

Appendix 1
Leisure Strategy Delivery Forum
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Draft Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports
Strategy (PPOSS)
Feedback review report

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Summary

Survey goals and methodology

The Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) consultation aimed to ensure that the draft Strategy is robust, locally informed and deliverable. The key objectives of the consultation were to:

- Test whether the draft key principles are clear, appropriate and achievable.
- Identify local issues, priorities and constraints affecting the provision of outdoor sports facilities, including access, capacity and quality.
- Gather practical feedback to strengthen the Action Plan and support effective delivery.
- Ensure the Strategy reflects local demand and the realities of daytoday facility management and provision.

The consultation was undertaken using a mixed method approach. Feedback was sought through structured surveys and direct engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, including National Governing Bodies of Sport, sports clubs, facility providers, and Town and Parish Councils across East Devon. This approach ensured both strategic and place based perspectives were captured.

The findings from this engagement provide an up to date qualitative and quantitative evidence base to support future planning, investment decisions and funding bids, and to inform the wider Local Plan evidence suite.

Survey process

Consultation on the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy was carried out in several stages to maximise awareness and participation.

Initial engagement took place during summer 2025 through direct surveys issued to National Governing Bodies, sports clubs, facility providers, and Town and Parish Councils. This early engagement informed the development of the draft Strategy and its key recommendations.

Following completion of the draft PPOSS, a further consultation phase was undertaken to gather feedback on the draft key principles, Executive Summary and Action Plan. Multiple email communications were issued to Town and Parish Councils inviting comments and encouraging participation. Stakeholders were asked to submit feedback by email, clearly identifying their organisation and the facility or site(s) being referenced.

To support understanding of the Strategy and encourage informed responses, an online webinar was hosted on 3 February 2026. The webinar provided an overview of the PPOSS, its evidence base and proposed actions, and offered stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions.

The consultation period closed on 27 February 2026 at 10:00am. All feedback received has been reviewed and will be used to refine the Strategy prior to its return to Committee for final endorsement in April 2026.

Data analysis

Summary of consultation responses

Consultation responses were received from a broad range of stakeholders, including National Governing Bodies of Sport, schools, sports clubs, facility providers, and Town and Parish Councils across East Devon. Feedback was generally detailed and site-specific, reflecting both strategic considerations and local operational realities.

Overall view of the draft Strategy

Most respondents expressed support for the development of the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy and acknowledged its value as an evidence-based framework to guide future planning, investment and funding decisions. The draft key principles were widely regarded as clear, appropriate and aligned with national guidance, including Sport England methodology and Local Plan objectives.

Several respondents welcomed the emphasis on protecting and enhancing existing provision, particularly where facilities are already well used but constrained by quality, capacity or maintenance issues.

Quality and condition of existing facilities

A recurring theme across responses was concern about the condition and reliability of existing pitches and courts. Many respondents highlighted facilities currently rated as 'Standard' or 'Poor', citing issues such as drainage, overplay, surface deterioration and ageing infrastructure. There was strong emphasis on the need to address these quality issues as a priority to ensure both curriculum and community use can be sustained.

Several schools and clubs noted that poor-quality surfaces limit training and match play, particularly during winter months, and increase pressure on the remaining higher-quality facilities.

Demand for all-weather provision

Capacity shortfalls for all-weather provision were raised consistently, particularly in relation to football, rugby and hockey training. Respondents identified strong and growing demand for Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs), including 3G and sand-dressed surfaces, driven by increased participation, competitive requirements and the need for reliable year-round access.

In several cases, respondents suggested specific sites that could play a strategic role in addressing these deficits, particularly where existing school or community facilities could be enhanced or expanded.

Role of schools and education sites

Many responses highlighted the important role schools play, or could play, in the provision of community sports facilities. Schools were frequently identified as suitable locations for future investment, including pitch improvements, outdoor court resurfacing and potential AGP development.

At the same time, respondents stressed the need to balance expanded community use with curriculum delivery, safeguarding requirements, site management constraints and practical considerations such as parking and access. Phased delivery, feasibility work and clear management arrangements were commonly cited as necessary to make school-based provision sustainable.

Coverage and consistency of the Action Plan

A number of respondents raised concerns about omissions or inconsistencies within the draft Action Plan. These included existing facilities that were not referenced, such as outdoor netball courts, tennis courts or cricket sites, as well as perceived differences in the level of priority assigned to comparable sites.

