

Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy

SITE ACTION PLANS

See Also: [MAIN STRATEGY DOCUMENT](#)

September 2021



Explanation of Action Plans

Potential delivery partners are highlighted and priority sites have been identified. Progress towards delivering against the action plans and the potential for additional actions can be considered at annual meetings of the Playing Pitch Strategy Delivery Group.

Partners to deliver action and other acronyms are used as follows:

3G FTP	3G Football Turf Pitch	LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
AD	Active Devon	LTC	Lawn Tennis Club
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch	MDDC	Mid Devon District Council
Comm. Org.	Community Organisation	MUGA	Multi Use Games Area
CUA	Community Use Agreement	NGBs	National Governing Bodies
DC(B)	Devon Cricket (Board)	NTW	Non-Turf Wicket (Cricket)
ECB	England Cricket Board	PTC	Parish or Town Council
EH	England Hockey	RFU	Rugby Football Union
FA	Football Association/Devon FA	SE	Sport England
FF	Football Foundation	VQA	Visual Quality Assessment
LFFP	Local Football Facility Plan		

Timescale Indicative time frames and/or priorities are given as follows (although it is recognised that many actions will run concurrently and/or take advantage of opportunities arising):

- 1 Short term (1-3 years): Ongoing and very important; to be addressed now
- 2 Medium term (3-8 years): Important: to be addressed and planned for in Council decision making and policy
- 3 Longer term (Over 8 years): Addressed during the remainder of the life of the Strategy

Cost Band

L – Low (<£50k); M – Medium (£50k-250k) and H - High (£250k+)

Cost estimates can be developed from the latest version of the Facilities Costs Datasheet provided by Sport England.

- A Draft Action Plans by Site – Tiverton Sub Area**
- B Draft Action Plans by Site –Cullompton Sub Area**
- C Draft Action Plans by Site – Crediton Sub Area**
- D Draft Action Plans by Objectives**

A DRAFT ACTION PLANS – TIVERTON SUB AREA (in alphabetical order)

Site Ref	Parish	Management	Site	Sport; pitches	Sport Facility and Activity Summary	Options and Recommended Actions	Priority Site/ Issue	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band
MDTV.01	Tiverton	Local Authority (in house)	Amory Park, Tiverton	2x adult football pitches and 2x mini pitches. 1 large unmarked, poor quality tarmac MUGA (97x56m)	- Main public football pitch site in Tiverton - Pitches generally rated as standard but overall pitch quality is poor this year because of over use and also the bad weather this season. - Improved maintenance of grass pitches recently is showing improvement, acknowledged by clubs. - Home to: Amory Green Rovers FC - 2 teams, and Twyford Spartans Youth FC play 9 youth and mini teams. - Amory Park technically does have room for another two teams in the afternoon but pitches are assessed as being overplayed due to youth teams using them in the morning - Changing requires improvements. Site visit noted large, unappealing changing block. 'Maintenance and overall quality is acceptable'. - LFFP recommends pitch improvements; supported by PPS. - LFFP recommends refurbishment of changing pavilion; supported by PPS - Large unsightly tarmac area serving no apparent use.	Support for further consideration to: - refurbishment of changing pavilion and showers. Extension to provide kitchen. - Possible site for 3G FTP (on tarmac MUGA area) – further feasibility work required. - Possible site for trial hybrid grass pitches - Management arrangements for the site. Possibility of user clubs entering management Agreement with MDDC over use and maintenance of pitches	Yes	1	FA; FF; MDDC; SE; PTC (Parish or Town Council); clubs	H
MDTV.03	Bampton	Sport Club	Bampton Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA rated standard	- Home to Bampton FC – 2 teams - Occasional overflow for Tiverton Town FC - Small, inadequate changing. - Site for Devon Air Ambulance	Support for: Enhancements to changing facilities to enable club to extend offer to youth teams and women		2	FA; FF; MDDC; PTC; club	M
MDTV.04	Tiverton	Independent School	Blundell's School	Grass pitches – winter sports: 6 rugby/football; 5 rugby; 7 mini/midi rugby	- Extensive playing fields. School is developing ambitious plans for enhancing and developing the range of sports provision on the site. This may include releasing some areas for housing (possibly Amory Field) and replacing pitches on Lowman Field - Tend not to have regular hirers of the grassed areas although used by Tiverton Town FC and Elmore FC for pre season training during the summer. - School has invested heavily in maintenance equipment & planning further investment in drainage & irrigation - Most of the pitches are on silt clay, making additional winter use problematic. - Lowman Field allocated for residential development under Policy Tiv16 of Mid Devon Local Plan.	There are a variety of proposals to investigate further with School as per below (Nos. 1 – 6). With all projects, community use options to be explored and secure community use agreements negotiated wherever possible. 1 Possible relocation of Amory Field football and cricket pitches to Lowman Field to develop all year round site with pavilion. Will require considerable investment in drainage as on floodplain.		2	Private school; MDDC; SE; FA	H
MDTV.04	Tiverton	Independent School	Blundell's School	Cricket pitches – 6 adult & 1 junior 4 synthetic nets; 4+ grass nets	- High quality cricket pitches have been used by Devon Cricket for training and some Junior County fixtures. - The two main squares (Big Field and May Field) are very good; Big Field can accommodate a 1st team and a junior team playing concurrently.	2 School aspiration to replace grass nets gradually with non-turf surfaces for practice. 3 School wishes to develop community use. If changing facilities were provided at May Field		2	Private school; MDDC; DCB; ECB; SE	M

