

# South Hams and West Devon Playing Pitch Strategy

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**This Strategy document summarises the key findings and issues to arise from the South Hams and West Devon Playing Pitch Needs Assessment, which is contained within a separate, accompanying document. It also presents the Strategy and Action Guide.**

## Context

- 1.1 South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council commissioned **naa** to undertake a joint Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy (PPS) for their two authorities in June 2014. This process has linked with, and follows on from, the Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment which **naa** has produced for Plymouth City Council. It has been regarded as essential that both strategies address cross boundary issues and displaced demand between the different authorities.
- 1.2 For South Hams, this Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) will replace the previous one produced in 2010 which has recently expired. This was part of the Devon County Council commission for the 'Building Schools for the Future' programme.
- 1.3 For West Devon, the PPS will replace outdated plans going back to a 2003 Playing Pitch Strategy and the 2007 Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study. In the interim period a Tavistock Playing Pitch Assessment was undertaken in September 2013 by **belap** (Bennett Leisure & Planning Ltd) and this has been incorporated into the current PPS.
- 1.4 The Strategy is linked to both Councils' current strategic development plan – 'Connect Strategy' - which highlights 4 key priorities and delivery plans, and the new emerging 'Our Plan' for both Councils, which includes key themes such as;
  - ensuring adequate access to recreation and open spaces;
  - enabling healthy and active lifestyles; and
  - improving the overall health, wellbeing and resilience of our communities.
- 1.5 The Vision is:

'For South Hams and West Devon to have an appropriate range of grass and artificial playing pitches to meet current and projected future need, which are capable of enabling greater participation and better standards of play in the pitch sports and which are able to be maintained to a high standard and are sustainable in the long term.'
- 1.6 Both South Hams and West Devon Councils support the delivery of the outcomes from this Strategy. The following statement from Cllr Hilary Bastone (South Hams Executive Member, Customer First) and Cllr Mike Benson (West Devon Hub Member, Environment) endorses this:

'This joint strategy for both South Hams and West Devon provides a sound strategic approach to meeting the need for playing pitches across both areas. It establishes an audit of existing provision and accounts for current and future demand, highlighting any deficiencies and setting aims and objectives to meet them.

'The strategy enables a robust framework to be in place to allow planning, investment and key pitch sports to develop and grow and forms an important part of the evidence

base for both Councils' 'Our Plan'. The health benefits of leading a more active lifestyle are well documented and encouraging more people to be more active, more often, is a key priority for both Councils. The production of this strategy will play a key role in this area.

'Both Councils intend to protect, enhance and provide playing pitches for community use wherever possible.'

1.7 Key aims are:

- to protect and improve existing playing pitches and address the shortfall in quantity and quality;
- to identify areas in need of new or improved ancillary facilities; and
- to help direct investment to where improvements can have the greatest impact.

1.8 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. This sets out a very precise approach, which has to be verified by Sport England through a comprehensive checklist of actions undertaken.

1.9 The Strategy has 10 steps under 5 Stages as follows:

Stage A:	<b>Step 1: Prepare and tailor the approach</b>
Stage B:	<b>Gather demand information and views</b> Step 2: Gather supply information Step 3: Gather demand information
Stage C:	<b>Assess the supply and demand information and views</b> Step 4: Understand the situation at individual sites Step 5: Develop the current and future pictures of provision Step 6: Identify the key findings
Stage D:	<b>Develop the Strategy</b> Step 7: Develop the recommendations and action plan Step 8: Write and adopt the strategy
Stage E:	<b>Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up-to-date</b> Step 9: Apply and deliver the strategy Step 10: Keep the Strategy robust

1.9 There are several key documents and policies that impact upon the preparation of this Playing Pitch Strategy, including the National Planning Policy Framework, National Governing Body Facility Strategies, Active Devon strategy, 'Our Plan' planning documents currently in preparation by South Hams and West Devon Councils and the Dartmoor National Park Authority's 'Recreation and Access' Strategy. The Dartmoor National Park Authority is the planning authority for those parts of the National Park which lie within the South Hams and West Devon local authority areas.

1.10 Planning for the pitch sports also needs to be set in the context of trends in population in the two authorities. Current ONS population projections to 2031 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 National Governing Bodies.

1.11 Future demand will to some extent be influenced by estimated changes in the population structure – with some pitch sports playing age ranges increasing and others decreasing, as shown below:

Age group	South Hams % Change 2014-2031	West Devon % Change 2014-2031
Mini pitch sports (5-9)	+6.5%	+11.5%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)	+10.2%	+14.8%
Adult pitch sports (20-54)	-11.3%	-2.7%
Veterans pitch sports (55-69)	-1.5%	+10.8%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (5-69)	-4.2%	+4.6%
Total population change 2014-2031	+6.0%	+15.5%

1.12 It can be seen from the above analysis for **South Hams** that:

- despite the total population projected to increase by 6% (4492 people) to 2031, the number of people in the overall 'active participation' age group (5-69 years) is projected to decrease in the same period by 4.2%
- the only age groups within the 'active participation' group that are projected to see a significant increase in numbers in the period to 2031 are the 5-9 (mini pitch sports) and 10-19 (youth/junior pitch sports) groups; and
- the 20-54 years age group (adult pitch sport) is predicted to fall by 11.2% in the period 2014-2031 and the veteran pitch sport age range (55 to 69 years) also shows a slight decrease.

1.13 It should be noted that if the Playing Pitch Strategy were to be based solely on ONS population projections, this would significantly underestimate likely future pitch requirements in South Hams. Additional major housing growth (in the order of 4,600 new dwellings) at Sherford needs to be taken into account as this will provide for additional population growth over and above that required to meet ONS projections.

1.14 The picture is slightly different with regard to **West Devon**:

- the population of West Devon is predicted to increase by 15.5% (8479 people) to 2031. Unlike in South Hams, the number of people in the overall 'active participation' age group (5-69 years) in West Devon is projected to increase slightly by 4.6%;
- the mini pitch sport, youth pitch sport and veterans pitch sport age ranges are all predicted to increase to 2031, by between 10 and 15%; and
- the adult pitch sport range (20 to 54 years) shows a slight decline of 2.7% to 2031.

1.15 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). The '1 x 30' indicator does not include recreational walking or recreational cycling but does include more strenuous walking activities, such as hill walking, rambling and power walking. The latest APS results cover

the twelve month period from April 2013 to April 2014 (APS8 Q2).

- 1.16 Since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, once a week sports participation in South Hams has increased from 37.6% to 43.2% in 2013/14. The latest Sport England Active People Survey (APS8/Q2) figure for adult participation in sport at least once a week in South Hams is 43.2%, which is higher than both the South West Region figure of 36.7% and the national figure of 35.5%.
- 1.17 Since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, once a week sports participation in West Devon has increased from 31.6% to 33.3% in 2013/14. The latest Active People Survey (APS8 Q2 2013/14) figure for adult participation in sport at least once a week in West Devon is 33.3%, which is lower than both the South West Region figure of 36.7% and the national figure of 35.5%.
- 1.18 Nevertheless, the generally upward trend in sports participation in both South Hams and West Devon since 2005/06 suggests that there are strong foundations for continuing to build participation in sport and active recreation in the District.
- 1.19 The remainder of this Strategy document considers the main findings and Issues, before going on to develop the Strategy itself. For information, there are a number of acronyms listed in this document as follows:

SHDC	South Hams District Council
WDBC	West Devon Borough Council
DNPA	Dartmoor National Park Authority
DCC	Devon County Council
PCC	Plymouth City Council
LAs	Local Authorities
SE	Sport England
FA	The Football Association/Devon FA
ECB	England & Wales Cricket Board/Devon Cricket Board
RFU	The Rugby Football Union
EH	England Hockey
MoD	Ministry of Defence
AD	Active Devon
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
TGRs	Team Generation Rates
OCRA	Okehampton Community Recreation Association

## 2: Summary of Key Findings and Issues

The sport by sport summaries are presented jointly for the South Hams and West Devon. These are followed by sub area summaries pertaining to each authority.

### KEY FINDINGS AND ISSUES BY SPORT

#### Key Findings and Issues – Football

- 2.1 In total, 88 football pitches of varying sizes have been recorded in the South Hams and 53 in West Devon. Of these 140, around one third - 52 - are not generally available for community use, being junior and smaller pitches on school sites.
- 2.2 There is a large amount of activity, with 92 football teams generated within South Hams playing in the district and 76 football teams playing in West Devon. In addition, some 30 teams from Plymouth (including a large number from Plymouth University) play on pitches located in the South Hams.
- 2.3 There has been a gradual decline in the number of Saturday and Sunday adult teams being fielded over the last few years; in particular, the number of adult Sunday football league teams is now very low.
- 2.4 There is a large proportion of single pitch sites and a relatively high proportion of one team clubs in the more rural areas of the two authorities.
- 2.5 There is some scope to make more use of junior pitches on school sites if the quality of ancillary provision is improved; however demand for such pitches has dropped off in some areas. There are some junior pitches which have very little use.
- 2.6 There has been some growth in the number of junior teams, but junior sections are now concentrated in the main towns and larger villages in the area, where there are enough young people in each age group to field a team. In the South Hams, junior activity is concentrated in Totnes, Ivybridge, Malborough, Modbury and Stoke Gabriel, whilst, in West Devon, the main centres are in North Tawton, Tavistock, Okehampton and Liffon.
- 2.7 Junior teams are not always playing on age appropriately sized pitches. 9v9 size pitches are now mandatory for u12s and u11s teams.
- 2.8 There is a general lack of appropriate changing facilities for male youth teams, ladies and girls. Mixed football is now permitted up to u16 and a number of teams below the age of 11 in rugby and football have girls playing which is well supported by the clubs.
- 2.9 Overall pitch quality is assessed as standard, according to Sport England's Visual Quality Assessment matrix. A number of village sites have poor quality changing facilities or no changing provision at all.
- 2.10 It is difficult to assess movement to/demand for 3g artificial grass pitches (AGPs) for training and small sided soccer; they are well used where they exist.
- 2.11 Many Town and Parish Councils, as well as other owning and managing agencies such as OCRA, highlight issues in meeting the cost of maintaining grounds.

2.12 Most football grounds have spare capacity both at weekends and during the week. Only a few are full on Saturdays and have capacity at other times.

2.13 Very few sites are being overused, but where they are this creates real problems in developing the clubs, particularly at:

*South Hams:*

- Erme Valley Playing Fields, Ivybridge
- Malborough Playing Fields near Kingsbridge
- Stoke Gabriel
- Foxhole, Dartington
- Queen Elizabeth II Fields, Modbury

*West Devon:*

- Okehampton Argyle FC (Simmons Park)
- Okehampton Community College
- North Tawton,
- Lifton,
- Crowndale, Tavistock
- Langsford Park, Tavistock + 2 pitches full on Saturdays

2.14 The priority of the Football Association is on developing community focus clubs. This is reflected in the priority ranking afforded to sites within the Action Plans.

### **Key Findings and Issues – Cricket**

2.15 22 cricket pitches have been recorded in the South Hams and 20 in West Devon. Of these, 12 cricket pitches in South Hams and 7 cricket pitches in West Devon are shared with other sports (usually football), but no apparent issues/problems with this have been recorded.

2.16 Pitches are generally rated as standard, according to Sport England's Visual Quality Assessment matrix, and around one third of pitches are rated as good.

2.17 Changing facilities and artificial wickets are in need of improvements at some grounds.

2.18 In the South Hams, eight pitches are operating within capacity; seven could increase capacity (i.e. could accommodate more play); and three are operating at theoretical capacity (Cornwood Oak Park, Stoke Gabriel & Holbeton cricket grounds – although this is not highlighted as an issue by the clubs concerned).

2.19 In West Devon: eight pitches are operating within capacity; five could increase capacity; and four are considered to be at or close to operating at capacity: Yelverton Bohemians, Lydford, Lifton & Horndon.

2.20 There are 17 cricket clubs in South Hams fielding 61 teams. In West Devon there are 14 cricket clubs fielding 55 teams.

- 2.21 Generally, South Hams has a higher proportion of friendly/social teams, whereas West Devon proportionately has more clubs with junior sections. In the two authorities, twelve clubs (i.e. 12/31 Clubs) are fielding friendly teams only.
- 2.22 In the South Hams, the main clubs with junior sections are: Cornwood, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Dartington & Totnes, Harberton and Stoke Gabriel.
- 2.23 In West Devon, the main clubs with junior sections are Hatherleigh, Wayfarers, Yelverton Bohemians, Lewdown and Tavistock.
- 2.24 The larger clubs tend to engender their own demand; smaller rural clubs are more vulnerable.
- 2.25 Training facilities are required in several areas (i.e. either nets on ground or winter nets in sports halls).
- 2.26 There is a problem with lack of security of tenure for some cricket clubs which prevents them from obtaining grants to improve facilities and develop the club.
- 2.27 The loss of three cricket grounds (Moorhaven, North Tawton and potentially Brentor) is highlighted.
- 2.28 England Cricket Board priorities are to increase and develop local village cricket teams and ensure grounds have good security of tenure.

### **Key Findings and Issues - Rugby**

- 2.29 In the South Hams, there are rugby clubs in Totnes, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Dartmouth, Salcombe and at Horsham Playing Fields, at Roborough and at Plymouth Argam's ground. In total there are 17 adult, and 4 mini/midi teams playing on 12 sites.
- 2.30 In West Devon, there are rugby clubs in Okehampton, Tavistock and North Tawton. In total there are 10 adult and 8 mini/midi teams playing on 7 sites.
- 2.31 The main clubs with junior sections are Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Salcombe and Totnes in South Hams and Tavistock, Okehampton and North Tawton in West Devon. Okehampton and North Tawton RFCs jointly run a range of juniors known as 'Northokes').
- 2.32 Plymouth Argam, based at Roborough runs 3 adult teams and Dartmouth RFC runs one adult team.
- 2.33 Horsham playing fields is the home ground of a Plymouth team – Plymouth Albion Oaks, which fields around 14 teams. The rugby pitch at Staddiscombe is used solely by Plymouth University for American Football.
- 2.34 Most pitches are rated as standard, according to Sport England's Visual Quality Assessment matrix. Poor quality pitches are recorded at Kingsbridge and Totnes in the South Hams and Okehampton and Tavistock in West Devon.

- 2.35 Most pitches are currently at capacity: Kingsbridge, Salcombe, Borough Park Totnes, Ivybridge Cross-in-Hand in the South Hams, and Okehampton and probably Tavistock in West Devon.
- 2.36 Facilities for training for rugby are required throughout both authorities. These can be provided in a variety of ways – by floodlighting training areas on existing grounds or by artificial grass pitches of varying sizes.
- 2.37 The Rugby World Cup 2015 is expected to leave a legacy. The focus for the RFU is on developing club based teams and addressing issues of capacity through ground improvements such as drainage and floodlighting.

### **Key Findings and Issues – Hockey**

- 2.38 There are two sand based AGPs with community use in the South Hams: at Kingsbridge Community College and KEVICC, Totnes (which is out of action for matchplay due to its poor surface).
- 2.39 West Devon also has two sand based pitches with community use at Mount Kelly, Tavistock (limited community use) and Okehampton Community College (managed by OCRA)
- 2.40 Maintenance of adequate floodlighting is an issue at Kingsbridge Community College's AGP, as is high quality care of the carpet to prolong its life.
- 2.41 There are 4 hockey clubs in South Hams and 4 clubs in West Devon. Growing demand is leading to an increase in the numbers of junior teams especially.
- 2.42 The growth of some clubs is being constrained, e.g:
- Dart Hockey Club are now playing in Exeter due to the AGP at KEVICC in Totnes being unusable.
  - Ivybridge Junior Hockey Club train on the 3g AGP at Ivybridge Community College but play their Friday night junior league matches on a sand based AGP at UCP Marjon in Plymouth
  - Tavistock Hockey Club has no opportunity for more matchplay, as Mount Kelly school requires the pitch for its own matches for most of Saturday.
- 2.43 Failure of the floodlighting at Kingsbridge Community College AGP means that Kingsbridge Hockey Club has to play and train elsewhere .
- 2.44 There is unmet demand in south and south west of South Hams i.e. Ivybridge and Kingsbridge sub areas.

### **Key Findings and Issues – 3g AGPs**

- 2.45 It is difficult to assess the demand for 3g AGPs due to the geography of the area and the current low level of provision.
- 2.46 The 3g AGPs at Tavistock and Ivybridge Community Colleges are very busy, with limited spare capacity (a few spare slots on weekday evenings; Ivybridge CC AGP has restricted opening at weekends). The latter site caters for Plymouth Argyle youth training two

evenings a week but does not open on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. The half size 3g AGP at Ivybridge Community College is also well used.

- 2.47 A need has been identified for training facilities throughout the areas for football and rugby which might be met by full size AGPs in the first instance, but also by half size AGPs and smaller MUGAS.

## **KEY FINDINGS AND ISSUES BY SOUTH HAMS SUB AREAS**

### **Key Findings and Issues – South Hams: Dartmouth Sub Area**

- 2.48 Spare capacity is noted for football, both at peak times and throughout the week.
- 2.49 Informal cricket is occasionally played at Coronation Park, Dartmouth although no formal club exists.
- 2.50 Dartmouth Rugby club runs one team only and has no club base.
- 2.51 Dartmouth Academy has identified the need for an AGP. This could meet need for football and rugby training in the town, depending on the surface.

### **Key Findings and Issues – South Hams: Ivybridge Sub Area**

- 2.52 Football pitches at Erme Valley Playing Fields and Filham Park are being used at capacity.
- 2.53 Ivybridge Town FC are fielding a number of their junior teams on pitches in surrounding villages, due to a shortage of provision within the town. This shortage will become exacerbated as the population of Ivybridge grows.
- 2.54 There are issues over public access to Erme Valley Playing Fields, with fouling by dogs an issue
- 2.55 Ivybridge RFC is in urgent need of appropriate facilities for training in addition to the AGPs at Ivybridge Community College, which are operating at capacity.
- 2.56 There is an Ivybridge Junior hockey club with potential for growth but there is no sand based AGP.
- 2.57 The development of Filham Park as multi pitch sport site requires drainage of the junior rugby pitches and changing facilities for Manstow FC.
- 2.58 Use is made of some sites in South Hams by Plymouth football and rugby teams i.e. Staddiscombe, Horsham, Frankfort Park (Brixton), Plymouth Argam and Roborough Sports Ground. However, this does not appear to disadvantage any South Hams teams.
- 2.59 Plymouth Civil Service & Roborough Cricket Club is currently playing at Roborough where the ground urgently needs improvement.

- 2.60 There are other rural grounds with good junior football activity e.g. QEII Playing Fields in Modbury and Hillhead Cross, Ugborough.
- 2.61 There are a number of grounds in sizeable villages with spare capacity, both at peak times and during the week, for both football and cricket. However, rugby pitches are generally well used, with little spare capacity at peak times.

