

South Hams and West Devon Playing Pitch Strategy

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1 INTRODUCTION

Rationale and scope

1.1 The previous South Hams and West Devon Playing Pitch Strategy was produced early in 2015 and now requires updating. Both that Strategy and this new Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) are developed in line with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, October 2013. As previously, this PPS will have a multi-functional role, being used across Council service areas and supporting the work of external organisations with an interest in playing pitch provision within South Hams and West Devon Councils (SHWD). Having such a Playing Pitch Strategy that sets clear priorities for sport, based around robust evidence, has already been proven to put the Council and its delivery partners in the best position to take advantage of funding and investment opportunities.

1.2 This Playing Pitch Strategy will thus continue to play a vital role in encouraging increased sporting activity and promoting health and wellbeing by ensuring there is a good supply of high-quality playing pitch facilities within these two Council areas to meet the current and future needs of local residents.

1.3 The new PPS will, amongst other purposes:

- provide evidence to inform management and investment decisions, particularly in the increasingly challenging economic and wellbeing climate.
- support the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (the 'JLP') adopted in March 2019, in particular in the growth areas around Woolwell and Sherford.
- provide planning guidance in relation to pitch provision and quality standards which can be used to in developer negotiations and decision-taking.
- Inform the allocation of s106 funding and other funding sources.
- help to advance collaborative working with stakeholders from the outset and ensure the right structures for delivery are set up in Stage E.

1.4 This PPS covers the sports of football, cricket, rugby union, hockey. Playing fields are used for a variety of other pitch based sports, for example, american football, rugby league, lacrosse, rounders, baseball and shinty. No formal play in these sports has been recorded in the study area although it is acknowledged that there may some informal activity or that these sports may take place in the future. Playing fields are of course used for a wide variety of other informal leisure and recreational activities and form an integral part of the open space network, which is dealt with in the South Hams District Council Open Space, Sport and Recreation (OSSR) Study (Quantity, Quality and Accessibility Standards); 2017. The need for the PPS to link to and acknowledge other sports, facilities and activities is timely, give Sport England's current strategy and work around Active Environments. Consideration within this PPS is also given to the provision of all facilities that allow sports to

be played, such as synthetic turf pitches (referred to in this report as 'artificial grass pitches' or AGPs).

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1.5 Appreciating the spatial spread of the two authorities is key to understanding local sports participation and the most effective, sustainable way of providing facilities. Whilst comprising around just 12% of Devon's population, SHWD Councils take up 31% of Devon's land area and between them border eight of the ten local authorities in Devon. There are several areas of cross-border coordination, primarily:

- Derriford and Northern Corridor Growth Area: North Plymouth/Woolwell/Roborough/Bickleigh Down area (Plymouth/South Hams)
- Eastern Corridor Growth Area: Plymstock/Sherford/Staddiscombe area (Plymouth/South Hams)
- Tavistock/Launceston (West Devon/Cornwall)
- Towns which lie in the Dartmoor National Park Authority planning area (South Brent, Yelverton, Horrabridge, Chagford & Mary Tavy).

1.6 It was decided at the outset of the process that in order to assist in producing a targeted and effective action plan, the area would be split into seven sub areas, these being Dartmouth, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Totnes and the 'Urban Fringe' for South Hams and West Devon North and West Devon South for West Devon. The 'Urban Fringe' sub area is an additional area to those used in previous studies and encompasses the parishes which overlap with the Plymouth Plan Area of the JLP. This covers the strategic growth at Woolwell and Sherford and informs plans and strategies for these areas.

1.7 Sport England has a methodology for local authorities to follow when producing playing pitch strategies, comprising of five distinct stages (The Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance; 2013). Stage A is the set-up phase and Stage B, the supply and demand information gathering phase. Stage C is the assessment and analysis of needs. Two documents from Stages B and C underpin the Strategy; they are:

Stage B: South Hams and West Devon PPS Stage B Database

Stage C: South Hams and West Devon PPS Stage C Needs Assessment Report (supply, demand and analysis information on a sport by sport basis)

1.8 This stage - Stage D - brings together the key findings and issues from the three sub areas and comprise two documents: the Strategy (this document) and the Site Action Plans. Stage E will be focused on implementation, delivery and monitoring.

1.9 The Steering Group for the Strategy comprised officers from the Assets and Place

Making teams at South Hams and West Devon Councils and representatives from Sport England, England RFU, England Hockey, the Devon FA, the Football Foundation, Active Devon, the England & Wales Cricket Board and Devon Cricket.

Context

1.10 The Strategy looks forward to the facilities required over the next 13 years, to 2034. It also seemed pragmatic to initially predict the number of teams which will be in operation up to 2026 as an interim date. The Needs Assessment documents set out in detail how the increase in team numbers has been derived. The Strategy will require continual

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monitoring once adopted (Stage E) to ensure it remains current and will require formal updating within three (2024) years.

1.11 Appendix 1 shows the estimated population growth by sub area to 2034. For the purposes of planning for sports pitch provision, these estimates provide a robust basis for estimating future numbers of teams, pitches and land area required for playing fields (Appendix 2) but are not recommended as a basis for planning for other infrastructure.

1.12 Overall, the population of South Hams is expected to grow by around 20%, from 90,887 in 2021 to 108,643 in 2034. In the South Hams, Kingsbridge and Totnes show growth rates of 5% and under; Ivybridge is expected to grow by about 8% and Dartmouth, by 14%. However, the main growth will occur in two areas of the Urban Fringe Sub Area. Woolwell is predicted to increase by 95% from 3,964 now to 7,739 in 2034 and Sherford is predicted to increase almost fourfold from 2,225 now to 10,503 in 2034.

1.13 In West Devon, the population is expected to increase by 8% from 57,282 in 2021 to 61,976 in 2034 and both sub areas (North and South) exhibit similar rates growth.

1.14 As far as the age profile is concerned, ONS based population projections for South Hams and West Devon show that the proportion of the population within the 'active participation age groups' (5-69 years) will stay roughly the same. Within this, the following is expected:

- a decline in the mini pitch sport age range (5-9 years) (up to 7% in South Hams and 13% in West Devon).
- the proportion of people in the youth pitch sports age range (10-19 years) will stay roughly the same as now (with a slight decline in West Devon).
- a 10% growth in the 35-45 years age range, but with numbers in the adult age range (20-34 years and 46 to 69 years) staying roughly the same. □ the 70 years plus age range is predicted to grow by 30%.

1.15 It is not possible to project participation rates for age groups for smaller sub areas as data is not available on this basis. However, evidence shows that a high proportion of new homes go to newly-forming households already living in the area

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and new build estates generally tend to attract a younger demographic than surrounding populations. These factors have been taken into account in planning for sports teams and facilities in areas such as Woolwell and Sherford.

1.16 The Active Lives Survey is Sport England's latest way of measuring sport and activity across England and replaces the Active People Survey. As well as measuring sporting participation, it provides a measure of some of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) identified in the Government's strategy 'Sporting Futures' and is able to give a much more nuanced understanding of behaviour.

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Table 1.1: COMPARATIVE ADULT (16+) PARTICIPATION IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Group	South Hams May 2019/20	West Devon May 2019/20	Devon May 2019/20	England May 2019/20
Active (150+ minutes a week)	73.9%	67.9%	70.3%	62.8%
Fairly Active (30-149 minutes a week)	9.1%	10.3%	9.2%	11.7%
Inactive (<30 minutes a week)	17.0%	21.9%	20.4%	25.5%

Source: Data from Sport England Active Lives Survey November 19/20 Published April 2021

1.17 It is noteworthy that the data was recorded during the first Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, and South Hams is shown to be faring better than the regional and national scenario i.e. a greater percentage of adults are active and a fewer percentage are inactive. West Devon is shown to be faring better than the national scenario, although slightly behind the average activity levels for the county.

1.18 The consultants would like to express their sincere thanks to the Steering Group and the many clubs, leagues and facility operators and managers who contributed to the study, particularly through the Covid-19 pandemic. We are particularly grateful to the many volunteers who run local pitch sport clubs and have given up their time to provide us with information and comment. In addition, consultation with the Secondary Schools in South Hams and West Devon has identified a number of aspirations and proposals which are closely linked to the PPS and have been incorporated (see Appendix 3).

2 STRATEGY VISION AND THEMES

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (revised July 2021) requires that planning policy making and decision taking should consider the role of health and wellbeing in planning and has stringent policies around the protection of playing fields, the disposal of which can only be considered if robust evidence can be provided to support alternative, equal and replacement provision. Particularly since local authorities took on new public health responsibilities in 2013, an increasing range of statutory, corporate and planning documents, including Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Sport England and National Governing Body (NGB) strategies, reiterate the importance of creating healthy environments which can support and benefit people's wellbeing – both physical and mental.

2.2 A variety of national policy documents set the scene for the Strategy in this report. These include: 'Sport England's Playing Field Policy and Guidance (2018 – Updated December 2021) and Sport England's 'Planning for Sport Guidance' (2019) which sets out 12 guiding principles under the three objectives of 'Protect, Enhance and Provide'. Its new 10 Year Strategy: 'Uniting the Movement' has five key themes including 'Positive experiences for children and young people'; 'Connecting with health and wellbeing' and 'Active Environments'. The various National Governing Body Strategies have many common themes around the sustainability of pitch sport provision and focusing on participation by women and girls and young people.

2.3 In line with the Council's direction as outlined in its Corporate Strategy 2018-2023 (which is currently being revised) and Sport England's new Strategy 'Uniting the Movement' (2021), the following Vision for the PPS is proposed:

"To protect, conserve and enhance playing pitch facilities as active environments in partnership with local stakeholders and communities so that they make a positive impact on the lives of local people. Provision should be sustainable and easily accessible to all, encourage greater participation and sporting excellence and help to improve people's physical and mental wellbeing, by strengthening the links between physical activity, sport and health. "

2.4 Developed from the above, there are a number of overarching objectives which run across all sports and which are presented here. Related action points are contained within the accompanying document: Stage D – Draft Strategy Action Plans.

- Objective 1** To protect and improve the current stock of playing fields and to ensure there is appropriate provision for the pitch sports within new developments
- Objective 2** To encourage and support the secure community use of pitch sports facilities on education sites

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- Objective 3** To develop and maintain high quality sustainable multi pitch sport sites wherever possible
- Objective 4** To ensure playing pitch facilities contribute to improving the health and well being of everyone in the community
- Objective 5** To ensure appropriate monitoring of the Strategy and its ongoing delivery

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A playing field is defined (in planning terms) as “the whole of a site which encompasses at least one playing pitch”. A playing pitch may have either a natural or artificial grass surface and is defined as “a delineated area which, together with any run-off area, is of 0.2 hectares or more, and which is used for association football, American football, rugby, cricket, hockey, lacrosse, rounders, baseball, softball, Australian football, Gaelic football, shinty, hurling, polo or cycle polo.”

The current level of playing field provision, whether grass or artificial or in public, private or educational ownership, should be protected where the Strategy shows a clear need now or in the future. In areas where there is sufficient playing field provision to meet future demand and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport, proposals for development should be considered in line with local planning policies and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (para. 99; July 2021) and Sport England’s Playing Field Policy and Guidance (2018 – Updated December 2021).

It is important to ensure that all new developments have adequate and appropriate provision for this pitch sports which is complementary to existing provision and makes the optimum use of existing resources and facilities available.

This is with particular reference to the housing growth planned for the Woolwell area of the South Hams, which will also serve the existing residential population in this area and in parts of north Plymouth. There are existing sports facilities here which meet the needs of local clubs and some from further afield and also need to be protected. Whilst new provision cannot make up existing shortfalls, it is important that any new facilities provided are sustainable and enable economies of scale and good design to ensure long term viability. In the longer term, current allocations for new pitch provision in Sherford may need to be revisited, as trends and participation patterns change.

There is a need to maintain appropriate and high quality facilities to enable clubs to move up through the leagues, including ancillary provision such as changing facilities, perimeter fencing and floodlighting. A number of clubs highlighted their requirements for training facilities may be met on artificial grass pitches and through the provision of portable floodlights on suitable areas adjacent to marked pitches.

Within the JLP, SO (Strategic Objective) 11 – Delivering High Quality Development - is linked to Policy DEV3 on the protection of sport and recreation facilities (based on the above policies) and Policy DEV4 on providing an appropriate level of playing field facilities.

Objective 2 To encourage and support the secure community use of pitch sports facilities on education sites

In South Hams and West Devon, secondary schools make an important contribution to the playing pitch sports, particularly with regard to artificial grass pitch provision, but there is scope for greater community use. There are aspirations for major improvements and new provision at Dartmouth Academy, Kingsbridge Community College, Ivybridge Community College, King Edward V Community College (KEVICC) in Totnes and improvements required at Okehampton Community College and Tavistock College in particular and these facilities need to be at the heart of the evolving network of outdoor sports provision.

In each of the main towns, the proximity/relationship of school sites to local authority provision can lead to a more integrated approach between indoor and outdoor facilities and schools, sports clubs and the Council, if planned and progressed in partnership. There are some good examples of secure community use agreements with local schools in the PPS area and hopefully more can be developed through this PPS.

However, there are also examples of facilities being provided in schools without secure community use agreements, and a lack of ancillary provision, such as appropriate managed access, floodlighting and access to changing facilities and toilets, the latter being especially important for youth football sites.

Active Devon is actively involved with schools through such initiatives as the Active Schools Network and is currently rolling out a number of initiatives to promote sport within schools following Covid-19. Various NGBs are also focusing on raising participation in schools, notably the FA through the 'Girls' Football School Partnerships' and the ECB's initiative to deliver a girls' secondary school programme.

It is accepted that there are difficulties regarding the security of and access to educational sites and that schools often do not have the budgets to pay for appropriate upkeep and maintenance of pitches to maintain sufficient capacity for both school and community use. Sport England can provide advice on this (see www.sportengland.org/campaigns-and-our-work/use-our-school).

Objective 3 To develop and maintain high quality sustainable multi pitch sport sites wherever possible

Maintaining viable playing fields, and thus protecting their use for the future, involves ensuring that facilities are well maintained, upgraded when required and well used. Wherever possible, sites and ancillary facilities should be multi use with a range of activities – both winter and summer - on site (both formal sport and other activities) to enable all year-round use.

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New sites allocated for the pitch sports should have sufficient area and flexibility to be future proofed for a range of pitch sizes and different sports. Opportunities for the colocation of facilities such as artificial grass pitches and tennis courts.

Opportunities for the multi use of buildings should be explored wherever possible. NGBs acknowledge the potential for the joint provision of community sports buildings which cater not only for more than one sport but for other uses as well (with, for example, more flexible changing accommodation, club/community rooms and kitchen/café facilities. The main requirement for youth sites is access to toilets, rather than full changing facilities. Kitchens and social spaces are also important for club owned sites to generate an income.

Pitches on public open space require careful management. Fouling of pitches by dogs is a major problem on sites owned by SHWD Councils. Measures to control are challenging and working in partnership with local communities and education is a key to addressing this problem.

We need to consider playing pitch facilities in the round and their impact on biodiversity and climate change too. Although artificial grass pitches may provide a more viable, all year round surface, they may contribute to biodiversity loss and require compensatory planting.

For the most part, the continuation of viable and sustainable community pitch sport sites – especially in the rural areas - will depend heavily on the voluntary sector. Since the 2015 study there has been a reduction in the amount of usage of some sites and a number of sites are underused. This can be a problem if they rely heavily on income from their club facilities to support their pitch based activities (e.g. end of season renovation works), and to help pay for their maintenance and the purchase of appropriate equipment. How the voluntary sports sector and the income streams for clubs will be impacted in the long term by the Covid-19 pandemic is not yet fully apparent.

Objective 4 To ensure playing pitch facilities contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of everyone in the community

There is now widespread appreciation of the problems of obesity and poor health and mental well-being through a lack of exercise, and how the provision and use of sports pitches and associated facilities may link into wider health and community development agendas.

Playing fields are undoubtedly 'healthy places', operating at the interface between open space, recreational activity and sport; they can also contribute to offsetting carbon with benefits for addressing climate change. Their importance has been highlighted through the Covid-19 pandemic when so many regular sporting activities have been severely curtailed and on return to a more 'normal' situation, it will be important to ensure that

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they provide facilities for as many people within the community as possible and reflect the interests and aspirations of the areas in which they are located.

Playing pitch facilities should be an equitable resource – available and accessible to all, whatever their age, gender, level of ability or disability, level of inactivity or activity, or income. Football, cricket and rugby are still predominantly male sports, with less than 5% of teams in the South Hams and West Devon area being registered as female. Hockey is more gender equitable with generally equal numbers of participants and teams.

Other under-represented groups include people from lower socio-economic groups, disabled people, people from particular ethnic groups and those with long-term health conditions. There is evidence that costs and programming can disproportionately hinder use by under-represented groups.