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					- May Field Pitch – next to Prep School - is where the 2nd team play. - Major plans also to upgrade/develop indoor sports facilities, including indoor cricket centre)	pitch, this could potentially accommodate more community use on a regular basis.				
MDTV.04	Tiverton	School/College	Blundell's School	2 x full size floodlit AGPs – one sand dressed c 2009; one sand filled c.1995	- AGPs used by community, 5 nights a week for 3 hrs. Tiverton men's Hockey Club train; 4 football clubs train + additional occasional hockey teams & Devon Hockey training - Hockey Devon Player Pathway site; Isca & Exe HCs occasionally. - Sand filled AGP: problematic in the last few years in terms of drainage and floodlighting. - These AGPs are important providers of training facilities in Tiverton and useful back up facilities.	School intends to: 4 upgrade and replace astroturf lights with LED lights over next two years 5 replace older AGP in 2023 with a Sand Dressed surface. 6 install a full size floodlit 3G FTP just to the north of the existing AGPs, between them and Lowman Fields (will lose small 3G training area)		2	Private school; MDDC; EH; FA; FF; SE	H
MDTV.04	Tiverton	School/College	Blundell's School	6 FL tennis courts, o/m netball	6x tarmac courts, 4 overmarked with netball. Good condition. - Currently school use only .	7 Enhance court provision. Existing 4 netball pitches (6 tennis courts) to be widened to make 6 netball courts, with a new shelter/covered spectator area between then and the AGPs.		2	Private school; MDDC; SE	M
MDTV.08	Cheriton Fitzpaine	Sport Club	Cheriton Fitzpaine Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch; 7 wickets; VQA rated standard	- Home to Cheriton Fitzpaine CC - 4 teams plus various nomadic and midweek teams. Important in meeting demand from local teams - Undulating pitch on former farmland. Adequate, wooden pavilion in need of some attention. - Site is about to be sold/auctioned which means the pitch is vulnerable to development.	Support for: - Securing the tenure of this ground - Enhancement of changing facilities		1	MDDC; DCB; ECB; SE; club; PTC	L
N/A	Tiverton	Various	Eastern Urban Extension	Sports pitch hub site; to be decided	- Tiverton's Eastern Urban Extensions (EUE). Local Plan Policies TIV 1 to TIV 4: - The expected pitch requirement according to the number of teams generated by the increase from new housing in the Eastern Urban Extension to 2033 (1425 homes = 3235 people) and Blundell's development (200 homes = 454 people; 3689 people) is as set out.	Eastern Urban Extension: The population from this housing growth area to 2033 is expected to generate demand for: 2 adult, 2 youth (11v11 & 9v9) and 2 mini (7v7 & 5v5) football pitches, as a potential football hub site. 0.1 of a 3G FTP facility . - One cricket pitch - One rugby pitch 3 floodlit tennis courts - The above to be on or off-site contribution as appropriate. - Off-site contribution to improvements to sand based AGP at Exe Valley Leisure Centre for hockey	Yes		All; as appropriate	H
MDTV.20	Tiverton	Local Authority (in-house)	Exe Valley Leisure Centre	1 x floodlit full size sand based AGP	- AGP managed by Mid Devon Leisure. - AGP is full at peak time on weekday evenings; predominantly used for football training and small sided soccer.	Support for: Resurfacing of AGP in next 2 to 5 years with a sand dressed surface.	Yes	1	EH; MDL	L

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					- Pitch is home base of Tiverton White Eagles (Ladies) and Tiverton Men's hockey clubs. Used by Tiverton White Eagles for coaching 2 hours a week 3 hours hockey matchplay at weekends - Hockey clubs using rate surface as poor: Surface has become more uneven and the evidence of inappropriate use (damage to hockey goals from football, use of bladed footwear, litter etc) has increased. - There is no capacity to cater for increased hockey activity in week, but additional capacity at weekends. - Issues around access to changing facilities and toilets within Leisure Centre; long standing, requires resolution.	- Review of maintenance specification/upkeep to improve the quality of the playing surface and playing experience. - Improved access to changing facilities and toilets within the Leisure Centre.				
MDTV.20	Tiverton	Local Authority (in-house)	Exe Valley Leisure Centre	Tennis courts	3x floodlit, all weather courts, rated as good quality. - Home to Tiverton LTC: 77 members – books 3 weekly sessions 2-3 hours each, all courts - Considerable spare capacity, although casual tennis is popular at EVLC, booked on an 'as and when' basis by customers.	Support for: - repainting of courts (identified by MDL. - continuation of measures to increase club membership and activity and public usage (already being addressed)	Yes	1	LTA; MDL	L
MDTV.22	Bickleigh	Community Organisation	Happy Meadow Recreation Ground, Bampton	1 x adult and 1x 9v9 football, rated standard Previous site of cricket pitch, used by Tiverton clubs	- Important football overflow site for Tiverton. - Adult pitch. Burned lines. Signs of recent use. Heavy weed infestation. Floodlit, grass training area. 9v9 (66m x 44m). - Serves Tiverton teams: Twyford Spartans play their u15 girls, u13 girls and u12s at Bickleigh Meadow (as does their Vets team). Elmore 3rd XI. - Smart pavilion with integrated seats outside with appearance of cricket pavilion. Rated standard	- No improvements identified for football (aim to provide pitch facilities within the town). - Reinstating the cricket pitch at Happy Meadow, Bickleigh would be possible to meet unmet future demand, but not ideal location for Tiverton teams.		3	MDDC; DCB; ECB; SE; PTC	L
MDTV.24	Bolham	Sport Club	Heathcoat Cricket Ground	1 x grass cricket pitch; 12 wickets; VQA rated good.	- Well tended site with a large impressive pavilion, built 5 years ago. 3 lane net bay in good order. Club rated good on all aspects. The club employs a groundsman who is assisted by club member on a voluntary basis. - Home to Heathcoat CC – 11 teams. - Ground is assessed as being considerable overplayed. There is limited potential to increase the capacity of the ground.	Support for: Additional provision for cricket required in Tiverton to overcome existing shortfalls as well as meeting future need.		1	MDDC; DCB; ECB	M
MDTV.28	Tiverton	Sport Club	Horsdon Park, Tiverton	1 x adult, stadium type enclosed floodlit pitch; VQA good	- Home to Elmore FC - runs 5 teams which play across 3 different grounds. 1st, 2nd and U18 play at Horsdon Park, u16s at Tiverton High School and 3rd XI at Bickleigh - Damp underfoot. Club said drainage poor, pitch prone to waterlogging; all other aspects good. - Some spare capacity outside peak time (as good pitch), but protecting the pitch. - Elmore AFC is a Development Club (the only one in Mid Devon District), partnered with Moors Youth FC In order to fulfil its aspirations, there is a proposal for this site to be developed and club to be relocated to a 14 acre site adjacent to the north side of the A361. The proposal currently allows for 3 x 11v11 pitches; 4 mini pitches and a youth 9v9 pitch. (Adult pitches in	Further consideration to be given to: Relocation of Elmore AFC. The PPS supports the need for additional pitches in Tiverton.		1	FA; FF; MDDC; SE; club; PTC	H