#### **Key Findings and Issues – South Hams: Sherford**

- 2.62 The demand that will be generated by development at Sherford suggests a need for residents to have access to:
- a range of football pitches ideally on plateau area to allow for flexibility in pitch size and for adequate rest and recovery;
  - a cricket ground;
  - rugby pitches – ideally an adult and a midi/mini pitch;
  - a sand based AGP to accommodate hockey
  - additional MUGAs for training in football, rugby and other sports.
- 2.63 It will be important to establish clubs and activity at the new facilities as soon as possible.

#### **Key Findings and Issues – South Hams: Kingsbridge Sub Area**

- 2.64 There are no grass football pitches in Kingsbridge, other than a sloping pitch on Kingsbridge Community College land at Belle Hill which is not currently used.
- 2.65 Demand for football in the town is met by Malborough Playing Fields, 10-15 minutes away. The pitches at this site would benefit from enhancement.
- 2.66 Kingsbridge RFC's rugby pitches are at capacity; club use of the new school pitch on West Alvington Hill may help to ease the situation.
- 2.67 There are several single pitch sites in the area which are home venues to just one football team.
- 2.68 No particular issues have been identified with regard to cricket, other than required improvements to the artificial wicket and nets at Kingsbridge CC's ground.
- 2.69 Maintenance of the floodlights and carpet at Kingsbridge Community College AGP would benefit from improvement.
- 2.70 There is some evidence of demand for a 3g AGP surface to meet need for training in football and rugby.

#### **Key Findings and Issues – South Hams: Toines Sub Area**

- 2.71 The sand based AGP at KEVICC is no longer fit for purpose for hockey matches and urgently requires replacement; the continued existence of Dart Hockey Club is now under threat unless the pitch is replaced.
- 2.72 Football pitches at Foxhole, Dartington and at Stoke Gabriel are operating at capacity.
- 2.73 There are opportunities for growth at Palstone Park, South Brent for both football and cricket.
- 2.74 Poor maintenance of the pitches is adversely affecting rugby play at Borough Park, Totnes.
- 2.75 No issues encountered for cricket in the area.
- 2.76 There is some evidence of demand for a 3g AGP surface to meet need for training in football and rugby in Totnes.

## **KEY FINDINGS AND ISSUES BY WEST DEVON SUB AREAS**

### **Key Findings and Issues – West Devon: Okehampton**

- 2.77 The football and rugby pitches at Okehampton Community College have poor surfaces and drainage and their condition is adversely affected by their overuse. As well as meeting the college's needs, they are heavily used by Okehampton Youth FC, OCRA and Okehampton RFC at weekends.
- 2.78 Okehampton RFC's pitches at The Showfield are overused and have collapsed drainage. There is an urgent need for training facilities for the club.
- 2.79 The key issue is how to meet existing and latent demand for training and matchplay in football and rugby in Okehampton, as well as provide for future demand.
- 2.80 Central venue events are now being held at Okehampton Community College pitches, organised by OCRA.
- 2.81 Cricket club/OCRA are looking to develop cricket activity at Simmons Park, based around the existing cricket pitch which has an artificial wicket.
- 2.82 Okehampton Argyle FC's ground at Simmons Park requires floodlights to progress through the league.
- 2.83 A facility is required for football and rugby training. There is potential for a 3g AGP surface to meet this need.

### **Key Findings and Issues – West Devon: Rest of Okehampton Sub Area**

- 2.84 Chagford FC has two adult football pitches, but no junior football. There is potential for youth football to be developed in association with the rebuild of the primary school and its replacement junior pitch
- 2.85 North Tawton requires changing facilities and improved pitch maintenance at its active football club.
- 2.86 Other settlements with particularly active clubs include Hatherleigh (cricket and football) and Belstone (especially cricket).
- 2.87 Good new youth football development emerging in last two years in Hatherleigh and Chagford
- 2.88 There is a need for smaller MUGAs in larger settlements such as Chagford.
- 2.89 Chagford CC is particularly active in delivering youth cricket and have initiated the Dartmoor Cup for school teams in West Devon.

#### **Key Findings and Issues – West Devon: Tavistock**

- 2.90 Additional adult and two junior plus a mini football pitch required to meet growth in demand for football in Tavistock; preferably alongside existing provision at Crowndale ( Tavistock Community AFC).
- 2.91 Crowndale is operating at capacity, although recent drainage improvements should improve the situation.
- 2.92 Extended clubhouse, improved car parking and lighting is ideally required at Crowndale, to improve sustainability and viability of the club.
- 2.93 The football pitch at Langsford Park (Tavistock AFC) requires improved drainage and a perimeter path.
- 2.94 The football pitch in the centre of the athletics track at Tavistock Community College has spare capacity, both at peak times and during the week,, although drainage should be improved.
- 2.95 An additional rugby pitch and safeguarding of Tavistock RFC's three existing pitches on private land is required.
- 2.96 The impact of the recently installed artificial cricket wicket at Tavistock College to be monitored.
- 2.97 It would be beneficial to negotiate community access to Mount Kelly College cricket pitch
- 2.98 Limited access to the Mount Kelly AGP is currently restricting Tavistock Hockey Club's expansion, plus changing facilities on the site require updating.
- 2.99 Tavistock Cricket Club's pavilion is in urgent need of upgrading.

### **Key Findings and Issues – West Devon: Tavistock Sub Area**

- 2.100 The security of tenure at Whitchurch Wayfarers cricket ground is noted as an issue.
- 2.101 The football pavilion at Fillace Park, Horrabridge requires upgrading and pitches would benefit from improved drainage.
- 2.102 Floodlighting for Horrabridge Primary School MUGA required
- 2.103 Pitches at Mary Tavy are underused. Princetown FC are the only club presently playing at Mary Tavy (and once they start using their own pitch at Princetown, the Mary Tavy pitches will not be used).
- 2.104 There is variable provision elsewhere in the area for football.
- 2.105 Cricket seems to be thriving with some strong clubs.
- 2.106 Possible loss of Brentor cricket pitch.
- 2.107 Opportunity for MUGA at Buckland Monachorum School.

### **CROSS BOUNDARY FINDINGS AND ISSUES (this section also relates to the Plymouth Playing Pitch Strategy)**

#### **Cross Boundary: Football**

- 2.108 The key points are:
- a number of Plymouth based football teams are playing in South Hams. Excluding 'closed' sites (namely Staddiscombe Playing Fields), this demand can be accommodated within the South Hams without displacing South Hams teams or raising issues of capacity;
  - between 5% and 10% of football players playing for teams based in Plymouth come from South Hams, particularly the Ivybridge area;
  - there are sites within the Plymouth fringe in South Hams which have some \*\*spare capacity to accommodate additional teams – including Lee Moor Recreation Ground, Wembury Recreation Ground and Yealmpton Athletic Ground. However, these are mainly one pitch sites and there is not enough capacity to meet demand from a club running several teams; more a case of spare slots where teams could be fitted in;
  - AGPs (one full size and one half size) at Ivybridge Community College are used by Plymouth Argyle Youth FC for training;
  - Plymouth Argyle Youth FC also train on grass pitches at Crowndale and Langsford Park in Tavistock (West Devon); and

- at the South Hams/Torbay interface, the football club at Stoke Gabriel attracts some players from Torbay and Marldon Youth Football Club (South Hams) plays its matches and trains at the 3g AGP at Paignton Community College.

2.109 The provision of additional 3g football turf pitches within Plymouth and the remarking of pitches to accommodate more of Plymouth's demand for junior football could:

- decrease demand for junior pitches within the South Hams fringe (notably Plymouth Argaum's youth pitches and Frankfort Park, Brixton);
- free up time (and potentially reduce income) on Ivybridge Community College's AGPs (if Plymouth Argyle Youth teams move to use facilities in the city);
- mean that Plymouth Argyle Youth teams move back to Plymouth for training/matches rather than using pitches at Crowndale and Langsford Park in Tavistock. However, this is a very important income stream for these sites;
- meet some demand for football training and possibly youth games from football teams in the South Hams/West Devon areas bordering Plymouth; and
- Conversely, if more pitches are provided in Ivybridge, it is possible that teams – particularly juniors – who become based there could result in a slightly reduce demand for Plymouth pitches.

#### **Cross Boundary: Cricket**

2.110 The principal focus for cricket is on providing a new home for the Plymouth Civil Service Club, which is currently playing at Roborough in the South Hams. Once this ground is secured, improvements are required to Roborough Sports Ground to meet demand from Plymouth and Roborough CC 3rd and 4th XIs, and to secure this ground as a second base for the cricket club

2.111 Other established clubs with good reputations and facilities attract players from wide area, notably Cornwood Cricket Club, which attract players from Plymouth

2.112 There is evidence that other clubs with good quality grounds in the Yealmpton/Wembury area attract players from Plymouth. However, some \*\*spare capacity at these grounds.

#### **Cross Boundary: Rugby**

2.113 Improvements are required to Horsham and King George V Playing Fields, Elburton, particularly additional floodlighting to enable training to be moved off main pitches. This will possibly free up some capacity to meet growing demand in the area, including the South Hams.

2.114 The provision of an IRB22 compliant AGP in the Horsham/Elburton/Staddiscombe area is also an aspiration and in order to progress this and other potential developments at the ground, the possibility of asset transfer to the club based at KGV should be explored

2.115 Plymouth Arguam is outside the City, and is potentially an important site for both football and rugby. Pitches here require improvement and there is spare capacity during the week and at peak times at weekends.

**Cross Boundary: Hockey**

2.116 The provision of additional sand AGPs for hockey in the city may also attract players from the South Hams, notably Ivybridge where the junior hockey club trains on a 3g pitch.

2.117 Dart Hockey Club now playing at West Exe in Exeter as KEVICC pitch no longer playable.

## 3: Strategic Framework

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### General Issues

- 3.1 This section sets out a strategic framework for the future delivery of facilities for pitch sports in South Hams and West Devon. It seeks to deliver on the aspirations of the local sporting community and to respond to the issues identified through the assessment of local playing pitch provision.
- 3.2 As any strategy should be, it is a strategy to manage and promote change. The context for planning for the pitch sports has changed markedly in recent years, both nationally and in the study area; these points apply equally to both South Hams and West Devon:
- The emergence of artificial turf pitches as an approved surface for junior and adult (11v11) football matches, as well as for training. These are also attracting adult football players away from grass surfaces to play shorter, smaller sided games on smaller artificial pitches
  - Similarly, the emergence of IRB22 surfaces as preferable/additional surfaces for rugby training and even for matches
  - The general decline in the number of 11v11 adult teams in football – seen in both the Saturday and Sunday leagues. This is impacting on the usage of many rural football grounds – where once they accommodated two or more teams at the weekend, this is now down to use by one team
  - Although junior football remains strong, there has been a general decline in the number of teams run in smaller settlements – junior football is increasingly concentrated within larger settlements which have the age profile and numbers to field a range of junior teams (with some notable exceptions)
  - A similar, although less marked, decline in league cricket, especially played on Sundays – although there is a robust friendly league structure in operation
  - The desire for better quality changing facilities, particularly for women and girls and people with disabilities
  - The movement towards academies within the education sector, where schools now have autonomy over their pitches (both grass and artificial) and may not wish to embrace community access
  - Severe budgetary and financial constraints for local authorities, with less money available for managing and maintaining grass pitches. This also affects town and parish councils – responsible for the bulk of pitch provision in the South Hams and West Devon. These and other organisations, including OCRA, are important deliverers of community facilities, and find it a constant challenge to source funds to support the high costs of maintaining grounds, replacing equipment and delivering a high quality service.
  - Growing appreciation of the problems of obesity and poor health allied to a lack of exercise. Considerable investment is now being made into health which may be a way forward in securing funding for pitch improvements

- Considerable efforts have made over many years to increase participation in football, rugby and cricket by women and girls. However, in the South Hams and West Devon, out of 345 football, cricket and rugby teams, just 16 (4.6%) are made up of girls or women. In hockey, out of 21 teams, 13 (62%) are female. In total, 7% of pitch sport teams are recorded as female, so there is still considerable scope to attract more women and girls into these sports.
- It should be noted however that artificial grass pitches do cater for women in other sports apart from the pitch sports. The sand based AGP at Okehampton Community College, for example, hosts over 30 adult and junior netball teams in an expanding league.
- Consistent demand for hockey – hockey female participation rates in the area are above the national average
- There are significant existing and potential cross boundary movements across the Plymouth/South Hams border (and to a lesser extent the Plymouth/West Devon border). These are presented in the Needs Assessment and have been taken into account when presenting recommendations.

### 3.3 Some of the issues which the Strategy must grapple with include:

- The need to protect existing provision and facilities and ensure easy access to them by all members of the community
- Innovative ways to link existing community assets/groups in to the development of new identified projects ensuring that new projects are sustainable and embedded within their local communities
- Mechanisms to deliver new investment including identification of the most economic and sustainable means of delivery
- Ways in which the development of sports pitches and associated facilities link in to wider health and community development agendas, in addition to education capital programmes. Securing and increasing community use of school facilities should be a major priority
- Whether to concentrate provision and enhancement of facilities and pitches at key, bigger sites – possible 'hub sites'?
- How best to support and protect single rural pitch sites with low usage, given the relatively high maintenance cost for smaller parish councils. They perform important 'village playing field' functions, although their role for formal sport is declining. There is great scope for increasing participation, particularly among male juniors, women and girls.
- The grouping together of single pitch sites may result in a more efficient use of space with different activities/sports centred on certain sites. It is also important that there is adequate facility space for the informal sport offer (e.g. Last Man Standing in cricket, Rush Hockey) and other playing field sports such as rounders, archery and athletics, as well as for the more formal playing pitch sports.
- Opportunities to increase/Introduce summer sports/other activities to winter pitch sites to support year round activity and improve viability/use.

## Principals

3.4 The Strategy is focused around the following principles;

- **Quality of facilities is as important as the amount of provision in encouraging participation.** The strategy seeks to ensure that South Hams and West Devon contain the right amount of facilities, of the right quality and in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision, where facilities can be shown to be sustainable, but also recognises the priority need to improve the quality of existing facilities and the impact that qualitative improvements can have on capacity. We need to keep people playing and attract new participants to the pitch sports, to ensure facilities are fully utilised. Once that is achieved, there will be areas where new pitches are required, but we need to make the best use of what we have already in the first instance.
- **Pitch provision will be delivered and enhanced in partnership.** The strategy seeks to bring together key partners in the delivery of playing fields and to ensure that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and effectively aligned to maximise the value of assets to the community. This means in particular: South Hams and West Devon Councils and Plymouth City Council working together to address cross-border issues; Parish Councils working collaboratively to recognise that demand from one parish may be met in another and therefore the cost of maintaining and managing pitches may need to be shared jointly; and improving connections and close working with schools – including primary schools in rural areas – to increase community access but also to ensure facilities are not duplicated.
- **Investment will focus upon interventions that will have the greatest impact.** The strategy should prioritise investment into sites where the highest impact will be felt and where high numbers of users will benefit. Where can the greatest gains in participation be made? In particular, addressing the needs of junior players and women and girls may be areas where investment and effort should be targeted.
- **The strategy will seek to maximise sustainability.** In this era of changing demand and constrained financial resources, it is imperative that all facilities are used as effectively as possible and are viable. This means locating new facilities where high quality standards, ancillary facilities and intensification of use such as floodlighting will be easily achieved, where management infrastructure is in place to develop maximise usage, where outdoor and indoor facilities are co-located to encourage cross-participation, where winter pitches are used in the summer and vice versa wherever possible and where new facilities are energy efficient, can be maintained effectively and have adequate sinking funds for replacement. The Strategy will seek to build relationships between sports, promote good practice and deliver sustainable solutions for the pitch sports across South Hams and West Devon.

## Strategic Themes

3.5 This framework for future delivery is summarised in three Strategic Themes, as set out below:

- 1 Protection, provision and growth
- 2 Enhancement of quality and capacity
- 3 A co-operative approach to encourage participation.

- 3.6 These three overall themes are, in turn, supported by nine objectives. The initials given to the various objectives and sports will help to show how they relate specific actions identified in the Action Plan.

## **PG PROTECTION, PROVISION AND GROWTH**

### **PG1 Protecting existing playing field sites and ensuring appropriate security of tenure**

- 3.7 There is a need to protect land currently allocated and/or used as playing pitches, in the forthcoming South Hams & West Devon Local Plans. This is a key evidence case issue for the new Local plans, emerging Neighbourhood Plans, s106 contributions and CIL. There is a requirement also to provide long term security on playing pitch sites to maintain the pitch supply, to ensure that investment in new facilities and improvements can be obtained and be effective and support the development of sustainable clubs.

- 3.8 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 on a suitable location; or
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

### **PG2 Ensuring that new facilities are provided to meet existing demand and projected demand from increases in population and participation**

- 3.9 Even with more effective use of existing facilities, new pitches and ancillary facilities will be required to address inadequacies in the current level of provision, meet changing participation trends and patterns and to meet demand from rising population and new development. These should reach high quality standards, be fully available for community use and be as sustainable and viable as possible. This includes addressing the need for artificial grass pitches to meet increasing and changing demand for both training and competition in football, hockey and rugby and other pitch sports.

### **PG3 Providing a range of appropriate facilities for both competition and training which enable pitch sport participants to improve and progress**

- 3.10 In order to improve and progress within, pitch sports participants require appropriate competitive, training and coaching facilities. In order to make the most effective use of existing facilities, to maximise participation and to benefit from the sharing of facilities, resources and finance, a number of hub sites may be identified, which will be prioritised in terms of further development.

## **Q ENHANCEMENT OF QUALITY AND CAPACITY**

**Q1 Ensuring that existing facilities are fit for purpose and of high quality in order to retain existing levels of participation, improve the playing experience and encourage growth in participation.**

3.11 In order to maintain and increase participation rates, a high standard of facilities is required. Priority should be given to improving and enhancing existing facilities to meet these standards wherever possible. This applies to both the pitch surface itself - in order to maintain and improve capacity of the pitches – and to ancillary facilities such as changing rooms and car parking.

**Q2 Ensuring playing field land is used effectively and sustainably**

3.12 Some pitch sites are currently underutilized and these have been highlighted within the Action Plan in order to address their long term sustainability and viability. Some may have the capacity to accommodate more or other pitches to meet different age requirements or different sports. Others may be able to accommodate both winter and summer sports. Many sites also fulfil an open space function and must meet the needs of both casual users (residents and visitors) and pitch sport participants. It is important to ensure that all new provision and enhancements are carried out in a sustainable manner and that sites have the capacity and ability to be developed to become as effective, well used and viable as possible.

**Q3 Improving access and accessibility to pitch sport sites, in order to encourage greater participation by all sectors of the community**

3.13 The rising cost of taking part in sport, particularly for youth teams, is becoming a serious barrier to, and brake on, growing participation. As well as physical access to sites, the concept of accessibility embraces affordability. Sites should be accessibility to youth, adults, veterans, women, people with disabilities and those with health issues, as far as possible.