Better quality, dedicated changing, shower and pavilion facilities, toilets for youth participants and measures to enhance the safety and attractiveness of playing field sites – proper paths, good quality grass, adequate lighting, windbreaks, shelters and seats – are all measures that will enhance their inclusivity.

Good design incorporating carbon-reducing measures and innovations such as rainwater recycling, electric car charging points, biomass boilers, the greater use of natural light and underfloor heating in sports pavilions and solar powered floodlights for outdoor facilities are becoming more standard and should be considered wherever feasible.

Objective 5 To ensure appropriate monitoring of the Strategy and its ongoing delivery

Section 6 sets out how SHWD already have a process in place for an ongoing management and delivery framework for people and organisations to work together to share skills, expertise, resources and facilities in implementing the Strategy. One of the main outputs from this strategy will be to further develop this network to bring in secondary schools and to link with Open Space Sport and Recreation plans at town and parish levels. It will be particularly important to ensure annual monitoring deals with the uncertainties associated with coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic and reflects key trends and changes.

The Council has South Hams and West Devon Councils will continue to use s106 planning obligations under their well developed system for allocating contributions to sport and recreation projects and will await the outcome of the Government's future reforms to the planning system and potential introduction of a national infrastructure levy.

3 OVERVIEW OF KEY FINDINGS AND ISSUES BY SPORT

A OVERVIEW OF FOOTBALL

Overview of supply

3.1 The PPS records the following pitches with community access within South Hams and West Devon (this includes pitches with secure community use at schools).

Table 3.1: PITCHES WITH COMMUNITY ACCESS IN SOUTH HAMS AND WEST DEVON

Sub area	Adult football	Junior 11v11	Junior 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Total
Dartmouth	4					4
Ivybridge	5	3	3	4		15
Kingsbridge	3	1	1	2	1	8
Totnes	8	1	2	4	2	17
Urban Fringe	3	1	1	2		7
West Devon North	6	2	3	1		12
West Devon South	11	2	2	4	1	20
Total	40	10	12	17	4	83

3.2 There have been some subtle changes since the 2015 PPS. The following tables show that, in South Hams, three sites are no longer in use for adult football and five sites either no longer have youth pitches marked out or pitch sizes have changed. In West Devon, two sites are no longer in use for adult football. The following table indicates where pitches can be reinstated or enlarged to meet future demand.

Table 3.2: CHANGES IN PITCH PROVISION SINCE THE 2015 PPS

A Pitches 'lost' to football, or no longer marked out

Site	2015 Study (pitches recorded)	2021 Study
South Hams		

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Stoke Fleming Playing Field	1x adult pitch	Site no longer marked for football (but could be reinstated)
The Berry, Salcombe	1x adult pitch	Site no longer marked for football (suitable for recreational use only)
Beesands, The Cellars	1x adult pitch	Site lost for sport, now reverted to farmland
Plymouth Arguam RFC	1 junior 11v11	Pitch not marked out (youth pitch marked out within adult pitch but could be reinstated)

Site	2015 Study (pitches recorded)	2021 Study
Diptford Playing Field	Junior 11v11	Site no longer marked for football (but could be reinstated)
Lee Moor Recreation Ground	Junior 11v11	Pitch not marked out (but could be reinstated)
Roborough Sports Ground	Junior 11v11	Now marked as mini 7v7 (but could be enlarged)
Newton Ferrers, Butts Park	Junior 9v9 pitch	Pitch not marked out (could be reinstated, although site is restricted size)
Wembury Recreation Ground	1x adult pitch	No longer marked out; now being proposed as 9v9 pitch (but could be enlarged to adult)
West Devon		
Lamerton Sports Centre	1x adult pitch	Pitch not marked out (but could be reinstated)
Walkhampton Memorial Playing Field	1x adult pitch	Pitch not marked out (but could be reinstated).

B Pitches gained

Site	2015 Study	2021 Study
South Hams		
Dorothy Elmhurst Memorial Ground, Dartington	1x adult pitch	Additional mini 5v5 pitch
Foxhole, Dartington	1x adult pitch	Additional mini 5v5 pitch
West Devon		
Hatherleigh Town FC	1x adult pitch	Additional junior 9v9 pitch
Bere Alston Playing Fields	1x adult pitch	Additional mini 7v7 pitch

3.3 The quality of the majority of pitches is rated as standard; these include the vast majority of both parish council and school pitches, where maintenance consists of basic remedial, end-of-season work and regular grass cutting. The grounds rated as good were

generally those used or owned by the senior clubs. In South Hams these are: Dartmouth AFC; Erme Playing Fields, Ivybridge; Filham Park, Ivybridge; Foxhole, Dartington and G J Churchward Memorial Ground, Stoke Gabriel. In West Devon, they are: Bere Alston Playing Fields, Hatherleigh Town FC; North Tawton FC; Okehampton Argyle FC's pitch in Simmons Park; Tavistock Community FC at Crowndale and War Memorial Playing Fields, Chagford.

3.4 Poor and inadequate maintenance and/or drainage of pitches are problems apparent at many sites throughout the PPS area, especially after a particularly wet winter. Ten pitches were recorded as being poor and only three of these are still catering for regular match play (Fillace Park, Horrabridge; Shinnars Meadow, Dittisham and South Zeal Recreation Ground).

3.5 In order to improve the pitches from standard to good, the first step is to look at improved maintenance. Installing drainage costs more to maintain and expensive drainage projects should only be considered if enhanced maintenance regimes are not effective. The FA prioritises drainage improvements on multi pitch sites of three or more.

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3.6 Changing facilities were of good and adequate quality throughout the PPS area. There were two rated as being of poor quality, both in West Devon: Fillace Park, Horrabridge and North Tawton FC. Plans are in place at both these sites to improve the situation.

3.7 Other issues raised through club and other stakeholder consultation included:

- The desire of several clubs to have portable floodlights to facilitate training at their grounds (e.g. KM Utd at Malborough Playing Fields; South Brent FC at Palstone Park; Totnes & Dartington FC at Staverton Playing Fields and teams using the Lifton QEII Ground in West Devon). Portable floodlights for pitches result in additional use and compound quality issues. The preferred approach is for suitable areas adjacent to the pitches themselves to be floodlit for training.
- Upgrades to facilities which would be required should teams be promoted up through the leagues. For example, if Horrabridge Rangers were to move from P&D League into Devon League they would require enhanced showers and changing rooms and a referees room at Fillace Park (where a new clubhouse/changing facilities is being sought). Okehampton Argyle FC would require floodlights & perimeter fencing for next promotion. (The FF Football Stadia Improvement Fund is available to support this requirement at a 70% grant when the club gains promotion to a Step 6 league.)
- The fouling by dogs of pitches on public playing fields is a serious issue at many public sites in both South Hams and West Devon and a number of ways to deal

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with this have been tried by the local authority, including CCTV, notices, imposition of fines etc, but it is acknowledged that the problem remains.

- Playing fields particularly affected are:
- South Hams: Erme Playing Fields, Ivybridge; Dorothy Elmhirst Memorial Ground, Dartington; Foxhole, Dartington; Palstone Park, South Brent and Wembury Recreation Ground
- West Devon: Simmons Park, Okehampton (OCRA); Bere Alston Playing Fields; Legends Park, Princetown; Lifton QE II Recreation Ground; Tavistock Community FC, at Crowndale.

3.8 Measures to address these issues are contained within the Actions Plans.

Overview of Demand

3.9 The number of teams recorded in the South Hams and West Devon in the 2015 PPS and the current Strategy are:

Table 3.3: NUMBERS OF TEAMS FIELDED IN 2015 AND 2021

	Adult	Youth	Mini	Total
South Hams 2015	40	33 (no girls teams)	19	92
South Hams 2021	35	51 (incl. 3 girls)	23	99
West Devon 2015	31	29 (incl. 1 girls)	16	76
West Devon 2021	25	33 (incl. 3 girls)	19	77

3.10 Whilst in total the number of teams in South Hams and West Devon has remained approximately the same between 2015 and 2021 there has been a slight decline in the number of adult teams and an almost equivalent increase in the number of youth and mini teams (particularly girls' youth teams). This reflects wider trends in football, with recognised growth in the youth game, but some contraction in the 11v11 adult game (with growth in small sided soccer on artificial grass pitches).

3.11 Of the 18 clubs throughout the study area fielding youth teams, 14 of these play at one ground. Four clubs' teams are split over several sites: Ugborough FC and Totnes & Dartington FC in the South Hams and Horrabridge Rangers FC and Lydford Foxes FC in West Devon.

Overview of Capacity

3.12 The peak time for adult men's teams is Saturday afternoons in both authorities. The most popular times for youth play differs slightly between the two: in South Hams 57% of youth play and 61% of mini play is on a Sunday morning. In West Devon, the busiest time is Saturday morning with 52% of youth play and 56% of mini play.

Table 3.4: CAPACITY OF PITCHES BY SUB AREA

Sub Area	Potentially able to sustain more play	Potentially able to sustain more play outside peak time only	Being played to the level the site can sustain	Being overplayed
Dartmouth	3	1		
Ivybridge	5	7	1	
Kingsbridge	2	2	2	1
Totnes	11	4	2	
Urban Fringe	4	1		
West Devon North	5	3	3	4
West Devon South	11	4	1	2

3.13 Overplayed pitches are as follows: Malborough Playing Field (youth 9v9 – recorded as good quality), Simmons Park, Okehampton (youth 9v9 and youth 11v11 – recorded as

standard quality) and Fillace Park, Horrabridge (2x adult pitches – recorded as poor quality – where improving the quality of the pitches would enable them to accommodate use without being overplayed).

3.14 There are several grounds which are markedly underused. Amongst these are: Norton Playing Fields (football pitch), Shidders Meadow, Dittisham, Yealmpton Recreation Ground, Ermington Playing Fields, Marldon Recreation Ground, Lewdown Recreation Field, Lamerton Sports Centre, Walkhampton Memorial Playing Field and Yelverton War Memorial Hall.

3.15 Across the South Hams, 14 adult football teams could be accommodated at peak time (mostly in Dartmouth and Totnes Sub Areas) and in West Devon 13 adult teams (the majority in the South Sub Area); there is thus sufficient provision to meet current demand.

3.16 There is much greater pressure on youth provision, with capacity to accommodate just four youth teams in the South Hams and three youth teams in West Devon (all in the South Sub Area).

Requirements for Future Provision

3.17 Although population growth will influence demand, longer term trends in participation will have the most significant impact on demand for football pitches. There appears to be a general long-term trend of reduction in Saturday league play; but demand from both mini soccer and youth football appears buoyant and more girls are recorded as playing. Hopefully this growth will translate into more adult teams in due course.

3.18 The FA accepts the challenges it faces in participation numbers and plans to address this by focusing on:

- creating more female adult and youth teams, disability teams and youth male teams. This has implications for the provision of accessible, safe and gender appropriate changing and toilet facilities.
- encouraging a growing number of clubs to offer equal access to teams for girls. Clubs should aim to provide teams via two year age bandings and then switch the following year all the way to adult football meaning there is a clear pathway for any player
- creating more sustainable environments for football and more diverse playing opportunities. This may see support for the development of co-funding and joint location of facilities with other sports and activities.
- promoting formats which require less commitment and organisation, less people and/or less physical exertion, such as Walking Football, futsal etc (which will have a limited impact on grass pitch usage.)

3.19 Based upon Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator, latent and unmet demand and conservative figures for aspirational growth, projections for the growth in the number of teams has been estimated as follows (see **Appendix 2**).

- South Hams = 10 adult teams; 12 youth teams
- West Devon: 5 adult teams; 8 youth teams

3.20 Access to additional pitches will be required to accommodate some of these teams and the various options for this are explored in the sub area summaries below. If the growth in youth football continues, the existing stock of 5v5, 7v7 and 9v9 pitches will need to be retained and wherever possible be located on secure sites which have the capacity to accommodate changes in pitch sizes and/or alignments. Some rest and recovery should be built into the pitch stock to give time for management and husbandry of the resource.

3.21 There is generally sufficient spare capacity for growth in mini teams as space available exceeds expected growth in numbers of teams. Where there are localised shortages of capacity at individual sites, these have been highlighted in the Action Plans

3G FTP provision

3.22 The analysis has used the methodology proposed by the FA and FF to provide a baseline for assessing provision (38 teams per full size 3G FTP). With 95 teams in the South Hams the basic requirement is for 2.5 3G FTPs. In addition, existing training patterns by teams, the use and capacity of sand based AGPs for football training by local clubs, the aspirations of clubs and travel times have been taken into consideration. At present there is one full size and a half size 3G FTP at Ivybridge and a 365 rugby compliant pitch at Ivybridge Rugby Club. (Rugby has priority here but the surface can be used for football).

3.23 So whilst South Hams as a whole has sufficient provision against the basic method of assessment, the geographical spread of 3G FTPs is limited. There is a full size 3G FTP at BRNC in Dartmouth but this does not have community access. By 2034, with an expected increase of around 28 teams, making 123 in total, the estimated requirement will be for 3.2 AGPs – at least another half size pitch in the South Hams.

3.24 In West Devon, with 76 teams, the estimated requirement is for two 3G FTPs. There is one such facility with full community use at Tavistock College and one at Ashbury Hotel near Okehampton – a private facility with limited community use. There are two small 3G FTPs at primary schools in Okehampton neither of which currently have secure community use agreements or are floodlit. An expected increase in 14 teams to 2034 bringing the total to 90 teams is estimated to require the addition of another equivalent half size 3G FTP.

3.25 So much depends on localized demand and predicted growth and current distribution. Having the equivalent of 2.5 3G FTPs in Ivybridge does not benefit the rest of the South Hams and there is the equivalent of just over one full size 3G FTP to serve the whole of West Devon which does not meet existing demand. Future provision is thus proposed as follows (see also **Appendix 4**):

South Hams

- A half size 3G FTP (equivalent to 9v9 matchplay) in Kingsbridge
- Further feasibility work required for full size 3G FTP in Totnes. Such a facility would meet expressed need for training facilities in the immediate area but there are

concerns around its own viability and the impact it would have on the viability of the existing sand based AGP on the KEVICC site.

- Within Woolwell, the increase in population will exert a small demand for a 3G FTP. There is also an element of unmet demand in the north of Plymouth (see Plymouth Playing Pitches Delivery Plan) and from around the Horrabridge/Yelverton area in West Devon. An opportunity to meet this demand arises with the potential of providing a 9v9 size 3G FTP at the new primary school, if this has an approved surface, with floodlights and a secure community use agreement.
- Sherford – await developments in participation patterns

West Devon

- The West Devon North sub area (Okehampton and the surrounding area) requires secure community access to 3G FTP provision. The priority should be to gain community use agreements and appropriate lighting for the two small 3G FTPs at two primary schools in Okehampton for training and mini soccer games (if of appropriate size). If secure community access and floodlighting cannot be obtained, then further assessment should be done on the likely demand for a floodlit 9v9 size facility. This assessment should factor in the displacement it would cause the existing sand based AGP managed by OCRA at Simmons Park. An additional factor to bear in mind is that during the short to medium term, the relocation of rugby activity from Simmons Park to Okehampton RFC's new facility at Hill Top should ease pressure on the existing grass football/rugby pitches, so that more football activity (training and matchplay) can be accommodated.
- Some demand for training facilities from teams in outlying settlements in the West Devon North Sub Area might be met more locally outside Okehampton. North Tawton RFC is progressing with a scheme to provide training facilities on site – under the 'North Tawton Sports for All' banner - possibly as an artificial surface which would also benefit other local clubs, including North Tawton FC.

B OVERVIEW OF CRICKET

Overview of supply

3.26 The PPS records the following numbers of cricket pitches with community access within South Hams and West Devon:

- 18 cricket pitches in South Hams: 7 rated as good quality, 8 standard and 3 poor
- 15 cricket pitches in West Devon: 4 rated as good quality, 10 standard, and 1 poor

3.27 Out of seven NTWs (non turf wickets) in South Hams, of the five that are alongside grass pitches, three are well used. Two are standalone facilities and not currently used (at Malborough Playing Fields and KEVICC in Totnes).

3.28 Out of nine NTWs in West Devon, two are standalone facilities on school sites, only one of which has community use (the NTW at Simmons Park, Okehampton, home ground of Okehampton CC). None of the others, on shared sites, are well used.

3.29 The ‘good’ rated pitches are those used by the following clubs:

- In the South Hams: Ivybridge CC (Filham Park), Cornwood CC (Oak Park, Delamere Park); Yealmpton CC (Yealmpton Recreation Ground); Dartington & Totnes CC (Foxhole Sports Ground, Dartington); Harberton CC (Stonehills, Harberton); Stoke Gabriel CC (J E Eastley Memorial Ground).
- In West Devon: Bridestowe CC; Hatherleigh CC; Lewdown CC; Tavistock CC (The Ring, Tavistock) and Yelverton Bohemians CC (Langton Park, Yelverton).