Some respondents queried the alignment between the Executive Summary, sport-specific assessments and the site-by-site actions, and sought greater clarity on how priorities had been determined.

Growth, funding and long-term sustainability

Town and Parish Councils, in particular, emphasised the importance of linking planned housing growth to future sports facility provision. There was strong interest in ensuring that developer contributions, including S106 and CIL funding, are effectively aligned with identified needs and local catchments.

Respondents also highlighted the importance of long-term sustainability, including maintenance costs, management responsibilities and viable operating models. Several comments noted that new or improved facilities will only be successful if ongoing revenue implications are considered alongside capital investment.

Key findings

The consultation generated a wide range of detailed responses from National Governing Bodies of Sport, schools, sports clubs, facility providers and Town and Parish Councils. Overall, respondents welcomed the development of the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy and recognised its value in providing a robust, up-to-date evidence base to inform future planning and investment decisions.

Key findings from the consultation include:

- Broad support for the draft key principles, with many respondents confirming that they are clear, appropriate and aligned with national guidance, including Sport England methodology and Local Plan objectives.
- Strong emphasis on the importance of protecting and improving the quality of existing facilities, particularly where pitches are rated as 'Standard' or 'Poor', before prioritising new provision.
- Consistent feedback highlighting capacity shortfalls for all-weather provision, especially for football, rugby and hockey training, and the need for additional or upgraded Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) in several parts of the district.
- Repeated calls for greater recognition of schools as strategic sites for community sports provision, balanced with the need to protect curriculum use, safeguarding requirements and site management constraints.
- Identification of perceived gaps or inconsistencies within the draft Action Plan, including the omission of some existing facilities (such as netball courts, tennis courts or cricket sites), and differing levels of priority assigned to comparable sites.
- Strong interest from Town and Parish Councils in ensuring that local growth, including new housing allocations, is appropriately linked to future sports facility provision through developer contributions and partnership working.

- Recognition that long-term sustainability, including maintenance, management and operating models, is critical to the successful delivery of new or improved facilities.

Recommendations

Drawing on the consultation feedback, the following recommendations will inform refinement of the final Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy:

- Maintain the overall strategic direction and key principles of the PPOSS, reflecting the strong support expressed through consultation.
- Strengthen the Action Plan to ensure consistency between the Executive Summary, sport specific assessments and site level actions, and to clearly reflect identified priorities.
- Review the prioritisation of sites with multiple 'Poor' or 'Standard' quality facilities to ensure alignment with evidenced need, strategic role and comparative investment levels.
- Ensure all relevant existing facilities, including school-based outdoor courts and pitches, are accurately captured within the Action Plan where they contribute to current or future provision.
- Reinforce the role of schools and education sites as potential community sports hubs, where appropriate, supported by phased delivery, feasibility work and sustainable management models.
- Continue to promote a 'Protect, Enhance and Provide' approach, with particular emphasis on improving quality and capacity where deficiencies are most acute.
- Use the PPOSS as a live evidence base to support funding bids, developer contribution negotiations and partnership working with National Governing Bodies, Town and Parish Councils and other stakeholders.

Appendix 1: Schedule of consultation comments and consideration

Respondent	Exact Response	Strategic Leisure and EDDC response
<p>Clyst Vale Community College</p>	<p>Whether the draft key principles are clear, appropriate and achievable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft key principles are clear, appropriate and achievable and appear to align with Sport England methodology and the Local Plan. The emphasis on unlocking school facilities and promoting increased community access is welcomed. <p>Any local issues or priorities that should be recognised, including access, capacity, quality, constraints, and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Clyst Vale Community College there are several local issues that should be recognised within the PPOSS. • Our current outdoor provision includes an Adult 11v11 pitch rated 'Standard' and a Youth 11v11 pitch rated 'Poor', alongside two 'Poor' quality rugby pitches, all of which require targeted improvement to ensure reliable curriculum and community use. • The Executive Summary also identifies Clyst Vale as a potential Westarea community sports hub, with scope for a fullsize sanddressed AGP and associated clubhouse, an opportunity that would directly address the significant shortfalls in hockey and winter training capacity. Delivery on our site is, however, shaped by practical constraints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ limited day-time access to indoor facilities due to curriculum and safeguarding requirements; ○ winter reliability issues caused by drainage and overplay; and ○ the need to manage parking and traffic impacts should community use expand. • Despite these constraints, Clyst Vale offers substantial opportunity: upgraded grass pitches, resurfacing of our existing netball courts, and feasibility work on AGP development would collectively strengthen multisport provision, protect curriculum PE and ensure the West subarea has equitable access 	<p>Wording has been added to both the strategy and executive summary to strength the benefits of proposed developments on site.</p> <p>Wording added to all documents to support the the development of a multi-sport hub on site.</p>

to highquality facilities aligned with its evidenced deficits.