**CA A CO-OPERATIVE APPROACH**

**CA1 Working in partnership to enable effective and greater use of existing playing field sites and the sharing of skills, expertise, resources and facilities**

3.14 Many organizations within South Hams and West Devon have similar objectives to encourage more people to participate in the pitch sports and can work together more closely to avoid duplication of effort and cost. South Hams and West Devon Councils also need to continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities, particularly Plymouth, to address cross-boundary issues and demand. Support for the voluntary sector in relation to the management and maintenance of both facilities and membership activity is important to ensure a thriving club sector and good quality facilities.

**CA2 Developing and securing community use of school pitch sport facilities**

3.15 A high proportion of playing pitches are on school sites and form an integral and essential part of the stock. In order to maintain the pitch stock in South Hams and West Devon and to provide opportunities for increased participation, it is essential that all pitches on school sites should be protected and opportunities for their community use fully explored and secured wherever possible.

- 3.16 The Needs Assessment sets out where there is spare capacity (either at peak times and/or at other times of the week) at such sites and the Action Plan identifies schools where it is a priority to investigate further use of their pitches by the community to ensure that such use can be achieved, managed and sustained. See Section 4 below, Scenario Test 2, for further information on the numbers of schools involved.

**CA3 Increasing interest and participation in the pitch sports and usage of playing field facilities**

- 3.17 Improvements in facilities and new provision are dedicated to increasing the opportunities for participation in the pitch sports, not least to improve the health, fitness and well-being of residents in and visitors to South Hams and West Devon. But some facilities are considerably underused now and their continuation as playing pitch facilities may come under threat if usage does not increase; moreover, underused constitutes a waste of valuable sporting opportunities.

## 4: Developing the Strategy

### Scenario testing

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

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

- 4.3 Under the Sport England methodology, playing pitches are visually assessed on a number of criteria, including the quality of the surface, the maintenance and ancillary facilities. Scoring places each pitch within a 'good', 'standard' or 'poor' category. The following pitches with secure community access were assessed as being poor (i.e. scoring less than 50%).

Site Name	Pitch types rated as poor	Sub-area	Pitch score	At/near capacity
Diptford Playing Field	Junior 11V11 football	South Hams/Totnes	49%	No recorded play
South Zeal Recreation Ground	Small adult football	West Devon/North	46%	One Saturday team; **spare capacity for 1 more team
Walkhampton Memorial Playing Field	Adult football	West Devon/South	46%	One Sunday team; **spare capacity for 1 more team
Roborough Sports Ground	Cricket Pitch	South Hams/Ivybridge	Overall poor	Working close to capacity
Belle Hill, Kingsbridge	School rugby pitch	South Hams/Kingsbridge	M0/D1	Theoretical **spare capacity but not a popular venue due to quality.
Borough Park, Totnes 2 <sup>nd</sup> pitch	Adult rugby pitch + mini	South Hams/Totnes	M0/D1 & M0/D0	No **spare capacity; club has to use another school pitch out of area when pitches busy or out of use
Staddiscombe pitch	Adult rugby pitch	South Hams/Ivybridge	M0/D1	Leased to University; used for American football

Site Name	Pitch types rated as poor	Sub-area	Pitch score	At/near capacity
KEVICC	Adult rugby pitch	South Hams/Totnes	M1/D0	Not known
Okehampton Rugby Club	Two adult rugby	West Devon/North	M1/D0	No **spare capacity; overused
Sandy Park, Tavistock	Three adult rugby	West Devon/South	M0/D1	Theoretically **spare capacity but pitches vulnerable due to lack of security of tenure.
KEVICC	Sand based artificial pitch	South Hams/Totnes	Pitch condemned as unfit for match play and only part pitch suitable for training	Hockey club has had to relocate to Exeter.

4.4 The only grass pitches where improving quality from poor to standard would make a difference would be the rugby pitches. Poor drainage/maintenance appears to be an issue in the South Hams at Borough Park, Totnes, at Staddiscombe and at KEVICC, Totnes. In West Devon Okehampton RFC's two pitches have collapsed drainage and need urgent attention and the three rugby pitches leased from a farmer at Sandy Park by Tavistock RFC have fair natural drainage, but minimal pitch maintenance. Increasing the capacity through improving drainage and maintenance would enable more matches to be played by the rugby clubs concerned, without having to postpone or play at other sites.

4.5 As regards artificial grass pitches, improvement from poor to standard quality at KEVICC AGP in Totnes would enable the pitch to be brought back into use for both training and matches.

## 2 What if community use can be secured at certain sites?

4.6 There are a number of schools and private facilities that have sports pitches that are not available for secured community use. The methodology states that "as a guide there should be a good degree of certainty that the pitch will be available to the community for at least the following three years...arrangements which may suggest such certainty could include:

- a formal community use agreement;
- a leasing or management agreement requiring pitches to be available to the community/a community club;
- a formal policy for community use adopted by the owner and or educational establishment; and
- written confirmation from the owner and or educational establishment".

- 4.7 The Needs Assessment clearly identifies the level of community use on sites using the methodology's definitions of A, B, C and D as set out in table below (no school pitches fall into the D category i.e. not available as disused).

Category of Community Use for School Pitches	Number of schools in South Hams	Number of schools in West Devon
<b>A: Available for community use and used</b>	2	3
<b>B: Available for community used but unused</b>	3	2
<b>C: Not available for community use</b>	19	14
<b>No pitch at school</b>	3	2
<b>Not known – more info required</b>	15	10

- 4.8 As a matter of course, all sites which currently fall into category B and C should be investigated further and wherever possible, community use discussed further with the school. These are listed in full in the Needs Assessment, but and also highlighted under the Action Guides with priority given to the most critical sites in terms of meeting unmet demand.

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

- 4.9 The methodology suggests that if there are any marked differences between how well demand is met for different sports in an area then certain sites should be considered for re-designation from a well catered for sport to a less well catered for sport. There are no areas or sports that are particularly over-provided for in South Hams and West Devon and so re-designation of sport being played on a site is not really an option.

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

- 4.10 The only sport that this really affects in South Hams and West Devon is hockey. Ivybridge Junior Hockey club teams play in a Friday evening youth league based at UCP Marjon and this use is secure. Dart Hockey Club are currently playing at West Exe School in Exeter as their home pitch at KEVICC is not fit for matchplay; were this pitch no longer available then the club would probably fold; as it is, its membership and activity is diminishing rapidly because of the change of venue.

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

- 4.11 There is a big movement towards training on 3g surfaces for football and rugby. The Needs Assessment considers this in its Section 6. It identifies that in South Hams there is a requirement for additional full-size 3g pitches in Totnes in South Hams and Okehampton in West Devon (although case can also be made for half-size) and for smaller MUGAs elsewhere in the two authorities (see Action Guide). If the facilities could cater for rugby this would also meet training and match play needs potentially in that sport.

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

- 4.12 There are no proposals for new pitches which have progressed beyond aspirations at the current time, other than for Sherford (see Section 5, Priority).

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

- 4.13 A reduction in maintenance budgets whether real or relative is a particularly realistic scenario to consider. Many clubs in all sports struggle to afford to do as much maintenance as they would like to already, and if past trends continue this issue is likely to be exacerbated. The cost of maintenance of pitches has been highlighted as an issue by several town and parish councils and by OCRA (the Okehampton Community and Recreation Association). Reduction in maintenance budgets is likely in many cases to bring the assessed quality of the pitches on a site down and as such their carrying capacity.
- 4.14 Addressing this issue could take one of two forms – provision of additional pitches (although where would the maintenance budget for these come from?) or financial support for the clubs and town and parish councils (perhaps banding together) to enable them to carry out necessary maintenance. Either of these options will require careful consideration and joined-up thinking between relevant clubs, NGBs (National Governing Bodies for Sport), Sport England, the local authorities and the town and parish councils.

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

- 4.15 Within football there are two distinct issues to consider here: 1) The growth of junior football; and 2) the growth in 5-a-side teams and leagues. Junior football is already being played on pitches which are the wrong or inappropriate size for the age group and any growth may exacerbate this problem, although this is only an issue for a relatively small number of clubs in the main settlements. A growth in 5-a-side teams will require additional AGP surfaces, which has been taken into account when assessing demand for these facilities. There is \*\*spare capacity in the area to accommodate a general growth in 11v11 football.
- 4.16 It is difficult to predict the effect of other sports development initiatives. In cricket, rugby and hockey they will add pressure where capacity is being reached. This is unlikely to result in a need for more cricket pitches (as there is room for more cricket wickets to be provided on most grounds). The strategy addresses where additional rugby pitches are needed to meet growth in demand for junior sides. There is a little \*\*spare capacity at both Kingsbridge and Okehampton AGPs to accommodate junior growth in hockey but any significant expansion in activity would need to be met through new provision. Tavistock Hockey Club is restricted from developing junior teams because of lack of access to matchplay time.
- 4.17 However, certainly any growth in female teams – girls and women – across the sports of football and rugby will require additional, dedicated changing facilities to meet their requirements and this is currently restricting such development at some sites (e.g. Okehampton RFC).

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

4.18 The proposed development at Sherford will increase demand in the south west part of South Hams, adjacent to South East Plymouth. The Strategy sets out the requirement for pitches in this development, based on team generation rates currently being experienced in South Hams. Provision to meet this demand is being made. Once facilities are established and demand met from Sherford, there is expected also to be some cross boundary movement, notably with hockey teams coming from Plymouth to use the facility; some existing cricket teams in Plymouth coming to form the basis of a club at Sherford and demand for rugby being met at existing clubs using Horsham Playing Fields

**10 What if all pitches on private grounds and/or without security of tenure were no longer available ?**

4.19 This is a particular problem for a number of cricket pitches on private estates within South Hams and West Devon, for example Whitchurch CC near Tavistock. Without such pitches, demand for cricket will not be able to be met and the sport will suffer severely as a result as there are no alternative sites available. There has been a decline in the number of cricket pitches generally over the last decade or so and it is seen as a priority for cricket that smaller rural cricket clubs and grounds are supported and protected.

## 5: Key Priorities: South Hams

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- 5.1 Following on from the key findings and issues highlighted by the Needs Assessment and the above scenario testing it is important to consider some of the options for addressing key issues in more depth. The recommended action for each of these priorities has been carried forward into the main action plan. Section 8 sets out detailed recommendations on an area and site basis for South Hams.

### **South Hams Priority 1: Ensuring that appropriate facilities are provided and available to meet demand from increases in population and participation to 2031.**

- 5.2 This section sets out how many new teams are projected to be established to 2031 and assessments have also been made of pitches which are required to meet existing deficiencies. It should be highlighted that meeting demand may not always require the provision of new pitches on new land. Other options are explored in the Action Guide and can include the following:

- Increasing the capacity of existing pitches by improvements to pitch quality and/or changing facilities
- Securing access to existing pitches which currently do not have community use (e.g. on school sites)
- Marking out pitches on currently unused areas of existing playing field sites
- Providing artificial grass pitches either for training and/or matchplay – such surfaces can accommodate much greater intensity of use and ease pressure on grass pitches
- Better scheduling of matches and flexibility in kick-off times

- 5.3 It should also be noted that in projecting need to 2031 means that it may not be possible to identify precise locations for new grass and/or artificial grass pitches. The provision of additional pitches can remain an aspiration, to be brought forward once suitable and sustainable sites are identified.

### **Football – Future Demand**

- 5.4 An analysis of trends in demand amongst the teams surveyed and historical data and consultations with NGBs and league secretaries suggests that:
- demand for adult football is declining, for both Saturday and particularly Sunday sides. There has been a noticeable decline even since 2010 in South Hams, and over the past decade in both authorities; and
  - junior football perhaps remaining constant over last couple of years with some indications of a growth in demand in some age groups; however has been a decline in number of junior teams over the last decade in both authorities.
- 5.5 Taking into account population growth to 2031, existing latent demand and aspirations for running new teams), the research indicates that number of football teams can be expected to increase by the following to 2031:

- An additional 7 men's, 5 ladies, 8 boys, 4 girls, 7 9v9 and 9 mini teams.
  - Of these, 5 men's, 1 ladies, 3 boys, 2 girls, 2 9v9 and 4 minis will be generated by the Sherford.
- 5.6 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 provision to meet overlap of existing facilities this would suggest the need for access to additional pitches as follows:
- Sherford: 2-3 x adult pitches; 2 x 11v11 youth pitches; 2 x 9v9 pitches; 2-3 mini pitches; and
  - Rest of South Hams: 3 x adult pitches, 3 x 11v11 pitches of different sizes; 2 x 9v9 pitches and 2 x mini pitches (7v7 and 5v5).

### **Cricket – Future Demand**

- 5.7 It is difficult to gather an overall picture of trends in play – some well run clubs record an increase in the number of juniors and more interest from women and girls wanting to play. Other men's clubs are finding it hard to run adult teams. There has been a decline in Saturday and Sunday league play, although a number of successful 'friendly' teams still play in informal leagues.
- 5.8 Taking into account population growth to 2031, latent demand and aspirations for running new teams, the research indicates that number of cricket teams can be expected to increase by the following to 2031:
- an additional 5 men's, 2 ladies and 7 youth teams;
  - of these, 4 men's and 3 youth through Sherford.
- 5.9 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:
- Sherford: One grass cricket pitch; and
  - Rest of South Hams: one grass cricket pitch.

### **Rugby – Future Demand**

- 5.10 The larger 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. There is a mixed picture depending on the club in South Hams, although a common theme is the difficulty in keeping u16s to u18s involved in rugby and making a successful transition to senior sides.
- 5.11 Taking into account population growth to 2031, latent demand and aspirations for running new teams, the research indicates that number of teams can be expected to increase by the following to 2031:
- 3 men's, 1 ladies, 5 juniors and 8 minis;
  - of these, 2 men's, 1 junior and 3 minis from Sherford.

- 5.12 Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing \*\*spare capacity at grounds. However, given these aspirations and the current pitch supply, the shortage of good quality grass pitches will restrict rugby development.
- 5.13 As a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock and to provision to meet overplay of existing facilities this would suggest the need for additional pitches as follows:
- Sherford: 1 senior and 1 midi/mini pitch; and
  - Rest of South Hams: 1 senior and 1 midi/mini.

### **Hockey – Future Demand**

- 5.14 There are different trends amongst the clubs, but membership of clubs within the South Hams is generally increasing. All the clubs have capacity to expand in their junior and adult sections – but facility limitations referred to under capacity are constraining this.
- 5.15 Taking into account population growth to 2031, latent demand and aspirations for running new teams, the research indicates that number of teams can be expected to increase by the following to 2031:
- 3 men's; 4 ladies; 10 juniors;
  - of these, at least 3, possibly 4 teams, would be generated by the Sherford development to include 1 men's, 1 ladies and 2 junior teams.
- 5.16 This suggests need for:
- Sherford: one sand based artificial turf pitch; and
  - Rest of South Hams: one sand based artificial turf pitch.

### **South Hams Priority 2: Replacement of KEVICC sand based artificial turf pitch**

#### *Explanation of the issue*

- 5.17 The existing pitch has been condemned for matchplay and training is restricted. The pitch is long overdue for refurbishment.

#### *Options*

- 5.18 Options are as follows:
- 1 Replace sand based artificial pitch in situ
  - 2 Change orientation of pitch – a much more expensive alternative
  - 3 Consider alternative sites within the Totnes area for the provision of a new sand based hockey compliant AGP
  - 4 Do not replace the pitch: Loss of pitch will have serious effect on hockey in the South Hams. There is no alternative provision for the future – sand based pitches in Exeter are full; there is limited \*\*spare capacity at Kingsbridge AGP, sufficient only for growth in junior activity there. The only other accessible pitch is at Torbay Leisure Centre in Paignton, but this is not a good surface, itself requiring upgrading.

### **South Hams Priority 3: Provision of additional facilities for football and rugby in Ivybridge**

#### *Explanation of the issue*

- 5.19 Ivybridge Town FC's pitches at Erme Valley Playing Fields are overused and junior teams are playing on a number of outlining village pitches. Demand for football from Ivybridge teams cannot currently be met within the town. In addition various improvements are required to the site to increase the capacity of the ground to meet demand from the club.
- 5.20 The two 3g football turf pitches (AGPs) at Ivybridge Community College are well used; some use is by Plymouth Argyle Youth FC. However, due, it is understood to caretaking issues, the pitches are not open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The full size AGP is now on the FA Register for FA matchplay.
- 5.21 Ivybridge RFC's pitches at its home ground at Cross-in-Hand, at Rutt Park and Filham Park are very heavily used and the AGP at Ivybridge Community College cannot be used for contact rugby (due to injuries sustained to players). The junior rugby pitches at Filham Park would benefit from drainage improvements. Advancement of Ivybridge RFC is being constrained by the lack of training facilities and it is an aspiration of the club to replace their 2<sup>nd</sup> grass pitch with a rugby floodlit all weather pitch surface allowing for training and matches by minis and juniors. Any loss of facilities for training by proposed residential development needs to be replaced by equivalent, appropriate provision.

#### *Options*

- 5.22 Options are as follows:

- 1 Provision of a minimum of 2 adult, 3 junior and 2 mini soccer pitches to meet demand in Ivybridge
- 2 Consider provision of more pitches as part of Filham Park Masterplan and progress the production of this plan.
- 3 Acquire additional land adjacent to Filham Park for sports facilities as and when current residential proposals are finalised
- 4 Explore any further opportunities for dual use of primary school pitches
- 5 Discuss with Ivybridge Community College the feasibility of opening up the College AGP for use on Saturday and Sunday afternoons; this could potentially accommodate junior matchplay in football
- 6 Consider how to address need for training facilities on a rugby compliant IRB22 pitch in Ivybridge to meet demand for matchplay and training in rugby. There may be opportunities to provide such a surface when the current AGP at Ivybridge Community College is replaced, by relaying the carpet with appropriate shock pads for rugby on the existing half size AGP.
- 7 Ensure that any rugby training or matchplay facilities compromised by proposals for residential development adjacent to Ivybridge RFC are replaced by facilities or equivalent quality, quantity and accessibility

### **South Hams Priority 4: Provision of additional facilities for football in Kingsbridge**

#### *Explanation of the issue*

5.23 Kingsbridge has no football pitch other than the sloping site with derelict changing at Belle Hill (latterly used for rugby although not being used at present). A new rugby pitch has been installed opposite Kingsbridge Community College on West Alvington Hill and it appears that rugby use will then transfer to this pitch, leaving Belle Hill vacant (other than for school use). The town's football clubs - Kingsbridge & Kellaton Utd FC and KM Utd Youth FC - currently play at Malborough which is 10-15 minutes' drive away.

