

## East Devon Leisure Delivery Forum – April 2025

### Playing Pitch and Leisure Strategy Update Report

#### Appendix 1

##### East Devon Playing Pitch Audit and Strategy Programme – Update April 2025

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<i>Stage A</i>	<b>Step 1: Prepare and tailor the approach</b>  Firstly, review the audit and demand work completed to date and what has changed since the 2015/16 PPOSS and the most recent audit in 2022.						
<i>Step 1</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with all pitch NGBs and Sport England and check if in the light of identified changes in terms of pitch numbers/quality, Agreed to re-do all audits as it should be completed every 5 years and 2025 updates need to reflect latest trends and changes. (i.e. girls football)</li> </ul>						
<i>Stage B:</i>	<b>Step 2: Gathering supply information and views</b>						
<i>Step 2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Supply - qualitative and quantitative audit of all agreed facility types. We will audit summer sports first and then winter sports. We will need confirmation of any technical Pitch Power assessments undertaken since 2021.</li> </ul> <p>We understand there are 281 pitches located across 202 sites. Of these 13 are artificial grass pitches. There are in addition 87 outdoor tennis courts on 38 sites.</p>						
<i>Stage B:</i>	<b>Step 3: Gathering demand information and views</b>						
<i>Step 3</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify any changes in quality of pitches- location, pitch type and nature (see above)</li> <li>Identify all relevant clubs and teams across the sports in scope (2024/25 season) and contact them (online survey or face to face dependant on NGB preference) to recheck the demand – level and nature; this is likely to be most critical in football where an increase in junior teams will impact on the number and type of pitches needed.</li> <li>Identify the extent of the changes (quality, number and types of teams) and which sport(s)/facilities are affected</li> </ul>						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Demand - consultation with stakeholders, schools, clubs, parishes and town councils, NGBs, Sport England</li> <li>Map all provision (using GIS) to show current locations, types and extent of outdoor pitches and facilities</li> </ul> <p>Consultation will be undertaken through a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to face meetings (assuming these are possible)</li> <li>Online meetings</li> <li>Online and hard copy surveys</li> <li>Telephone calls</li> <li>Focus groups (in person/online)</li> <li>Emails</li> </ul> <p>Source information from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ONS/Strategic housing Allocation reports</li> <li>Active Lives</li> <li>Pitch Power</li> <li>NGBs</li> <li>Active Places Power</li> <li>NGB Strategies</li> <li>Club, Parish and Town Council surveys</li> <li>School surveys</li> <li>League consultation</li> </ul>
<i>Stage C</i> <i>Step 4</i>	<b>Step 4: Understand how each site is being used</b> <p>Understand the situation at each site through stakeholder and wider consultation, audit and assessment, and identify how each site is being used - what, who, when.</p>
<i>Stage C</i> <i>Step 5</i>	<b>Step 5: Develop the current picture of provision</b> <p>Understand population increases and new housing development alongside the strategic context to inform the wider background to individual pitches, teams and sports.</p>
<i>Stage C</i> <i>Step 6</i>	<b>Step 6: Identify the key findings and issues</b> <p>What are the main characteristics of the current and future supply of, and demand for, provision? 2. Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current and future demand? 3. Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately managed? Sign Off Stage C against Stage C Checklist</p>
<i>Stage D</i> <i>Step 7</i>	<b>Step 7: Develop the recommendations and action plan</b> <p>Prepare draft and Final reports, all technical appendices and Recommendations, and the Action Plans – site by site and sport by sport.</p>

Develop any new scenarios relevant to the new Local Plan and assess impact against the findings of the supply and demand assessment.

Application of the Supply and Demand Analysis - Where is provision lacking and for whom? What type of provision is needed moving forward and why? What are the opportunities to address under-supply?

We would use Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool and current 24/25 team numbers for each sport plus the number of new homes multiplied by average household size to identify the development population household size to be agreed with planners. The revised stage C and D analysis will identify additional capacity, if any, at accessible existing sites.

- Develop Recommendations for future provision – based on Protect, Enhance, Provide,
- Develop facility type and site-specific action plans
- Provide draft and final reports

At each stage we would draft the PPOSS Stage for discussion and sign off by Sport England, NGBs and the council.

The above covers PPOSS Stages A-D; Stage E is effectively done through a Steering group once the PPOSS is signed off.

We would need the council to provide:

Population data, GIS layers to facilitate mapping, stakeholder contacts, signposting to key policy documents.

Stage E - Steps 8, 9 and 10 are usually delivered by the Council.

<i>Stage E:</i>	<b>Step 8: Write and adopt the Strategy</b>
<i>Step 8</i>	Write the Strategy and report seeking endorsement by Cabinet /Council.
<i>Stage E:</i>	<b>Step 9 and 10: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date</b>
<i>Step 9</i>	Apply and deliver the strategy
<i>Step 10</i>	Keep the strategy robust and up to date