Any practical suggestions to strengthen the Action Plan and support delivery

To strengthen the Action Plan, I would like to see Clyst Vale recognised as a realistic hub site for the West of the district. We already know there is a shortage of suitable all-weather space locally, and a sand-dressed AGP at Clyst Vale would meet a clear need, particularly for hockey and winter training. Any development here would need to be phased sensibly—starting with feasibility work and improving the quality of our existing pitches, before moving into delivery of an AGP and associated facilities when funding allows. As with other sites, this would rely on a blend of developer contributions and national governing body support, alongside a sustainable long-term model for maintenance. It will also be important to design something that is genuinely inclusive, protects curriculum use during the school day, and manages parking and traffic well for our local community. A school-led approach, supported by a community operator out of hours, seems the most workable option and would ensure good access while keeping safeguarding and curriculum needs at the forefront.

In considering the draft PPOSS, I would urge the Council to recognise the clear disparity between the investment priorities identified for Clyst Vale Community College and those proposed for comparable secondary sites such as Cranbrook Education Campus and The King’s School, Ottery St Mary. Both Cranbrook and King’s are named repeatedly in the Action Plan for immediate and medium-term improvements across grass pitches, 3G AGP development, sports lighting, and enhanced netball and tennis provision; by contrast, Clyst Vale, despite having multiple ‘Poor’-rated pitches and no all-weather provision, is referenced only for low-priority grass pitch improvements.

Clyst Vale also hosts netball courts which now require resurfacing to remain safe and functional, yet these are not acknowledged within the netball actions

Amendments to action plan priorities for the site.

Netball courts added to action plan

	<p>despite similar facilities at other schools receiving support.</p> <p>Furthermore, although the Executive Summary explicitly states that Broadclyst Parish Council has identified Clyst Vale as a potential site for a full-size sand-dressed AGP and community hub, this opportunity is not reflected in the Action Plan. The Action Plan only lists two items for Clyst Vale, to improve football pitch quality (low priority) and improve rugby pitch quality; explore community use agreement (low priority) Our netball courts, which urgently require resurfacing to ensure safe curriculum and community use, are also omitted entirely. Given the documented AGP and hockey capacity deficits in the West sub-area, alongside the poor-quality pitches and the absence of all-weather provision at Clyst Vale, there is a strong evidential basis for elevating Clyst Vale to the same level of strategic priority as Cranbrook and King's. I therefore request that Clyst Vale is formally recognised within the Action Plan as a priority site for pitch quality improvements, netball court resurfacing and feasibility work for AGP development.</p>	<p>The need to carry out feasibility work for the proposed AGP development is now included in the action plan</p>
<p>Devon Cricket</p>	<p>I would indicate that from a cricket perspective, there doesn't seem to be total alignment in the three attached documents. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive summary and Action Plan document (draft key principles)- identifies the short term need for pitch quality improvements at. - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back Lane PF, Branscombe, Broadclyst, Chardstock, Cloakham Lawn, Feniton PF, King George (Uplyme), Pymtree PF, Sidbury, Tipton St John, Withycombe PF, and Woodbury Village – ○ However the Action Plan itself (excel) also calls for similar quality improvements at Winslade Park • Same document above does not reference the need for the performance hub facility at Winslade Park • Executive summary document references this action: - Point 3. Develop new cricket pitch provision at Marlcombe, with up to 3.8 pitches (30 wickets) required for a 10,000 dwelling site. 	<p>Executive summary, Strategy document and Action plan all aligned regarding pitch quality improvements. There are sites stated for this in the action plan that are not priority sites, therefore not included in the exec summary.</p> <p>All documents do reference support for the performance hub at Winslade Park</p> <p>Marlcombe recommendation has been reworded.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is this recommendation actually stating that four new cricket pitches should be built at Marlcombe - is this a practical solution ? - or should those cricket pitches be better distributed in the wider west sub area ? - Point 5 would indicate that is a possibility but does it contradict the four pitch requirement at Marlcombe ? • Stage D assessment report has a recommendation (point 6) as follows : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support the development of and investment into improved ancillary facilities for cricket clubs, with priority sites being Sidbury CC, Clyst St George CC, Sidmouth CC, Tipton St John CC and Whimble CC (Knowle Cross Recreation Ground). ○ No reference to this important action in the Executive summary or action plan 	<p>Ancillary provision recommendation added to exec summary.</p>
<p>Axe Valley School</p>	<p>Thank you for sending this proposal forwards, it clearly has taken a great deal of effort to prepare and is of a high professional standard.</p> <p>I'd like to share that, as a representative of Axe Valley Academy, I am disappointed that there are not proposals to further strengthen the offer in our area. Axminster is an area of relatively high deprivation where access to high quality sports facilities would make a meaningful difference to many lives, particularly young people in the town.</p> <p>Whilst we have a good AGP provision, we do not have any local facility for hockey, poor local grass facilities for football and rugby. It would have been great to see this being recognised and addressed, particularly with the future population growth that Axminster is due to have.</p> <p>I know that, as a school, we would work collaboratively with the LA around the leisure strategy on dual-use agreements that will benefit the area but this seems to have been overlooked.</p>	<p>Wording added to the strategy document – paragraph 3.146</p>