#### *Options*

5.24 Options are as follows:

- 1 The priority is to progress investment in Belle Hill to level it and provide an adult football pitch, for use by the school and the main football clubs in the town. This will meet some of the demand. A working group comprising the College, the Town Council and the FA is recommended to take this proposal forward. This strategy identifies need for a minimum of 2 adult, 2 junior and 1 mini pitches for football within the town if all demand is to be satisfied within it.
- 2 Provision of a full size football turf pitch to meet demand for training and junior/mini matchplay in Kingsbridge to be kept under review. Possible sites may include Kingsbridge Primary School (half size) which could accommodate junior match play
- 3 Kingsbridge Town Council to consider giving support to Malborough Parish Council to improve capacity of Malborough Playing Fields (which is meeting demand from Kingsbridge). This is only a short term solution, as there is little spare time available for additional teams to play, but it would enhance the playing experience
- 4 Provision of additional pitches elsewhere in the town, pending any further residential development, to meet future demand

### **South Hams Priority 5: Provision of adequate and appropriate facilities to meet demand generated by new development in Sherford.**

#### *Explanation of the issue*

5.25 As set out under South Hams Priority 1 above, the new development at Sherford will generate demand for its own sports facilities.

#### *Options*

5.26 Options are as follows:

#### *Hockey (sand based AGP)*

- In South Hams PPS, analysis and consultation suggests the population growth in Sherford to 2031 will generate at least 3, possibly 4 teams, to include 1 men's, 1 ladies and 2 junior teams.
- This demand will require the provision of an AGP capable of accommodating hockey matches (i.e. sand based pitch). This is supported by analysis from both the South Hams PPS and the Plymouth PPS, and is supported by the NGBs.

#### *Football (grass)*

- Analysis and consultation suggests population in Sherford to 2031 will generate 5 adult men's, 1 adult women's, 3 youth boys (11v11), 2 girls, 2 youth 9v9, 2 mini (u10s & u9s) and 2 mini (u8s & u7s) teams.
- This suggests the need for: 2-3 x adult pitches; 2 x 11v11 youth pitches; 2 x 9v9 pitches; 2-3 mini pitches. (Requirement for adult, youth 11v11 pitches and mini pitches met in current schedule. Additional requirements are 2 x 9v9 pitches for u12 and u11 teams.) Ideally a large flat plateau area is required for maximum flexibility in marking out different pitch sizes as dictated by demand and room for rest and recovery. Mini pitches could be marked out on a the cricket pitch outfield.

#### *Cricket*

- Analysis and consultation suggests the population profile in Sherford to 2031 will generate 3 – 4 senior teams and 3 junior teams. This suggests the need for one grass cricket pitch with 12 wickets (and possibly artificial strip), which is provided for in current schedule and which should be delivered early on in the scheme's implementation. Ideally for the pitch to be used as soon as possible, it would be beneficial to utilise the infrastructure of an existing club to be able to provide sustainable cricket provision at Sherford and the club in Plymstock may be able to provide that capacity initially.

#### *Rugby*

- Analysis and consultation suggests population in Sherford to 2031 will generate 2 senior Men's, 1 youth and 3 mini/midi teams. This suggests the need for 1 senior and 1 mini/midi pitch. This could be provided at Sherford or there is the possibility that improvements to the pitches at Horsham Playing Fields and King George V, Elburton which would increase capacity would then enable these grounds to absorb some of the rugby needs from Sherford. This would require a S106 agreement.

#### *Smaller AGPs*

- The Sherford population will also generate demand for smaller training areas – MUGAs - for football training, mini and some junior matches and small sided soccer. The proposed MUGA provided for in the current schedule should be of a recognised size and with suitable i.e. 3g surface in order to meet this demand.

## 6: Key Priorities: West Devon

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- 6.1 Following on from the key findings and issues highlighted by the Needs Assessment and the above scenario testing it is important to consider some of the options for addressing key issues in more depth. The recommended action for each of these priorities has been carried forward into the main action plan. Section 9 sets out detailed recommendations on an area and site basis for West Devon.

### **West Devon Priority 1: Ensuring that appropriate facilities are provided and available in West Devon to meet demand from increases in population and participation to 2031.**

- 6.2 This section sets out how many new teams are projected to be established to 2031 and assessments have also been made of pitches which are required to meet existing deficiencies. It should be highlighted that meeting demand may not always require the provision of new pitches on new land. Other options are explored in the Action Guide and can include the following:
- Increasing the capacity of existing pitches by improvements to pitch quality and/or changing facilities
  - Securing access to existing pitches which currently do not have community use (e.g. on school sites)
  - Marking out pitches on currently unused areas of existing playing field sites
  - Providing artificial grass pitches either for training and/or matchplay – such surfaces can accommodate much greater intensity of use and ease pressure on grass pitches
  - Better scheduling of matches and flexibility in kick-off times
- 6.3 It should also be noted that in projecting need to 2031 means that it may not be possible to identify precise locations for new grass and/or artificial grass pitches. The provision of additional pitches can remain an aspiration, to be brought forward once suitable and sustainable sites are identified.

### **Football – Future Demand**

- 6.4 An analysis of trends in demand amongst the teams surveyed and historical data and consultations with NGBs and league secretaries suggests that demand for adult football is declining, for both Saturday and particularly Sunday sides over the past decade.
- 6.5 Junior football has probably remained constant over last couple of years with some indications of a growth in demand in some age groups; however has been a decline in number of junior teams over the last decade in both authorities.
- 6.6 Taking into account population growth to 2031, existing latent demand and aspirations for running new teams), the research indicates that number of football teams can be expected to increase in West Devon by an additional 7 men's, 4 ladies, 4 boys, 3 girls, 5 9v9 and 5 minis teams.
- 6.7 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 to provision to meet overlap of existing facilities this would suggest the need for access to additional pitches as follows:

- 3 x adult pitches; 3 x 11v11 pitches of different sizes; 2 x 9v9 pitches; 2 x mini pitches (7v7 and 5v5).

### **Cricket – Future Demand**

- 6.8 It is difficult to gather an overall picture of trends in play – some well run clubs record an increase in the number of juniors and more interest from women and girls wanting to play. Other men's clubs are finding it hard to run adult teams. There has been a decline in Saturday and Sunday league play, although a number of successful 'friendly' teams still play in informal leagues.
- 6.9 Taking into account population growth to 2031, latent demand and aspirations for running new teams), the research indicates that number of cricket teams can be expected to increase by an additional 4 men's, 1 ladies and 5 youth teams.
- 6.10 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:
- One grass cricket pitch – which could be addressed by developing artificial turf wicket at Simmons Park, Okehampton.
  - The need for additional cricket provision in Tavistock should also be kept under review.

### **Rugby – Future Demand**

- 6.11 The larger 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. There is a mixed picture depending on the club in South Hams, although a common theme is the difficulty in keeping u16s to u18s involved in rugby and making a successful transition to senior sides.
- 6.12 Taking into account population growth to 2031, latent demand and aspirations for running new teams, the research indicates that number of teams can be expected to increase by an additional 2 men's, 1 junior and 3 mini teams..
- 6.13 Match equivalent sessions generated need to be considered alongside existing \*\*spare capacity at grounds. However, given these aspirations and the current pitch supply, the shortage of good quality grass pitches will restrict rugby development.
- 6.14 As a conservative estimate, in addition to existing stock and to provision to meet overplay of existing facilities this would suggest the need for an additional 2-3 rugby pitches.

### **Hockey – Future Demand**

- 6.15 There are different trends amongst the clubs: membership of clubs within is generally decreasing within West Devon. However, all the clubs have capacity to expand in their junior and adult sections – but facility limitations referred to under capacity are constraining this.

6.16 Taking into account population growth to 2031, latent demand and aspirations for running new teams, the research indicates that number of teams can be expected to increase by an additional 2 men's, 2 ladies and 4 junior.

6.17 This suggests need for:

- One sand based artificial turf pitch (if access to existing pitches cannot be increased).

## **West Devon Priority 2: Provision of additional facilities for football and rugby in Okehampton**

### *Explanation of the issue*

6.18 Both Okehampton Argyle Youth FC and Okehampton RFC are acutely short of suitable pitches for matchplay and training. The Youth FC has use of one football pitch which is heavily used by Okehampton Community College in the week and has no \*\*spare capacity; facilities for juniors are inadequate. Okehampton RFC is having to make use of training areas away from the town and the school pitches when its own pitches are in use, which is not a sustainable solution. Clubs are using indoor facilities at the Manor House Hotel to train.

6.19 The provision of new housing in Okehampton will increase demand for both rugby and football, based on existing team generation rates.

### *Options*

6.20 Options are as follows:

- 1 A minimum of 2 additional rugby pitches is required in Okehampton to meet demand for rugby, with associated appropriate changing on site to meet needs of adult men and junior boys, women and girls, and appropriate facilities for training (i.e. at least one pitch floodlit). Additional pitches may be required to meet future demand. Due to the existing configuration, use and demand for pitches at the Okehampton Community College site, another site within the town is required. In the short term, the provision of mobile floodlights to facilitate training on the Okehampton Community College site would help address immediate training needs in both football and rugby.
- 2 Access to a minimum of 2 additional football pitches (with flexibility on sizes) is required to meet demand for football, with associated high standard changing on site to meet needs of adult men and junior boys, women and girls. Additional pitches may be required to meet future demand.
- 3 The need for additional football pitches could be met through a range of options at the Okehampton Community College site (and through Point No. 4 below), as follows:  
There are existing changing facilities at the College site.  
A By improving the capacity of the existing school pitches by relaying pitches/better drainage. If community rugby can be moved off-site, the pitches could be available at weekends to meet demand for football.  
B By providing an additional football pitch on land at the far end of the site which is currently not used for pitches  
C By providing a football turf pitch (or IRB22 rugby AGP) adjacent to the existing sand based to meet the needs of junior and mini matchplay and training in football (and ideally contact training in rugby as well). A robust business and management

plan will be required to ensure the long term sustainability of this option. A half-size 3g AGP or a training strip may also be a viable option.

- 4 An additional football pitch to serve the Okehampton area could be addressed by bringing back into use existing football pitches at Follygate and Northlew which are currently not being regularly used by a football team and may require some reinstatement works.
  - 5 Pending provision/improvements to existing football pitches, there may be additional demand for 2 junior and 2 mini football pitches.
- 6.21 In addition, demand for cricket is growing in Okehampton, and there will be additional demand from new development. There is currently an artificial wicket and an outfield at the Okehampton Community College site: reinstatement of the grass wicket to accommodate more play is a desired addition to facilities.

### **West Devon Priority 3: Provision of additional facilities for football and rugby in Tavistock**

The assessment of playing pitch provision in Tavistock was undertaken in 2013 by **belap** in a study which focused on the town. The information has been updated where available but is largely reproduced here.

#### *Explanation of the issue*

- 6.21 At present there is a shortfall of junior and mini pitches at peak times within the town. There is latent demand for junior football and plans to increase the number of junior teams; moreover, new development within the town will increase the demand for new pitches.
- 6.22 Whilst the quality of football pitches in the town is generally good, the pitch at Langsford Park (Tavistock AFC) and the pitch in the centre of the athletics track experience poor drainage.
- 6.23 The Crowndale site offers flexibility in terms of the pitches that can be accommodated but is operating at capacity with no room for growth. This includes use by some teams from outside the area including Plymouth Argyle youth teams.
- 6.24 The current site of Tavistock RFC is now well established with a substantial clubhouse. However, Tavistock RFC is totally reliant for 3 out of its 4 pitches on the continuing availability of two rented fields, which is not secure. Drainage of club's training pitch would increase capacity for junior play as well as training. Further pitch provision will be required to meet future demand.

#### *Options*

- 6.25 Options are as follows:
- 1 Provision of additional pitches in Tavistock for football: minimum of 1 senior pitch, 2-3 junior pitches and 2 mini pitches. Pitches close to the existing Crowndale site would be preferable to enable economies of scale with maintenance etc and ease of accessibility to changing and other facilities. A plateau that can be marked out in different ways to allow pitch rotation and to meet appropriately demand for different sized junior and mini pitches would also be beneficial. Consideration should also be

given to providing a financial support package for the club involved to enable it to manage the additional pitches.

- 2 General improvements at the Crowndale site for Tavistock Community FC, including clubhouse extension, upgrade of car park, lighting, equipment etc)
- 3 Improvements to drainage at Langsford Park and athletics track football pitches to increase capacity
- 4 Drainage of Tavistock RFC's training pitch to increase capacity for junior play as well as training, together with improvement of ancillary facilities, including car parking
- 5 Provision of new secure site for Tavistock RFC, plus new rugby pitch to accommodate future demand

#### **West Devon Priority 4: Protecting and developing facilities for cricket in the Tavistock area**

##### *Explanation of the issue*

- 6.26 There is a considerable amount of sports development activity around cricket at Tavistock College which is expected to result in the formation of more teams. There is projected to be demand in the future for cricket in Tavistock which cannot be met through existing provision.
- 6.27 Whilst the new artificial wicket at the Community College may be able to meet some of the new demand, there needs to be further provision to allow cricket to develop and the translation of junior/Colts cricket to senior cricket.
- 6.28 The two cricket clubs serving the town are both facing issues with their facilities (poor quality changing at Tavistock Cricket Club and lack of security of tenure for Whitchurch Wayfarers CC owing to the possible sale of Whitchurch House).

##### *Options*

- 6.29 Options are as follows:
- 1 The provision of an additional cricket pitch in Tavistock. The sustainable solution is to negotiate access to cricket pitch at Mount Kelly, perhaps through investment for community use.
  - 2 Major refurbishment or replacement of the clubhouse at Tavistock Cricket Club
  - 3 Negotiation with Whitchurch House landowners over the continuation of facilities for the cricket club at the site.

#### **West Devon Priority 5: Developing facilities for hockey in Tavistock area**

##### *Explanation of the issue*

- 6.30 There is one sand filled AGP in Tavistock at Mount Kelly, managed by the school, which has community access. However, the main club using it - Tavistock Hockey Club – has restricted access on Saturdays for matchplay, which in turn limits the number of teams and matches it can play and is a constraint to the club's development, particularly with regard to ladies and junior teams.

6.31 Launceston Ladies HC, just across the County border in Cornwall, currently play at Lux Park, Liskeard as there is no suitable AGP facility in their home town. If there was a site in Tavistock with improved community access then there is the possibility of the club relocating. At present this difficult due to the restrictions placed on the Mount Kelly site.

6.32 Moreover, the Mount Kelly AGP is nearing the end of its life and will need to be refurbished within next 3-5 years. The changing facilities also require upgrading.

*Options*

6.33 Options are as follows:

- 1 Replacement or substantial upgrade of current Mount Kelly sand filled AGP, providing greater access can be obtained by Tavistock Hockey Club to the pitch on Saturdays for matchplay
- 2 Provision of new changing facilities at Mount Kelly AGP to facilitate greater community and school use
- 3 Provision of a new sand based AGP in Tavistock (on Mount Kelly site) with full community access, available for Tavistock Hockey Club as a priority user.

## 7: Action Plans by Strategic Themes

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- 7.1 Below are tables showing the actions required to deliver against each theme which are applicable to both South Hams and West Devon. These are then cross-referenced against the site specific action points in Sections 8 (South Hams) and 9 (West Devon). Actions are given priorities and relevant potential delivery partners are highlighted. By being highlighted as potential delivery partners, bodies are not obligated to fund or facilitate the action; however, it is suggested that they be involved in the project. Similarly, action plans are not guaranteed to be delivered against but they do suggest the best ways of potentially resolving the listed issues.
- 7.2 Progress towards delivering against the action plans and the potential for additional actions will be considered at annual meetings of the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group.
- 7.3 Acronyms are given for potential delivery partners to save space in the tables. These are explained in Section 1.
- 7.4 Projects/sites have been assigned as either Priority 1, 2 or 3. At this stage, no timescales have been given as unless the project is 'live' it is very difficult to say when it will be actioned. A Priority 1 project may take anything up to 5 years or more to come to fruition; conversely a Priority 3 project may be actioned very quickly if the right circumstances and opportunities arise. It is anticipated that the Steering Group will revisit this issue and put a timescale on 'live' projects, at the first annual Review Meeting.

## PG PROVISION AND GROWTH

### PG1: Protecting existing playing field sites and ensuring appropriate security of tenure

Action Ref.	Issue/Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>PG1.1</b>	Need to protect existing playing field provision irrespective of ownership and current level of use. This will enable former playing fields to be reinstated where possible/required, in order to protect/increase capacity	Policy within emerging Local Plan to protect all playing field (grass and artificial) sites. This will include playing field areas which are marked out as kickabout areas and areas which are no longer in use. Policy to set out criteria regarding conditions for replacement if existing pitches to be redeveloped.	<b>1</b>	SHBC; WDBC; DNP
<b>PG1.2</b>	Need to keep strategy updated so that actions can be prioritized and rolled out on a staged basis.	Ensure that this strategy is monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.	<b>1</b>	Working Group
<b>PG1.3</b>	Many sites – particularly for cricket – do not have long term security of tenure, which means they are unable to plan for the future	Protect existing security of tenure for clubs with current leases through the timely renegotiation of new leases. Work with landowners & clubs to help secure tenancies.	<b>2</b>	ECB, SE, clubs, landowners, WDBC, SHDC
<b>PG1.4</b>	There are several pitch sites – particularly for cricket in villages in the South Hams – where use is declining.	Emphasis on protecting the current pitch stock wherever possible and introducing measures to increase participation and use.	<b>1</b>	ECB, SE, clubs, landowners, WDBC, SHDC

## SOUTH HAMS: NEW FACILITIES

PG2/SH2: Ensuring that new facilities are provided to meet demand from increases in population and participation, and changes in participation patterns to 2031. Minimum number of required pitches as follows:

Action Reference	Adult football	Junior 11v11	Junior 9v9	Mini soccer	Cricket - Grass	Cricket - Artificial	Adult rugby	Midi/mini rugby	Floodlit Artificial grass pitch	Multi use games area
PG/SH2.Dartmouth					1				3g/Sand	
PG/SH2.Ivybridge	2	2	1	2					3g/IRB22	
PG/SH2.Modbury		1	1			1				
PG/SH2.Yealmpton										1
PG/SH2.Sherford	3	2	2	3	1		1	1	Sand	1
PG/SH2.Kingbridge	2	1	1	1			1	1	3g	
PG/SH2.Salcombe										1
PG/SH2.Stokenham										1
PG/SH2.Harberton										1
PG/SH2.Blackawton										1
PG/SH2.Totnes	1	1	1						3g	
PG/SH2.Stoke Gabriel		1	1							
PG/SH2. Elburton/Horsham									3g/IRB22	
PG/SH2.Elsewhere (A38 corridor)									Sand	

## WEST DEVON: NEW FACILITIES

PG2/WD2: Ensuring that new facilities are provided to meet demand from increases in population and participation, and changes in participation patterns to 2031. Minimum number of required pitches as follows

Action Reference	Adult football	Junior 11v11	Junior 9v9	Mini soccer	Cricket - Grass	Cricket - Artificial	Adult rugby	Midi/mini rugby	Floodlit Artificial grass pitch	Multi use games area
PG/WD2.Okehampton	2	1	1	2	1		2		3g/IRB22	
PG/WD2.Chagford		1	1							1
PG/WD2.Tavistock	1	2	1	2	1		1		Sand	
PG/WD2.Horrabridge										1
PG/WD2.Princetown										1
PG/WD2.Buckland Monachorum										1

