

## **MID DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY SUMMARY DOCUMENT – MAIN PRIORITIES**

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## A PRIORITIES FOR FOOTBALL

| LOCATION  | PROJECT  | ACTION POINTS   |
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| <b>Tiverton Sub Area</b>                                |  |   |
| Tiverton  | <b>Provision of full size floodlit 3G FTP in Tiverton</b>  | Further feasibility work required regarding; planning, management, maintenance, access, floodplain, partnership funding, delivery timetable. Potential sites include: Tiverton High School (THS), Amory Park, site within the Eastern Urban Extension and Blundell's School       |
| Eastern Urban Extension, Tiverton                       | <b>Football provision as part of pitch sport hub site</b>  | Bringing forward a grass pitch hub site as part of the Eastern Urban Extension; ideally minimum of 2 adult and 2 youth/mini pitches.  |
| Amory Park, Tiverton                                    | <b>Enhancement of Amory Park</b>   | Priority site for football in Tiverton. Recent improvements to grass pitches and proposed enhancement of changing pavilion/kitchen facilities. Review potential for clubs entering management agreement with MDDC over use and maintenance of pitches. Potential site for 3G FTP. |
| Tiverton  | <b>Investment in existing sites to increase capacity</b>   | Sites include: Amory Park (pitches realigned to create new pitch) and Moorhayes (improvements to maintenance regime for mini pitches).  |
| <b>Cullompton Sub Area</b>                              |  |   |
| CCA Fields, Cullompton                                  | <b>Fulfilment of specifications for replacement pitch provision</b>  | Ensuring that replacement adult and youth pitches being provided at CCA Fields as part of the relief road development are of specified good quality, with access to changing facilities as required and appropriately managed.  |
| Meadow Lane Playing Field, Cullompton Community College | <b>Investment into pitch quality and new changing (opportunities for multi sport funding / partnership?)</b> | Range of options to support development of hub site for football, rugby and/or cricket. Provision of changing/pavilion facilities which could meet need for clubhouse for hockey? Also possible site for 3G FTP. Further bespoke feasibility work required.                       |
| Culm Garden Village                                     | <b>Football provision as part of pitch sport hub site</b>  | Development of grass football pitch hub site and site for 3G FTP in longer term? 3G FTP to be developed once football activity established, or possibly on the new school site.   |
| North West Cullompton                                   | <b>New grass football pitch</b>  | Being provided through S106. Desire for integration with adjacent Primary School pitches and changing facilities in nearby community centre.  |
| Various   | <b>Improvement of pitches/greater capacity/new pitches</b>   | Various sites identified including Magelake Meadows, Uffculme (to help Culm & Sampford Utd Youth). Investigate suitable sites for hybrid grass carpet?  |
| <b>Crediton Sub Area</b>                                |  |   |
| Lords Meadow  | <b>Improvement in drainage and new football pitches</b>  | Support for improvements to drainage on the existing pitches. Strategy recommends two additional pitches to the eastern end of the site to meet current demand.   |
| Lords Meadow  | <b>Changing provision for Crediton Youth FC</b>  | Recommend improved access to Crediton AFC's facilities at Lords Meadow for use by Crediton Youth AFC. Extension/upgrade if required.  |
| Various   | <b>Proposed rationalization of Queen Elizabeth School campus</b>   | Proposals for rationalisation of QES campus and facilities and disposal of playing pitch land, with replacement provision planned (including AGPs). Keep watching brief on 3G FTP   |

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|   |   | provision. (Preferred site for stadia 3G in Crediton would be Crediton AFC's ground at Lords Meadow).     |
| David Pullen Recreation Field, Copplestone. | <b>Changing facilities</b>  | No facilities on site. Provision of changing facilities/small clubhouse as base for Copplestone Youth FC. |
| <b>General</b>                              |   |   |
| <b>Multi pitch sport sites</b>              | In new sites, development of flexible multi pitch layouts with opportunities for joint provision and shared use of ancillary facilities   |   |
| <b>Hybrid grass pitches</b>                 | Supporting improvements to pitch quality (through improved maintenance and/or drainage) and/or by using hybrid grass pitches if site is secure and good maintenance regimes can be ensured. |   |