3.30 Although just over half the pitches in the South Hams and over 70% of those in West Devon were not rated as ‘good’ quality, no dissatisfaction was recorded by the clubs themselves. The quality of the pitches is commensurate with the level of play and the amount of time and resources available for maintenance.

3.31 Three sites (Walkhampton Memorial Playing Fields, Lydford Sports Ground and Aveton Gifford Playing Field) previously recorded as being used for cricket are no longer marked or used as cricket pitches, but only the latter (which has reverted to farmland) has been lost to sport. The Action Plans highlight pitches where there is spare capacity and/or where quality could be improved to enable them to continue to cater for formal cricket

(such as the NTW at Malborough Playing Fields, Milton Abbot Cricket Pitch, Lifton QEII Playing Fields; Ermington Playing Fields; Jubilee Meadow, Marldon; East Prawle Cricket Pitch and the Elephant’s Nest Cricket pitch near Mary Tavy).

3.32 There are a number of itinerant teams with no home grounds (e.g. Ugborough CC); and some would like a home base (e.g. Modbury CC which trains on nets at Modbury Sports Ground).

Overview of Demand

3.33 The numbers of cricket teams fielded in 2015 and 2021 are as follows:

Table 3.5: NUMBER OF CRICKET TEAMS FIELDDED IN 2015 AND 2021

	Adult	Youth	Ladies	Girls	Total
South Hams 2015	36	22	2	1	61
South Hams 2021	39	18	2	1	60
West Devon 2015	36	16	2	1	55
West Devon 2021	37	20	3	2	62

3.34 This shows that, broadly, the number of adult and youth teams has stayed the same in the South Hams and increased (by around 13%) in West Devon. Two more Ladies and Girls teams are recorded, both in West Devon. These trends reflect developing ladies’ cricket and some consolidation of activity at certain active larger clubs.

3.35 A summary of clubs and teams in South Hams:

- The study records 18 cricket clubs in South Hams, fielding 41 adult and 19 youth teams (u9-u18 years), 60 teams in total. There are a number of well-established, one club teams who play friendly matches with neighbouring villages.

- Traditional adult membership (of men’s teams) has remained steady, with increases recorded at Harberton CC, Ivybridge CC and Yealm CC.
- Five clubs field adult and youth sides. Some growth in junior cricket has occurred; much of this is attributed to the successful All Stars programme for 5-8 year olds.
- Cornwood CC field a ladies team and Ivybridge CC a ladies softball team. Kingsbridge CC have a girls U14 team. Girls also feature in the mixed junior section of clubs running youth teams.

3.36 A summary of clubs and teams in West Devon:

- The study records 14 cricket clubs in West Devon, fielding 40 adult and 22 youth teams (u9-u18 years), 62 teams in total
- Overall, adult membership (of men’s teams) has remained fairly steady over the past few years; Chagford CC and Lewdown CC have experienced a decrease.
- Seven clubs field adult and youth sides. Membership of junior cricketers has also remained steady; some evidence of increasing membership, attributed to All Stars. □ Hatherleigh CC field a ladies team and Buckland Monachorum CC are starting Moorland Maidens CC. Bridestowe have a ladies softball team and Chagford CC have a U13 and U15 girls team.

3.37 Five clubs (Ivybridge CC and Cornwood CC in South Hams, Hatherleigh CC and Yelverton Bohemians CC in West Devon and Plymouth based Plymouth Civil Service & Roborough CC) run more than two senior teams playing league cricket, with their 3rd XIs playing elsewhere.

Overview of Capacity

3.38 An analysis of spare capacity shows the following:

Table 3.6: CAPACITY OF PITCHES BY SUB AREA

Sub Area	Potentially able to sustain more play	Potentially able to sustain more play outside peak time only	Being played to the level the site can sustain	Being overplayed
Dartmouth	1			
Ivybridge	3	4	1	1
Kingsbridge			1	1
Totnes	1	2	1	1
Urban Fringe	2			
West Devon North	3	1	1	1
West Devon South	2	3	1	1

3.39 Pitches at Kingsbridge Cricket Club at West Alvington and Chagford CC’s ground are recorded as being overplayed. The other grounds which register as overplayed are rated as

‘poor’ quality and therefore any use is deemed to be overuse (Ermington Playing Field, Marldon Recreation Ground and Lifton QEII Recreation Ground).

3.40 In summary, whilst current demand can be said to be effectively met in all areas (apart from a few clubs who play their 3rd XIs at other grounds), there is very little spare capacity to accommodate growth, particularly at those clubs serving the main towns, especially Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Okehampton and Tavistock. Pitches which are particularly underused are at Holbeton Cricket Ground, Yealmpton Recreation Ground and Spreyton Cricket Club are recorded as having considerable spare capacity but are not in locations which can easily cater for ‘overplay’ from other grounds.

3.41 Six clubs in South Hams mentioned difficulty in obtaining convenient, local indoor nets for close season training: three clubs in the Ivybridge area (Ivybridge CC, Yealm CC and Cornwood CC); two clubs in the Totnes area (Stoke Gabriel CC and Dartington & Totnes CC) and Kingsbridge CC. This did not emerge as an issue in West Devon.

Requirements for Future Provision

3.42 The main characteristics of future demand for cricket in South Hams and West Devon are likely to be a stable, slightly increasing adult sector, and more varied youth activity. The strong, well established and managed clubs with good quality grounds need to be maintained and supported to ensure the current level of activity continues. Whilst there is vibrant activity associated with a number of rural grounds, some more remote rural grounds have experienced a decline in use, which has been exacerbated by Covid 19 restrictions.

3.43 ‘Inspiring Generations’ is the game-wide five-year strategic plan to grow cricket in England and Wales from 2020-24. This focuses on engaging children and young people through All Stars and Dynamos, on transforming women’s and girls’ cricket, principally through investing in participation and facilities, and in making the game more accessible through installing non turf wickets. The latter, especially on education sites, may help to address some localised shortfalls within the study area.

3.44 Based upon Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator, latent and unmet demand and conservative figures for aspirational growth, projections for the growth in the number of teams has been estimated as follows (see **Appendix 2**): c16 new cricket teams will form in South Hams over the life of the Strategy (10 adult and 6 youth) and c12 teams (7 adult and 5 youth) in West Devon.

3.45 According to the Playing Pitch Calculator, this would require access to c24 wickets (3 pitches) in the South Hams and c20 wickets (2.5 pitches) in West Devon. Where these pitches may be located is discussed in Section 4: Sub Area Summaries; most of the increase can be accommodated at spare capacity on existing grounds or through the provision of NTWs but it is likely that new cricket grounds will be required in Ivybridge and possibly Tavistock and Kingsbridge.

C OVERVIEW OF RUGBY

Overview of Supply

3.46 In South Hams, there are 22 rugby pitches (including an artificial 365 pitch at Ivybridge Rugby Club), seven of which are floodlit; there are also four floodlit training areas. In West Devon, there 14 rugby pitches, none of which are floodlit and one floodlit training area.

3.47 Just under half of all pitches are owned by clubs: Ivybridge RFC (Cross-in-Hand & Rutt Park), Kingsbridge RFC (High House), Salcombe RFC (Two Meads), Okehampton RFC (Oaklands Park), North Tawton RFC (Taw Meadows) and Tavistock RFC (Sandy Park). Plymouth Arguam RFC uses a privately owned site (Bickleigh Down) and Tavistock RFC also uses privately owned pitches at Sandy Park. Okehampton and Kingsbridge Rugby Clubs also rely on being able to use rugby pitches on school sites (Simmons Park/OCRA and Belle Hill respectively).

3.48 Three clubs are based on public playing fields: Totnes RFC at Borough Park; Dartmouth RFC at Norton Playing Fields and Plymstock Albion Oaks at Horsham Playing Fields. All of these clubs experience problems to varying degrees arising from public access to these sites, including fouling by dogs, issues with drainage and inadequate changing facilities (some of which are now being addressed).

3.49 Pitch quality varies considerably depending on the underlying drainage and standard of maintenance. In general terms the club owned pitches score higher quality ratings than those on public sites which in turn reflects on their capacity. The highest quality pitches (M2/D2) were the club owned pitches at: Kingsbridge (Hill House); Okehampton (Oaklands Park); North Tawton (Taw Meadows), and Tavistock (Sandy Park). The poorest quality pitches (M1/D0) were the public pitches at: Norton Playing Fields (Dartmouth RFC); Bickleigh Down (Plymouth Arguam RFC); Simmons Park (used by Okehampton RFC) and the privately owned pitches at Sandy Park (rented by Tavistock RFC).

3.50 The main points regarding supply and demand are:

- There are seven rugby clubs in South Hams fielding a total of 65 teams – 12 adult men's, 3 Ladies, 3 Colts, 6 girls' teams (3 each at Ivybridge RFC and Kingsbridge RFC) and 41 youth/mini teams.
- All rugby clubs in the South Hams, apart from Dartmouth RFC, run youth sides. Ivybridge, Kingsbridge and Plymouth Albion Oaks run a full complement of mini, youth and adult teams.
- There are three clubs in West Devon, fielding a total of 32 teams: 7 adult and 1 ladies, 2 Colts and 22 youth/midi teams. Tavistock and Okehampton RFC run a full complement; North Tawton has 2 adult and 2 youth sides.

3.51 Membership trends varies amongst the clubs. Ivybridge RFC's membership is increasing through running ladies and girls' teams. Okehampton RFC and Plymstock Albion Oaks have added to their men's teams and for the rest of the clubs, membership has stayed broadly about the same. There is also a focus by the RFU on improving the accessibility for women and girls across the game; this is one of the Game Objectives within the England Rugby Strategy 2021.

Overview of Capacity

3.52 The analysis shows the following:

South Hams

- Pitches that are being overplayed are recorded at the floodlit pitch at Horsham Playing Fields (Plymouth Albion Oaks) and all three pitches at Hill House (Kingsbridge RFC).
- The pitches at Bickleigh Down (used by Plymouth Arguam) and Ivybridge RFC's grass and artificial 365 pitch are operating at a sustainable level.
- Spare capacity is recorded at: Borough Park Totnes (Totnes RFC); the other pitches at Horsham Playing Fields (Plymouth Albion Oaks RFC), Two Meads at Salcombe (Salcombe RFC); Belle Hill, Kingsbridge (used by Kingsbridge RFC for training) and at Norton Playing Fields (Dartmouth RFC)

West Devon

- Pitches that are being overplayed are recorded at Simmons Park and the 'Back Pitch' at Oaklands Park (Okehampton RFC)
- The second pitch at Sandy Park (used by Tavistock RFC) is operating at a sustainable level.
- Spare capacity is recorded at: North Tawton RFC's pitches at Taw Meadows; the Showground pitch (Okehampton RFC and the three other pitches at Sandy Park (Tavistock RFC).

Requirements for Future Provision

3.53 The main characteristics of future demand for rugby in South Hams and West Devon are a buoyant age grade section, and a number of strong clubs with ambitions to increase their ranges of teams, enhance their pitch carrying capacity and improve their ancillary facilities. Whilst adult men's play remains broadly static, clubs generally report an increase in juniors and a desire to develop female/girls' sections. However, several clubs face challenges in accommodating current requirements for training, matchplay and future growth on sites which are on public playing fields and/or where there is no security of tenure.

3.54 Based upon Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator, latent and unmet demand and conservative figures for aspirational growth, projections for the growth in the number of teams has been estimated as follows (see **Appendix 2**): up to 20 rugby teams (nine adult and 11 youth teams) could form in South Hams by 2034 and up to 7 teams (four adult and three youth teams) in West Devon. For the most part, growth will emanate from existing clubs and when apportioned between the seven clubs in South Hams and the three clubs in West Devon, it is likely that each club will be able to absorb the small increase in teams it generates. However, Section 4 below sets out where the pressure for new pitches may build, especially within Kingsbridge and the new development at Woolwell.

D OVERVIEW OF HOCKEY

Overview of Supply

3.55 There are five full size floodlit sand based AGPs in South Hams and West Devon that cater for community based hockey. In the South Hams: Kingsbridge Community College (where Dartmouth Ladies and Kingsbridge & Salcombe Hockey Club play); KEVICC in Totnes (Dart Hockey Club and Ashmoor Hockey Club); and Sherford (not yet open but where Ivybridge Junior HC is expected to relocate to and possibly another (Plymouth) club). The first two pitches are hired by the clubs on a seasonal basis.

3.56 In West Devon: there is the OCRA pitch in Okehampton (where Okehampton Columbine Ladies' and Okehampton Hockey Club's men's teams are based) and the pitch at Mount Kelly in Tavistock, home to Tavistock Hockey Club. There are secure community use agreements in place at these two pitches.

3.57 The pitches at Kingsbridge Community College and OCRA, Okehampton have been identified as requiring replacement in the next few years. The only pitch with adequate social/clubhouse facilities is at Okehampton, with the OCRA pavilion next to the pitch.

Overview of Demand

3.58 The four hockey clubs based in the South Hams run 36 teams: six men's, eight ladies and 22 youth teams. Dartmouth Ladies HC and Kingsbridge & Salcombe HC run Ladies' teams only; Dartmouth Ladies HC does not run juniors. Dart HC and Ashmoor HC both run a full range of teams for men and ladies, boys and girls.

3.59 The three hockey clubs in West Devon run 17 teams: three Men's, six Ladies and eight youth teams. The two Okehampton teams run men's and ladies' teams separately but have a joint junior section. Tavistock HC runs a full complement of men's and ladies, boys and girls teams.

3.60 Adult membership seems to be remaining static; the junior sections of Kingsbridge & Salcombe Hockey Clubs (U16 girls) and Ivybridge Junior Hockey Club (U12) have both experienced growth, and Kingsbridge & Salcombe Hockey Club (U16 boys) noted a decrease.

3.61 There are 529 members recorded at the four hockey clubs in the South Hams. 309 of these (58%) belong to Ashmoor Hockey Club playing at the KEVICC pitch. There are 311 members recorded in the clubs in West Devon.

3.62 All clubs said they wanted to increase their membership and run more teams, as follows: Dart HC (All types); Dartmouth HC (Adult Ladies); Ivybridge Junior HC (Junior girls); Kingsbridge & Salcombe HC (Adult Ladies, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Mixed Teams, Social hockey); Okehampton Columbines Ladies HC (Adult Ladies); Okehampton Men's HC (Adult Men, Junior Boys); Tavistock HC (Adult men, ladies and social hockey).

Overview of Capacity

3.63 As regards the capacity of the sand based pitches to accommodate demand, the key points are:

- There is limited spare capacity at all sand based AGPs during weekday evenings (except for Friday nights). Football is the dominant user of Kingsbridge Community College (70% football; 30% hockey) and OCRA in Okehampton (75% football; 25% hockey). Hockey is the dominant sports user at KEVICC (45% football; 55% hockey)
- At weekends, between 85% and 100% of used pitch time is by hockey. All competitive matches for hockey are played on sand AGPs and so hockey is the more dominant sport.
- Usage at Mount Kelly College other than by Tavistock Hockey Club (5 hours midweek and 4 hours on Saturdays) is not known. However, it is probable that hockey is the predominant sport on the Mount Kelly pitch in Tavistock; as no community football use has been mentioned by football clubs or groups in the town.
- The level of usage of sand based AGPs in areas where there is no alternative for football training indicates a level of unmet demand for 3G FTPs i.e. in Kingsbridge, Okehampton and Totnes.

3.64 Two clubs mentioned that they needed a little more access to additional pitch time:

Kingsbridge & Salcombe HC, who would like an extra hour on Tuesday for training, and Dartmouth Hockey Club who would prefer to use a more local venue for both training and matchplay. According to the booking lists for 2020/21, there is no spare capacity to increase the time available for Kingsbridge & Salcombe HC on Tuesdays.

3.65 There is apparently little room for growth in numbers of hockey training sessions or matchplay at the sand based AGP at KEVICC. Dart HC said that they require additional training time, although did not specify how much. At present, Ashmoor HC plays matches on Saturday; its first team plays on a Sunday and it trains on a Monday which is not ideal. With two clubs based at this pitch, some matches on Saturday do not start until 5pm.

Requirements for Future Provision

3.66 Hockey is experiencing considerable growth nationally, promoted through increasing media profile and international success and the popularity of a range of initiatives to get people playing the sport.

3.67 Based upon Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator, latent and unmet demand and conservative figures for aspirational growth, projections for the growth in the number of teams has been estimated as follows (see **Appendix 2**): an increase of up to 3 adult and 4 youth teams in the South Hams and up to 2 adult and 3 youth teams in West Devon. This represents something in the order of a 14% increase in the number of club members; there may also be increases in informal and casual play by members who do not join formal clubs.

3.68 All this will exert additional demands for pitch space (up to an additional two hours' coaching time and two-three hours matchplay) in both South Hams and West Devon. With the exception of the sand based AGP at Mount Kelly catering for Tavistock HC, none of the other three sand based AGPs – at Kingsbridge Community College and KEVICC in Totnes (South Hams) and OCRA at Simmons Park in Okehampton (West Devon) – apparently have sufficient capacity to accommodate this at present. (It should be noted that Ashmoor HC (currently playing at KEVICC) is playing outside its home area (Teignbridge) to which it hopes to relocate in the future).