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					Phase 1; Phase 2 with option of changing Pitch 2 into a '3G hybrid system' for multi-use; youth & mini pitches and community hub in Phase 3).					
MDTV.37	Tiverton	Community Organisation	Moorhayes Community Centre, Tiverton	2x 7v7 pitches. No recorded use. VQA poor MUGA 36x19m FL	- Underused site. Comprises pitches, Community Centre and MUGA so plenty of potential for increased use. - Poor drainage and minimal maintenance give appearance of abandoned pitches at this prominent community site. - Used by Moorhayes Youth mini teams in the past but not at present due to poor quality - Enclosed MUGA with open access. Markings worn and surface needs attention. Evidence of netball and football.	Support for: Investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches and reinvigorate use by mini teams.		1	FA; FF; MDDC; SE; PTC	M
MDTV.83	Morebath	Sports Club	Morebath Cricket Ground	1 x grass cricket pitch; 6 wickets, VQA rated standard; NTW rated poor.	- Home to Morebath CC – 3 teams. - Sloping site with smart, new pavilion. Non turf wicket is overgrown with moss and in a dangerous condition. - Smart, new changing pavilion.	Support for Improvements to the quality and maintenance of the ground to increase capacity, including the non turf wicket.		2	Club; DCB	
MDTV.42	Tiverton	School/College/University (in house)	Petroc College (Mid Devon Campus)		- Vacant playing field site. Grass field, no pitches marked out - Has been used in the past for football and cricket. - Access to this field is required for rebuild of Tiverton High School.	Support for: Protection of this site to meet future need for additional cricket pitch and/or youth football facilities.		1	College; MDDC	L
MDTV.46	Sampford Peverell	Local Authority (in house)	Sampford Peverell And Tiverton Cricket Club (see also MDCM.36)	Grass football pitches. Adult VQA good (o/m with 7v7, plus another 7v7) 1 x cricket pitch; 9 wickets; VQA rated good Floodlit MUGA (36x18m sandbased)	- Busy village ground with range of good facilities and active clubs Football - Home to Sampford Peverell FC adult team and Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC. - Usage issues at the beginning and end of seasons (overlap with cricket) has been noted. - Adult pitch described as being 'played to the level the site can sustain'. Little spare capacity to absorb growth. - Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC 12 teams are split for matchplay between here and Magelake Meadows, Uffculme. Cricket - Flat square with prepared wicket, tight to edge of football pitch. Slightly sloping outfield. Smart, new pavilion. - Home to Sampford Peverell and Tiverton CC – 6 teams. - Ground is operating at a sustainable level, so there is little room to accommodate growth. MUGA - MUGA – 4 year old sand dressed carpet on former tennis court. Good surface and fencing. - Well booked for training; fully used.	Support for: - floodlights to enable on-site training and midweek matchplay, subject to planning considerations. - Additional youth pitches (two) are required in the area to meet current and future demand for youth football (most likely emanating from Culm and Sampford Utd Youth FC).	Yes	1	FA; FF; MDDC; SE; PTC	M
MDTV.78	Sampford Peverell	Club/PC	Sampford Peverell Tennis Courts	2x floodlit courts.	- Courts in good condition. Recently refurbished surfaces (2019) and boundary fencing. - Home to Sampford Peverell Tennis Club – 54 members - One court leased from PC; one available to hire.	Support for: replacement of clubhouse		1	LTA; MDDC; club	M

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MDTV.54	Silverton	Local Authority (in house)	Silverton Recreational Ground	Unmarked pitch. Open access courts (1x tennis, 1x MUGA)	- Clubhouse in poor state of repair and needs replacing. - Sad recreation ground with potential for upgrading. - Pitch appears redundant. Posts in place but no markings nor maintenance. Uncut grass is sparse on one side and long and boggy on the other. - Pitch was used by Silverton FC recently (2019) but team now disbanded. - Courts are poor; unlit, rusty fencing and some vandalism.	Support for: measures that would enhance the playing field and tennis courts and encourage greater use for football and tennis (for example, a shelter and toilets would benefit)		1	PTC: MDDC	L
MDTV.55	Stoodleigh	Sport Club	Stoodleigh Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch. 4 wickets; VQA standard	- Attractive ground down long path opposite church - Exposed pitch with far-reaching views. New, additional changing hut in place. - Home to Stoodleigh CC – 2 teams.	No actions identified.				
MDTV.58	Thorverton	Sport Club	Thorverton Cricket Ground	1 x grass cricket pitch. 12 wickets; VQA good	- Home to Thorverton CC - 7 teams - Flat site. Double net bay in reasonable condition. - Well maintained pavilion rated as poor due to deterioration of fabric caused by woodworm, flooding and years of wear and tear. - Pitch is operating at a sustainable level, so there is little room to accommodate growth.	Support for: enhancement of changing facilities		1	MDDC; DCB; ECB; SE; club	M
MDTV.59	Thorverton	Other	Thorverton Recreation Ground	1 x adult football pitch; VQA standard	- Attractive tree lined ground with play equipment in centre of the village - Home to Thorverton FC – one team - VQA Standard: Dry underfoot. Dangerously pitted goalmouth. Evidence of recent play. Well tended. - Could accommodate an additional team at peak time - Progression to higher division will be hampered due to small changing room size	Support for: enlargement of changing facilities		1	FA; FF; MDDC; PTC; club	M
MDTV.93	Tiverton Borough	Sport Club	Tiverton Borough Bowling Club	6 rink green	- Elevated, attractive facility. - Physical access is a problem for those with disabilities. - Bowling Club has 45 members - Club has proposals for redevelopment to provide fully accessible facilities as well as a community hall for use by the local population.	Support for: enhancements and developments to provide fully accessible facilities.		2	MDDC; PTC; club	H
MDTV.94	Tiverton	Sport Club	Tiverton Bowling Club	6 rink green	- Well tended facility within People's Park. - All fenced in, no further information. Green appears well tended. - Bowling club has 42 members	No actions identified.				
MDTV.60	Tiverton	School/College	Tiverton High School	2 youth & 3 mini pitches (West of Bolham Rd); all rated standard	- Aspiration for school to relocate from west of Bolham Road to east. Involves building on one rugby & one football pitch & replacing pitches and reorganisation of main site. - Draft pitch realignment plan exists, including AGP (probably 3G FTP) but to be confirmed. <i>Football</i>	Potential 'Gateway to Sport' area in Tiverton in partnership with Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC & Exe Valley Leisure Centre. Support for:	Yes	2	AD, MDDC, FA; FF; RFU; SE, School	H

