pitch
TABLE 4.17					Estimated number of Match Equivalents	Theoretical capacity grass wicket (+		
		No of Wick-	Quality Assessment/	ECB PQS				

Site	Pitch Type	ets	% score	Report	Per Season	artificial)	Comparison	Notes
Withycombe Common cricket pitch	Artificial	+1	Poor/50%			(60-80)		Yet to establish amount of use
Woodbury Cricket Club	Grass + artificial	9+1	Standard/75%		35	45-63 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	
Honiton								
Honiton Cricket Club	Grass + artificial	10+1	Good/91%		36	50-70 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	
Upton Cricket Club	Grass	9	Standard/77%		20	36	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	No junior play recorded
Yarcombe & Stockland Cricket Club,	Grass	6	Standard/75%		15	24	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	No junior play recorded
Ottery St Mary								
Clyst Hydon Cricket Club main pitch	Grass	12	Good/83%		30	60-84	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	
Feniton Cricket Club	Grass + artificial	10+1	Standard/74%		38	40-60 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	

TABLE 4.17								
Site	Pitch Type	No of Wickets	Quality Assessment/ % score	ECB PQS Report	Estimated number of Match Equivalents Per Season	Theoretical capacity grass wicket (+ artificial)	Comparison	Notes
Ottery St Mary Cricket Club	Grass	10	Good/92%		69	50-70	Site operating at capacity	Heavy use by juniors.
Tipton St John Cricket Club	Grass	7	Standard/72 %		15	28	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	No junior play recorded
Whimble Cricket Club, Knowle Cross	Grass	12	Good/89%		40	60-84	Potentially able to accommodate additional play	
Seaton								
Seaton Cricket Club	Grass + artificial	17+1	Good/89%		52	85-119 (60-80)	Potentially able to accommodate some additional play	
Sidmouth								
Newton Poppleford Cricket Club	Grass	8	Good/81%		25	40	Potentially able to accommodate some additional play	Includes use by Sidmouth 3 rd XI and 20:20
Sidbury Cricket Club	Grass	4	Standard/74 %		20	20	Site operating at capacity	Planning Permission approved for artificial wicket

TABLE 4.17								
Site	Pitch Type	No of Wick-ets	Quality Assessment/ % score	ECB PQS Report	Estimated number of Match Equivalents Per Season	Theoretical capacity grass wicket (+ artificial)	Comparison	Notes
Sidmouth Cricket Club	Grass	13	Good/96%		82	75-91	Site operating at capacity	Complete array of juniors plus Sunday, midweek and representative fixtures

Cricket in East Devon – Commentary on Capacity

4.33 Exeter Fringe

- There are 3 clubs here – Clyst St George CC, Countess Wear CC, and Broadclyst. Broadclyst fields one friendly team – it had a new pavilion from Inspired Facilities which it is hoped will lead to an expansion in cricketing activity. Exeter Erratics CC also play here occasionally. Countess Wear has 2 senior Saturday sides – both these grounds have potential to accommodate additional play. The Winslade Park estate (where Countess Wear plays) is subject to redevelopment proposals which may mean that football and cricket pitches will be relocated (there is also an artificial wicket here). The club would be prepared to move and it may be possible to retain the cricket pitch in another part of the ground. However, the area for the pitch that the Club has been offered is not a constructed cricket square and lies within the floodplain so is not ideal. The latest understanding is that there may also be possibility that the pitch could stay in situ within the surrounding development. In the meantime, the club have considered alternative arrangements including the possibility of establishing a wicket back at King George V (in Exeter at Countess Wear). Even if the club moved to KGV then retention/replacement of the existing facility would be important as there can be no guarantee of a permanent home being located in Exeter.
- Clyst St George was rated as a standard ground because of its poor quality net; on this basis the ground is approaching capacity and the club is active with 2 Saturday and a Midweek XI, and 2 junior sides.

4.34 Axminster

- The main club here is Axminster; the reduction in playing members over recent years has impacted on the number of senior teams fielded by the club, currently at two Saturday XIs, with 2 junior sides. The club has the luxury of a second pitch if required. It would like to run more adult sides. There is spare capacity at the ground.
- Kilmington is a small club with 2 senior sides and the ground (the grandly titled ‘Arthur Hitchcock Memorial Ground’) is rated as standard and could accommodate more play.
- Chardstock CC did not respond to the survey; they run 2 senior sides, at the weekend and midweek and the ground could sustain more play.
- Uplyme and Lyme Regis CC’s ground at King George V is rated good; it also has an artificial wicket. Sharing with football appears to work well. The club runs 3 senior sides; u11 weren’t run last year but will be running in 2015 which could be accommodated at the ground. The club are in need of covers and a mower.

4.35 Exmouth

- There are four grounds in the Exmouth sub area, each with artificial wickets. Exmouth is the main club here; with 3 senior sides, a women’s XI and at least two junior sides. Heavy peak time (weekend use), used also for representative games and by touring teams. Capacity is further reduced by fungus infection of pitch and, because of the quality of the pitch, it is not currently used for county games. Site operating close to capacity and the 3rd XI sometimes play at Woodbury.
- Budleigh Salterton is another thriving club and wishes to run more junior teams, in addition to its current 4 junior sides. It also runs 2 Saturday sides, a Sunday side and

friendly midweek side. It is also the host ground for a local community league which plays midweek and Sundays and hosts 20+ games a season. The site is operating close to capacity...and there is apparently the possibility of a 'ground swap' with another piece of land owned by the same landowner, because of the ground's serious problems with flooding. The ground floods regularly each winter to a height of 6 or more feet and can be flooded by either fresh or seawater (the latter is obviously more detrimental to the playing surface). However, the club soldiers on and has a very active social, community based clubhouse.

- Withycombe Common cricket pitch is just an artificial strip between two football pitches and is the only pitch in the district to score as poor. There is no club based there and it seems unlikely that this situation will change. . The strip is torn and dangerous.
- Woodbury CC's pitch scores as standard and is host to 2 senior sides – league and friendly – and two junior sides. The ground is potentially able to accommodate additional play.

4.36 Honiton

- The main ground in this area is Honiton CC's ground at Mountbatten Park, where it shares with football and also has an artificial wicket. The club runs two senior sides and an u15s side. It would like to run more junior sides. The club's views on Honiton Development Trust's Tower Hill proposals are not known. Considering the outfield is across a football pitch, the grass was in good condition. The ground could accommodate additional play.
- There is a cricket pitch at Upottery, home to Upottery CC which runs two senior sides. The club have indicated they would like to run a youth team. The pitch is rated as standard, although on a slightly sloping site. Spare capacity at the site.
- Yarcombe & Stockland CC are based at Victory Hall, Stockland. The pitch is rated as standard and there is spare capacity. The club run one senior team.

4.37 Ottery St Mary

- Ottery St Mary Cricket Club is the main club here, at Salston Field. This is a strong, self-contained club running at least 4 senior sides (3 league; one friendly) and a range of juniors (eight, some age groups doubling up). This pitch is rated as good but even on this rating it is operating close to capacity with upwards of 69 match equivalent sessions a season. The club would like to run a Ladies side, and more juniors. The 3rd XI use the King'School OSM artificial wicket to spread the load. No-one else uses the school pitch apart from the school.
- There is a Tipton St John Cricket Club, based at the recreation ground. The pitch is rated as standard. The ground is shared with football. The club runs one friendly team; no junior play recorded. There is spare capacity.
- Knowle Cross is home to Whimble Cricket Club, which shares with football. There is a new net facility here and the ground rated as good. County age groups also play here. There is spare capacity, even though the club run 2 Saturday sides and is actively promoting its junior sides with 5 junior teams.

- Clyst Hydon Cricket Club ground is at Yarde Lane, Clyst Hydon and is owned by the club. The club runs 2 senior sides and an u14s. The club also has the luxury of a second pitch; the main pitch is rated as good and there is spare capacity.
- Feniton Cricket Club's pitch is at Acland Park and there are football pitches on the outfield. The ground is rated as standard; it is a sloping ground, with a new artificial net facility. The club is active running 6 adult and junior sides and can accommodate more play; it also has an artificial wicket.

4.38 Seaton

- Seaton Cricket Club plays at The Wren. It runs six teams, similar to Feniton – 2 Saturday sides, a Friendly XI and 3 junior teams. It has the largest square encountered in the district, with 17 grass plus a couple of youth grass wickets plus an artificial grass wicket. So despite being an active club there is still spare capacity; the ground was rated as good. The club wish to buy the freehold of the ground. It is also hoping to refurbish its practice facility.

4.39 Sidmouth

- Newton Poppleford Cricket Club is based at Back Lane, shared with football. The club plays friendlies only and some 20:20. Ground is also used by Sidmouth 3rd XI having been displaced from Bicton. Ground is rated as good and the wicket is improving after attention given to prepare for Sidmouth games. Spare capacity at the ground.
- Sidbury Cricket Club is based at The Millfield, Sidbury. It is a small ground, with a pavilion rated as standard. Planning permission is being sought for an artificial wicket. It is considered to be operating close to capacity due to the fact that there are only four wickets apparent on the square. The club plays friendlies only.
- Sidmouth Cricket Club. This is one of the premier clubs in East Devon; the club fields at least seven senior and junior sides. The ground – The Fortfield – is maintained to a very high standard and is rated as good. The ground is sloping and car parking is a perennial problem, but unlikely to be solved. There are plans to relevel the outfield, put in ball stop netting and install new practice facilities.
- The ground caters for Sunday, midweek and representative fixtures and is considered to be operating at capacity.
- There is a cricket ground at Branscombe. Branscombe Ravens CC – who are newly affiliated to the DCB - play friendlies only on Friday evening and there are close links with Seaton CC. They apparently would like an artificial wicket in the field which they are currently using.

4.40 Analysis of the existing capacity of cricket suggests that most grounds appear to have potential to accommodate additional play, except for:

- Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton and Ottery St Mary which are almost at capacity and
- Sidbury (although small ground and putting in an artificial wicket) and Sidmouth which are at capacity

FUTURE PICTURE OF PROVISION

- 4.41 The future requirement for cricket pitches will be impacted by several factors, including;
- A General changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played
 - B Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
 - C Consideration of latent, unmet and displaced demand
 - D Local trends in participation and club specific development plans and aspirations; and
 - E Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

A CHANGES IN PARTICIPATION TRENDS AND HOW THE SPORT IS PLAYED

- 4.42 Changes in participation may perhaps have the most significant impact upon future demand for cricket pitches. Analysis of recent trends in participation reveals the following;
- 4.43 Several clubs indicated that they have experienced recent growth in junior cricket; in contrast, adult participation has been much more mixed. The stabilising of cricket, and the increasing challenge of attracting participants means that the Devon Cricket Board are focusing upon a strategy of retaining existing players and supporting increased participation where opportunities arise. They are seeking to address many of the issues currently facing cricket, including the ageing volunteer base and to support clubs to become more sustainable.
- 4.44 In recognition of changing lifestyle patterns and the challenges of 50 over cricket, the England Cricket Board are now seeking to introduce alternative forms of the game, including Last Man Standing and T20. These are similar in format to the midweek and weekend leagues and offer people who are unable to participate in full matches shorter forms of the game.
- 4.45 The ECB therefore currently has an overall focus on player retention and is not anticipating significant growth in club based cricket, instead highlighting potential to grow more informal formats of the game.
- 4.46 This may result in the growth of more casual play and midweek leagues and this could put additional pressure on some grounds within Exeter and East Devon. A central, accessible venue within Exeter would be ideal.
- 4.47 The Devon Cricket Board has produced a Strategic Plan for 2012 – 2017. With regard to facilities, the objectives of particular relevance to Exeter and East Devon are:

Outdoor Facilities

- To increase the opportunity for women to play on the better pitches in Devon at weekends

- To secure long term levels of tenure for the most 'at risk' clubs so that grant aid can be used to improve facilities
- To ensure that town centre cricket pitches in Exeter and East Devon are not lost to developers and are secured for the future
- To increase the overall standard of playing and practice facilities in all ClubMarked clubs across Devon

Indoor Facilities

- To increase the overall standard of indoor practice facilities across Devon (although these are excellent in Exeter)

4.48 The remaining factors – B, C, D and E are considered in turn for Exeter and East Devon separately in order to build a picture of future demand for cricket pitches in each authority.

FUTURE DEMAND – EXETER

B POPULATION CHANGE

4.49 ONS projections for future population change in Exeter are set out in Section 2.

4.50 The projections by age group do not match exactly the age groupings used to calculate Team Generation Rates for cricket (see below). However, in Exeter, the adult playing age range (approx. 18-55 years old) is projected to show a slight increase, and within this, the 35-45 years old age range is projected to show an increase of just under 9%. This may impact upon the demand for Vet's teams, but it is not reliable to translate this into an actual number of teams.

- Whilst the overall population of Exeter is expected to increase by 5,525 (4.6%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall 'active participation' age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a lower rate (ie by 2,329 or 2.3%).
- The age groups within the 'active participation' group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (veterans pitch sports) groups.

4.51 Overall, the adult pitch sport range 20-54 years in Exeter is projected to decrease slightly (by 2.2%). However, there are variations within this, and the 35-45 years age group (traditionally 'Vets Football') is projected to increase by just under 9%. This may impact upon the demand for Vet's teams, but it is not reliable to translate this into an actual number of teams.

Team Generation Rates

4.52 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population

age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand.

4.53 Table 4.17 summarises the current TGRs for cricket in Exeter uses them to evaluate the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for cricket.

Table 4.17: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Cricket Teams in Exeter: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	No. of teams in age group (2014)	Current popn in age group (2014)	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024)	Potential change in no. of teams in age group 2014-2024
Cricket Open Age Mens (18-55yrs)	15	34,652	2,310	34,717	(no change)
Cricket Open Age Womens (18-55yrs)	1	34,052	34,052	32,749	(no change)
Cricket Junior (7-18yrs)	11	13,591	1,235	15,590	+2

5 Source: Population data: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

4.54 It can be seen that given current TGRs, there will not be any growth in the number of teams as the population increases (although as referred to above there may be an increase in interest in Vets cricket from the change in the demographic profile). However, junior cricket is projected to increase by 2 teams, with the forecast in population growth.

4.55 One of the characteristics of TGRs is that if there are no teams or a very low number of teams currently playing (so that the number required to generate one team is very high) increases in population in the relevant age playing range may not ‘trigger’ an extra team. According to the Devon Cricket Board and clubs, women’s cricket is increasing in popularity and it is likely that more women’s cricket teams will develop in the future (despite the fact that the TGR suggests no growth in the number of teams).

4.56 There is new development planned to the South west of Exeter: 500 dwellings allocated at SW Exeter (adjacent 2000 allocated in Teignbridge) (No planning permissions yet). At an occupancy rate of 2.2 people per dwelling this would equate to 7700 residents in this area. On the basis of current TGRs and age range split, it is estimated that this would generate an extra: 1 men’s and 1 youth teams.

C CONSIDERATION OF LATENT, UNMET AND DISPLACED DEMAND.

Active People and Market Segmentation (Sport England)

4.57 The Sport England Market Segmentation data presented earlier in this Section can also be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate in cricket and the number of people that would like to play (or play more). This suggests that there is potential to increase adult cricket participation by up to 59%, with an estimated 989 Exeter adults currently participating in cricket with approximately 579 residents indicating that they would like to play (or play more) cricket. This potential rate of increase is similar to county and national figures. Most of this latent demand is from residents in the main market segments that currently play.

4.58 Given current TGRs, this would not result in an increase in the number of actual teams, but may result in larger squad sizes or existing players playing more e.g. for midweek teams as well as for wither a Saturday league and/or a Sunday friendly side.

4.59 Salient points on origin of players:

- The vast majority of players both within Exeter and East Devon, live between 2 and 5 miles from their home grounds. The most ‘locally based’ club in Exeter is Exwick CC.
- Countess Wear play out of the city at Winslade Park. Exeter Erratics occasionally play here. There is no evidence of other teams travelling outside either Exeter or East Devon to play their matches. The site is currently scheduled for redevelopment and Countess Wear are uncertain as to the future of their ground.

D TRENDS IN PARTICIPATION AND CLUB SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS

Table 4.18: EXETER Cricket clubs – Trends in team numbers over last 3 years

Club	Trend	Comments
Alphington CC	Increased	Added an Evening League side. Last year’s U15 are now playing in men’s and midweek teams
Exeter CC	Increased	Sunday and Evening / T20 cricket
Exwick CC	Remained the same	
Sunset CC	Remained the same	
Topsham St James CC	Remained the same	Have increased the boys age groups by one and also now have a Joint Girls U13 team (with Exeter CC) playing in the East Devon Youth League

4.60 Trends amongst cricket clubs in Exeter (see above) suggest that demand is steady or growing, with the introduction of an Evening League at Alphington, more friendly and T20 cricket at Exeter and more junior cricket at Topsham CC. However, Sunday cricket

appears to be declining. A well attended indoor cricket league is run at Exeter University during the winter.

- 4.61 Only one of the Exeter cricket clubs said it planned to increase the number of teams it ran –for juniors – Exeter CC.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EXETER?

Table 4.19 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for Cricket in Exeter

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024			2	
Expansion South west of Exeter	1		1	
Latent demand	1	1	2	
Displaced demand	2			If Countess Wear CC moves back into the city
Aspirations			2	
TOTAL	4	1	7	

- 4.62 Although there is some spare capacity at cricket grounds in Exeter this could only accommodate slight increases in demand from existing clubs. There is spare capacity at the artificial wicket at Coaver and this site is probably not reaching its full potential; however, the ground is not well known and there may be benefits to providing a cricket table on a publicly managed site to support the development and expansion of midweek friendly and corporate leagues, Sunday friendly and junior cricket within Exeter.

- 4.63 At a conservative estimate, given the basic trend of greater participation around casual cricket and junior teams, the additional requirement is for two cricket grounds within Exeter – with a minimum of one grass wicket. This does not include the replacement of grounds which have been lost (Middlemoor) and where grounds may need to be relocated namely Exwick CC. Teams from Countess Wear CC may need to be accommodated within the city in the short term.

E FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO SUPPLY

- 4.64 This analysis has already referred to the loss of the cricket ground at Middlemoor.
- 4.65 Exwick cricket pitch, at Exeter College's site, will be relocated and a site for this is still being sought. Although a replacement pitch is ensured, its location will have some impact upon the operation of the club as it takes several years to embed a new cricket table, and temporary accommodation for the club will need to be found. The club is apparently

locally based, with many members coming from the Exwick area and so a pitch which is easily accessible is required.

- 4.66 Developments at Winslade Park, which may impact upon the use of the cricket ground, should be kept under review.

FUTURE DEMAND – EAST DEVON

B POPULATION CHANGE

- 4.67 ONS projections for future population change in East Devon are set out in Section 2.
- 4.68 The projections by age group do not match exactly the age groupings used to calculate Team Generation Rates for cricket (see below). In East Devon the adult playing age range (approx.. 18-55 years old) is projected to show a slight decline, and this is reflected in the Team Generation Rates.
- 4.69 Whilst the overall population of East Devon is expected to increase by 8,385 (6.2%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall ‘active participation’ age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a much lower rate (ie by 475 or 0.5%).
- 4.70 The age groups within the ‘active participation’ group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (veterans pitch sports) groups.
- 4.71 The age group predicted to see a decline in numbers in the period to 2024 is the 20-54 (adult pitch sport) age group (overall a decline of -6.2%, with the smallest decrease falling in the 35-45 years age group -2%)..

Team Generation Rates

- 4.72 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand.
- 4.73 Table 4.19 summarises the current TGRs for cricket in East Devon and uses them to evaluate the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for cricket.

Table 4.19: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Cricket Teams in East Devon: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	No. of teams in age group (2014)	Current popn in age group (2014)	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024)	Potential change in no. of teams in age group 2014-2024
Cricket Open Age Mens (18-55yrs)	51	26,890	527	25,748	-2
Cricket Open Age Womens (18-55yrs)	1	27,180	27,180	25,341	(no change)
Cricket Junior (7-18yrs)	37	16,613	449	18,183	+4

Source: Population data: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

Table 4.20: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Cricket Teams: New Housing Growth Areas East of Exeter: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	Current popn in age group (2014)	% of 2014 popn in age group	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024): Cranbrook	Potential no. of extra teams in age group (2024): Cranbrook	Future popn in age group (2024): Broadclyst	Potential no. of extra teams in age group (2024): Broadclyst
Cricket Open Age Mens (18-55yrs)	26,890	19.9%	527	1,950	3.7	790	1.5
Cricket Open Age Womens (18-55yrs)	27,180	20.1%	27,180	1,970	0.1	798	0.1
Cricket Junior (7-18yrs)	16,613	12.3%	449	1,206	2.7	488	1.1
Note: Figures for Cranbrook assume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,713 housing completions 2014-2024 • Average household size 2.08 • 9,803 new residents 2014-2024 • Age/sex breakdown of population same as 2014 				Note: Figures for Broadclyst assume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,909 housing completions 2014-2024 • Average household size 2.08 • 3,971 new residents 2014-2024 • Age/sex breakdown of population same as 2014 			

4.73 In terms of pitch requirements, it can be seen from the above two tables that changes to the population totals might result in;

- a requirement to accommodate up to 4 extra junior cricket teams to 2024 across East Devon
- a slight lessening of demand for adult cricket

4.74 Provision for cricket pitches to serve new housing to the east of Exeter in the Cranbrook (up to 4 adult and 3 junior) and Broadclyst (up to 2 adult and 2 junior) developments. One of the characteristics of TGRs is that if there are no teams or a very low number of teams currently playing (so that the number required to generate one team is very high) increases in population in the relevant age playing range may not ‘trigger’ an extra team. According to the Devon Cricket Board and clubs, women’s cricket is increasing in popularity and it is likely that more women’s cricket teams will develop in the future (at least 2 across East Devon?).

C CONSIDERATION OF LATENT, UNMET AND DISPLACED DEMAND

Active People and Market Segmentation (Sport England)

4.75 The Sport England Market Segmentation data presented earlier in this Section can also be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate in cricket and the number of people that would like to play (or play more). In East Devon, this suggests that there is potential to increase adult cricket participation by up to 56%, with an estimated 894 adults currently participating in cricket, and approximately 503 residents indicating that they would like to play (or play more) cricket. This potential rate of increase is similar to county and national figures. Most of this latent demand is from residents in the main market segments that currently play.

4.76 Given current TGRs, this would not result in an increase in the number of actual teams, but may result in larger squad sizes or existing players playing more e.g. for midweek teams as well as for wither a Saturday league and/or a Sunday friendly side.

D TRENDS IN PARTICIPATION AND CLUB SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS.

Table 4.21 : EAST DEVON Cricket clubs – Trends in team numbers over last 3 years

TABLE 4.21:	Club	Comments
Trend		
INCREASED	Ottery St Mary CC	We have added a 3rd Saturday team for this season due to our large crop of junior members and aging players still wanting to play. We will use the Kings School artificial wicket for our home matches. Have also added more soft ball teams U10, due to demand.
	Budleigh Salterton CC	
	Uplyme & Lyme Regis CC	U11 did not run last year but will in 2015

REMAINED THE SAME Clyst Hydon CC Feniton CC	Clyst St George CC; Kilmington CC; Uplyme & Lyme Regis CC; Exmouth CC; Woodbury CC; Honiton CC; Upottery CC (not enough jnrs coming through);	
	Clyst Hydon CC	Availability for long distance away matches (esp Devon League) is always an issue.
	Feniton CC	Number of teams has remained the same, but worrying reduction in the number of people playing cricket on a regular basis. Particular effect on 2nd XI and Sunday XI, with resultant cut back on friendly fixtures. Very rarely see a midweek touring side these days, but rarely have a problem getting a side out for a 20/20 midweek game. Running u10s, u11s and u12s (increase of one team on previous years). No plans to increase number of teams, but longer term strategy to have teams at older age groups, e.g. u11s, u13s & u15s.
	Seaton CC	Ran a 3rd team last year which included junior players but decided not to this season primarily for logistical and ground difficulties. Instead we have increased junior teams from 2 to 3 including and intend that young players will be given priority of selection for Sunday friendlies.
	Sidmouth CC	Women's team starting this season
DECREASED	Countess Wear CC	One senior team withdrew from South Devon League (too far to away venues)
	Axminster CC	Club had 4 senior teams 3 or 4 years ago, due to lack of players this reduced to 3, then to 2 two years ago. Also ran a ladies section but due to a lack of players (university etc) the team folded. The number of youth teams change from year to year depending on the number of players and their age group
	Whimble CC	Sunday Cricket has reduced considerably. Only 5 games played last year. Until 2 years ago used to run two Sunday Teams in addition to the two League Saturday Teams. Club has concentrated on developing Youth set up. Had 60 boys playing youth cricket last year. This winter have invested in training 4 additional coaches

4.77 The above table suggests a fairly mixed picture on trends, but suggests:

- Numbers of adult cricketers are staying fairly constant,
- Decline in number of Sunday friendly sides
- Several clubs record an increase in juniors
- Women's and girls' teams being started at a couple of clubs.

- There has been a decline in midweek friendly leagues, touring teams and casual cricket

4.78 The East Devon Youth League is a vibrant league, which hopes to set up a girls section next year. The view of the ECB is that habits of players may be changing but that there is a relatively stable cricket population in the area at present.

4.79 Some clubs have expressed aspirations to grow and some are starting to prepare development plans in place. These aspirations will impact both on demand across East Devon as a whole but also more locally at a site specific level. The localised nature of the clubs and the fact that they all play at home bases means that it is possible to attribute demand to sites.

4.80 As far as East Devon Cricket Clubs are concerned:

- Clubs planning to increase the number of men’s teams: Axminster CC; Feniton CC; Ottery St Mary CC
- Clubs planning to increase the number of women’s teams: Clyst St George; Ottery St Mary; Sidmouth
- Clubs planning to increase the number of junior teams: Uplyme & Lyme Regis; Countess Wear; Budleigh Salterton; Honiton and Uptontery

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EAST DEVON ?

Table 4.22 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams 11v11	Notes
Population growth to 2024	-2		4	
Expansion – Cranbrook development	4		3	
Expansion – Broadclyst development	2		2	
Latent demand	1	1	2	
Displaced demand	2			If Countess Wear CC moves away
Aspirations	3	3	6	
TOTAL	12 (-2)	4	17	

- 4.81 The ability of each site to accommodate the potential growth can be based upon the capacity calculations (assuming that a junior team will play on average 8 home games per season, while a senior team will play 12 home matches (based on current averages)). At a 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.
- 4.82 With an estimated 5 – 6 additional adult teams, 4 junior and possibly a girls’ team arising from the Cranbrook and Broadclyst new developments, a grass cricket square with 12 wickets (and ideally an artificial wicket) would be the minimum requirement. However, if a club developing here were to run 3 Saturday sides, a second pitch would be required. Development exceeding the assumptions set out at the bottom of Table 4.20 would also create more demand and as such more pitches may be required.
- 4.83 In addition, the poor condition of the artificial strip/cricket ground at Withycombe Raleigh should be addressed; either through new provision and the realignment of the pitches at the site to improve the capacity of the ground for cricket or an alternative cricket ground to be developed.

E FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO SUPPLY

- 4.84 Any proposed changes to supply to be further evaluated within the Strategy.

5 RUGBY AND OTHER PITCH SPORTS

5.1 This section assesses the adequacy of pitches for rugby in Exeter and East Devon by presenting the following

- An overview of pitch supply
- An overview of demand for rugby
- The pattern of play of rugby
- A review of the capacity and adequacy of current provision across Exeter and East Devon, including an understanding of activity at individual sites
- The future picture of provision for rugby across Exeter and East Devon

OVERVIEW OF PITCH SUPPLY

Quantity and quality ratings

5.2 The rugby pitches in Exeter and East Devon are set out in Tables 5.1 and 5.2, together with their quality ratings. The letters in the 'Community Use' column signify the following, as set out in Sport England's latest Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, October 2013.

- A Available for community use and used
- B Available for community use and unused
- C Not available for community use, as matter of policy and practice
- D Not available as disused. Any sites where pitches were once, but are no longer, marked out and remain undeveloped.

5.3 The score given to the overall pitch quality is based upon Sport England's new playing pitch strategy guidance – Appendix 4d. (<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>). There are two scores recorded on the assessment form: one is for pitch maintenance (frequency of aeration and surface dressing) and the other is for the type of drainage a particular pitch has (natural, pipe drained, pipe and slit drained, unknown). Also noted but not scored on the assessment forms are qualitative and ancillary information (length and coverage of grass, size of pitch, problem areas, condition and safety of goal posts, and availability of changing, floodlighting and car parking)

5.4 The maintenance (M) scores of the pitches are either M0 (poor) where it is indicated that required 'action is significant improvements to maintenance programme', M1 (adequate) where required 'action is minor improvements to maintenance programme' or M2 (good maintenance). The scores increase to reflect the frequency of the maintenance regime, with the maximum possible score of 15. Drainage (D) ratings are recorded as D0 (natural inadequate) where required 'action is pipe drainage system needed on pitch', D1 (natural adequate) where required 'action is pipe and slit drainage needed on pitch' or D2 (pipe drained) where required 'action is slit drainage needed on pitch'. D3 is a pipe and slit drained pitch, where no action is needed.

Table 5.1: Rugby pitches in Exeter with quality ratings and ratings by clubs

Site Ref.	TABLE 5.1: Owner / Manager	Name	Senior rugby	Midi rugby	Mini rugby	Community Use	Shared site?	Rating M/D	Comments VQA	Club rating/comments
	Local Authority/leased to RFC	Bonfire Field, Topsham	2			A	Yes - cricket, (dedicated rugby pitches)	Not assessed		Standard
	University	Ducke's Meadow (Exeter University)	4			C	No	M1/D1		
	Independent School	Exeter School	3	1		C	No	M1/D0		
	Local Authority/leased to RFC	Exhibition Fields (Exeter Saracens RFC)	2		2	A	No	M0/D1		Standard/Poor: Just a small amount of rain is enough to get games called off as the water does not drain away
	Local Authority	Flowerpot	2			A	No	M1/D1		Standard
	Club	Sandy Park (Exeter Chiefs)	1			C	No	M1/D2	Stadium pitch	
	Education	Isca College of Media Arts	1			C	No			
	Education	St Lukes School	2			A	No	M1/D1		
	Education	St Peter's School	1			C	No	M1/D1		
	University	Topsham (Exeter University)	2			C	No	M1/D1		
	Education	Westexe School	1			C	No	M1/D1		
		TOTAL	21	1	2					

Table 5.2 Summary of Rugby pitches in Exeter

No. of pitches			Community Use			Dedicated or Seasonal/ shared	
Adult rugby	Junior rugby	Mini rugby	A	B	C	Dedicated pitches	Seasonal pitch only
21			8		13	21	0
	1				1	1	
6					6	6	
26	1	2	14	3	10	19	8

5.5 Findings for rugby pitch quantity and quality in Exeter are:

- There are 26 senior rugby pitches, 1 midi pitch and 2 mini pitches. 14 senior and the midi pitch are on education sites (University, Exeter School, secondary schools, independent schools) with only one or two (possibly at St Lukes School) available for community use (and then only as a seasonal pitch).
- Two grounds are leased by Exeter CC to clubs (at Exhibition Fields for Exeter Saracens and Bonfire Field Topsham for Topsham RFC). Exeter Chiefs own their ground at Sandy Park.
- This leaves 2 rugby pitches on a local authority managed site – at Flowerpot Playing Fields.
- All grounds scored adequate on pitch maintenance, apart from Exhibition Fields (poor). Clubs rated the grounds at Topsham RFC and Flowerpot as standard.
- Where rugby pitches are on public recreation grounds – notably Flowerpots in Exeter, the playing fields are used by some for casual recreational purposes and this has led to issues with dog fouling. The impact is not sufficiently large to reduce the capacity of pitches, but does affect pitch quality and the player experience.

Table 5.3: Rugby pitches in East Devon with quality ratings and ratings by clubs

Sub Area	Owner / Manager	Name	Adult rugby	Junior rugby	Mini rugby	Community Use	Shared site?	Rating M/D	Comments VQA	Club rating/ comments
EXF	Education	Clyst Vale Community College	2			B	No			
AXM	Education	Axe Valley Community College	2			C	Yes – seasonal rugby pitches only (rugby/football)	M0/D0	Shared site. Rabbit damage. Insufficient machinery to do all maintenance required	
EXM	Private school	St Peter’s Preparatory School	3			C	Yes- seasonal rugby pitches only (football/cricket)		Not audited as 3 small pitches hired from landowner, who only permits use by school.	
EXM	FE College	Bicton College	2			A	No	M1/D1	Temporary changing block. 1 st pitch good; 2 nd pitch uneven & poor markings. Wants to develop 3 new rugby pitches & then turn 2 nd pitch back to cricket & develop another football pitch.	
EXM	CTCRM MoD	CTCRM	1			C	Yes – seasonal rugby pitch only (shared football/rugby)	M0/D1	Rugby posts in place but currently marked for football	
EXM	Local Authority (leased to club)	Imperial Recreation Ground (Exmouth RFC)	2	1		A	No	M2/D0	None available	Standard/One set of posts need to be replaced. 1 st XV pitch is fairly level;

Sub Area	Owner / Manager	Name	Adult rugby	Junior rugby	Mini rugby	Community Use	Shared site?	Rating M/D	Comments VQA	Club rating/ comments
										2 nd XV pitch undulates and due to amount of training on playing area, often becomes unplayable.
EXM	Local Authority/ maintained by club	Raleigh Park (Withycombe RFC)	1			A	No	M1/D0		Standard
HON	Local Authority	All Hallows Recreation Ground (Honiton RFC)	2			A	No	M0/D0	Badly worn & boggy; looked unplayable. Unrestricted pub. Access. Clubhouse facilities not up to league standards	Poor/All pretty negative – to be fair, it does get used a lot (also use from the school)
HON	Education	Honiton Community College	1			C	seasonal rugby pitch only (shared football/rugby)	M1/D0	No community use	
OSM	Education	King's School, OSM	2			B	Yes - Seasonal pitch (rugby/football);	M0/D0		
SEA	Education	Colyton Grammar School	2			C	No	M0/D1		
SID	Local Authority – 2 leased from LA and 1 on long lease from private landowner	Byes Lane	3			A	Yes – site shared with football, although separate pitches	M1/D1	1 st 2 pitches being renovated,. 3 rd pitch (new,) Sept '13). Thin grass cover. Inadequate. changing & car parking if football as well.	The two pitches leased from EDDC at Sidford are poorly maintained and in a poor state. On average, 25%

Sub Area	Owner / Manager	Name	Adult rugby	Junior rugby	Mini rugby	Community Use	Shared site?	Rating M/D	Comments VQA	Club rating/ comments
										matches/training lost due to weather.
SID	Trust	The Blackmore	1			A	No	M1/D0	Issues with puddling, Reasonable slope; parking poor. Training floodlights	Standard(Main ground)
SID	Education	Sidmouth College	1			C	Yes - seasonal use (shared rugby/football)	M0/D0	No pitches marked out	
		TOTAL	26	1						

Table 5.4: Summary of Rugby Provision in East Devon

Name	No. of pitches			Community Use			Dedicated or Seasonal/ shared	
	Adult rugby	Junior rugby	Mini rugby	A	B	C	Dedicated pitches	Seasonal pitch only
Exeter Fringe Sub Area	2			2			2	
Axminster Sub Area	2					2		2
Exmouth Sub Area	10	1		6		5	9	2
Honiton Sub Area	3			2	1		2	1
Ottery St Mary Sub Area	2				2			2
Seaton Sub Area	2					2	2	
Sidmouth Sub Area	5			4		1	4	1
Total	26	1		14	3	10	19	8

5.6 Emerging findings for rugby pitch quantity and quality in East Devon are:

- No mini rugby pitches are recorded and only one junior pitch. There are 26 adult pitches.
- The pitches at secondary schools tend to be seasonal only (i.e. one term rugby; one term football) and so are not conducive or available for seasonal rugby club use.
- Out of 15 sites listed, only 6 are genuinely available for community use:
 - Bicton College. Of the two pitches here, the 2nd pitch is available for anyone to use (no need to book) and specific clubs. The first pitch is only available to in-house and lettings to specific clubs.
 - Imperial Recreation ground (Exmouth RFC) (leased to club by EDDC – 2 adult and 1 junior pitch)
 - Raleigh Park (Withycombe RFC)(Owned by EDDC)
 - All Hallows Recreation Ground (Honiton RFC)(Owned by EDDC)
 - Byes Lane, Sidford (2 local authority leased pitches and 1 private, used by Sidmouth RFC)

- Sidmouth RFC's own pitch at The Blackmore.
- Pitches vary considerably on their maintenance ratings and drainage. The highest scoring grounds for maintenance are Exmouth RFC's ground, Bicton College, Raleigh Park (Withycombe RFC), Byes Lane Sidford and The Blackmore.
- Only one non-school site – at Byes Lane – is shared with other pitch sports (football) though pitches do not overmark one another here.
- Issues for rugby at schools is that often pitch space shared with football.
- Woodbury Park Country Club Seasonal; sometimes marked for rugby. Very boggy pitch.

OVERVIEW OF DEMAND

EXETER

Active People and Market Segmentation (Sport England)

Demand and Latent Demand for Rugby Union

5.7 From the Active People Survey and Market Segmentation data it is possible to estimate:

- the proportion of the local adult population within each market segment group that **currently** participate in rugby, and how this compares to county, regional and national figures; and

5.8 The key participants in rugby in Exeter come from those market segments groups that are most likely to play rugby nationally. However, the relative proportion of the population that participates from each group differs from national rates due to the make-up of the local population. For rugby, the main market segmentation groups in Exeter are:

1. **Jamie:** sports team lad, mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student.
2. **Ben:** competitive male urbanite, mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional.
3. **Tim:** settling down male, mainly aged 26-45, married or single, professional.
4. **Philip:** comfortable mid-life male, mainly aged 46-55, married with children, full time employment and owner occupier.
5. **Kev:** pub league team mate, mainly aged 36-45, married or single, may have children, vocational job.

5.9 The main female segment participating in rugby in Exeter is:

1. **Leanne:** Mainly aged 18-25, likely to have children, student/part time vocational

Rugby clubs and teams playing in Exeter

5.10 The following table sets out the rugby clubs and teams playing in Exeter. There are 11 adult teams, 3 Colts teams, 3 girls' teams, 10 youth teams (boys) and 24 minis teams. In addition, the University fields 5 league teams and 11 BUCS teams which play at Ducke's Meadow and Topsham University site. The number of teams playing for Exeter College not available at present.