## B PRIORITIES FOR CRICKET

| LOCATION   | PRIORITY  | ACTION POINTS   |
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| Tiverton   | <b>Provision of new cricket pitch</b>   | Potential sites to be further investigated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Urban Extension</li> <li>• Feasibility of secure community access to cricket pitch at Blundell's.</li> <li>• Petroc College playing field</li> <li>• Other sites</li> </ul>  |
| Cullompton area  | <b>Replacement ground for Cullompton CC</b>   | Cullompton CC being relocated due to Relief Road (to Horn Lane). Support for minimum of 12 wicket facility to address current shortfalls and to help meet future growth in demand. Further consideration to be given to scale of ancillary facilities, management structure and funding. Co-ordination of development of facilities at the new site with Kentisbeare CC (at Rectory Park) to ensure sustainability of both sites and clubs. |
| East Cullompton/ Culm Garden Village                       | <b>Provision for cricket as part of pitch sport hub site (one pitch).</b>   | Demand generated from predicted population growth. Potential site, size of ground and ancillary facilities, management structure and funding sources to be further discussed/agreed.  |
| Cullompton Community College                               | <b>Provision of new Non Turf Wicket</b>   | To protect provision of cricket facilities within Cullompton Town. Could be met by reinstatement of redundant cricket wicket at Meadow Lane Playing Fields, Cullompton Community College. (See proposals under Football and in Action Plans).   |
| Crediton area  | <b>Provision of additional cricket pitch.</b>   | To meet growth in demand to 2033. Sandford CC would appear most appropriate site. No other sites identified.  |
| <b>To improve and upgrade changing/pavilion facilities</b> | 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) e.g. at Thorverton Cricket Club. |   |

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| where identified                            |          |   |
| Addressing shortfall in training facilities |          | To review provision of indoor cricket training nets, as a shortage has been highlighted.  |
| Further provision of non turf wickets       |          | To consider provision/replacement of (poor quality) non turf wickets on school sites, for example Tiverton High School, QES Crediton and Cullompton Community College, to support development of youth cricket. |

## C PRIORITIES FOR RUGBY

| PROJECT   | ACTION POINTS   |
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| Securing additional provision in Tiverton to meet growth in demand  | Two further pitches required. If Tiverton High School pitch cannot be safeguarded, secure access to another adult pitch is required by Tiverton RFC.  |
| Relocation of Cullompton Rugby Club                                 | Current pitches at Stafford Park are vulnerable to development. Rugby The club proposes 3-4 full size + 2/3 midi/mini pitches at a new site. Two additional pitches are required to meet extra growth in demand within the sub area: one from residents of East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village and one from the rest of the sub area.<br>The club is considering possibility of site in vicinity of cricket club land in Culm Garden Village. |
| Relocation of Crediton Rugby Club                                   | The Strategy supports the progression of the club's relocation to Pedlerspool. 5 adult pitches and 3 youth pitches going forward are required to meet current and future demand in the sub area.  |
| 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)   |
| To consider the provision of artificial grass pitches for training. | The possibility of providing a rugby appropriate surface (shock pad) within any proposed 3G FTP provision should be considered. All three rugby clubs experience difficulties in accommodating training off-pitch/site.   |
| Portable floodlights  | Support for the provision of portable floodlights where this can enable off-pitch training.   |

## D PRIORITIES FOR HOCKEY

| PROJECT  | ACTION POINTS   |
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| To enable Exeter and Culm Vale Hockey Club to have a home pitch for all their teams in the Cullompton area – | To focus on improvements at Culm Valley Leisure Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement carpet/upgrade of pitch within next 2 – 5 years</li> <li>• Improvements to changing room and toilet facilities.</li> <li>• Provision of post-match clubhouse facilities on site. Feasibility of developing changing room/clubhouse facilities (in partnership with other sports) on Meadow Lane Playing Field to be considered.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>preferably at Culm Valley Leisure Centre</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strategy finds there is insufficient demand to support two sand based artificial grass pitches in the Cullompton Town/East Cullompton area. The priority at present is for the existing pitch at Culm Valley Leisure Centre to be safeguarded, upgraded and a clubhouse to be provided. (No consideration to be given to a change of surface at Culm Valley Leisure Centre until appropriate replacement provision has been provided at another site.)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>To meet growth in demand for coaching and matchplay facilities in Tiverton</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving maintenance of AGP at Exe Valley Leisure Centre.</li> <li>Replacement carpet/upgrade of pitch within next 2 – 5 years</li> <li>Supporting the provision of a floodlit sand based pitch at Uffculme School as a satellite hub site for youth development with Tiverton hockey clubs.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>To protect the stock of and viability of sand based AGPs capable of accommodating hockey.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>While it is ultimately at the discretion of the local planning authority, Sport England suggest that an appropriately worded condition (or similar legal agreement) be attached to any granting of planning permission for a new sand based or 3G FTP to safeguard the original surface.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Maintaining high quality artificial grass pitch provision</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All artificial grass pitches (both sand based and 3G FTPs) should have the following in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sufficient funding for ongoing maintenance and upgrades e.g. to maintain appropriate levels of floodlighting.</li> <li>Adequate sinking funds for replacement and upgrade of facilities when required, whatever the ownership and management arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