3.69 The provision of 3G FTP facilities in Kingsbridge, Totnes and Okehampton will cause displacement of football activity from the existing sand based AGPs. Whilst this may increase the capacity of existing sand based AGPs to accommodate the above required additional hours of use, the impact on the viability of the remaining sand based AGPs also needs to be carefully modelled, and robust business plans put in place to ensure the sustainability of the existing provision for hockey.

3.70 On the basis of current activity and the projected future demand for training and matchplay space, the PPS supports:

- the provision of a new sand based AGP in Dartmouth
- upgrades in the next two to three years of the sand based pitches in Okehampton and Kingsbridge.
- reviewing the situation for hockey once proposed new facilities (both sand based and 3G FTPs) have been provided. This includes the new sand based AGP at Sherford which is not yet open.

3.71 Demand for hockey facilities from the growing population of Woolwell could be used to provide off-site contributions to ancillary facilities at the sand based AGPs at UCP Marjons, which will be the nearest site with secure community use.

4 SUB AREA SUMMARIES OF KEY ISSUES, SCHEMES AND PROJECTS

4.1 The following Section presents each sub area in turn, beginning with an introductory paragraph setting the Context. This is followed by a Table summarising the Needs Assessment with the current situation and future requirements and then a Table setting out Priority Schemes and Projects to Progress. Section 5 following presents a Summary of Pitch requirements and a Summary of Key Priorities by Sport.

South Hams

- A Dartmouth Sub Area
- B Ivybridge Sub Area
- C Kingsbridge Sub Area
- D Totnes Sub Area
- E Urban Fringe Sub Area (sub divided: Woolwell and Rest of the Sub Area)

West Devon

- F West Devon North Sub Area (sub divided: Okehampton & Environs and Rest)
- G West Devon South Sub Area (sub divided: Tavistock & Environs and Rest)

A DARTMOUTH SUB AREA

Context

4.2 Small sub area; main town Dartmouth, with existing population of 8,158 projected to rise to 9,276 in 2034. Dartmouth Sports Forum and the Dartmouth Neighbourhood Plan (e.g. Policy DNP-GE-X) have proposed various options for enhancements and new provision, particularly at Norton Playing Fields. Plans are developing at this site and include consideration of new changing provision/clubhouse facilities, potential inclusion of other sports facilities (bowls club, skate park and athletics facilities) and improvements to the maintenance and drainage of the pitches on site and improved lighting for training and matchplay. There will be a tarmac MUGA (for general kickaround) within the adjacent development site.

4.3 The other more recent development concerns discussions with Dartmouth Academy about a potential artificial grass surface at the school, with community use. Various options/sizes around sand based provision being considered, which would assist with meeting demand for training, if not for matches, for the hockey club and training in a wide variety of other sports, including football and possibly some types for rugby.

Schedule 1: DARTMOUTH SUB AREA: SUMMARY OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT

FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Current demand can be met

FOOTBALL	
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> There is some spare capacity for football in Dartmouth (equivalent to 2 MES (match equivalent sessions) spare at peak time on the 4 adult pitches. Very small increase in teams predicted and future demand can be met.
CRICKET	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Only one cricket pitch at Stoke Fleming; some spare capacity. There are ongoing discussions/aspirations around re-instating cricket in Dartmouth either at Coronation Park or Norton Playing Fields but demand is not readily expressed and no further support has come to light in this study.
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Very small increase in teams predicted; could be accommodated on existing pitch at Stoke Fleming. <input type="checkbox"/> Nevertheless, the provision of a non turf wicket in Dartmouth may help to attract midweek/friendly activity.
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Dartmouth RFC fields one team at present; demand can be met.
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Current and foreseeable future demand can be met. <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancements/redevelopment at Norton Playing Fields including the provision of changing facilities should support rugby club expansion
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Dartmouth Hockey Club plays matches and trains on the sand based AGP at Kingsbridge Community College.
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Very small increase in teams/club members predicted which could probably be accommodated within the existing club (based at Kingsbridge AGP). However, more accessible, local provision would be of great benefit to the club and there is a proposed scheme for a sand based AGP at school.

Schedule 2: DARTMOUTH SUB AREA: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Multi Sport (Rugby): Redevelopment of Norton Playing Fields, including new changing facilities
Cricket: To keep provision of non turf wicket at Coronation Park under review
Football: Investment in development of youth football on enhanced pitch at Norton Playing Fields
Hockey: Provision of sand based AGP at Dartmouth Academy

B IVYBRIDGE SUB AREA

Context

4.4 Sub Area based around Ivybridge, including the villages of Modbury, Ermington, Ugborough, Moorhaven, Yealmpton and Newton Ferrers. Current population of 26,888

projected to rise to 29,018 by 2034. The previous PPS from 2015 identified a shortage of pitches for football and rugby. Much progress has been made since then.

4.5 Policy INP5 of the Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan (December 2017) covers Community Facilities and identifies priorities for the provision or enhancement of sports facilities for the town, including improvements at Filham Park; measures to support increased dual use of school facilities and improved provision for young people. Ugborough Neighbourhood Plan (May 2018) seeks to protect facilities at Filham Park and Erme Playing Fields. Reference is also made to the adopted Open Spaces Strategy which identifies the potential for football and cricket at the Old Cricket Ground in Moorhaven.

4.6 Considerable investment in facilities has either taken place or is planned through s106, FF and RFU sources. Ivybridge Town Football Club, Manstow Football Club, Ivybridge Rugby Club and Ivybridge Cricket Club are all or will be beneficiaries.

Schedule 3 IVYBRIDGE SUB AREA: NEEDS ASSESSMENT

FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Overall, current demand is just about met but there is little room for expansion and none for adult or youth football within Ivybridge itself at peak time. There is sufficient provision for mini teams.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Projected increase from population growth is small, but Ivybridge Town Youth and Modbury Rovers Junior FC both wish to expand. An adult and a youth pitch are required for Ivybridge Town FC and two additional youth pitches required for Ugborough YFC which is split between sites. <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Ivybridge, an extension to Modbury Sports Ground for two new youth pitches would be ideal but this does not seem possible at the moment and the club are trying to increase the capacity through floodlighting, fencing and drainage, as per a recent planning application <input type="checkbox"/> Existing full size 3G FTP at Ivybridge due to be resurfaced imminently with an increased community offer which will enable more matchplay and training to be accommodated to meet any future increase in demand.
CRICKET	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current demand can theoretically be met.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Up to two new teams may be generated. 3-4 additional Saturday teams could be accommodated in the future at Yealmpton CC and Holbeton CC's grounds and improvements to Ermington Playing Fields could increase capacity. <input type="checkbox"/> Ivybridge CC is in need of a 2nd ground to accommodate growth in juniors and its 3rd XI. <input type="checkbox"/> Additional pitch in the Modbury area would accommodate several itinerant teams and allow Modbury CC a home base to expand from.
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 pitch at Ivybridge RFC is well used with little spare capacity. Ground and pitches are very busy.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Expected increases in teams can be accommodated.

	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority is for extension to clubhouse at Ivybridge RFC to accommodate all requirements for teams from u13s upwards, both male and female, including the necessary segregation/safeguarding provision.
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Ivybridge Junior Hockey club moved from Ivybridge College when surface changed there. Currently plays at UCP Marjons and trains at Plymstock College.
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Relocation of Ivybridge Junior Hockey Club to the new sand based pitch at Sherford.

Schedule 4: IVYBRIDGE SUB AREA: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Football: Progression of new changing facilities at Ivybridge Town FC
Football: Additional pitch provision in Ivybridge (one adult and three youth pitches) u15/u16, u13/u14 & 9v9
Football: Ideally, extension to Modbury Sports Ground and/or nearby site with two additional youth pitches. Not possible at present so support for ground improvements to increase capacity (as detailed in recent planning application).
Cricket: Second pitch within Ivybridge for increase in demand in cricket, to support youth cricket and accommodate Ivybridge 3 rd XI
Cricket: New cricket pitch in Modbury area for itinerant teams and home base for Modbury CC (possibly non turf wicket). Enhancements to cricket pitch at Ermington Playing Fields.
Rugby: Extension to Ivybridge RFC changing facilities to accommodate all requirements for teams from u13s upwards, both male and female, including the necessary segregation/safeguarding provision.
Hockey: Relocation of Ivybridge Junior Hockey Club to the new sand based pitch at Sherford
Multi Sport/Football: Upgrade of 3G FTP at Ivybridge College to lead to greater access for community teams.

C KINGSBRIDGE SUB AREA

Context

4.7 Sub area centred around Kingsbridge and coastal settlements of Slapton, Bigbury, Malborough and Salcombe, extending inland to Loddiswell and East Allington. Population predicted to increase slightly by 817 people between 2021 and 2034. Long standing negotiations and discussions about the paucity of flat land for football in Kingsbridge and Salcombe; lack of training facilities, and overuse of pitches for both football and rugby. Kingsbridge Sports Forum has lobbied for improvements.

4.8 Kingsbridge Town Council has produced many reports including an OSSR statement which identified the following projects: provision of adult & junior pitches, changing rooms and car park at Belle Hill playing field and/or West Alvington Hill (fields opposite Community College); provision of mini or midi 3G artificial grass pitch & footpath/highway access upgrade at High House for Kingsbridge RFC and new artificial wicket, nets, and practice facilities at The Butts, West Alvington (Kingsbridge CC). Discussions have been held with

Kingsbridge and Salcombe Town Council, Kingsbridge Community College, and the various sports clubs for this PPS to help bring some of these projects forward. The PPS evidence to underpin emerging proposals is set out below.

Schedule 5: KINGSBRIDGE SUB AREA: NEEDS ASSESSMENT

FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Effectively all pitches in this sub area are full at peak time and only have a little spare capacity outside peak time. Pitches serving Kingsbridge at Marlborough are overplayed. This lack of space is restricting growth in football in the sub area, particularly for youth teams in Kingsbridge. Little suitable flat land available.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Although predicted growth in the number of teams is small, two adult and one youth pitch are required to overcome existing shortfalls and unlock
FOOTBALL	
	<p>latent and repressed demand, plus accommodate future demand. There is an opportunity for floodlit half size (9v9) 3G FTP provision which would assist in meeting demand for both training and youth matchplay. This could be located on education land at Kingsbridge Community College on West Alvington Hill, either on the existing football pitch site (Westville Park) or on the field adjacent. May also require pavilion/changing facilities.</p>
CRICKET	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ One NTW pitch, not currently being used. Village team at Slapton plays on standard quality pitch. Kingsbridge CC's ground is overplayed by some 22 ME sessions.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Minimal growth in teams but overuse of existing facilities. Several sites have been lost to cricket recently. Need to increase capacity at Kingsbridge CC ground. NTWs at Belle Hill and Marlborough could be enhanced and usage promoted. Itinerant and friendly nature of much cricket would benefit from more permanent base but where?
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ All 3 pitches at High House, home of Kingsbridge RFC are overplayed. Standalone undersize erstwhile rugby pitch on West Alvington Hill (Westville Park) no longer suitable. Belle Hill – one rugby pitch used for training. Rugby pitch at Two Meads for Salcombe RFC; a little spare capacity. Old hockey pitch at The Berry, Salcombe used for training by Salcombe RFC.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Equivalent of at least one adult pitch for Kingsbridge RFC. Access to more training facilities for both football and rugby
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Kingsbridge Community College AGP used by Dartmouth ladies and Kingsbridge Ladies Hockey Clubs. Pitch almost fully used weekday evenings by local football clubs training (Football:hockey ratio = 5:1)

Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Very small increase in hockey participation from population but both clubs would like extra coaching time midweek. Improvements in maintenance of pitch and upgrade required in 3-5 years. Provision of changing facilities.
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Schedule 6: KINGSBRIDGE SUB AREA: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Football: Two adult pitches required. Use of area of land to front of Kingsbridge Community College for youth or mini football pitches

Multi sport/Football: Use of previous rugby pitch at West Alvington Hill (Westville Park) or field adjacent for football, linked to provision of floodlit half size (9v9) 3G facility and appropriate ancillary facilities.

3G AGP: Recommend floodlit half size (9v9), possibly with rugby shock pad to meet needs of football and rugby in Kingsbridge/Salcombe area. This could be located on education land at Kingsbridge Community College on West Alvington Hill either on current football pitch (Westville Park) or land adjacent. May also require pavilion/changing facilities (see Hockey below).

Cricket: Expansion of capacity at Kingsbridge CC through, for example, a NTW, artificial nets and/or increase in number of wickets.

Cricket: Enhancement and promotion of non turf wickets at Malborough Recreation Ground and Belle Hill. Plus additional ground for itinerant teams (site not identified)

Schedule 6: KINGSBRIDGE SUB AREA: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Rugby: Provision of additional rugby pitch - possible extension of smaller pitch at Hill House (Kingsbridge RFC). Access to artificial grass pitches for training. Improvements to access at Hill House site.

Multi sports/Rugby: Enhanced ancillary facilities at Belle Hill and improved access from nearby new housing.

Hockey: Maintenance and sustainability of Kingsbridge Community College AGP. Improved maintenance, upgrade within 2-3 years. Investigate possibility of providing clubhouse facilities (possibly in association with ancillary facilities for 3G FTP)

D TOTNES SUB AREA

Context

4.9 Sub area based around Totnes with nearby villages of Dartington and Staverton and Harberton. Wider area contains South Brent, Stoke Gabriel, Ashburton and Marldon. Population predicted to increase by 1,281 from 2021 to 2034. There have been many developments since 2016 PPS, including new sand based AGP at KEVICC and movement of cricket pitch from Borough Park to Foxhole (leaving just rugby at Borough Park). The School is now considering improvements to its outdoor facilities, embracing reorganisation of the site and there have been discussions with SHDC concerning this. The lower College playing field (Elmhirst) has planning permission for housing. Town Council is keen to keep (some land at) Elmhirst to meet future needs.

4.10 Dartington Recreation Association is also an important stakeholder. It states: The recreation, sporting and leisure provisions in the village both at the site administered by the Dartington Recreation Association and at the Foxhole facility (administered by Totnes &

Dartington FC) serve the whole of the rapidly growing populations of Totnes, Dartington and the surrounding areas. Therefore, there will be an increasing demand for recreational facilities for a range of sporting activities for all ages. The playing pitches will inevitably be one of the central pivots of these activities and need to be supported accordingly.

Schedule 7: TOTNES SUBAREA: NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within Totnes and Dartington/Staverton area, current demand can be met. There is spare capacity at peak time for 4 adult teams. There are two poor quality pitches at KEVICC. (see Action Plan) • Outside Totnes there is a little spare capacity in Stoke Gabriel and Harbertonford but Palstone Park at South Brent is recorded as being overplayed. An additional pitch may be required here in the future and may require reorganisation of the current site.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Little expansion in numbers of teams through population growth but individual clubs have expansion plans for ladies and more youth teams, especially Totnes & Dartington FC which is building up its youth section and wishes to relocate and strengthen links with KEVICC.
Schedule 7: TOTNES SUBAREA: NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing sand based AGP at KEVICC is well used and there is currently limited capacity for growth in numbers of teams or activity in either football or hockey. • 3G FTP under consideration at the KEVICC as part of the College's plans to dispose of some of its campus and to develop new and improved sports facilities from the capital receipts.
CRICKET	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Five cricket grounds. Current demand can be met but there is limited spare capacity for growth.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Minimal increase in number of teams. There is sufficient spare capacity to accommodate one additional/midweek Sunday team but no capacity for any additional Saturday play; any growth will need to be met from new provision. Consideration to be given to additional pitch provision over the life of the Strategy. Replacement NTW at KEVICC required.
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Some spare capacity on the rugby pitches at Borough Park with Totnes RFC
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Pitch quality including drainage requires improvement. Club wishes to extend clubhouse to include changing facilities.
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Two well established hockey clubs (Dart and Ashmoor) based at KEVICC and limited spare capacity for growth. Ashmoor (displaced from Teignbridge) has a large contingent of juniors; it is hoping to relocate to Teignbridge back 'home' to Teignbridge in the next 3 years. Existing sand based AGP at KEVICC is very well used and there is currently limited capacity for growth in numbers of teams or activity in either football or hockey.

Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> New changing facilities/pavilion are required to replace the previous building destroyed by fire. To increase the capacity for hockey at the KEVICC pitch whilst maintaining its viability.
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Schedule 8: TOTNES SUBAREA: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Multi sport: Rationalisation of facilities at KEVICC. Protection of lower playing field pitch (currently marked as rugby) and sand based artificial grass pitch for community use.