Table 5.4: Rugby teams in Exeter

Sub Area	Adult Men TOTAL	Colts	Ladies TOTAL	Vets	Girls	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	U7
Exeter Chiefs	2															
Exeter Youth RFC		1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Exeter Saracens (Girls – u18, u15, u13)	2	1		1	3		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Topsham RFC	2	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wessex RFC	2															
Exeter Engineers	2															
University of Exeter	16															
Exeter College	n/a															
TOTAL	10 + 16	3	0	1	3	1	3									

Table 5.5: Trends in membership in Exeter rugby clubs

(I= increased; D= decreased; S = stayed the same)

Club	Senior (19-45 ages):	Youth (U13-U17 ages):	Colts (U18-U19 ages):	Mini-midi (U7-U12 ages):	If there has been a change, please indicate: how many tea...
Exeter Saracens RFC (Exhibition Fields)	S	S	I	S	U 16 M Loss of team. U19 Colts Exit to Exeter and academy One new colts team 17-19 New coach and age groups moving up One girls u13 team More girls at younger age want to play rugby but cannot play in a boys team
Exeter Youth Rugby (Flowerpots)	S	S	D	S	General trend of players leaving the sport at 18+

Topsham RFC (Bonfire Field)	I	D	D	I	We have lost a colt's age group, which we hope to start again next year.
Wessex RFC (Flowerpots)	S			I	Wessex RFC have this season started a youth section with concentration on under 9's to begin with.

5.11 Table 5.5 suggests that there is a mixed picture depending on the club in Exeter, although a common theme is the difficulty in keeping u16s to u18s involved in rugby and making a successful transition to senior sides. There is encouraging growth in junior play.

EAST DEVON

Active People and Market Segmentation (Sport England)

Demand and Latent Demand for Rugby Union

5.12 The key participants in rugby in East Devon come from those market segments groups that are most likely to play rugby nationally. However, the relative proportion of the population that participates from each group differs from national rates due to the make-up of the local population. For rugby, the main market segmentation groups in East Devon are:

1. **Ben:** competitive male urbanite, mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional.
2. **Tim:** settling down male, mainly aged 26-45, married or single, professional.
3. **Jamie:** sports team lad, mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student.
4. **Philip:** comfortable mid-life male, mainly aged 46-55, married with children, full time employment and owner occupier.
5. **Keve:** pub league team mate, mainly aged 36-45, married or single, may have children, vocational job.

5.13 The main female segment participating in rugby in East Devon is:

- **Chloe:** Young image-conscious females keeping fit and trim.

5.14 The table below provides an analysis of current and latent demand for adult rugby union in East Devon, using Sport England's market segmentation data. This suggests that there is potential to increase adult rugby participation by up to 26%, with about 348 residents indicating that they would like to play (or play more) rugby. This potential rate of increase is similar to county and national figures. Most of this latent demand is from residents in the main market segments that currently play.

Rugby Clubs and Teams in East Devon

5.15 The following rugby clubs and teams have been recorded as playing in East Devon. There are 11 adult teams, 1 Ladies team, 5 girls' teams, 11 youth teams and 30 minis.

Table 5.7: Rugby clubs and teams in East Devon

Sub Area	Men Adult TOTAL	Colts	Ladies TOTAL	Vets	Girls	U18	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	U7	U6
Exmouth RFC	3	1	1		3*		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Honiton RFC	2	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sidmouth RFC	3	1			2**			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Withycombe RFC	2							1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	10		1	0			1	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3

*Exmouth Girls – u18, u15, u13

**Sidmouth Girls – u15,u13

Table 5.8: Trends in membership in East Devon rugby clubs

(I= increased; D= decreased; S = stayed the same)

Club	Senior (19-45 ages):	Youth (U13-U17 ages):	Colts (U18-U19 ages):	Mini-midi (U7-U12 ages):	If there has been a change, please indicate: how many tea...
Exmouth RFC (Imperial Recreation Ground)	I	I	I	0	Girl’s rugby u13/15/18. Last season a senior. Ladies team and this season a more regular veteran’s team now turning out on regular occasions.
Honiton (All Hallows)	S	I	I	I	The senior team situation has remained the same but for all other age groups we have seen an increase in team. We have not had a colt’s team which we now have and we have also picked up several of the very young teams i.e. catering for 5, 6 and 7 year olds.
Sidmouth RFC Ltd (Blackmore Field)	D	I	S	S	We are unable to field an adult 3rd team due higher dropout rate, higher injury rate and change of work patterns and commitment to playing every week. Youths increased due to the introduction of rugby for girls in that age range.
Withycombe RFC Ltd (Raleigh)	I	I	0	I	2nd XV(seniors) re-established(men) 4new juniors` teams some boys, some mixed gender) Junior section grows by one team each year as a new

Park)					Under 7's team comes through
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5.16 As with Exeter, there is a mixed picture, depending on the club, although generally youth sides are increasing in number.

PATTERN OF PLAY AND CAPACITY

Matchplay

5.17 Senior rugby is played on Saturday afternoons, mini and junior rugby on Sunday mornings and Vets and Ladies on Sunday afternoons, as Tables 5.9 and 5.10 show.

Table 5.9: Rugby Pattern of Play – EXETER

	Club	TIME OF PLAY			
		SAT PM	SUN AM	SUN PM	M/W
2	Exeter Chiefs	2			
11	Exeter Youth	1	10Y		
18	Exeter Saracens	3	10Y	3G + 1V	
14	Topsham RFC	3	11Y		
2	Wessex RFC	2			
2	Exeter Engineers	2			
	University of Exeter	-			X
	Exeter College				X
48+	TOTAL	13	31	4	

Table 5.10: Rugby Pattern of Play – EAST DEVON

	CLUB	TIME OF PLAY			
		SAT PM	SUN AM	SUN PM	M/W
20	Exmouth RFC	4	12Y	3G + 1L	
14	Honiton RFC	3	11Y		
16	Sidmouth RFC	4	10Y	2G	
10	Withycombe RFC	2	8		
60	TOTAL	13	41	6	

Training

5.18 Rugby clubs frequently train on their own grounds, using a variety of pitch and training area floodlights.

Table 5.11: Training arrangements by Exeter Rugby Clubs

TABLE 5.12 Club	Where does training take place?	For how long?	If off-site please provide the address of the facility where you train	Do you have demand for additional training facilities?	If yes, what type of facilities would be required? (e.g. ...)
Exeter Saracens RFC	On the competitive pitch, Elsewhere on the ground, Off-site	10 hours	St James school 5 Hours 30 per hour for half pitch	Yes	Either grass pitch with lights or all weather pitch with lights
Exeter Youth Rugby	On the training pitch			Yes	Grass or synthetic
Topsham RFC	On the competitive pitch, On the training pitch, Off-site	32 Hours per week.	Lympstone Marine Camp 2 hours per week on astro turf.	Yes	rubber crumb and floodlit training
Wessex RFC	Elsewhere on the ground, Off-site		West Exe Technology College once a week between November and February for an hour at a cost of c.14 per session	Yes	Bigger training area with floodlights, 3G pitch would be a great addition with the number of clubs/teams using the current facilities.

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Exmouth RFC	On the competitive pitch, On the training pitch, Elsewhere on the ground, Off-site	1st XV pitch up to 6 hours, second pitch up to 18 hours	Exmouth community college astro turf and Commando training centre Royal Marines astro, from 40/hr. to 70/hr. offsite training 5 plus hours a week, if poor weather this can increase to 8 to 10 hours.	Yes	Anything, it is both a logistical problem and financial drain on the clubs resources sourcing suitable training and playing space, particularly in poor weather, access to 3G would be an asset. We run over 20 sides on 2 full size pitches and a junior pitch
Honiton RFC	On the competitive pitch, Elsewhere on the ground, Off-site	9 hours	We try to rent the Sports hall's outdoor hard court facility when the ground is very wet but it's often fully booked and you really have to do a block booking in the summer. It's also expensive. If we can't get on this we try to find lit up car parks around the town. Home base car park is one but this is, as you can imagine less than ideal.	Yes	Ideally a rubber crumb surface would be good but hard court/indoor facilities are totally inadequate in the town.
Sidmouth RFC	On the competitive	Blackmore Field (main competitive) 2 hours Training	Sidford Playing Field - 2 pitches (see above) (leased from EDDC).	Yes	All weather surface for training in wet weather.

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	pitch, Off-site	pitch (Sidford) 10 hours First competitive pitch at Sidford 4 hours Second competitive pitch at Sidford 2 hours	Prettejohn Field at Sidford (leased from landowner) - 1 pitch		
Withycombe RFC Ltd	On the competitive pitch, Off-site	Main pitch 10 hours	Sandy Park (Exeter Chiefs) rubber crumb pitch 2 hours on Mondays and Exmouth Community College, Gypsy Lane, Exmouth 90 minutes on Thursdays during season . Total cost 50 to Exmouth Community College per week.	Yes	3G pitch would be the answer to our problem with lack of playing space but @ around 750K this is not possible

5.19 As can be seen, the issue of training is an emotive one, and further alternative provision is desired in both Exeter and East Devon.

Other Use of Pitches

5.20 Several rugby pitches accommodate other use, for example, the pitch in Honiton – All Hallows – is used by the secondary school for PE and games as is Raleigh Park in Exmouth.

CAPACITY

Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views

5.21 For rugby, supply and demand is measured by considering;

- the amount of play that a site is able to sustain (based upon pitch quality and the facilities and pitches available);
- how much play takes place;
- whether there is any spare capacity at the site based upon a comparison between the capacity of the site and the actual usage; and
- any other key issues relating to the site which have arisen through provider and user consultation.

5.22 Both the supply of pitches and the demand for pitches is measured through the use of match equivalents to ensure that a comparison is possible. To fully understand activity on a site, consideration is given to both;

- the adequacy of pitch provision over the course of a week; and
- capacity of a site to meet additional demand at peak time.

5.23 For rugby, this analysis is based upon the following principles;

Capacity over the course of a week

- it is assumed that a team playing home fixtures every other week would generate the equivalent of 0.5 match equivalents per week (one fixture every other week). Match equivalent values are also used to measure the use of pitches for training, as well as the impact of use by educational establishments and casual access. 90 minutes of training is 1 match equivalent.
- the RFU sets a standard number of match equivalent sessions that natural grass pitches should be able to sustain without adversely affecting their current quality (pitch carrying capacity). This is based upon the drainage system installed at the site and the maintenance programme used to prepare the pitches.

5.24 The guideline theoretical capacity for rugby pitches is summarised in Table 5.13

Table 5.13: Theoretical Pitch Capacity Ratings (RFU)

		Maintenance		
		Poor (M0)	Standard (M1)	Good (M2)
Drainage	Natural Inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
	Natural Adequate (D1)	1.5	2	3
	Pipe Drained (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	2	3	3.5

5.25 Based upon the installed drainage and the maintenance regime applied, pitches in Exeter and East Devon are categorised in Table 5.12 and 5.13 below with their individual pitch carrying capacities. It should be noted that at this stage this does not take into account views of users on pitch quality nor other assessments undertaken by the RFU.

Peak Time Demand

5.26 The number of match equivalent sessions at peak time is therefore measured against the number of match equivalent sessions available to identify whether there is any spare capacity. Play typically takes place as follows:

- Senior men’s rugby union - Saturday PM
- Youth rugby union - Sunday AM
- Mini/midi rugby union - Sunday AM
- Vets and Ladies – Sunday PM

Table 5.14: Rugby Pitches in Exeter – Site Specific Usage

Site	Pitches	Pitch Maintenance (as per PQA)	Drainage as per PQA)	Match equivalent Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Match equivalent Community Use	Match equivalent Difference	Peak time capacity	Key Issues and Views
Bonfire Field, Topsham	2 adult	M1	D1	2.0 x 2	4	=	Peak time is Sunday mornings. Site running at close to capacity with no spare peak time slots.	Topsham RFC – 3 Sat pm and 11 Youth Sunday am. If no fixtures, will train or play friendlies. Exeter College sometimes use
Ducke’s Meadow, University	4 adult	M1	D1	2.0 x 4	5.5	2.5	The University runs 11 teams at this site. 3 are playing on Sat pms; the rest on Weds. There would appear to be some spare capacity	BUCS teams and intra mural teams. No recorded community use
Exeter School	3 adult; 1 midi/mini	M1	D0	1.5 x 3	0	-	-	No recorded community use
Exhibition Fields	2 adult & 2 mini/midi	M0	D1	1.5 x 2 + 2 mini/midi	3.5	=	Peak time is Sunday mornings. Site running at close to capacity with no spare peak time slots.	Exeter Saracens running 2 adult, 1 vets, 1 Colts, 10 u7-u16 + 3 girls (u18, u15, u13) = 17 teams. Vets play Sun pm twice/3 a season; girls the same + Training
Flowerpot	2 adult	M1	D1	2.0 x 2	5.5	-1.5	Peak time is Sunday mornings. Site running beyond capacity due to college use and unauthorised/unbooked training and casual use	Exeter Youth RFC: 1 Colts + 10 u7 – u16 + 2 senior teams for Wessex RFC + Exeter Engineers RFC 2 senior teams Also have Exeter College here

TABLE 5.14								
Site	Pitches	Pitch Maintenance (as per PQA)	Drainage as per PQA)	Match equivalent Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Match equivalent Current Use	Match equivalent Difference	Peak time capacity	Key Issues and Views
Sandy Park	1 adult grass	M1	D2	2.5	1.0	1.5	Nominal spare capacity but exclusive use by professional club	
St Lukes	2	M1	D1	2.0 x 2	0	4.0	-	No recorded community use
St Peter's	1	M1	D1	2.0	0	2.0	-	No recorded community use
Topsham, University Ground	2 adult	M1	D1	2.0 x 2	3.0	1.0	The University runs 5 teams at this site. 2 are playing on Sat pms; the rest on Weds, plus training. Assessed as virtually at capacity.	University 5 senior teams. No recorded community use
Westexe	1	M1	D1	2.0	0	-	-	No recorded community use

Rugby in Exeter – Commentary on Capacity and Other Issues

5.27 Rugby clubs traditionally make use of whatever pitches are available, fitting in mini and junior fixtures on Sunday mornings according to fixture times (which can sometimes be flexible) and pitch availability. It is thus difficult to assign particular teams to particular pitches.

5.28 All the clubs experience cancellations – Wessex RFC, one to three matches last season at Flowerpots; four to six cancellations at Bonfire Field (Topsham) and seven or more at Exhibition Fields, due to Poor drainage, waterlogged pitches. Normal rainfall

5.29 Bonfire Field, Topsham (Topsham RFC)

- This ground has seen investment by the RFU and other sources (Exeter CC, Viridor) into 4 new en-suite changing rooms and clubhouse building, with medical accommodation etc.
- It is a thriving club, with good governance and the full range of adult through to mini teams, with around 25 children in each age group.
- The site is shared with Topsham St James CC, with the cricket pitch in the middle of 3 rugby pitches. There are also training grids at the ground. Although there is plenty of space, the site is very busy on Sunday mornings and almost at capacity.
- The club would like to develop women’s social rugby.

5.30 Ducke’s Meadow (University of Exeter)

- The site has four (and sometimes marked out for five) rugby pitches, but is not hired out due to the volume of use sustained for training and matches.
- University teams playing in D&E leagues – 1st rugby XV play at Topsham and other 3 teams at Duckes Meadow, so used for 2nd, 3rd and 4th tier teams in BUCS and also for up to 11 intramural teams on Wednesday afternoons and for training on Wednesdays and at weekends. Some spare capacity although ground also used for lacrosse.

5.31 Exeter School

- No recorded community use

5.32 Exhibition Fields (Exeter Saracens)

- Exhibition Fields lies adjacent to Exeter Arena. It has 2 adult pitches with 2 minis in between, and space for 2 intermediate pitches at the top of the site.
- The Saracens are a thriving club. The 1st pitch used by 1st XV and occasionally 2nds; 2nd pitch used 2nd XV and on Sun am (Colts and youth) and Sun pm (girls) – it is used to capacity. However, the site has the ability to provide for u7s to 1st team and girls u12s – u16s, and it works very well. The mini and junior section is very good, although one or two teams have been lost and the Rugby Development Officer is working with the club to develop the girls section.
- The pitches are rated poorly, and the site can become waterlogged, although there has been some drainage improvements to the main pitch. Training has to take place overlapping one of the mini pitches

- There are several issues with the ground: poor quality pitches, changing facilities which would benefit from improvement as they sustain a high intensity of use at weekends, and the desire for an all weather training area.
- There is the former Isca outdoor bowling green on the site and this has been suggested as a site for a 3g or other appropriate surfaced training area for the club.

5.33 Flowerpot Lane (Wessex RFC and others)

- There are two rugby pitches here. The site is running beyond capacity due to college use and unauthorised/unbooked training and casual use..The pitches are used by Exeter College during the week (for curriculum work, sporting academy use and BUCS teams), Exeter Youth RFC (pending development of their ground at Oil Mill Lane), Exeter Engineers (a University based informal rugby club) and Wessex RFC which runs 2 adult teams and is looking to develop two youth teams and minis teams.
- The changing facilities are provided by the local authority and can struggle to accommodate the demands of the site. There are discussions currently taking place around the future use and development of the Exwick/Flowerpot playing fields, arising from the pending changes to the Exwick (Exeter College) site and the resiting of the cricket pitch.
- The site is catering for many different rugby users and being the only local authority managed site, this creates challenges in timetabling and organisation of pitches to provide enough capacity and to cater for growth and development in rugby.
- Pitch 3 at Flowerpot is currently being used for Ultimate Frisbee, for training.
- With Exeter College now making full use of the site midweek and Exeter Youth now adding to their Saturday requirements, numbers are fairly constant at 3 x weekly. The downside is pitch and peripheral wear and tear. Had the one adult football team not returned a third rugby pitch was planned, but the recent development with the College taking over could still change the basic provision here.

5.34 Sandy Park (Exeter Chiefs RFC)

- The ground is exclusively used by Exeter Chiefs and is not considered further in this assessment. The 2nd team pitch – which was used by Exeter Youth RFC – has been replaced by a rugby compliant IRB22 3g AGP and the Youth RFC have relocated.

5.35 Topsham (Exeter University)

- There are two rugby pitches here used by 2 rugby league teams at weekends and by a further three BUCS teams on Wednesdays. The pitches are also used for training. The University has just completed some significant pitch drainage to the first team rugby pitch at Topsham
- 2nd pitch/Football pitch: 2nd & 3rd University teams and training. Not available for community use

5.36 St Lukes, St Peters and Westex Schools

- No regular recorded community use.

5.37 Exeter Youth RFC (Oil Mill Lane)

- Exeter Youth RFC have acquired a long lease at a site near Clyst St Mary in East Devon, to develop pitches, changing facilities and car parking. However, this is still being planned at present. In the meantime, the youth rugby club have been using the pitches at Flowerpot (and possibly some education sites).

Table 5.15: Rugby Pitches in East Devon – Site Specific Usage

Site	Pitches	Pitch Maintenance (as per PQA)	Drainage as per PQA)	Match equivalent Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Match equivalent Current Community Use	Match equivalent Difference	Peak time capacity	Key Issues and Views
Axe Valley Community College	2 adult	M0	D0	0.5	0	-	-	No recorded community use
Bicton College	2 adult	M1	D1	2.0	0	-	-	No recorded community use. Although situation may change due to College's status as a rugby centre of excellence and Exeter Chief's involvement.
CTCRM	1 pitch	M0	D1	1.5	0	-	-	No recorded community use
Imperial Ground, Exmouth	2 adult + 1 junior pitch	M2	D0	2.0 x 2	6	-2	Peak time is Sunday am. Situation partly relieved due to access to occasional junior pitch and use of CTRM	Club is running 3 adult men's and Colts (Sat pm), 12 u6-u17, 3 girls and 1 ladies on 2 full size and 1 junior pitch.
Raleigh Park, Exmouth	1 adult	M1	D0	1.5	2	-0.5	Peak time is Sunday am. Single pitch site being overplayed.	Withycombe: 7 minis u6-u12s, u16 and 2 adult. Club hoping to use pitch at local primary school. Exmouth Community College also use the pitch.
All Hallows, Honiton	2 adult	M0	D0	0.5 x 2	3	-2	Peak time is Sunday am. Pitches overused and worn out.	Honiton run 2 adult + Colts on sat pms, plus 11 youth/mini teams on Sun ams. Honiton Community College also use the pitch.
Honiton Community College	1 adult	M1	D0	1.5	0	-	-	No recorded community use

TABLE 5.15								
Site	Pitches	Pitch Maintenance (as per PQA)	Drainage as per PQA)	Match equivalent Carrying Capacity for Community Use	Match equivalent Current Community Use	Match equivalent Difference	Peak time capacity	Key Issues and Views
Byes Lane, Sidford	3 adult	M1	D1	2.0 x 3	5.0	1.0	Theoretical spare slot at peak time (Sunday am). Questionable due to conflicting drainage reports for pitches	Sidmouth RFC – 2 girls on Sun pm; 10 youth and mini teams Sun ams.
The Blackmore, Sidmouth	1 adult	M1	D0	1.5	1.5	=	Peak time is Saturday afternoon. Peak time match capacity probably overplayed with training use.	Sidmouth RFC – 3 adult seniors + Colts.
Kings School, Ottery St Mary	2 adult	M0	D0	0.5 x 2	0	-	-	No recorded community use
Colyton Grammar School	2 adult	M0	D1	1.5 x 2	0	-	-	Not available for community use
Sidmouth College	1 adult	M0	D0	0.5	0	-	-	No recorded community use

Rugby in East Devon – Commentary on Capacity and Other Issues

5.38 All the grounds experience waterlogging (often over frost) which causes cancellations (at least seven times a season for each ground, apart from Raleigh Park (Withycombe Raleigh – 4 – 6 times). Withycombe states: Either waterlogging or hardness of surface dependent on weather conditions. Winter 2012 was exceptionally wet so more games were cancelled.

5.39 Exeter Fringe and Axminster Sub Areas – no recorded rugby activity or aspirations

5.40 Exmouth Sub Area

Bicton College

- Bicton College has two rugby pitches, both of which are available for community use (see above). It is understood that the college has links with Exeter Chiefs and may be accommodating some use or training sessions
- *CTCRM, Lympstone* : No recorded community use, although Exmouth RFC have used a pitch there for training in the past.
- St Peter’s Preparatory school – 3 small rugby pitches but no community use.

Imperial Ground, Exmouth RFC

- The club currently have 16-17 teams on 2 pitches, so massive deficit in provision. It does apparently use Lympstone for training mid week (on the AGP?).
- Its main pitch does not have floodlights; 2nd pitch – inadequate floodlights. A planning application is currently being considered for upgrading of the floodlights for the second pitch.
- This club is being improved under the RFU investment programme, and the club is fundraising for upgrading the floodlights on its 2nd pitch. All minis and juniors use 2nd pitch, but the quality very poor and drainage improvements are being carried out this summer to cope with demand.
- Exmouth RFC require at least 2 additional pitches – these should be adult size, with the option of marking out mini/midi pitches on one to cater for younger teams as required. Discussions have been taking place with EDDC about possible relocation. These additional pitches would be over and above any straight like-for-like replacement for the existing pitches at the Imperial Ground if they were to move.

Raleigh Park, Withycombe RFC

- The club runs 2 adult teams, 4 mini and junior and is an expanding club. At its ground there is one pitch and small floodlit training area.
- The pitch is being overplayed and the club is in negotiations for additional grass pitch access.
- The club also has further training pitch requirements and needs more changing rooms to serve any expansion. However, the site itself is too small to accommodate these developments.

- Withycombe RFC and Exmouth Community College have plans in the pipeline to replace the grass pitch with a full size long-pile 3G surface which can be used by rugby and football. This could potentially meet training demands of Exmouth Amateurs etc as well and the needs of the College which has no grass pitches.

5.41 All Hallows (Honiton RFC)

- The club hires All Hallows, a local authority site in town, comprising two pitches which are of poor quality. There is unrestricted public access across the site and the pitches are also heavily used by Honiton Community College. The clubhouse is of reasonable standard.
- Despite the limitations of the ground, the club seem happy with the location in the centre of town. It runs 2 adult and 6 junior teams.
- Honiton Development Trust plans at Tower Hill would potentially include significant provision for rugby.
- Apart from improvements to pitch quality, the main need identified by the club is for better training facilities (see Table 5.12). Due to the poor drainage of their pitches and the lack of a floodlit all weather surface in Honiton, the rugby club sometimes trains on car parks. There is a need for a floodlit artificial grass pitch for rugby training in Honiton.

5.42 Sidmouth Sub Area

Sidmouth RFC

- The club has split sites – Blackmore – which it owns – and which has a clubhouse and 1 floodlit pitch and 2 changing rooms and social accommodation. The club plays its 2 senior teams and its Colts here.
- The club also uses pitches at Byes Lane Sidford, which it is heavily reliant on. There are 3 pitches here - 2 are leased from the local authority and one is on a long lease from a private owner. All mini and junior teams are played here; the club has also just started u13s and wants to develop more. The ground is at capacity.
- Currently, the 2 leased local authority pitches being improved through the RFU 'Protecting playing fields' scheme, S106 monies and a local trust; major investment is going in to new drainage and levelling, Will be out of line until next year and so will lose two pitches for duration. The other pitch has drainage. Once this work is completed, Sidmouth RFC will have four good pitches which is adequate for its match needs. However there is still a need for access to a floodlit all weather artificial grass training facility.
- There are no defined responsibilities for maintaining the two rugby pitches at Sidford in the lease to Sidmouth RFC. This needs to be addressed before the pitches come back into use to ensure that they are not allowed to deteriorate due to lack of maintenance.
- There are insufficient changing rooms at Byes Lane for the number of pitches. There are two rugby and two football (one adult and one junior) pitches provided by EDDC but only four changing rooms, when eight are needed if all pitches are in use at one time. In addition to this there is another football pitch used by Sidbury Utd and the new rugby pitch on long lease from a private owner which may also create significant

extra demand for changing facilities. 2013/14 season on Sunday mornings the changing room block was being used by adult football and junior rugby at the same time, which is not satisfactory.

5.43 School pitches

- School pitches at: Honiton Community College; the King’s School, Ottery St Mary; Axe Valley Community College; Clyst Vale Community College and Colyton Grammar School are mostly seasonal pitches (i.e. shared with football) and for various reasons (capacity, covenant on grounds which means they cannot be let) are not available for community use.

FUTURE PICTURE OF PROVISION

5.44 The future requirement for rugby pitches will be impacted by several factors, including;

- A Changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
- B Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
- C Consideration of latent, unmet and displaced demand
- D Trends in participation and club specific development plans and aspirations; and
- E Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

A CHANGES IN PARTICIPATION TRENDS AND HOW THE SPORT IS PLAYED

5.45 Whilst focusing on maintaining its core market of 15v15 senior teams, the RFU is actively promoting its variants of the game for younger players – touch and tag rugby and ‘7s’ and also looking to develop more recreational and social rugby during the summer. This is likely to increase the numbers of junior teams and possibly summer activity for adults, which may cascade down to increase participation during the winter months.

5.46 There are also changes in the type of facilities now being used for rugby. Clubs are aspiring to use AGPs more for training, to reduce the impact on the grass pitches for training, thus enabling grass pitches to accommodate greater intensity of match play. In addition, clubs are now considering the possibilities of using IRB22 accredited AGPs for competitive fixtures. In this instance, the increased capacity offered by an AGP would mean that current and future training needs, as well as match play could be accommodated.

The remaining factors B – E are now considered in turn for first, Exeter and secondly, East Devon, in order to build a picture of future demand for playing pitches.

FUTURE DEMAND - EXETER

B POPULATION CHANGE

5.47 ONS projections for future population change in Exeter re set out in Section 2. The projections by age group do not match exactly the age groupings used to calculate Team Generation Rates for rugby (see below). However, in Exeter, the adult playing age range (approx.. 18-55 years old) is projected to show a slight increase, and within this, the 35-45 years old age range is projected to show an increase of just under 9%. This may impact upon the demand for Vet’s teams, but it is not reliable to translate this into an actual number of teams.

Team Generation Rates

5.48 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand.

5.49 Table 5.16 summarises the current TGRs for rugby in Exeter and uses them to evaluate the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for rugby.

Table 5.16: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Rugby Teams in Exeter: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	No. of teams in age group (2014)	Current popn in age group (2014)	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024)	Potential change in no. of teams in age group 2014-2024
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	11	26,682	2426	27,388	No change
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)		25,826		25,223	
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	13	3,510	270	3,935	+2
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)	3	3,493	1164	3,923	No change
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	18	6,586	366	7,731	+3

Source: Population data: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

5.50 In terms of pitch requirements, this means that changes to the population growth would result in;

- demand for pitches from senior teams remaining stable; and
- demand for pitches from youth teams increasing (1 match equivalent session – 2 teams)
- demand for additional mini/midi pitches (1.5 match equivalent sessions – 3 teams)

5.51 One of the characteristics of TGRs is that if there are no teams or a very low number of teams currently playing (so that the number required to generate one team is very high) increases in population in the relevant age playing range may not ‘trigger’ an extra team. However, some clubs have aspirations to develop women’s rugby and it is likely that more women’s teams may develop in the future (despite the fact that the TGR suggests no growth in the number of teams).

5.52 There is new development planned to the south west of Exeter: 500 dwellings allocated, adjacent to 2000 allocated in Teignbridge. At an occupancy rate of 2.2 people per dwelling this would equate to 7700 residents in this area. On the basis of current TGRs and age range split, it is estimated that this would generate an extra 1 senior and 1 junior rugby team.

C CONSIDERATION OF LATENT, UNMET AND DISPLACED DEMAND

Active People and Market Segmentation (Sport England)

5.53 The Active People and Market Segmentation (presented earlier in this section) can also be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate in rugby and the number of people who would like to play (or would like to play more). This suggests that there is potential to increase adult rugby participation by up to 24%, with an estimated 1,627 Exeter residents currently participating in rugby and about 393 residents indicating that they would like to play (or play more) rugby. This potential rate of increase is similar to county and national figures. Most of this latent demand is from residents in the main market segments that currently play.

5.54 Given current TGRs, this would not result in an increase in the number of teams, but may result in larger squad sizes or existing players playing more.

D TRENDS IN PARTICIPATION AND CLUB SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS

5.55 The 4 Exeter rugby clubs have aspirations to run more teams, as set out in Table 5.17 below.

Table 5.17: Rugby clubs’ aspirations – EXETER

Club	Do you have plans to increase the number of teams?	If more pitches were available at your ground or in the Area would you run more teams?	If yes, how many more teams and in which age groups?
Exeter Saracens	Yes	Yes	Senior men’s and Women’s
Exeter Youth Rugby	Yes	No	Have plans to increase numbers of youth boys and mini/midi teams (4)
Topsham RFC	Yes	Yes	More junior age groups, ladies team, 3rd XV and possibly a vets team
Wessex RFC	Yes	Yes	Potentially with the commencement of our youth section.

5.56 Trends in membership set out earlier in this section show some growth in junior teams, which hopefully will continue. There is anecdotal evidence of drop off when players reach the age of 18. However, the existing clubs are looking to strengthen and add to their senior sides, including the introduction of women’s rugby, providing access to good quality pitches is ensured.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EXETER?

Table 5.18 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for rugby in Exeter

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams	Midi/Mini teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024	1	1	2	3	
Expansion South West of Exeter	1		1		
Latent & displaced demand					
Aspirations	2	2	3	4	
TOTAL	4	3	6	7	

- 5.57 Given these aspirations and the current pitch supply, the shortage of good quality grass pitches would restrict development. It will be difficult to accommodate some of this desired additional activity at existing sites, particularly as there are only 2 public rugby pitches in Exeter. The proposal for the development of Oil Mill Lane as a rugby facility for Exeter Youth Rugby would help to meet demand for additional junior rugby pitches (a minimum of 3 junior and 3 mini pitches).
- 5.58 However, there is still a requirement to meet growth in adult rugby in Exeter. The pitches at Flowerpot are overplayed and Exeter Saracens pitches are virtually at capacity. At the minimum, an additional full size rugby pitch should be provided within any realignment/redevelopment of ECC pitches at Exwick/Flowerpot and a full size adult pitch provided to meet demand arising from population growth to the south west of Exeter.

E FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO SUPPLY

- 5.59 These will be considered further within the Strategy document.

FUTURE DEMAND – EAST DEVON

B POPULATION CHANGE

- 5.60 ONS projections for future population change in East Devon are set out in Section 2.
- 5.61 The projections by age group do not match exactly the age groupings used to calculate Team Generation Rates for rugby (see below). In East Devon the adult playing age range (approx. 19-45 years old) is projected to show a slight decline, and this is reflected in the Team Generation Rates.
- 5.62 Whilst the overall population of East Devon is expected to increase by 8,385 (6.2%) in the next 10 years (i.e. 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall ‘active participation’ age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a much lower rate (i.e. by 475 or 0.5%).
- 5.63 The age groups within the ‘active participation’ group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (veterans pitch sport) groups.
- 5.64 The age groups predicted to see a decline in numbers in the period to 2024 is the 20-54 (adult pitch sport) age group (overall a decline of 6.2%) with the smallest decrease falling in the 35-45 years age group -2%)

Team Generation Rates

- 5.65 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand.
- 5.66 Table 5.18 summarises the current TGRs for rugby in East Devon and uses them to evaluate the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for rugby

Table 5.19: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Rugby Teams in East Devon: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	No. of teams in age group (2014)	Current popn in age group (2014)	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024)	Potential change in no. of teams in age group 2014-2024
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	10	17,172	1717	16,968	No change
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	1	16,719	16719	15,707	No change
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	12	4,519	377	4,717	+1
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)	5	4,282	856	4,472	No change
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	23	7,811	340	8,992	+3

Source: Population data: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

Table 5.20: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Rugby Teams: New Housing Growth Areas East of Exeter: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	Current popn in age group (2014)	% of 2014 popn in age group	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024): Cranbrook	Potential no. of teams in age group (2024): Cranbrook	Future popn in age group (2024): Broadclyst	Potential no. of teams in age group (2024): Broadclyst
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	17,172	12.7%	1717	1,245	+1	504	No change
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	16,719	12.4%	16719	1,216	-	492	-
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	4,519	3.4%	377	333	+1	135	No change
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)	4,282	3.2%	856	314	No change	127	No change

Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	7,811	5.8%	340	569	+2	230	+1
Note: Figures for Cranbrook assume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,713 housing completions 2014-2024 • Average household size 2.08 • 9,803 new residents 2014-2024 • Age/sex breakdown of population same as 2014 				Note: Figures for Broadclyst assume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,909 housing completions 2014-2024 • Average household size 2.08 • 3,971 new residents 2014-2024 • Age/sex breakdown of population same as 2014 			

5.67 In terms of pitch requirements, it can be seen from the above two tables that changes to the population totals might result in;

- a requirement to accommodate up to 4 youth/mini teams to 2024 across East Devon

5.68 Demand for mini rugby in the new settlements east of Exeter. It is estimated that up to one men’s, one youth and 3 mini teams would be generated by these developments.

5.69 One of the characteristics of TGRs is that if there are no teams or a very low number of teams currently playing (so that the number required to generate one team is very high) increases in population in the relevant age playing range may not ‘trigger’ an extra team.

C CONSIDERATION OF LANTENT, UNMET AND DISPLACED DEMAND

Active People and Market Segmentation

5.70 The Active People and Market Segmentation (presented earlier in this section) can also be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate in rugby and the number of people who would like to play (or would like to play more). This suggests that there is potential to increase adult rugby participation by up to 26%, with an estimated 1,352 East Devon residents currently participating in rugby and about 348 residents indicating that they would like to play (or play more) rugby. This potential rate of increase is similar to county and national figures. Most of this latent demand is from residents in the main market segments that currently play.

5.71 Given current TGRs, this would not result in an increase in the number of teams, but may result in larger squad sizes or existing players playing more.

D TRENDS IN PARTICIPATION AND CLUB SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS

5.72 The 4 rugby clubs in East Devon have aspirations to run more teams, as set out in Table 5.21 below.

Table 5.21: Rugby clubs’ aspirations – EAST DEVON

Club	Do you have plans to increase the number of teams?	If more pitches were available at your ground or in the Area would you run more teams?	If yes, how many more teams and in which age groups?
Exmouth RFC	Yes	Yes	We would be able to play more rugby, cancel less games, we often turn away visiting teams due to a lack of playing areas, particularly touring teams. We would also be better able to accommodate our increasing player membership. And would like to increase senior men’s, ladies and mini/midi.
Honiton RFC	No	No	We have full capacity but if we had more senior members then maybe we could run thirds or fourths which would cause further pitch congestion.
Sidmouth RFC	Yes	No	But would like to run more senior men’s and senior women’s (one)
Withycombe RFC	Yes	Yes	Hypothetical as there is no way area of ground can be increased (in middle of housing). But would want to increase all youth and mini/midi range

5.73 These responses and other consultation illustrate the pressures which East Devon rugby clubs are under to accommodate all the playing, training and expansion needs on existing sites.

E FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO SUPPLY

5.74 These will be considered under the Strategy proposals

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EAST DEVON ?

Table 5.22 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for rugby in Exeter

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams	Midi/Mini teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024		1	1	3	
East of Exeter: Cranbrook development	1		1	2	
East of Exeter: Broadclyst development				1	
Latent & displaced demand					
Aspirations	3	2	2	4	
TOTAL	4	3	4	10	

- 5.75 Given these aspirations and the current pitch supply, the shortage of good quality grass pitches will restrict rugby development. It will be difficult to accommodate some of this desired additional activity at existing sites, particularly Exmouth, Honiton and Withycombe
- 5.76 The new development at Cranbrook and Broadclyst will generate demand as well and would require at the minimum 2 rugby pitches (minimum of 1 senior and a junior) to meet this.
- 5.77 There is a need for additional rugby provision in Exmouth – 2 senior and 2 midi/mini at minimum. Honiton RFC’s urgent need is for training facilities but additional, dedicated rugby provision (one pitch) would enable to club to expand and develop.

OTHER PLAYING PITCH SPORTS

- 5.78 Playing fields are not just a resource for the sports of football, rugby, cricket and hockey. There are many other pitch sports and recreational activities which play on or use grass (including the four mentioned here). It is important that Exeter’s and East Devon’s playing pitches meet the demand for these sports, or are available for the promotion of opportunities in them
- 5.79 Playing fields can also accommodate a variety of other sports, such as athletics, volleyball, badminton and petanque. They offer a wonderful environment for sport for people with disabilities, being free of the restrictions of indoor facilities. This is another dimension to promoting playing fields within these authorities which the Strategy should embrace.
- 5.80 Sports to be considered include:

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

- A pitch for this is marked out at Exwick Playing Fields, Exeter.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

- Not recorded at present within Exeter or East Devon. Exmouth Community College has a team and is aiming to become a hub for the development of the sport in the UK.