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				5 non FL tennis courts	- The role of Tiverton High School pitches is critical in accommodating youth football in Tiverton. - Pitches on site are home to Moors Youth FC - play 14 of their 16 teams here on the youth and mini pitches. - Club using comment that pitch maintenance is good although problems with litter and dog fouling. - Pitches are overplayed. Club has to stagger home games and KO times to allow games to be played. In winter months this can cause problems damaging the pitch due to overuse. - Elmore FC u16 play on adult pitch over the road; no issues. - LFFP recommend pitch improvements; supported by PPS, but pitches to be relaid <i>Tennis</i> 5 x tarmac courts in playground area. Below average condition, not lit (unsafe; need replacing)	- existing level of provision of playing pitches and courts to be protected. - Further consideration to be given to high quality replacement facilities (football, rugby and tennis) and any additional provision. - Potential site for 3G FTP in Tiverton: further feasibility work to be carried out.				
MDTV.81	Tiverton	School/College	Tiverton High School over Footbridge (East of Bolham Rd);	1 adult football & 1 rugby	- Pitches meet need for football and rugby in Tiverton. - Elmore AFC play their U16s on football pitch. - Tiverton RFC u12, u13, u14 & u15 use rugby pitch; training weekday evenings & matchplay - Pitches are overplayed	As above.	Yes	2	AD, MDDC, FA; FF; RFU; SE	M
MDTV.61	Tiverton	Sport Club	Tiverton Rugby Football Club	2x adult, floodlit rugby pitches.	- Home to Tiverton RFC – total of 13 teams. - Club has invested heavily in drainage improvements. - Current pitches are overplayed and there is really no option for the use of any other pitches. Juniors already using MDTV.81	No site actions identified. - Additional rugby pitches required in Tiverton to meet growth in demand. - Training facilities also required to take pressure off grass pitches. To consider the provision of shock pads appropriate for rugby within 3G FTPs, subject to appropriate funding and business plans.		2	MDDC; FA;FF; RFU; SE	H
MDTV.77	Tiverton	Sport Club	Tiverton Town Football Club	1 x enclosed, floodlit, adult football pitch; VQA good	- Tiverton Town FC (Home Ground Ian Moorcroft Stadium) run 2 Saturday teams and an u18 team based at the ground which plays in the Midweek floodlit league (senior club in the area) - Club say that pitch is generally good but gets heavy and hard work in the winter, when up to 6 or so games a season can be called off.	- Club aspire to a 3G FTP surface. However, the standard of artificial grass pitch they would require at their level is above 'community level' and would not be eligible for FF funding. - Club may become 'league locked' if it puts in a 'community 3G' FTP.		3	FA; FF; club	H
MDTV.95	Tiverton	Sports Club	Tiverton West End Bowling Club	6 rink green	- Well tended facility within Westex Recreation Ground. - Bowling Club has 76 members.	No actions identified.				
MDTV.65	Uplowman	Sport Club	Uplowman Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA rated good. 1 x tennis court, NF	- Attractive, well tended site, home to Uplowman FC (one team). - Important overflow site for Tiverton football teams. Moors Youth FC play their u13s here; also used by Falcon FC and occasionally Twyford Spartans. - Club says grounds maintenance requires improvement. - Changing within new village hall (cleaned by club).	No actions identified.				

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					- Spare capacity for another adult team and room for a mini pitch on site. - Open access tennis court. Good surface, markings and fencing. - Ground has hosted cricket in the past but position of tennis court now renders this impossible.					
MDTV.68	Tiverton	Local Authority (in house)	Westexe Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA rated standard	- Town park. Faint lines of football pitch but no signs of recent use. Reasonably well drained. - Home to Westexe Rovers FC - 2 Saturday teams & Moors Youth FC play their u15s here. Spare capacity outside peak time. - Club say overall pitch quality good but some problems with litter & dog usage. - Changing is basic and of poor quality.	Support for: improvement to changing facilities.		2	MDDC; FA; FF; PTC; clubs	M
MDTV.90		Sports Club	Nomansland Cricket ground	1 x cricket pitch	- Nomansland CC – one team playing in the North Devon Sunday league and midweek 20/20. - Late addition to Strategy. No further information available but not mentioned within the Strategy preparation.	No action identified.				

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MDCM.86	Ashill Village	PC	Ashill Village Tennis Court	1x tarmac tennis court	Good condition, overmarked with netball.	No actions identified.				
MDCM.97	Bradninch	Sport Club	Bradninch Bowling Club	6 rink green	- Bradninch Bowling Club – 38 members - All facilities in good condition. - Some bare patches noted on grass.	No actions identified				
MDCM.15	Cullompton	Community Assn	CCA (Cullompton Community Assn) Fields (see also MDCM.99)	2 x adult pitches rated poor.	- Principal football site in Cullompton. This site and MDCM.99 used by 10x Cullompton Rangers FC teams and Exeter Ladies FC. - Major improvements to pitches planned through Cullompton Relief Road scheme. 2 adult pitches on CCA Fields site are being replaced by two large youth pitches, involving repositioning, due to site development. Pitches are being relaid to a higher specification. - Pitches currently have no spare capacity outside of peak time; pitches are operating at a sustainable level only. Improved quality is expected to enhance capacity of pitches. - LFFP recommends pitch improvements.	Support for: - Upgrading and enhancement of pitch quality, as set out within specifications. - Detailed consideration to be given to management of pitches (still to be agreed). Primary user will be Cullompton AFC but pitches will be available for wider community use.	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; PTC, SE; club	H
MDCM.89	Cullompton	Sport Club	Cullompton Bowling Club	6 rink green	- Cullompton Bowls Club; 40 members - Good quality playing surface, ditches and paths. - Green to be relocated slightly due to construction of relief road. Club hopes to attract more members once it has moved and has better clubhouse facilities. - Artificial bowling green planned	Support for relocation to new site 2022 as agreed, with green and ancillary facilities of appropriate high quality.		1	MDDC; PTC, SE	H
MDCM.13	Cullompton	School/College	Cullompton Community College (see also MDCM.17)	5 x tennis courts; Grass area for rounders and training grids	- College has range of sports facilities, some managed in-house; others managed by MDL. - Courts are of average condition. 3 are floodlit; 4 courts are overmarked with netball. - School use only during term time. Available in summer for community use. - Grass area beyond tennis courts has training grids, used for rugby and rounders. - Proposal to build additional teaching accommodation on one of the tennis courts. As mitigation, a new multi use games area (2 floodlit netball/ tennis courts) has been granted planning permission on land to the south of the main college site on Meadow Lane.	Support for: - clarification of management of the new tennis and netball multi use games area to ensure that it can be used by the community throughout the week and at weekends without limitations. Secure community use agreement to be negotiated with stakeholders. - enhancement of remaining courts on College site and development of secure community access.	Yes	1	AD; LTA; MDDC; PTC, SE; College	H