Football: Replacement and enhancement of two football pitches at KEVICC upper site to good quality (Redworth)

Multi sport/Football: Further feasibility regarding 3G FTP at KEVICC. Facility has potential to benefit school, enable youth development for football and free up space on the existing sand based AGP to meet demand from hockey, providing the latter pitch is safeguarded and remains viable and there is a robust business plan in place.

Cricket: Replacement and enhancement of NTW at KEVICC upper site (Redworth)

Cricket: Further cricket youth development and consolidation work at Dartington & Totnes CC and Stoke Gabriel CC.

Rugby: Improving pitch quality to ‘good’ at Borough Park. Transfer of lease to Totnes RFC will enable the club to seek money from RFU for improvements, including better drainage, good quality portable lights and changing room facilities as an extension to the clubhouse.

Hockey: Safeguarding of sand based AGP at KEVICC to ensure it remains sustainable and viable pending rationalisation of pitch facilities on College site.

Schedule 8: TOTNES SUBAREA: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Multi sport: Rationalisation of facilities at KEVICC. Protection of lower playing field pitch (currently marked as rugby) and sand based artificial grass pitch for community use.

Multi sport/Hockey: Replacement of changing facilities for artificial grass pitch at KEVICC; would be advantageous if this could include clubhouse accommodation and other facilities, e.g. café, to enhance use of playing field/open space site.

E URBAN FRINGE SUB AREA

WOOLWELL

Context

4.11 The predicted growth in population for calculating pitch requirements for the PPS have been calculated for two time periods – to 2026 and to 2034. The Joint Local Plan trajectory of the build out rate of c1560 homes to 2033/4 for Woolwell yields approximately an additional 3775 people over the current population. (The occupancy rate employed was 2.42 people per dwelling occupancy rate, based on specific ONS data for these types of estates which traditionally attract families and a slightly higher than average occupancy rate.

4.12 The requirements for future pitches in the Woolwell area are based on the JLP allocation to 2034. They are based on 3,964 people currently living in the Woolwell area which will grow to 7,739 people by 2034 (an increase of 3,775 people). They have been derived from current participation patterns and team generation rates in both the South Hams and Plymouth, built into the Playing Pitch Calculator.

Schedule 9: URBAN FRINGE (WOOLWELL): NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Current pitches at RM Bickleigh Barracks (no secure community use); adult pitch (marked for youth) at Bickleigh Down (used by Woolwell Youth FC) and an adult pitch (and room for a mini pitch) at Roborough Down Sports Ground (used by one Plymouth Sunday team).
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increase in population in Woolwell to 2034 will generate demand for a minimum of <u>one adult, two youth u15/u16 size 11v11 pitches and two</u> mini pitches. Given the usage and expansion plans of existing clubs from the current population, this will need to be addressed through new provision. • An area of 2.45 hectares for pitches is required plus additional land for ancillary facilities (changing and car parking, requiring a site of 3 hectares overall. The land should be on a single level plateau, capable of being marked out with appropriate pitch markings as and when required. • The increase in population will exert a small demand for a 3G FTP. There is also an element of unmet demand in the north of Plymouth (see Plymouth Playing Pitches Delivery Plan) and from around the Horrabridge/Yelverton area in West Devon. An opportunity to meet this demand arises with the potential of providing a 9v9 size 3G FTP at the new primary school, if this
Schedule 9: URBAN FRINGE (WOOLWELL): NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
	has an approved surface, with floodlights and a secure community use agreement.
CRICKET	
Current Summary	Poor quality cricket ground and NTW at Roborough Sports Ground, used by Plymouth Civil Service and Roborough CC's 3rd XI. There is spare capacity; current demand can be met.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increase in population in Woolwell to 2034 will generate demand for 4 wickets (0.5 of a cricket pitch). This demand to be met through the following: • an off-site contribution to enhancement of the poor quality ground and ancillary facilities at Roborough Sports Ground (including the clubhouse and changing facilities, social space etc, plus improvements to pitch quality and machinery to maintain this, provision of ball stop netting and practice nets and improvements to site access).
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Two adult rugby pitches and partially floodlit training area used by Plymouth Arguam RFC at Bickleigh Down.

Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to additional pitch space equivalent to one rugby pitch will be generated by the increase in population in Woolwell to 2034. The priorities for rugby are as follows: • to improve the quality of and access to changing and clubhouse facilities for Plymouth Arguam RFC. The current facility is some distance from the pitches and will be unable to cope with the increased demand arising from the Woolwell development. A new clubhouse incorporating changing facilities is required adjacent to the pitches. • Only once this ancillary facility need has been met should the focus move to enhancing the existing pitch capacity or seeking space for additional pitches locally. The capacity of the existing pitches could be addressed through, for example, improving the drainage and the provision of portable lighting at the existing site.
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ The nearest facilities for hockey are two sand based pitches at UCP Marjons, both of which have community use and are approaching capacity.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increase in population in Woolwell to 2034 will generate demand for less than 0.1 of a sand based AGP for hockey. • This demand to be met through off-site contribution to nearby hockey facilities at UCP Marjons, where there is pitch capacity to meet this need and which will be the nearest hockey facility for players coming from Woolwell. In the Plymouth PPS there is an action for changing facilities and a kitchen to enhance the customer experience of the sand AGPs. An off site contribution to this project would be welcome.
OTHER SPORTS PROVISION	
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Tennis courts and MUGA

Schedule 10: URBAN FRINGE (WOOLWELL): PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Football: Protection of existing adult football pitch (adjacent to existing rugby pitches) at Bickleigh Down

Football/multi sport: Provision of sports pitch plateau (3 hectares) with flexibility to accommodate 5-6 new pitches to meet demand generated by new housing growth at Woolwell (Minimum of one adult, two youth and two mini pitches).

Multi sports/3G FTP: Provision of a 9v9 size 3G FTP at the new primary school, with appropriate approved surface, with floodlights and a secure community use agreement.

Cricket: Off-site contribution to enhancements of clubhouse and changing facilities, access to the site and quality of the ground at Roborough Down Sports Ground.

Rugby: Replacement/upgrade of changing facilities including clubhouse and relocation to site adjacent to rugby pitches at Bickleigh Down, for Plymouth Arguam RFC.

Rugby: Protection of existing two adult pitches and floodlit training pitch at Bickleigh Down used by Plymouth Arguam RFC. In future, improvements to pitch quality and/or additional pitch may be required to meet growth in demand.

Hockey: Off-site contribution to improvements in ancillary facilities at UCP Marjons (as set out in the Plymouth Playing Pitches Delivery Plan i.e. new changing facility/kitchen to be built next to the two sand based AGPs)

Ancillary provision: Changing facilities for football and other sports such as tennis and cricket if required, and new, relocated changing facilities for rugby (together with clubhouse facilities for rugby) to ideally be located in a multi purpose building to serve the entire outdoor sports facilities area in a location accessible to all. Other requirements including appropriate tree planting and adequate car parking.

4.13 Note: The full allocation for the area in the JLP goes beyond 2033/4 and projects another 440 dwellings (1065 people). The increase in the requirement for pitches from this is relatively small, particularly as pitch numbers have been rounded to the nearest whole number which in most cases allows for the additional land required. The additional population would require access to the following:

- Football - 0.25 adult pitch; 0.3 youth pitch and 0.2 mini pitch
- Cricket – 0.13 of a pitch
- Rugby – 0.17 of a pitch

REST OF URBAN FRINGE SUB AREA

Context

4.14 The rest of the Urban Fringe area comprises:

A Settlements and facilities at Brixton, Sparkwell, Lee Moor and Wembury. There is little predicted increase in population in this part of the urban fringe area.

B New development at SHERFORD.

The current allocations for Sherford are:

Western side

- To north of road : Youth 11v11 and 2 mini football pitches and cricket pitch
- Below road: Sand based AGP, MUGA, tennis courts and adult pitch

The longer term allocation for the Eastern side of Sherford currently states:

- One cricket pitch, two adult and two youth football pitches (separate pitches).

4.15 These allocations are in addition to proposed pitch provision at the secondary school and primary schools planned. These allocations amply meet the evidenced requirements from projections based on current TGRs for both South Hams and West Devon, apart from for rugby and an allowance for 3G FTP provision (see Schedule below). The precise mix of grass and artificial grass pitch facilities for the Eastern pitch hub site at Sherford can be revisited in due course, once the Western pitch hub is established, patterns of play are clear and technological developments may have created new opportunities. There may also be a requirement for other sports such as lacrosse, shinty, rounders, baseball etc to be accommodated.

FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Lee Moor Sports ground has no peak time spare capacity but there is room for a junior pitch. Cofflete Park in Brixton has a youth pitch which accommodates Plymouth teams and there is a mini pitch (secure CUA) adjacent to Sparkwell Primary school which also accommodates teams playing in the Plymouth league. Current demand can be met.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Little predicted increase in population in this part of the urban fringe area. There used to be an adult pitch marked out at Wembury Recreation Ground until 2018; there are advanced plans to put in a 9v9 pitch at Wembury Recreation Ground which will meet future demand (there was an adult pitch here until 2018).
CRICKET	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Spare capacity at Wembury Recreation Ground to meet current and expected future demand.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ None identified.
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Horsham Playing Fields is located in South Hams although most players come from Plymouth. Floodlit pitch also used for training is overplayed. Improvements to pitch quality may result in increased capacity.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Better management of public access to pitches at Horsham Playing Fields ☐ No rugby provision at Sherford so demand is expected to be taken up at King George V Playing Fields (home ground of OPM RFC). Facilities here require improvement (as detailed in the Plymouth Playing Pitches Delivery Plan) including redevelopment of changing room facilities and improvements to pitch quality and drainage.
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Area served by sand based provision in Plymouth and also new pitch at Sherford
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ None

Schedule 12: REST OF URBAN FRINGE: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Football: Development of 9v9 pitch, with changing facilities in adjacent proposed Wellbeing Centre, at Wembury Recreation Ground

Football: as per Masterplan for Sherford.

Cricket: as per Masterplan for Sherford

Rugby: Improvements to facilities at OPM RFC at KGV playing fields (to serve demand generated by housing growth at Sherford), as set out in Plymouth Playing Pitches Delivery Plan.

Hockey: Changing facilities for sand based AGP at Sherford. Relocation of Ivybridge Junior Hockey club to Sherford sand based pitch.

Sherford: The precise mix of grass and artificial grass pitch facilities for the Eastern pitch hub site at Sherford can be revisited in due course, once the Western pitch hub is established, patterns of play are clear and technological developments may have created new opportunities. There may also be a requirement for other sports such as lacrosse, shinty, rounders, baseball etc to be accommodated.

F WEST DEVON NORTH SUB AREA

Context

4.16 This Sub Area extends around Okehampton to the border with Cornwall and the northern part of Dartmoor, including the villages of Lewdown, Chagford and South Zeal to the south and North Tawton and Hatherleigh to the north. The population is predicted to increase by 1,888 persons from 24,324 in 2021 to 26,212 in 2034.

4.17 Okehampton hosts a range of facilities centred on Simmons Park, where land ownership and management is complex. The grass pitches are owned by a Trust, from which the College lease the cricket facility (non turf wicket) and the grass rugby and football pitches: one youth football pitch, three mini pitches and two rugby pitches (overmarked with another youth pitch). Okehampton Argyle FC's main pitch (with partial perimeter fencing and clubhouse) is leased directly by the club from the Trust. There is also a sand based artificial grass pitch (and tennis courts) on land leased by the College. All these sports facilities apart from Okehampton Argyle's main pitch are managed by OCRA outside school hours. The Town Council also manages other open space provision on the site. There is a high quality pavilion, with café and changing facilities, managed by OCRA servicing the site.

4.18 There are ongoing plans for improvements to this site, including the management of public, school and club use of overplayed and under protected pitches and the desire of Okehampton Argyle FC to have greater access to the OCRA pavilion as part of a shared use agreement.

4.19 The main change from recommendations from the 2015 PPS in respect of this area is the recent purchase and planning permission for additional rugby pitches for Okehampton RFC at Hill Top on the outskirts of the town. Also the recent provision and proposal of small 3G FTPs at two primary schools in the town (these are not floodlit and there are no community use agreements).

The following summaries on Needs Assessment and Priority Schemes and Projects to be progressed are presented as follows:

Schedule 13 Okehampton and Environs

- A Needs Assessment
- B Priority Schemes and Projects

Schedule 14 Rest of Sub Area

- A Needs Assessment
- B Priority Schemes and Projects

Schedule 13A: WESTDEVON NORTH – OKEHAMPTON AND ENVIRONS: NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No spare capacity at peak time for adult or youth play in Okehampton at Simmons Park and youth pitches, which are also used by the school, are overplayed, (by 5 ME sessions) . Training facilities for football currently met at sand based AGP at Okehampton College and 3G and sand based AGPs at Ashbury Hotel outside the town; not secure community use.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for improvements to pitch quality and drainage and the equivalent of two youth pitches to meet requirements of Okehampton Argyle FC. There is identified need within the sub area for secure community access to 3G FTP provision. The priority should be to gain community use agreements and appropriate lighting for the two small 3G FTPs at two primary schools in Okehampton for training and mini soccer games (if of appropriate size). If secure community access and floodlighting cannot be obtained, then further assessment should be done on the likely demand for a floodlit 9v9 size facility.
CRICKET	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The sole cricket facility is the NTW facility at OCRA/Okehampton College, the base for Okehampton CC. This is not a good quality facility as is within a site used heavily by the school for general recreation and football.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 0.5 of a pitch required by 2034 across the sub area This demand is likely to grow from existing clubs but there is an ongoing requirement for a grass pitch in Okehampton or improvement and safeguarding of the NTW.
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Okehampton RFC has two good quality pitches at its main site which can accommodate demand. Pitches at Simmons Park, used by its youth teams and for training, are overplayed.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements in pitch quality through maintenance and drainage at Simmons Park. The club has acquired a new site for training at Hill Top, with appropriate changing and floodlighting to which play and training is expected to transfer from Simmons Park once up and running.
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current demand for hockey can be accommodated at OCRA pitch in Okehampton. The Men’s Club and Okehampton College have both highlighted problems with drainage which means the pitch become unplayable in wet weather as it is slippery (so matches are cancelled) and it
Schedule 13A: WESTDEVON NORTH – OKEHAMPTON AND ENVIRONS: NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
	<p>also freezes in cold weather. Neither of the clubs have indicated that obtaining additional time for coaching or matchplay is a concern, although the pitch is nearing capacity as it also caters for football training.</p>
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To address problems with drainage of OCRA pitch in the near future. Resurface of OCRA pitch in next 2-3 years.

**Schedule 13B: WEST DEVON NORTH – OKEHAMPTON AND ENVIRONS:
PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS**

Football: Two additional pitches (11v11 youth) to support Okehampton Argyle Youth FC and growth in Okehampton.
Football: Extension of (access to) OCRA facilities to provide social facilities for Okehampton Argyle FC.
Multi sports/3G FTPs: Work with Devon CC to obtain floodlighting and secure community use agreements at small size 3G FTPs at primary schools in Okehampton. If secure community access and floodlighting cannot be obtained, then further assessment should be carried out on the likely demand for a floodlit 9v9 size facility.
Cricket: Improvements to cricket facilities. Upgrade/better maintenance and protection of non turf wicket at Okehampton College. Possibility of providing a grass cricket pitch within the town to be kept under review.
Rugby: Support for development and enhancement of facilities for training at Okehampton RFC’s new site at Hill Top.
Hockey: To address drainage problems with the sand based pitch at Okehampton College as soon as possible, with full upgrade in the next two to three years.

SCHEDULE 14 WEST DEVON NORTH – REST OF SUB AREA Schedule 14A: WEST DEVON NORTH – REST OF SUB AREA: NEEDS ASSESSMENT

OKEHAMPTON AND IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS	
FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Situation varies across the sub area. North Tawton FC’s adult and youth pitch only have a little spare capacity outside peak time. Chagford FC has two adult pitches and spare capacity. There are only 4 youth pitches across the sub area and no spare capacity for youth play.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low increase in numbers of teams predicted and most of the expected increases can be absorbed. But distances involved mean that each ground needs careful consideration to ensure its capacity is maximised through good maintenance and off site training. Expected growth and thus increase in capacity is required at Hatherleigh and North Tawton. • Some demand for training facilities from teams in outlying settlements in the West Devon North Sub Area might be met more locally outside Okehampton. See under Rugby – Future Requirements below, re: ‘North Tawton Sports for All’.
CRICKET	
OKEHAMPTON AND IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Overall the sub area is operating at a sustainable level and can meet current demand. Grounds at Chagford and Hatherleigh are overplayed. Elsewhere there is some spare capacity but at relatively remote locations which cannot address overplay elsewhere (e.g. at Spreyton, Belstone and Lewdown).

Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 0.5 of a pitch required by 2034 across the sub area. But with some grounds lost, growth in demand is likely to be very localised. Principal growth clubs will be Hatherleigh and Chagford which could cope in theory – Hatherleigh by bringing 2nd ground back into play and Chagford by increasing the number of wickets.
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> North Tawton RFC has 3 adult and 2 youth pitches and can accommodate current demand, but pitches do not drain well which causes cancellations and postponements
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to maintenance and drainage. North Tawton RFC is progressing with a scheme to provide training facilities on site – under the ‘North Tawton Sports for All’ banner – possibly as an artificial surface which would also benefit other local clubs, including North Tawton FC.
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Demand for hockey can be accommodated at OCRA pitch in Okehampton (see Schedule 13).
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> As Schedule 13.

Schedule 14B: WEST DEVON NORTH – REST OF SUB AREA:

PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

WEST DEVON NORTH SUB AREA: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS
Football: Enhancements to changing facilities at North Tawton FC
Multi sports/3G FTPs: North Tawton RFC is progressing with a scheme to provide training facilities on site – under the ‘North Tawton Sports for All’ banner – possibly as an artificial surface which would also benefit other local clubs, including North Tawton FC.

G WEST DEVON SOUTH SUB AREA

Context

4.20 The Tavistock Sub Area wraps around the western edge of Dartmoor and south to the northern environs of Plymouth, embracing the settlements of Lydford, Princetown, Lifton, Mary Tavy, Lamerton and Brentor to the north and Bere Alston, Horrbridge, Walkhampton, Yelverton and Crapstone to the south and west. These settlements often have single pitch sites, which can be vulnerable due to low usage.

4.21 Tavistock itself has an impressive array of pitches, and there have been some significant developments since the 2015 PPS. The College hosts a 3G FTP, as well as a non turf cricket wicket (and a synthetic athletics track) and there is a good quality community football facility at Crowndale with a range of youth and mini pitches next to Tavistock AFC’s stadia pitch. Mount Kelly independent school has a range of high quality facilities and is the home ground of Tavistock Hockey Club. There are two beautiful cricket pitches on the outskirts of the town on the fringes of the moor. Tavistock RFC’s ground lies just outside the town.

4.22 Whilst the facilities are very good, there are some deficiencies and further work on a joined up approach is required within the town, with many stakeholders, including the Town Council, involved. There is no OSSR Plan at present, although WDBC Officers have been liaising with clubs to try to align existing and future s106 funding with projects.

The following summaries on Needs Assessment and Priority Schemes and Projects to be progressed are presented as follows:

Schedule 15 Tavistock and Environs

- A Needs Assessment
- B Priority Schemes and Projects

Schedule 16 Rest of Sub Area

- A Needs Assessment
- B Priority Schemes and Projects

SCHEDULE 15: WEST DEVON SOUTH – TAVISTOCK AND ENVIRONS

Schedule 15A: WEST DEVON SOUTH – TAVISTOCK AND ENVIRONS: NEEDS ASSESSMENT

FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current demand can be met, but there is little spare capacity on the Crowndale youth pitches outside of peak time.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> One adult pitch required to meet future demand. Ideally this should be located adjacent to existing pitches at Crowndale, but demand could be met by negotiating secure community use of football pitches at Mount Kelly College <input type="checkbox"/> 3G FTP – although no substantial increase in population is predicted to 2034, situation to be kept under review. The current facility at Tavistock College will need major enhancements and possibly replacement in order to meet the requirements for being re-registered by the FA in 2024. <input type="checkbox"/> The provision of 3G FTP facilities at Woolwell could accommodate some demand from this area (teams already travel to the 3G FTP at Torbridge High School in north Plymouth for training).
CRICKET	
Current Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tavistock CC’s ground has no spare capacity at peak times and the other pitch serving the town - Whitchurch Wayfarers CC – is being used to the level the pitch can sustain.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> On aggregate there is a need for additional wickets (0.5 of a pitch) to meet demand across the sub area, most of which is likely to come from the Tavistock clubs which are already approaching capacity. <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement/enhancement of the out of use NTW at Tavistock College could help to meet this demand, as might negotiating secure community use of cricket pitches at Mount Kelly College.
RUGBY	

Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> There are four pitches and a training area at Sandy Park, and some spare capacity, so current demand can be met.
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 0.5 of a pitch required to meet future demand. Purchase of the 3 pitches on private land at Sandy Lane would enable improvements to pitch capacity, thus increasing capacity. (One pitch is in process of being bought).
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Tavistock Hockey Club based at Mount Kelly where there is one full size and one half size floodlit sand based AGPs. The Hockey Club has a long term license to use these facilities.
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumed that enough capacity at Mount Kelly to accommodate any growth in demand. New clubhouse required; funding being sought

Schedule 15B: WEST DEVON SOUTH – TAVISTOCK AND ENVIRONS:

PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS

Football: One adult football pitch in Tavistock, preferably adjacent to Crowndale.
Multi sport/Football: Replacement of 3G FTP at Tavistock College by 2024
Cricket: Replacement/upgrade of non turf wicket at Tavistock College
Multi sport: Investigate potential for community use of cricket and football pitches at Mount Kelly College
Rugby: Continuation of purchase of freehold of rugby pitches for Tavistock RFC
Hockey: Construction of clubhouse for Tavistock Hockey Club at Mount Kelly College. Tavistock HC have invested heavily in the AGPs on site. Additional partnership funding will be required for the new clubhouse development; funding being sought.

SCHEDULE 16 WEST DEVON SOUTH – REST OF SUB AREA Schedule 16A: WEST DEVON SOUTH – REST OF SUB AREA: NEEDS ASSESSMENT

WEST DEVON SOUTH SUB AREA: NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
FOOTBALL	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Tavistock there are four grounds where there are active adult football teams and four grounds which have hosted adult teams in the past but where there is now little or no play. Current demand can be met except at Fillace Park Horrbridge where pitches are overplayed.. The mini pitch at the primary school (home to Horrbridge Rangers mini teams) has been replaced by a MUGA.
Future Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two youth pitches are required in Horrbridge to meet growth at the club and a replacement mini pitch. Nearby, pitches at Walkhampton Memorial Playing Field and Yelverton War Memorial Hall are not being used and improvements to pitch quality here could meet demand in the short term from Horrbridge. • Generally there is enough spare capacity at other grounds including underused grounds to accommodate the small increase in the number of teams expected.
CRICKET	

Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> There is spare capacity at rural grounds although these are often difficult to access. The pitch at Yelverton Bohemians is being used to a sustainable level.
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> On aggregate there is a need for additional wickets (0.5 of a pitch) to meet demand across the sub area but existing rural grounds could accommodate additional need. Important to safeguard existing provision.
WEST DEVON SOUTH SUB AREA: NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
RUGBY	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> No rugby clubs outside Tavistock and only small increase in demand predicted (less than one team).
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Any growth in demand is likely to develop from Tavistock RFC.
HOCKEY	
Current Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> No hockey clubs outside Tavistock and only small increase in demand predicted (less than one team).
Future Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumed that enough capacity at Mount Kelly to accommodate any growth in demand.

**Schedule 16B: WEST DEVON SOUTH - REST OF SUB AREA:
PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS**

WEST DEVON SOUTH SUB AREA: PRIORITY SCHEMES AND PROJECTS TO PROGRESS
Football: Two additional 11v11 youth pitches and replacement of mini pitch at Horrabridge (and surrounding area) for Horrabridge Rangers. Enhancement/expansion of changing facilities at Fillace Park.
Football: Improvements to pitch quality at Walkhampton Memorial Playing Field and Yelverton War Memorial Hall playing fields to accommodate growth in demand from Horrabridge Rangers FC.
Cricket: Protection of existing rural cricket pitches.

Woolwell	Sports pitch plateau		NTW on sports pitch plateau							New Changing facility for rugby & to service sports pitch plateau
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B Summary of Pitch Requirements by Sub Area – WEST DEVON

Schedule 18: SUMMARY OF PITCH REQUIREMENTS FOR WEST DEVON (predominantly new provision; see Sections 4 & Action Plans for enhancements etc)

	Football		3G FTP	Cricket		Rugby		Hockey		Ancillary	
	Facility	Location	Facility	Facility	Location	Facility	Location	Facility	Location	Facility	Location
North Tawton			Possible training facility?							Upgraded changing at	North Tawton FC
Tavistock	1 x adult pitch	Adj. Crowndale or Kelly College	Upgrade/ Resurface of 3G FTP at Tavistock College by 2024	Reinstall NTW at Tavistock College; Additional grass pitch		Purchase freehold pitches	Tavistock RFC at Sandy Lane			New changing facilities/ Pavilion -	Tavistock Hockey Club at Mount Kelly
Horrabridge	3 pitches (2 x 11v11 youth and 1 mini)									New changing facilities	Fillace Park, Horrabridge
Okehampton								Upgrade/ resurface of AGP in next 2-3 yrs	OCRA, Simmons Park		

C Summary of Pitch Requirements by Sport

5.1 The recommendations below are also presented above under the Sub Area Summaries but presented again here for ease, under each sport.

It must be noted that these recommendations are based only on the requirements for football, cricket rugby and hockey. New, emerging and minority sports (i.e. lacrosse, gaelic football, ultimate frisbee, baseball, rounders, etc.) which will have a demand for playing pitch space, will need to be taken into consideration as demand becomes apparent.

SCHEDULE 19: PRIORITIES FOR FOOTBALL

5.2 The following priorities for Football are identified and are reflected in the Action Plans.

Schedule 19A PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR FOOTBALL - SOUTH HAMS

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Ivybridge Sub Area		
Dartmouth	Norton Playing Fields	Investment in development of youth football on enhanced pitch.
Ivybridge	Ivybridge Town FC	Progression of new changing facilities.
Ivybridge	Additional pitches	One adult pitch and three youth 11v11 pitches required to meet demand from Ivybridge FC and Ugborough Youth FC and future growth.
Modbury	Modbury Sports Ground	Ideally extension to Modbury Sports Ground and/or nearby site with two additional 11v11 youth pitches. Not possible at present so support for ground improvements to increase capacity (as detailed in recent planning application).
Ivybridge	Upgrade of full size 3G FTP at Ivybridge Community College	Will lead to increased community use and access, via longer opening hours which will increase capacity and has potential to meet some of the required pitch demand.
Kingsbridge Sub Area		
Kingsbridge	Additional pitches	Two adult pitches required (one could be provided by use of previous rugby pitch on West Alvington Hill (Westville Park) or field adjacent) (Kingsbridge Community College land).
Kingsbridge	Additional pitches	Use of area of land to front of Kingsbridge Community College for mini football pitches (x 2 or 1 x 11v11 youth).
Kingsbridge	Provision of 3G FTP facilities	Recommend floodlit half size (9v9), possibly with rugby shock pad, to meet needs of football and rugby in Kingsbridge/Salcombe area (on land on West Alvington Hill (Westville Park) or field adjacent) (KCC land). May also require pavilion/changing facilities.
Totnes Sub Area		
Totnes	Replacement of football pitches	Replacement and enhancement of two football pitches at KEVICC upper site (Redworth).

Totnes	Provision of 3G FTP facilities	Further feasibility for 3G FTP at KEVICC. Facility has potential to benefit College, to enable youth development for football and free up space on the existing sand based AGP to meet demand from hockey, providing the latter pitch is safeguarded and remains viable.
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LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Urban Fringe - Woolwell		
Woolwell	Protection of existing pitch	Protection of existing adult pitch at Bickleigh Down (adjacent to rugby pitches).
Woolwell	Provision of grass pitches	Provision of sports pitch plateau (3 hectares) with flexibility to accommodate six new pitches to meet demand generated by new housing growth at Woolwell (Minimum of one adult, two 11v11 youth and two 7v7 mini pitches).
Woolwell	Provision of 3G FTP facilities	Support for floodlit half size (9v9) 3G FTP on proposed primary school site, with appropriate approved surface and a secure community use agreement, to meet demand generated by development.
Rest of Urban Fringe Sub Area		
Wembury	Additional pitches	Support for provision of 9v9 youth pitch at Wembury Recreation Ground with changing facilities in adjacent proposed Wellbeing Centre.
Sherford	As per Masterplan	Provision on Eastern side to be reappraised following completion of pitch provision at Western side (possible 3G FTP provision).

Schedule 19B PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR FOOTBALL - WEST DEVON

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
West Devon North – Okehampton and Environs		
Okehampton	Additional pitches	Two additional pitches (11v11 youth) to support Okehampton Argyle Youth FC and growth in Okehampton.
Okehampton	Okehampton Argyle FC	Extension of (access to) OCRA facilities to provide social facilities for Okehampton Argyle FC.
Okehampton	Enhancement of 3G FTP facilities	Work with Devon CC to obtain floodlighting and secure CUA at small 3G FTPs at primary schools in Okehampton. (If secure CUA and floodlights cannot be obtained, then further assessment should be carried out on the likely demand for a floodlit 9v9 3G FTP facility.
West Devon North – Rest of Sub Area		
North Tawton	Enhancement of changing facilities	Enhancement to changing facilities for North Tawton FC.

North Tawton	Provision of 3G FTP facilities	North Tawton RFC is progressing with a scheme to provide training facilities on site – under the ‘North Tawton Sports for All’ banner – possibly as an artificial surface which would also benefit other local clubs, including North Tawton FC.
West Devon South – Tavistock and Environs		
Tavistock	Additional pitches	One additional adult pitch Tavistock, preferably adjacent to Crowndale.
Tavistock	Upgrade of 3G FTP	Upgrade/replacement of 3G FTP at Tavistock College by 2034.
Tavistock	Additional pitches	To meet future demand – investigate potential for community use of football pitches at Mount Kelly.
West Devon South – Rest of Sub Area		
Horrabridge	Additional pitches	Two additional pitches (11v11 youth) in Horrabridge, plus replacement of mini pitch at Primary School pitch.
Walkhampton & Yelverton	Additional pitches	Improvements to pitch quality at Walkhampton Memorial Playing Field and Yelverton War Memorial Hall playing fields to accommodate growth in demand from Horrabridge Rangers FC.
Horrabridge	Horrabridge Rangers FC	Enhancement/rebuild of changing facilities at Fillace Park.

Schedule 19C PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR FOOTBALL - GENERAL

Multi pitch sport sites	In new sites, development of flexible multi pitch layouts with opportunities for joint provision and shared use of ancillary facilities. The preference is for large areas of land allocated rather than specific pitch sizes as such areas are better suited to future proofing and can allow space for other sports. There should be the option to have movable goals that can be chained together to allow areas to be flexible year on year and which will help to retain the goalmouth areas.
Pitch quality improvements	Support clubs with management responsibilities especially on multi pitch sites to improve the pitches under their control by, for example, engaging with the Grounds Maintenance Association (GMA). The use of the Pitch Power App/website should be encouraged. This records the quality of pitches and is the gateway to funding improvements related to grass pitches.
3G FTPs	Ensure 3G FTPs meet the Performance Test and are listed on the FA Register of approved sites for matchplay. Sinking funds to be accrued and ringfenced for future replacement in-line with funding and manufacturer guidelines.

SCHEDULE 20: PRIORITIES FOR CRICKET

5.3 The following priorities for Cricket are identified and are reflected in the Action Plans.

Schedule 20A PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR CRICKET - SOUTH HAMS

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Dartmouth Sub Area		

Dartmouth	Provision of cricket facilities in the town	To keep provision of non turf wicket at Coronation Park under review.
Ivybridge Sub Area		
Ivybridge	Additional pitch space	Second pitch within Ivybridge to accommodate increase in demand for cricket, to support youth cricket and to accommodate Ivybridge 3 rd XI.
Ivybridge	Additional pitch space	Pitch provision within Modbury area (possibly non turf wicket) to accommodate itinerant teams and home base for Modbury CC. Enhancements to cricket pitch at Ermington Playing Fields.
Kingsbridge Sub Area		
Kingsbridge	Additional pitch space	Expansion of capacity at Kingsbridge CC through, for example, NTW, artificial nets and/or increase in number of wickets.
Kingsbridge area	Additional pitch space	Enhancement and promotion of non turf wickets at Malborough Recreation Ground and Belle Hill. Additional ground somewhere for itinerant teams?
LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Totnes Sub Area		
Totnes	Replacement of cricket facilities	Replacement and enhancement of NTW at KEVICC upper site (Redworth).
Various	Cricket development	Further youth development and consolidation at Dartington & Totnes CC and Stoke Gabriel CC.
Urban Fringe - Woolwell		
Roborough Down	Enhancement of provision for cricket	Off-site contribution to enhancements of clubhouse and changing facilities, access to the site and quality of the ground at Roborough Down Sports Ground.
Urban Fringe – Rest of Sub Area		
Sherford	As per Masterplan	

Schedule 20B PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR CRICKET - WEST DEVON

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
West Devon North Sub Area		
Okehampton	Provision of grass pitch	Provision of grass cricket pitch within Okehampton to be kept under review.
Okehampton	Enhancement of facilities	Upgrade/better maintenance and protection of non turf wicket at Okehampton College for Okehampton CC.
West Devon South Sub Area		

West Devon South	Enhancement of facilities	Replacement/upgrade of non turf wicket at Tavistock College.
West Devon South	Additional pitch space	To meet future demand – investigate potential for community use of cricket pitches at Mount Kelly.