BASEBALL

- Baseball team in discussions to play at Wonford Playing Fields, Exeter

LACROSSE

- Lacrosse is played by the University of Exeter, with 4 teams playing – 4 at Ducked's Meadow on 2 lacrosse pitches and 4 at the University ground at Topsham, on 1 pitch.

RUGBY LEAGUE

- Not currently recorded in Exeter or East Devon.

ROUNDERS

- Rounders is a key sport which is developing strongly for adults in East Devon with the support of LED, and we feel that it is important that it is recognised and its needs catered for in the Pitch strategy. East Devon is a priority area for the NGB Rounders England
- Leisure East Devon run adult recreational sessions in Phear Park on Monday evenings from 7 – 8pm – hopefully this will develop into regular leagues with workplaces, as is being delivered in Exeter.
- Bicton College are running sessions with students on Wednesday afternoons which will restart in September.
- The development programme includes developing activators and leaders to sustain the sessions and increase participation

6 HOCKEY

- 6.1 This section assesses the adequacy of pitches for hockey in Exeter and East Devon by presenting the following
- An overview of the supply and demand for hockey
 - A picture of the adequacy of current provision across Exeter and East Devon
 - An understanding of activity at individual sites in Exeter and East Devon
 - The future picture of provision for hockey across Exeter and East Devon

OVERVIEW OF PITCH SUPPLY

Quantity in Exeter

- 6.2 Hockey is almost exclusively played on Artificial Grass Pitches and grass pitches are largely obsolete for competitive forms of the game. Guidance on AGPs (Sport England 2010) indicates the following surfaces to be suitable for hockey:
- EH Category 1: Water Based surfaces approved within the FIH Global/National Parameters for all levels of competition including international training and matches and Olympic & World Championship tournaments
 - EH category 2: Sand Dressed surfaces (preferred surface for hockey) within the FIH National Parameter for all levels of competition, including international training and matches
 - EH Category 3: Sand Based (filled) surfaces within the FIH National Parameter for all levels of competition, excluding international training and matches
 - EH Category 4: 40mm pile 3g (if certified by FIH as satisfying parameter for local and regional competition). England Hockey will allow the use of EH Category 4 surfaces for local and regional league competition. However, it should be noted that the playing surface is characterized by a slower surface speed, poor and sometimes unpredictable levels of consistency and modern hockey skills are much more difficult to execute on it. EH strongly recommends that EH League Premier matches are played on Category 1 or 2 pitches.
- 6.3 Table 6.1 sets out hockey compliant surfaces within Exeter.

Table 6.1: Hockey AGPs in Exeter

TABLE 6.1:							
Site Name	Facility Sub Type	Size (m)	Floodlit?	Access Type	Ownership Type/ Management type	Year Built/ Refurb (R)	
Exeter School	Sand Dressed	100 x 60	Yes	Sports Club/ Community Association	Independent School	2010 (R)	
ISCA College of Media Arts	Sand Filled	100 x 60	Yes	Sports Club/ Community Association	Community School/ Private Contractor	2006	
St James Sports Centre	Sand Filled	100 x 60	Yes	Sports Club/ Community Association	Community School/ Commercial Management	2006	
St Lukes Science and Sports College	Sand Filled	110 x 60	Yes	Sports Club/ Community Association	Voluntary Controlled School/ Private Contractor	2006	
St Peter's Sports Centre	Sand Filled	100 X 60	Yes	Sports Club/ Community Association	Voluntary Aided School/ Private Contractor	2005	
University of Exeter Sports Park	Sand dressed	100 x 60	Floodlit	Pay and Play	University (in house)	2010 (R)	
University of Exeter Sports Park	Water based	100 x 60	Floodlit	Pay and Play	University (in house)	2013 (R)	
West Exe Community Sports Centre	Sand Filled	100 x 60	Floodlit	Sports Club/ Community Association	Community School/ Private Contractor	2005	

6.4 Salient points with regard to hockey AGPs in Exeter are:

- All 10 full size AGPs for hockey in Exeter have floodlights; 7 have sand based playing surfaces and one is water-based.
- The oldest pitch (Exeter School) was built in 1990 and the newest ones (ISCA College, St James and St Lukes) were built in 2006. 6 of the 7 sand based pitches were first provided during a 5 year period and the 5 at secondary schools will require refurbishing around the same time.
- The AGPs at Exeter School and the sand based pitch at the University were refurbished in 2010.
- All pitches have community use to some degree. No new hockey compliant AGPs have been provided since 2006 – therefore patterns of use are well established (although St Lukes has largely ceased to accommodate hockey)

Table 6.2: Hockey AGPs (full size) in East Devon

TABLE 6.2 Site Name	Facility Sub Type	Size (m)	Floodlit?	Access Type	Ownership Type/ Management type	Year Built/ Refurb (R)
Colyton Sports Centre	Sand Filled	100 x 60	Yes	Sports Club/ Community Association	Foundation School/ Trust	2004 (R)
CTCRM	Sand Filled	100 x 60	Yes	Sports Club/ Community Association	MOD	Unknown
Exmouth Community College	Sand Dressed	100 x 60	Yes	Pay and Play	Academy/ School (in house)	2004 (R)
Ottery Leisure Centre	Sand Filled	110 x 60	Yes	Pay and Play	Local Authority/ Trust	1992. 2006 (R) , but not to surface
Sidmouth Leisure Centre	Sand Filled	100 X 60	No	Sports Club/ Community Association	Local Authority/ Trust	2004

6.5 Salient points with regard to hockey AGPs in East Devon are:

- There are 4 sand based AGPs in East Devon at schools, which are owned by the school and co-managed by LED. The other sand based AGP is owned by the MoD, with restricted access for community use,
- 4 of the 5 AGPs have floodlights – Sidmouth Leisure Centre AGP is not floodlit.
- All 5 AGPs in East Devon have sand based playing surfaces – non are 3G rubber crumb. (In addition there is currently a half size sand based surface at Exmouth Community College which has a current planning application being considered for floodlights linked to the surface being converted to 3G.)
- The newest is Sidmouth Leisure Centre, built in 2004. The AGPs at Colyton and Exmouth were refurbished in 2004, and the Ottery AGP was partially refurbished in 2006 (but not the surface).

QUALITY

6.6 Site audits have been undertaken of the full size sand AGPs in Exeter and East Devon, with community use. The scores given for AGPs are based upon Sport England’s new playing pitch strategy guidance – Appendix 6d. (<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>). The overall pitch quality score gives the total of all the characteristics scored.

Table 6.3: Quality Ratings for hockey AGPs in Exeter (Sport England Visual Quality Assessment) and club comments

Overall Scoring: Poor: <=50 Standard: 51-79 Good: 80+

TABLE 6.3: Ground	Overall Pitch Quality Score	Pitch score/Site audit comments	Club comments (clubs commented on more than one pitch)
Exeter School	80	Good. Very good condition	Good: Resurfaced all pitches in last 3 years to a very good hockey quality
ISCA College of Media Arts	69	Standard	No club comments
St James Sports Centre	67	Standard	No club comments
St Lukes Science and Sports College	69	Standard	Regarded as best hockey surface out of 5 PFI secondary schools in Exeter by clubs and England Hockey

TABLE 6.3: Ground	Overall Pitch Quality Score	Pitch score/Site audit comments	Club comments (clubs commented on more than one pitch)
St Peter's Sports Centre	65	Standard. Some damage to surface. Condition of posts and goals not good.	Adequate/Poor: Pitch is in desperate need of refurbishment as the surface is worn and getting bumpy, the seams are splitting. We have been told that the pitch is not really acceptable for National League hockey - although it is the best of all the PFI schools in Exeter now that hockey has been moved away from St Lukes. Club 2: Surface markings are poor, goals in poor condition and unsafe; generally poor pitch furniture and poor management and maintenance of pitch and facilities. Poor temporary line markings (5m dotted line). Changing adequate.
University of Exeter Sports Park - water	80	Good. Very good condition	Good: Resurfaced all pitches in last 3 years to a very good hockey quality. ISCA says both pitches good. No longer has clubhouse facility – used to use Exeter CC ground
University of Exeter Sports Park - sand	62	Standard.	Good Resurfaced all pitches in last 3 years to a very good hockey quality. Small holes in goal nets
Westexe Community Sports Centre	67	Standard	No club comments

Table 6.4 : Quality Ratings for hockey AGPs in East Devon (Sport England Visual Quality Assessment) and club ratings

Overall Scoring: Poor <=50 Standard 51-79 Good 80+

TABLE 6.4: Ground	Overall Pitch Quality Score	Pitch score/Site audit comments	Club comments (clubs commented on more than one pitch)
Colyton Sports Centre	66	Standard	No club comments (No club using)
CTCRM	70	Standard	No club comments (No community use)
Exmouth Community College	59	Standard	No club comments (No club using)
Ottery Leisure Centre	27	Poor	<p>Adequate/Poor. The astro surface is well,beyond its planned lifespan. The surface is worn, the drainage is very poor and the protective fencing around the pitch is inadequate. The surface freezes in cold weather and base is compacted so the pitch has insufficient bounce. The floodlights are old and inefficient, provide uneven light on the surface and are sometimes poorly maintained. There are insufficient goals to play small sided games and there is no storage.. There are no safe arrangement for spectators at either this or Sidmouth Leisure Centre.. The nature of the pitch and its facilities are not fit for purpose in the modern game.</p> <p>England Hockey states that this pitch is in poor condition and needs resurfacing; with improved floodlighting and goals.</p>
Sidmouth Leisure Centre	59	Standard	Elements of the above also apply to the Sidmouth facility - especially the lack of floodlights.Lacks floodlights

Hockey AGPS within a 30 minute drivetime

6.7 Taking Exeter and East Devon as one area, there are 4 sand floodlit AGPs appropriate for hockey usage within a 30 minute drivetime from the area. The situation with regard to their suitability for hockey will be added.

Table 6.5: Hockey AGPs within 30 minutes of Exeter/East Devon

TABLE 6.5 Site	Access & Ownership/Management	Travel time from Exeter/East Devon boundary e.g.	Type of Agp	Size
Culm Valley Sports Centre, Cullompton	Pay and Play. Community School/ Local Authority (in house)	Honiton – Cullompton 23 mins	Sand filled`	110 x 75/floodlit
Dawlish Leisure Centre	Pay and Play. Community School/ Local Authority (in house)	Exeter – Dawlish 27 mins	Sand filled`	100 x 60/floodlit
Sir John Colfox School, Bridport	Sports Club/ Community Association. Community School/ Commercial Management	Axminster/ Lyme Regis – Bridport 23 mins	Sand filled`	100 x 60/floodlit
Cresta Leisure Centre, Chard	Pay and Play/ Community School/ Trust	Axminster – Chard 23 mins	Sand filled`	100 x 60/floodlit
OCRA Leisure Centre	Community School/Community Organisation	Exeter – Okehampton 30 mins	Sand filled	100 x 60 floodlit (2009 R)
Exe Valley Leisure Centre	Local Authority (in house)	Exeter – Tiverton 30 mins	Sand filled	100 x 60/floodlit (2009R)

OVERVIEW OF DEMAND

EXETER

Active People and Market Segmentation (Sport England)

6.8 From the Active People Survey and Market Segmentation data (explained in Section 1) it is possible to estimate:

- the proportion of the local adult population within each market segment group that **currently** participate in hockey, and how this compares to county, regional and national figures; and
- how many adults **would like** to participate (or participate more) in hockey (ie latent demand).

6.9 The key participants in hockey in Exeter come from those market segments groups that are most likely to play hockey nationally. However, the relative proportion of the population that participates from each group differs from national rates due to the make-up of the local population. For hockey, the main market segmentation groups in Exeter are:

1. **Ben:** competitive male urbanite, mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional.
2. **Jamie:** sports team lad, mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student.

3. **Chloe:** Young image-conscious females keeping fit and trim.
4. **Tim:** settling down male, mainly aged 26-45, married or single, professional.
5. **Leanne:** Mainly aged 18-25, likely to have children, student/part time vocational

Hockey Clubs and Teams in Exeter

6.10 There are currently 5 England Hockey affiliated clubs based in Exeter: East Devon Hockey Club (Men), Exe Ladies Hockey Club (merger between Exmouth Hockey Club and Exeter Ladies Hockey Club), Isca Hockey Club, University of Exeter Men’s Hockey Club and University of Exeter Ladies Hockey Club.

Table 6.7 : Hockey teams and trends in club membership in Exeter

Club	Current Teams	Trends over last 3 years
East Devon Men’s Hockey Club	5 men’s teams, 3 junior teams	Increasing: 132 members in 2013/14, up from 111 in 2011/12. Have just started men’s 5 th team (which will lead to sixth team next year). Junior membership and numbers of teams expanding constantly.
Exe Ladies Hockey Club	4 ladies teams; 4 junior teams	Growing: up to 212 in 2013/14 from 148 in 2011/12. Number of junior teams growing to give competitive opportunities to more youngsters. Looking to add 5 th senior team in future.
Isca Hockey Club	6 men’s teams; 5 ladies teams; 15 junior teas	Declining: 366 reg. members in 213/14, down from 484 in 2011/12. Number of adult teams static, although would like to form 7 th men’s team (but no pitch space), Increasing number of junior teams
University of Exeter Ladies Hockey Club	1 senior team	Membership static – around 140 members. No plans to increase numbers of teams; also field full programme of BUCS and Intra Mural teams. The club has strong links to Isca Hockey Club and students play league hockey for the club
University of Exeter Men’s Hockey Club	6 senior teams	Membership static – around 165 members. No plans to increase numbers of teams; also field full programme of BUCS and Inta mural teams (12 mixed teams)

EAST DEVON

Active People and Market Segmentation

Demand and Latent Demand for Hockey

6.11 From the Active People Survey and Market Segmentation data, it is possible to estimate:

- the proportion of the local adult population within each market segment group that **currently** participate in hockey, and how this compares to county, regional and national figures; and
- how many adults **would like** to participate (or participate more) in hockey (ie latent demand).

6.12 The key participants in hockey in East Devon come from those market segments groups that are most likely to play hockey nationally. However, the relative proportion of the population that participates from each group differs from national rates due to the make-up of the local population. For hockey, the main market segmentation groups in East Devon are:

- **Chloe:** Young image-conscious females keeping fit and trim.
- **Ben:** competitive male urbanite, mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional.
- **Tim:** settling down male, mainly aged 26-45, married or single, professional.
- **Philip:** comfortable mid-life male, mainly aged 46-55, married with children, full time employment and owner occupier.
- **Helena:** career focussed female, single, professional.

Hockey Clubs and Teams in East Devon

6.13 There are currently two EH affiliated hockey clubs based in East Devon: Honiton Hornets (Ladies) and Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club, a large community based members hockey Club open that is the product of a merger of two established Clubs - Sidmouth Hockey Club and Ottery Crickets (Ottery St Mary) in Sep 2012.

Table 6.9: Hockey teams and trends in club membership in East Devon

Club	Current Teams	Trends over last 3 years
Honiton Hornets	1 Ladies team	Declining: (28 reg. members in 2011/12; 19 in 2013/14.
Sidmouth & Ottery Hockey Club	6 Men's, 4 Ladies & 5 junior (U14)	Slight decrease in members from 2012/13 (272 down from 294). Number of adult teams has stayed the same but number of juniors increasing due to vibrant junior academy; active promotion and programmes of activity in collaboration with local schools.

Summary of hockey teams in Exeter and East Devon

6.14 There are thus 65 hockey teams currently affiliated to England Hockey in Exeter and East Devon: 23 men’s teams, 15 ladies teams and 27 junior teams, as follows:

Table 6.10: Number of hockey teams in Exeter and East Devon

Age group	Men’s	Ladies	Junior Boys	Total
East Devon Men’s HC	5		3	8
Exe Ladies Hockey Club		4	4	8
Isca Hockey Club	6	5	15	26
University of Exeter Ladies		1		1
University of Exeter Mens	6			
Exeter Total	17	10	22	49
Honiton Hornets		1		1
Sidmouth & Ottery Hockey Club	6	4	5	15
East Devon total	6	5	5	16

6.15 There are currently 1015 players in Exeter (578 senior players and 427 junior) and 291 players in East Devon (136 senior and 155 junior)

6.16 There are different trends amongst the clubs –two clubs based in Exeter record growing membership; the other a decline (with the two University clubs remaining static) and both clubs in East Devon recording a decline. Overall numbers of members of Exeter clubs has shown a slight decline from 1056 in 2011/12 to 1015 in 2013/14 decline of 4%) and members in East Devon have declined overall from 367 to 291. It should also be noted that even if the number of members changes, the number of teams can stay the same or even increase. The following table records this, for the last three years.

Table 6.11: Numbers of registered members of hockey clubs 2011/12 – 2013/14

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
East Devon Men’s Hockey Club	111	132	132
Exe Ladies Hockey Club	148	163	212
Isca Hockey Club	484	466	366
University of Exeter Men’s	169	173	165
University of Exeter Ladies	144	146	140

Exeter Total	1056	1080	1015
Honiton Hornets	28	22	19
Sidmouth & Ottery Hockey Club	339	294	272
East Devon Total	367	316	291

6.17 For the analysis of capacity, the two authorities are considered together as there is so much cross-boundary movement.

PATTERN OF PLAY AND CAPACITY

6.18 Hockey activity has to be based on appropriate pitches and clubs may have to travel some distance to accommodate their needs/. This is clearly illustrated in the following table which shows pattern of play for hockey clubs across Exeter and East Devon

Table 6.12: Location of Hockey Matches and Training – Exeter and East Devon

Club	Teams	Train	Play	Notes	Comments on membership trends and general observations by clubs
Exeter					
East Devon HC	5M, 3J	Some at St Luke's	St Peter's	87.5% at St Peter's; (training & most matches);12.5% St Lukes (occas. Matches)	Static: Ltd byAGP; unhappy about management at St Peter's; prefer to play at St Lukes. Not enough room for hockey in Exeter; juniors tend to play away games
Exe Ladies HC	4L; 4J	St Peter's	St Peter's		Increasing: Similar comments about state of pitch; growing club; cannot get enough pitch time. Would like set up satellite club in Exmouth. St Peter's needs refurbishing. Concerned at poor management
Isca HC	5L; 6M; 15	Exeter School	University & Exeter School	90% usage at UoE (sand &water); 10% usage at ExS. 1 st choice is always University, then Exeter School	Static/growing: Excellent pitches, so no problems but very busy and the club would like to expand but has no where to play a men's 7 th team. Have shared clubhouse with Exeter CC in past but this arrangement has now ceased.

Club	Teams	Train	Play	Notes	Comments on membership trends and general observations
Univ of Exeter Ladies HC	1L	Univ of Exeter	Univ of Ex		Static: All fine
Univ of Exeter Men's HC	6M	Univ of Exeter	University		Static: All fine
EAST DEVON					
Honiton Hornets	1L	Exeter School	Ottery St Mary	40% Colin Tooze (matches); 60% Exeter School (training)	Declining. Lack of pitch time preventing development of juniors. No AGP in Honiton
Sidmouth & Ottery HC	6M, 4L, 5J	Ottery St Mary	Ottery St Mary/Sidmouth	70% Ottery St Mary (all training): 30% Sidmouth. Matches between the sites.	Declining slightly following merger. Problems with pitches restrict teams' growth and development at both Ottery and Sidmouth.

Pattern of use of existing sand AGPs in Exeter and East Devon

6.19 The expected programming for the coming season for the existing sand and water AGPs capable of accommodating matchplay for hockey in Exeter and East Devon is set out in more detail below under the analysis of the capacity of all AGPs (see Section 7). However, a summary of the situation relating specifically to hockey is set out below.

6.20 The situation is complicated by the fact that 3 clubs so far not considered within this study (as mainly based outside of the study area) are nevertheless playing matches in Exeter. These are:

- Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets – who are a dual centre club and play some of their teams at Culm Valley Sports Centre in Cullompton and some in Exeter at St James Sports Centre
- Dart Hockey Club from Totnes in Devon – which trains at the KEVICCs pitch in Totnes but from this season is playing at Westexe Community Sports Centre because the Totnes pitch is no longer safe for matchplay
- Ashmoor Hockey Club – which trains on the 3g pitch at Ashmoor Sports Centre in Ashburton but plays its matches at ISCA College of Media Arts

See following page

Table 6.13: League Matches per pitch in Exeter (based on possible 16 senior teams playing at home – 2014/15 season):

TABLE 6.13 AGP	Club Usage	No. of matches to be accommodated on a Saturday (peak time)	Clubs playing matches	Other Usage	Capacity for peak time hockey
Exeter School	2 clubs for occasional matches and training	1 - 2	Isca Hockey Club, occasional use by senior teams plus Honiton Ladies from Sept 2014 (one team)	Use by school. Devon Junior Development Centre (single system), Devon School competitions, EH courses,	For 2 more matches potentially (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training
ISCA College of Media Arts	1 club using for matches	3 matches	Ashmoor Hockey Club (4 men and 2 Ladies teams)	Wide programme of football, and events	One match equivalent spare capacity (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training
St James Sports Centre	1 club uses for matches	2 matches	Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets; 2 senior teams	Wide programme of football, some rugby and events, School use	For 2 more matches potentially, dependent on other usage, but not spare capacity for training.
St Lukes Science and Sports College	1 club use for occasional matches	1 match	East Devon Hockey Club; 1 senior team	Wide programme of football, some rugby and events, School use	For 3 more matches potentially (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training

TABLE 6.13 AGP	Club Usage	No. of matches to be accommodated on a Saturday (peak time)	Clubs playing matches	Other Usage	Capacity for peak time hockey
St Peter's Sports Centre	2 clubs use for training & matches	Between 4 and 6 matches	East Devon HC & Exe Ladies HC; 9 senior teams	Wide programme of football, and events. Hockey: Back to hockey, Exeter Junior Leagues & school use	No spare capacity
University of Exeter Sports Park x 2	3 clubs using for training and matches	9+	Isca, University Exeter Ladies & University Exeter Man's; 18 senior teams	University use,. BUSA, University intra-mural league, Devon JDC & JAC (Single system), EH JRPC venue, Devon School Competitions, and club competitions EH courses and rush hockey	No spare capacity
Westexe Community Sports Centre	1 club using for matches from Sept	3 matches	2 Men's and 3 Ladies teams (Dart Hockey Club)	Wide programme of football, some rugby and events, School use	One match equivalent spare capacity (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training

Hockey in Exeter – Commentary on Capacity

- 6.21 A hockey match lasts 70 minutes; half time is around 5 minutes and generally 5 minutes warm up. Ideally a pitch needs to be booked for 90 minutes to accommodate a game. . England Hockey guidance suggests that no AGP should be considered able to sustain more than 4 games on any one day. 4 games is the equivalent of 6 hours play i.e. from 10.00 – 4.00pm. Some leagues will allow a match to start at 4.00pm but not after this
- 6.22 Up until now, hockey matches have been played on Saturdays but men’s leagues have recently agreed that league matches can be played on Friday evenings, starting between 7 and 8pm, and on Sundays (limited play on Sundays has taken place before, but only if agreed with the league and each team – now it is able to take place without individual agreements).
- 6.23 This may mean that more hockey matches can be accommodated on sand based pitches on Friday evenings and Sundays (when Friday evenings usage for football is often low); however the issue of accommodating training needs on weekday evenings remains and this is where the blockage is likely to be
- 6.24 Educational use of AGPs takes place outside of peak hours (evenings and weekends) and there is therefore no impact upon the availability of the facilities for community hockey (as the artificial surface means that AGPs are not impacted upon by levels of use in the same way that grass pitches are).
- 6.25 The exceptions to this within Exeter are of course the University and Exeter College hockey teams, who play fixtures on Wednesday afternoons. These are using the facilities at the University of Exeter Sports Park.
- 6.26 It is important to consider the capacity of the AGPs to meet demand for competitive hockey fixtures in Exeter. Current usage shows there is demand for 14 league matches per Saturday from Exeter based clubs, with displaced demand from 3 external clubs at 4+ matches per Saturday. With a total of 18 matches needing to be accommodated, this equates to 4.5 AGPs.
- 6.27 With 8 sand based pitches and one water based pitch in Exeter it would appear that the city is well catered for. However, these AGPs are used for other sports, notably football, and the amount of demand restricts the availability for hockey training during the week. Use of three pitches is restricted by the operator: the two pitches at the University (where University teams take priority in the evenings and weekends). Exeter School’s pitch is used by its own teams at weekends; nevertheless it accommodates Isca Hockey club for occasional matches and now Honiton Hornets are also using it.
- 6.28 As Table 6.14 demonstrates, the pitches are almost at capacity for hockey clubs (exacerbated because they are accommodating demand from outside the city) The company responsible for administering the AGPs at Exeter’s secondary schools has moved a hockey club back to play at St Lukes because demand cannot be satisfied elsewhere, even though it has been decided to keep that pitch predominantly for football.

Table 6.14: League Matches per pitch in East Devon (based on possible 16 senior teams playing at home – 2014/15 season):

TABLE 6.14 AGP	Club Usage	No. of matches to be accommodated on a Saturday (peak time)	Clubs playing matches	Other Usage	Capacity for peak time hockey
Colyton Sports Centre	None		No club use	School use, possible satellite club 2014/15 season	Yes, no teams playing matches at present
CTCRM	None		No external club use		
Exmouth Community College			No club use	School use, possible satellite club 2014/15 season	Yes, no teams playing matches at present
Ottery Leisure Centre	1 club for training & matches, 1 club just for training	3/4 matches	Sidmouth & Ottery HC (15 teams); Honiton Hornets (1 team – now playing at Exeter School)	School use; Back to Hockey sessions; other sports	Almost at capacity
Sidmouth Leisure Centre	2 clubs for training & matches	3/4 matches	Sidmouth & Ottery HC (15 teams; split sites)	School use and wide programme	Almost at capacity

Hockey in East Devon – Commentary on Capacity

- 6.29 This is an interesting situation: the full size sand pitches at Colyton and Exmouth do not have a home club at the moment. Exmouth Hockey – there used to be a club (Exe Hockey Club) based at the College but they moved away in part because of the lack of dedicated changing facilities.
- 6.30 Conversely, the pitches at Ottery St Mary, which is of poor quality., and Sidmouth College (which does not have floodlights) are used almost to capacity at weekends by Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club.
- 6.31 Sidmouth & Ottery Hockey Club state that whilst the playing surface is generally good at Sidmouth (with a few signs of wear to the surface), the major shortfall is the lack of floodlights which prevent training and later afternoon games in the evening between October and March. The club also have to programme their afternoon games in the late autumn/winter to maximize natural lights.

FUTURE PICTURE OF PROVISION

- 6.32 To accurately respond to the requirements for AGPs for hockey across Exeter and East Devon it is necessary to consider the future requirement for these facilities and the potential future demand for hockey. This will be impacted upon by several things, including;
- A General changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
 - B Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
 - C Consideration of latent, unmet and displaced demand
 - D Local trends in participation and club specific development plans and aspirations; and
 - E Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

A GENERAL CHANGES IN PARTICIPATION TRENDS AND HOW THE SPORT IS PLAYED

- 6.33 There was an increase of around 30,000 registered hockey players in England following Olympics and a large increase in the membership of clubs in parts of the south west region, notably Cornwall and Somerset, where numbers increased by 12%. In Devon there has been a 3% decrease in membership.
- 6.34 There are several dominant market segments for hockey in Exeter and England Hockey considers it vital that it continues to offer all versions of the game to attract new and retain current participants in all age groups. Tim and Ralph & Phyllis are the two dominant market segments for East Devon. New initiatives like Rush Hockey sessions targeted at the ‘Tim’ market segment may engage new participants and increase participation in the sport.

- 6.35 There may also be a need to actively promote play and pay hockey sessions to meet the demands of those potential players, where their lifestyle means they would not be able to commit to regular training and matches. Currently Back to Hockey is offered by Exe HC in Exeter and by Sidmouth & Ottery HC on a Sunday morning throughout the season within East Devon. Rush hockey is currently offered by Parkwood Leisure on the MUGA at Wonford in Exeter and was offered in Axminster, but the take up was poor, so LED is relocating this offer to Exmouth. It is also essential there is a hockey offer for juniors through the hockey club base to include Quicksticks and In2Hockey with respective competitive opportunities
- 6.36 Factors B – E are now considered in turn for, first Exeter and secondly, East Devon, in order to build a picture of future demand for hockey appropriate AGPs.

B POPULATION CHANGE

- 6.37 ONS projections for future population change in Exeter are set out in Section 1. The projections by age group do not match exactly the age groupings used to calculate Team Generation Rates for cricket (see below).
- Whilst the overall population of Exeter is expected to increase by 5,525 (4.6%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall ‘active participation’ age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a lower rate (ie by 2,329 or 2.3%).
 - The age groups within the ‘active participation’ group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (veterans pitch sports) groups.
- 6.38 However, in Exeter, the adult playing age range (approx.. 18-55 years old) is projected to show a slight increase, and within this, the 35-45 years old age range is projected to show an increase of just under 9%. This may impact upon the demand for Vet’s teams, but it is not reliable to translate this into an actual number of teams.
- 6.39 Population Change in East Devon:
- Whilst the overall population of East Devon is expected to increase by 8,385 (6.2%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall ‘active participation’ age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a much lower rate (ie by 475 or 0.5%).
 - The age groups within the ‘active participation’ group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (veterans pitch sports) groups.
 - The age group predicted to see a decline in numbers in the period to 2024 is the 20-54 (adult pitch sport) age group (overall a decline of -6.2%, with the smallest decrease falling in the 35-45 years age group -2%)..

Team Generation Rates

6.40 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand.

6.41 The tables below summarises the current TGRs for hockey in Exeter and uses them to evaluate the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for hockey.

Table 6.15: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Hockey Teams in Exeter: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	No. of teams in age group (2014)	Current popn in age group (2014)	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024)	Potential change in no. of teams in age group 2014-2024
Hockey - Senior Mens (16-55 yrs)	17	35,814	2107	35,964	No change
Hockey - Senior Womens (16-55 yrs)	10	35,182	3518	33,974	No change
Hockey - Junior (11-15 yrs)	22	5,153	234	6,289	+5.0

Source: Population data: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

6.42 Therefore in Exeter, with changes in the population to 2024, the expectation is for a growth in junior hockey of up to 5 teams. The new development planned to the south west of Exeter with a possible population of around 7700 residents is likely to generate demand from one adult hockey team and one junior.

Table 6.16: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Hockey Teams in East Devon: 2014–2024

Sport and Age Groups	No. of teams in age group (2014)	Current popn in age group (2014)	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024)	Potential change in no. of teams in age group 2014-2024
Hockey - Senior Mens (16-55 yrs)	6	28,532	4755	27,332	No change
Hockey - Senior Womens (16-55 yrs)	5	28,674	5734	26,819	No change

Hockey - Junior (11-15 yrs)	5	6,790	1358	7,752	+ 1
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Source: Population data: Office of National Statistics, 2012-based Subnational Population Projections: 2012-2031(May 2014)

Table 6.17:: TGRs and Potential Change to Number of Hockey Teams: New Housing Growth Areas East of Exeter: 2014–2024 -

Sport and Age Groups	Current popn in age group (2014)	% of 2014 population in age group	TGR	Future popn in age group (2024): Cranbrook	Potential no. of teams in age group (2024): Cranbrook	Future popn in age group (2024): Broadclyst	Potential no. of teams in age group (2024): Broadclyst
Hockey - Senior Mens (16-55 yrs)	28,532	21.1%	4755	2,068	No change	838	No change
Hockey - Senior Womens (16-55 yrs)	28,674	21.2%	5734	2,078	No change	842	No change
Hockey - Junior (11-15 yrs)	6,790	5.0%	1358	490	No change	199	No change
Note: Figures for Cranbrook assume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,713 housing completions 2014-2024 • Average household size 2.08 • 9,803 new residents 2014-2024 • Age/sex breakdown of population same as 2014 				Note: Figures for Broadclyst assume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,909 housing completions 2014-2024 • Average household size 2.08 • 3,971 new residents 2014-2024 • Age/sex breakdown of population same as 2014 			

6.43 In terms of pitch requirements, this means that future population changes alone would result in an increase in the number of junior teams – particularly in Exeter.

6.44 In East Devon, minimal growth is expected, up to 1 mini team from population changes. However, the development to the east of Exeter, whilst not demonstrating any new teams, might be expected to generate some. This is because one of the characteristics of TGRs is that if there are no teams or a very low number of teams currently playing, increases in population in the relevant age playing band may not ‘trigger’ an extra team. It is therefore estimated that at least 1 senior team and a junior team will form.

C CONSIDERATION OF LATENT, UNMET AND DISPLACED DEMAND

- 6.45 Sport England Market Segmentation data presented earlier in this section can also be used to estimate the proportion of the population that participate. This suggests that there is potential to increase adult hockey participation by up to 66% in Exeter. Around 331 people currently play hockey,, with about 218 residents indicating that they would like to play (or play more) hockey. The corresponding figures for East Devon are that there is potential to increase adult hockey participation by up to 59%. Around 351 people currently play , with about 208 residents indicating that they would like to play (or play more) hockey. This potential rate of increase is similar to county and national figures. Most of this latent demand is from residents in the main market segments that currently play.
- 6.46 Given current TGRs, this would not result in additional teams; however, it is likely that squad sizes will increase or players may play for gender specific and mixed teams.
- 6.47 Regarding displaced demand, this has already been explored at length in this section.

D LOCAL TRENDS IN PARTICIPATION AND CLUB SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS

- 6.48 A number of clubs in Exeter and East Devon have expressed the desire to run more teams:
- Clubs wishing to run more Ladies teams: Exe, Isca, Honiton
 - Clubs wishing to run more Men’s teams: EDHC (two), Isca
 - Clubs wishing to run more junior boys teams: EDHC
 - Clubs wishing to run more junior mixed teams: EDHC & Honiton Hornets
- 6.49 Specifically:
- Isca Hockey Club: 7th Men’s team and more juniors. Not sure if this will happen owing to lack of pitch space and that may be the deciding factor . Certainly wanted a men’s 7th team but not possible
 - East Devon Hockey Club Would like to run more boys and junior mixed teams but lack of facilities in the Exeter area
 - Exe Ladies – would like to run another Ladies team, if can get more pitch time at St Peter’s.
 - Honiton Hornets – would like to expand generally – If a facility can be established at Honiton Community College as they are keen to do, then there will be more opportunity for sport of all sorts and particularly hockey, especially to start a junior section for Honiton Hockey Club

Other comments by clubs

- 6.50 Exe Ladies HC: We already have great publicity through our website, social media and our community links. We have CSL with St Lukes Partnership and attract players from

Exmouth as well (club was former out of a merger between Exmouth HC and Exeter Ladies HC). We have also started Back to Hockey sessions, the England Hockey programme to encourage women back to hockey.

- 6.51 East Devon Hockey Club: Our club is increasing on a monthly basis due to our inclusive policy allowing players of all abilities to participate. On average we are gaining three to five new members per week
- 6.52 Isca: Do not need more members as really at capacity through Web site and reputation is the recruiting factor
- 6.53 University clubs: recruitment from within the University; tends to remain fairly static
- 6.54 Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club: We have an active website that has news, information and reports about the Club. We use Facebook, are working on club/school links and our relationships with other sports clubs - i.e. Ottery St Mary Cricket Club - which has a complementary season. We also write and publish match reports in the local press and also post adverts to promote membership. Our coaching sessions are very much part of the club and are open to all on flexible terms and we offer a range of membership discounts.
- 6.55 Honiton Hornets: Hornets' aim is to support and develop hockey as part of Sport England's initiative of encouraging more people to take on and keep a sporting habit for life. To attract more members we hope to advertise through multiple mediums and through publicizing a range of coaching sessions and variants of the game e.g. Quicksticks - an introductory game of hockey aimed at 7-11 year olds, which we have already started in some local primary schools.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR HOCKEY IN EXETER AND EAST DEVON?

- 6.56 The desire to expand and develop is a feature of almost all the clubs, and the main constraining factor is the lack of suitable AGPs, although cost is also an issue, as is the availability of coaches and other support staff.
- 6.57 In Exeter, all the clubs have capacity to expand in their junior sections (except Isca which is at capacity) and adult sections. Both Exe Ladies and East Devon Hockey Club are desperate to expand their membership and league teams but the lack of available facilities is a big barrier. Devon HA are looking to establish a junior league on a Friday evening to offer additional competitive opportunities. Finding a venue proved challenging but has now been resolved and the league is now playing weekly at St Peter's School on a Friday evening, although additional pitch time would be beneficial.
- 6.58 In East Devon both clubs have capacity to expand their junior and adult sections, Honiton Hornets is desperate to start some junior provision within Honiton for the sustainability of their club but the lack of a suitable facility is a barrier. Meetings have been held with the college and a range of NGBs and other stakeholders and there was agreement that Honiton was in need of a pitch. The school were of the opinion that they would like an astro/sandressed pitch as it would give maximum opportunity to play multiple sports on the same area.
- 6.59 Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club find its growth constrained by restrictions on facility use, either through poor quality or lack of floodlighting. They too – and other partners – have been liaising with The King's School to secure funding for improvements to the out of date pitch.

Table 6.18 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for hockey in Exeter

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024		1	1	
Expansion South West of Exeter	1		1	
Latent & displaced demand				11 Men's, 2 Ladies and 3 junior teams are playing in Exeter but originate outside the city
Aspirations	3	2	2	
TOTAL	4	2	2	

Table 6.19 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for hockey in East Devon

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024			1	
Expansion East of Exeter (Cranbrook & Broadclyst)	1		1	
Latent & displaced demand				5 Men's + 3 junior teams are playing in Exeter, but originate in East Devon
Aspirations	3	2	2	
TOTAL	4	1	4	

6.60 The above points to the following as a way forward for provision for hockey in Exeter and East Devon.

Exeter

6.61 The provision of 3g surfaces within Exeter and East Devon will hopefully involve transference of football teams from the existing sand based pitches, thus increasing capacity for hockey. This is certainly what is hoped will take place in Exeter. However, a watching brief needs to be kept on provision for hockey in Exeter as clubs are very active and the capacity for training is key in ensuring that clubs can grow and thrive.

6.62 In Exeter, a priority is to improve pitch quality and pitch furniture at St Peter's School AGP.

6.63 Outside Exeter, to improve provision of pitches in Teignbridge (King Edwards VI School at Totnes in particular) to free up capacity within Exeter itself).

East Devon

6.64 In East Devon, the overriding needs for hockey are as follows:

- to replace/upgrade the poor quality pitch at Ottery St Mary
- floodlight the pitch at Sidmouth College
- to provide a multi sports pitch which can support a range of sports, including hockey, in Honiton

6.65 The above will also help to free up capacity within Exeter itself.

D Forthcoming Changes to Supply

To be considered further under the Strategy.