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MDCM.82	Cullompton	School/College	Cullompton Community College, Meadow Lane (see also MDCM.17)	1 x adult football; 1 x rugby; VQA Rated poor 1 x NTW – redundant	- This field is important in meeting demand for youth football in Cullompton (used by Culm Valley Youth u11s and u10s) and also as an overflow site for rugby (occasional use by Cullompton RFC). - Low-lying site prone to waterlogging - The site experiences poor drainage and pitches are overplayed due to their poor quality. - There are no facilities – changing or toilets - here. - The NTW has ben out of action for several years.	There are a range of options to be considered for this site. They include: - improving pitch quality and maintenance regimes to increase capacity of both rugby & football pitches. - the potential for providing changing and other ancillary facilities (kitchen, clubroom/social facilities) to support a multi pitch sport site - football, rugby, hockey (on adjacent sand based AGP) and cricket. - as a minimum, the provision of a shelter and toilets to assist the development of Culm Valley Youth FC. - installing a new non turf wicket to enable cricket to be reintroduced. - Consideration to be given also to the feasibility of providing a 3G FTP here (or on the sand based AGP if that facility is first relocated, with appropriate ancillary provision, to Culm Garden Village – see Strategy).	Yes	1	AD; MDDC; FA; FF; DC; ECB; RFU; SE; clubs; College	H
MDCM.14	Cullompton	Sport Club	Cullompton Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch (9 wickets); VQA rated good. NTW (standard)	- Small, restricted site, room for 9 wickets only. - Home to Cullompton CC running 9 or so teams. Site is overplayed slightly. - Growth of club (particularly women and youth teams) is constrained by lack of space for additional wickets. - Cricket club is now being relocated to Horn Lane, due to Relief Road Scheme. 3rd XI plays outside the area at Tipton St John.	Support for: - replacement facility (including NTW) for Cullompton CC <u>with a minimum of 12</u> wickets to address current shortfall and allow for growth of club (particularly in women and youth play) (site proposed at Horn Lane in Culm Garden Village). - further consideration of scale of ancillary facilities, management structure and funding sources. - Co-ordination of development of facilities for Cullompton CC at new site at Horn Lane with Kentisbeare CC to ensure sustainability of both sites and clubs (See also MDCM.45)	Yes	1	MDDC; DC; ECB, SE; club	H
MDCM.99	Cullompton	Sports Club	Cullompton Rangers FC Ground (CCA Fields) (see also MDCM.15)	1 x adult, stadium type floodlit pitch; VQA rated good 1 x adult pitch (or equivalent) behind	- Two adult pitches under management of Cullompton Rangers hosting (with MDCM.15) 10x Cullompton Rangers FC teams and Exeter Ladies FC. - Pitches are approaching overuse; Cullompton Rangers FC experience instances where adverse weather means the club occasionally has to seek alternative provision.	Support for: - Upgrading and enhancement of pitch quality, as agreed as part of Relief Road scheme. - Detailed consideration to be given to management of pitches (i.e. whether by club only or in partnership with other stakeholders)	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club	H

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				clubhouse; VQA rated good	- Major enhancements planned to pitches as a result of Cullompton Relief Road scheme. 2nd pitch to be realigned, upgraded and floodlit. - An increased seating capacity would be required for the 1st Team to progress to the next level. This would involve the installation of a purpose built 'Grandstand' facility.					
MDCM.16	Cullompton	Sport Club	Cullompton Rugby Football Club (Stafford Park)	4 youth & 2 senior pitches	6 pitches plus training area; substantial rugby pitch site, with large clubhouse. - Cullompton RFC runs 17 teams - full range of youth and adult - Club owns 1st XV pitch; other pitches rented from private land owner and earmarked for development. - Senior pitches are overused; a little spare capacity on midi/mini pitches but wet weather means postponements plus lack of facilities for training. - Lack of security of tenure of 5 pitches is leading club to relocate; it has been seeking a new site for some time	Support for: - Replacement facilities for club at a new site (possible site under consideration adjacent to proposed cricket club site in Culm Garden Village (Horn Lane)) - Additional provision to meet future demand will require site with minimum of 3-4 full size pitches + 2/3 mini/midi pitches to meet existing and future demand - Training facilities also required to take pressure off grass pitches. To consider the provision of shock pads appropriate for rugby within 3G FTPs, subject to appropriate funding and business plans.		1	MDDC; RFU; SE; club	H
N/A	?	Various	Culm Garden Village	Sports pitch hub site; to be decided	- East Cullompton Masterplan SPD (2018): - The expected pitch requirement according to the number of teams generated by the increase from new housing in the East Cullompton area (2450 homes = 5730 people), is as set out.	- The population from this housing growth area to 2033 is expected to generate demand for: 3 adult football pitches, 2 youth (11v11 & 9v9) and 2 mini (7v7 & 5v5) football pitches, as a potential football hub site. - Contribution to 0.2 of a 3G FTP facility. 1 cricket pitch 1 rugby pitch - Minimum of 2 floodlit tennis courts - Off-site contribution to sand based AGP for hockey - Possible site for 3G FTP to be developed once football activity established (or on new school site?). See Strategy for further detail.	Yes		All; as appropriate.	
MDCM.90	Culm Vale	Sports Club	Culm Vale Bowls Club	6 rink green	- Culm Vale Bowls Club: 61 members - Green and facilities maintained to a very high level. - Clubhouse and four changing rooms and large car park.	Support for: - updating of green maintenance equipment - floodlighting to increase capacity of the green, subject to planning considerations			Club; MDDC	
MDCM.17	Cullompton	School/College	Culm Valley Leisure Centre (Cullompton Community College)	1 x full size floodlit AGP	- AGP is managed by Mid Devon Leisure. - No significant spare capacity on weekday evenings. Usage 40% hockey/60% football - Pitch is home base of Exeter & Culm Vale Hornets Hockey Club, who use the pitch for coaching and matchplay	Support for: Resurfacing of AGP in next 2 to 5 years with a sand dressed surface.	Yes	1	AD; MDL; EH; FA; FF; SE	H