Schedule 20C PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR CRICKET - GENERAL

To improve and upgrade changing/pavilion facilities where identified	To support club development and help to attract youth and women players in line with the ECB’s Creating ‘welcoming environments’ resource (self help guide for cricket clubs to broaden appeal within the community).
Provision of non turf wickets	Consideration to be given to the provision of a non turf wicket as well as fine turf wickets at all new sites to increase capacity of the site and improve opportunities for recreational and youth play. To consider provision/replacement of (poor quality) non turf wickets on school sites, including those above, to support development of youth cricket.
Training facilities	To support the development of good quality training nets at grounds to enhance sustainability & improve overall performance. Promote provision of indoor training for cricket at sports halls especially in the Totnes and Ivybridge Sub Areas.

SCHEDULE 21: PRIORITIES FOR RUGBY

5.4 The following priorities for Rugby are identified and are reflected in the Action Plans.

Schedule 21A PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR RUGBY - SOUTH HAMS

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Dartmouth	Enhancement of facilities	Enhancements/redevelopment at Norton Park including the provision of changing facilities to support Dartmouth Rugby Club expansion.
Ivybridge	Enhancement of facilities	Changing room expansion at Ivybridge RFC, to enable changing rooms to accommodate all requirements for teams from u13s upwards, both male and female, with appropriate segregation and safeguarding measures in place.
Kingsbridge	Additional pitch provision	Provision of additional rugby pitch – possible extension of smaller pitch at Hill House (Kingsbridge RFC). Access to artificial grass pitch for training.
Kingsbridge	Enhancement to ancillary facilities	Improvements to access to Hill House site.
Kingsbridge	Enhancement to ancillary facilities	Improved changing provision and access to Belle Hill from nearby new housing – potential of use as multi sports site.

Totnes	Site enhancements at Borough Park	Improving pitch quality to 'good' at Borough Park. Transfer of lease to Totnes RFC will enable the club to seek funding for improvements, including better drainage, good quality portable lights and extension to clubhouse to include changing facilities.
Woolwell	Enhancement of facilities	Replacement/upgrade of changing facilities including clubhouse and relocation to site adjacent to rugby pitches at Bickleigh Down, for Plymouth Arguam RFC.
Woolwell	Protection of pitch space	Protection of existing two adult pitches and training pitch at Bickleigh Down used by Plymouth Arguam RFC. In future, improvements to pitch quality and/or additional pitch may be required to meet growth in demand.
Plymouth fringe	Enhancement of facilities	Improvements to facilities at King George V Fields for OPM RFC to serve demand generated by new development at Sherford, including clubhouse extension, floodlighting and improvements in maintenance and drainage, as set out in the Plymouth Playing Pitches Delivery Plan 2018-2021.

Schedule 21B PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR RUGBY - WEST DEVON

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Okehampton	Enhancement of facilities for training	Support for development and enhancement of facilities for training at Okehampton RFC's new site at Hill Top.
Tavistock	Additional secured provision	Purchase of freehold of rugby pitches at Sandy Park for Tavistock RFC.

Schedule 21C PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR RUGBY - GENERAL

Protecting provision at secondary schools	Work to secure community use agreements for rugby pitches at secondary schools in the district to support schools' rugby and provide important overflow facilities for local clubs (school: club links).
Portable floodlights	Support for the provision of portable floodlights where this can support additional floodlit training for rugby clubs/teams. This must be carefully considered as a solution on existing natural turf pitches which are already close to capacity.

<p>To consider the provision of artificial grass pitches for training.</p>	<p>There is also a wider need for access to suitable floodlit training provision for other sports, particularly for rugby union and football. There is a need for additional floodlit capacity for these sports and any new 3G pitches in future should consider opportunities to incorporate these sports within both the programme of use and the specification, for example shock pads for contact rugby activity. Given the competing demands from many sports for access to floodlit provision, there is a need for 3G pitches to also be multi-sport facilities where possible and to be maximised to meet the challenges of broad and significant sporting demand and limitations on available space across the study area. However, where there is a high demand for both sports, programming becomes a challenge as both sports may like the same peak times for weekday training and matchplay and funding of ancillary facilities such as shock pads may affect the business planning model.</p>
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SCHEDULE 22 - PRIORITIES FOR HOCKEY

5.5 The following priorities for Hockey are identified and are reflected in the Action Plan.

Schedule 22A PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR HOCKEY – SOUTH HAMS

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Dartmouth	Provision of sand based AGP	Support for sand based AGP at Dartmouth Academy – either full or half size – which could (help to) meet training and matchplay needs of Dartmouth Hockey Club (currently playing at Kingsbridge Community College AGP).
Kingsbridge	Enhancement of provision	Improve maintenance of Kingsbridge Community College AGP (currently used by Kingsbridge HC and Dartmouth HC). Support for upgrade in 2-3 years. Investigate possibility of providing clubhouse facilities.
Totnes	Safeguarding of AGP	Safeguarding of sand based AGP at KEVICC to ensure it remains sustainable and viable pending rationalisation of pitch facilities on College site.
Totnes	Provision of ancillary facilities	Redevelopment of changing facilities following fire at KEVICC lower site. It would be advantageous if this could include clubhouse accommodation for the hockey club and other facilities, e.g. café, to enhance the use of the wider playing field/open space site.
Woolwell	Enhancement to ancillary facilities	Off site contribution to improvements in ancillary facilities at UCP Marjons to meet demand generated from housing growth at Woolwell. Contribution towards new changing facilities/kitchen (as set out in Plymouth Playing Pitches Delivery Plan).
Sherford	Provision of ancillary facilities	Ensure provision of appropriate provision of changing/clubhouse to serve new sand based pitch
Sherford	Relocation of club	Relocation of Ivybridge Junior Hockey Club to new pitch at Sherford (currently matchplay and training at UCP Marjons and Plymstock College). Provision of changing facilities.

Schedule 22B PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR HOCKEY – WEST DEVON

Okehampton	Upgrade of facility	To address drainage problems with the sand based pitch at Okehampton College as soon as possible, with full upgrade in the next two to three years.
Tavistock	Provision of ancillary facilities	Construction of clubhouse for Tavistock Hockey Club at Mount Kelly College. The club have invested heavily in the AGPs on site. Additional partnership funding for clubhouse required; funding being sought

Schedule 22C PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR HOCKEY – GENERAL

To protect the stock of and viability of sand based AGPs capable of accommodating hockey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All artificial grass pitches should be protected with appropriate secure community use agreements negotiated wherever possible, which should be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis. <input type="checkbox"/> If any existing sand based AGPs are being considered for possible future ‘conversion’, (including non-sand based resurfacing), no decision should be taken in isolation without consulting the relevant NGBs and other key stakeholders, particularly if/where planning permission is required for such works. <input type="checkbox"/> While ultimately at the discretion of LPA, an appropriately worded condition (or similar legal agreement) be attached to any granting of planning permission for a new sand based AGP (to safeguard the AGP for hockey)
Maintaining high quality artificial grass pitch provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All artificial grass pitches (both sand based and 3G FTPs) should have the following in place: <input type="checkbox"/> Sufficient funding for ongoing maintenance and upgrades e.g. to maintain appropriate levels of floodlighting. <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate sinking funds for replacement and upgrade of facilities when required, whatever the ownership and management arrangements.

*Playing Pitch Strategy***6 DELIVERY OF THE STRATEGY****STAGE E MONITORING AND DELIVERY**

6.1 Once the Strategy has been agreed by the Steering Group it will be adopted by South Hams and West Devon Council and will form part of its evidence base for future development plan documents.

6.2 The Strategy Steering Group will continue to provide the basis for membership of the South Hams and West Devon Council PPS Delivery Group, which has now been operating since the 2015 PPS to oversee its implementation and to monitor progress towards the identified Action Points. Other organisations and individuals can be invited on to the Delivery Group as needed to oversee certain projects.

6.3 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. The Council will also continue to maintain the PPS database underpinning the Strategy (Stage B database) and ensure data is kept up to date and communicated through the steering group to relevant bodies.

6.4 The Delivery Group will thus continue to be committed to advancing the strategy and keeping it up to date 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/ projected planned housing numbers.
- 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.

6.5 When undertaking sports-related site development or enhancement, the following issues will continue to be considered:

- Financial viability including delivery and ongoing maintenance costs.
- Security of tenure.
- Planning permission requirements and any foreseen difficulties in securing permission.

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- Adequacy of existing finances to maintain existing sites.
- A Business Plan/Masterplan – including financial package for creation of new provision where need has been identified.
- Analysis of the possibility of shared site management opportunities.
- The availability of opportunities to lease sites to external organisations.
- Options to assist community groups to gain funding to enhance existing provision.
- Negotiation with landowners to increase access to private strategic sites.
- Impact on all sports that use a site regardless of the sport that is the subject of enhancements.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

6.6 Funding of sport and recreation facilities is often difficult and the many demands on development obligations result in complex viability negotiations with the needs of e.g. affordable housing, balanced against the needs of social and community infrastructure. A key factor is the deliverability of the scheme – whether funding has been allocated and whether the structure is already in place to deliver it. Schemes need to be fluid and flexible and able to adapt quickly to change. There will be some elements of schemes that have quick, easy ‘wins’ – enhancements for example.

6.7 Any Football Foundation investment will be targeted towards projects identified in the Local Football Facilities Plan and will concentrate on 3+ adult pitch or equivalent sites. (LFFP identified projects are identified in the Action Plan).

6.8 South Hams and West Devon Councils will continue to use s106 planning obligations and will await the outcome of the Government’s future reforms to the planning system and potential introduction of a national infrastructure levy. In South Hams in particular, there has been considerable success since the 2015 PPS in delivering sports and recreation projects utilising (or part utilising) s106 funds, including delivering priority projects identified in the PPS. To date in West Devon the s106 funds available have not been as sizeable, however there are significant future funds in signed s106 agreements, particularly for Tavistock.

6.9 Maintenance payments through developer contributions are unlikely to cover full costs for maintenance and operational funds have to come from other budgets. Projects involving

education sites might also be funded through separate national capital funds. Other potential funding sources may include those listed below.

6.10 Considerable investment is now being made into health which may be a way forward in securing funding for pitch improvements. There may be opportunities in new developments to deliver community sport and wellbeing hubs which have an active sports component and link to nearby sports facilities.

6.11 Capital funds from Sport England and National Governing Bodies (NGBs) can make a major contribution to key local capital projects and the identification of projects through the playing pitch strategy process should help increase prospects for the funding of some key

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projects. NGBs will work together to increase opportunities for joint funding, management and use of facilities and to avoid duplication and make the best use of what we already have.

6.12 Innovative ways to link existing community assets/groups into the development of new identified projects will need to be developed to ensure they are sustainable and embedded within their local communities. There are other ways, not just financial, in which people can work together to improve the viability of pitch sport sites. For example, there may be scope for local clubs, teams and leagues to work together to review and reschedule football kick-off times, particularly if 3G FTPs are used so that two adult matches can be played consecutively to help address peak-time issues.

6.13 Support for the voluntary sector in relation to the management and maintenance of facilities and membership activity – perhaps through subsidised training sessions – would help to ensure a thriving club sector and good quality facilities. It may be that schemes will be given priority if clubs have Clubmark or other indications of their quality standard.

6.14 Other than the recommendations in the Action Plans, it will be very important for the Councils to provide complementary guidance through their planning policies, and these should cover the following:

- Include policies and proposals in their Development Plan documents which are consistent with National Planning Policy Framework guidance and, in particular, include reference to the recommendations contained in this Section. Strategic policies should set out expected requirements and formulae for the provision of facilities and open space and specify that sums for offsite delivery may be required.
- Where strategic development sites or new communities are being considered there should be early identification of suitably sized level areas which can be safeguarded for provision of playing pitches (as in Sherford and Woolwell).
- Include proposals that cover the relevant recommendations contained in the Action Plans where the location and/or site of new or improved provision is determined.
- In assessing all options, the potential for developing/improving bone fide community facilities on existing and new school sites should be considered.

6.15 Finally, proposals to develop and use facilities contrary to the recommendations of this assessment and any subsequent strategy and action plan, should only be approved where:

- an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the facilities to be surplus to requirements; or
- the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.’ This is covered in JLP Policy DEV3.

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APPENDIX 1: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR PITCH SPORT PLANNING

Population increases calculated using housing growth figures and ONS base figures from 2019 indicate the following increases:

Appendix 1: Table 1

ESTIMATED POPULATION GROWTH BY SUB AREA 2021, 2026 & 2034

Sub Area/Authority	Population 2021	Pop growth 2021-2026	Population 2026	Pop growth 2021-2034	Population 2034	Increase 2021-2034 %
Dartmouth	8,158	806	8,964	1,118	9,276	13.7
Ivybridge	26,888	1,977	28,865	2,130	29,018	7.9
Kingsbridge	20,907	592	21,499	817	21,724	3.9
Totnes	24,849	598	25,447	1,281	26,130	5.2
Urban Fringe	10,085	4,562	14,647	12,410	22,495	123.1
of which....Woolwell	3,964	1,065	5,029	3,775	7,739	95.2
of which....Sherford	2,225	3,141	5,366	8,278	10,503	372.0
SOUTH HAMS TOTAL	90,887	8,517	99,404	17,756	108,643	19.5
West Devon North	24,324	1,021	25,345	1,888	26,212	7.8
West Devon South	32,958	1,419	34,377	2,806	35,764	8.5
WEST DEVON TOTAL	57,282	2,440	59,722	4,694	61,976	8.2

PPS AREA	148169	10,957	159,126	22,450	170,619	15.2
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NB: For the purposes of planning for sports pitch provision, these estimates provide a robust basis for pitch estimation, but are not recommended as a basis for planning for other infrastructure.

The ONS based population projections for South Hams and West Devon show the following:

Appendix 1: Table 2

POPULATION CHANGE 2021-2034 BY AGE GROUPS IN SOUTH HAMS & WEST DEVON

	South Hams	West Devon
Age group	% change 2021- 2034	% change 2021-2034
(0-4 years)	3%	0%
Mini pitch sports (5-9)	-7%	-13%
Youth/junior pitch sports (10-19)	1%	-4%
Adult pitch sports (20-34)	-1%	-2%
Adult pitch sports (35-45)	10%	9%
Adult pitch sports (46-54)	0%	-4%
Adult pitch sports (55-69)	3%	3%
Overall 'active participation' age groups (569)	2%	0%
(70 years+)	29%	30%

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APPENDIX 2: ESTIMATED INCREASES IN TEAMS AND PITCHES: SOUTH HAMS & WEST DEVON PPS

Source: Sport England Pitch Facilities Calculator

FOOTBALL

Appendix 2: Table 1 ESTIMATED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE SOUTH HAMS TO 2034

Reason for more teams	Men's	Ladies'	Boys 11v11	Girls 11v11	Boys 9v9	Girls 9v9	Mixed 7v7	Mixed 5v5	3G
Population growth to 2026	2.8	0.0	2.0	0.0	1.6	0.1	1.3	0.7	
Pitch space based on above	1.1		0.6		0.5		0.4	0.2	0.2

Population growth to 2034	6.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	3.5	0.2	2.7	1.6	
Pitch space based on above	2.4		1.2		1.1		0.9	0.5	0.5
+ Latent/displaced demand	2								
+ Aspirations/ trends	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
TOTAL TEAMS to 2034	9	1	5.3	1	4.6	1	3.7	2.6	
Requirement for pitch space	See Sub Area Summaries								

Appendix 2: Table 2 ESTIMATED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF FOOTBALL TEAMS IN WEST DEVON TO 2034

Reason for more teams	Men's	Ladies'	Boys 11v11	Girls 11v11	Boys 9v9	Girls 9v9	Mixed 7v7	Mixed 5v5	3G
Population growth to 2026	1.0	0	0.8	0.1	0.4	0	0.5	0.2	
Pitches based on above 2026	0.4		0.3		0.1		0.2	0.1	0.1
Population growth to 2034	1.9	0	1.6	0.1	0.8	0	0.9	0.4	
Pitches based on above 2034	0.7		0.6		0.2		0.3	0.1	0.2
+ Latent/displaced demand	1				1	1			
+ Aspirations/ trends	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
TOTAL TEAMS to 2034	3.9	1	2.6	1	1.8	1	1.9	1.4	
Requirement for pitch space	See Sub Area Summaries								

CRICKET

Appendix 2: Table 3 ESTIMATED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CRICKET TEAMS IN THE SOUTH HAMS TO 2034

Reason for more teams	Men's	Ladies'	Boys	Girls
Population growth to 2026	3.3	0.1	1.0	0.1
Pitches based on above 2026	1.0			
Population growth to 2034	7.2	0.2	2.2	0.2
Pitches based on above 2034	2.2			
+ Latent/displaced demand	1			
+Aspirations/trends		1	3	1
TOTAL TEAMS to 2034	8.2	1.2	5.2	1.2
Requirement for pitch space 2034	c3 + see Sub Area Summaries			