	I'd value any further conversations around this but the report suggests that main decisions have been made.	
Bowls Devon County	<p>Information as requested: Outdoor Bowling Greens(Appendix - page 24 Confirm that 10 sites across East Devon 1 Site (Maderia in Exmouth) has 2 greens, all others have 1 Green. 1 Site (Honiton) has an attached Indoor Section with 4 rinks. 1 Site (Axminster) has all weather pitch 8 Greens are good standard 2 Greens are standard Maintenance of all Greens is of good standard 6 clubs have membership of over 80 people (not including social members) 4 clubs have membership over 35/40 - All are well supported socially and a vital part of the community</p>	Information in the report is based on information provided by Bowls England and through club consultation.
Exmouth Community College	<p>The feedback from Exmouth Community College is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps the key principles could include a greater emphasis on grass roots activities, encouraging people into leisure activities. This is of particular importance for young people, whereby encouraging and normalising leisure pursuits at an early stage helps to engender lifelong habits. • Para 3.2 refers to three potential strategic courses of action: Protect, Enhance, Provide. There appears to be no option to 'Remove'; this must be an option to be considered where appropriate? • In Appendix 2 Action Plan (i.e. the Spreadsheet) both the outdoor hard court Tennis Courts and Netball Courts available for use at Exmouth Community College have been omitted from the list. • Para 4.9 Short Term (Football) All Weather Pitches states: "Support Town Council to explore possible sites for 3G AGP provision (Exmouth – Football & Rugby)". Exmouth Community College has a potential site for a 	<p>The PPOSS would not recommend the loss of any sports facilities, unless a clear mitigation strategy is already in place.</p> <p>Netball and Tennis courts added to Action Plan.</p> <p>Unsure of reference to Para 4.9, however sites have been identified through consultation with the relevant NGBs and the loss any hockey pitch or other</p>

	<p>full size 3G Football / Rugby pitch, which the school are keen to investigate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the Exec Summary document (Appendix 1) the following points are noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 3 (3G Artificial Grass Pitches) – this title/section is somewhat confusing, appearing as it does between Section 2 (Grass Football Pitches) and Section 4 (Hockey Pitches). It should be set as a completely separate section, perhaps before each of the sports is examined in turn. ○ Within Section 3, Exmouth Community College should be included as a potential location for full size 3G pitch (WR22 & FA compliant, with requisite run-off areas) ○ Within Section 5 (Rugby Union Pitches) Exmouth Community College should be added as a potential full size 3G pitch site. ○ Section 7 (Outdoor Tennis Courts) – Exmouth Community College facilities have been omitted. ○ Section 8 (Outdoor Netball Courts) – Exmouth Community College facilities have been omitted. <p>Anecdotally we are experiencing an ever increasing demand for a full size 3G Astro pitch within the school grounds. This demand is from not only the requirements of the school to participate in rugby and football competitions (male and female) but also the demand for use by the wider community. Our current 3G & 2G facilities are used extensively outside of school hours during evenings and weekends, are we are receiving calls from clubs as far away as Plymouth to come to use the pitches. Clear demand exists for expanded facilities within the school grounds.</p>	<p>grass pitch would not be recommended. Other space on site does seem to be very tight.</p>
<p>Sidmouth College</p>	<p>Please can you add the following points for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astro - It mentions Sidmouth getting lighting on the astro but doesn't give a timeline. The astro 	<p>The installation of sports lighting on site is highlighted as</p>