## E PRIORITIES FOR TENNIS

| <b>PROJECT</b>  | <b>ACTION POINTS</b>  |
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| <b>To increase public usage of Mid Devon Leisure courts</b> | Support discussions between the LTA and MDL regarding increasing public usage and club membership at Exe Valley Leisure Centre and Lords Meadow Leisure Centre tennis courts.   |
| <b>Developing use of new public courts in Cullompton</b>    | Clarify the management of the new tennis and netball multi use games area adjacent to Cullompton Community College and investment in other courts at the College. The site is potentially a base for a new club within Cullompton and should be available for community and club use on a secure basis throughout the week and at weekends without limitations. |
| <b>East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village</b>                  | A minimum of 2, preferably floodlit, tennis courts. Feasibility of SMART Access Technology to be considered.  |
| <b>Eastern Urban Extension, Tiverton</b>                    | 3 courts with Smart Access Technology, with ideally at least 2 of the 3 courts floodlit   |
| <b>Maintaining provision at schools</b>                     | Ensure school tennis courts are protected and improvements (such as floodlighting) supported where sustainable and feasible. Keep provision at Blundell’s School and other schools under review for community use.  |

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| <b>General promotion of SMART Access Technology</b>         | Support the installation of ClubSpark/remote access systems which remove the requirement for on-site management and promote wide community use at new and existing courts (for example, at Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground).  |
| <b>Conformity of data collection</b>                        | Aim to develop consistent methods of gathering data on court usage across providers, including MDDC, Parish Councils, clubs etc. (Measurements such as annual user visits and/or hours per court usage are often used but standardization would be beneficial for capacity analysis and benchmarking).                                  |
| <b>To improve the sustainability of playing field sites</b> | Consideration should be given to how the usage of tennis courts, bowling greens and their ancillary facilities can be linked in and expanded through collaborations with other clubs/users operating on the same site, e.g. joint club membership and potentially shared usage of clubhouses/pavilions with other playing pitch sports. |

## F PRIORITIES FOR BOWLS

| PROJECT   | ACTION POINTS  |
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| <b>Relocation of Cullompton Bowling Club</b>                      | The, following its displacement by the new Relief Road, to be successfully completed to the standards specified.   |
| <b>To support general improvements to bowling club facilities</b> | There are a range of issues (ranging from easier/free parking to general upkeep/upgrading of clubhouse facilities) which might be addressed on a phased basis.   |
| <b>To improve the viability of bowling clubs.</b>                 | To support the provision of facilities which will increase the usage (and hence revenue) of bowling clubs, improve their viability and enable them to continue as active, sustainable clubs.<br>Given the slowly declining membership of some bowling clubs, they will have to consider merging with other clubs nearby to sustain membership. |
| <b>To improve the sustainability of playing field sites</b>       | Consideration should be given to how the usage of tennis courts, bowling greens and their ancillary facilities can be linked in and expanded through collaborations with other clubs/users operating on the same site, e.g. joint club membership and potentially shared usage of clubhouses/pavilions with other playing pitch sports.        |

## G MASTERPLANNING – EAST CULLOMPTON (CULM GARDEN VILLAGE)

Provision for East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village (and for the Eastern Urban Extension, Tiverton) cannot be seen in isolation from the rest of their sub areas or without reference to existing provision, as demand generated by the new housing does not equate to exact numbers of pitches and/or may duplicate and/or affect the viability of other nearby facilities. In the case of East Cullompton, it is also important to maintain a balance between provision in the existing town and the new housing growth areas (see Appendix 4; Main Strategy document).