Appendix 2: Table 4 ESTIMATED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CRICKET TEAMS IN WEST DEVON TO 2034

Reason for more teams	Men's	Ladies'	Boys	Girls
Population growth to 2026	1.3	0.1	0.9	0.1
Pitches based on above 2026	0.5			
Population growth to 2034	2.5	0.2	1.6	0.2
Pitches based on above 2034	1.0			
+ Latent/displaced demand	1			
+ Aspirations/trends	1	2	2	1
TOTAL TEAMS to 2034	4.5	2.2	3.6	1.2
Requirement for pitch space 2034	c2.5 + see Sub Area Summaries			

RUGBY

Appendix 2: Table 5 ESTIMATED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF RUGBY TEAMS IN THE SOUTH HAMS TO 2034

Reason for more teams	Men's	Women's	Boys	Girls	Mixed
Population growth to 2026	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.0
Pitches for 2026	1.3				
Population growth to 2034	2.0	0.8	1.6	0.8	2.2
Pitches for 2034	2.8				
Latent demand	May result in larger squad sizes or existing players playing more often.				
Aspirations/Unmet demand	3	3	3	2	2
TOTAL to 2034 TEAMS	5	3.8	4.6	2.8	4.2
Requirement for pitch space	See Sub Area Summaries				

Appendix 2: Table 6 ESTIMATED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF RUGBY TEAMS IN WEST DEVON TO 2034

Reason for more teams	Men's	Women's	Boys	Girls	Mixed
Population growth to 2026	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3
Pitches for 2026	0.4				
Population growth to 2034	0.7	0.1	0.5		0.7
Pitches for 2034	0.7				
Latent demand	May result in larger squad sizes or existing players playing more often.				
Aspirations/Unmet demand	2	1		1	1
TOTAL TEAMS TO 2034	2.7	1.1	0.5	1	1.7
Requirement for pitch space	See Sub Area summaries				

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HOCKEY

Appendix 2: Table 7 ESTIMATED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HOCKEY TEAMS IN THE SOUTHHAMS TO 2034

Reason for more teams	Men's	Ladies'	Boys 14-16	Girls 14-16	Boys 11-13	Girls 11-13	Mixed 5-10
Population growth to 2034	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.2	0	0	0
Pitch space based on above	0.2						
+ Latent/displaced demand	<i>Ashmoor HC playing outside home area (Teignbridge)</i>						
+ Aspirations/ trends	0.5	0.5	1		1		0.5
TOTAL TEAMS to 2034	1.0	1.5	3.4		1		0.5
Requirement for pitch space	See Sub Area Summaries						

Appendix 2: Table 8 ESTIMATED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HOCKEY TEAMS IN WEST DEVON TO 2034

Reason for more teams	Men's	Ladies'	Boys 14-16	Girls 14-16	Boys 11-13	Girls 11-13	Mixed 5-10
Population growth to 2034	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0	0	0
Pitches based on above	0.1						
+ Latent/displaced demand							
+ Aspirations/ trends	0.5	0.5	1		1		0.5
TOTAL TEAMS to 2034	0.7	0.8	1.2		1		0.5
Requirement for pitch space	See Sub Area Summaries						

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APPENDIX 3: PROPOSALS FOR PITCH PROVISION AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SOUTH HAMS AND WEST DEVON

Through the process of this Strategy's preparation, consultation was undertaken directly with all secondary schools in the area, excluding Mount Kelly College. This Appendix summarised the issues raised of relevance to the PPS.

Appendix 3: Schedule 1

PROPOSALS FOR PITCH PROVISION AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SOUTH HAMS AND WEST DEVON

Name of school	Community use facilities existing and planned
Dartmouth Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with Academy for sand based AGP proceeding (half/fullsize?) • No community access at present to grass pitches – possibly because of poor quality?
Ivybridge Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurfacing of full size 3G FTP pitch taking place soon. College looking then to extend community use and set up new initiatives with partners to boost female participation, disability focus groups and localised health benefits. • Small 3G FTP also identified by the College and the FA as requiring replacement. • Poor drainage on senior rugby pitch – no requirement for community use
Kingsbridge Community College – main site & Westville Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following recent discussions and PPS findings, land adjacent to Westville Park or Westville Park itself identified as possible location for reduced size (9v9) floodlit 3G FTP (with shock pad for rugby?). • Westville Park grass pitch also requires improvement (or replacement on adjacent field if developed as 3G FTP). • Sand based AGP requires upgrading/relaying in next two to three years and maintenance specification to be revisited. • Grass area fronting school campus is a potential site for mini/youth football.
Kingsbridge Community College (off site -Belle Hill Fields)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve (pedestrian/cycle) access from town and provide link from new housing just off Belle Hill to south. • Enhance site (make site more attractive to potential users (football and rugby): develop changing: currently portacabins which Kingsbridge RFC are extending. Could have permanent facilities. • Improve portable lighting • Maintain non turf wicket

KEVICC, Totnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major proposals for rationalisation of site involving disposal of lower site and proposals for new and enhanced provision to remaining facilities from capital receipts. Aspiration for possible 3G FTP provision. This facility has potential to benefit the school, enable youth development for football and create additional capacity on the existing sand based AGP to meet demand from hockey. Further feasibility work required. Important to protect sand based artificial grass pitch on the lower site with full community access; appropriate management and business plans to be put in place to ensure viability.
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Name of school	Community use facilities existing and planned
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing rooms on lower site adjacent to artificial grass pitch have recently been destroyed by fire. Require replacement as part of enhancement of site, ideally including provision of clubhouse for hockey/AGP use and other appropriate facilities to encourage all year round use of the site. Maintain non turf cricket wicket on school site Improve grass pitches for football and rugby, with secure community use agreements in place.
Okehampton Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College rugby and football pitches in Simmons Park are mainstay of Okehampton Argyle's youth teams & Okehampton RFC youth teams (until the latter relocate to Hill Top). Pitch improvements desirable. Non turf cricket wicket, home to Okehampton CC, is contained within the College's grounds. Site is used for mini football. Wicket requires protection and enhancement. Lots of casual use of school playing fields which adds to overuse. Use by dogs is a great problem; dogs ideally need to be restricted to certain areas of the park. AGP - underground drainage and playing surface require improvements. Ideally surface to be replaced in next two to three years.
Tavistock College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully booked 3G FTP hosting matchplay by two clubs as well as training. Remedial works now completed and goals replaced. Netting atop of fencing requires replacement. Now back on FA Register until October 2023, but it is likely that 3G FTP will require replacement if it is to go back on the Register after then. Non turf wicket requires remedial work as the foundations of the pitch have cracked and collapsed due to moles. There is one rugby pitch located next to the hard courts; this may be out of action winter 2021/2 for access to adjacent building works.

<p>Mount Kelly College, Tavistock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent school – base of Tavistock Hockey Club with long lease. • Enhancements to clubhouse/changing facilities at main pitch planned by/for Hockey Club. • Extensive grass playing pitches – no community use at present but could contribute to community provision in cricket and football?
<p>Horrabridge Primary School</p>	<p>□ 1 mini pitch hosts 4 mini teams for Horrabridge Rangers FC – essential to operation of club. School would like MUGA. July 2021 Update: Pitch now changed to non floodlit sand based MUGA.</p>

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APPENDIX 4: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RELATING TO 3G FTP PROVISION

Appendix 4: Schedule 1 FINDINGS AND NOTES REGARDING 3G FTP PROVISION BY SUB AREA

Sub Area	Findings/Notes
Dartmouth	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRNC 3G FTP appears to offer some limited access (Dartmouth AFC) • Proposal for sand based AGP at Dartmouth Academy (full or half size) under discussion. Will assist training and potentially matchplay for Dartmouth Hockey Club and probably create additional capacity at Kingsbridge Community College sand based AGP for hockey. • Tarmac MUGA (for general kickabout) to be provided within the development site adjacent to Norton Playing Fields.
Ivybridge	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing full size 3G FTP at Ivybridge Community College to be resurfaced with revised community use agreements which will increase usage and help to meet shortfall in demand for football. • Possible resurfacing of half size 3G FTP. • Rugby 365 at Ivybridge RFC has a little spare capacity which could be available for football if at appropriate times and cost. • Area is adequately catered for with these improvements

Kingsbridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate provision for existing demand for training and matchplay for 16 football clubs in immediate area. • No available land for grass pitch provision to overcome shortfalls or allow for growth; clubs are restricted as a result and grass pitches damaged through overuse by training as well as matchplay. • Evidence of demand to support floodlit half size 9v9, possibly with rugby shock pad to meet needs of football & rugby in Kingsbridge/Salcombe. Supported by Kingsbridge Community College and area of land identified: either at Westville Park or land adjacent on West Alvington Hill. . • If matchplay compliant, pitch could ease matchplay pressure on Malborough Playing Fields and allow expansion and ease training pressure on Kingsbridge RFC’s pitches. • Will reduce use of Kingsbridge Community College sand based AGP, allowing growth for hockey and other sports.
Totnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major proposals for rationalisation of College site involving disposal of lower site and proposals for new and enhanced provision to remaining facilities from capital receipts. • Existing sand based AGP is very well used with apparently little room for growth in numbers of teams or activity in either football or hockey. • Aspiration for possible 3G FTP provision. This facility has potential to benefit the school, enable youth development for football and create additional capacity on the existing sand based AGP to meet demand from hockey. Further feasibility work required.

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Sub Area	Findings/Notes
	<p>□ Important to protect sand based artificial grass pitch on the lower site with full community access; appropriate management and business plans to be put in place to ensure viability.</p>
Woolwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet demand from new population (0.14 of a pitch) • Plymouth Playing Pitches Delivery Plan recommends two additional 3G FTPs to serve Plymouth, including the urban fringe area. Two 3G FTPs nearest to Woolwell are virtually at capacity (Tor Bridge Sports Centre and UCP Marjons). • Could also help meet demand from Horrbridge/Yelverton area. Teams from here currently train at Tavistock College and Tor Bridge Sports Centre (both effectively full). □ To meet demand for training facilities for rugby to take pressure off the pitches for Plymouth Arguam. • To meet growth in youth football (for training and matchplay) via Woolwell Youth FC. • An opportunity to meet this demand arises with the potential of providing a 9v9 size 3G FTP at the new primary school, if this has an approved surface, with floodlights and a secure community use agreement. Consider advantages of locating on proposed primary school site, with secure community use agreement.

Sherford	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sits outside current delivery schedule. • Later phasing allows for grass pitch provision on the Eastern side: one cricket, two adult and two youth football. • Allocation could change as development proceeds, sports participation patterns change and there are new technological advances in surface design.
Tavistock	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although no substantial increase in population to 2034, situation to be kept under review • 3G FTP at Tavistock College requires complete upgrade/replacement by 2024 to enable it to be re-registered with the FA • Provision of (half size) 3G FTP facilities at Woolwell could accommodate some demand from this area.
Okehampton	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand within sub area for floodlit training facilities. Existing sand based AGP at Simmons Park in Okehampton is heavily used and limited room for growth in numbers of teams or activity for either football or hockey (requires replacement in 2-3 years). • Ashbury Hotel commercial facilities (sand based AGP and 3G FTP) outside Okehampton meets some demand, but limited community use and not secure. • Grass pitch provision to meet needs of Okehampton Argyle Youth teams and Okehampton RFC is severely overplayed. 3G training facilities would help to relieve pressure on grass pitches. • The priority should be to gain community use agreements and appropriate lighting for the two small 3G FTPs at two primary schools in Okehampton for training and mini soccer games (if of appropriate size). If secure community access and floodlighting cannot be obtained, then further assessment should be done on the likely demand for a floodlit 9v9 size facility.
Rest of Okehampton Sub Area	

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Sub Area	Findings/Notes
	<p>☐ North Tawton RFC is progressing with a scheme to provide training facilities on site – under the ‘North Tawton Sports for All’ banner – possibly as an artificial surface which would also benefit other local clubs, including North Tawton FC.</p>

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APPENDIX 5: UPDATE ON MUGAS PROPOSED IN PREVIOUS STUDIES

Sub Area/ Site	Previous proposals (LFFP or 2015 PPS)	Other Proposals/Current Situation
Dartmouth		
Norton Playing Fields, Dartmouth	LFFP: Housing growth. Norton Playing fields as hub site.	Tarmac MUGA (for general kickabout) to be provided within the development site adjacent to Norton Playing Fields.
Ivybridge		
Modbury Recreation Ground	LFFP: Housing growth; s106 funding earmarked. Potential to be a hub site.	Recently club were considering putting a floodlit 9v9 AGP on the grass training pitch but this scheme no longer being actioned. Now looking to progress floodlighting, fencing and drainage – planning application 0208/21/FUL using s106 funds)
Kingsbridge		
Kingsbridge (Location not specified)	LFFP: Demand for a new MUGA in the area to support the development of informal and recreational football	PPS evidence to support 9v9 3G FTP on DCC land, West Alvington Hill (also under 3G FTP provision)
Bantham		Planning permission recently granted for 5v5 artificial grass football pitch, Aunemouth Cross. Not seen as genuine community facility but commercial venture.
Salcombe	2015 PPS: Investigate demand/viability of MUGA to support training etc in football and rugby	Site at The Berry is too isolated and not suitable.
Stokenham	2015 PPS recommended	
Chillington		Transfer of Chillington Recreation Field to the Parish Council now completed. Demand for a MUGA been expressed, also for better drainage in field. (drainage now complete) This is current proposal – could serve Stokenham?
Totnes		
Borough Park, Totnes	LFFP: To support informal and recreational football.	MUGA now on tennis courts at Borough Park
Dartington		Potential for MUGA on old tennis courts at Meadowbrook. Some s106 funding has been provided for provision of multigoals but future re-surfacing and fencing likely to be required.

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Sub Area/ Site	Previous proposals (LFFP or 2015 PPS)	Other Proposals/Current Situation
Blackawton	2015 PPS: Need for MUGA	Blackawton Primary School has now installed one
Harberton	2015 PPS: Demand for multi-use games area (MUGA)	
Stoke Gabriel	2015 PPS: Shortage of grass pitch provision in Stoke Gabriel area – provision of MUGA would assist training	Proposal for MUGA at Stoke Gabriel Primary School
Urban Fringe area		Potential provision of MUGA on land allocated for playing fields within the Woolwell development site. There is also an existing MUGA (unlit) at the Woolwell Centre.
West Devon North		
Okehampton	Long standing discussions around MUGAs/3G FTP provision	See 3G FTP proposals
West Devon South		
Buckland Monachorum	2016 Study: School would like to provide a community MUGA and improve its pitch provision.	
Chagford	2016 Study: Small town with range of pitch sport activity. Need for MUGA to meet training needs – preferably 3G FTP surface	
Horrabridge		The primary school have recently obtained planning permission for conversion of their small playing field into a sand dressed MUGA.
North Tawton		North Tawton RFC is progressing with a scheme to provide training facilities on site – under the North Tawton Sports for All banner - possibly as an artificial surface which would also benefit other clubs in the town. This would help to address any overuse of the pitches when they are wet. See 3G FTP

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Glossary Table 1 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED IN THE REPORT

(rugby) 365	Rugby Artificial Grass Pitch	LFFP	Local Football Facility Plan
3G FTP	3G Football Turf Pitch	SHWDC	South Hams & West Devon Council
AD	Active Devon	MUGA	Multi Use Games Area
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch	NGBs	National Governing Bodies
Comm. Org.	Community Organisation	NTW	Non-Turf Wicket (Cricket)
CUA	Community Use Agreement	ONS	Office for National Statistics
DC(B)	Devon Cricket (Board)	P(T)C	Parish (Town) Council
ECB	England Cricket Board	RFU	Rugby Football Union
EH	England Hockey	SE	Sport England
FA	Football Association/Devon FA	TGR	Team GenerationRate
FF	Football Foundation	VQA	Visual Quality Assessment
JLP	Joint Local Plan		

For reference, playing pitch areas (including run offs, excluding ancillary facilities) are:

Glossary Table 2 AREA AND DIMENSIONS OF PLAYING PITCHES BY SPORT

Sport	Type	Age Range	Overall Space	Hectares
Football	5v5	U7, U8	43m x 33m	0.14
	7v7	U9, U10	61m x 43m	0.26
	9v9	U11,U12	79m x 52m	0.41
	Youth 11v11	U13, U14	97m x 61m	0.59
	Adult	U15 upwards	106m x 70m	0.74
Cricket	Full pitch	All	111.56m x 115.84m	1.29
Rugby Union	Youth	U12 and below	80m x 53m	0.42
	Senior		154m x 80m	1.23

*Source: Comparative Sizes of Sports Pitches & Courts (OUTDOOR) September 2015 Update - Sport England