7 ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES

- 7.1 Section 6 on hockey considered the adequacy of artificial grass pitches for hockey in Exeter and East Devon. This section considers 3g surfaces and smaller size AGPs, which are used predominantly for football and rugby.
- 7.2 The data and assessments in this Section are taken from a variety of sources including, Sport England’s planning tools (including Active Places, Facilities Planning Model, and Sports Facilities Calculator), local authority records as well as from site visits and meetings with facility managers. The data has been analysed separately, partly because the criteria for each tool differs slightly, but are brought together in the final assessment. The assessment deals with the following topics – supply/quantity, demand, accessibility and quality.

OVERVIEW OF SUPPLY

Quantity

AGPs in Exeter and East Devon

- 7.3 In addition to the 7 sand based and 1 water based AGPs in Exeter and the 5 sand based AGPs in East Devon there are two additional full size 3gs in Exeter AGP at University of Exeter Sports Park and Exeter Chiefs. There are also a number of smaller sized sand based and 3g surfaces as follows

Table 7.1: 3g AGPs in Exeter and less than full size sand based surfaces

Site Name	Facility Sub Type	Size (m)	Floodlit?	Access Type	Ownership Type/ Management type	Year Built/ Refurb (R)
Sandy Park (Exeter Chiefs RFC)	3G	92 x 71 (just under full size)	Yes	Sports Club	Sports Club	2006
University of Exeter Sports Park	3G	100 x 60 (full size)	Floodlit	Sports Club	University (in house)	2004; relaid 2014
University of Exeter Sports Park	Rubber crumb (3g) MUGA	35m x 19m		Sports Club	University (in house)	
Heavitree FC	3g	36 x 18m?	Yes	Sports Club	Community Organisation	
Bow Hill Prim. School	Sand filled	36 x 18m		Community school	School/ (in house)	

Wonford Sports Centre	Sand filled	35 x 17m	Yes			
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7.4 A lot of school sites in Exeter have smaller AGPs based on BB98 School Premises Regulations. If relaid to 3G will they meet FA/RFU pitch size? This is something to consider further in the Strategy.

7.5 There are currently no full size 3g AGPs within East Devon. Exmouth College’s half size sand based AGP is changing surfaces to 3g. A full size is planned for Axminster College

Table 7.2: 3g AGPs in East Devon and less than full size sand based surfaces

EAST DEVON		
CTCRM Lympstone	3g	74 x 35m
Cloakham Lawn, Axminster	Sand filled	35 x 30m
Bicton College	Short piled 3g	44 x 34m
Exmouth College	Changing to rubber crumb (3g)	64 x 37m

Table 7.3: AGPs outside Exeter/East Devon city boundaries

7.6 There is just one 3g full size AGP within a 30 minute drivetime from the Exeter/East Devon area, as follows:

Site	Access & Ownership/Management	Travel time from Exeter/East Devon boundary e.g.	Type of Agp	Size
Ashmoor Recreation Centre, Ashburton	Pay and Play. Academies/School (in house)	Exeter – Ashburton 26 mins	3G	100 x 60/floodlit

Quality

7.7 As with the sand and water based AGPs in Section 6, Site audits have been undertaken The scores given for AGPs are based upon Sport England's new playing pitch strategy guidance – Appendix 6d. (<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>). The overall pitch quality score (2nd column from right) gives the total of all the characteristics scored. Not all

the characteristics are listed in this table, therefore the overall pitch quality score is not the total of all the individual scores to the left.

Table 7.4: Quality Ratings for 3g and smaller sand based AGPs in Exeter according to Sport England Visual Quality Assessment (excluding AGPs considered under Hockey) (to be completed)

Overall Scoring: Poor <=50 Standard 51-79 Good 80+

Ground	Overall Pitch Quality Score	Pitch score/Site audit comments
University of Exeter Sports Park – 3G (full size)	75	Standard. Very good condition
Exeter Chiefs	80	Good
University of Exeter Sports Park 3g MUGA	75	Standard
Heavitree FC	75	Standard
Wonford Sports Centre	47	Poor condition, but well used
Bow Hill Primary	Not assessed	

Table 7.5: Quality Ratings for 3g and smaller sand based AGPs in East Devon according to Sport England Visual Quality Assessment (excluding AGPs considered under Hockey) (fbc)

Ground	Overall Pitch Quality Score	Pitch score/Site audit comments
Lympstone 3g	57	Standard
Cloakham Lawn sand	42	Poor/Now out of action
Bicton College	59	Standard
Exmouth Community College		Changing to 3g so not assessed

CAPACITY

Assessment of Capacity

The Facilities Planning Model

7.8 The starting point for this assessment is the FPM modeling carried out by Sport England. Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM) is a computer-based supply/demand model, which has been developed as a strategic planning tool to help assess the provision of community sports facilities in an area. It is currently applicable for use in assessing the provision of sports halls, swimming pools, indoor bowls centres and artificial grass pitches.

7.9 The model seeks to assess whether the capacity of existing facilities in an area is sufficient to meet local demand for that facility type, taking into account how far people are prepared to travel to such a facility. In order to do this, the model compares the number of facilities (supply) within an area, against the demand for that facility (people) in order to assess whether local demand is being met, and whether individual facilities are operating at or near their estimated capacity. Maps are produced which highlight any areas of unmet demand within the area.

7.10 The following Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) are included in the FPM analysis:

- All outdoor, full size AGPs (minimum dimension 75m x45m), with a surface type of sand based, water based or 3G rubber crumb.
- All Operational AGPs available for community use i.e. pay and play, membership, Sports Club/Community Association.
- Floodlit and non-floodlit AGPs - non floodlit pitches are assumed not to operate after 1700 on any day.

7.11 The following Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) are excluded from this analysis:

- All AGPs less than 75m x 45m in size.
- All AGPs not available for community use i.e. private use only.
- All indoor pitches.
- 5-a-side commercial football centres and small sided pens.
- MUGAs, redgra, ash, marked out tarmac areas, etc.

7.12 FPM – AGPs in EXETER

1 Supply of Artificial Grass Pitches

- The 10 AGP's included in the FPM analysis for Exeter are:
 - **Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club** – 3G, floodlit, 92m x71m
 - **Exeter School** - sand dressed, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - **ISCA College of Media Arts** - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - **St James Sports Centre** - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - **St Lukes Science And Sports College** - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - **St Peters Sports Centre** - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - **University of Exeter Sports Park** - sand dressed, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - **University of Exeter Sports Park** - water based, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - **University of Exeter Sports Park**- 3G, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - **West Exe Community Sports Centre** - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m

- All 10 full size AGPs in Exeter have floodlights.
- 7 of the AGPs have sand based playing surfaces, 2 are 3G rubber crumb, and one is water-based.
- The oldest pitch (Exeter School) was built in 1990 and the newest ones (Exeter Chiefs, ISCA College, St James and St Lukes) were built in 2006. The AGPs at Exeter School and the sand based pitch at the University were refurbished in 2010.
- Taking into account the availability of the 10 AGPs in the peak period, the model estimates supply to be equivalent to the capacity of **8.78** AGPs.

2 Demand for Artificial Grass Pitches

- The model estimates demand for AGPs in Exeter to be equivalent to the capacity of **4.36** AGPs .

3 Overall level of provision per 100,000 population

- In terms of the overall level of provision, Exeter has **8.3 AGPs per 100,000 population**. This represents a much higher level of provision in relation to its population than **England (3.5)** the **South West Region (4.5)** and **Devon (4.5)**.

4 Supply / Demand Balance

- When looking at a very simplistic picture of the overall supply and demand in Exeter, the resident population is estimated to generate a demand for a minimum of **4.36** AGPs. This compares to a current available supply of **8.78**, giving a supply/demand balance of **+4.42** AGPs.
- The model is also able to split the overall supply and demand figures between football and hockey use of AGPs, by making the following assumptions:
 - Football use - includes use of all 3G pitches (weekends and weekday evenings) and assumes that all sand based AGPs are used for football on weekday evenings.
 - Hockey use – includes all water based pitches (weekends and weekday evenings) and sand based pitches (weekend use only).
- In the case of football use of AGPs in Exeter, the resident population is estimated to generate a demand for a minimum of **3.43** AGPs. This compares to a current available supply of **5.89**, giving a supply/demand balance of **+2.46** AGPs.
- In the case of hockey use of AGPs in Exeter, the resident population is estimated to generate a demand for a minimum of **0.94** AGPs. This compares to a current available supply of **2.89**, giving a supply/demand balance of **+1.95** AGPs.

5 Satisfied Demand

- About **99%** of demand for AGPs from Exeter residents is currently being met by existing supply – this is a lot higher than the figures for Devon (88%), the South West Region (90%) and England (81%).

6 Unmet Demand

- Only about **1%** of demand for AGPs from Exeter residents is not currently being met by existing supply (unmet demand) which is a very low figure. The overall unmet demand figure for Devon is 12% of total demand. Unmet demand in Exeter is much less than both the national figure (19%) and regional figure (10%).
- The model estimates that unmet demand for AGPs in Exeter is equivalent to the capacity of only **0.03** of an AGP (0.02 of which is hockey use and 0.01 is football use).
- Unmet demand for AGPs is spread thinly across Exeter, with no particular ‘hotspots’ of unmet demand.

7 Used Capacity

- The model estimates that, in overall terms, Exeter’s AGP’s are used at about **66% of their capacity** at peak times. This figure is lower than the figures for Devon (**68%**), the South West Region (**77%**) and England (**91%**). The estimated used capacity figures for each of the 10 AGPs are:
 - Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club: **48%**
 - Exeter School: **86%**
 - ISCA College of Media Arts: **70%**
 - St James Sports Centre: **69%**
 - St Lukes Science and Sports College: **67%**
 - St Peters Sports Centre: **67%**
 - University of Exeter Sports Park: **58%**
 - West Exe Community Sports Centre: **86%**

7.13 FPM – AGPs in EAST DEVON

1 Supply of Artificial Grass Pitches

- The 5 AGP’s included in this analysis for East Devon are:
 - Colyton Sports Centre - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - CTCRM - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - Exmouth Community College - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - Ottery Leisure Centre - sand filled, floodlit, 100m x 60m
 - Sidmouth Leisure Centre - sand dressed, non-floodlit, 100m x 60m
- The smaller AGPs at Exmouth Community College, Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre and the smaller 3g pitch at the CTCRM are not included as they do not meet the criteria.
- All 5 AGPs in East Devon are in public sector ownership and none in commercial ownership, according to the FPM (which is incorrect in this regard)
- 4 of the 5 AGPs have floodlights – Sidmouth Leisure Centre AGP is not floodlit.
- All 5 AGPs in East Devon have sand based playing surfaces – non are 3G rubber crumb.
- The oldest pitch (CTCRM) was built in 1973 and the newest is Sidmouth Leisure Centre, built in 2004. The AGPs at Colyton and Exmouth were refurbished in 2004, and the Ottery AGP was refurbished in 2006.

- Taking into account the availability of the 5 AGPs in the peak period, the model estimates supply to be equivalent to the capacity of 4.01 pitches.

2 Demand for Artificial Grass Pitches

- The model estimates demand for AGPs in East Devon to be equivalent to the capacity of 3.24 AGPs.

3 Overall level of provision per 100,000 population

- In terms of the overall level of provision, East Devon has 3.7 AGPs per 100,000 population. This represents a slightly higher level of provision in relation to its population than England (3.5), but lower than both the South West Region (4.5) and Devon (4.5). However, the advent of 3G is making AGP provision around the country a more desirable option with the ability to host football and rugby training and matches on the correct type of surface. Therefore exceedence of the 3.5 AGPs per 100,000 population average is to be encouraged.

4 Supply / Demand Balance

- When looking at a very simplistic picture of the overall supply and demand in East Devon, the resident population is estimated to generate a demand for a minimum of 3.24 AGPs. This compares to a current available supply of 4.01, giving a supply/demand balance of +0.77 AGPs.
- The model is also able to split the overall supply and demand figures between football and hockey use of AGPs, by making the following assumptions:
 - Football use - includes use of all 3G pitches (weekends and weekday evenings) and assumes that all sand based AGPs are used for football on weekday evenings.
 - Hockey use – includes all water based pitches (weekends and weekday evenings) and sand based pitches (weekend use only).
- In the case of football use of AGPs in East Devon, the resident population is estimated to generate a demand for a minimum of 2.54 AGPs. This compares to a current available supply of 2.82, giving a supply/demand balance of +0.28 AGPs.
- In the case of hockey use of AGPs in East Devon, the resident population is estimated to generate a demand for a minimum of 0.7 AGPs. This compares to a current available supply of 1.19, giving a supply/demand balance of +0.49 AGPs.

5 Satisfied Demand

About 96% of demand for AGPs from East Devon residents is currently being met by existing supply – this is higher than the figures for Devon (88%), the South West Region (90%) and England (81%).

6 Unmet Demand

- About 4% of demand for AGPs from East Devon residents is not currently being met by existing supply (unmet demand) which is a relatively low figure. The overall unmet demand figure for Devon is 12% of total demand. Unmet demand in East Devon is a lot less than both the national figure (19%) and regional figure (10%).
- The model estimates that unmet demand for AGPs in East Devon is equivalent to the capacity of only 0.13 of an AGP (0.04 of which is hockey use and 0.09 is football use).

- Unmet demand for AGPs is spread thinly across East Devon, with no particular ‘hotspots’ of unmet demand.

7 Used Capacity

- The model estimates that, in overall terms, East Devon’s AGP’s are used at about 66% of their capacity at peak times. This figure is lower than the figures for Devon (68%), the South West Region (77%) and England (91%). The used capacity figures for each of the 5 AGPs are:
 - Colyton Sports Centre: 74%; CTCRM: 50%; Exmouth Community College: 80%
 - Ottery Leisure Centre: 69%; Sidmouth Leisure Centre: 32%
 - Care must be taken in the interpretation of the FPM model. Although the model is able to split the overall supply and demand figures between football and hockey use of AGPs, it assumes that as well as football using 3g pitches at weekends and weekday evenings, that all sand based AGPs are used for football on weekday evenings (even though they may be in use for hockey for training)
 - It therefore does not consider separately the provision of 3g pitches to meet demand for football. Its findings need to be tempered by an assessment of the actual situation and more recent analysis of the capacity of sand based AGPs for hockey by England Hockey and of 3g surfaces for football by the FA

7.14 To supplement information from the Facilities Planning Model, Information was gathered from the operators of the facilities as to their programming and usage and is presented in the table below.

EXETER

Table 7.6 Programmed Usage and Capacity of AGPs in Exeter

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>ST LUKES</p> <p>Times available for community use</p> <p>Weekdays 6-10pm</p> <p>Weekends Varies according to bookings, 9-5pm</p>	<p>Group linking with school before 6pm. One club linked with school (Exeter City FC) has full pitch from 6pm – 9.30pm Mon – Thurs. Can use grass in summer if required.</p>				<p>2 football teams 6-7.30pm Rugby whole pitch 7.30 – 9pm</p> <p>In summer, rugby uses grass</p>	<p>9.00- 1.00pm holiday club use Occasionally hockey matches in pm – one every two to three weeks. (Overflow from other pitches)</p>	<p>No regular bookings; would assess viability for each booking; if other facilities open on site.</p> <p>Could be cup booking for hockey – would try to put where staff already.</p>
	<p>Notes: Full during week. This usage of this pitch has focused around football as there are proposals to relay this pitch as a 3g surface. Therefore hockey has been moved to other sand based pitches in the city. One hockey team is currently playing its matches here because of inadequate capacity elsewhere in Exeter.</p>						

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>ISCA</p> <p>Times available for community use</p> <p>Weekdays 6-10pm</p> <p>Weekends Varies according to bookings, 9-5pm</p> <p>From Sept, will be in 1/4s</p>	<p>6.00 – 7.00pm hockey club (1/2 pitch); local football club (1/4 pitch); remaining ¼ kept free (H&S)</p> <p>7.00 – 9.00pm whole pitch in use by 2 6v6 leagues</p> <p>9.00 – 10.00pm Local football club (1/2). 1/2 pitch spare</p>	<p>6.00 – 7.00pm 3/4 pitch – local football clubs</p> <p>7.00 – 8.00pm Whole pitch – local football clubs</p> <p>8.00 – 9.00pm 1/2 pitch – local football clubs</p> <p>8.00 – 10.00pm 1/4 pitch for small sided league 1/2 pitch free 9.00- 10.00pm but expect to be filled</p>	<p>6.00 – 8.00pm Local community football teams – whole pitch used</p> <p>8.00 – 9.30pm Commercial league using whole pitch</p>	<p>6.00 – 8.00pm One club using for football</p> <p>8.00 – 9.00pm 3/4 pitch for football</p> <p>8.30 – 9.30pm 1/4 pitch for football</p> <p>9.00 – 10.00pm 1/2 pitch for football</p> <p>(1/4 pitch free 9.30 – 10.00pm</p>	<p>6.00 – 8.00pm One club for football</p> <p>8.00 – 10.00pm Pitch free</p>	<p>12.00 – 6.00pm</p> <p>One hockey club playing home matches; between 1 – 4 matches depending on fixtures</p> <p>Can put other hockey clubs here if necessary.</p>	<p>Occasional hockey club matches</p>
<p>Notes: very few spare slots in week.</p>							

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>ST JAMES</p> <p>Times available for community use</p> <p>Weekdays 6-10pm</p> <p>Weekends Varies according to bookings, 9-5pm</p> <p>Divided in 1/4s</p>	<p>6.00 – 7.30pm local football club</p> <p>6.00 – 7.00pm 1/4 pitch for local football club and again from 7.00 – 8.00pm</p> <p>So some spare slots, but likely to be filled quite quickly</p>	<p>6.00 – 9.30pm Mixture of 6 football clubs – various pitch configurations and times.</p> <p>1/2 pitch free from 9.00 – 10.00pm</p>	<p>6.00 – 9.30pm Whole pitch in use.</p> <p>6.00 – 7.00pm 1 football and 1 rugby club</p> <p>7.00 – 8.00pm 2 football clubs, 1/2 pitch each</p> <p>8.00 – 9.30pm Whole pitch for hockey training</p>	<p>6.00 – 8.00pm Whole pitch used by football club</p> <p>8.00 – 9.00pm 2 rugby clubs – 1/2 pitch each</p> <p>9.00 – 10.00pm Pitch currently free.</p>	<p>6.00 – 7.00pm One club for football on 1/4 pitch.</p> <p>So spare slots</p>	<p>1.00 – 5.00pm Hockey fixtures – one club.</p> <p>Occasionally may be other hockey clubs</p>	<p>Occasional hockey club matches late morning/early afternoon (same club) but could have other club fixtures</p> <p>6.30 – 8.00pm 5v5 league on 1/2 pitch.</p>
<p>Notes: Some spare slots on Mondays but likely to be filled quickly; slots on Fridays may be harder to fill.. All other schools have internal changing associated with sports hall. External changing.</p>							

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
ST PETER'S Times available for community use Weekdays 6-10pm Weekends Varies according to bookings, 9-5pm Divided into 1/4s	6.00 – 10.00pm local football clubs 3 free slots (1/4s) between 9.00 – 10.00pm	6.00 – 9.00pm Whole pitch - hockey club 1 training 9.00-10.00pm Free	6.00 – 8.30pm Whole pitch – hockey club 1 training 8.30 – 10.00pm Local football clubs – fully booked	6.00 – 9.30pm Whole pitch – hockey club 2 training No free slots	6.00 – 7.00pm 2 regular football teams 7.00-9.00pm Whole pitch – hockey training Local NGB group	10.00 am – 5.30pm Hockey clubs 1 and 2 matches all day	Occasional hockey events: cup fixtures etc Occasional use by NGBs for courses – basketball, athletics, football etc
Notes: Have other sports and activities going on at this site, so it's a good site to accommodate other sports at weekends							

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>WESTEXE</p> <p>Times available for community use</p> <p>Weekdays 6-10pm</p> <p>Weekends Varies according to bookings, 9-5pm</p> <p>Divided into 1/3rds</p>	<p>6.00 – 10.00pm Whole pitch - local football clubs</p> <p>Small sided league on 1/3rd 8.00-10.00pm 9 1 spare 1/3rd 9.00-10.00pm</p>	<p>6.00-9.00pm – local football clubs</p> <p>Currently one spare 1/3rd 6.00-7.00pm, but will fill; have waiting list.</p> <p>1/3rd free 9.00 – 10.00pm</p>	<p>6.00 – 9.30pm Whole pitch local football clubs, apart from 2 free 1/3rds 9.00 – 10.00pm</p>	<p>6.00 – 9.30pm Local football clubs</p> <p>Rugby booking in November for a few months for training</p> <p>One 1/3rd slot free 9.00 – 10.00pm</p> <p>8.00-10.00pm 6v6 league on 1/3rd</p>	<p>Open 6.00 – 10.30pm (because of sports hall booking)</p> <p>Only 2 slots used 6.00 – 7.00pm at moment, but likely 7.00-10.00pm will be filled with football</p>	<p>Recently confirmed hockey club playing matches (will train elsewhere)</p>	<p>Nothing regularly booked in.</p>
<p>Notes:</p>							

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>EXETER SCHOOL</p> <p>Times available for community use</p> <p>Weekdays 6.00pm-9.00 pm</p> <p>Weekends 2.00pm – 4.00pm</p> <p>Hirers have the whole pitch</p>	<p>6pm to 8pm Youth Football team.</p> <p>8pm – 9pm Ladies Hockey team</p>	<p>6pm to 9pm Senior and Junior Hockey teams</p>	<p>School fixtures to 6.30pm</p> <p>7-8pm Youth Football team</p> <p>8-9pm Youth Football team</p>	<p>6pm – 9pm Youth Football Team</p>	<p>6pm – 8pm Youth Football Team</p>	<p>9am to 10.30am Junior Hockey team.</p> <p>10.30pm to 2pm School hockey fixtures</p> <p>2pm to 4pm Senior Hockey team fixtures</p>	<p>10am – 4pm Junior County hockey fixtures or Senior/Junior Hockey fixtures</p>
<p>Notes: Winter Season is September to end of March hired out to clubs 6pm – 9pm weekdays. The whole pitch is always hired out to Clubs. Summer Season from April the astro pitch has tennis nets up so cannot hire to football/hockey clubs.</p>							

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER – WATER BASED Times available for some community use Open 9.00am – 10.00pm	Limited non University use – Exeter School and a few other local schools Wednesday pms – BUCS						
	Weekday term time 4.00 – 10.00pm: Students Monday to Friday, and at weekends						
	Notes: This is protected for hockey use, and is a specialist facility. Out of term times, used for hockey camps with Devon Hockey Board and training. JRPC – last two weekends – Saturday and Sunday for example. On the water pitch ISCA two nights a week and Saturday and Sunday for matches						

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER - SAND Times available for some community use Open 9.00am – 10.00pm Name of pitch:	9.00am – 3.00pm 70 – 80% full weekdays with Exeter Cathedral School. Exeter College also a big partner – runs Academies for football and rugby. Wednesday afternoon – BUCS sport - HOCKEY					Mixture of hockey competitions: Isca Hockey Club: Men’s and Ladies’ home pitch University hockey University lacrosse University American football	
	3.00-10.00pm: Mostly student use for hockey and football. On Tuesday evenings used by commercial league ‘Pitch Invasion’ and on Thursday evenings used by local football clubs and youth league from Heavitree						
	Notes: Pitch being relined for lacrosse. Limited availability in term time. Some spare capacity in holidays. Time on pitch sold to ISS as part of student tours/university tours throughout the summer On the sand pitch – Tuesday night is Pitch Invasion, Wednesday is Stoke Hill Juniors and adult external bookings, Thursday is Arsenal Soccer school and a few external adult football teams for training						

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER – 3G Times available for some community use Open 9.00am – 10.00pm Can be divided into quarters.	9.00am – 3.00pm Used heavily by Exeter College. If Cat & Fiddle training ground out of action, used by Exeter City FC for training.					Devon FA training. Student training and casual use	
	Wednesday pms – BUCs sport						
	3.00-10.00pm: Training for large number of BUCS, University and intramural football teams. Two evenings a week have local football club training (Met Office, Coaver, local sports clubs)						
	Notes: Pitch sought after for training pre-season e.g. by Stoke City FC and Walsall FC. Hoping that one of the teams playing in the 2015 Rugby World Cup will be based here. Getting more requests for use from local football teams. No requests yet for use as a match pitch at weekends, would possibly conflict with uni teams. On the rubber crumb – Wednesday is external night and a mixture of adult groups and some kids coaching. Currently replacing the 3G pitch with a brand new carpet which is due for completion at the end of July.						

EXETER CHIEFS 3G – NO INFORMATION (CLUB USE ONLY)

Table 7.7: Summary of use: Half size artificial Grass Pitches with community use in Exeter (full size) tbc

Site	Surface/Facilities	Summary of use
University of Exeter Sports Park 3g MUGA	3g	This is used pretty much full in term time with students, Exeter City FC and Exeter College. Vacations – commercial use could have more, although Events Exeter run sports tours in the summer. Uni teams use full size pitch. External teams use MUGA 5 – 10pm Monday to Friday external use. Mostly football teams (90%) and corporate (10%). No spare capacity
Heavitree FC	3g	
Wonford Sports Centre	Sand based	Rush hockey site with potential to develop Rush Hockey League 2014/15
Bow Hill Primary	Sand based	

EAST DEVON

Table 7.8 Programmed Usage and Capacity of AGPs in East Devon

PITCH 1	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>SIDMOUTH LC AGP SAND AGP: Weekdays: Evenings from 5:30pm onwards Weekends : Sat 9:00 to 18:00 Sun 10:00 to 18.00 Pitch kept whole. Only during summer term when tennis nets in place is there any division</p>			<p>BST only 17:00 Donkey Sanctuary 5 aside August Only Sidmouth Ottery Hockey Club 19:00 – 20:00</p>			<p>(09:00-10:00 Sidmouth Junior Vikings*) Sept to March 10:30 -15:00 Sidmouth Ottery Hockey Club</p>	<p>Sept to March 10:30-12:30 Sidmouth Hockey Juniors (12:30 – 13:30 Sidmouth Junior Rugby*)</p>
<p>Notes: No Floodlights at Sidmouth LC AGP. Whilst evening use of the pitch by the public is permissible, it is only used during evenings in the summer months. As out season demand very low, and therefore only have pre-season hockey training in August, and regular 5 aside booking whilst light levels permit.</p> <p>Football Clubs require AGP use for training tend to use other LED sites on a block booking basis. There is ad-hoc bookings by Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings Football Club and Sidmouth Rugby Club Junior section bookings when local pitches are deemed unplayable, as was the case this winter</p> <p>Tennis nets on 2/3 of pitch during school summer term(Easter – July), although due to inferior quality of bounce, no demand for public tennis use.</p> <p>There are concerns regarding the long term sustainability of the pitch, as current use is limited due to lack of floodlighting. Pitch opened in September 2004, however low usage levels should result in longer lifespan of the surface, rather than the predicted 10 years,</p> <p>There is demand for the floodlighting from local sports groups, as both Sidmouth Town Vikings and Sidmouth Rugby Club have Junior development programmes in place and sometimes struggle to find a place to train.</p> <p>The pitch at Sidmouth LC sees about 4,700 users, the vast majority of which are for hockey. The pitch is used for competitive matches for Sidmouth Ottery Hockey Club, with three games being played consecutively most Saturdays during the hockey season. There is also a thriving Junior section which attracts approximately 50 children each Sunday morning.</p> <p>There are football bookings on an ad-hoc basis, especially during periods of prolonged wet weather.</p> <p>Maintenance is carried out by the staff of Sidmouth College. This includes regular checking of the playing surface and the removal of debris.</p>							

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>CTCRM Times available for community use</p> <p>Weekdays 6-10pm</p> <p>Weekends Varies according to bookings, 9-5pm</p>	<p>As stated CTCRM provides support to the local community wherever we can; mindful of the fact that we and many of our families live and work within East Devon and the wider local area.</p> <p>Regarding the Astroturf, training and Corps recreational activities will take priority; however, there is more flexibility in our ability to let this facility. The pitches are more resilient and do not require the high level of maintenance required for grass pitches. During last winter we had a number of users Lypstone FC, Exeter College, St Peters' School, Topsham RFC and Exmouth RFC.</p>						

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>COLYTON LEISURE CENTRE</p> <p>SAND AGP: Weekdays</p> <p>17:00 – 21:30</p> <p>Weekends</p> <p>Sat 09:00 – 18:00</p> <p>AREA PITCH NORMALLY DIVIDED INTO: Half. I have</p>	<p>17:30-18:30 Seaton Town Mini Soccer</p> <p>18:30-20:00 Exeter City Academy</p> <p>20:00-21:00 Tesco Seaton (1/2 Pitch)</p> <p>20:00-21:00 Regular Group booking (1/2 Pitch)</p>	<p>18:00 -19:00 Seaton Town (1/2 pitch)</p> <p>19:00-20:30 Colyton FC (1/2 Pitch)</p> <p>19:00-20:30 Sidmouth Town (1/2 Pitch)</p> <p>20:30-21:30 Honiton Town FC</p>	<p>18:30-19:30 Beer Albion</p> <p>19:30 – 20:00 Beer Albion (1/2 Pitch)</p> <p>19:30-20:30 Axmouth Utd (1/2 Pitch)</p> <p>20:00-21:00 Farway Utd FC</p>	<p>18:00-19:00 Seaton Town Youth</p> <p>19:00-20:00 Sidmouth Junior Vikings</p> <p>20:00 – 21:00 Honiton Town Youth (1/2 Pitch)</p>	<p>17:30-19:00 Colyton Youth FC</p> <p>19:00 -20:00 Lyme Regis Youth FC</p>	<p>Clear on Saturday afternoon, however have taken bookings for training sessions for clubs on ad-hoc basis if fixtures cancelled.</p> <p>Have had odd hockey fixture in previous years if issues with bookings at</p>	<p>Closed</p>

established which are half pitch bookings						preferred site	
<p>Notes: Primarily football use of the pitch with block bookings attracting high demand. Pitch gets extra use during the wet winter months when pitches become unplayable. It is worth noting the that Colyton pitch attracts from as far West as Sidmouth, North as far as Honiton and as far East as Lyme Regis.</p> <p>Pitch located on Grammar School site, who are responsible for maintenance. LED manage bookings, operation of pitch and associated changing facilities.</p> <p>Approx 8,700 users per annum, although this can be effected by weather. In Wet winter will increase demand. Peak months over 1,000 users per month. Usage is seasonal and very little demand during summer months. Lots of midweek bookings but none at weekends.</p>							

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>OTTERY ST MARY SAND AGP:</p> <p>COMMUNITY USE</p> <p>Weekdays 5.30-9.30pm</p> <p>Saturdays 9.00am – 5.00pm</p> <p>Sundays 9.00am- 8.00pm</p> <p>Pitch usually let as whole area</p>	<p>Ottery Youth FC 17.00-18.00</p> <p>Early access agreed by school</p> <p>Exeter City Soccer School 18.00 – 21.00</p> <p>ALL Full Pitch</p>	<p>West Hill Youth FC 17.30-19.00</p> <p>Sidmouth & Ottery HC 19.00-21.30</p> <p>Training</p> <p>ALL Full Pitch</p>	<p>Ottery Youth FC 17.30-18.30</p> <p>Sidmouth & Ottery HC 18.30 - 21.30</p> <p>Training</p> <p>ALL Full Pitch</p>	<p>Ottery Youth FC 17.30-18.30</p> <p>Sidmouth Youth FC 18.30-19.30</p> <p>Golden Boys FC 19.30 - 20.30</p> <p>West Hill Wasps Snr Fc 20.30 - 21.30</p> <p>ALL Full pitch</p>	<p>Ottery Youth FC 17.30-18.30</p> <p>Feniton Youth FC 18.30-20.30</p> <p>ALL Full pitch</p> <p>20.30-21.30 available</p>	<p>Sidmouth & Ottery HC</p> <p>Sometimes Honiton Hornets HC</p> <p>4 slots available 3 usually used</p> <p>11.00 – 12.30</p> <p>12.30-14.00</p> <p>14.00 – 15.30</p> <p>15.30-17.00</p> <p>Matches using Full Pitch</p>	<p>Sidmouth & Ottery HC Junior Training 10.00 – 12.00 Full Pitch</p> <p>Occasional casual bookings are taken often using one third of the pitch at a reduced rate.</p>
<p>Other than on Sundays we are nearly fully booked. We are planning to close 2 hours earlier on Sundays which would lesson our unlet pitch time. We are hoping to open an extra hour on Saturdays which would allow us to offer 5 match slots. We always have clubs wanting midweek slots and we cannot accommodate them.</p>							

EXMOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SAMPLE WEEK)					Comments
Day of Week	Time	Facility	Name	Hirer	
Monday	17:00-19:00	Large Pitch	Exeter City Football	Exeter City Football	On Monday well used until 2100
Monday	20:00-21:00	Large Pitch	Soccersixes	Soccersixes (Tom Murphy)	
Tuesday	17:00-18:00	Large Pitch	Brixington Blues Youth FC	Brixington Blues Youth FC	On Tuesday well used until 2100
Tuesday	18:00-19:30	Large Pitch	Exmouth United	Exmouth United	
Tuesday	19:30-21:00	Large Pitch	Soccersixes	Soccersixes (Tom Murphy)	
Wednesday	17:00-18:00	Large Pitch	Exmouth Rugby Club - Juniors	Exmouth Rugby Club - Juniors	On Wednesday well used until 2100
Wednesday	18:00-19:30	Large Pitch	Brixington Blues Youth FC	Brixington Blues Youth FC	
Wednesday	19:30-21:00	Large Pitch	Exmouth Rugby Club - Juniors	Exmouth Rugby Club - Juniors	
Thursday	17:00-18:30	Large Pitch	Exmouth United	Exmouth United	On Thursday well used until 2100
Thursday	18:30-19:30	Large Pitch	Brixington Blues Youth FC	Brixington Blues Youth FC	
Thursday	19:30-21:00	Large Pitch	Withycombe Rugby & Recreation Club	Withycombe Rugby & Recreation Club	
Friday	18:00-20:00	Large Pitch	Brixington Blues Youth FC	Brixington Blues Youth FC	On Friday well used until 2100
Friday	20:00-21:00	Large Pitch	Mr Lee Merry	Mr Lee Merry	
Saturday	10:00-11:00	Large Pitch	Brixington Soccer School	Brixington Soccer School	
Saturday	10:00-12:00	Large Pitch	Exmouth Rugby Club - Juniors	Exmouth Rugby Club - Juniors	
Saturday	10:00-11:00	Small Pitch -	Exeter City Football Club	Exeter City Football Club Football in Community	
Saturday	11:00-12:30	Small Pitch -	Brixington Blues Youth FC	Brixington Blues Youth FC	
Sunday	10:00-12:00	Small Pitch -	Exmouth Rugby Club - Juniors	Exmouth Rugby Club - Juniors	

Monday to Friday - Astro pitches available from 1700 and 1800 (but check required with PE department) and from 1800 to 2200 for general use

Saturday and Sunday - Astro pitches available from 0900 - 1500

Astro pitches rarely used after 2100 during the week and receives only a small amount of use on both Saturday and Sundays

Usage of other pitches outside Exeter/East Devon by teams from within these two authorities – none recorded.

AGPS FOR FOOTBALL

Pitch Supply

7.15 Whilst competitive football is still primarily played on grass pitches, artificial pitches are frequently used for football training and are becoming more commonplace for competitive play (and are now approved surfaces by FIFA).

7.16 There are a variety of different surfaces of AGPs and their suitability for football is as follows;

- Long pile 3g with shock pad – suitable for football and rugby training & matches (IRB22) (pile should be 50mm or 60mm) :
- Long pile 3g – preferred surface for football (pile should be 50mm or 60mm):
- Sand filled – acceptable surface for football training
- Sand dressed – acceptable surface for football training
- Water based – acceptable surface for football training if irrigated.
- Short pile 3g (40mm) – this is no longer recommended for competitive football but is acceptable for football training .

7.17 The FA has recently changed the standard code of rules regarding the use of 3G football turf pitches, to become effective from 2014/15 season. Provided a football turf pitch has been tested and appears on the FA Register it will be allowed to be used for match play in all competitions outside the National League System (NLS) i.e. Step 7 and below including womens and youth football. The test is based on the British Standard for synthetic turf sports surfaces – BS EN 15330-1 and must be carried out by a recognized test house accredited by FIFA and/or having ISO 17025 accreditation by UKAS . The facility operator should commission and pay for the cost of this.

Pitch demand for training and matches

7.18 As outlined earlier in this report, the majority of demand for AGPs for football is for training purposes. The majority of clubs in Exeter and East Devon that have formal training sessions use AGPs. While almost all junior clubs train at least once per week, a lower proportion of adult teams have formal training sessions (although many play in 5 a side leagues during midweek).

7.19 In other parts of Devon, there is evidence that increasing numbers of junior teams and senior sides either are or aspire to play their matches on 3g surfaces. This trend is not apparent in Exeter and East Devon, but this is likely to be because of the lack of these surfaces for community use in these two authorities..

7.20 The FA have devised an internal mapping exercise to establish an estimated baseline figure of the number of additional 3G Football Turf Pitches needed to serve the current number of affiliated football teams in a Local Authority; note this excludes 5 a-side Small Sided Teams. The estimate uses the following assumptions:

7.21 A full sized 3G Football Turf Pitch (3g FTP) is estimated to provide 55 training slots for affiliated football team use (per week), 44 pay and play slots and 11 commercial slots (a slot is determined as one 1/3rd of a pitch for 1 hour). The total number of slots therefore available on a full size FTP is 108. (Source: The FA model utilises the latest Sport England research 'AGP's: The state of the Nation 2012' which evidenced that on

AGPs built since 2001, 51% of usage was from sports clubs, 40% pay and play and 9% commercial. Therefore working on assumption that facilities are available from 6pm-10pm midweek and 9am-5pm on weekends, the model calibrates the number of slots available for clubs on each pitch type and then assesses the deficiencies. This is an indicative, internal assessment grid for the FA.

7.22 Based on this assessment model (which relates to artificial grass pitches only), the analysis of artificial grass pitch usage undertaken for this study and consultation with clubs and NGBs, findings suggest the need for the following:

Exeter

In addition to the full size 3gs at the University, and Exeter Chiefs RFC and the smaller 3g at Heavitree Utd FC, there is a need for two additional 3gs to serve the city to meet current and future demand.

Exeter Parks Department and this strategy would support the provision of smaller artificial grass pitches alongside grass pitches at key sites in the city, However, FA unlikely to support anything less than full size 3g at present, as this is the overriding need within the city and the first priority to address; moreover, this gives greater flexibility in terms of training sessions which can be accommodated and also the potential for hosting adult football matches.

East Devon

In addition to the planned 3g at Axminster College and the converted half size 3g at Exmouth, there is a need for a minimum of two additional 3g AGPs to serve East Devon to meet current and future demand. One of these could be provided to serve existing and planned new communities to the East of Exeter; others to meet demand for training facilities (and junior match play) in the Exmouth area and/or the Sidmouth/Ottery/Feniton area.