| SPORT            | ACTION POINTS  |
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| <b>Football</b>  | Two adult, two youth and two mini pitches to meet demand to 2033, potentially as a community hub. The development will also generate the need for 0.2 of a 3G football turf pitch which could also be located within this hub; the wider PPS identifies the need for a 3G FTP to serve existing needs within the Cullompton area. Further feasibility work and consultation with relevant stakeholders is required re: the benefits/potential of 3G FTP and sand based artificial grass pitch provision to serve the wider Cullompton area whether within the town itself (at Cullompton Community College) or in the new Garden Village (see Hockey below). |
| <b>Cricket</b>   | One pitch (8 wickets) needed to meet demand generated by East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village to 2033. This is in addition to a replacement pitch for the Cullompton Cricket Club, with additional wickets which could help to meet demand from new housing elsewhere in the Cullompton Sub Area, plus expansion within the club.   |
| <b>Rugby</b>     | One additional pitch required to meet demand from the East Cullompton / Culm Garden Village to 2033. Note: Cullompton Rugby Club have long standing plans to relocate from Stafford Park and are considering sites within EC/CGV. Replacement provision of 3 –4 full size pitches and 2/3 youth pitches are required, which also includes an element to meet growth in demand from the wider Cullompton Sub Area to 2033.  |
| <b>Hockey</b>    | Contribution to the upgrade of the sand based Culm Valley Leisure Centre Artificial Grass Pitch within the next 2-5 years, which could include the provision of clubhouse facilities. Another possibility is the relocation of this AGP to a site within East Cullompton (to be provided before the Culm Valley Leisure Centre pitch is decommissioned). Further feasibility work and consultation with relevant stakeholders is required.   |
| <b>Tennis</b>    | A minimum of 2, preferably floodlit, tennis courts. Consideration to be given to SMART Access Technology.  |
| <b>Bowls</b>     | No requirement identified although populations of this size do have bowling greens.  |
| <b>Post 2033</b> | It is predicted that growth in demand post 2033 in East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village (based on an additional 2550 homes) may result in an approximate doubling of the pitch requirement set out above i.e. up to one additional cricket pitch, one additional rugby pitch, six football pitches (2 senior, 2 youth and 2 mini), two tennis courts and contributions towards 3G FTP and sand based AGP provision.   |

## H MASTERPLANNING – EASTERN URBAN EXTENSION (TIVERTON)

Provision for the Eastern Urban Extension, Tiverton (and for East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village) cannot be seen in isolation from the rest of their sub areas or without reference to existing provision, as demand generated by the new housing does not equate to exact numbers of pitches and/or may duplicate and/or affect the viability of other nearby facilities (see Appendix 5; Main Strategy document).

| SPORT               | ACTION POINTS  |
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| <b>Football</b>     | Hub site with various pitches, ideally minimum of 2 adult and 2/3 youth/mini football pitches. Possible site for 3G FTP provision, but more likely to be contribution towards 3G FTP provision elsewhere within the town, for which there are several potential sites. (The development itself will generate demand for 0.1 of a 3G FTP).  |
| <b>Cricket</b>      | 1 new cricket pitch within the EUE (part of the need for which (0.6 of a pitch – 5 wickets) arises from the development itself but which could be made larger to address the shortfall in the town).   |
| <b>Rugby</b>        | The development is expected to generate demand for 0.6 rugby pitch. Contribution to off-site provision is recommended elsewhere, since one rugby pitch is not a sustainable level of provision and a minimum of 3 rugby pitches are required for a sustainable site. Tiverton RFC requires an additional pitch to meet expected growth from within the club and demand generated elsewhere in the Tiverton Sub Area. |
| <b>Hockey</b>       | Contribution to improvements in maintenance and access to changing and toilets at Exe Valley Leisure Centre artificial grass pitch and resurfacing of AGP in next 2 to 5 years with a sand dressed surface.  |
| <b>Tennis/Bowls</b> | 3 courts with Smart Access Technology, with ideally at least 2 of the 3 courts floodlit  |