	<p>also needs a new surface and maintenance too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Courts - The College courts have now been resurfaced, they can be made bookable. I know the local netball club was looking to book already. These are not flagged at all on the netball section, as far as I can see. Is it worth us asked them to add them on. Future lighting development would be a real bonus 	<p>a short term priority in both the action plan and strategy document.</p> <p>Courts added to action plan.</p>
<p>Offwell Parish Council</p>	<p>Offwell Parish Council has a number of comments to make;</p> <p>We are opposed to the proposed development at Tower Hill. While we recognise the need for improvements to youth football facilities in Honiton, we contend that Tower Hill is the wrong location for such provision as detailed in our responses to the Planning Application.</p> <p>The recent study performed by Strategic Leisure was, by their own statement at the recent webinar, non-technical. This contrasts noticeably with the Honiton Pitch Strategy February 2017 which was far more technical in nature. Its conclusion was that “No sports pitches to be delivered on this site”. Nothing has changed since its adoption.</p> <p>The Honiton Sports Pitch Strategy made five recommendations and a larger number of implementation actions and these should be actioned as its analysis was more technical in nature. Not all have been implemented.</p> <p>No mention or analysis was made of the current Honiton Showground. This is a potential location, has good access and to our knowledge no formal approach has ever been made to The Honiton & District Agricultural Association to discuss the possibility.</p> <p>The assessments didn't seem to include Primary Schools, although there were some Senior Schools looked at. For example, Littletown Primary Academy in Honiton was not mentioned. They have a playing pitch attached. The same applies to Feniton Primary School. Primary Schools would be great locations to start looking at under 11 outside sports. Catch the children young and you improve their health for later in</p>	<p>The references to ‘non-technical’ were regarding audits of existing sites, of which SLL are not turf quality experts. We rely on PitchPower assessments commissioned by clubs and NGBs, for a deeper understanding of pitch quality wherever possible.</p> <p>The above does not relate to recommendations about future developments.</p> <p>Honiton Showground was not highlighted through any consultation as a potential location for future development.</p> <p>The assessments included primary schools wherever pitches were identified. However primary schools are rarely available to the community due to capacity, pitch quality and safeguarding issues. The PPOSS only considers formal marked out pitches, of which Littletown Primary Academy do not appear to have.</p> <p>The PPS identifies the priority sites for grass pitch improvement, based on where the greatest impact would be made.</p>

	<p>life! Surely Primary Schools facilities need to be looked at and funding allocated.</p> <p>The Executive Summary shows 108 football pitches across 59 sites in East Devon with 43% detailed as standard or poor quality. There doesn't appear to be a plan to upgrade these. Surely this should be an initial priority.</p> <p>Village Halls with associated sports pitches. This also is not mentioned or analysed. The focus seems to be on Clubs rather than improving local facilities. For example, Offwell Village Hall and Recreation Ground. Offwell Primary makes good use of this facility, but it could be improved with EDDC grants/funding.</p> <p>Utilising EDDC owned land has not been considered. One example is land detailed as Gitti_03 & 04, land west of Hayne Lane (59/0471L and 59/0472L in the EDDC Asset Register) in the new Draft EDDC Local Plan. This is currently allocated as an employment site. Some of this is EDDC owned. Its location is ideal for sports pitches. It's not in the East Devon Landscape, it is accessible on foot via lit pavements, it is on a number of bus routes (44, 44A, 387 and 694), it is on the Honiton to Exeter cycleway and could be connected to the electricity grid and sewage and drainage. It would be a sustainable and environmentally friendly location, would be able to be floodlit and meet all the requirements of the Local Plan.</p> <p>We also consider that not enough weight is given to utilising the existing facilities in Honiton maximising their use by having an integrated approach. Each sports type is looked at in isolation without considering the hours of use so that youth usage could be timed differently to adult provision.</p> <p>The assessment performed by Strategic Leisure did not include on-going maintenance requirements. Surely this is an important consideration as this has budget implications. There is no point in recommending new/improved facilities if there is insufficient money to maintain them. It must form part of any Strategy.</p>	<p>Offwell Recreation Ground is highlighted in the action plan for grass pitch improvement.</p> <p>The utilisation of EDDC owned land is outside of the scope of this PPS. The strategy identifies the issues with supply and demand and makes recommendations on how to tackle this.</p> <p>The PPS makes recommendations on how best to reduce deficits of pitch provision. These recommendations should then be taken by clubs, EDDC, other local authorities and NGBs to consider their potential feasibility.</p>
<p>Woodbury Parish Council</p>	<p>The Parish of Woodbury consists of three main settlements of Woodbury, Woodbury Salterton and Exton.</p> <p>In the Parish the main outdoor sports sites are in</p>	