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			(see also MDCM.13)		3 hours hockey matchplay at weekends - Hockey club rates surface as poor: Surface has become more uneven and the evidence of inappropriate use (damage to hockey goals from football, use of bladed footwear, litter etc) has increased.?? - There is no capacity to cater for increased hockey activity in week, but additional capacity at weekends. - No clubhouse facilities which is restricting growth of club and integration of men's, ladies and junior hockey.	- Review of maintenance specification/upkeep to improve the quality of the playing surface and playing experience. - Post-match clubhouse facilities required to support development of ECVH Hockey Club.				
MDCM.18	Culmstock	Sport Club	Culmstock Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch (3 wickets); VQA rated standard. 3 lane artificial net and NTW, VQA standard	- Remote sloping site, enclosed by trees. Nice pavilion. - Home to Culmstock CC – 6 teams. 3 grass wickets plus NTW - It seems unlikely that Culmstock CC will increase the number of junior teams it has, given its location and size of the ground.	Support for: considering increasing the number of wickets and improving the non turf wicket to increase capacity, if required.		1	DCB; club; PTC	
MDCM.92	Hemyock	Sports Club	Hemyock Bowling Club	6 rink green	- Hemyock Bowls Club: 42 members - Good condition, even paths, ditches and playing surface. - Large, fairly modern pavilion. Adequate seating.	Support for: refurbishment and general redecoration of clubhouse facilities.		2	PTC; MDDC	L
MDCM.26	Hemyock	Sport Club	Hemyock Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch (6 wickets); VQA rated poor	- Home to Hemyock CC; just the one team. - Sloping site in centre of village. Square not yet prepared for use. Single bay net in reasonable condition. Changing within village hall. - Poor quality pitch reflecting the lack of interest in cricket. - Location as a village green area mitigates against it being able to be maintained as a high quality ground	Support for: investigating how ground could be enhanced to accommodate additional teams and provide a better playing experience.		1	DCB; club; PTC	L
MDCM.29	Bradninch	Sport Club	Kensham Football Field, Bradninch	1 x adult pitch; 1 junior pitch of variable size; VQA rated standard	- Home to Bradninch FC and Bradninch Youth FC – 8 teams. - Very smart new wooden pavilion - Very little spare capacity outside of peak time and is described as operating at a sustainable level. Grass would suffer if too many more actives are planned. - Poor drainage results in a high number of games called off especially on the adult pitch. - Lack of space to accommodate all the pitch sizes required. - No external pitch lighting, parking on site of a maximum of 5 cars, the rest is off site (local lane), - Lack of storage space - Capacity issues were also mentioned by Bradninch Youth FC.	Support for: - investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. - Appropriate lighting of site and pitch		1	PTC; MDDC; FA; FF; SE	M
MDCM.30	Bradninch	Sport Club/PC	Kensham Recreation Ground, Bradninch	1 x grass cricket pitch; 10 wickets, VQA rated good. 2x tennis courts, floodlit.	<i>Cricket</i> - Sloping, restricted site with new, double net bay tight on boundary edge. Large, substantial pavilion in good order. - Little scope to increase capacity of cricket ground. - Home to Bradninch CC - 9 teams. - Ground is overplayed. <i>Tennis</i>	No actions identified.				

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					- Home to Bradninch Tennis Club. - Good fencing, surface has 'rust' marks due to use of poor quality asphalt.					
MDCM.34	Hemyock	Community Organisation	Longmead Field, Hemyock	1 x adult pitch; VQA rated standard. 3x floodlit tennis courts 1 x floodlit MUGA	Football - Home to Hemyock FC – 2 teams. - Poor and inadequate drainage of pitches. - A little spare capacity for 1 adult and 1 youth team. - Room for another youth pitch here if required. - Excellent ancillary facilities not matched by quality of the pitch. Tennis - Home to Hemyock Tennis Club. - Good quality fencing. Nice facility. MUGA - Reasonable tarmac surface with rebound boards, geared for football. Appears to have considerable spare capacity.	Support for: investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. No tennis related actions identified.		1	PTC; MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club	M
MDCM.36	Uffculme	Community Organisation	Magelake Meadow, Uffculme (see also MDTV.46)	2 x adult pitches; 1 overmarked with 9v9; VQA standard	- Busy, prominent multi use site in Uffculme. - Home to three adult teams and Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC. Their 12 youth teams are split for matchplay between Sampford Peverell Recreation Ground and Magelake Meadows (see also - Poor drainage and waterlogging results in many cancellations between December to March - The site is effectively operating at a sustainable level - LFFP recommends pitch improvements; supported by PPS	Support for: - investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve the quality including drainage of football pitches. - Improving the quality of the pitches at Magelake Meadow to create better conditions. Floodlighting of one pitch would give scope for midweek play (subject to floodlighting considerations). However, whilst this might add additional capacity it would need to be self funded and have a strong business plan. - Additional youth pitches (two) are required in the area to meet current and future demand for youth football (most likely emanating from Culm and Sampford Utd Youth FC)	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; Site operator; clubs; PTC	M
MDCM.36	Uffculme	Community Organisation	Magelake Meadow, Uffculme	2 x sand based MUGAs	2 MUGAs are joined along shortest length; undersized 9v9 size. - Extensively used for football training by teams from Uffculme and Sampford Peverell, plus other sports. - Appears in reasonable order. Some litter. Vulnerable to flooding and carpet is torn. - Requires upgrading (laid 2006). LFFP recommends new 7v7 Floodlit 3G FTP. However, unlikely to be able to be changed to 3G FTP as condition of Viridor grant aid was that maintained as multi use surface (endorsed by PC).	Support for: for upgrade of sand based AGP. (S106 monies in place, but house building 'trigger point' still some way off)		1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; site operator; PTC	H
	Cullompton	Not yet known	North West Cullompton	1 x adult pitch	A new grass pitch is being provided as part of S106 for development in North West Cullompton.	Support for: pitch to be of appropriate quality (to FA specification)	Yes	1	MDDC; FA, DCC, School	M