7.23 The FA’s assessment also needs to be set in context with other findings from this study – including an assessment of any spare capacity at existing AGPs in the two authorities - and whether demand can be met by half size as well as full size provision.

7.24 There are a number of considerations to be borne in mind for appropriate locations and whether these facilities should be rugby compliant. These will be considered further in the development of the full Playing Pitch Strategy.

Table 7.9: Typical Programming for a 3g AGP

Formal of football and time allocated	Days and times allocated	Match equivalent sessions available
Mini Soccer 5v5	Saturday 9am-10am	4 matches (4 per hour)
Mini Soccer 7v7	Saturday 10am- 12pm	4 matches (2 per hour)
9v9 football	Sunday 12pm-3pm	4 matches (2 in every 1.5 hours)
Youth 11v11	See below	0 matches
Adult 11v11	Saturday 3pm-5pm Saturday 5pm-7pm Sunday 10am-12pm Sunday 2pm-4pm Friday night match 7pm-9pm *for stadia 3G pitches only - Tues 7-10pm	5 matches (1 in every 2 hours) *1 additional match

AGPS FOR RUGBY

- 7.25 AGPs are becoming recognized surfaces for both matchplay and training for rugby. They need to be IRB22 compliant, and can be used by football as well, although the dimensions are slightly bigger than a football compliant 3G AGP. The cost of a rugby compliant 3G is also higher as the posts are larger, so that they can cost between £100-£150k more than a football compliant 3G. However, they can accommodate both sports for matchplay and training, and can also meet demand for training from American football. There is a specialist rugby compliant 4g IRB22 AGPs at Exeter Chiefs RFC; this is not available for community use.
- 7.26 Any club's aspirations to create an AGP to reduce the impact on the grass pitches for training would ensure that the capacity of grass pitches to accommodate other match play and training would be increased. An IRB22 accredited AGP would also be usable for competitive fixtures.
- 7.27 The information received from rugby clubs in Exeter and East Devon on their training needs demonstrates the demand that exists for wet weather training facilities for rugby across the two authorities.
- 7.28 In some cases, this demand may be best met by a full size surface, but there may also be a demand for half size pitches or even training 'pads'.
- 7.29 There are a number of considerations around the siting of such facilities (which also apply generally to AGPs), including:
- The pattern of use; ideally an IRB22 AGP would require a balance of use between football and rugby to ensure the greatest community use. Ideally it would be delivered in a partnership between the RFC, the FA, the local authority and, where appropriate, an education provider.
 - Management of the site and linkages to existing community use and networks to ensure the site is sustainable
 - The need to raise revenue for sinking fund (£25,000 p.a.) capable of replacing the AGP within 10-15 years (this excludes annual maintenance costs)
 - Each proposed development needs to be accompanied by sustainable business and usage plans
 - The advantages of siting such facilities on education sites – may mean full use during the day, but can limit daytime use by other organizations
 - Location – does the proposed site fit with the strategic need in Exeter and East Devon?

SECTION 8A

EXETER AND EAST DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

KEY FINDINGS AND ISSUES PAPER FOR EXETER:

Key Findings

- 1 Population**
- 2 Sports Participation**
- 3 Football**
- 4 Cricket**
- 5 Rugby**
- 6 Hockey**
- 7 Artificial Grass Pitches**
- 8 Shared Sites and other pitch sports**
- 9 Further Issues for Consideration in the Strategy**
- 10 Summary of Pitch Recommendations – Exeter and East Devon**

This summary paper relates principally to Exeter, but some information on East Devon is included for context, and where relevant.

1 Population

Population change in Exeter

Table 8.1: Population Change in Exeter by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	Change 2014-2024	% Change 2014-2024
Mini pitch sports (5-9)	6,176	6,552	+376	+6.1%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)	13,798	15,340	+1,542	+11.2%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)	32,896	31,708	-1,187	-3.7%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)	15,888	17,253	+1,365	+8.6%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)	13,301	11,759	-1,542	-13.1%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)	17,410	19,185	+1,775	+10.2%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (5-69)	99,470	101,799	+2,329	+2.3%
Total population	120,433	125,958	+5,525	+4.6%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

1.2 It can be seen from the above analysis of ONS population projections for Exeter that:

- Whilst the overall population of Exeter is expected to increase by 5,525 (4.6%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall 'active participation' age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a lower rate (ie by 2,329 or 2.3%).
- The age groups within the 'active participation' group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 years (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 years (youth/junior pitch sports), the 35-45 years and the 55-69 groups (adult and vets pitch sports).
- The age groups predicted to see a decline in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 20-34 years and the 46-54 years (adult and vets pitch sports).
- Overall, the adult pitch sport range 20-54 years is projected to decrease slightly (by 2.2%) However, there are variations within this, with one age ranges within the traditional 'Vets' age ranges for some sports (35 – 45 years) projected to increase. The picture for adult pitch sports players is therefore mixed; but there may be scope in promoting participation by 'vets'. The implications of this is explored further within the 'Future Demand' sections for each individual pitch sport.

Housing projections – Exeter

- 1.3 Projected housing completions within Exeter for the period 2014-2024 are currently estimated at 6695 (this includes planning permissions, sites without planning permissions, broad locations for growth and windfalls).
- 1.4 The Exeter Core Strategy sets out the main growth plans to 2026; in particular:
- 3500 dwellings allocated at Newcourt (c.2000 permissions and c.500 complete)
 - 2500 dwellings allocated at Monkerton / Hill Barton (c.1500 permissions and c.50 complete)
 - 500 dwellings allocated at SW Exeter (adjacent 2000 allocated in Teignbridge) (No planning permissions yet).
- 1.5 Based on an average household size for Exeter of 2.2 persons per dwelling, this would mean additional population within these areas as follows:
- 7700 at Newcourt
 - 5500 at Monkerton / Hill Barton
 - 7700 at SW Exeter and adjacent in Teignbridge
- 1.6 A joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment is currently being produced across Exeter and East Devon which may provide alternative projections than those used to inform this report , particularly the Team Generation Rates set out under the individual pitch sports . If necessary, these sections will be revisited at the appropriate time.

Population change in East Devon

Table 8.2: Population Change in East Devon by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	Change 2014-2024	% Change 2014-2024
Mini pitch sports (5-9)	6,579	7,132	+553	+8.4%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)	13,856	14,896	+1,040	+7.5%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)	16,751	15,942	-809	-5.1%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)	15,931	15,626	-305	-2.0%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)	16,868	14,899	-1,969	-13.2%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)	30,166	32,131	+1,965	+6.5%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (5-69)	100,154	100,629	+475	+0.5%
Total population -	135,373	143,758	+8,385	+6.2%

2. Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

- 1.7 It can be seen from the above analysis of ONS population projections for East Devon that:

- Whilst the overall population of East Devon is expected to increase by 8,385 (6.2%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall ‘active participation’ age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a much lower rate (ie by 475 or 0.5%).
- The age groups within the ‘active participation’ group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (adult pitch sports) groups.
- However, age groups encompassing from 20 to 54 years are all projected to show a decrease (overall, by -6.2%, with the smallest decrease falling in the 35-45 years age group -2.0%).

1.8 The following compares the population projections between the two authorities, the most marked difference being the projected in the population in the 35-45 years age group (traditionally ‘vet’s football), which shows a decrease of 2.0% in East Devon, but an increase of 8.6% in Exeter. The implications of this are considered further within the ‘Future Demand’ sections for each individual pitch sport.

Table 8.3 Population Change in East Devon & Exeter by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024: COMPOSITE TABLE

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	EAST DEVON % Change 2014-2024	EXETER % Change 8. 2014-24
Mini pitch sports (5-9)			+8.4%	+6.1%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)			+7.5%	+11.2%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)			-5.1%	-3.7%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)			-2.0%	+8.6%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)			-13.2%	-13.1%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)			+6.5%	+10.2%
Overall ‘active participation’ age groups (5-69)			+0.5%	+2.3%
Total population – East Devon	135,373	143,758	+6.2%	
Total population - Exeter	120,433	125,958		+4.6%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

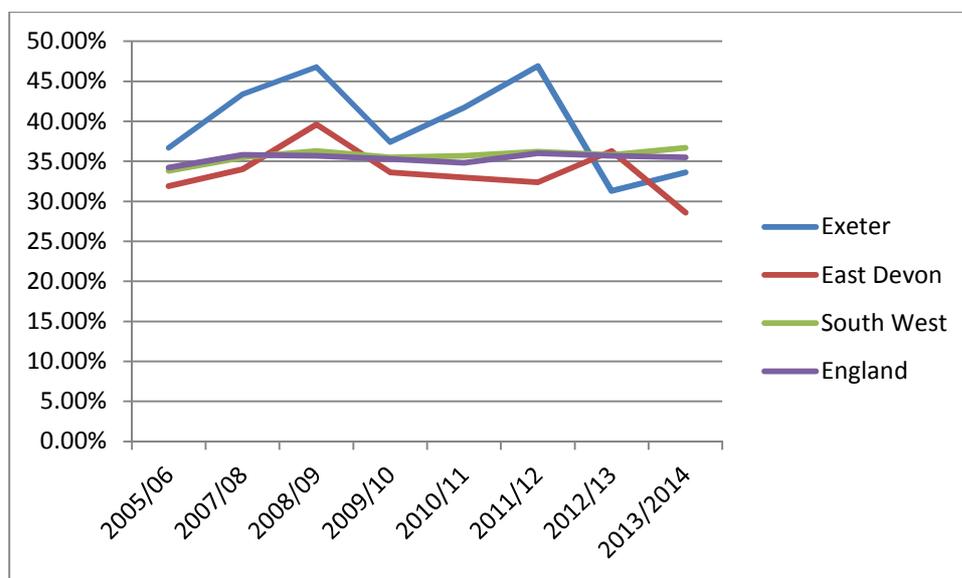
Housing projections for East Devon

1.9 The East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026 (Proposed Post-Publication Changes – Aug 2013) allocates land for a total of 15,180 new dwellings in the period 2006-2026. 7,455 of these proposed new dwellings are to be built in East Devon’s ‘West End’. The population to be generated by these developments have been taken into account under each sport, when calculating the numbers of teams which are likely to be formed in the future.

2 Sports Participation

2.1 Sport England’s main measure of sport is based on the percentage of adults (aged 16+) playing for at least 30 minutes of sport at moderate intensity at least once a week, measured by the Active People Survey (APS).

Table 8.4 Active People data from Sport England



- Since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, once a week sports participation in Exeter has **fallen from 36.7% to 33.6%** in 2013/14.
- The 2012/13 (APS7) survey shows that adult male sports participation rates (25.7%) in Exeter were much lower than female (35.5%). Male participation rates were significantly lower than both the regional and national levels, whilst female rates were above both regional and national levels.
- The overall downward trend in sports participation rates in Exeter since 2005/06 suggests that there is a need to develop policies and proposals aimed at increasing participation in sport and active recreation in the City.
- Since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, once a week sports participation in East Devon has **fallen from 31.9% to 28.6%** in 2013/14.
- The 2012/13 (APS7) survey shows that adult male sports participation rates (37.2%) in East Devon were higher than female (35.4%), although male participation rates were below both the regional and national levels, whilst female rates were above both regional and national levels.
- The apparent fall in sports participation rates in East Devon since 2012/13 suggests that there is a need to develop policies and proposals aimed at increasing participation in sport and active recreation in the district.

Table 8.5: Market Segmentation in Exeter and East Devon (Sport England)

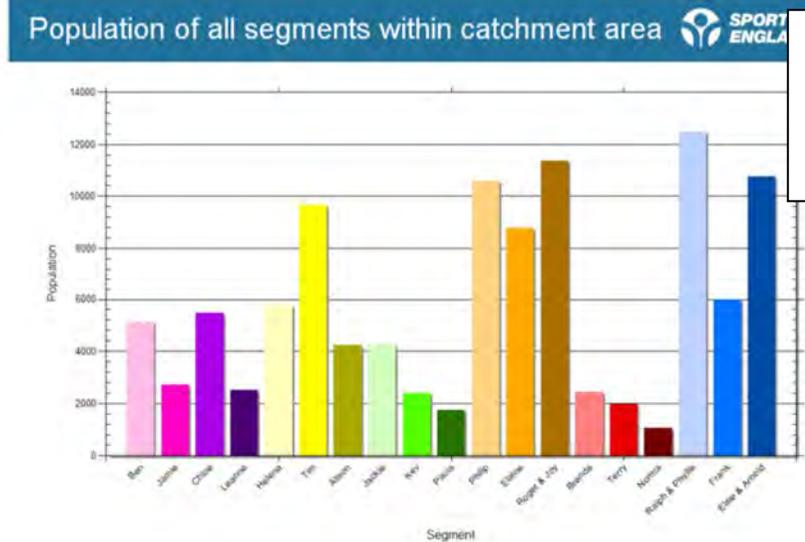
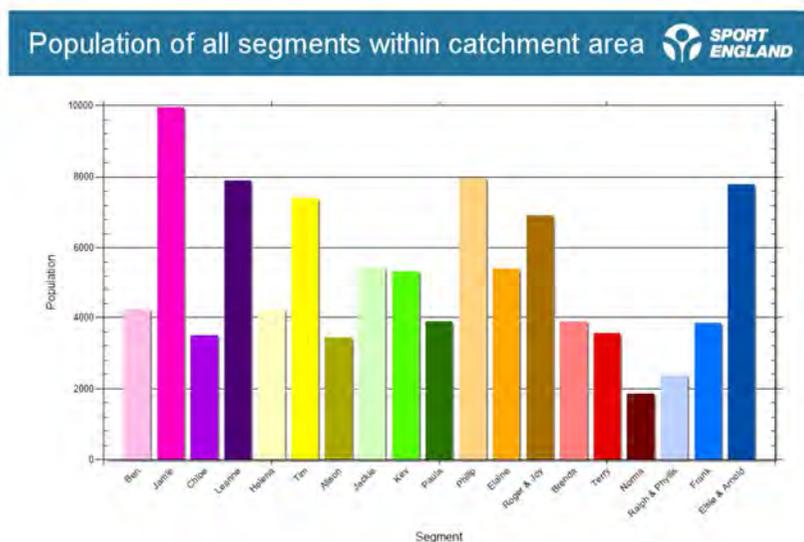


Table 8.5: Market segmentation in Exeter and East Devon (Sport England)

<p>Jamie: Mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student: FOOTBALL, GYM, KEEP FIT</p>	<p>Ralph & Phyllis: Retired couples, enjoying active and comfortable lifestyles;: KEEP FIT, SWIMMING, GOLF AND BOWLS</p>
<p>Philip: Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children: CYCLING, FOOTBALL, KEEP FIT, RUNNING</p>	<p>Roger & Joy: Early Retirement Couples; slightly less active than average adult population: KEEP FIT; SWIMMING, CYCLING AND GOLF</p>
<p>Leanne: Mainly aged 18-25, likely to have children, student/part time vocational: KEEP FIT, SWIMMING, RUNNING, MAYBE FOOTBALL</p>	<p>Elsie & Arnold: Retired singles or widowers, predominantly female. Much less active: SWIMMING, KEEP FIT, BOWLS</p>
<p>Elsie & Arnold: Retired singles or widowers, predominantly female. Much less active: SWIMMING, KEEP FIT, BOWLS</p>	<p>Philip: Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children: CYCLING, FOOTBALL, KEEP FIT, RUNNING</p>
<p>Tim: Sporty male professionals, settling down with partner: CYCLING, GYM, SWIMMING, FOOTBALL, RUNNING</p>	<p>Tim: Sporty male professionals, settling down with partner: CYCLING, GYM, SWIMMING, FOOTBALL, RUNNING</p>

3 Football in Exeter

Overview of Supply

Exeter – Supply of Football Pitches

3.1 The letters in the ‘Community Use’ column signify the following, as set out in Sport England’s latest Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, October 2013.

- A Available for community use and used
- B Available for community use and unused
- C Not available for community use, as matter of policy and practice
- D Not available as disused. Any sites where sites where pitches were once, but are no longer, marked out and remain undeveloped.

Table 8.6: Summary Table of football pitches by community use in Exeter

TABLE 3.3:	Total Pitch Provision	Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Used) (A)	Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Not used) (B)	Pitch Provision Not Available to the Community (C)	Not available as disused (D)
Type of pitch					
Adult Football	45	30	3	10	2
Junior 11v11	0	0	0	0	0
9 v 9	14	9	1	4	1
Junior 7v7	11	6	2	2	0
Mini 5v5	8	5	3	0	0
TOTAL	78	50	9	16	3

Table 8.7: Summary Table of Ownership/Management of Exeter football pitches

TABLE 8.7: Ownership / Management	Adult football	Junior football	Junior 9v9	Junior 7 v 7	Mini 5 v 5
Exeter City Council	12		4	2	1
Exeter City Council – leased to clubs	12		2	2	3
Professional clubs/club owned/private	4		0	0	0
University of Exeter	9		5	0	0
Exeter College	3		0	0	0
Secondary schools	5		0	0	0
Primary Schools	0		3	6	4
Independent Schools	0		0	1	0
TOTAL	45		14	11	8

3.2 Key points in relation to pitch supply in Exeter are:

- 53% of adult and 42% of junior and mini pitches are owned by Exeter City Council. Around half of these are leased to clubs. Exeter CC Parks Department manages, maintains and promotes the pitch elements at all their sites, other than the main pitch at The Chronicles, Alphington. Two large Exeter CC sites – King George V and Hamlin Lane – are on long leases to clubs (Central FC and Stoke Hill FC respectively); this arrangement began at the start of the 2012/13 season.
- The other major supplier of pitches is the education sector – whether University, Exeter College or schools (secondary and primary). Grounds owned by Exeter College at Countess Wear and Exwick are the home ground of football clubs (Dynamoes FC and Exwick FC respectively. The University pitches are used by University teams (some of which play in local leagues, others in the extensive network of inter and intra University fixtures on Wednesday afternoons and at weekends).
- The secondary school pitches are not generally available, due to the need to accommodate school fixtures and play throughout the week, although a junior team plays at St Lukes School, Exeter
- Pitches at Bromhams Lane and Grace Road are temporarily closed due to Environment Agency works.

- A few primary schools in Exeter make an important contribution to hosting junior football teams.

Summary of Quality

3.3 Findings from the audit of football pitch quality in Exeter are:

- No pitches rated as poor on Sport England’s VQA: all rated either standard to good. The higher scoring pitches were those either on University or College land or leased by clubs (Topsham, St James). Exeter CC maintained pitches generally scored standard from around 57 – 64; the highest scoring was Cowick Barton (64) and the lowest, Exwick (at 52).
- However, the VQA is only a snapshot in time and the evidence needs to be triangulated with information from clubs and others involved. It should be noted that there is a range of responses on quality from the clubs; two clubs using the same site may have very different opinions as to its quality.
- In general, clubs regard the maintenance of the pitches as being of acceptable and good quality (which is not often the case with clubs using local authority grounds) If they felt the quality of the pitches had changed recently, they were just as likely to have improved as have deteriorated (at The Chronicles Alphington, which is not maintained by ECC). KGV was especially highly regarded.
- Dog fouling is an issue at public grounds, notably Wonford and King George V.
- There was greater variation in the VQA of changing facilities which did range from poor (Wonford, Exwick) through to standard. Clubs regard changing on ECC grounds as being standard or good quality (but the different perceptions from different clubs is illustrated by clubs’ rating of changing facilities at King George V)
- On this basis, the capacity of the pitches is probably as good as it can be, with very little scope for improving maintenance.
- Improvements/enhancements required/desirable at each ground will be further highlighted as options in the final Strategy

Overview of Demand

Demand for Football

3.4 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) for football (i.e. the number of people in the specified age group required in order to generate a team)

Table 8.8: Team Generation Rates for Football

	Male (11v11)	Youth (11v11)	Youth (9v9)	Mini (7v7)	Ladies
Exeter	623	60	46	106	13880
East Devon	305	77	55	85	6695
Plymouth	409	65	50	106	4130

3.5 Main football leagues and trends, numbers of clubs and teams

- Devon & Exeter Saturday: growing, bucking the trend elsewhere of declining Saturday play. Largest senior league in the county
- Exeter & District Sunday League: numbers of teams declining
- Exeter & District Youth league – rapid expansion over last 3 years, ‘swallowing’ other junior leagues?
- In east of area, Perry Street & District Saturday league also operates
- This study has identified around (depending on whether youth sections are counted separately or not) 48 clubs fielding 142 teams in Exeter – 46 adult (32%), 63 are youth teams (44%) and 33 (23%) are mini-soccer teams. Where clubs responding to the survey have indicated that their membership is changing, the majority report an increase in youth and mini teams.

Pattern of Play and Capacity

3.6 Football club training and Pattern of Play

- Football clubs training in Exeter – many wanting access to 3g AGPs, or sand based (but not necessarily full size), very heavy existing use by teams – cannot get enough space. Some happy to train on their own ground if they have floodlights.
- Out of 104 adult men’s teams in Exeter & East Devon (excluding Ladies who play Sun pms) – 65% (68) play Sat pm, 29% (30) play Sun am and 6% (6) play Sat pm (U18s,
- Pattern of play across Exeter shown in following table, showing number of teams at each time

Table 8.9: Overall Pattern of Play across Exeter

Area	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
EXETER	78	23	16	12

- The ability of a pitch to accommodate demand at peak time is as important as the overall capacity of the site over a week. The local leagues currently have specific kick off times and it is important that there are enough pitches available when teams are scheduled to play.

Table 8.10: Peak Time for play in Exeter

	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Total
Senior Football		51% (23)	42% (19)	7% (3)	45
Ladies				100% (3)	3
Youth & Minis	96% (79)		4% (3 x Girls)		82

3.7 Analysis of ground capacity

- The Table below totals information contained within the main analysis tables, on the match equivalents for each relevant category. It relates to the pitches where a detailed analysis of capacity has been undertaken; pitches at secondary schools and primary schools have not been included.

Table 8.11: Summary of Situation regarding match equivalent sessions for the city of Exeter

C Pitch Type	D No of Pitches	E Total Current Carrying Capacity for Community Use (match equivalents)	G Difference (E – F) i.e. extent of spare capacity for community use during the week across Exeter	I Extent of any Spare Capacity for Community Use During the Peak Period (match equivs)
Adult football	37	76	20	7.5
9v9	11	22	5	1
7v7	7	16	8.5	1.5

- 37 adult pitches can accommodate 76 match equivalent slots (based on the quality and therefore carrying capacity) of the pitches. Across the week, it has been calculated that there are 20 match equivalent slots spare (one match equivalent could represent 2 teams - on the basis that teams play at home on alternate weeks; or a training slot; or use by a school). Wingfield Park, Heavitree is being overplayed (the only pitch to be assessed as such)
- At the peak time for adult play (Saturday afternoons) there are 7.5 match equivalent slots available (equivalent to 15 teams). 19 of the pitches have no spare slots on Saturday afternoons. The pitches with some spare capacity are Bettysmead (1 match equivalent); Cowick Barton (0.5); Exeter Arena (1), Exwick Playing Fields (0.5), King George V (up to 2 match equivalents, subject to use of

pitches in morning by youth teams); Middlemoor (1; no Saturday league teams at present), and Wonford (1; no adult teams playing at present). The situation at the two University grounds – Duckes Meadow and Topsham – are harder to ascertain: Duckes Meadow has up to 10/11 pitches (adult and junior) but fields around 35 teams and so would appear to have little spare capacity; there may be 0.5 match equivalent (1 team) spare at Topsham.

- This is not very much spare capacity – in part because there is heavy use of some adult pitches by youth teams on Saturday mornings which reduces their capacity for adult teams. Peak time demand can be met, but there are no genuinely ‘surplus’ pitches, only spare slots dotted here and there. This is due in no small measure to Exeter City Council’s Parks Department and their management of their sites to try and make as most effective use as possible and to adapt pitch sizes where feasible to meet demand. It is often said that at least 10% of pitch stock should be left for rest and recovery at any one time.
- There are sites where additional pitches could be provided – notably at Bettysmead, and other sites which could be brought back into use if the demand is there e.g. Bromhams Farm.
- The situation for 9v9 and 7v7 pitches is even tighter, with hardly any spare capacity at peak time (Saturday mornings); 0.5 match equivalent (1 team) each at Exwick and Wonford 9v9 pitches and 1.5 split between Hamlin Lane and Wonford 7v7 pitches. Junior teams do use other pitches at schools which are detailed separately (see also analysis on junior teams and the pitches they are playing on).
- It should be noted however, that junior and mini teams do not play regular fixtures every week as do senior league teams, and therefore often additional teams can be dovetailed in on existing pitches. Nevertheless, most grounds are at capacity for youth and mini games and demand for this looks set to continue increasing.

3.8 Sites for youth football – Exeter

- There are issues concerning the correct sizing of pitches for junior play. The FA has set out dimensions for each range; notably it is now mandatory to play U11s & U12s on 9v9 pitches (U12s from 2014/2015 season). If junior teams are to play on the correct size pitches, more appropriately sized pitches will be required in East Devon. The full report has set out where every junior team plays and whether this pitch is appropriate for its age range: the key findings are that around 16 x U13/U14 teams are playing on full adult size pitches when they should be playing on youth u13/14 sized pitches. 4 x u11 and u12 teams are playing on adult pitches when they should ideally be playing on 9v9 pitches (at Hamlin lane and Countess Wear).
- The other main issue for junior teams is how their different aged teams are often split between different sites e.g.
 - All youth at one site – 3 x Beacon Knights teams at Bettysmead; Walter Daw at Wonford; 14 Westex Youth teams at Cowick Barton; 3 x St Martins at Exwick; Stoke Hill juniors at Hamlin Lane; Central Youth at KGV
 - Pinhoe Spartans (2 x adult at Station Road) + U15 & u16 – Hamlin Lane; 2 x u14 – Middlemoor; u7 & u12 – King George V; u10 – St Lukes Sports College; u9 & u10 – ERADE, plus outside Exeter at Newton St Cyres, Mid Devon (u15) and at Rockbeare, East Devon (2 x u13)
 - Alphington FC split between 3 sites – 2 seniors and minis at The Chronicles; 3rd & 4th XI at King George V; U12 – u16 at Cowick Barton

- Heavitree Youth: home ground (Wingfield Park) hosts seniors and 3 juniors; 2 x u12 and 2 x 14 at King George V; U8, 2 x u9, u10 and u11 at Ladysmith Primary School and u13 and 2 x u16 outside Exeter at Winslade Park (East Devon)
- Whipton Youth – 1 at Whipton Barton Primary School; 3 at Willowbrook School and u13 at Clyst Vale Community College (East Devon)
- Exeter Panthers were playing 4 minis and u12s at Broadclyst but now moving u12s to Bettysmead; playing 4 minis at Rockbeare (East Devon)

Future Demand

3.10 The full report sets out an analysis of likely future demand, on the basis that the future requirement for football pitches will be impacted by several factors, including;

- General changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
- Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
- Consideration of latent, unmet and displaced demand
- Local trends in participation and club specific development plans and aspirations; and
- Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

3.11 Of particular note is the displaced demand which Exeter Devon is catering for, across a number of sports, see Table 8.10 below.

Table 8.12: Movement of teams into and out of Exeter (and East Devon)

Origin of Team	Sport	Club/team	Where playing	Local Authority	Sub Area/Parish
Exminster, Teignbridge	Football	St Martins Youth/3 jnr teams	Exwick Playing Fields	Exeter	
Exeter	Football	Exeter City FC/ Various teams	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter	Football	Exeter Panthers X 4 mini teams	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Newtown FC 1 st XI	Newton St Cyres	Mid Devon	
Exeter	Football	Newtown FC 2 nd & 3 rd XI	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Henry's Cronies Sunday XI	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Whipton Youth U13	Clyst Vale Comm. College	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst

Exeter	Football	Heavitree Youth 3 junior teams	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter	Football	Pinhoe Spartans 2 junior teams	Rockbeare Playing Fields	East Devon	Ottery St Mary: Rockbeare
Exeter	Football	Pinhoe Spartans Junior team	Newton St Cyres	Mid Devon	
Exeter	Football	Exeter Ladies 1 st XI	St Martin's Exminster (2014/15 season)	Teignbridge	
Other Sports					
Exeter	Cricket	Countess Wear CC 2 teams	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter College	Rugby	Rugby teams Occasional	Cullompton RFC	Mid Devon	
Exeter College	Rugby	Rugby teams Occasional	RM Lypstone	East Devon	
Exeter College	Football	Football teams Occasional	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
East Devon	Hockey	East Devon Hockey Club 5 men's; 3 jnr teams	Exeter St Peter's School AGP (training & matches)	Exeter	
East Devon	Hockey	Honiton Hornets Hockey Club 1 team	Exeter School (training)	Exeter	
Teignbridge	Hockey	Ashmoor Hockey Club 4 men's and 2 ladies' teams	Isca College of Media Arts AGP (matches)	Exeter	
Teignbridge	Hockey	Dart Hockey Club 2 men's and 3 ladies' teams	Westexe Sports Centre AGP	Exeter	
Mid Devon	Hockey	Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets 2 senior teams	St James School AGP	Exeter	

3.11 With relevance to the above table, some key things to note:

- The Cat and Fiddle Training ground hosts a large number of pitches used by Exeter City FC for its various training squads and youth teams and is sometimes used by other partners, such as Exeter College. Therefore teams playing here are not considered as displaced demand.
- Exeter College also use resources outside of Exeter; e.g. Cullompton RFC, Topsham RFC (rugby), Cat and Fiddle ground (Exeter City FC) and RM Lypstone occasionally for fixtures and training. This has not been considered as displaced demand.

- Most of these teams are, in reality, travelling a relatively short distance out of the city to use pitches in the Exeter and East Devon Growth Area. Fringe sub area (Broadclyst, Rockbeare etc). The reasons for them playing at these locations are not fully established and may depend upon such considerations as availability of coaches and team managers, the fact that several players live on the east of the city or just outside, as much as a lack of capacity within grounds in Exeter.
- Nevertheless, they are considered as displaced demand from the point of view of this study, on the understanding that were suitable facilities available in Exeter, they may move back. This would appear to be the case particularly in respect of youth football teams (Pinhoe Spartans, Heavitree Youth and Exeter Panthers). In fact Exeter Panthers u12 which played last year at Broadclyst Recreation Ground is playing this year at Bettysmead in Exeter.
- The situation does change from year to year – Exeter Ladies played at Topsham Town FC’s ground last year but this year are playing at St Martin’s in Exminster (Teignbridge)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EXETER?

3.12 Taking into account the existing picture and all the various elements of future predicted, latent and deferred demand and a realistic appraisal of clubs’ aspirations, the estimates for future football teams in Exeter are as follows:

Table 8.13 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams 11v11	Youth teams 9v9	Minis	Notes
Population growth to 2024	2	1	9	6	4	
South west Exeter growth	1		2		2	
Latent demand	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Displaced demand	6	1	6		4	
Aspirations	4	1	6	4	4	
TOTAL	13	4	23	10	14	
Match equivalents	7	2	12	5	7	

3.13 Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing spare capacity at grounds. However, as a conservative estimate and the need for appropriately sized junior pitches this would suggest the need for additional pitches as follows:

- 2 x adult pitches
- 6 x 11v11 pitches of different sizes

- 5 x 9v9 pitches
- 3 mini pitches.

4 Cricket in Exeter

Overview of Supply

Exeter – Supply of Cricket Pitches

4.1 Summary of quantity in Exeter

Table 8.14 Summary of Cricket Pitches in Exeter

Ownership Type	Cricket Ground	Artificial wicket	Grass Pitch	Community use of grounds				Shared Site
				A	B	C	D	
ECC leased to cricket club	1	1	1	1				1
Private/club leased to cricket club	2	1	2	2				1
Devon County Council	1	1		1				
University of Exeter	1		2	1				1
Exeter College	1	1	1	1				1
Secondary school	2	2				2		2
Independent school	2	1	2			2		2
Other (Police)	1	1					1	1
TOTAL	11	8	8	6		4	1	9

4.2 Findings for quantity and distribution of cricket pitches in Exeter

- There are no local authority operated public access sites for cricket in Exeter. Two pitches on local authority grounds – at Coaver and Alphington – are rented and leased to clubs respectively.
- The hierarchy of the sites (incorporating access and availability) can be divided into: dedicated cricket grounds offering first class facilities (Exeter CC and Exeter University’s Topsham Sports Ground), club grounds shared with other sports (Exeter College’s ground at Exwick, Alphington Sports Club and Bonfire Field Topsham), grounds catering for less formal play (Coaver Club) and school facilities where no community use has been recorded (St Peter's School, Bramdean School and Exeter School).
- 9 of the 11 sites are shared with either rugby or football, with implications for the joint management of grounds (in Table 4.2, the 2 pitches at University of Exeter ground at Topsham are recorded separately, but one has rugby on the outfield). These are reviewed within Section 8. Most of the winter pitches are on the cricket outfields.
- 8 of the 11 grounds have an artificial wicket and 3 of these only have an artificial wicket. Artificial wickets are mostly used for practice when the weather is not good and when a mobile net cage surrounds them. They appear to be rarely used

for play if an alternative grass wicket is available. An example is Exeter CC which has an artificial wicket which is not used and has been reincorporated into rest of the square.

- A significant part of the stock is on education sites (6 out of the 11 grounds) with implications for public access. The University’s grounds have limited community use but the facilities at St Peter’s School, St Lukes School and the two independent schools are not available for community use. (In any event, the pitch at Bramdean School is too small for anything other than very junior use).
- Pitches have been provided in the recent past at King George V (which had up to 3 pitches), Bettysmead and (longer ago) at Exhibition Fields. The first two sites may have potential for new provision to accommodate displaced clubs in the short or longer term (see below – re: Exwick and Winslade Park)
- The pitch at Middlemoor (Devon and Cornwall Police HQ) is recorded here, but is subject to redevelopment and will no longer be a cricket pitch.
- The supply of cricket pitches is also affected by the proposals for the redevelopment of the Exeter College site at Exwick (the cricket pitch is to be relocated) and, just outside the city, the pitch at Winslade Park which is used by an Exeter club – Countess Wear – and also subject to relocation pending development of the site.
- Therefore, the ongoing presence of cricket pitches and their security of tenure in Exeter is an issue. Only 5 sites are genuinely available for community use – of these Exwick is being relocated. The artificial wicket at DCC’s ground (Coaver) could cater for more play if it was turned 90 degrees.

4.3 Summary of quality

- All grounds score good other than Exwick but this is often due to the peculiarities of the scoring system which means that it is better not to have artificial wicket (or just to have an artificial wicket without a grass square)! More notice should be afforded to the comments. Moreover, changing can sometimes decrease or increase the relative score, specifically at Exwick where there was only temporary changing in place. However, for Exeter University’s main ground at Topsham, to score 100% is an accurate reflection of this being an exceptional facility.
- Sharing of grounds may constrain play and reduce the quality of the outfield. In Exeter, this can sometimes at Topsham CC (sharing with rugby) and Alphington and Exwick (sharing with football) (See later in this Section)

Overview of Demand

Demand for cricket in East Devon

Table 8.15: Team Generation Rates for Cricket

	Men	Women	Juniors
Exeter	2310	34052	1235

East Devon	672	27180	449
Plymouth	4673	34126	2522

4.4 Leagues, cricket clubs and teams

- Exeter Evening League, Devon Cricket League, East Devon Youth league (midweek and Sundays) and Friendlies
- The East Devon Youth League is a vibrant league, which hopes to set up a girls section next year.
- 5 clubs (Alphington, Exeter, Exwick, Sunset and Topsham) fielding 16 Men’s, 11 youth, 1 Ladies, 1 Girls (29 total) Exwick and Sunset CC field adult teams only. Exeter Erratics and Countess Wear play at Winslade Park (East Devon).
- Trends amongst cricket clubs in Exeter (suggest that demand is steady or growing, with the introduction of an Evening League at Alphington, more friendly cricket and T20 cricket at Exeter and more junior cricket at Topsham CC. But so few clubs that difficult to say....
- Across Exeter and East Devon as a whole, it appears that:
 - numbers of adult cricketers are staying fairly constant, although there appears to have been a drop off in demand for Sunday league.
 - Several clubs record an increase in juniors, or are placing more effort in securing juniors.
 - Women’s and girls’ teams being started at a couple of clubs.
 - There has been a decline in midweek friendly leagues, touring teams and casual cricket

Pattern of Play and Capacity

Table 8.16: Pattern of Play for cricket (numbers of teams playing)

	Mid week	Sat pm	Sun am	
Exeter Senior	25% (4)	56% (9)	19% (3 (1L))	16
Exeter Junior	100% (12)			12
East Devon Senior	18% (9)	67% (34)	18% (8 (1L))	51
East Devon Junior	100% (36)			36

4.4 Summary of Pattern of Play

- Throughout the area, juniors mostly play in the East Devon Youth League on midweek evenings. Sometimes, small juniors play on Saturday mornings on the outfield, not always midweek

- There is some adult midweek play in both Exeter and East Devon. Well over half of adult play in Exeter and two thirds of adult play in East Devon is on Saturday afternoons. Just under a fifth of teams play friendlies on Sundays across both areas.
- The majority of clubs do train – in summer on their home ground (although not all clubs have nets). In winter, all clubs with the exception of Topsham CC which trains at Exeter School use the University of Exeter Indoor Cricket centre nets (used extensively from Feb to April two to three nights a week by local cricket clubs hiring a lane or two from 6pm to 10pm.)

4.5 Capacity of grounds in Exeter

- To evaluate the adequacy of facilities for cricket, the amount of wickets available is measured against the level of use of these wickets. A good quality wicket (which should be aspired to) should be able to take:
 - 5 matches per season per grass wicket (adults);
 - 7 matches per season per grass wicket (juniors);
 - 60 matches per season per non turf wicket (adults); and
 - 80 matches per season per non turf wicket (juniors).
- Overall – in Exeter, Exeter Cricket Club is operating at capacity (their 3rd XIs use the University pitch at Topsham – a reciprocal arrangement as the University 1st XI sometimes play at Exeter CC (which is next to the university))
- At the University’s ground at Topsham, the 1st pitch is used by its 1st XI, then other University teams and Ladies, followed by Devon youth cricket at weekends and occasional corporate events. The second pitch at this ground is also used by University BUKS teams; and rugby is played on the outfield. In total, 4 University teams are recorded as playing at this site and there would appear to be some spare capacity. The ground also occasionally hosts Exeter Cricket Club 3rd XI.
- Topsham CC (playing on the ground owned by Topsham RFC) is also operating close to capacity
- Both Alphington and Exwick CCs’ grounds are showing some potential to accommodate additional play.
- However, Exwick CC (and the square at the ground now owned by Exeter College) needs to relocate, and discussions have been taking place with regard to it being resited at Exwick Playing Fields. Exwick is a locally based club to that part of Exeter.
- There is a lack of security of tenure for Exeter cricket clubs and team generation rates for cricket in the city (see later in this section) are low. There are just 16 adult and 12 junior teams within the city at present, but the following sections suggests that there may be some latent demand.
- Two clubs which draw the majority of their members from Exeter – Exwick CC and Countess Wear CC (Based at Winslade Park (Friends Life) are temporarily being displaced. There may be possibilities to provide temporary cricket facilities for them within the city (either at King George V or Bettysmead – both of which have had cricket tables in the past). Or such a table on a publicly managed site could be reinstated to support the development of midweek friendly and corporate leagues, Sunday friendly and junior cricket further within Exeter.