	<p>Woodbury.</p> <p>One of the sites is owned by the Parish Council but managed by Woodbury Community Playing Fields and is off Town Lane. It consists of a tennis club, a play park including several pieces of play apparatus suitable for 6 to 14 year olds, an outside MUGA and a full size football pitch and The Hive a community hub.</p> <p>Close to this facility is a free public car park and within 150m is the Village cricket pitch. The cricket pitch / pavilion is located on Town Lane and is home to an active Cricket Club Woodbury & Newton St Cyres which attracts all ages.</p> <p>The football pitch had some drainage work completed a few years ago and until recently was used by adult male and junior football teams. However since the demise of the Village football team the pitch has been used by junior sides from Exmouth.</p> <p>We understand that the pitch comes under the auspices of Sports England and the FA.</p> <p>The Village of Woodbury has planning applications approved or in the pipeline for an additional 200 houses. Within the Parish a further 100+ houses are planned.</p> <p>This additional housing will generate additional demands for football spaces along with other sports.</p> <p>The existing pitch does need additional surface work.</p> <p>We feel that this pitch should be included within your strategy for medium and long term improvements.</p>	<p>The football pitch is identified for improvements in the action plan.</p>
<p>Honiton Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reinforce that support of improving Honiton’s sports facilities must continue into the final PPOSS report; <p>that EDDC should continue that support through the Planning Application for the Tower Hill site;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the draft PPOSS includes support of the proposed HTYFC Tower Hill project and also 	

	<p>the planned 3G at HCC which must continue to final PPOSS;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a recognition that CIL support for the HTYFC project is phase I only; • recognition of the draft Planning report (withdrawn) to EDDC Planning Committee included Officer Recommendation to support the PA, and the next planned report should likewise Recommend support for the PA; • that preventing golf balls being hit into existing adjacent land must be resolved; • that further additional town specific reports are not necessary, provided there continues to be support for Honiton’s proposals ie 3G and HTYFC; • That work has been done to improve rugby facilities at Allhallows; • That netting is needed at the Cricket Club to prevent ball strikes to adjacent recent housing development. • EDDC carry out the resurfacing of the netball court that is in the document. 	
<p>Budleigh Salterton Town Council</p>	<p>Budleigh Salterton Town Council has the following initial observations regarding the PPOSS consultation.</p> <p>Budleigh Cricket Club is not referenced (see Appendix 2 – Action Plan).</p> <p>Budleigh Tennis Club is also not referenced.</p> <p>During discussion of plans for CIL/S106 funding associated with new developments in the Local Plan, it was noted that Exmo_20 had not been mentioned, despite the fact that it will be one of the largest developments within the Local Plan. It also appeared that the consultants facilitating the discussion were not aware that Exmo_20 has a clear relationship with Budleigh Salterton.</p> <p>More broadly, the consideration given to catchment areas for existing and proposed sports pitches appears limited. Where such analysis has been undertaken, it seems largely focused on Cranbrook</p>	<p>Budleigh Salterton CC and Budleigh Tennis Club (Games Club) are included in all documents.</p> <p>Exmo 20 is included as ‘land opposite Withycombe Common’ however the reference has been updated.</p>