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						- consideration to be given to hybrid grass pitch technology - pitch to be linked with Primary School adjacent and changing facilities within nearby community centre to enable maximum use and development of multi pitch sport hub to serve this part of Cullompton - secure community use agreement to be sought				
MDCM.45	Kentisbeare	Sport Club	Rectory Park, Kentisbeare	1 x adult football; VQA rated good 1 x grass cricket pitch; 6 wickets; rated good. Plus NTW upgraded in 2016	- The football and cricket pitches at Rectory Park, Kentisbeare lie adjacent on the same site with separate changing facilities. <i>Football:</i> - Home to Kentisbeare FC - 4 teams. - Some spare capacity outside of peak time - Poor quality changing. LFFP recommended improvements to changing facilities for football; supported by PPS - Access and capacity poor. Overall quality acceptable. <i>Cricket</i> - Home to Kentisbeare CC 1st and 2nd XI, 3 junior teams - Ground assessed as playing at a sustainable level. Little scope to increase capacity at cricket ground – no room for additional wickets. - Changing facilities poor quality; very old and small	Support for: - Upgrading of cricket pavilion - Upgrading of football changing facilities. (No room on site for joint football/cricket facilities) - Co-ordination of development of facilities for Cullompton CC at new site at Horn Lane with Kentisbeare CC to ensure sustainability of both sites and clubs. (See also MDCM.14)		1	MDDC; FA; FF; DC; ECB; SE; PTC	M
MDCM.79	Culmstock	Not Known	The Hams (Closed), Culmstock		- No longer used for formal sport - This ground has a wonderful wooden pavilion (Community Gardens pavilion) – with open access and a large covered space for events, shelter etc					
MDCM.91	Uffculme	Sports Club/PC	Uffculme Bowling Club	6 rink green	Welcoming, attractive facility with good quality ditches, seats and borders. Uffculme Bowls Club: 55 members	Support for: renewal of access steps to the green. Funding agreed with Parish Council.		1	PTC; club	L
MDCM.63	Uffculme	School/College	Uffculme School	3 x 9v9 pitches 3x floodlit tennis courts	- There are only three 9v9 pitches recorded in the Cullompton area – these are at Uffculme School and are well used by school teams so there is little spare capacity. - Planning permission exists for an artificial grass pitch. The school are fund raising for a multi use surface for a range of sports. - Tennis courts are in good condition, green tarmac, o/m for netball. - Outdoor pitch and court facilities are available for community use, but not in regular use (localised catchment).	Support for: new AGP with floodlights as a facility for hockey for community use, particularly as a satellite centre for Tiverton White Eagles and Tiverton Men's Hockey Clubs' junior players.		2	AD; MDDC; FA; FF; EH; SE; School	H
MDCM.87	Willand	Sport Club	Willand Lawn Tennis Club	4x floodlit tennis courts	- Courts next to village hall. All four courts are privately owned and available for hire by the public. - Willand LTC – 75 members. - Average condition; courts due to be resurfaced in next couple of years.	Support for: resurfacing of courts and upgraded lighting as identified.		1	LTA; PTC; MDDC	L

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MDCM.70	Willand	Sport Club	Willand Rovers Football Club, Silver Street	1 x grass stadia type pitch; VQA rated good	- Old, inefficient lighting on 2 courts requires replacement. - Home to Willand Rovers FC - the second highest ranked club in Mid Devon. - Home to 1 Saturday XI, Bravehearts FC on a Sunday. Ground also hosts training and a range of representative matches. - Up to 50 matches a year are played and the pitch is operating at a level the site can sustain and approaching overuse. - Club wish for access to an additional pitch(es) to develop youth and ladies teams and for training. - No other sites are identified. The Jubilee Field (part owned by MDDC and part owned by the Parish Council) is used informally for casual football but is not available for formal matchplay.	Support for: - additional facilities for Willand Rovers FC should demand become apparent from youth and ladies teams - at least one youth 11v11 pitch required.		2	Club; FA; FF?	M
MDCM.72	Cullompton	School/College	Willowbank Primary School Playing Field	1 x 9v9 pitch; off site; VQA rated standard	- School pitch (off site) - Used both by local youth football teams and the rugby club for overflow facilities.	No actions identified.				

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MDCR.05	Bow	Community Organisation	Bow Playing Field		Site of former adult football pitch	Support for: reinstatement of pitch if required.		M	PTC; club	L
MDCR.06	Bow	Sport Club	Burston Meadow, Bow	1 x adult pitch, VQA rated good	- Fairly new site. Home to Bow FC: 2 teams - Range style changing facilities. - Has potential for additional play outside of peak time - The single adult pitch is part of an 11acre field but planning permission not yet obtained for 2nd pitch.	Support for: additional pitch to be provided on this site if required.		M	PTC; club	M
MDCR.96	Crediton	Sport Club	Crediton Bowling Club	6 rink green	- Very active club, with 95 members - Very large club house in very good condition. - Playing surface and ditches in good order, adequate seating. - Club hosts major festival each year, attracting many local teams.	No actions identified.				
MDCR.76	Crediton	Sport Club	Crediton Rugby Club (RFC) Main site (See also MDCR.21, MDCR.74, MDCR.91)	1x Floodlit, adult rugby pitch (main pitch); training area	- Main base for Crediton RFC's 17 teams with substantial clubhouse. - Good quality pitch being played to a sustainable level - Club is becoming increasingly fragmented due to demand for pitches outstripping current supply. Club has been looking to relocate to one site, as not all pitches have security of tenure. - Club also uses Exhibition Fields (MDCR.21) and Creedy Bridge (MDCR.74) - Site allocated for housing in Mid Devon Local Plan (Policy CRE6)	Part of proposals for relocation of Crediton RFC. Support for: - protection of existing level of provision for Crediton RFC. - Training facilities also desirable to take pressure off grass pitches.	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; RFU; SE; club	H
MDCR.11	Crediton	Sport Club	Crediton United Football Club	1 x adult stadium type floodlit pitch; rated standard	- Home to Crediton Utd FC (3 teams: 2 Saturday XIs and a Vets XI on Sundays.) - Wet weather has prevented much recent use. - Pitch has drainage problems; many matches cancelled. - Changing facilities of good quality; need enlarging?	Support for: - improved access to changing facilities for use by Crediton Youth FC - investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. - possible site for 3G FTP in Crediton	Yes	2	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club; MDL	H
MDCR.74	Crediton	Sport Club	Creedy Bridge (Crediton RFC) (See also MDCR.21, MDCR.76 & MDCR.91)	1x adult pitch with portable training lights.	- Pitch owned by Crediton RFC. - No on site facilities; portacabin and portable lights. - Low-lying, prone to water logging. - Mainly used for training; pitch is overplayed - This pitch lies very close to the proposed relocation site for the Rugby Club to Pedlars Pool and will form part of the overall site.	As MDCR.76	Yes			
MDCR.19	Copplestone	Community Organisation	David Pullen Recreational	Undersize adult pitch. VQA poor.	- Used by Copplestone Utd Youth FC who play 2 youth teams here & use a number of other sites. - Both drainage and pitch maintenance appear unsatisfactory.	Support for:		1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club	M