**PG3 Providing a range of appropriate facilities for both competition and training which enable pitch sport participants to improve and progress**

Action Ref.	Issue/Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>PG3.1</b>	To ensure sustainability of site	All new facilities to be subject to full community use and appropriate business, management and usage plans, to include provision for maintenance and a robust sinking fund for future refurbishment and/or replacement	<b>1</b>	Clubs, NGBs, SHDC, WDBC, Schools, SE
<b>PG3.2</b>	Football	Provide appropriately sized, strategically placed and well maintained 3g football turf pitches to improve opportunities for training (as a priority) and matchplay. Matches for mini soccer and 9v9 games should be particularly encouraged.	<b>1</b>	Clubs, FA, SHDC, WDBC, Schools, SE
<b>PG3.3</b>	Hockey	Provide appropriately sized, strategically placed and well maintained sand based artificial grass pitches to improve opportunities for training and matchplay in hockey.	<b>1</b>	Clubs, England Hockey, SHDC, WDBC, Schools, SE
<b>PG3.4</b>	Rugby	Provide appropriately sized, strategically placed and well maintained IRB22 compliant 3g artificial grass pitches to improve opportunities for training and matchplay in rugby.	<b>2</b>	Clubs, FA, RFU, SHDC, WDBC, Schools, SE
<b>PG3.5</b>	All	Provide MUGAs in rural areas to allow training in football and other sports, away from grass pitch areas and to enhance participation opportunities	<b>2</b>	LAs, clubs, schools, NGBs
<b>PG3.6</b>	Rugby	Protect access to appropriate training facilities for rugby. This should include a minimum of one floodlit pitch for training at each rugby club site and/or training floodlights on training grids.	<b>2</b>	Clubs, FA, RFU, SHDC, WDBC, Schools
<b>PG3.7</b>	Football	Enhancement/provision of facilities at football pitch sites which will meet requirements for progression to higher leagues within the FA pyramid	<b>1</b>	Clubs, FA, SE, LAs
<b>PG3.8</b>	Cricket	Support cricket clubs in the development of good quality training nets at grounds to enhance sustainability & improve overall performance.	<b>3</b>	Clubs, ECB, SE, LAs
<b>PG3.9</b>	Cricket	Introduce and/or improve artificial cricket wickets where necessary to increase capacity and maintain play	<b>2</b>	Clubs, ECB, SE, LAs
<b>PG3.10</b>	Cricket	Promote provision of indoor training for cricket at sports halls throughout South Hams/West Devon	<b>3</b>	LAs, ECB
<b>PG3.11</b>	Football	Ensure of 3g FTPs meet the Performance Test and are listed on the FA register of approved sites for match play.	<b>2</b>	Clubs, FA
<b>PG3.12</b>	All sports	Ensure the facilities through the S106 agreement meet the relevant NGB specifications, are managed appropriately and are made available for community use at an affordable level.	<b>1</b>	LAs, NGBs, SE
<b>PG3.13</b>	Cricket	Develop grass wickets in association with existing artificial turf pitches to increase capacity	<b>2</b>	LAs, clubs, ECB

## Q ENHANCEMENT OF QUALITY AND CAPACITY

**Q1 Ensuring that existing facilities are fit for purpose and of high quality in order to retain existing levels of participation, improve the playing experience and encourage growth in participation.**

Action Ref.	Issue/Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Q1.1</b>	Poor drainage constrains capacity	Address identified drainage issues at existing pitches focusing firstly on sites where improvements will have maximum impact and where cancellations occur due to drainage issues.	<b>2</b>	Working Party to progress
<b>Q1.2</b>	Poor maintenance at certain sites	Revisit and if necessary revise/upgrade maintenance schedules and arrange closer co-ordination between pitch managers and maintenance contractors.	<b>3</b>	LAs, clubs, NGBs
<b>Q1.3</b>	Lack of facilities catering for female participants and people with disabilities	Upgrade changing accommodation to better meet needs of women and girls, juniors and people with disabilities and improve capacity of the site.	<b>2</b>	NGBs, clubs, SE, LAs
<b>Q1.4</b>	General enhancement	Support the provision of dedicated storage facilities and appropriate facilities for supporters and parents	<b>3</b>	NGBs, clubs, LAs
<b>Q1.5</b>	Quality control	Any new pitches and ancillary facilities should meet with the design and quality standards guidance provided by Sport England and/or the relevant NGB and fully comply with the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act	<b>1</b>	SE, NGBs
<b>Q1.6</b>	Poor maintenance at certain sites	Ensure pitches at priority sites are well maintained to ensure capacity levels are maintained and increased.	<b>1</b>	NGBs, clubs, SE
<b>Q1.7</b>	Junior football teams need age appropriate sized pitches	Ensure an appropriate amount of age specific size pitches are provided to meet the needs of youth football – this needs to be flexible for the expected change in team numbers season to season.	<b>2</b>	FA, clubs, LAs, SE
<b>Q1.8</b>	Quality control/football	Adopt a minimum standard of toilets and wash facilities at sites for junior and mini football.	<b>1</b>	FA, clubs
<b>Q1.9</b>	Quality control	Ensure associated ancillary facilities at priority sites are enhanced to improve the user experience	<b>2</b>	NGBs, clubs, LAs
<b>Q1.10</b>	Increasing capacity for cricket	Recognising the high levels of demand that are evident and the need for pitches to sustain high levels of use, increase the capacity of existing wickets/ provide more wickets	<b>2</b>	Clubs, ECB
<b>Q1.11</b>	Assisting ground maintenance	Support the provision of appropriate machinery and equipment at pitch sport sites. Explore possibility of establishing a shared maintenance pool for hire which may be cheaper for clubs in the long run	<b>2</b>	Clubs, NGBs, LAs

Action Ref.	Issue/Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Q1.12</b>	Football	Support clubs with management responsibilities to improve the pitches under their control – engage with the IOG Regional Pitch Advisor Programme.	<b>1</b>	Clubs, FA
<b>Q1.13</b>	General	Provide improved signage and bins and delineated 'dog walking' areas to address the problem of fouling of pitches by dogs	<b>1</b>	LAs,
<b>Q1.14</b>	Football	Support general improvements to football grounds to increase capacity and enjoyment of playing experience e.g. flatter pitches, new nets etc	<b>2</b>	FA, SE
<b>Q1.15</b>	Hockey	Ensure EH guidelines that suggest no AGP should be considered able to sustain more than 4 games on any one day.	<b>1</b>	England Hockey, Clubs, pitch operators
<b>Q1.16</b>	Cricket: quality maintenance	Pitches in the South Hams and West Devon would benefit from a Fine-Turf and Non-Turf Pitch Improvement Programme as well as a targeted strategy up upgrade practice facilities.	<b>1</b>	ECB, clubs, LAs
<b>Q1.17</b>	Rugby: quality maintenance	Collaboration between local authorities and the RFU to educate and provide resources to community clubs on the benefits of enhanced pitch maintenance.	<b>2</b>	RFU, LAs, clubs

## Q2 Ensuring playing field land is used effectively and sustainably

Action Ref.	Issue/ Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Q2.1</b>	Spare capacity at sites, either at peak times and/or during rest of week	Investigate the potential of introducing additional/new/a range of pitch sports to existing sites.	<b>3</b>	NGBs, clubs
<b>Q2.2</b>	Spare capacity, as above.	Reappraise the potential of playing field land to accommodate sports other than pitch sports such as archery, athletics (field events), running, keep fit activities, petanque, volleyball, badminton	<b>3</b>	NGBs, LAs, clubs
<b>Q2.3</b>	To ensure sustainability of site	Any new winter pitch site should include at least one pitch and a training pitch (preferably two pitches to allow for development) and match with RFU and FA model venues as set out in the national strategy. Targets should be set for the development of participation in football and rugby following new provision.	<b>1</b>	NGBs, SE, LAs
<b>Q2.4</b>	Sports development	Identify and agree sports hub sites, in order to make the most effective use of existing facilities (including indoor sports facilities and outdoor facilities). Suggested hub sites: Norton Playing	<b>1</b>	Working Party

Action Ref.	Issue/ Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
		Fields/Dartmouth Academy (Dartmouth); KEVICC/Borough Park (Totnes); Filham Park (Ivybridge); Kingsbridge Community College (Kingsbridge); Crowndale/Tavistock College (West Devon); Okehampton Community College/OCRA (Okehampton)		
<b>Q2.5</b>	General sustainability	When planning new facilities, the existing sporting infrastructure should be taken into account. In particular, existing club bases should be retained and wherever possible floodlit artificial grass pitches should be located near to grass playing pitches	<b>1</b>	LAs, SE, NGBs
<b>Q2.6</b>	Hockey	Address the lack of **spare capacity for hockey, possibly relocating some football usage on sand AGPs to 3g sites, where required	<b>1</b>	England Hockey, FA, pitch operators
<b>Q2.7</b>	Intensification of use	Ensure that all existing and any new sites identified are able to accommodate intensification of use i.e. provision and/or upgrading to artificial grass surfaces, , car parking and requisite changing and pavilion facilities	<b>1</b>	LAs, SE, NGBs
<b>Q2.8</b>	Floodlighting	Ensure appropriate and good quality floodlighting for as many hours as possible to increase capacity of existing sites and support development of new sites	<b>1</b>	LAs
<b>Q2.9</b>	Management of public open space	At sites which also function as open space, direct casual use to other areas of the site to help reduce wear and tear (e.g. removing / repositioning goal posts, protecting the cricket square).	<b>2</b>	LAs
<b>Q2.10</b>	Football	Review the alignment of pitches at key sites to ensure that optimum use is being made of space available, including remarking of pitches to meet with FA guidelines ensuring that juniors play on suitable pitches	<b>2</b>	LAs, NGBs, clubs
<b>Q2.11</b>	Football	Where possible, mark out more pitches to ensure improved rotation for rest and recovery	<b>2</b>	LAs, pitch operators
<b>Q2.12</b>	Football/Cricket	Build relationships to allow junior football on cricket outfields	<b>3</b>	FA, ECB, clubs
<b>Q2.13</b>	Hockey	Address the lack of **spare capacity for hockey, possibly relocating some football usage on sand AGPs to 3g sites, where required	<b>1</b>	England Hockey, FA, pitch operators

**Q3: Improving access and accessibility to pitch sport sites, in order to encourage greater participation by all sectors of the community**

Action Ref.	Issue/Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Q3.1</b>	General	Support improvements and developments which enhance opportunities for participation by people with disabilities, young people and women	<b>1</b>	LAs, clubs, NGBs, SE
<b>Q3.2</b>	General	Ensure all changing facilities are DDA compliant and there are disability car parking spaces	<b>1</b>	LAs, clubs, NGBs, SE
<b>Q3.3</b>	General	Consider introduction of concessionary rates for eg Club Mark Clubs.	<b>2</b>	LAs
<b>Q3.4</b>	General	Address the issue of pricing of schools' use, to see if any more concessionary rates can be applied	<b>3</b>	LAs, pitch operators
<b>Q3.5</b>	General	Ensure all playing field sites linked and served by cycleways, with adequate, safe and secure bike storage options	<b>2</b>	LAs, schools
<b>Q3.6</b>	General	Encourage car sharing. Review car parking charges at local authority operated sites. Ensure sufficient car and coach parking	<b>3</b>	LAs
<b>Q3.7</b>	General	Ensure all main playing field sites are easily accessible by public transport and/or establish how sites can be accessed by public transport	<b>2</b>	LAs
<b>Q3.8</b>	General	Review community use at MoD sites and secure where possible	<b>2</b>	LAs/MoD

## CA: A CO-OPERATIVE APPROACH

**CA1: Working in Partnership to enable effective and greater use of existing playing field sites and the sharing of skills, expertise, resources and facilities**

Action Ref.	Main Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>CA1.1</b>	General	Work with clubs/leagues and local authorities with sites with potential to asset transfer from LA ownership to club/league.	<b>1</b>	LAs/Working Party
<b>CA1.2</b>	General	Establish Pitch Development Groups in each main town, based around sports hub sites and including local authority departments, Town/Parish Council Local Sports Council, principal pitch sport clubs, secondary and primary schools, and key providers. To address issues of training in grounds maintenance and facility upkeep, management of shared sites and provide support and guidance in relation to the submission of external funding bids.	<b>2</b>	All partners in each of 6 main towns
<b>CA1.3</b>	General	Active Design: Develop pitch sports facilities in association with health agencies/agendas to create environments which provide opportunities for sport and fitness activities to take place easily within people's daily lives.	<b>3</b>	LAs, health agencies, NGBs, SE
<b>CA1.4</b>	General	Consolidate links with Plymouth City Council and other neighbouring authorities to manage cross boundary movements and ensure that provision is not duplicated, but complements existing provision and provides effective solutions	<b>1</b>	SHDC, WDBC, PCC
<b>CA1.5</b>	Cricket	Develop a new lease model for seeking improved maintenance by clubs in return for greater control and security for the clubs (cricket)	<b>3</b>	ECB
<b>CA1.6</b>	Football	Work with the Leagues to identify the priority sites to invest in increased maintenance	<b>1</b>	FA, football leagues
<b>CA1.7</b>	Football	Encourage leagues to introduce alternative and staggered kick-off times, to make use of off-peak periods and increase usage	<b>2</b>	FA, football leagues
<b>CA1.8</b>	Hockey	Wherever possible, hockey users to be represented on Facility Management Groups where they exist.	<b>3</b>	England Hockey, clubs

**CA2: Developing and securing community use of school pitch sport facilities**

Action Ref.	Main Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
CA2.1	General	Protect and secure all playing pitches on school sites by identifying them as playing field land in the Local Plan.	1	LAs
CA2.2	General	Secure community use agreements at all primary and secondary school sites using model templates provided by Sport England, in discussion with school business managers, Heads of PE. The challenges in achieving this are recognised, however guidance provided by Sport England will help to maximise opportunities e.g. Access to Schools project..	1	LAs, schools, SE
CA2.3	General	Explore further possible access to primary school pitches and AGPs which do not currently have community use and/or opportunities for developing use to increase participation and alleviate any lack of spare capacity.	2	LAs, schools, SE, NGBs
CA2.4	General	Support improvements at school sites to increase community access and make more use of school playing pitches (e.g. improve pitches; enhance/provide changing facilities and toilets	2	LAs, schools, SE, NGBs
CA2.5	General	Maintain access to non-turf cricket wickets on school sites, as so few and required to support cricket development	3	LAs, schools, SE, ECB

### CA3: To increase interest and participation in the pitch sports and usage of playing field facilities

Action Ref.	Main Sport	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
CA3.1	Either F, C, R or H	Direct sports participation initiatives to certain sites to improve usage (PRIORITY SITES TO BE IDENTIFIED)	1	FA, Working Party
CA3.2	General	Targeting initiatives to support growth of women's and girls' teams	1	NGBs
CA3.3	General	Support clubs in increasing number of coaches – major issue for many smaller clubs.	2	NGBs
CA3.4	General	Continue to work with clubs to produce development plans in order to ensure ongoing understanding of current and potential future requirements	1	Clubs, NGBs
CA3.5	Cricket	Further develop school club links and the establishment of a relationship between schools and cricket clubs. Facilities at school sites can then be used by the cricket club as the club expands. Note improvements to the quality of facilities are likely to also be required	2	Clubs, ECB
CA3.6	Cricket	Consider how best to increase midweek casual play and the establishment of a midweek senior league. Introduce new forms of the game such as Last Man Standing and T20	2	Clubs, ECB

<b>CA3.7</b>	Rugby	Develop further opportunities for Touch and tag rugby and '7s', summer rugby, particularly to encourage growth of participants aged 14-24 years	<b>2</b>	Clubs, RFU
<b>CA3.8</b>	Hockey	Support increases in participation in hockey through the existing club structure through both the introduction of new forms of the game (Rush Hockey and Back to Hockey) and improvement of links with potential participants to address latent demand.	<b>2</b>	England Hockey, clubs
<b>CA3.9</b>	Football	Promote informal playing opportunities to attract players back in to the game or new participants who can't commit to the regular needs of traditional football. Turn up and play informal sessions are key tactic to increasing regular participation.	<b>2</b>	England Hockey, clubs
<b>CA3.10</b>	Football	Promote the FA's self help programme	<b>3</b>	FA, clubs
<b>CA3.11</b>	Football	Investigate how pitches can be used more by junior teams/formation of junior teams	<b>2</b>	FA, clubs, LAs

## 8: Action Plans by Sub Areas and Sites: SOUTH HAMS

SEE ALSO SOUTH HAMS PG/SH2

### 8.1 DARTMOUTH SUB AREA

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Longcross, Dartmouth (Dartmouth AFC)</b>	There is spare capacity during the week for both adult and junior play on the adult football pitch.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for increased use:	<b>3</b>	FA, club, Town Council, SHDC
<b>Norton Playing Fields, Dartmouth</b>	Junior pitch: only being used by one junior team, so spare capacity at peak time and during the week.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for increased use. See recommendation for sports hub site	<b>3</b>	FA, club, Town Council, SHDC
	Rugby pitch; considerable spare capacity at peak times and during week. Rugby club has no base at the site; players are attracted to nearby clubs with better facilities	<b>CA3.1R</b>	Potential for increased use. Clubhouse facilities would be advantageous. See recommendation for sports hub site	<b>3</b>	RFU, club, Town Council, SHDC
<b>Coronation Park, Dartmouth</b>	Cricket is played here informally; but there is no formal cricket club in the town	<b>PG/SH2. Dartmouth</b>	Consider permanent provision for cricket at Coronation Park	<b>3</b>	ECB, Dartmouth Town Council, SHDC
<b>Norton Playing Fields/Dartmouth</b>	Norton Playing Fields lie adjacent to Dartmouth Leisure Centre and near to Dartmouth Academy. There is scope here for improved links between indoor and outdoor sport, and grass and potential artificial grass pitches.	<b>Q2.4</b>	Designation as sports hub	<b>1</b>	FA, RFU, Dartmouth Town Council, SHDC, Sport England, Active Devon