	<p>and the new town, rather than reflecting the wider geography of nearby communities such as Budleigh Salterton.</p> <p>The Council notes that EDDC's S106 officer, Melissa Wall, is currently meeting with the developer at Exmo_20 to discuss sports pitch provision as part of the master-planning process. Budleigh Salterton Town Council considers it important to highlight that Exmo_20 will be geographically closer to the centre of Budleigh Salterton than to Exmouth. The town already experiences a shortfall in football pitch provision. Even with the planned improvements to the BSFAC ground at Greenway Lane, provision will still not meet the needs of all youth age groups. Access to youth football pitches at Exmo_20 would therefore be highly beneficial.</p> <p>The Council also considers that opportunities for additional sporting provision at Exmo_20 should be explored. This should take place in collaboration with Budleigh Salterton Town Council as well as neighbouring councils, including Exmouth Town Council and potentially Woodbury and Lympstone Parish Councils, subject to their existing provision.</p> <p>Suggested approach</p> <p>Budleigh Salterton Town Council seeks to ensure that the Council is actively included in discussions regarding the planning and delivery of sports facilities associated with the development.</p> <p>Given that this involvement may not occur automatically through the master-planning process, consultation stages, or the planning application process itself, the Council may request that East Devon District Council establishes a working group involving relevant parish and town councils to help inform the development of sports provision at Exmo_20. Alternatively, the councils themselves may consider convening such a group.</p>	
<p>Exmouth Town Council</p>	<p>Exmouth Town Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) and confirms that the needs identified within the Strategy are consistent with, and strongly supported by, the priorities established in the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2031.</p>	

The Neighbourhood Plan sets out a clear commitment to enhancing sport, recreation, health and wellbeing opportunities for the town's growing population. The PPOSS provides robust, up-to-date evidence that supports the delivery of these commitments.

Alignment with the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan

1. Protection and Enhancement of Existing Sports and Recreational Facilities

Policies within the Neighbourhood Plan emphasise the need to safeguard existing green spaces and recreation areas, ensuring that community facilities remain accessible and fit for purpose.

The PPOSS findings, particularly under the PROTECT and ENHANCE principles, fully support this direction by:

Identifying the importance of maintaining grass pitches, courts, and ancillary facilities across Exmouth.

Highlighting priority sites requiring quality improvements, including those already recognised locally as under pressure from high demand.

This alignment reinforces the community's expectation that valued facilities, such as Phear Park, Withycombe, and club-managed grounds, should be preserved and upgraded wherever possible.

2. Responding to Growing Demand and Future Population Needs

The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the pressures created by population increase, particularly in areas near new housing development.

The PPOSS provides vital evidence on current shortfalls and future capacity gaps, confirming:

- Demand for improved grass pitch quality and increased pitch availability for youth and adult football and cricket.
- The strategic need for additional Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) provision, including exploration of potential sites within or near Exmouth.
- The importance of supporting Exmouth sports clubs experiencing growth in participation,

especially in football, rugby, tennis, netball, and cricket.

This evidence supports the Neighbourhood Plan's objective to ensure Exmouth maintains sufficient, high-quality facilities as housing development continues.

3. Encouraging Inclusive Physical Activity and Community Wellbeing

The Neighbourhood Plan prioritises opportunities for all residents to engage in sport and recreation, with particular emphasis on:

- Accessibility
- Health and wellbeing
- Inter-generational participation

The PPOSS echoes this by:

- Championing enhanced community access to school facilities.
- Supporting improvement of tennis, netball and AGP facilities to accommodate diverse needs.
- Promoting upgraded lighting, surfaces, and ancillary facilities to extend and broaden participation opportunities.

Together, these reinforce a shared commitment to reducing barriers to activity and supporting broader health outcomes.

4. Planning Obligations and Long-Term Investment

The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the role that Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions play in improving community infrastructure.

The PPOSS:

- Identifies specific facilities and projects that are suitable for future contributions.
- Provides the technical evidence required to justify investment in new and improved facilities.
- Aligns with Exmouth's aspirations for sustainable long-term sports provision,

ensuring funds are directed where impact will be greatest.

This ensures a consistent strategic approach to funding and delivery.

Exmouth Town Council confirms that the PPOSS supports and strengthens the aims of the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan. The Council therefore endorses the identified needs and welcomes continued engagement to shape future provision for the residents of Exmouth.