- The Middlemoor site which is shared between football and cricket has overriding resolution to grant planning permission and will be removed as a cricket pitch.

Future Demand

4.7 As set out under football, the full report sets out an analysis of likely future demand, on the basis that the future requirement for cricket pitches will be impacted by several factors, including population growth, changes in sporting behaviour and patterns and clubs’ own aspirations.

4.7 Trends suggest:

- Numbers of adult cricketers are staying fairly constant,
- Decline in number of Sunday friendly sides
- An increase in juniors
- Interest in developing Women’s and girls’ teams
- Some increasing interest in midweek play

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR CRICKET IN EXETER?

4.8 Taking into account the existing picture and all the various elements of future predicted, latent and deferred demand and a realistic appraisal of clubs’ aspirations, the estimates for future cricket teams in Exeter are as follows:

Table 8.17 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for Cricket in Exeter

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024			2	
Expansion South west of Exeter	1		1	
Latent demand	1	1	2	
Displaced demand	2			If Countess Wear CC moves back into the city
Aspirations			2	
TOTAL	4	1	7	

4.74 Although there is some spare capacity at cricket grounds in Exeter this could only accommodate slight increases in demand from existing clubs. There is spare capacity at the artificial wicket at Coaver and this site is probably not reaching its full potential; however, the ground is not well known and there may be benefits to providing a

cricket table on a publicly managed site to support the development and expansion of midweek friendly and corporate leagues, Sunday friendly and junior cricket within Exeter.

- 4.75 At a conservative estimate, given the basic trend of greater participation around casual cricket and junior teams, the additional requirement is for two cricket grounds within Exeter – with a minimum of one grass wicket. This does not include the replacement of grounds which have been lost (Middlemoor) and where grounds may need to be relocated namely Exwick CC. Teams from Countess Wear CC may need to be accommodated within the city in the short term.
- 4.76 Exwick cricket pitch, at Exeter College’s site, will be relocated and a site for this is still being sought. Although a replacement pitch is ensured, its location will have some impact upon the operation of the club as it takes several years to embed a new cricket table, and temporary accommodation for the club will need to be found. The club is apparently locally based, with many members coming from the Exwick area and so a pitch which is easily accessible is required.
- 4.77 Developments at Winslade Park, which may impact upon the use of the cricket ground, should be kept under review.

5 Rugby in Exeter

Overview of Supply

5.1 Summary of quantity and quality in Exeter

Table 8.18 Summary of Rugby pitches in Exeter

No. of pitches			Community Use			Dedicated or Seasonal/ shared	
Adult rugby	Junior rugby	Mini rugby	A	B	C	Dedicated pitches	Seasonal pitch only
21			8		13	21	0
	1				1	1	
6					6	6	
26	1	2	14	3	10	19	8

5.2 Findings for rugby pitch quantity and quality in Exeter are:

- There are 26 senior rugby pitches, 1 midi pitch and 2 mini pitches. 14 senior and the midi pitch are on education sites (University, Exeter School, secondary schools,

independent schools) with only one or two (possibly at St Lukes School) available for community use (and then only as a seasonal pitch).

- Two grounds are leased by Exeter CC to clubs (at Exhibition Fields for Exeter Saracens and Bonfire Field Topsham for Topsham RFC). Exeter Chiefs own their ground at Sandy Park.
- This leaves 2 rugby pitches on a local authority managed site – at Flowerpot Playing Fields.
- All grounds scored adequate on pitch maintenance, apart from Exhibition Fields (poor). Clubs rated the grounds at Topsham RFC and Flowerpot as standard.
- Where rugby pitches are on public recreation grounds – notably Flowerpots in Exeter, the playing fields are used by some for casual recreational purposes and this has led to issues with dog fouling. The impact is not sufficiently large to reduce the capacity of pitches, but does affect pitch quality and the player experience.

Overview of Demand

Table 8.19: Team Generation Rates for Rugby

	Men	Women	Youth	Girls	Mixed
Exeter	2426	-	270	1164	366
East Devon	1717	16719	377	856	340
Plymouth	1721	12320	726	2745	660

5.3 Rugby clubs and teams in Exeter

- There are 11 adult teams, 3 Colts teams, 3 girls’ teams, 10 youth teams (boys) and 24 minis teams. In addition, the University fields 5 league teams and 11 BUCS teams which play at Ducke’s Meadow and Topsham University site (these are not included in TGRs). The number of teams playing for Exeter College is not available at present.
- The 4 adult rugby clubs in Exeter, each run 2 adult teams – Exeter Chiefs (discounted from analysis); Exeter Saracens RFC, Topsham RFC and Westexe RFC. Exeter Engineers runs 2 teams.
- Exeter Saracens and Topsham run full range of minis, youth and Colts rugby. Exeter Youth RFC runs full range from Colts down. In addition, Exeter Saracens run 3 girls’ teams
- There is a mixed picture in trends in participation depending on the club in Exeter, although a common theme is the difficulty in keeping u16s to u18s involved in rugby and making a successful transition to senior sides. There is encouraging growth in junior play.

Pattern of Play and Capacity

5.4 Pattern of Play

- Senior rugby is played on Saturday afternoons, mini and junior rugby on Sunday mornings and Vets and Ladies on Sunday afternoons
- Rugby clubs train where they can – on ground alongside the pitch if it's floodlit, or on the pitch or – preferably – on a 3g surface. Generally across East Devon all the clubs would like improved training facilities – either floodlights for this at their grounds if there is space, or access to a floodlit 3g training area. (Honiton RFC often trains in a car park)

5.4 Capacity of grounds in Exeter

- For rugby, supply and demand is measured by considering;
 - the amount of play that a site is able to sustain (based upon pitch quality and the facilities and pitches available);
 - how much play takes place;
 - whether there is any spare capacity at the site based upon a comparison between the capacity of the site and the actual usage; and
 - any other key issues relating to the site which have arisen through provider and user consultation.

5.5 It is most meaningful to summarise the situation for rugby on a site by site basis: as follows:

- **Topsham, Bonfire Field:** Peak time is Sunday mornings. Site running at close to capacity with no spare peak time slots. The site is shared with Topsham St James CC, with the cricket pitch in the middle of 3 rugby pitches. There are also training grids at the ground. Although there is plenty of space, the site is very busy on Sunday mornings and almost at capacity.
- **Flowerpot:** Peak time is Sunday mornings. Site running beyond capacity due to college use, Exeter Youth RFC, Exeter Engineers, Wessex and unauthorised/unbooked training and casual use.
- **Exhibition Fields:** Peak time is Sunday mornings. Site running at close to capacity with no spare peak time slots. The pitches are rated poorly, and the site can become waterlogged, although there has been some drainage improvements to the main pitch.
- **University pitches at Ducke's Meadow and Topsham University site:** there may be a some spare capacity at the former site, but very little at the latter; it is difficult to assess, as pattern of play and training not known in detail.

Future Demand

5.7 As set out under football, the full report sets out an analysis of likely future demand, on the basis that the future requirement for rugby pitches will be impacted by several

factors, including population growth, changes in sporting behaviour and patterns and clubs’ own aspirations.

5.8 Aspirations of clubs in Exeter

- Exeter Saracen’s: Senior men’s and Woman’s
- Exeter Youth RFC: Have plans to increase numbers of youth boys and mini/midi.
- Topsham: More junior age groups, ladies team, 3rd XV and possibly a vets team
- Wessex Potentially with the commencement of our youth section.

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR RUGBY IN EXETER ?

5.8 Taking into account the existing picture and all the various elements of future predicted, latent and deferred demand and a realistic appraisal of clubs’ aspirations, the estimates for future cricket teams in Exeter are as follows:

Table 8.20 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for rugby in Exeter

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams	Midi/Mini teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024	1	1	2	3	
Expansion South West of Exeter	1		1		
Latent & displaced demand					
Aspirations	2	2	3	4	
TOTAL	4	3	6	7	

5.58 Given these aspirations and the current pitch supply, the shortage of good quality grass pitches would restrict development. It will be difficult to accommodate some of this desired additional activity at existing sites, particularly as there are only 2 public rugby pitches in Exeter. The proposal for the development of Oil Mill Lane as a rugby facility for Exeter Youth Rugby would help to meet demand for additional junior rugby pitches (a minimum of 3 junior and 3 mini pitches).

5.11 However, there is still a requirement to meet growth in adult rugby in Exeter. The pitches at Flowerpot are overplayed and Exeter Saracens pitches are virtually at capacity. At the minimum, an additional full size rugby pitch should be provided within any realignment/redevelopment of ECC pitches at Exwick/Flowerpot and a full size adult pitch provided to meet demand arising from population growth to the south west of Exeter.

6 Hockey in Exeter and East Devon

Hockey in East Devon really has to be considered alongside hockey in Exeter, because of the transference of demand between the two areas.

Overview of Supply

6.1 Summary of Quantity and Quality in Exeter

- There are 8 artificial grass pitches with a surface suitable for hockey in Exeter: 5 on secondary school sites, 1 at independent school 2 at University Sports Park (1 sand and 1 water based). All full size AGPs for hockey in Exeter have floodlights
- The oldest pitch (Exeter School) was built in 1990 and relaid in 2010 and the newest ones (ISCA College, St James and St Lukes) were built in 2006. The AGPs at Exeter School and the sand based pitch at the University were refurbished in 2010.
- All pitches have community use to some degree. No new hockey compliant AGPs have been provided since 2006 – therefore patterns of use are well established (although St Lukes has largely ceased to accommodate hockey)
- Both AGPs at the University and the one at Exeter School have been rated as good under Sport England’s Visual Quality Assessment (the highest category). Of 5 secondary schools – all standard and St Lukes regarded as best surface by England Hockey and clubs.
- Problems at St Peter’s – surface poor and splitting, goals poor and unsafe with nets and posts, fencing etc , poor management and maintenance

6.2 Summary of Quantity and Quality in East Devon

- Salient points with regard to hockey AGPs in East Devon are:
 - 4 AGPs in East Devon are in public sector ownership and one is owned by the MoD, with restricted access for community use,
 - 4 of the 5 AGPs have floodlights – Sidmouth Leisure Centre AGP is not floodlit.
 - All 5 AGPs in East Devon have sand based playing surfaces – non are 3G rubber crumb.
 - The oldest pitch (CTCRM) was built in 1973 and the newest is Sidmouth Leisure Centre, built in 2004. The AGPs at Colyton and Exmouth were refurbished in 2004; the Ottery AGP is 22 years old.. Therefore the 4 public AGPs are of a similar age.
- With regard to the quality assessment: Sidmouth and Exmouth – are rated as standard (but Sidmouth does not have floodlights)
- The pitch at Ottery is poor; England Hockey states that this pitch is in poor condition and needs resurfacing; with improved floodlighting and goals. Club endorse and say that pitch not appropriate for 21st century play.

6.3 Hockey AGPs within 30 minutes of Exeter/East Devon

- There are four hockey appropriate surfaces within 30 minutes drivetime of Exeter/East Devon:
 - Culm Valley Sports Centre, Cullompton
 - Dawlish Leisure Centre
 - Sir John Colfox School, Bridport
 - Cresta Leisure Centre, Chard

Overview of Demand

Table 8.21: Team Generation Rates for Hockey

	Men	Women	Juniors
Exeter	2107	3518	1234
East Devon	4755	5734	1358
Plymouth	4298	5076	312

6.4 Hockey clubs and teams in Exeter and East Devon

- There are currently 5 England Hockey affiliated clubs based in Exeter:
 - East Devon Men’s Hockey Club 5 men’s teams, 3 junior teams - growing
 - Exe Ladies Hockey Club 4 ladies teams; 4 junior teams - growing
 - Isca Hockey Club 6 men’s teams; 5 ladies teams; 15 junior teams declining?
 - University of Exeter Ladies Hockey Club 1 senior team - static
 - University of Exeter Men’s Hockey Club 6 senior teams - static
- There are currently 2 England Hockey affiliated clubs based in East Devon
 - Honiton Hornets 1 Ladies team – decrease
 - Sidmouth & Ottery Hockey Club 6 Men’s, 4 Ladies & 5 junior (U14) – slight decrease
- There are thus 65 hockey teams currently affiliated to England Hockey in Exeter and East Devon: 23 men’s teams (6 in ED) , 15 (5 in ED) ladies teams and 27 junior (5 in ED) teams

- However, there is a considerable amount of cross boundary movement – and East Devon Men’s Hockey Club is an East Devon team whilst Exe Ladies was formed from a merger of Exmouth Hockey Club and Exeter Ladies Hockey Club.

Pattern of Play and Capacity

6.5 The following table summarises where clubs are training and playing, and the spare capacity at each site.

Table 8.22 Hockey Clubs: Training and Matchplay in Exeter and East Devon

Site	Clubs training	Clubs playing	No. of matches to be accommodated on a Saturday (peak time)	Capacity for peak time hockey
Exeter: Exeter School	<i>Honiton Hornets</i>	Isca Hockey Club, occasional use by senior teams	1 – 2 (Sat ams Isca Jnrs and Exeter School jnrs)	Used by school for fixtures, so little spare capacity for matches; no spare capacity for training
Exeter: ISCA College of Media Arts		<i>Ashmoor Hockey Club (4 men + 2 ladies)</i>	3 matches	One match equivalent spare capacity (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training
Exeter: St James Sports Centre		<i>Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets; 2 senior teams</i>	2 matches	For 2 more matches potentially, dependent on other usage, but not spare capacity for training.
Exeter: St Lukes Science and Sports College		East Devon HC - Occasional	1 match	For 3 more matches potentially (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training
Exeter: St Peter’s Sports Centre	<i>East Devon HC; Exe Ladies HC</i>	<i>East Devon HC; Exe Ladies HC (9 senior teams)</i>	Between 4 and 6 matches	No spare capacity

Site	Clubs training	Clubs playing	No. of matches to be accommodated on a Saturday (peak time)	Capacity for peak time hockey
Exeter: University of Exeter Sports Park x 2	ISCA	Isca, University Exeter Ladies & University Exeter Man's; 18 senior teams	9+	No spare capacity
Exeter: Westex Community Sports Centre		<i>Dart Hockey Club</i> (5 Teams)	3 matches	One match equivalent spare capacity (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training
East Devon: Ottery St Mary	Ottery St Mary & Sidmouth HC	Sidmouth & Ottery HC (15 teams; split sites)	3/4	Almost at capacity
East Devon: Sidmouth College		Sidmouth & Ottery HC (15 teams; split sites)	3/4	Almost at capacity
East Devon: Colyton Grammar School				No team based here at moment, but satellite club to start 2014/15
East Devon: Exmouth Community College				No team based here at moment, but satellite club to start 2014/15

- 6.6 England Hockey guidance suggests that no AGP should be considered able to sustain more than 4 games on any one day. Current usage shows there is demand for 14 league matches per Saturday from Exeter based clubs, with displaced demand from 3 external clubs at 4+ matches per Saturday. With a total of 18 matches needing to be accommodated, this equates to 4.5 AGPs.
- 6.7 The above table shows the amount of transference of demand from hockey clubs outside Exeter, both from East Devon and other local authorities – Mid Devon and Teignbridge – but playing in Exeter. There are now three clubs playing matches in Exeter (Ashmoor HC, ECVH and Dart HC) who have been displaced from their locality due to either lack of suitable AGP provision or a lack of pitch time in their home town.
- 6.8 In Exeter, AGPs at Exeter School, the two AGPs at the University and at St Peters are at, or almost at, capacity for matches.

- 6.9 Potentially the new AGP at Cranbrook could release valuable pitch time on the AGPs sited in East Devon and Exeter, where there is an increasing demand for the sport, but sites are at capacity.
- 6.10 Currently at capacity on two AGP sites in terms of hockey provision within East Devon (Sidmouth and Ottery St Mary). There are issues with both these pitches which are limiting their capacity (no floodlights and poor quality)
- 6.11 There is capacity however to expand the sport at both Colyton and Exmouth, where planning is currently taking place to extend hockey provision into these two area for next season (2014/15).

Future Demand

6.12 As set out under football, the full report sets out an analysis of likely future demand, on the basis that the future requirement for hockey appropriate AGPs will be impacted by several factors, including population growth, changes in sporting behaviour and patterns and clubs’ own aspirations.

6.13 Aspirations of hockey clubs

- Clubs wishing to run more Ladies teams: Exe, Isca, Honiton
- Clubs wishing to run more Men’s teams: EDHC (two), Isca,
- Clubs wishing to run more junior boys teams: EDHC
- Clubs wishing to run more junior mixed teams: EDHC & Honiton Hornets

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR HOCKEY IN EXETER ?

6.14 Taking into account the existing picture and all the various elements of future predicted, latent and deferred demand and a realistic appraisal of clubs’ aspirations, the estimates for future hockey teams in Exeter and East Devon are as follows:

Table 8.23 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for hockey in Exeter

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024		1	1	
Expansion South West of Exeter	1		1	
Latent & displaced demand				11 Men’s, 2 Ladies and 3 junior teams are playing in Exeter but originate outside the city
Aspirations	3	2	2	
TOTAL	4	2	2	

Table 8.24 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for hockey in East Devon

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024			1	
Expansion East of Exeter	1		1	
Latent & displaced demand				5 Men's + 3 junior teams are playing in Exeter, but originate in East Devon
Aspirations	3	2	2	
TOTAL		1	4	

6.15 The above points to the following as a way forward for provision for hockey in Exeter and East Devon.

Exeter

- The provision of 3g surfaces within Exeter and East Devon will hopefully involve transference of football teams from the existing sand based pitches, thus increasing capacity for hockey. This is certainly what is hoped will take place in Exeter. However, a watching brief needs to be kept on provision for hockey in Exeter as clubs are very active and the capacity for training is key in ensuring that clubs can grow and thrive.
- In Exeter, a priority is to improve pitch quality and pitch furniture at St Peter's School AGP.
- Outside Exeter, to improve provision of pitches in Teignbridge (King Edwards VI School at Totnes in particular) to free up capacity within Exeter itself).

East Devon

- In East Devon, the overriding needs for hockey are as follows:
 - to replace/upgrade the poor quality pitch at Ottery St Mary
 - floodlight the pitch at Sidmouth College
 - to provide a multi sports pitch which can support a range of sports, including hockey, in Honiton
- The above will also help to free up capacity within Exeter itself.

7 Artificial Grass Pitches

7.1 Additional AGPs

- As well as full size AGPs for hockey (7 sand and 1 water based) in Exeter, there are 2 full size 3g pitches; one at the University Sports Park and one at Exeter Chief's Rugby ground at Sandy Park (IRB22 rugby compliant surface). Neither of these are generally available for community use (although the University 3g does

cater for community football teams on two nights a week and for some events at weekends). There are also a few half size sand based and 3g pitches in the city: Wonford (half size sand); Heavitree (small 3g) and provision at some primary schools.

- There are no full size 3g surfaces in East Devon, although one is due to be installed at Axe Valley Community College. There are a few smaller AGPs dotted throughout the district.
- It is best to consider the future provision of hockey appropriate sand based pitches in East Devon, alongside provision within Exeter and provision for 3g AGPs, as their use is interwoven.

7.2 3g AGPs

Exeter

Assessment suggests the need for the following. In addition to:

- the full size 3gs at the University, and Exeter Chiefs RFC:
- and the smaller 3g at Heavitree Utd FC
- And the proposed change of surface from sand based to 3g at St Lukes School

.....there is a need for two additional 3gs to serve the city to meet current and future demand. A number of proposals have been mooted, in particular a facility to serve Exeter College and one to meet the needs of Exeter City FC. Both such proposals need to consider their use and management in full.

East Devon

Assessment suggests the need for the following. In addition to:

- the planned 3g at Axe Valley Community College and the converted half size 3g at Exmouth,

.....there is a need for a minimum of two additional 3g to serve East Devon to meet current and future demand. One of these could be provided to serve existing and planned new communities to the East of Exeter; the research for this project also identifies the need for 3g provision to meet training needs for football and rugby (and possibly match play for junior and mini football) in the Exmouth area and in the Sidmouth/Feniton/Ottery St Mary area.

This strategy would support the provision of smaller artificial grass pitches alongside grass pitches at key sites in Exeter (such as Exwick/Flowerpot, Exhibition Fields (rugby), King George V and Cowick Barton) and at key football sites within East Devon. However, the FA is unlikely to support anything less than full size 3g at present for funding, as this is the overriding need within the city and the first priority to address; moreover, this gives greater flexibility in terms of training sessions which can be accommodated and also the potential for hosting adult football matches.

7.3 AGPs for hockey

Please see recommendations as set out above in Section 8: para. 6.15

7.4 General considerations

- There are a number of considerations around the siting of AGP facilities for football and rugby (which also apply generally to AGPs), including:
 - The pattern of use; ideally an IRB22 AGP would require a balance of use between football and rugby to ensure the greatest community use. Ideally it would be delivered in a partnership between the RFC, the FA, the local authority and, where appropriate, an education provider.
 - Management of the site and linkages to existing community use and networks to ensure the site is sustainable
 - The need to raise revenue for sinking fund (minimum of £25,000 p.a.) capable of replacing the AGP within 10-15 years (this is net of any ongoing maintenance costs)
 - Each proposed development needs to be accompanied by sustainable business and usage plans
 - The advantages of siting such facilities on education sites – may mean full use during the day, but can limit daytime use by other organizations

8 Shared Sites and Other Pitch Sports

- 8.1 Under the new Playing Pitch Strategy methodology by Sport England, site overviews should consider the capacity of pitches which have shared use between sports, notably where cricket outfielders are used for winter sports pitches. This section presents a summary of the capacity issues relating to such sites within Exeter and East Devon.
- 8.2 The issues with regard to shared sites are well documented:
- typically, shared use with winter pitches on cricket outfielders does not leave sufficient time for reinstatement before the start of the cricket season, which traditionally runs from 1st May to 31st August on shared sites.
 - In particular, shared sites between rugby and cricket restricts season and involves considerable maintenance to prepare outfield. . To prepare the outfield for play from the start of the cricket season is both time consuming and costly, especially after a wet winter.
 - Issues can also arise with sharing of changing rooms which may not have enough capacity or meet the needs of both winter and summer sports.
- 8.3 However, there can be great advantages of shared grounds in terms of sustainability, maintaining activity at the site (and revenue) throughout the year; growth in membership etc, more attractive for funding bids etc.
- 8.4 The ECB, RFU and FA have also published guidelines on the sharing of sites to mutual advantage.
- 8.5 One way to address the problems which might arise is to encourage development of Codes of Conduct for sites shared between winter and summer sports in association with pitch providers, managers and users
- 8.6 The following table presents information on shared sites within Exeter and consideration of the issues for the capacity of the grounds.

Table 8.25 Shared Sites within Exeter: Existing and Potential Issues

TABLE 8.25: Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Football	Rugby	Cricket Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Comm- unity use	Issues Arising affecting capacity of site
Local authority (ECC)/leased to Sports club	Alphington Sports Club	X		11 (1)	A	None reported
ECC	Bettysmead	X		?		Large site and possible site for cricket which it has accommodated in the past (to meet identified need for public, casual cricket facility). Would be sufficient room/capacity. (See also KGV)
Owned by rugby club/leased to CC	Bonfire Field Topsham		X	15 (1)	A	Rugby and cricket. Dedicated rugby pitches (i.e. not on cricket outfield). There do not appear to be any issues regarding shared use from the cricket club point of view
Education – University	Duckes Meadow	X	X	X	C	Large university site with range of pitches for football (c.10) rugby (c.4) & lacrosse (c.4). Configurations can change. No identified issues with sharing of sports
Education - University	Exeter University, Topsham Sports Ground second pitch	X	X	6	A	2 x cricket pitches, 2 x football pitches, 2 x rugby pitches, 1 x lacrosse pitch – some of these are shared between sports. Lacrosse is played on the cricket outfield in the winter. No identified issues
Education – College/rented to Exwick CC	Exwick (Exeter College)	X		6 (1)	A	Site is being developed by Exeter College and agreed with stakeholders and users to move cricket pitch
ECC	Exwick Playing Fields	X				Currently 2 adult football plus 9v9 pitch. Possible site for relocation of Exwick cricket pitch (see above), Would have implications for management of site and ability to meet demand for football going forwards. Needs detailed assessment of options.

TABLE 8.25: Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Football	Rugby	Cricket Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Comm- unity use	Issues Arising affecting capacity of site
ECC	King George V Playing Field	X				Large site with range of football pitches. Has accommodated cricket wickets (both grass and artificial) in the past and possible site to meet identified need for public, casual cricket facility). Would be sufficient room/capacity. (see also Bettysmead)
Government/ Other	Middlemoor Police Headquarters	X		(1)	D	Cricket pitch being removed. Relocation of cricket pitch?
Independent school	Bramdean School	X	X	4	C	School pitch with seasonal use of pitches? No identified issues.
Independent school	Exeter School	X	X	8 (1)	C	School pitch with seasonal use of pitches? No identified issues.
Education – Secondary School	St Peter's School	X		(1)	C	No identified issues
Education – Secondary school	St Lukes School	X		(1)	C	No identified issues

8.7 OTHER PITCH SPORTS

- Playing fields are not just a resource for the sports of football, rugby, cricket and hockey. There are many other pitch sports and recreational activities which play on or use grass. It is important that Exeter's playing pitches meet the demand for these sports, or are available for the promotion of opportunities in them. Potential pitch sports include ultimate Frisbee, baseball, American football, lacrosse, rounders and rugby league.
- Playing fields can also accommodate a variety of other sports, such as athletics, volleyball, badminton and petanque. They offer a wonderful environment for sport for people with disabilities, being free of the restrictions of indoor facilities. This is another dimension to promoting playing fields within these authorities which the Strategy should embrace. Playing fields' function as amenity open space also needs to be taken into account.

9 Some Other Issues for Consideration within the Strategy

FOOTBALL

- Through the Playing Pitch Strategy, need greater co-ordination between NGB development initiatives, NPFA, Sport England, league fixtures secretaries, clubs, local authority, other landowners, schools etc
- Implications of shared junior/adult football sites for marking out of pitches, changing rooms etc
- Management and maintenance of grounds leased to clubs: implications for leased clubs
- Football demand influenced by many factors - Leagues are very important (time of play, surfaces allowed, organisation of fixtures)
- Sustainability of sites: Supporting bigger clubs coming together – one base – central hub sites with a range of teams/sports -so that more people at one site giving support to volunteer sector, sharing maintenance, facilities etc
- Girls' football – issues around lack of teams and distances travelled. Benefits of developing central venues. Need better/appropriate changing facilities
- Spare capacity at some grounds in week to develop central venues for u18s, u16s and girls football.
- Use of public amenity open space for pitches – conflict of interest? Dog fouling etc.
- In Exeter, games often booked and paid for but games not played – inefficient use of time/labour marking out pitches
- Shared sites between pitch sports – implications for management, changing, changeover, accommodating growth in demand etc

CRICKET

- Loss of cricket grounds in Exeter (and to a lesser extent but also in East Devon); decreasing opportunities to play whether on a grass or artificial wicket. Less cricket pitches on playing fields.
- Particularly low cricket participation in Exeter – such a low base – 5/6 clubs, of which 3 run juniors (16 adult and 12 junior teams altogether). Exeter Erratics and Countess Wear CCs play at Winslade Park and may be temporarily displaced; where will they be accommodated?
- Lack of security of tenure for cricket clubs. In East Devon, smaller traditional cricket venues more vulnerable than larger clubs.
- Demise of school cricket facilities – cricket not part and parcel of educational system – more and more dependent on clubs – larger clubs engender their own demand.

RUGBY

- Lack of facilities for training – either on ground with training lights or 3g rugby compliant surfaces
- In Exeter, accommodating Exeter Youth RFC whilst Oil Mill Lane is being developed? (Wessex RFC wish to develop juniors?)
- Use of Flowerpot for rugby – overused. Site catering for many different rugby users and being the only local authority managed site, this creates challenges in timetabling and organisation of pitches to provide enough capacity and to cater for growth and development and for appropriate and sufficient
- Most rugby clubs are in need of additional pitches to accommodate growth in juniors and training needs
- Exeter is a host club for the Rugby World Cup next year. It is expected that interest and participation in rugby will grow as a result. What will the legacy be for rugby in Exeter/East Devon?

HOCKEY

- In Exeter, 6 of the 7 sand based pitches were first provided during a 5 year period 2001-2006. The five AGPs at secondary schools will require refurbishing around the same time.
- Some concern around scheduling of clubs/matches and maintenance of facilities for hockey clubs in Exeter
- Exeter appears well catered for, but AGPs virtually at capacity in terms of hockey matches and pitches are dominated during week by football and difficult to find slots for training
- Exeter AGPs for hockey meeting demand from Mid Devon (Exeter and Culm Valley Hornets), East Devon (East Devon HC, Honiton HC) and Teignbridge (Ashmoor HC, Dart HC)

AGPs OVERVIEW (in addition to Hockey above)

- Demand in Exeter for 3g training facilities for football and rugby (and could support move of mini and junior football to 3G surfaces).
- Football clubs fill up training times for hockey on sand surfaces (but not peak time matchplay)
- FA methodology suggests need for additional 2 AGPs in Exeter and our analysis supports this:
- Not always full size required? Training ‘pads’ for rugby – e.g. at Exeter Saracens, or smaller 3g MUGA on Exwick/Flowerpot playing fields to cater for training (to reduce unauthorised use of grass pitches!)

GENERAL POINTS

- Further potential for dual use of education pitches? How can we make this happen?
- Management of key multi pitch sport sites e.g. Exwick/Flowerpot in Exeter
- Other uses of playing field land – baseball, rounders, archery, ultimate Frisbee
- Influence/impact of Cranbrook on existing provision and new provision.
- Informal/casual use of playing fields can impact on pitch quality and capacity (and availability)

10 Summary of Pitch Recommendations for Exeter and East Devon

FOOTBALL

Exeter

Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing spare capacity at grounds. However, as a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock this would suggest the need for additional pitches:

- 1 x adult football
- 5 x junior football
- 4 x 9v9 football
- 2 x mini football

In addition, to serve growth to SW of Exeter:

- 1 x adult football
- 1 x junior football
- 1 x 9v9 football
- 1 x mini football

East Devon

Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing spare capacity at grounds. However, as a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock this would suggest the need for additional pitches:

- 4x adult pitches
- 6x x 11v11 pitches of different sizes
- 4x 9v9 pitches
- 6x mini pitches (7v7 and 5v5).

Meeting the demand of the above TGRs for Cranbrook and other major housing growth to the East of Exeter to 2024 would require the following pitches to be provided.

- 2 – 3 x adult 11v11
- 2x youth 11v11
- 2x youth 9v9
- 1x mini 7v7
- 1x mini 5v5

CRICKET

Exeter

The additional requirement is for two cricket grounds within Exeter – with a minimum of one grass wicket. This does not include the replacement of grounds which have been lost (Middlemoor) and where grounds may need to be relocated namely Exwick CC.

East Devon

At a 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,

With an estimated 5 – 6 additional adult teams, 4 junior and possibly a girls' team arising from the Cranbrook and Broadclyst new developments, a grass cricket square with 12 wickets (and ideally an artificial wicket) would be the minimum requirement.

RUGBY

Exeter

At the minimum, an additional full size rugby pitch should be provided within any realignment/redevelopment of ECC pitches at Exwick/Flowerpot and a full size adult pitch provided to meet demand arising from population growth to the south west of Exeter.

East Devon

There is a need for additional rugby provision in Exmouth – 2 senior and 2 midi/mini at minimum. Honiton RFC's urgent need is for training facilities but additional, dedicated rugby provision (one pitch) would enable to club to expand and develop.

The new development at Cranbrook and Broadclyst will generate demand as well and would require at the minimum 2 rugby pitches (minimum of 1 senior and a junior) to meet this.

HOCKEY

Exeter

The provision of 3g surfaces within Exeter and East Devon will hopefully involve transference of football teams from the existing sand based pitches, thus increasing capacity for hockey. This is certainly what is hoped will take place in Exeter. However, a watching brief needs to be kept on provision for hockey in Exeter as clubs are very active and the capacity for training is key in ensuring that clubs can grow and thrive.

In Exeter, an additional priority is to improve pitch quality and pitch furniture at St Peter's School AGP.

East Devon

In East Devon, the overriding needs for hockey are as follows:

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- to provide a multi sports pitch which can support a range of sports, including hockey, in Honiton
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3G ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES

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- there is a need for two additional 3gs to serve the city to meet current and future demand.
- A number of proposals have been mooted, in particular a facility to serve Exeter College and one to meet the needs of Exeter City FC.
- Both such proposals need to consider their use and management in full.

The strategy supports the provision of smaller artificial grass pitches alongside grass pitches at key sites in Exeter (such as Exwick/Flowerpot, Exhibition Fields (rugby), King George V and Cowick Barton)

East Devon

Assessment suggests the need for the following. In addition to the planned 3g at Axe Valley Community College and the converted half size 3g at Exmouth,

- there is a need for a minimum of two additional 3g to serve East Devon to meet current and future demand.
- One of these could be provided to serve existing and planned new communities to the East of Exeter;
- the research for this project also identifies the need for 3g provision to meet training needs for football and rugby (and possibly match play for junior and mini football) in the Exmouth area and in the Sidmouth/Feniton/Ottery St Mary area.

The strategy supports the provision of smaller artificial grass pitches alongside grass pitches at key football sites within East Devon.

SECTION 8B

EXETER AND EAST DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

KEY FINDINGS AND ISSUES PAPER FOR EAST DEVON:

Key Findings

- 1. Population**
- 2. Sports Participation**
- 3. Football**
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- 9. Sub Area Summary**
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- 11. Summary of Pitch Recommendations – Exeter and East Devon**

This summary paper relates principally to East Devon, but some information on Exeter is included for context, and where relevant.

1 Population

Population change in Exeter

Table 8.1: Population Change in Exeter by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	Change 2014-2024	% Change 2014-2024
Mini pitch sports (5-9)	6,176	6,552	+376	+6.1%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)	13,798	15,340	+1,542	+11.2%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)	32,896	31,708	-1,187	-3.7%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)	15,888	17,253	+1,365	+8.6%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)	13,301	11,759	-1,542	-13.1%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)	17,410	19,185	+1,775	+10.2%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (5-69)	99,470	101,799	+2,329	+2.3%
Total population	120,433	125,958	+5,525	+4.6%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

1.2 It can be seen from the above analysis of ONS population projections for Exeter that:

- Whilst the overall population of Exeter is expected to increase by 5,525 (4.6%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall 'active participation' age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a lower rate (ie by 2,329 or 2.3%).
- The age groups within the 'active participation' group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 years (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 years (youth/junior pitch sports), the 35-45 years and the 55-69 groups (adult and vets pitch sports).
- The age groups predicted to see a decline in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 20-34 years and the 46-54 years (adult and vets pitch sports).
- Overall, the adult pitch sport range 20-54 years is projected to decrease slightly (by 2.2%) However, there are variations within this, with one age ranges within the traditional 'Vets' age ranges for some sports (35 – 45 years) projected to increase. The picture for adult pitch sports players is therefore mixed; but there may be scope in promoting participation by 'vets'. The implications of this is explored further within the 'Future Demand' sections for each individual pitch sport.

Housing projections – Exeter

- 1.4 Projected housing completions within Exeter for the period 2014-2024 are currently estimated at 6695 (this includes planning permissions, sites without planning permissions, broad locations for growth and windfalls).
- 1.4 The Exeter Core Strategy sets out the main growth plans to 2026; in particular:
- 3500 dwellings allocated at Newcourt (c.2000 permissions and c.500 complete)
 - 2500 dwellings allocated at Monkerton / Hill Barton (c.1500 permissions and c.50 complete)
 - 500 dwellings allocated at SW Exeter (adjacent 2000 allocated in Teignbridge) (No planning permissions yet).
- 1.6 Based on an average household size for Exeter of 2.2 persons per dwelling, this would mean additional population within these areas as follows:
- 7700 at Newcourt
 - 5500 at Monkerton / Hill Barton
 - 7700 at SW Exeter and adjacent in Teignbridge
- 1.6 A joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment is currently being produced across Exeter and East Devon which may provide alternative projections than those used to inform this report , particularly the Team Generation Rates set out under the individual pitch sports . If necessary, these sections will be revisited at the appropriate time.

Population change in East Devon

Table 8.2: Population Change in East Devon by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	Change 2014-2024	% Change 2014-2024
Mini pitch sports (5-9)	6,579	7,132	+553	+8.4%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)	13,856	14,896	+1,040	+7.5%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)	16,751	15,942	-809	-5.1%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)	15,931	15,626	-305	-2.0%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)	16,868	14,899	-1,969	-13.2%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)	30,166	32,131	+1,965	+6.5%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (5-69)	100,154	100,629	+475	+0.5%
Total population -	135,373	143,758	+8,385	+6.2%

3. Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

1.7 It can be seen from the above analysis of ONS population projections for East Devon that:

- Whilst the overall population of East Devon is expected to increase by 8,385 (6.2%) in the next 10 years (ie 2014-2024), the number of people in the overall ‘active participation’ age group (5-69) is also projected to increase, but at a much lower rate (ie by 475 or 0.5%).
- The age groups within the ‘active participation’ group that are projected to see an increase in numbers in the period to 2024 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports); the 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) and the 55-69 (adult pitch sports) groups.
- However, age groups encompassing from 20 to 54 years are all projected to show a decrease (overall, by -6.2%, with the smallest decrease falling in the 35-45 years age group -2.0%).

1.10 The following compares the population projections between the two authorities, the most marked difference being the projected in the population in the 35-45 years age group (traditionally ‘vet’s football), which shows a decrease of 2.0% in East Devon, but an increase of 8.6% in Exeter. The implications of this are considered further within the ‘Future Demand’ sections for each individual pitch sport.