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Dartmouth</b>	There is a need expressed for an AGP at Dartmouth Academy. If a suitable surface, this would attract some use for training from the football and rugby club (if community use of the 3g AGP at Britannia RNC cannot be secured).	<b>PG/SH2. Dartmouth PG3.2</b>	Possible site for AGP in the Norton Playing Fields/Dartmouth Academy area. Issues around the sustainable location and management of AGPs will apply. A full size AGP to be considered in the first instance; possibly a 3g surface.	<b>1</b>	Dartmouth Academy, SHDC, Dartmouth Town Council, FA
<b>Dartmouth Academy</b>	The two adult pitches here have no community use due to some issues with drainage and the level of use by the Academy. Given that there is spare capacity at public football pitches nearby (at Norton Playing Fields at peak time & during the week, at their use by the community is not required).	<b>PG1.1</b>	Protect school playing fields and consider measures to encourage community access if need arises in the future.	<b>2</b>	Dartmouth Academy, SHDC
<b>Stoke Fleming Playing Field</b>	Football pitch: there is spare capacity at peak times and during the week here, to accommodate adult and junior teams	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for increased use	<b>3</b>	FA, Club
<b>Stoke Fleming Cricket Pitch, Venn Lane</b>	Cricket pitch: base of Stoke Fleming CC; no apparent issues.				
<b>Kingswear Playing Field</b>	This has an informal kickabout area.	<b>PG1.1</b>	Protect as playing field	<b>2</b>	SHDC, Kingswear Town Council
<b>Dartmouth Primary, St John the Baptist RC Primary Dartmouth</b>	Primary schools in Dartmouth where pitch provision and extent of community use not known.	<b>CA2.1; CA2.2</b>	Obtain further information on pitch provision and contact schools to discuss community use of facilities, linking in to sports initiatives in the town.	<b>2</b>	SHDC, Dartmouth Town Council, schools, SE
<b>Kingswear Primary, Stoke Fleming Community Primary</b>	Primary schools where pitch provision and extent of community use not known.	<b>CA2.1; CA2.2</b>	As above	<b>3</b>	SHDC, schools, SE

## 8.2 IVYBRIDGE

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Erme Valley Playing Fields:</b>	The pitches here are the home ground of Ivybridge Town FC. Ensure the development meets with club's aspirations within the football pyramid and improves sustainability..	<b>PG3.7</b>	Plans to enlarge clubhouse/extend to improve sustainability	<b>2</b>	Ivybridge Town Council, SHDC, FA, club
<b>Erme Valley Playing Fields:</b>	Public site and dog fouling is a serious problem	<b>Q1.13</b>	Measures to prevent fouling by dogs	<b>1</b>	SHDC
<b>Filham Park:</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 3:</b> Co-location of different sports and facilities suggests benefits from designation as sports hub site. Various improvements discussed e.g. drainage of junior rugby pitches, access to changing for Manstow Boys FC etc (see below)	<b>Q2.4</b>	These should all be progressed as part of Masterplan for Filham Park  Consider designation as sports hub site	<b>1</b>	Ivybridge TC, SHDC, RFU, FA, ECM, clubs, Active Devon, SE, Sports Forum, Town Neighbourhood Plan group
<b>Filham Park</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 3:</b> Manstow Boys FC is the principal user of junior pitches and changing/storage has been provided by portacabins for many years. The provision of dedicated changing and, as a priority toilets, would greatly enhance the well being of the club.	<b>Q1.3;</b> <b>Q1.8</b>	Provision of changing/toilets for Manstow Youth: options include extension of cricket pavilion or dedicated on-site facilities	<b>1</b>	Ivybridge TC, SHDC, FA, SE
<b>Filham Park</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 3:</b> Pitch surface & drainage of 2 mini/midi rugby pitches requires improvement, Pitches have spare capacity at peak times.	<b>Q1.1R</b>	Drainage improvements to be costed as part of Filham Park Masterplan	<b>1</b>	Ivybridge RFC, Ivybridge TC, RFU
<b>Filham Park</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 3:</b> Shortage of junior pitches in Ivybridge, In addition, new housing will increase demand for pitch provision in line with proposed developments	<b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Ivybridge</b>	Increase pitch provision as per identified shortfalls & proposed developments (2 adult football; 3 jnr football; 2 mini soccer) Possible extension for additional jnr pitches. Enhance quality of existing pitches.	<b>1</b>	Ivybridge Town FC, Ivybridge TC, FA, SHDC. Protecting PF SE

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
Filham Park	Ivybridge Cricket Club: poor nets.	<b>P3.8</b>	Ideally need complete replacement but as minimum require bowlers landing areas and new matting.	<b>3</b>	ECB, club, Ivybridge TC, SHDC, SE
Filham Park	Ivybridge Cricket Club: desire for additional pitch to meet future demand		Consider further at first review Meeting	<b>2</b>	
Ivybridge RFC – Cross in Hand:	<b>South Hams Priority3:</b> Possible loss of part of training pitch through new housing development.	<b>PG1.1</b>	Needs to be clarified by club. Any potential loss/restriction of pitches to be replaced by equivalent, appropriate provision.	<b>1</b>	Club, RFU, SHDC
Ivybridge RFC – Ruff Park:	One rugby pitch – would benefit from provision of toilet facilities for young players	<b>Q1.3:</b> <b>Q1.8</b>	Provision of toilet facilities	<b>3</b>	Club; local funds
Ivybridge Community College:	<b>South Hams Priority3:</b> Full and half size 3g FTPs well used, including by Plymouth teams. Caretaking issues mean AGPs not available after 1pm on Sats and Suns, Demand in Ivybridge for FTPs to meet training and matchplay.	<b>Q2.8</b>	Discussions/negotiations to extend opening hours to Saturday & Sunday afternoons. Ensure surface is FA compliant	<b>1</b>	Ivybridge Community College, Ivybridge TC, SHDC, FA, Active Devon
Ivybridge:	<b>South Hams Priority3:</b> Demand for additional 3g surfaces. Opening up existing FTPs may assist with problem but shortage of grass pitches for football matchplay & training.	<b>Q3.2 &amp; PG/SH2. Ivybridge</b>	Interlinked with development/extension of Filham Park. More assessment of outstanding demand required following discussions with Ivybridge Community College and aspirations of rugby club (see below).	<b>1</b>	Ivybridge Community College. Ivybridge TC, SHDC, FA, Active Devon, SE
Ivybridge:	<b>South Hams Priority3:</b> See above – plus demand for rugby training and matchplay facilities in Ivybridge from rugby club.	<b>Q3.4 &amp; PG/SH2. Ivybridge PG3.2 PG3.4</b>	See above – explore viability of rugby compliant 3g pitch for contact training and possibly matchplay. Opportunities include upgrade of smaller AGP at ICC when full size AGP relaid (carpet repositioned and underlain by a shock pad) or provision at Ivybridge RFC.	<b>1</b>	Ivybridge Community College. Ivybridge TC, SHDC, FA, Active Devon, SE. RFU, rugby club

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
Ivybridge RFC	Rugby club are looking for increased training capacity; could be provided through additional floodlights	<b>Q2.8</b>	Also consider provision of additional sets of portable lights, along with 2 <sup>nd</sup> team pitch having fixed floodlights.	<b>2</b>	RFU, SE, club
<b>McAndrews Field, Ivybridge: relates to South Hams Priority 3</b>	Shortage of junior and mini pitches in Ivybridge. This is a small isolated site, but could meet some demand for mini soccer.	<b>PG/SH2.2</b>	Explore possibilities of use as mini soccer pitch	<b>3</b>	FA, Ivybridge Town Council
<b>Manor Primary School; Woodlands Park Primary, Ivybridge</b>	These schools have been identified as having junior/mini pitches, but no established community use.	<b>CA2.1 CA2.2</b>	Obtain further information on pitch provision and contact schools to discuss community use of facilities, to help overcome deficiencies.	<b>2</b>	SHDC, schools, SE, Ivybridge TC

### 8.3 REST OF IVYBRIDGE SUB AREA

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Bickleigh Barracks MoD</b>	In the past, the grass playing pitches and sand based AGP were well used by the community. However, the study has not found evidence of any non-MoD clubs using the facilities on a regular basis.	<b>Q3.8</b>	Confirm community access and secure	<b>2</b>	MoD, SHDC
<b>Bickleigh Down Primary School</b>	School has expressed desire to accommodate community use on its 2 junior pitches. It has had such use in the past, but no demand at present.	<b>CA2.1; CA2.2; CA2.4</b>	Protect for community use; consider how best to provide access to changing/toilet facilities (either in school or new provision).	<b>2</b>	SHDC, FA, school
<b>Sparkwell</b>	Sparkwell pitch now junior 11v11 size and potentially accommodating Ivybridge Town FC junior team	<b>Q1.3; CA2.4</b>	Ensure changing facilities accessible/available	<b>2</b>	Parish Council, School, FA, SHDC
<b>Ermington Playing Field</b>	Mini pitch on cricket outfield. No toilet facilities.	<b>Q1.8</b>	Toilet required	<b>3</b>	Parish Council, School, FA, SHDC
<b>Twinaways, Hillhead Cross, Ugborough</b>	New site in use this season; private rented field, has 2 junior pitches (9v9 & 7v7)	<b>PG1.1</b>	Record as playing field site to protect use or discuss use of possible other sites with Ugborough Youth FC	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, Town Council, club

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
Lee Moor	Junior pitch is not currently being used	CA3.1F + Q1.3	Potential for increased use of junior pitch. Upgrade changing rooms (minimum – provide electricity)	2	FA, SHDC, club, parish council, SE
Staddiscombe Playing Fields	Improvements to pitch surface required, (Not used by any South Hams teams).	Q1.1.; Q1.5	Complete the proposed drainage works on the 2 plateaux for football; improve the changing provision as per the agreement with the FF application	1	PCC, SE, FA
Plymouth Argaum Ground	Some spare capacity on both football and rugby pitches, both at peak times and during the week. Pitch quality poor, as previous agricultural land, rather than a constructed playing pitch (private landowner)	CA3.1R & CA3.1F; Q1.1:	Potential for increased use for both rugby and football. Address poor quality of pitches – better drainage?	3	Landowner, SHDC, FA, RFU, clubs
Frankfort Park, Brixton	One junior pitch, used by Plymouth youth teams (4). No apparent issues				
Roborough Sports Ground	Football: This ground has one cricket pitch and a football pitch on the cricket outfield. Previously a junior pitch marked out; ample room for this. Spare capacity for football on adult pitch during the week.	Q1.3; Q2.10; CA31.F	Upgrade of changing facilities to serve both sports. Potential for increased use PCC and SHDC to discuss this site; cross boundary issues	1	FA, ECB, SE, Active Devon, SHDC, PCC, Parish Council, clubs
	Cricket: Pitch is poor and all facilities are of low quality – changing, nets, car park etc. Ground used by Plymouth Civil Service & Roborough CC – meeting demand from Plymouth. In urgent need of upgrading.	PG3.8; PG3.9; Q1.16	Major upgrade of artificial wicket, nets and pavilion. Club need to replace non turf wicket and require practice nets and slip catcher	1	
QEII Ground, Modbury	Football: adult & 9v9 pitch; limited spare capacity at peak times and during the week.. Parish Council keen to improve and increase use and annexe adjacent field to extend village facilities.	Q1,1 + Q1.3	Support drainage improvements to enhance capacity. Improve changing facilities.	2	SHDC, Parish Council, club
	Modbury: need identified for additional junior pitches to support football activity. Also possible demand for artificial cricket wicket	PG3.12	Support extension to ground for additional football/cricket pitch	2	

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Butts Park, Newton Ferrers</b>	Football: Adult (on cricket outfield) & 9v9 pitch (no recorded use). Spare capacity on adult pitch at peak time and during the week.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for increased use	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, club
	Cricket pitch – no apparent issues. Changing facilities old.	<b>Q1.3</b>	Support upgrading of changing facilities by Parish Council	<b>2</b>	SHDC, Parish Council, FA, ECB, SE
<b>Wembury Recreation Ground</b>	One adult football pitch: significant spare capacity at peak time and during the week.	<b>CA3.1F; Q1.3</b>	Potential for increased use. No changing facilities – provide, to increase capacity	<b>2</b>	FA, SHDC, SE, parish council, club
<b>Yealmpton Athletic Field</b>	Football: one adult pitch with just one team playing. Significant spare capacity at peak times and during the week.	<b>CA3.1F; Q1.3</b>	Potential for increased use. Improve changing facilities to enhance experience	<b>2</b>	FA, ECB, SHDC, SE, parish council, club
	Cricket: well-maintained ground, Spare capacity at peak time and during the week.	<b>PG1.3</b>	Only 12 years remaining on lease; confirm future. Potential to increase use	<b>2</b>	
<b>Yealmpton</b>	Demand for multi use games area (MUGA)	<b>PG3.5</b>	Further investigate demand/viability of MUGA. Appraise suitable sites and management plan.	<b>3</b>	SHDC, Parish Council
<b>St Ann's Bigbury pitch</b>	Pitch not well known; used as overflow by Modbury team occasionally.	<b>PG1.1</b>	Protect as playing field	<b>3</b>	Parish Council, SHDC
<b>Moorhaven</b>	This site on new development has been allocated as playing field, Was in use for cricket in past and have been plans for football pitch. No recorded use at present and status of pitch proposals uncertain	<b>PG1.1</b>	Clarify status of proposed pitches. Protect as playing field. Potential for increased use	<b>3</b>	SHDCDNPA Council, Moorhaven Development, local clubs, FA, ECB
<b>Holbeton Cricket Club, Flete House</b>	Cricket pitch in grounds of private house No reported issues – may be security of tenure?	<b>PG1.4</b>	Ensure security of tenure through renegotiation/clarification of lease	<b>3</b>	SHDC, ECB, club
<b>Wembury House Cricket Ground</b>	Cricket pitch in grounds of private house. No apparent issues				
<b>Cornwood Oak Park</b>	One of two adjacent pitches leased by Cornwood CC. Flourishing and active club. No apparent issues.				

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<b>Cornwood Delamore Park</b>	One of two adjacent pitches leased by Cornwood CC. Flourishing and active club. No apparent issues.				
<b>Horsham Playing Fields</b>	4 full size rugby pitches. Ground recently transferred ownership to Plymouth Albion Oaks RFC. Almost at capacity and pitches suffer from poor drainage, although has been recent investment and works completed last year. Club have also secured £49k through SE PPF, work yet to be completed. Dog fouling is an issue.	<b>Q1.3</b> <b>Q2.8,</b> <b>Q1.13</b>	Required improvements are floodlighting to 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV pitch and improved drainage to all pitches and training areas, to increase capacity and meet demand from future growth in junior football. Adopt measures to address fouling by dogs.	<b>2</b>	RFU, SE, SHDC, PCC, club
<b>Heathfield, Cornwood</b>	Site not found but identified on Active Places; no longer in use?	<b>PG1.1</b>	Site no longer in use; clarify situation. Protect as playing field if necessary	<b>3</b>	SHDC, Ivybridge TC.
<b>Cornwood CoE Primary School</b>	Has large field suitable for adult pitch but may need levelling	<b>CA2.1</b> <b>CA2.2</b> <b>CA2.4</b>	Investigate potential of field to accommodate pitch and establish community use	<b>2</b>	SHDC, school, FA
<b>Horsham/Elburton area</b>	Potential for an AGP which is IRB22 compliant in the Elburton, Staddiscombe, Horsham area could address need for rugby & football training, some of which emanates from the Ivybridge/west South Hams area.	<b>PG3.4</b>	Consider further in consultation with clubs, FA and RFU	<b>3</b>	RFU, FA, football & rugby clubs, SHDC, PCC
<b>Sherford</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 5:</b> New development creating its own demand for pitches	<b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Sherford;</b> <b>PG3.3</b>	Progress implementation of S106 agreement, as amended through production of this Strategy. Ensure the facilities through the S106 agreement meet the relevant NGB specifications, are managed appropriately and are made available for community use at an affordable level.	<b>1</b>	SHDC, Developers, Parish Council, PCC
<b>Brixton St Marys CoE Primary, Stowford Primary, Ugborough Primary and Wembury Primary Schools</b>	These schools are identified as having junior/mini pitches, but no established community use.	<b>CA2.1</b> <b>CA2.2</b>	Obtain further information on pitch provision and contact schools to discuss community use of facilities, to help overcome deficiencies.	<b>2</b>	SHDC, FA, Active Devon, schools

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<b>Newton Ferrers CoE Primary</b>	Primary school where pitch provision and extent of community use not known.	<b>CA2.1;</b> <b>CA2.2</b>	As above	<b>3</b>	SHDC, schools, SE
<b>A38 Corridor</b>	Demand identified for an additional sand based AGP (appropriate for hockey) in the South Hams, preferably easily accessible from the A38 corridor.	<b>PG3.3</b>	Progress consideration of new sand based AGP to meet growing demand for training and matchplay in hockey.	<b>2</b>	England Hockey, clubs, SHDC, SE

#### 8.4 KINGSBRIDGE SUB AREA

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Kingsbridge:</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 4:</b> With the artificial turf pitch at the Community College, a new pitch on West Alvington Hill and other provision (e.g. Belle Hill) there are opportunities to develop links between various facilities at and adjacent to the site	<b>Q2.4</b>	Designation of sports hub site at Kingsbridge Community College	<b>1</b>	Working Party
<b>Kingsbridge Community College:</b>	Issues identified over maintenance and upkeep of AGP , particularly floodlights. AGP may need to be refurbished soon; good maintenance will increase life of the carpet.	<b>PG3.3</b>	Keep maintenance under review and consider how to improve floodlighting and address cost of replacing carpet. It is a priority to maintain a sand based AGP capable of accommodating hockey in Kingsbridge.	<b>1</b>	SHDC, EH, club, Kingsbridge TC
<b>Kingsbridge</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 4:</b> Additional football pitches required to meet identified demand with the town: 2 adult football, 2 junior and 1 mini	<b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Kingsbridge</b>	Increase grass pitch provision (and/or 3g AGP) to meet demand for matchplay and training. Investigate potential of additional pitch next to new school (rugby) pitch.	<b>1</b>	FA, SHDC, Kingsbridge TC,
<b>Kingsbridge:</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 4:</b> Identified need for 3g AGP in Kingsbridge, capable of accommodating training and junior matchplay	<b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Kingsbridge</b> <b>CA2.4</b> <b>PG3.2</b>	Investigate demand/viability of 3g AGP to support training etc in football and rugby. Kingsbridge Primary School may be potential site.	<b>2</b>	FA, SE, Active Devon, clubs, Kingsbridge Primary school.