Table 8.3 Population Change in East Devon & Exeter by Pitch Sport Age Groups: 2014-2024: COMPOSITE TABLE

Age group	Population 2014	Population 2024	EAST DEVON % Change 2014-2024	EXETER % Change 2014-24
Mini pitch sports (5-9)			+8.4%	+6.1%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)			+7.5%	+11.2%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)			-5.1%	-3.7%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)			-2.0%	+8.6%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)			-13.2%	-13.1%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)			+6.5%	+10.2%
Overall ‘active participation’ age groups (5-69)			+0.5%	+2.3%
Total population – East Devon	135,373	143,758	+6.2%	
Total population - Exeter	120,433	125,958		+4.6%

Source: ONS 2012-based Sub National Population Projections (May 2014)

Housing projections for East Devon

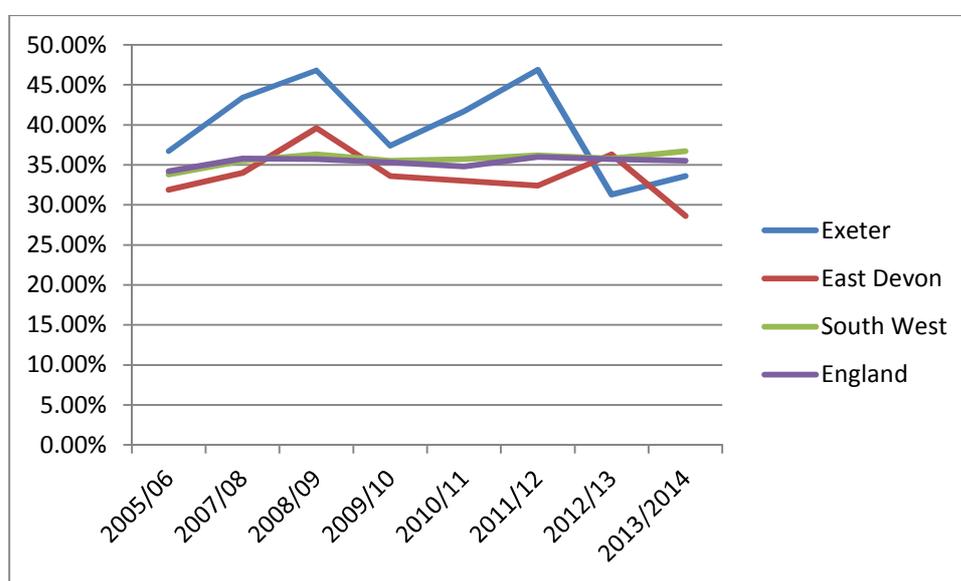
1.11 The East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026 (Proposed Post-Publication Changes – Aug 2013) allocates land for a total of 15,180 new dwellings in the period 2006-2026. 7,455 of these proposed new dwellings are to be built in East Devon’s ‘West End’. The

population to be generated by these developments have been taken into account under each sport, when calculating the numbers of teams which are likely to be formed in the future.

2 Sports Participation

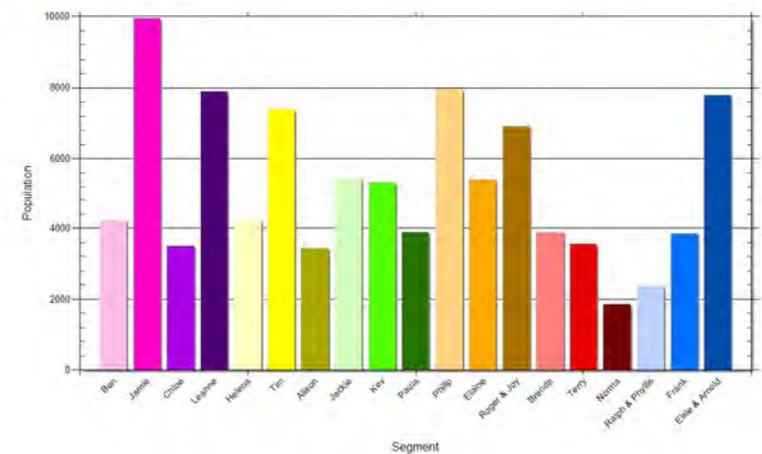
2.1 Sport England’s main measure of sport is based on the percentage of adults (aged 16+) playing for at least 30 minutes of sport at moderate intensity at least once a week, measured by the Active People Survey (APS).

Table 8.4 Active People data from Sport England



- Since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, once a week sports participation in Exeter has **fallen from 36.7% to 33.6%** in 2013/14.
- The 2012/13 (APS7) survey shows that adult male sports participation rates (25.7%) in Exeter were much lower than female (35.5%). Male participation rates were significantly lower than both the regional and national levels, whilst female rates were above both regional and national levels.
- The overall downward trend in sports participation rates in Exeter since 2005/06 suggests that there is a need to develop policies and proposals aimed at increasing participation in sport and active recreation in the City.
- Since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, once a week sports participation in East Devon has **fallen from 31.9% to 28.6%** in 2013/14.
- The 2012/13 (APS7) survey shows that adult male sports participation rates (37.2%) in East Devon were higher than female (35.4%), although male participation rates were below both the regional and national levels, whilst female rates were above both regional and national levels.
- The apparent fall in sports participation rates in East Devon since 2012/13 suggests that there is a need to develop policies and proposals aimed at increasing participation in sport and active recreation in the district

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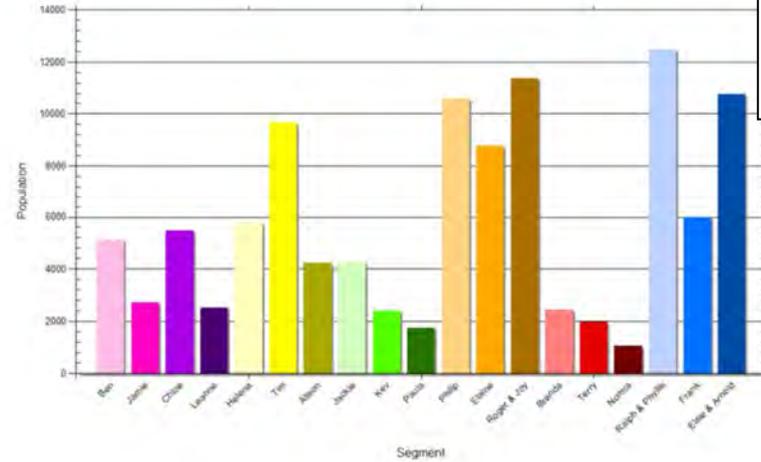


Table 8.5: Market Segmentation in Exeter and East Devon (Sport

<p>Jamie: <i>Mainly aged 18-25, single, vocational student:</i> FOOTBALL, GYM, KEEP FIT</p>	<p>Ralph & Phyllis: <i>Retired couples, enjoying active and comfortable lifestyles;</i> KEEP FIT, SWIMMING, GOLF AND BOWLS</p>
<p>Philip: <i>Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children:</i> CYCLING, FOOTBALL, KEEP FIT, RUNNING</p>	<p>Roger & Joy: <i>Early Retirement Couples; slightly less active than average adult population:</i> KEEP FIT; SWIMMING, CYCLING AND GOLF</p>
<p>Leanne: <i>Mainly aged 18-25, likely to have children, student/part time vocational:</i> KEEP FIT, SWIMMING, RUNNING, MAYBE FOOTBALL</p>	<p>Elsie & Arnold: <i>Retired singles or widowers, predominantly female. Much less active:</i> SWIMMING, KEEP FIT, BOWLS</p>
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<p>Tim: <i>Sporty male professionals, settling down with partner:</i> CYCLING, GYM, SWIMMING, FOOTBALL, RUNNING</p>	<p>Tim: <i>Sporty male professionals, settling down with partner:</i> CYCLING, GYM, SWIMMING, FOOTBALL, RUNNING</p>

3 Football in East Devon

Overview of Supply

East Devon – Supply of Football Pitches

3.1 The letters in the ‘Community Use’ column signify the following, as set out in Sport England’s latest Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, October 2013.

- A Available for community use and used
- B Available for community use and unused
- C Not available for community use, as matter of policy and practice
- D Not available as disused. Any sites where pitches were once, but are no longer, marked out and remain undeveloped.

3.2 Summary of Quantity

Table 8.6: Summary of East Devon Football Pitches by Sub Area

TABLE 3.6	Adult football	Junior football 11V11	Junior 9v9	Youth 7v7	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Football/ rugby seasonal
Name							
Exeter Fringe Total	9	1	2		4	2	
Axminster Sub Area	6	1	3			1	2
Exmouth Sub Area	11	2			2		
Honiton Sub Area Total	6	2			2	3	1
Ottery St Mary Sub Area Total	9		2		8	3	2
Seaton Sub Area Total	6	1	1	2	2	4	
Sidmouth Sub Area Total	6	2	2	1	2	3	1
TOTAL	53	9	10	3	20	16	6

Table 8.7: Summary Table of football pitches by community use in East Devon

	Total Pitch Provision	Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Used) (A)	Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Not used) (B)	Pitch Provision Not Available to the Community (C)	Not available as disused (D)
Adult Football	53	53			
Junior Football	9	8			1
9 v 9	10	10			
Junior 7v7	3	3			
Mini 7v7	20	19		1	
Junior 7v7	16	10		6	
Football/ rugby seasonal	6	4		2	
TOTAL	117	107		9	1

3.11 Points in relation to the quantity and distribution of pitches within East Devon are:

- EDDC owns 19 sites in East Devon and maintains 11 of them. The remainder of the sites are generally managed by clubs or are on school sites.
- Provision in East Devon is made up from parish and town council owned playing fields, club owned premises and educational land. As such, it is difficult to provide a strategic overview and ways of improving the sustainability and effectiveness of existing provision needs to be considered on a site by site basis.
- Largest sites are Cat & Fiddle (Exeter Fringe: 3A, 1 11v11 and 1 9v9); Acland Park Feniton (Ottery St Mary Sub Area: 3A, 19v9 and 5 x 7v7);, Mountbatten/St Rita’s (Honiton Sub Area: 2A, 2 11v11 and 2x7v7); combined Cloakham Lawns, Axminster: 3 A and 2 9v9), and Withycombe Raleigh (Exmouth Sub Area:3As).
- Out of around 55 football sites, 24 are single pitch facilities.
- Lack of age appropriate junior sized pitches in certain areas: for example, lack of youth and mini pitches in Exmouth sub area, and no 9v9 junior pitches recorded in either Seaton or Honiton sub area. This is returned to later in this Section.
- Variable provision at secondary schools in the district – football pitches often seasonal with rugby. Only 2 schools have secured community use – Clyst Vale Community College and Kings School Ottery
- There are a number of pitches in the district which are no longer marked out as pitches or have recently been developed; these are recorded as:
 - Clyst Rovers ground AFC: replacement site required, linked to S106
 - Millwey Rise, Axminster
 - Valley View, Axminster

Summary of quality

3.4 Findings from the audit of football pitch quality in East Devon are:

- More variation in quality from Sport England’s VQA than in Exeter (where maintenance of many pitches IS by Exeter CC which ensures high consistency). Many rural grounds score poorly; most are within the standard range,
- Only 3 grounds rated as good – Withycombe Raleigh in Exmouth, Byes Lane, Sidford and Eastlee Park, Farway. Site assessments for these pitches were carried out in autumn 2013 before the weather had caused deterioration of some of the pitches.
- Variation on the quality of changing rooms; several grounds have their capacity and scope for development limited by either poor quality or non-existent changing rooms.
- Clubs however generally rating pitch maintenance as good or standard.
- A number of clubs and community associations are planning improvements to their grounds (detailed under relevant sub area section below)
- Improvements/enhancements required at each ground will be further highlighted as options in the final Strategy

Overview of Demand

3.5 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) for football (i.e. the number of people in the specified age group required in order to generate a team)

Table 8.8 Team Generation Rates for Football

	Male (11v11)	Youth (11v11)	Youth (9v9)	Mini (7v7)	Ladies
Exeter	623	60	46	106	13880
East Devon	305	77	55	85	6695
Plymouth	409	65	50	106	4130

3.6 Main football leagues and trends

- Devon & Exeter Saturday: growing, bucking the trend elsewhere of declining Saturday play. Largest senior league in the county
- Exeter & District Sunday League: numbers of teams declining
- Exeter & District Youth league – rapid expansion over last 3 years, ‘swallowing’ other junior leagues?

- In east of area, Perry Street & District Saturday league also operates

3.7 Numbers of clubs and teams in East Devon

- This study has recorded 56 clubs in total, fielding 179 teams: 64 adult (36%); 66 youth (37%) and 49 mini soccer (27%). It is hard to discern a trend amongst the numbers of teams in East Devon, although several clubs record increasing numbers of youth and minis.

Pattern of Play and Capacity

3.8 Training and Pattern of Play

- Football clubs in East Devon – many wanting access to 3g surfaces (or sand) – but not necessarily full size pitches. A significant number are training on their home grounds, sometimes on the pitches themselves, or elsewhere on the ground.
- Out of 104 adult men’s teams in Exeter & East Devon (excluding Ladies who play Sun pms) – 65% (68) play Sat pm, 29% (30) play Sun am and 6% (6) play Sat pm (U18s,
- Pattern of play across East Devon shown in following table, showing number of teams at each time

Table 8.9: Pattern of play for football in East Devon,

Area	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM
Exeter Fringe	19	5	1	1
Axminster Sub Area Total	9	7		
Exmouth Sub Area	21	13	8	4
Honiton Sub Area Total	10	6		
Ottery Sub Area Total	29	6	3	1
Seaton Sub Area Total	7	6		
Sidmouth Sub Area Total	11	8	1	3
EAST DEVON	106	51	13	9

- The ability of a pitch to accommodate demand at peak time is as important as the overall capacity of the site over a week. The local leagues currently have specific kick off times and it is important that there are enough pitches available when teams are scheduled to play.

Table 8.10: Peak time for football in East Devon

	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Total
Senior Football		76% (45)	19% (11)	5% (3)	59
Ladies				100% (3)	3
Youth minis &	95% (106)		3% (3 x Girls)	2% (2 x u18s)	111

3.9 Analysis of ground capacity

- Analysis of capacity is based on capacity scores, which are in turn related to the quality of the ground – if poor, can sustain one game a weekend, if standard – 2 games and if good – 3 games. The capacity summaries are presented under the Sub Area Summaries following issues for individual pitch sports later in this .

However, in general:

- There is a general lack of Sunday play and a large proportion of grounds are not used on Sundays (especially one pitch village sites)
- Grounds at or almost at capacity are: Broadclyst Recreation Ground, Axminster Cloakham Lawns, Withycombe Raleigh, Washbrook Playing Fields (OSM), St Rita’s/Mountbatten (Honiton), Manstone Park (Sidmouth FC), Seaton Town’s ground and the Byes Lane pitches at Sidford.

3.12 Junior Pitch Sizes

- There are issues concerning the correct sizing of pitches for junior play. The FA has set out dimensions for each range; notably it is now mandatory to play U11s & U12s on 9v9 pitches (U12s from 2014/2015 season). If junior teams are to play on the correct size pitches, more appropriately sized pitches will be required in East Devon. The full report has set out where every junior team plays and whether this pitch is appropriate for its age range: the key findings are that around 15 x U13/U14 teams are playing on full adult size pitches when they should be playing on youth u13/14 sized pitches and around 8 x u11 and u12 teams are playing on adult pitches when they should be playing on 9v9 pitches.
- The other main issue for junior teams is how their different aged teams are often split between different sites e.g.
 - Broadclyst sports club juniors split between Broadclyst Recreation Ground, New Inn and Clyst Vale Community College
 - Brixington Blues (Exmouth youth football club): minis at Winslade Park (where now?); juniors and u18s at Withycombe Raleigh
 - West Hill Juniors based at the Kings School OSM but 2 teams at Tipton St John

- Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings at Byes Lane; also Long Lane, Newton Poppleford (plans to change 2 minis into adult pitch and play u8s at St Johns School)
- Burgmanna Hill – all Lymptstone youth (but seniors elsewhere at CRCTM)

Future Demand

3.13 The full report sets out an analysis of likely future demand, on the basis that the future requirement for football pitches will be impacted by several factors, including;

- General changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
- Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
- Consideration of latent, unmet and displaced demand
- Local trends in participation and club specific development plans and aspirations; and
- Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

3.14 Of particular note is the displaced demand which East Devon is catering for, across a number of sports, see Table 3.6 below.

Table 8.11: Movement of teams into and out of East Devon (and Exeter)

Origin of Team	Sport	Club/team	Where playing	Local Authority	Sub Area/Parish
Exminster, Teignbridge	Football	St Martins Youth/3 jnr teams	Exwick Playing Fields	Exeter	
Exeter	Football	Exeter City FC/ Various teams	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter	Football	Exeter Panthers X 4 mini teams	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Newtown FC 1 st XI	Newton St Cyres	Mid Devon	
Exeter	Football	Newtown FC 2 nd & 3 rd XI	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Henry's Cronies Sunday XI	Broadclyst Rec. Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Whipton Youth U13	Clyst Vale Comm. College	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Broadclyst
Exeter	Football	Heavitree Youth 3 jnr	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary

Origin of Team	Sport	Club/team	Where playing	Local Authority	Sub Area/Parish
Exeter	Football	Pinhoe Spartans 2 junior teams	Rockbeare Playing Fields	East Devon	Ottery St Mary: Rockbeare
Exeter	Football	Pinhoe Spartans Junior team	Newton St Cyres	Mid Devon	
Exeter	Football	Exeter Ladies 1 st XI	St Martin's Exminster (2014/15 season)	Teignbridge	
Other Sports					
Exeter	Cricket	Countess Wear CC 2 teams	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
Exeter College	Rugby	Rugby teams Occasional	Cullompton RFC	Mid Devon	
Exeter College	Rugby	Rugby teams Occasional	RM Lymphstone	East Devon	
Exeter College	Football	Football team s Occasional	Cat & Fiddle Training Ground	East Devon	Exeter Fringe: Clyst St Mary
East Devon	Hockey	East Devon Hockey Club 5 men's; 3 jnr teams	Exeter St Peter's School AGP (training & matches)	Exeter	
East Devon	Hockey	Honiton Hornets Hockey Club 1 team	Exeter School (training)	Exeter	
Teignbridge	Hockey	Ashmoor Hockey Club 4 men's and 2 ladies' teams	Isca College of Media Arts AGP (matches)	Exeter	
Teignbridge	Hockey	Dart Hockey Club: 2 men's & 3 ladies	Westexe Community College	Exeter	
Mid Devon	Hockey	Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets: 2 senior teams	St James School	Exeter	

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EAST DEVON?

3.15 Taking into account the existing picture and all the various elements of future predicted, latent and deferred demand and a realistic appraisal of clubs’ aspirations, the estimates for future football teams in East Devon are as follows:

Table 8.12 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for football

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams 11v11	Youth teams 9v9	Minis	Notes
Population growth to 2024	0	1	6	5	6	
East of Exeter: Cranbrook Expansion	5	0.5	3	2	4	
East of Exeter: Broadclyst Expansion	2	0.5	2	1	2	
Latent demand	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Displaced demand	-3		-5		-4	
Aspirations	5	3	10	8	10	
TOTAL	14 (-3)		21 (-5)	16	22 (-4)	
Match equivalents	7	3	11	8	11	

3.14 Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing spare capacity at grounds. However, as a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock this would suggest the need for additional pitches:

- 4x adult pitches
- 6x x 11v11 pitches of different sizes
- 4x 9v9 pitches
- 6x mini pitches (7v7 and 5v5).

3.15 Meeting the demand of the above TGRs for Cranbrook and other major housing growth to the East of Exeter to 2024 would require the following pitches to be provided.

- 2 – 3 x adult 11v11
- 2x youth 11v11
- 2x youth 9v9
- 1x mini 7v7
- 1x mini 5v5

3.16 These figures have been calculated assuming 1 team = 0.5 home games per week, using Table 3.12 and by assuming all new pitches and ancillary facilities are provided to a “good” specification and maintenance. Development exceeding the assumptions

set out at the bottom of table 3.18 would create more demand and as such more pitches may be required.

4 Cricket in East Devon

Overview of Supply

Table 8.13 Summary of quantity

Ownership Type	Cricket Ground	Artificial wicket	Grass Pitch	A	B	C	D	Shared site
Private/Leased or rented to club	9	5	9	9				2
EDDC	1	1		1				1
EDDC/Leased to club	3	3	3	3				1
Club owned	3	1	3	3				1
Community Org/Rented or leased to club	10	1	10	9			1	4
Education	5	5		1	1	3		5
Independent School	1		1			1		1
TOTAL	32	16	26	26	1	4	1	15

4.1 Summary of Findings on Quantity

- There are 32 sites containing facilities for cricket in East Devon. This figure includes all known public, private, school and other pitches whether or not they are in secured community use.
- The 32 sites comprise 26 grass squares and 16 non-turf wickets. 9 grounds have both – Axminster Cricket Club, Cloakham Lawn main pitch, Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club, Exmouth Cricket Club, Feniton Cricket Club, Honiton Cricket Club, Seaton Cricket Club, Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club, Winslade Park cricket pitch and Woodbury Cricket Club and Clyst Hydon..
- There is a patchwork of ownership and management arrangements with 9 sites privately owned (with various leasing and renting arrangements) which means that these sites do not have long term security of tenure.
- A further 10 sites are owned by a community organisation (which includes parish councils and/or playing field trusts). Usually this implies security of tenure but pitches can be subject to other pressures such as Plymtree which is not being used this season, and may thus become vulnerable as a pitch site (recorded as 'D' under Community Access).

- Almost half of the cricket grounds are on shared sites with winter pitch sports (see Section 8); this includes all pitches on school sites.
- 4 of the 6 pitches on school sites do not appear to be available to the community; one is but is not used (Colyton Grammar School). The pitch at the King's School Ottery St Mary is used. None of the school sites have grass wickets – just an artificial strip.
- Half of the grounds have an artificial wicket. Artificial wickets are mostly used for practice when the weather is not good and when a mobile net cage surrounds them. They appear to be rarely used for play if an alternative grass wicket is available. An example is Ottery St Mary CC where the artificial wicket is not used and has been reincorporated into rest of the square.
- 26 out of the 32 sites have community access and are used. Only 3 clubs – Sidmouth, Clyst Hydon and Ottery St Mary – own their own grounds.
- A number of cricket pitches in East Devon no longer exist or have fallen into disuse and cannot now be played upon. These include:
 - Bicton College – although there are plans to replace this (it was used by Sidmouth 3rd XI)
 - Plymtree currently not being used (as above)
 - Colyton Peace Memorial Ground
 - Rockbeare Playing Fields
- The Winslade Park estate (where Countess Wear plays) is subject to redevelopment proposals which may mean that football and cricket pitches will be relocated (there is also an artificial wicket here).

4.2 Summary of quality

- The emerging points to arise from an assessment of East Devon's cricket pitches are:
 - As with Exeter there is a hierarchy of grounds and pitch quality. The two premier grounds in the district are Sidmouth and Exmouth, each vying with each other to some extent to maintain pole position.
 - Below this are the raft of second tier grounds with good solid clubs who often own their facilities or operate on a long lease and are able to invest in a good standard of maintenance, notably: Axminster CC, Budleigh Salterton CC, Ottery St Mary, Seaton CC.
 - The third tier of grounds are often more rural in location, and smaller clubs but their grounds can still be of good quality e.g. Chardstock, Kilmington, Broadclyst, Clyst St George.
- However, there are other issues that the pitch assessments do not particularly emphasise which can have an impact on the quality of the pitches, for example, ground sharing with winter pitch sports and capacity of changing rooms (see table below on ground sharing). Withycombe Cricket Pitch scores 'poor'; it is an artificial strip sandwiched in between two football pitches.

Overview of Demand

Table 8.14: Team Generation Rates for Cricket

	Men	Women	Juniors
Exeter	2310	34052	1235
East Devon	672	27180	449
Plymouth	4673	34126	2522

4.3 Leagues, cricket clubs and teams

- Exeter Evening League, Devon Cricket League, East Devon Youth league (midweek and Sundays) and Friendlies
- The East Devon Youth League is a vibrant league, which hopes to set up a girls section next year.
- 24 clubs Fielding 51 Men’s. 37 Youth, 1 Ladies, 0 Girls (89 total). Half the clubs field junior teams.
- Cricket in Exeter and East Devon is very club based and all teams playing are part of well-established clubs. A community league operates at Budleigh Salterton but other than this there is very little midweek casual play and no midweek senior league.
- Across Exeter and East Devon, it appears that:
 - numbers of adult cricketers are staying fairly constant, although there appears to have been a drop off in demand for Sunday league.
 - Several clubs record an increase in juniors, or are placing more effort in securing juniors.
 - Women’s and girls’ teams being started at a couple of clubs.
 - There has been a decline in midweek friendly leagues, touring teams and casual cricket

Pattern of Play and Capacity

Table 8.15: Pattern of Play for cricket (numbers of teams playing)

	Mid week	Sat pm	Sun am	
Exeter Senior	25% (4)	56% (9)	19% (3 (1L))	16
Exeter Junior	100% (12)			12
East Devon Senior	18% (9)	67% (34)	18% (8 (1L))	51
East Devon Junior	100% (36)			36

4.6 Summary of Pattern of Play

- Throughout the area, juniors mostly play in the East Devon Youth League on midweek evenings. Sometimes, small juniors play on Saturday mornings on the outfield, not always midweek
- There is some adult midweek play in both Exeter and East Devon. Well over half of adult play in Exeter and two thirds of adult play in East Devon is on Saturday afternoons. Just under a fifth of teams play friendlies on Sundays across both areas.
- The majority of clubs do train – in summer on their home ground (although not all clubs have nets). In winter, clubs train in local school sports halls. The University of Exeter Indoor Cricket centre nets are used extensively from Feb to April two to three nights a week by local cricket clubs including those from East Devon hiring a lane or two from 6pm to 10pm. The importance of the secondary school sports facilities in East Devon in providing cricket nets is amply illustrated.

4.5 Capacity of grounds in East Devon

- To evaluate the adequacy of facilities for cricket, the amount of wickets available is measured against the level of use of these wickets. A good quality wicket (which should be aspired to) should be able to take:
 - 5 matches per season per grass wicket (adults);
 - 7 matches per season per grass wicket (juniors);
 - 60 matches per season per non turf wicket (adults); and
 - 80 matches per season per non turf wicket (juniors).
- Very simplified picture, but most grounds do have capacity for additional play....
- Grounds at or near capacity are: Clyst St George; Budleigh Salterton; Exmouth; and Ottery St Mary. Sidmouth is considered to be at capacity. All of these teams run a range of adult and junior teams, apart from Sidbury which runs friendlies only but has a very small square.
- Further summary of capacity for cricket is presented under the Sub Area Summaries later in this section.

Future Demand

4.6 As set out under football, the full report sets out an analysis of likely future demand, on the basis that the future requirement for cricket pitches will be impacted by several factors, including population growth, changes in sporting behaviour and patterns and clubs' own aspirations.

4.9 Trends suggest:

- Numbers of adult cricketers are staying fairly constant,
- Decline in number of Sunday friendly sides
- Several clubs record an increase in juniors

- Women’s and girls’ teams being started at a couple of clubs.
- There has been a decline in midweek friendly leagues, touring teams and casual cricket

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR CRICKET IN EAST DEVON?

4.10 Taking into account the existing picture and all the various elements of future predicted, latent and deferred demand and a realistic appraisal of clubs’ aspirations, the estimates for future cricket teams in East Devon are as follows:

Table 3.20 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams 11v11	Notes
Population growth to 2024	-2		4	
Expansion – Cranbrook development	4		3	
Expansion – Broadclyst development	2		2	
Latent demand	1	1	2	
Displaced demand	2			If Countess Wear CC moves away
Aspirations	3	3	6	
TOTAL	12 (-2)	4	17	

4.78 The ability of each site to accommodate the potential growth can be based upon the capacity calculations (assuming that a junior team will play on average 8 home games per season, while a senior team will play 12 home matches (based on current averages)). At a 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,

4.79 With an estimated 5 – 6 additional adult teams, 4 junior and possibly a girls’ team arising from the Cranbrook and Broadclyst new developments, a grass cricket square with 12 wickets (and ideally an artificial wicket) would be the minimum requirement. However, if a club developing here were to run 3 Saturday sides, a second pitch would be required. Development exceeding the assumptions set out at the bottom of Table 4.20 would also create more demand and as such more pitches may be required.

4.80 In addition, the poor condition of the artificial strip/cricket ground at Withycombe Raleigh should be addressed; either through new provision and the realignment of the pitches at the site to improve the capacity of the ground for cricket or an alternative cricket ground to be developed.

5 Rugby in East Devon

Overview of Supply

Table 8.17: Summary of Rugby Provision in East Devon

Name	No. of pitches			Community Use			Dedicated or Seasonal/ shared	
	Adult rugby	Junior rugby	Mini rugby	A	B	C	Dedicated pitches	Seasonal pitch only
Exeter Fringe Sub Area	2			2			2	
Axminster Sub Area	2					2		2
Exmouth Sub Area	10	1		6		5	9	2
Honiton Sub Area	3			2	1		2	1
Ottery St Mary Sub Area	2				2			2
Seaton Sub Area	2					2	2	
Sidmouth Sub Area	5			4		1	4	1
Total	26	1		14	3	10	19	8

5.7 Emerging findings for rugby pitch quantity and quality in East Devon are:

- No mini rugby pitches are recorded and only one junior pitch. There are 26 adult pitches.
- The pitches at secondary schools tend to be seasonal only (i.e. on term rugby; one term football) and so are not conducive or available for seasonal rugby club use.
- Out of 15 sites listed, only 6 are genuinely available for community use:
 - Bicton College. Of the two pitches here, the 2nd pitch is available for anyone to use (no need to book) and specific clubs. The first pitch is only available to in-house and lettings to specific clubs.
 - Imperial Recreation ground (Exmouth RFC) (leased to club by EDDC – 2 adult and 1 junior pitch)

- Raleigh Park (Withycombe RFC)(Owned by EDDC)
- All Hallows Recreation Ground (Honiton RFC (Owned by EDDC)
- Byes Lane, Sidford (2 local authority leased pitches and 1 private, used by Sidmouth RFC
- Sidmouth RFC’s own pitch at The Blackmore.
- Pitches vary considerably on their maintenance ratings and drainage. The highest scoring grounds for maintenance are Exmouth RFC’s ground, Bicton College, Raleigh Park (Withycombe RFC), Byes Lane Sidford and The Blackmore.
- Only one non-school site – at Byes Lane – is shared with other pitch sports (football).
- Issues for rugby at schools is that often pitch space shared with football: Summary of Provision
- Woodbury Park Country Club Seasonal; sometimes marked for rugby. Very boggy pitch.

Overview of Demand

Table 8.18: Team Generation Rates for Rugby

	Men	Women	Youth	Girls	Mixed
Exeter	2426	-	270	1164	366
East Devon	1717	16719	377	856	340
Plymouth	1721	12320	726	2745	660

Rugby Clubs and Teams in East Devon

5.2 The following rugby clubs and teams have been recorded as playing in East Devon. There are 11 adult teams including 1 Ladies team, 5 girls’ teams, 11 youth teams and 30 minis.

Table 8.19: Rugby clubs and teams in East Devon

Sub Area	Adult TOTAL	Men	Colts	Ladies TOTAL	Vets	Girls	U18	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	U7	U6
Exmouth RFC	3		1	1		3*		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Honiton RFC	2		1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sidmouth RFC	3		1			2**			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Withycombe RFC	2								1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	10			1	0			1	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3

*Exmouth Girls – u18, u15, u13

**Sidmouth Girls – u15,u13

- Clubs record growth in numbers of juniors, and seniors (Ladies, Vets and Colts) – so overall some growth

Pattern of Play and Capacity

5.3 Pattern of Play and Training

- Senior rugby is played on Saturday afternoons, mini and junior rugby on Sunday mornings and Vets and Ladies on Sunday afternoons
- Rugby clubs train where they can – on ground alongside the pitch if it’s floodlit, or on the pitch or – preferably – on a 3g surface. Generally across East Devon all the clubs would like improved training facilities – either floodlights for this at their grounds if there is space, or access to a floodlit 3g training area. (Honiton RFC often trains in a car park)

5.6 Capacity of grounds in East Devon

- For rugby, supply and demand is measured by considering;
 - the amount of play that a site is able to sustain (based upon pitch quality and the facilities and pitches available);
 - how much play takes place;
 - whether there is any spare capacity at the site based upon a comparison between the capacity of the site and the actual usage; and
 - any other key issues relating to the site which have arisen through provider and user consultation.

5.7 It is most meaningful to summarise the situation for rugby on a site by site basis: as follows:

- **Imperial Ground, Exmouth RFC:** Peak time is Sunday am.. Pitches overused (.Situation partly relieved due to access to occasional junior pitch and use of CTCRMO This clubs is being improved under the RFU investment programme, and the club is fundraising for upgrading the floodlights on its 2nd pitch. All minis and

juniors use 2nd pitch, but the quality very poor and drainage improvements are being carried out this summer to cope with demand.

- **Raleigh Park, Withycombe RFC:** Peak time is Sunday am. Single pitch site being overplayed. The pitch is being overplayed and the club is in negotiations for additional grass pitch access.
- **Manstone Lane, Sidmouth RFC:** Peak time is Saturday afternoon. Peak time match capacity probably overplayed with training use.
- **Byes Lane, Sidmouth RFC:** Theoretical spare slot at peak time (Sunday am). Questionable due to conflicting drainage reports for pitches. Currently, the 2 leased local authority pitches being improved; will be out of line until next year and so will lose two pitches for duration. 2 changing rooms shared with football and there are some challenges around the joint use of the sites, which is managed by LED.
- **All Hallows, Honiton RFC:** Peak time is Sunday am. Pitches overused and worn out (also used by Honiton Community College). Apart from improvements to pitch quality, the main need identified by the club is for better training facilities.

Future Demand

5.6 As set out under football, the full report sets out an analysis of likely future demand, on the basis that the future requirement for rugby pitches will be impacted by several factors, including population growth, changes in sporting behaviour and patterns and clubs' own aspirations.

5.7 Aspirations of clubs in East Devon

- Exmouth RFC: If we had more pitches, we would be able to play more rugby, cancel less games, we often turn away visiting teams due to a lack of playing areas, particularly touring teams. We would also be better able to accommodate our increasing player membership. And would like to increase senior men's, ladies and mini/midi.
- Honiton RFC: We have full capacity but if we had more senior members then maybe we could run thirds or fourths which would cause further pitch congestion.
- Sidmouth RFC: We would like to run more senior men's and senior women's (one)
- Withycombe RFC: There is no way area of ground can be increased (in middle of housing). But would want to increase all youth and mini/midi range.

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR RUGBY IN EAST DEVON?

5.9 Taking into account the existing picture and all the various elements of future predicted, latent and deferred demand and a realistic appraisal of clubs' aspirations, the estimates for future cricket teams in East Devon are as follows:

Table 8.20 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for rugby in East Devon

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams	Midi/Mini teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024		1	1	3	
East of Exeter: Cranbrook development	1		1	2	
East of Exeter: Broadclyst development				1	
Latent & displaced demand					
Aspirations	3	2	2	4	
TOTAL	4	3	4	10	

- 5.59 Given these aspirations and the current pitch supply, the shortage of good quality grass pitches will restrict rugby development. It will be difficult to accommodate some of this desired additional activity at existing sites, particularly Exmouth, Honiton and Withycombe
- 5.60 The new development at Cranbrook and Broadclyst will generate demand as well and would require at the minimum 2 rugby pitches (minimum of 1 senior and a junior) to meet this.
- 5.61 There is a need for additional rugby provision in Exmouth – 2 senior and 2 midi/mini at minimum. Honiton RFC's urgent need is for training facilities but additional, dedicated rugby provision (one pitch) would enable to club to expand and develop.

6 Hockey in Exeter and East Devon

Hockey in East Devon really has to be considered alongside hockey in Exeter, because of the transference of demand between the two areas.

Overview of Supply

6.3 Summary of Quantity and Quality in Exeter

- There are 8 artificial grass pitches with a surface suitable for hockey in Exeter: 5 on secondary school sites, 1 at independent school 2 at University Sports Park (1 sand and 1 water based). All full size AGPs for hockey in Exeter have floodlights
- The oldest pitch (Exeter School) was built in 1990 and relaid in 2010 and the newest ones (ISCA College, St James and St Lukes) were built in 2006. The AGPs at Exeter School and the sand based pitch at the University were refurbished in 2010.
- All pitches have community use to some degree. No new hockey compliant AGPs have been provided since 2006 – therefore patterns of use are well established (although St Lukes has largely ceased to accommodate hockey)
- Both AGPs at the University and the one at Exeter School have been rated as good under Sport England’s Visual Quality Assessment (the highest category). Of 5 secondary schools – all standard and St Lukes regarded as best surface by England Hockey and clubs.
- Problems at St Peter’s – surface poor and splitting, goals poor and unsafe with nets and posts, fencing etc , poor management and maintenance

6.4 Summary of Quantity and Quality in East Devon

- Salient points with regard to hockey AGPs in East Devon are:
 - 4 AGPs in East Devon are in public sector ownership and one is owned by the MoD, with restricted access for community use,
 - 4 of the 5 AGPs have floodlights – Sidmouth Leisure Centre AGP is not floodlit.
 - All 5 AGPs in East Devon have sand based playing surfaces – non are 3G rubber crumb.
 - The oldest pitch (CTCRM) was built in 1973 and the newest is Sidmouth Leisure Centre, built in 2004. The AGPs at Colyton and Exmouth were refurbished in 2004; the Ottery AGP is 22 years old.. Therefore the 4 public AGPs are of a similar age.
- With regard to the quality assessment: Sidmouth and Exmouth – are rated as standard (but Sidmouth does not have floodlights)

- The pitch at Ottery is poor; England Hockey states that this pitch is in poor condition and needs resurfacing; with improved floodlighting and goals. Club endorse and say that pitch not appropriate for 21st century play.

6.3 Hockey AGPs within 30 minutes of Exeter/East Devon

- There are four hockey appropriate surfaces within 30 minutes drivetime of Exeter/East Devon:
 - Culm Valley Sports Centre, Cullompton
 - Dawlish Leisure Centre
 - Sir John Colfox School, Bridport
 - Cresta Leisure Centre, Chard

Overview of Demand

Table 8.21: Team Generation Rates for Hockey

	Men	Women	Juniors
Exeter	2107	3518	1234
East Devon	4755	5734	1358
Plymouth	4298	5076	312

6.4 Hockey clubs and teams in Exeter and East Devon

- There are currently 5 England Hockey affiliated clubs based in Exeter:
 - East Devon Men’s Hockey Club 5 men’s teams, 3 junior teams - growing
 - Exe Ladies Hockey Club 4 ladies teams; 4 junior teams - growing
 - Isca Hockey Club 6 men’s teams; 5 ladies teams; 15 junior teams declining?
 - University of Exeter Ladies Hockey Club 1 senior team - static
 - University of Exeter Men’s Hockey Club 6 senior teams - static
- There are currently 2 England Hockey affiliated clubs based in East Devon
 - Honiton Hornets 1 Ladies team – decrease
 - Sidmouth & Ottery Hockey Club 6 Men’s, 4 Ladies & 5 junior (U14) – slight decrease
- There are thus 65 hockey teams currently affiliated to England Hockey in Exeter and East Devon: 23 men’s teams (6 in ED) , 15 (5 in ED) ladies teams and 27 junior (5 in ED) teams

- However, there is a considerable amount of cross boundary movement – and East Devon Men’s Hockey Club is an East Devon team whilst Exe Ladies was formed from a merger of Exmouth Hockey Club and Exeter Ladies Hockey Club.