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<b>Belle Hill, Kingsbridge:</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 4:</b> School pitch currently out of use.	<b>CA2.4</b>	Investigate/work with KCC to try and improve this pitch for community use for football.	<b>1</b>	FA, SHDC, Kingsbridge TC, Kingsbridge Community College
<b>The Butts, Kingsbridge</b>	Home of Kingsbridge CC. Poor artificial wicket and no nets. Addition of these would increase capacity and quality.	<b>PG3.8 &amp; PG3.9</b>	Replace artificial cricket wicket. Practice facilities required.	<b>2</b>	ECB, SHDC, SE, Kingsbridge TC, club
<b>Kingsbridge RFC, High House</b>	Two rugby pitches, and training area, home of Kingsbridge RFC. Club have plans for various improvements to ancillary facilities	<b>Q1.9R</b>	Support programme of improvements viz. floodlighting, car Parking Changing Rooms & Clubhouse/Bar area	<b>2</b>	RFU, SE, SHDC, Kingsbridge Town Council
<b>Kingsbridge RFC</b>	Ground at capacity. Identified demand for two additional rugby pitches.	<b>PG/SH. Kingsbridge CA2.1 CA2.2</b>	A new rugby pitch has been installed on College land on West Alvington Hill. Clarify status and level of community use.	<b>1</b>	RFU, FA, SHDC, School
<b>Salcombe area</b>	Football club has recently formed and rugby pitch overused. Need for additional training facilities	<b>PG/SH2. Salcombe PG3.5</b>	Investigate demand/viability of MUGA to support training etc in football and rugby	<b>2</b>	RFU, FA, SHDC, Salcombe TC
<b>Two Meads, Salcombe</b>	One rugby pitch supporting number of teams; accommodates all matches and training. Pitch overused, but does not appear to be any alternative/additional sites	<b>Q1.6R</b>	Ensure pitch is well maintained to ensure capacity	<b>3</b>	RFU, club
<b>The Berry, Salcombe</b>	One pitch with recently formed football club. SWWA may be enlarging boundary to its adjacent water treatment works which will impact on desire to enlarge pitch to full size senior. Pitch drainage and maintenance requires improvement. No changing facilities	<b>Q1.1</b>	Potential for improvement: Provision of changing facilities. SWWA to confirm intentions re: extending boundary of water treatment works Improve pitch drainage and maintenance	<b>2</b>	FA, SHDC, club, town council, SWWA
<b>The Cellars, Beesands</b>	Sloping football pitch supporting on team.		**spare capacity but too costly to level/improve,	<b>3</b>	
<b>Poole Lane, East Allington</b>	One football pitch supporting two teams. Club does not own ground and lack of security of tenure means club unable to	<b>PG1.3; Q1.3</b>	Investigate how security of tenure can be improved and possible sources of funding to improve changing facilities.	<b>2</b>	FA, SHDC, club, parish council

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	get grant aid and improve facilities, Changing facilities poor.				
<b>Loddiswell Playing Fields</b>	One adult pitch with spare capacity on Sundays and during week.	<b>CA3.11</b>	Potential to increase use – juniors teams ?	<b>3</b>	FA, club, parish council
<b>Malborough Playing Fields</b>	Football: One adult, one junior 11v11 and one mini (last 2 pitches on cricket outfield) Pitches are satisfactory but Parish Council would like to improve them; however it is costly to hire correct equipment. The pitches are mainly meeting need originating in Kingsbridge.	<b>Q1.6;</b> <b>Q1.3</b> <b>CA1.1</b> <b>Q1.12</b> <b>Q1.16</b>	Joint approach with Kingsbridge Town Council to upgrade this site: jointly to provide appropriate equipment. Work with FA Regional Pitch Advisor Programme to assess quality, suggest ways to effectively improve the facilities and training to upskill groundsman/volunteers.	<b>1</b>	FA, ECB, Kingsbridge TC, parish council, clubs, SE, Active Devon
	Cricket: One artificial wicket, supports club. Operating within capacity, although reinstatement of grass wickets would greatly improve cricket experience.	<b>Q3.14</b>	Consider cost of reinstating grass wickets. Work with ECB Pitch Improvement Programme to assess quality, suggest ways to effectively improve the facilities and training to upskill groundsman/volunteers.		
<b>East Prawle/Slapton</b>	Several cricket grounds within rural areas – grounds not always apparent. Cricket being played on ad hoc basis. Important to sustain and support this,	<b>CA3.6</b> <b>PG1.4</b>	Promote the ethos of village cricket in sparsely populated and remote areas. Consider introduction of alternative forms of the game	<b>3</b>	ECB, SE, clubs
<b>Aveton Gifford Playing Field</b>	Kickabout area	<b>PG1.1</b>	Protect as playing field	<b>2</b>	SHDC, parish council
<b>Kingston Playing Field (jnr pitch)</b>	Junior pitch, used occasionally by Modbury youth team.	<b>PG1.1;</b> <b>CA3.11</b>	Potential to increase use but also protect as playing field	<b>2</b>	FA, club, SHDC, parish council
<b>Modbury Primary</b>	This school is identified as having junior/mini pitches, but no established community use.	<b>CA2.1</b> <b>CA2.2</b>	Obtain further information on pitch provision and contact school to discuss community use of facilities, to help overcome deficiencies in Modbury	<b>1</b>	SHDC, FA, Active Devon, schools
<b>Stokenham area</b>	Demand for multi-use games area (MUGA)	<b>PG3.5</b> <b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Stokenham</b>	Further investigate demand/viability of MUGA. Appraise suitable sites and management plan.	<b>2</b>	SHDC, Parish Council

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<b>Charleton CoE Primary School; Loddiswell Primary; Stokenham Primary; All Saints CoE Primary, Thurlestone</b>	These schools are identified as having junior/mini pitches, but no established community use.	<b>CA2.1</b> <b>CA2.2</b>	Obtain further information on pitch provision and contact school to discuss community use of facilities, to help overcome deficiencies	<b>2</b>	
<b>East Allington Primary; Holbeton School; Malborough with South Huish CoE Primary; Salcombe Primary</b>	Primary schools where pitch provision and extent of community use not known.	<b>CA2.1;</b> <b>CA2.2</b>	As above	<b>3</b>	SHDC, schools, SE

## 8.5 TOTNES SUB AREA

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>KEVICC, Totnes</b>	<b>South Hams Priority 2:</b> Sand based AGP at KEVICC is no longer suitable for matchplay and Dart Hockey Club has relocated to Exeter for its matches.	<b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Totnes</b> <b>PG3.3</b> <b>Q2.3</b> <b>Q2.4</b>	Replacement of existing sand based AGP. If this is not possible within the short term, an alternative site to be found within Totnes. If AGP replaced, designation of KEVICC as sports hub within Totnes (linking with Borough Park).	<b>1</b>	SE, EH, SHDC, School, hockey club
<b>KEVICC, Totnes</b>	KEVICC school playing fields used by football and rugby as overflow facilities	<b>CA2.4</b> <b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Totnes</b>	Protect pitches for community use. There is a costed proposal to drain the two pitches next to the Ariel Centre (upper site). Suggest advance this proposal; possibly by proceeds from sale of lower KEVICC site. Strategy identifies need for additional adult and two junior pitches to meet demand in Totnes	<b>2</b>	SHDC, Totnes TC, KEVICC, FA
<b>Borough Park, Totnes</b>	Totnes RFC experience problems with maintenance and some issues with poor drainage	<b>Q1.1R</b>	Review pitch maintenance schedule	<b>3</b>	SHDC, Tone Leisure, club

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<b>Totnes area</b>	Buoyant football and rugby activity in Totnes and Dartington. Training surface would be an advantage; depends on whether sand based AGP is replaced.	<b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Totnes</b> <b>PG3.2</b> <b>PG3.4</b>	In meantime, research sustainability of 3g AGP – considering size and surface for football and rugby.	<b>2</b>	SHDC, FA, RFU, Active Devon, schools
<b>Foxhole, Dartington</b>	Football pitch: A little spare capacity on Sundays and during week. Club would like longer playing hours and to extend clubhouse	<b>Q1.3;</b> <b>Q2.8</b>	Support provision for floodlights to expand playing hours and extension to clubhouse, to enable progression through League at appropriate time.	<b>2</b>	FA, SE, SHDC, club & Trust
<b>Foxhole, Dartington</b>	Cricket: Good ground other than poor artificial surfaces - both nets and wicket. Operating well within capacity at peak times and throughout the week.	<b>CA3.1C</b> <b>PG3.8</b>	Potential for increased use Support upgrade of artificial wicket and nets	<b>3</b>	ECB, SE, SHDC, club & Trust
<b>Meadowbrook, Dartington</b>	One adult football; spare capacity at peak times and during the week. Is room for a junior pitch (previously marked out)	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for increased use	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, club & Trust
<b>G J Churchward Memorial Ground, Stoke Gabriel</b>	Two adult football pitches. Site is at capacity. Requires 9v9 pitch and additional junior pitch space in Stoke Gabriel. Club unable to progress in league due to lack of floodlights, Club wish to improve changing/clubhouse.	<b>PG3.7; Q1.3</b> <b>PG/SH2.</b> <b>Stoke Gabriel</b>	Support for floodlights to enable team to progress. Support for improved changing/clubhouse Support for two additional junior pitches in Stoke Gabriel	<b>2</b>	FA, SHDC, club & SE
<b>J E Eastley Memorial Ground</b>	Cricket ground supporting active club. Ground is almost at capacity and grass square cannot be increased. Artificial wicket is in poor condition and doesn't look as though it is used – could help with increasing capacity	<b>PG3.9</b>	Support for replacement of artificial wicket (although not mentioned as an issue by club)	<b>2</b>	ECB, SE, SHDC, club
<b>Hookhills, Stoke Road pitches</b>	Private land with two mini pitches which have recently come in to use, essential facility for Stoke Gabriel FC	<b>PG1.1</b>	Record as pitches and protect as playing field. Consider provision of more pitches/land as above	<b>2</b>	FA, SHDC, club & SE
<b>Stoke Gabriel area</b>	Shortage of grass pitch provision in Stoke Gabriel area – provision of MUGA would assist training – potential at Churston Grammar School?	<b>PG/SH2.16</b>	Existing MUGA at Churston Grammar School – could be enhanced to provide football training facility?	<b>3</b>	School, club, Torbay Council, FA

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
<b>Palstone Park, South Brent</b>	One adult football pitch, one 11v11 junior pitch. Adult pitch has spare capacity at peak times & during week; junior pitch has spare capacity outside of peak times.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for greater use. Support for funding to renew access and car park area at ground	<b>2</b>	DNPA, FA, SHDC, club
<b>Palstone Park, South Brent</b>	Cricket pitch which overlaps, recent formation of cricket club. Ground has potential for further use and club would like to develop practice facilities	<b>PG3.8;</b>	Support for provision of non turf practice nets, mobile or temporary net cages.	<b>3</b>	ECB, SHDC, club, Town council, DNPA
<b>The Hams, Harbertonford</b>	One football pitch – spare capacity on Sundays.	<b>CA3.11</b>	Potential for increased use - juniors?	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, club & parish council
<b>Harberton cricket pitch, Stonehills</b>	Cricket ground on private land – operating well within capacity and spare capacity at peak times, although also used occasionally by Totnes & Dartington 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	<b>CA3.1C</b>	Potential for increased use	<b>3</b>	ECB, SHDC, club, parish council
<b>Harberton area</b>	Demand for multi-use games area (MUGA)	<b>PG3.5 PG/SH2. Harberton</b>	Further investigate demand/viability of MUGA. Appraise suitable sites and management plan.	<b>2</b>	SHDC, Parish Council
<b>Staverton Playing Fields</b>	One adult pitch; significant spare capacity at peak times and during the week	<b>CA3.11</b>	Potential for greater use – juniors?	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, club & parish council
<b>Jubilee Meadow, Marldon</b>	Football pitch: junior on cricket outfield. Restricted site. No teams based here		Potential for increased use but junior club prefers to play on Paignton Community College AGP	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, club, parish council
<b>Jubilee Meadow, Marldon</b>	Cricket: used by club – limited spare capacity	<b>CA3.1C</b>	Only limited potential for increased use without improvement to wicket	<b>3</b>	ECB, SHDC, club, parish council
<b>Diptford Playing Field</b>	No changing. Youth pitch – no recorded use Parish Council state pitch is uneven and needs improving with better nets and goals. Cost of grass cutting also an issue.	<b>Q1.14</b>	Support for Parish Council in improving pitch by provision of mowing equipment (also investigate possibility of maintenance equipment pool)	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, club, parish council
<b>Shinners Meadow, Dittisham</b>	One adult football; No changing facilities. Spare capacity at peak time and during week.	<b>Q1.3</b>	Potential for increased use – provision of changing facilities?	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, club, parish council

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<b>Cornworthy Football Pitch</b>	Cannot locate but recorded on internet. How active is the club? Are changing facilities required?	<b>Q1.3; PG1.1</b>	Establish community use? Log and protect as playing field	<b>3</b>	FA, SHDC, club, parish council
<b>Blackawton</b>	Have no grass pitches but parish council would like improved flat surface for soccer pitches. The community would use it, as at the moment the village team uses tennis courts for 5-a-side. Would also like MUGA with changing rooms to enhance community use.	<b>Q1.14; PG/SH2. Blackawton PG3.5</b>	Consider support for drainage/levelling to provide football pitch. Talk to school (see below). Further investigate demand/viability of MUGA. Appraise suitable sites and management plan.	<b>2</b>	FA, SHDC, club, parish council
<b>Blackawton Primary School</b>	Has 2 junior pitches; school happy for community use but would pitches need improving.	<b>CA2.1 CA2.2 CA2.4</b>	See above: Investigate potential of pitches to accommodate community use	<b>2</b>	SHDC, school, FA
<b>Berry Pomeroy Primary, Harbertonford CoE Primary, Landscope CoE Primary, Totnes St John's Primary</b>	These schools are identified as having junior/mini pitches, but no established community use.	<b>CA2.1 CA2.2</b>	Obtain further information on pitch provision and contact school to discuss community use of facilities, to help overcome deficiencies, particularly in Totnes	<b>2</b>	SHDC, FA, Active Devon, schools
<b>Dartington CoE Primary; Dipfford CoE Primary; South Brent Primary; Stoke Gabriel Primary; The Grove Primary.</b>	Primary schools where pitch provision and extent of community use not known.	<b>CA2.1; CA2.2</b>	As above	<b>3</b>	SHDC, schools, SE

## 9: Action Plans by Sub Areas and Sites: WEST DEVON

### SEE ALSO WEST DEVON PG/WD2

#### 9.1 NORTH SUB AREA

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
Okehampton	<b>West Devon Priority 2:</b> Provision of additional facilities for rugby in Okehampton	<b>PG/WD2. Okehampton</b>	Provision of two additional rugby pitches; one with training lights as a minimum to meet current needs. See Section 6.	<b>1</b>	WDBC, SE, Active Devon, RFU, clubs, OCRA
Okehampton	<b>West Devon Priority 2:</b> Provision of additional facilities for football in Okehampton	<b>PG/WD2. Okehampton</b>	Access to at least two additional football pitches plus two junior and two mini pitches to meet current and future needs. See Section 6 for further details.	<b>1</b>	FA, WDBC, SE, Active Devon, RFU, clubs, OCRA
Okehampton AGP	<b>West Devon Priority 2:</b> Provision of additional facilities for football and rugby in Okehampton. Need for training facility	<b>PG/WD2. Okehampton PG3.2/3.4</b>	Investigate further viability/demand for 3g AGP/training facility in Okehampton at Okehampton Community College to meet training needs for football and rugby. See Section 6. Consider provision of mobile training lights (and storage) for rugby & football as interim measure.	<b>1</b>	WDBC, SE, Active Devon, RFU, FA clubs, OCRA, Okehampton Community College
Okehampton Community College land, Okehampton	<b>West Devon Priority 2:</b> This site has a range of outdoor facilities; one adult football and 2 rugby pitches on school land, a sand based artificial turf pitch, a football pitch leased to Okehampton Argyle FC, an artificial cricket wicket and other land. Pitches intensively used/at capacity; improve quality.	<b>Q1.1F; Q1.14 Q2.4 PG3.13</b>	Support for enhancement of pitches through improved drainage. Designation as sports hub site Support for expansion of cricket to full square etc	<b>1</b>	WDBC, FA SE, Okehampton Community College, RFU, ECB, OCRA, clubs
Simmons Park, Okehampton Argyle AFC ground	<b>West Devon Priority 2:</b> Okehampton Argyle FC cannot progress through the league as it does not have floodlights	<b>PG3.7</b>	Floodlights to enable progression through the league	<b>2</b>	FA, club, WDBC

<b>Okehampton Rugby Club main pitch</b>	One adult rugby pitch. Collapsed drainage causing pitch to subside. Overused. Club wishes to run ladies and girls' teams, but inadequate changing.	<b>Q1.3R</b>	Collapsed drainage needs attention. New changing facilities to accommodate ladies and girls.	<b>2</b>	SE, RFU, club, WDBC
<b>Okehampton Rugby Club 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch</b>	Collapsed drainage causing pitch to subside. Poor lighting. 2nd XV pitch a priority for the club and now is on RFU radar.	<b>Q1.1R;</b> <b>Q2.8R</b>	To remedy poor drainage. Rugby club requires floodlit training area – see need for rugby pitch provision above	<b>1</b>	Sport England PPF Fund, RFU, club, WDBC
<b>The War Memorial Ground, Chagford</b>	Football: Two adult pitches, on cricket outfield. Spare capacity at peak times and during the week. Floodlights and perimeter fencing would benefit (Chagford FC)	<b>CA3.11;</b> <b>PG3.7</b>	Potential for greater use – juniors?.	<b>2</b>	FA, club, DNPA
<b>The War Memorial Ground, Chagford</b>	Urgent need for net facilities for youth and adults. Relocate and enhance existing nets away from tree roots.	<b>PG3.8</b>	Relocate/provide cricket nets for youth and adult practice.	<b>2</b>	Club, ECB, DNPA
<b>Chagford Primary School</b>	School is being redeveloped and new replacement junior pitch will be provided.	<b>PG1.1;</b> <b>CA2.4</b>	Secure replacement junior pitch for community use . Develop community use in tandem with Chagford FC	<b>3</b>	DPNA, school, FA, club, SE
<b>Chagford</b>	Small town with range of pitch sport activity. Need for MUGA to meet training needs – preferably 3g surface	<b>PG/WD2.</b> <b>Chagford</b> <b>PG3.5</b>	Further investigate demand/viability of MUGA. Appraise suitable sites and management plan.	<b>3</b>	DPNA, school, FA, club, SE, WDBC
<b>Chagford</b>	Future need for access to two junior pitches established	<b>PG/WD2.</b> <b>Chagford</b>	Consider sites for provision of junior pitches; one could be met by provision of community use at school	<b>3</b>	DPNA, school, FA, club, SE, WDBC
<b>Hatherleigh Football Pitch</b>	One adult football pitch, Spare capacity on Sundays	<b>CA3.11</b>	Potential for greater use – no juniors?	<b>3</b>	FA, club
<b>Hatherleigh Cricket Pitches</b>	Two cricket grounds for Hatherleigh Cricket Club. No apparent issues				
<b>The Wordens, North Tawton</b>	One adult and two mini pitches. Room for junior pitch. Nearing capacity. Has cricket nets.	<b>Q2.11</b>	Improve changing and kitchen facilities and increase pitch maintenance	<b>2</b>	FA, SE, WDBC, club
<b>Taw Meadow, North Tawton RFC</b>	This is a large ground with one adult, an undersized adult and a junior pitch and separate adult pitch on adjoining area.	<b>CA3.1R</b>	Potential for increased use	<b>3</b>	RFU, club, WDBC
<b>North Tawton cricket pitch</b>	This is no longer in use as a cricket ground (has reverted to farmland?). However,	<b>PG1.1</b>	Safeguard cricket pitch – may be needed in the future	<b>2</b>	

	there are cricket nets on the football ground, suggesting some demand		Consider establishing a cricket wicket at The Wordens? (football ground)		
<b>Bratton Clovelly</b>	Junior pitch – no recorded use.	<b>PG1.1</b>	Protect as playing field	<b>2</b>	WDBC, parish council
<b>South Zeal Football Pitch</b>	Small adult pitch here. Poor quality. As the pitch is a community playing fields events are held throughout the year which increases traffic on the pitch which affects the overall quality. If funding can be secured it is proposed that major works are carried out during the closed season June 2015	<b>Q1.1</b>	Support for improved drainage to pitch	<b>2</b>	FA, SE, DNPA, club
<b>Northlew football pitch</b>	<b>West Devon Priority 2:</b> No longer in use	<b>PG1.1</b> <b>Q1.4</b>	Protect as playing field. Consider improvements to bring back into use to help meet demand for football pitches in Okehampton area	<b>2</b>	WDBC, parish council, FA, OCRA
<b>Follygate &amp; Inwardleigh AFC</b>	<b>West Devon Priority 2:</b> No longer in use	<b>PG1.1</b> <b>Q1.4</b>	Protect as playing field. Consider improvements to bring back into use to help meet demand for football pitches in Okehampton area	<b>2</b>	WDBC, parish council, FA, OCRA
<b>Bridestowe Cricket pitch</b>	Cricket ground, well used. Club would like Non-turf pitch, sight screens, covers	<b>PG3.9</b>	Support for general improvements to facilities	<b>3</b>	WDBC, ECB, club, parish council
<b>Bridestowe Playing Field</b>	Have heard reference to pitch, but cannot locate				
<b>Belstone Cricket pitch</b>	Cricket ground, good quality and well used. Aspiration to enhance pavilion	<b>Q1.3</b>	Support to extend/rebuild pavilion	<b>3</b>	ECB, club, DNPA
<b>Spreyton Cricket pitch</b>	Cricket ground used by friendly team; artificial wicket of poor quality.	<b>PG3.9</b>	Replace artificial wicket?	<b>3</b>	ECB, club,
<b>Drewsteignton playing field</b>	Kickabout area	<b>PG1.1</b>	Protect as playing field	<b>3</b>	DPNA, parish council
<b>Sticklepath playing field</b>	Kickabout area	<b>PG1.1</b>	Protect as playing field	<b>3</b>	DPNA, parish council
<b>Boasley Cross Community Primary; Bridestowe Primary; Hatherleigh Primary; Highampton Primary;</b>	These schools are identified as having junior/mini pitches, but no established community use.	<b>CA2.1</b> <b>CA2.2</b>	Obtain further information on pitch provision and contact school to discuss community use of facilities, to help overcome deficiencies,	<b>2</b>	SHDC, FA, Active Devon, schools

Lewtrenchard CoE Primary; South Tawton Primary					
Exbourne CoE Primary; North Tawton Community Primary; Northlew & Ashbury CoE Primary; Okehampton Primary, Spreyton School	Primary schools where pitch provision and extent of community use not known.	CA2.1; CA2.2	As above. Particular focus on Okehampton Primary School	3	SHDC, schools, SE

## 9.2 SOUTH SUB AREA

Site	Issue	Action Ref.	Action	Priority	Who should deliver the action?
Crowndale Site, Tavistock	<b>West Devon Priority 3:</b> Provision of additional facilities for football in Tavistock to meet current and future demand	<b>PG/WD2. Tavistock Q2.4</b>	Provision of 1 x senior and junior and mini football pitches; preferably adjacent to existing provision at Crowndale	1	FA, SE, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, club
Crowndale Site, Tavistock	<b>West Devon Priority 3:</b> Crowndale site would benefit from a range of improvements to benefit player experience, enhance capacity and improve sustainability of club	<b>Q1.9F</b>	Support for ongoing general improvements; clubhouse extension, car park, lighting. Sustainability of club	1	FA, SE, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, club
Langsford Park, Tavistock	<b>West Devon Priority 3:</b> Tavistock AFC's ground is overused. Enhanced facilities required to enable progression through the league	<b>Q1.1F PG3.7 Q1.12</b>	Improved drainage to increase pitch capacity Replacement floodlights & hard standing pitch perimeter path to enable progression through league Engage with IOG Regional Pitch Advisor Programme (Pitch Improvement Visit).	1	FA, SE, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, club
Athletics track pitch at Tavistock Community College	<b>West Devon Priority 3:</b> Football pitch experiences poor drainage and is underused as a result.	<b>Q1.1F</b>	Improved drainage to increase pitch capacity	2	FA, SE, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, Tavistock Community College

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Tavistock Community College	Tavistock 3g AGP: to ensure sustainability and continued quality of pitch	PG3.1	Monitor sinking fund for replacement of pitch and adequate maintenance	2	FA, SE, WEBC, School
Tavistock RFC	<b>West Devon Priority 3:</b> The study of demand in Tavistock in 2013 identified the need for an additional rugby pitch to meet future demand	PG/WD2. Tavistock	Additional rugby pitch to meet demand in future	2	RFU, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, SE
Sandy Lane, Tavistock RFC	<b>West Devon Priority 3:</b> Three of Tavistock RFC's four rugby pitches at Sandy Lane are on private land which does not have security of tenure.	PG1.4	Need to ensure security of tenure of 3 rented pitches or find an alternative site.	1	RFU, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, SE, club
	Pitch benefits from having separate training area next to pitch; although poor drainage of training pitch can put more pressure on to main pitch for training, hence reducing any **spare capacity.	Q1.1R	Improved drainage of training pitch	1	RFU, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, SE, club
Tavistock Community College artificial cricket wicket	<b>West Devon Priority 4:</b> Artificial wicket installed in 2012.	CA3.5	Establish and develop community use	1	ECB, Tavistock Community College, Tavistock Cricket club
Tavistock	<b>West Devon Priority 4:</b> Growth in activity associated with new artificial wicket may lead to demand for additional grass cricket facilities.	PG/WD2. Tavistock CA2.5	Keep under review requirement for additional cricket pitch in Tavistock. Negotiate better access to cricket pitch at Mount Kelly, perhaps through investment for community use.	2	ECB, WDBC, Tavistock TC
The Ring, Whitchurch Down	<b>West Devon Priority 4:</b> Home ground of Tavistock Cricket Club, a thriving club with a range of teams. The pavilion requires major updating.	Q1.3	Substantial upgrade of pavilion	1	ECB, SE, WDBC, Tavistock TC, club
Whitchurch House	<b>West Devon Priority 4:</b> Cricket ground on private land used by (Whitchurch Wayfarers CC). Future of club compromised by lack of security of tenure.	PG1.4; PG1.3	Confirm security of tenure. If not possible, address possible loss of Whitchurch House ground by negotiating replacement cricket pitch and/or securing access to another (private school?) pitch.	1	ECB, SE, WDBC, club

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Mount Kelly, Tavistock	<b>West Devon Priority 5:</b> Sand based AGP at Mount Kelly is in urgent need of refurbishment and updated changing facilities. (Club & school investigating the possibility of new sand AGP at prep. school site)	<b>PG/WD2. Tavistock PG3.3; Q1.3</b>	Upgrade of existing AGP pitch and new changing facilities or complete replacement within 2 to 3 years. If community use cannot be guaranteed (see below), consider provision of new AGP on another site to meet demand from existing and future activity by Tavistock Hockey Club	<b>1</b>	EH, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, SE, club
Tavistock	<b>West Devon Priority 5:</b> Growth of Tavistock Hockey Club is being constrained through restricted access to sand based AGP, due to school use. Ideally additional pitch time is required for matchplay and development of juniors	<b>PG3.3</b>	Improve access for Tavistock HC at the Mount Kelly AGP, particularly on Saturday afternoons for matchplay.	<b>1</b>	EH, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council, SE, club
Bere Alston Playing Field	One adult football pitch hosting one team. Spare capacity at site at peak time and during week.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for greater use	<b>3</b>	FA, WDBC, Parish Council, club
Fillace Park, Horrabridge	Two adult football pitches. One requires remarking to 9v9 pitch. Options for pitch sizes restricted since concrete footpath placed across site. Pitch quality could be improved.	<b>Q1.3; Q2.10 PG/WD2. Horrabridge</b>	Upgrade pavilion/changing facilities (poor). Remark to 9v9 pitch Improve pitch quality.	<b>2</b>	FA, DNPA, Parish Council, club
Horrabridge Primary School	The primary school has a junior pitch used by local youth teams. The school aspires to have a floodlit MUGA, which would meet training needs of junior teams.	<b>Q3.5 PG3.5</b>	Further investigate demand/viability of MUGA. Develop management plan.	<b>3</b>	FA, WDBC, Parish Council, school
Lamerton Playing Field	Adult football pitch supporting one team. Spare capacity at peak time and during the week.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for greater use	<b>3</b>	FA, WDBC, Parish Council, club
Lewdown Playing Field	Adult football pitch on cricket outfield supporting one team. Spare capacity at peak time and during the week.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for greater use. Possible room for junior pitch to help meet demand at nearby Lifton	<b>3</b>	FA, WDBC, Parish Council, club
	Cricket ground supporting a range of teams. No apparent issues.				

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<b>Lifton Recreation Ground</b>	Adult Football pitch on cricket outfield supporting range of teams.	<b>Q1.4</b>	At capacity – but little potential for improvements to ground to increase capacity.	<b>3</b>	FA, WDBC, Parish Council, club
<b>Lifton Recreation Ground</b>	Cricket wicket within football pitch. Used by Lewdown 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI occasionally. No issues				
<b>Mary Tavy Recreation Ground</b>	This ground has two adult football pitches and a smaller pitch; only one pitch is in use at present (by Princetown FC). Spare capacity at peak time and during the week.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Two pitches not used. Improve changing	<b>3</b>	FA, DNPA, Parish Council
<b>DCC field, Mary Tavy</b>	Field owned by DCC used by primary school (off site) for games and other village sporting events but lacks toilets	<b>Q1.8</b>	Provision of toilets?	<b>3</b>	Parish Council, FA
<b>Princetown</b>	Disused MUGA adjacent to new football pitch. Demand/opportunity for upgrading?	<b>PG/WD2. Princetown PG3.5</b>	Further investigate demand/viability of MUGA. Develop management plan.	<b>2</b>	FA, DNPA, Parish Council, SE, club
<b>Princetown Playing Field</b>	Newly installed pitch but should be able to be used. Club would like pitch to be fenced off		Start using! Set up management and maintenance plan	<b>1</b>	FA, WDBC, Parish Council, club
<b>Walkhampton Memorial Playing Field</b>	One adult football pitch on cricket outfield. Poor quality. Spare capacity at peak time.	<b>Q1.1/Q1.14</b>	Potential for greater use? and pitch improvement	<b>3</b>	FA, DNPA, Parish Council, club
<b>Walkhampton Memorial Playing Field</b>	Cricket pitch used by Yelverton Bohemians 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI. Operating within theoretical capacity and spare capacity at peak times	<b>CA3.1C</b>	Potential for greater use	<b>3</b>	ECB, DNPA, Parish Council, club
<b>War Memorial Recreation Field, Yelverton</b>	Adult football pitch. Spare capacity at peak times and during the week.	<b>CA3.1F</b>	Potential for greater use	<b>3</b>	FA, DNPA, Parish Council, club
<b>Langdon Park, Yelverton</b>	Yelverton Bohemians CC. Club has outdated/inadequate maintenance equipment and suffers from lack of security of tenure - although been on site for c70 years. Non turf pitch/mobile nets required. Evidence of shorter wicket being cut on outfield to protect square.	<b>PG3.9; PG1.4</b>	Support for improvement to facilities and equipment (artificial wicket and non-turf nets) to increase capacity	<b>2.</b>	ECB, WDBC, Parish Council, club

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<b>Lady Seaton Playing Field, Crapstone</b>	Cricket pitch for Buckland Monachorum CC, a growing club. Non turf pitch and fixed non turf nets desired by club	<b>PG3.8</b> & <b>PG3.9</b>	Support for artificial turf wicket and nets?	<b>3</b>	ECB, WDBC, Parish Council, club
<b>Lydford Recreation Ground</b>	Single cricket pitches with one team – no issues, but spare capacity at peak times and during the week.	<b>CA3.1C</b>	Potential for increased use	<b>3</b>	ECB, WDBC/DNPA, club, Parish Council
<b>Elephant's Nest, Horndon</b>					
<b>Milton Abbot cricket pitch</b>					
<b>Whitchurch Common football pitch</b>	There was a football pitch marked out (and mapped) at this site, but no longer used or really evident	<b>PG1.1</b>	No longer in use; protect as playing field?	<b>3</b>	FA, DNPA, club, Parish Council
<b>Brentor Cricket Pitch (DNPA)</b>	Brentor cricket pitch lies a little way outside the village and is not used at present. Cost of maintenance is major issue for parish council. Future of pitch being considered at present; may be relocated nearer to village	<b>PG1.1</b>	Support for replacement/retention of cricket pitch Assistance with maintenance for parish council Potential for greater use	<b>2</b>	ECB, WDBC, club, Parish Council, DPNA
<b>Whitchurch Community Primary school</b>	Potential for greater use of junior pitch. Currently no community use but has been used in past by football club; happy for community use, although no changing facilities nor toilets available..	<b>CA2.2</b> <b>CA2.2</b> <b>CA2.4;</b>	Support for improvements to school facilities and securement of community use	<b>3</b>	FA, WDBC, parish council, school
<b>St Andrews Primary School, Buckland Monachorum</b>	School would like to provide a community MUGA and improve its pitch provision. Makes strong case for need for facilities as training venue for many village football clubs; no alternative provision in area	<b>PG/WD2.</b> <b>Buckland Monachorum</b> <b>CA2.4;</b> <b>PG3.5</b>	Further investigate demand/viability of MUGA. Develop management plan.	<b>2</b>	FA, DNPA, parish council, school, SE
<b>St Peters CoE Junior School, Tavistock</b>	School would like to improve drainage of pitch area (lower field) and provide changing facilities	<b>CA2.2</b> <b>CA2.3</b> <b>CA2.4</b>	Support for improvements to school facilities and securement of community use	<b>2</b>	FA, WDBC, parish council, school, SE
<b>Cheltham Senior School, Bere Alston; Mount Kelly Tavistock; Tavistock Community Primary; Bere Alston Primary; Lydford</b>	These schools are identified as having junior/mini pitches, but no established community use.	<b>CA2.1</b> <b>CA2.2</b>	Obtain further information on pitch provision and contact school to discuss community use of facilities, to help overcome deficiencies,	<b>2</b>	SHDC, FA, Active Devon, schools

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Primary; Milton Abbot School					
Gulworthy Primary; Lady Modiford's CoE Primary, Walkhampton; Lamerton CoE Primary; Lifton Community Primary; Meavy CoE Primary	Primary schools where pitch provision and extent of community use not known.	CA2.1; CA2.2	As above.	3	SHDC, schools, SE

# 10: Implementation of the Action Plans and Monitoring

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## Funding

- 10.1 Given the potential level of funding required, it is likely that investment will only be achieved through a combination of opportunities and funding sources as well as partnership opportunities.
- 10.2 Local authority finances are currently under pressure and previous major national funding programmes are no longer available. Some funding opportunities, however, still remain; for example, individual school capital grants have replaced BSF and Sport England now has more clearly defined capital available through its 'Places People Play' Legacy funding programme. While the education capital funding programmes will continue to change over time, there will still be a need for investment to take place on school sites during the strategy period and opportunities for joint projects may arise.
- 10.3 South Hams and West Devon Council and their partners will seek to use assets innovatively and work on a multi-agency approach to address the facility requirements in the strategy. The main funding delivery mechanisms for the Councils and their partners in delivering the strategy are:
- Section 106 developer contributions and potentially the Community Infrastructure Levy
  - Capital Grant funding: From schools and national agencies such as Sport England, including its Iconic Facilities, Improvement Fund and Inspired Facilities programmes as well as Protection of Playing Fields Funds
  - National Governing Body (NGB) support
  - Council funding: capital funding allocated to deliver facilities within the council's ownership, and potentially the use of capital receipts from the sale of existing assets
  - Education and Further Education sector: while the previous sources of funding (including BSF and Primary Schools Programme) have changed and the scale of the education capital programmes have been reduced, the education sector is still likely to be a key funding stream.

## Implementation

- 10.4 The principles and findings of the Playing Pitch Strategy can be applied to support a variety of different outcomes, including;
- Sports development planning
  - Informing planning policy and planning applications
  - Supporting funding bids
  - Facilitating decision making relating to facility and asset management

- Informing capital programmes and related investment
  - Informing the role of playing pitch provision and participation in pitch sports on public health and contributing towards the achievement of wider aims and objectives.
- 10.5 The evolving context of participation in sport and active recreation means that monitoring and review of the strategy is as important as the initial preparation of the document to ensure it remains sufficiently robust to fulfill the above roles.
- 10.6 Reflecting the importance of this phase of work, monitoring of the strategy represents Step 10 of the approach to the production of a playing pitch strategy set out in the guidance for the delivery of a playing pitch Strategy (Sport England 2013).
- 10.7 A draft of the Playing Pitch Strategy was sent out as part of supporting evidence for Our Plan (West Devon) and revised accordingly. The final South Hams and West Devon Playing Pitch Strategy was circulated to the Steering Group for sign off during November 2015. NGBs were invited to circulate the report to their clubs for any comments/updates which could then be taken on board at the Steering Group's first Review Meeting in January 2016. The Review meeting in January 2016 will decide when future reviews will take place and whether these will be on a six month or annual basis.
- 10.8 Formal South Hams Consultation will be part of 'Our Plan' (South Hams) consultation in 2016 and comments from this will be picked up by the Steering Group at the appropriate review meeting later in the year.
- 10.9 The steering group will be committed to keeping the strategy alive through;
- Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions and identifying any changes that are required to the priority afforded to each action
  - Recording changes to the pitch stock in the area and evaluating the impact of this on the supply and demand information
  - Assessing the impact of changes to participation, including changing trends and the development of new formats of the game as well as affiliation data for each of the National Governing Bodies of Sport
  - Assessing the impact of demographic changes and new population estimates / housing growth
  - Ongoing consultation to understand the evolving needs of clubs and governing bodies, and any requirements for major facilities in the area
  - Analysis of funding sources and new funding opportunities for the provision/improvement of sports facilities
  - Reviewing growth of emerging sports, their participation rates, facilities available for them and likely facilities necessary for their support and development.
- 10.10 The Steering Group will initially agree which of the actions should be taken forward in the short term (now -2 years); medium term (up to 5 years) and longer term (up to 10 years), and also agree who the main partners should be in taking the relevant actions forward.
- 10.11 The Steering Group may also consider such matters as support for the creation of sport specific forums to discuss issues arising and to lead the delivery of the strategy in conjunction with key partners.

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