Pattern of Play and Capacity

6.5 The following table summarises where clubs are training and playing, and the spare capacity at each site.

Table 8.22 Hockey Clubs: Training and Matchplay in Exeter and East Devon

Site	Clubs training	Clubs playing	No. of matches to be accommodated on a Saturday (peak time)	Capacity for peak time hockey
Exeter: Exeter School	<i>Honiton Hornets</i>	Isca Hockey Club, occasional use by senior teams	1 – 2 (Sat ams Isca Jnrs and Exeter School jnrs)	Used by school for fixtures, so little spare capacity for matches; no spare capacity for training
Exeter: ISCA College of Media Arts		<i>Ashmoor Hockey Club (4 men + 2 ladies)</i>	3 matches	One match equivalent spare capacity (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training
Exeter: St James Sports Centre		<i>Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets; 2 senior teams</i>	2 matches	For 2 more matches potentially, dependent on other usage, but not spare capacity for training.
Exeter: St Lukes Science and Sports College		East Devon HC - Occasional	1 match	For 3 more matches potentially (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training
Exeter: St Peter’s Sports Centre	<i>East Devon HC; Exe Ladies HC</i>	<i>East Devon HC; Exe Ladies HC (9 senior teams)</i>	Between 4 and 6 matches	No spare capacity

Site	Clubs training	Clubs playing	No. of matches to be accommodated on a Saturday (peak time)	Capacity for peak time hockey
Exeter: University of Exeter Sports Park x 2	ISCA	Isca, University Exeter Ladies & University Exeter Man's; 18 senior teams	9+	No spare capacity
Exeter: Westex Community Sports Centre		<i>Dart Hockey Club</i> (5 Teams)	3 matches	One match equivalent spare capacity (dependent on other usage) but no spare capacity for training
East Devon: Ottery St Mary	Ottery St Mary & Sidmouth HC	Sidmouth & Ottery HC (15 teams; split sites)	3/4	Almost at capacity
East Devon: Sidmouth College		Sidmouth & Ottery HC (15 teams; split sites)	3/4	Almost at capacity
East Devon: Colyton Grammar School				No team based here at moment, but satellite club to start 2014/15
East Devon: Exmouth Community College				No team based here at moment, but satellite club to start 2014/15

- 6.7 England Hockey guidance suggests that no AGP should be considered able to sustain more than 4 games on any one day. Current usage shows there is demand for 14 league matches per Saturday from Exeter based clubs, with displaced demand from 3 external clubs at 4+ matches per Saturday. With a total of 18 matches needing to be accommodated, this equates to 4.5 AGPs.
- 6.7 The above table shows the amount of transference of demand from hockey clubs outside Exeter, both from East Devon and other local authorities – Mid Devon and Teignbridge – but playing in Exeter. There are now three clubs playing matches in Exeter (Ashmoor HC, ECVH and Dart HC) who have been displaced from their locality due to either lack of suitable AGP provision or a lack of pitch time in their home town.

- 6.12 In Exeter, AGPs at Exeter School, the two AGPs at the University and at St Peters are at, or almost at, capacity for matches.
- 6.13 Potentially the new AGP at Cranbrook could release valuable pitch time on the AGPs sited in East Devon and Exeter, where there is an increasing demand for the sport, but sites are at capacity.
- 6.14 Currently at capacity on two AGP sites in terms of hockey provision within East Devon (Sidmouth and Ottery St Mary). There are issues with both these pitches which are limiting their capacity (no floodlights and poor quality)
- 6.15 There is capacity however to expand the sport at both Colyton and Exmouth, where planning is currently taking place to extend hockey provision into these two area for next season (2014/15).

Future Demand

6.12 As set out under football, the full report sets out an analysis of likely future demand, on the basis that the future requirement for hockey appropriate AGPs will be impacted by several factors, including population growth, changes in sporting behaviour and patterns and clubs’ own aspirations.

6.13 Aspirations of hockey clubs

- Clubs wishing to run more Ladies teams: Exe, Isca, Honiton
- Clubs wishing to run more Men’s teams: EDHC (two), Isca,
- Clubs wishing to run more junior boys teams: EDHC
- Clubs wishing to run more junior mixed teams: EDHC & Honiton Hornets

SUMMARY – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR HOCKEY IN EAST DEVON?

6.15 Taking into account the existing picture and all the various elements of future predicted, latent and deferred demand and a realistic appraisal of clubs’ aspirations, the estimates for future hockey teams in Exeter and East Devon are as follows:

Table 8.23 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for hockey in Exeter

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ teams	Youth teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024		1	1	
Expansion South West of Exeter	1		1	
Latent & displaced demand				11 Men’s, 2 Ladies and 3 junior teams are playing in Exeter but originate outside the city
Aspirations	3	2	2	
TOTAL	4	2	2	

Table 8.24 Summary of Latent, Displaced and Future Demand for hockey in East Devon

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams	Notes
Population growth to 2024			1	
Expansion East of Exeter (Cranbrook & Brodclyst)	1		1	
Latent & displaced demand				5 Men's + 3 junior teams are playing in Exeter, but originate in East Devon
Aspirations	3	2	2	
TOTAL		1	4	

7 Artificial Grass Pitches

7.1 Additional AGPs

- As well as full size AGPs for hockey (7 sand and 1 water based) in Exeter, there are 2 full size 3g pitches; one at the University Sports Park and one at Exeter Chief's Rugby ground at Sandy Park (IRB22 rugby compliant surface). Neither of these are generally available for community use (although the University 3g does cater for community football teams on two nights a week and for some events at weekends). There are also a few half size sand based and 3g pitches in the city: Wonford (half size sand); Heavitree (small 3g) and provision at some primary schools.
- There are no full size 3g surfaces in East Devon, although one is due to be installed at Axe Valley Community College. There are a few smaller AGPs dotted throughout the district.
- It is best to consider the future provision of hockey appropriate sand based pitches in East Devon, alongside provision within Exeter and provision for 3g AGPs, as their use is interwoven.

7.2 3g AGPs

Exeter

The assessment suggests the need for the following:

In addition to:

- the full size 3gs at the University, and Exeter Chiefs RFC:
- and the smaller 3g at Heavitree Utd FC
- And the proposed change of surface from sand based to 3g at St Lukes School

.....there is a need for two additional 3gs to serve the city to meet current and future demand. A number of proposals have been mooted, in particular a facility to serve Exeter College and one to meet the needs of Exeter City FC. Both such proposals need to consider their use and management in full.

East Devon

The assessment suggests the need for the following:

In addition to:

- the planned 3g at Axe Valley Community College and the converted half size 3g at Exmouth,

.....there is a need for a minimum of two additional 3g to serve East Devon to meet current and future demand. One of these could be provided to serve existing and planned new communities to the East of Exeter; the research for this project also identifies the need for 3g provision to meet training needs for football and rugby (and possibly match play for junior and mini football) in the Exmouth area and in the Sidmouth/Feniton/Ottery St Mary area.

This strategy would support the provision of smaller artificial grass pitches alongside grass pitches at key sites in Exeter (such as Exwick/Flowerpot, Exhibition Fields (rugby), King George V and Cowick Barton) and at key football sites within East Devon. However, the FA is unlikely to support anything less than full size 3g at present for funding, as this is the overriding need within the city and the first priority to address; moreover, this gives greater flexibility in terms of training sessions which can be accommodated and also the potential for hosting adult football matches.

7.3 Hockey appropriate sand based AGPs

Exeter

The provision of 3g surfaces within Exeter and East Devon will hopefully involve transference of football teams from the existing sand based pitches, thus increasing capacity for hockey. This is certainly what is hoped will take place in Exeter. However, a watching brief needs to be kept on provision for hockey in Exeter as clubs are very active and the capacity for training is key in ensuring that clubs can grow and thrive.

In Exeter, a priority is to improve pitch quality and pitch furniture at St Peter's School AGP.

In addition, to improve provision of pitches in Teignbridge (King Edwards VI School at Totnes in particular to free up capacity within Exeter itself).

East Devon

In East Devon, the overriding needs for hockey are as follows:

- to replace/upgrade the poor quality pitch at Ottery St Mary
- floodlight the pitch at Sidmouth College
- to provide a multi sports pitch which can support a range of sports, including hockey, in Honiton.

The above will also assist in freeing up capacity within Exeter itself.

7.4 General considerations

- There are a number of considerations around the siting of AGP facilities for football and rugby (which also apply generally to AGPs), including:
 - The pattern of use; ideally an IRB22 AGP would require a balance of use between football and rugby to ensure the greatest community use. Ideally it would be delivered in a partnership between the RFC, the FA, the local authority and, where appropriate, an education provider.
 - Management of the site and linkages to existing community use and networks to ensure the site is sustainable
 - The need to raise revenue for sinking fund (minimum of £25,000 p.a.) capable of replacing the AGP within 10-15 years (this is net of any ongoing maintenance costs)
 - Each proposed development needs to be accompanied by sustainable business and usage plans
 - The advantages of siting such facilities on education sites – may mean full use during the day, but can limit daytime use by other organizations

8 Shared Sites and Other Pitch Sports

- 8.1 Under the new Playing Pitch Strategy methodology by Sport England, site overviews should consider the capacity of pitches which have shared use between sports, notably where cricket outfielders are used for winter sports pitches. This section presents a summary of the capacity issues relating to such sites within Exeter and East Devon.
- 8.2 The issues with regard to shared sites are well documented:
- typically, shared use with winter pitches on cricket outfielders does not leave sufficient time for reinstatement before the start of the cricket season, which traditionally runs from 1st May to 31st August on shared sites.
 - In particular, shared sites between rugby and cricket restricts season and involves considerable maintenance to prepare outfield. . To prepare the outfield for play from the start of the cricket season is both time consuming and costly, especially after a wet winter.
 - Issues can also arise with sharing of changing rooms which may not have enough capacity or meet the needs of both winter and summer sports.
- 8.7 However, there can be great advantages of shared grounds in terms of sustainability, maintaining activity at the site (and revenue) throughout the year; growth in membership etc, more attractive for funding bids etc.
- 8.8 The ECB, RFU and FA have also published guidelines on the sharing of sites to mutual advantage.
- 8.9 One way to address the problems which might arise is to encourage development of Codes of Conduct for sites shared between winter and summer sports in association with pitch providers, managers and users
- 8.10 The following tables present information on shared sites within Exeter and East Devon and consideration of the issues for the capacity of the grounds.

Table 8.25 Shared Sites within East Devon

TABLE 8.25 Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Football	Rugby	Cricket Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Comm- unity use	Issues Arising affecting capacity of site
Exeter Fringe SA						
Private/rented to CC	Winslade Park (Friends Life)	X		12 (1)	A (but about to close)	Site subject to redevelopment; football pitches and cricket pitches at moment scheduled to remain on site (and do not overlap) but may be in different location. Important to retain pitches and maintain adequate room for cricket wicket and to minimize use of outfield for football.
Education	Clyst Vale Community College	X		(1)	C	
Axminster SA						
Private/leased to CC	Axminster Cricket Club, Cloakham Lawn	X		14 (1)	A	Cricket and football shared; no issues identified.
Education	Axe Valley Community College		X	(1)	C	Seasonal rugby pitches only (rugby/football). No community use, and no issues identified.
Exmouth SA						
Independent school	St Peter's School		X	4	C	No community use and no issues identified
CTCRM MoD	CTCRM Lympstone	X	X		C	seasonal rugby pitch only (shared football/rugby)

TABLE 8.25: Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Football	Rugby	Cricket Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Comm- unity use	Issues Arising affecting capacity of site
Local authority (EDDC)	Withycombe Common cricket pitch	X		(1)	A	Very poor artificial wicket, sandwiched tightly between two football pitches. Not conducive to play and restricts capacity and use.
Honiton SA						
EDDC	Mountbatten Sports Field	X		10 (1)	A	Mini football pitches overmarked on adult football: restricts capacity of both types of pitch. Cricket pitch also shares ground and although no issues identified by the club, giving the level of activity at the site, this situation is not ideal.
Education	Honiton Community College		X	(1)	C	Seasonal rugby pitch only (shared football/rugby). School site; no community use and no issues identified.
Ottery St Mary SA						
Club	Clyst Hydon Cricket Club second pitch	X		(1)	A	Football on outfield of second pitch but no issues identified.
Comm.Org/ Sports Club	Acland Park, Feniton	X		10 (1)	A	This is a large site. Range of football pitch sizes and cricket on same site, but only marginal overlap with mini pitches and no issues
Education	The Kings School cricket pitch	X	X	(1)	A	Yes - Seasonal pitch (rugby/football);. School site; some seasonal use of pitches but no issues identified.
Private/leased to Trust	Whimble Cricket Club	X		12		No issues identified; low usage for football, but the cricket club is very active with junior section
Community Organisation	Tipton St John Cricket Club	X		7	A	Although shared ground, low use for cricket (one friendly team) and no issues identified.

TABLE 8.25: Owner/ Manager	Site Name	Football	Rugby	Cricket Grass wickets (non-turf wicket)	Comm- unity use	Issues Arising affecting capacity of site
Seaton SA						
Education	Colyton Grammar School		X	(1)	B	School site; some seasonal use of pitches but no issues identified.
Sidmouth SA						
Community Organisation?	Branscombe Cricket Club	X		6	A	Football pitch is not laid out, just 2 goals opposite each other within the outfield. Potential issue in that goals are permanent fixtures and may be hazardous for fielders.
Leased/Sports club?	Newton Poppleford	X		8	A	Cricket outfield used for football. However this is a large site and it seems that both sports share quite successfully. The cricket club plays friendlies only, although it is accommodating Sidmouth 3 rd XI.
EDDC/Other	Byes Lane, Sidford	X	X			There are insufficient changing rooms at Byes Lane for the number of pitches. There are three rugby and three football (one adult and one junior) pitches provided by EDDC and only four changing rooms, when twelve are needed if all pitches are in use at one time. 2013/14 season on Sunday mornings the changing room block was used by adult football and junior rugby at the same time. Car parking is also not sufficient when both sports/teams playing.

8.7 OTHER PITCH SPORTS

- Playing fields are not just a resource for the sports of football, rugby, cricket and hockey. There are many other pitch sports and recreational activities which play on or use grass. It is important that East Devon's playing pitches meet the demand for these sports, or are available for the promotion of opportunities in them. Rounders is being played in East Devon and is a focus for development by the governing body; other potential pitch sports include ultimate Frisbee, baseball, American football, lacrosse and rugby league.
- Playing fields can also accommodate a variety of other sports, such as athletics, volleyball, badminton and petanque. They offer a wonderful environment for sport for people with disabilities, being free of the restrictions of indoor facilities. This is another dimension to promoting playing fields within these authorities which the Strategy should embrace. Playing fields function as amenity open space also needs to be taken into account.

9 EAST DEVON: SUB AREA SUMMARY

9.1 EXETER FRINGE

A FOOTBALL

Specific Sites

Winslade Park

- The Winslade Park complex will close in December 2014 due to vacation of existing offices by tenants, and due to the closure and the related uncertainty surrounding the future of the site, the two users of the playing fields, have been advised to seek alternative venues as their future use cannot be guaranteed. Neither club had a formal agreement to use facilities. Both clubs have expressed desire to be part of future proposals for the site and would like to have played 2015 for cricket and 2014/15 for football.
- A proposal to share facilities by way of winter and summer usage has been discussed with both parties. Shared facilities could continue to deliver advantages including the possible establishment of a sports club which would allow both clubs to secure an income stream and be more viable. The possibility of a combined clubhouse with changing facilities could also be considered. Sport England welcome continued use of site and would like to establish a sports hub to ensure long term viability and sustainability.

Waterslade Park (former home ground of Clyst Rovers AFC)

- Clyst Rovers AFC pitch was removed for the construction of the Clyst Honiton By-Pass and site preparations at Skypark. The club subsequently folded. The S106 Agreement for Skypark requires a replacement football pitch to be created on-site, although an alternative sporting facility may be agreed if demand requires.

- Cat and Fiddle ground. There is some question over the future of this site as a training ground for Exeter City FC and the situation needs to be kept under review. Replacement provision would be required should the site no longer be available.

Capacity Summary

- Broadclyst Recreation Ground being overused. Some spare capacity at Winslade Park (Friends Life) for adult football, but 7v7 pitches have no spare capacity for juniors at peak time; so sub area cannot cope with demand from both within and outside the area for youth teams at peak times on Saturday mornings.
- Demand identified for new football pitches to serve development east of Exeter including Cranbrook and Broadclyst; at minimum:
 - 2 – 3 x adult 11v11
 - 2x youth 11v11
 - 2x youth 9v9
 - 1x mini 7v7
 - 1x mini 5v5

B CRICKET

- Three clubs here: Clyst St George CC, Countess Wear CC and Broadclyst.
- Winslade Park: retention of cricket ground with dedicated outfield if possible.
- Clyst St George cricket pitch nearing capacity; no other issues with capacity.
- With an estimated 5 – 6 additional adult teams, 4 junior and possibly a girls' team arising from the Cranbrook and Broadclyst new developments, a grass cricket square with 12 wickets (and ideally an artificial wicket) would be the minimum requirement. However, if a club developing here were to run 3 Saturday sides, a second pitch would be required.

C RUGBY

Specific Sites

Clyst St Mary

- Planning permission sought for Exeter Youth RFC regarding provision of 3 no rugby training pitches, construction of changing room and educational building with associated access and car parking. | Land South Of Oil Mill Lane Clyst St Mary. 11/1277/MFUL approved Aug 2011 (permission will expire in August this year) and 14/1572/MFUL pending consideration.
- These pitches are required to meet demand for rugby within Exeter and specifically for Exeter Youth RFC
- The new development at Cranbrook and Broadclyst will generate demand as well and would require at the minimum 2 rugby pitches (minimum of 1 senior and a junior) to meet this.

D HOCKEY AND AGPs

- Clyst Vale Community College has expressed a desire for an AGP at the school. Cranbrook: demand/need for AGP. Analysis suggests demand for a 3g AGP in this sub area.

9.2 AXMINSTER SUB AREA

A FOOTBALL

Capacity summary:

- 9v9 pitches: existing 9v9 at Cloakham Lawns being overplayed. New 9v9 pitch may have a little spare capacity for minis, but basically no spare capacity for youth and mini teams on Saturday mornings (peak time). (Suggest retention of Millwey pitch to meet growth in demand, although some demand for matches for youth and minis may be met on new 3g AGP at Axe Valley Community College). There is a shortage of dedicated 7v7 and 5v5 pitches in this sub area.
- Adult football is fairly well served with spare capacity in Axminster at the new Cloakham Lawn site for an additional Saturday adult teams.
- All rural grounds have some element on spare capacity, although the Uplyme pitch is at capacity at peak time (Saturday afternoons)

B CRICKET

- Main club in the area is Axminster CC, which has 2 cricket pitches at Cloakham Lawn; one currently not being used.
- Some spare capacity elsewhere at grounds in the area – these are Kilmington CC, Chardstock CC and Uplyme and Lyme Regis CC; no further issues identified.

C RUGBY

- No rugby, or demand for rugby, recorded

D HOCKEY AND AGPs

- No hockey – hockey group used to train on Cloakham Lawn pitch but now travelling out of area to Lyme Regis. Have requested satellite hockey be set up. Possibility for travel to Colyton Grammar if hockey club/activity could be set up there (Existing sand based AGP at Colyton)

- Axe Valley Community College: full size 3g AGP under construction. Joint venture between Millwey Rise FC, Axminster Town FC and the College.
- No further issues identified.

9.3 EXMOUTH SUB AREA

A FOOTBALL

Specific sites:

- **Rolle College:** future of this ground is uncertain at this moment in time. Exmouth United FC have been kicked off the site. Good sporting venue that should be saved and enhanced if possible?
- **Warren View: The football club** would like floodlight astro or 3G area, to accommodate all training requirements. At the moment youth section train at the college. Have a training pitch on site which 'could be transformed'. Club currently in talks with a youth section and if possible will run age groups from u8 - u16, and approximately 3 adult teams
- **Woodbury FC:** Plans have been drafted to provide a purpose built facility for shared community use at the playing fields. Extensive drainage works to the playing field and provision of a MUGA are planned.

Capacity summary:

- The pitches at Withycombe Raleigh are close to capacity; possible resizing of pitches may be beneficial and enable capacity to be increased
- In Exmouth itself, the adult pitch at King George V has no spare capacity for adult teams; Warren View may be able to accommodate additional Saturday adult teams. Warren View is accommodating youth teams on adult pitches; there is some room for growth.
- A key issue in Exmouth is the lack of age appropriate pitches for youth teams, particularly given the pending loss of the 2 youth pitches at Rolle College. In any event, these were at capacity for Saturday morning peak time youth use and more age appropriate pitches are required (minis and 9v9).
- Burgmanna Hill is catering for a range of youth teams on Saturdays; although the adult pitch is used occasionally by a Vets team on Sunday afternoons, resizing for age appropriate pitches should be considered.

B CRICKET

- There are four grounds in the Exmouth sub area, each with artificial wickets (Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton, Withycombe Common and Woodbury) Exmouth CC has a very nice ground, but there is some surface scarring between artificial wicket and edge of square which can restrict capacity.

- The cricket ground at Bicton is no longer there, although the college does have plans to replace it.
- Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton's ground are both approaching capacity. The artificial wicket at Withycombe is restricted, of poor quality and (therefore) not used.
- There is a need for further cricket pitches in East Devon and it is suggested that the replacement of the pitch at Withycombe, with both a grass and artificial wicket, should be considered – either on the same site if other winter sports pitches are realigned or at a new site.

C RUGBY

- Exmouth RFC currently have 16-17 teams on 2 pitches, and the pitches are overused. Drainage improvements are being undertaken to increase the capacity of the ground. Both this and Withycombe RFC's growth is constrained by their grounds. As part of the Exmouth Town Centre and Seafront Masterplan there are plans to redevelop the Imperial Ground for a supermarket. As part of any development of the Imperial Ground suitable alternative pitches and ancillary facilities of equal or greater quality must be provided.
- Withycombe RFC's development constrained by only one pitch on site.
- Analysis supports provision of additional rugby pitches in Exmouth – 2 senior and 2 midi/mini at minimum.

D HOCKEY AND AGPs

- One full size sand pitch at Exmouth Community College. East Devon Hockey Club and Exe Ladies Hockey Club hoping to set up junior satellite club here 2014/15 season.
- Training facilities for both rugby and football are required in this area. Some of this may be met by the new half-size 3g being provided at Exmouth Community College, although this is in effect only replacing an existing half size astro which is already used for training by football clubs. However, the study has found that there is unmet demand for 3g training facilities which could support the provision of a full size long pile 3g in addition (see below)
- Withycombe RFC and Exmouth Community College have plans in the pipeline to replace the grass pitch with a full size long-pile 3G surface which can be used by rugby and football. This could potentially meet training demands of Exmouth Amateurs FC and other local football clubs. The College says it urgently requires this facility as it has no grass pitches on site and uses them off-site around the town.

9.4 HONITON SUB AREA

A FOOTBALL

Specific sites:

- Honiton Development Trust have plans for multiple new sports pitches at the top of Tower Hill. Pitches here could potentially resolve many of the issues with current pitches at All Hallows and Mountbatten/St Rita's, and it would be appropriate to each sport and issue. However, if clubs do not wish to move and an AGP is installed at Honiton Community College this would alter demand significantly.

Capacity summary

- The issue at Mountbatten Sports Field/St Rita's Honiton is lack of capacity for youth and mini teams. The youth pitches at St Rita's do not have changing facilities; and they are full at peak times (Saturday mornings), as are the mini pitches at Mountbatten. Moreover, the lack of dedicated mini pitches means that the capacity of one of the adult pitches at Mountbatten is compromised. The pitches are also often waterlogged.
- Elsewhere in the Sub Area there is spare capacity for youth teams to develop and/or an additional adult team to play on the rural adult pitches at Awliscombe, Dunkeswell, Uptonery and Offwell; however, the quality of these pitches is variable and can reduce their overall capacity. It should also be noted that the Awliscombe pitch is well outside the village in an unsuitable location (with no facilities) for the development of youth football.

B CRICKET

The main ground in the area is Honiton CC's ground at Mountbatten: one grass square, practice net cage on artificial wicket. The football pitches are on the cricket outfield and cricket may benefit from more room, although there is some spare capacity on usage of the pitch.

- The other two cricket pitches are at Uptonery and Yarcombe & Stockland CC; no issues identified.

C RUGBY

- All Hallows; home of Honiton RFC. Local authority, public access site in middle of town. The site has 2 pitches, which drain poorly and the site suffers from overuse, particularly as it is also used heavily by Honiton Community College., The clubhouse is of a reasonable standard.; The club are apparently happy with this location; they run a range of teams and would like to develop these further.
- The main need identified is for additional training facilities. However, an additional, dedicated rugby pitch would enable the club to expand and develop further.

D HOCKEY AND AGPs

- Honiton Hornets train at Exeter School and play their matches at the King's School, Ottery St Mary AGP. There is a need for a multi sport pitch, to support a range of sports, including hockey in the Honiton area. Currently the lack of pitch time for Honiton Hornets is preventing the development of juniors and further adult teams and making retention of existing members difficult. Provision of an AGP in Honiton would also relieve pressure from both football and hockey on the Ottery St Mary AGP

- Unmet and strong demand also identified for training facilities for both football and rugby in this area.
- Honiton Community College is extremely keen to progress an AGP on site, which would benefit the whole community. Pitches on site are not sufficient for the college and it has to rent All Hallows (rugby) playing field to meet need

9.5 OTTERY ST MARY SUB AREA

A FOOTBALL

Capacity Summary

- It is best to consider these pitches by settlement; Ottery St Mary has sufficient adult pitches for Saturday league teams, but as in other areas, the adult pitches are used by youth teams on Saturday mornings, and there is no additional capacity within the town to accommodate any growth in youth and mini teams (Winter's Lane could be developed into a youth 11v11 pitch?)
- Acland Park at Feniton is a large site and there is considerable spare capacity here to accommodate senior, junior and mini teams, but again age appropriate larger youth pitches would be of benefit. There appears to be ample mini pitch provision
- The pressure on the pitches in the Ottery St Mary area can be seen by the fact that the pitch at Tipton St John playing fields is nevertheless used by two teams from West Hill. Other West Hill Juniors are accommodated at The King's School, Ottery St Mary. There are currently no football pitches marked out in West Hill.
- Similarly, the shortage of pitches to the east of Exeter (and in the east of the city) is demonstrated by the fact that Rockebear playing fields, despite being a poor quality, site accommodates 6 junior and mini teams from Exeter, but this pitch is at capacity now for both senior and junior/mini football at peak times.

B CRICKET

- Ottery St Mary Cricket Club has an attractive ground; it has a non turf wicket no longer used or usable. Also use King's School, as main ground is reaching capacity,
- There are three further flourishing clubs in this area (Ottery St Mary, Feniton, Whimble and Clyst Hydon) and whilst demand is currently being met, the situation needs to be kept under review, as to the need for additional pitch provision.
- There is also a pitch at Tipton St John playing fields, which hosts a friendly team. No capacity issues

C RUGBY

- No rugby club or demand for rugby identified

D HOCKEY AND AGPs

- Ottery St Mary AGP is very poor and in need of refurbishment, including the carpet, fencing, boards, goals and floodlights. Such upgrading is supported by England Hockey, the clubs, the school and the Town Council.
- Demand is also established for 3g training facilities for football in the Ottery/Feniton area, to support the range of active football clubs

9.6 SEATON SUB AREA

A FOOTBALL

Specific sites:

- Seaton FC's Ground, Colyford Road: the pitch and ground cannot cater for the demands made upon them and additional pitches are required for the club. The ground is in need of upgrading, but it is penned in between a caravan site and the road; ideally another site is required with more pitches, better ancillary facilities with the capacity to enable the club to expand and develop.

Capacity summary

- The two main clubs in this sub area find themselves in contrasting situations. Colyton FC - with 2 adult and 4 mini/youth sides, has access to a range of pitch sizes and there is considerable spare capacity for both adult and mini sides, and a little spare capacity for youth teams playing on 9v9 pitches.
- On the other hand, Seaton Town FC, with 2 adult teams and 3 junior sides, struggles to accommodate these as it has just one pitch which is deteriorating and requires upgrading. It plays one team off site. There is a need for additional pitches (adult and junior) in Seaton.
- Elsewhere in the sub area, Saturday senior teams play at Beer and there is spare capacity to develop junior sides

B CRICKET

- Seaton Cricket Club, large square, good grass, flat surface. The club runs 3 adult and 3 youth teams and has sufficient capacity for expansion.
- No other issues or excess demand identified.

C RUGBY

- No demand identified

D HOCKEY AND AGPs

- There is no hockey on Colyton Grammar school pitch, but England Hockey is keen to develop this and a group has shown interest in establishing a satellite club.

9.7 SIDMOUTH SUB AREA

A FOOTBALL

Specific sites:

- Manstone Lane: at capacity and floodlighting required to progress within league structure.

Capacity Summary

- In Sidmouth, the Manstone Lane pitch is being used to capacity, and any further expansion here would require additional pitch access.
- At Byes Lane, the youth pitch is at capacity, at peak time and elsewhere in the week, and it appears that junior teams do use the adult pitch. However, that pitch only has limited spare capacity at peak time for juniors (Saturday mornings). Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings struggle to accommodate all their teams locally, and more junior pitches are required (particularly 9v9)
- Elsewhere in the sub area there is a little spare capacity for an additional adult Saturday team at Newton Poppleford, although the pitch is of poor quality, but other pitches are full. Eastlee Park, Farway is a good example of a rural pitch which could meet demand for youth teams, however, the location of the pitch makes it difficult to get to and there is just one adult sized pitch.

B CRICKET

- Sidmouth Cricket Ground is another attractive ground, the premier in the district. The club runs 3 adult and 4 youth teams. It is approaching capacity and the 3rd XI which used to play at Bicton now plays at Newton Poppleford.
- There is spare capacity at Newton Poppleford's ground, but again, the situation needs to be kept under review and a new cricket pitch in the area should remain a possible aspiration.
- There are additional grounds at Sidbury and Branscombe; no further issues identified.

C RUGBY

- Sidmouth RFC operates from two sites. Its main site (2 senior teams) at Blackmore - is rented from a trust and has a clubhouse, 1 floodlit pitch and 2 changing rooms, with social accommodation. The club also uses Byes Lane, Sidford where there are 3 natural turf pitches – 2 leased from LA (currently being improved – drainage and levelling) and 1

on a long lease from a private individual. The club is hoping to expand its junior teams; it has just started U13s and wants to run more.

- There is a need for training facilities for football and rugby in the Sidmouth area, on an appropriate surface

D HOCKEY AND AGPs

- The analysis supports the floodlighting of the Sidmouth College AGP to:
 - increase its capacity for hockey and to accommodate growing hockey demand in the area from Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club
 - To meet the outstanding and growing need for winter training facilities within the area for football teams – senior and junior

10 Some Other Issues for Consideration within the Strategy

FOOTBALL

- Through the Playing Pitch Strategy, need greater co-ordination between NGB development initiatives, NPFA, Sport England, league fixtures secretaries, clubs, local authority, other landowners, schools etc
- Implications of shared junior/adult football sites for marking out of pitches, changing rooms etc
- Management and maintenance of grounds leased to clubs: implications for leased clubs
- Football demand influenced by many factors - Leagues are very important (time of play, surfaces allowed, organisation of fixtures)
- Sustainability of sites: Supporting bigger clubs coming together – one base – central hub sites with a range of teams/sports -so that more people at one site giving support to volunteer sector, sharing maintenance, facilities etc
- Girls' football – issues around lack of teams and distances travelled. Benefits of developing central venues. Need better/appropriate changing facilities
- Spare capacity at some grounds in week to develop central venues for u18s, u16s and girls football.
- Use of public amenity open space for pitches – conflict of interest? Dog fouling etc.
- Shared sites between pitch sports – implications for management, changing, changeover, accommodating growth in demand etc

CRICKET

- Loss of cricket grounds in Exeter (and to a lesser extent but also in East Devon); decreasing opportunities to play whether on a grass or artificial wicket. Less cricket pitches on playing fields.
- Lack of security of tenure for cricket clubs. In East Devon, smaller traditional cricket venues more vulnerable than larger clubs.
- Demise of school cricket facilities – cricket not part and parcel of educational system – more and more dependent on clubs – larger clubs engender their own demand.

RUGBY

- Lack of facilities for training – either on ground with training lights or 3g rugby compliant surfaces
- Most rugby clubs are in need of additional pitches to accommodate growth in juniors and training needs
- Byes Lane, Sidmouth – management of site with football; inadequate changing for whole site, drainage problems (being rectified)
- Exeter is a host club for the Rugby World Cup next year. It is expected that interest and participation in rugby will grow as a result. What will the legacy be for rugby in Exeter/East Devon?

HOCKEY

- Exeter AGPs for hockey meeting demand from Mid Devon (Exeter and Culm Valley Hornets), East Devon (East Devon HC, Honiton HC) and Teignbridge (Ashmoor HC, Dart HC)
- Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club - growth constrained by restrictions on facility use at King's School AGP, either through poor quality surface or lack of floodlighting (Sidmouth College).

AGPs OVERVIEW (in addition to Hockey above)

- Demand for 3g training facilities for football and rugby (and could support move of mini and junior football to 3G surfaces).
- Football clubs fill up training times for hockey on sand surfaces (but not peak time matchplay)
- Not always full size required? Training 'pads' for rugby/football on key grass playing field sites
- Honiton Community College, Clyst Vale Community College would like AGPs....AGP at Clyst Vale Community College – how would this impact on Cranbrook proposals?

- Large amount of football/rugby activity in Ottery/Feniton/Sidmouth area – demand for 3g training?

GENERAL POINTS

- Further potential for dual use of education pitches? How can we make this happen?
- Management of key multi pitch sport sites in the main East Devon towns
- Other uses of playing field land – baseball, rounders, archery, ultimate Frisbee
- Influence/impact of Cranbrook on existing provision and new provision.
- Informal/casual use of playing fields can impact on pitch quality and capacity (and availability)

10 Summary of Pitch Recommendations for Exeter and East Devon

FOOTBALL

Exeter

Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing spare capacity at grounds. However, as a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock this would suggest the need for additional pitches:

- 1 x adult football
- 5 x junior football
- 4 x 9v9 football
- 2 x mini football

In addition, to serve growth to SW of Exeter:

- 1 x adult football
- 1 x junior football
- 1 x 9v9 football
- 1 x mini football

East Devon

Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing spare capacity at grounds. However, as a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock this would suggest the need for additional pitches:

- 4x adult pitches
- 6x x 11v11 pitches of different sizes

- 4x 9v9 pitches
- 6x mini pitches (7v7 and 5v5).

Meeting the demand of the above TGRs for Cranbrook and other major housing growth to the East of Exeter to 2024 would require the following pitches to be provided.

- 2 – 3 x adult 11v11
- 2x youth 11v11
- 2x youth 9v9
- 1x mini 7v7
- 1x mini 5v5

CRICKET

Exeter

The additional requirement is for two cricket grounds within Exeter – with a minimum of one grass wicket. This does not include the replacement of grounds which have been lost (Middlemoor) and where grounds may need to be relocated namely Exwick CC.

East Devon

At a 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,

With an estimated 5 – 6 additional adult teams, 4 junior and possibly a girls' team arising from the Cranbrook and Broadclyst new developments, a grass cricket square with 12 wickets (and ideally an artificial wicket) would be the minimum requirement.

RUGBY

Exeter

At the minimum, an additional full size rugby pitch should be provided within any realignment/redevelopment of ECC pitches at Exwick/Flowerpot and a full size adult pitch provided to meet demand arising from population growth to the south west of Exeter.

East Devon

There is a need for additional rugby provision in Exmouth – 2 senior and 2 midi/mini at minimum. Honiton RFC's urgent need is for training facilities but additional, dedicated rugby provision (one pitch) would enable to club to expand and develop.

The new development at Cranbrook and Broadclyst will generate demand as well and would require at the minimum 2 rugby pitches (minimum of 1 senior and a junior) to meet this.

HOCKEY

Exeter

The provision of 3g surfaces within Exeter and East Devon will hopefully involve transference of football teams from the existing sand based pitches, thus increasing capacity for hockey. This is certainly what is hoped will take place in Exeter. However, a watching brief needs to be kept on provision for hockey in Exeter as clubs are very active and the capacity for training is key in ensuring that clubs can grow and thrive.

In Exeter, an additional priority is to improve pitch quality and pitch furniture at St Peter's School AGP.

East Devon

In East Devon, the overriding needs for hockey are as follows:

- to replace/upgrade the poor quality pitch at Ottery St Mary
- floodlight the pitch at Sidmouth College
- to provide a multi sports pitch which can support a range of sports, including hockey, in Honiton
- The above will also help to free up capacity within Exeter itself.

3G ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES

Exeter

Assessment suggests the need for the following. In addition to the full size 3gs at the University, and Exeter Chiefs RFC; the smaller 3g at Heavitree Utd FC and the proposed change of surface from sand based to 3g at St Lukes School

- there is a need for two additional 3gs to serve the city to meet current and future demand.
- A number of proposals have been mooted, in particular a facility to serve Exeter College and one to meet the needs of Exeter City FC.
- Both such proposals need to consider their use and management in full.

The strategy supports the provision of smaller artificial grass pitches alongside grass pitches at key sites in Exeter (such as Exwick/Flowerpot, Exhibition Fields (rugby), King George V and Cowick Barton)

East Devon

Assessment suggests the need for the following. In addition to the planned 3g at Axe Valley Community College and the converted half size 3g at Exmouth,

- there is a need for a minimum of two additional 3g to serve East Devon to meet current and future demand. One of these could be provided to serve existing and planned new communities to the East of Exeter;
- the research for this project also identifies the need for 3g provision to meet training needs for football and rugby (and possibly match play for junior and mini football) in the Exmouth area and in the Sidmouth/Feniton/Ottery St Mary area.
- The strategy supports the provision of smaller artificial grass pitches alongside grass pitches at key football sites within East Devon.