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			Field, Copplesstone		- No toilets or changing facilities (players can access the primary school facilities next door by arrangement) - No spare capacity due to poor quality	- investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. - provision of changing facilities here as possible base for Copplesstone Utd.				
MDCR.21	Crediton	Queen Elizabeth's Foundation Trust	Exhibition Road Playing Fields (See also MDCR.74, MDCR.76 & MDCR.91)	2x adult, 2x junior rugby pitches, rated as standard.	- Second pitch site for Crediton RFC, across road from clubhouse. - Used by 3rd XV and range of midi and mini teams - Adult pitches assessed as being played to a sustainable level - Junior pitches have potential for a little additional play outside of peak times - Site allocated for housing in Mid Devon Local Plan (Policy CRE6). - One adult pitch currently subject of planning application for supermarket.	As MDCR.76	Yes	1	MDDC; RFU; SE	H
MDCR.32	Lapford	Sport Club	Lapford AFC Sports Field	1 x adult pitch; rated good.	- Good quality playing field, located outside village. - Home to Lapford AFC – 2 teams - Pitch has potential for additional play outside of peak time,	Support for: enlarged changing facilities desired by club.		2	MDDC; FA; FF; club	M
MDCR.12	Crediton	Sport Club	Lords Meadow (Crediton United Youth Football Club)	1 adult, 2 x 9v9 and 2 x 7v7 grass pitches; rated; VQA Standard for adult, poor for junior and minis.	- Principal football pitch site in Crediton. - Home to Crediton Utd Youth FC.: 16 teams: 8 youth (5 boys & 3 girls) and 8 minis (7 boys and 1 girls). - Pitches recorded by club as being in use 2019/20 (at time of visit only one pitch apparent due to wet weather). - Low lying, clay based pitches with drainage problems; matches frequently postponed for up to 6 weeks; resulting in constant juggling and rescheduling of fixtures - Restricts growth of club, especially girls; no adult pitch capacity for u18s - No changing facilities; use Crediton Utd FC - LFFP recommends pitch improvements; supported by PPS.	Support for: - investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. - Continuation of project to extend eastern edge of site with 1-2 youth pitches. - improved access to changing facilities at Crediton AFC for use by Crediton Youth FC (with extension/upgrade if required)	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club	H
MDCR.35	Crediton	Local Authority (in house)	Lords Meadow Leisure Centre	1 x undersize sand based floodlit AGP	- AGP operated by Mid Devon Leisure - Pitch is virtually full on weekday evenings with local football clubs training (Not open Friday nights) - Very little used at weekends (not large enough for matchplay) - Capacity insufficient to meet demand for football & rugby training in Crediton	- No actions identified. 3G FTP required within the town. This could potentially be a site, although it would mean reclaiming the 4 tennis courts which were recently resurfaced.				
MDCR.35	Crediton	Local Authority (in house)	Lords Meadow Leisure Centre	4x floodlit, tennis courts o/m for 3 netball courts	- Courts resurfaced in 2019; good quality, although maintenance could be improved (club). - Home to Crediton LTC (24 members) – rent two courts for two hours 3 times a week. - Considerable spare capacity especially during the day.	Support for: measures to increase club membership and activity and public usage.	Yes		MDL; LTA; SE	L
MDCR.39	Morchard Bishop	Sport Club	Morchard Bishop Sports Club	1x adult pitch. VQA – standard	Range of facilities at village recreation ground. Potentially a busy ground but facilities are underused.	Support for: measures to increase football activity.		1	PTC; clubs	L-M

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				Tennis court; poor quality 6 bowling rink green	- Football pitch: at the time of the study, only Copplestone United FC U16 were playing here. However, another adult team was planning to play 2020/1. - Large changing facilities/clubhouse. - Single tennis court next to play area; open access; no record of use. - Bowling green: Morchard Bishop Bowls Club: 50 members. Quality of green surface is inconsistent.	enhancement and floodlighting of tennis court to increase usage, subject to planning considerations.				
MDCR.41	Newton St Cyres	Community Organisation	Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground	2 x adult pitches; VQA – good; 1 x NTW cricket; VQA rated good 2x floodlit, tennis courts, rated good	- Good quality recreation ground catering for a range of busy clubs and teams <i>Football</i> - Pitches rated as good from site visits and club comments: ‘Some of best in league’. - Home to Newton St Cyres FC – 2 teams and Newtown FC – 2 teams (Exeter teams). - Newton St Cyres FC would welcome floodlights – NB any stanchions would lie on the cricket outfield - There is room for mini football pitches in front of clubhouse – can fit 2 x 5v5/7v7 or 1 x 9v9, but current demand does not warrant marking out. - LFFP recommends pitch improvements but PPS disagrees. LFFP recommends refurbish changing pavilion. Supported by PPS <i>Cricket</i> - Sandford CC’s 3rd XI play here and there is a busy local midweek league using the good quality NTW. - There is some capacity to increase the use of the NTW. <i>Tennis</i> - Home of Newton St Cyres LTC. - Good quality, recently refurbished, coloured tarmac courts. - Fenced and locked. Club members only (prospective members can access).	Support for: - enhancements to pavilion – some internal updating & roof repairs required. - Along with other tennis club sites in the district, investigating the installation of ClubSpark/remote access systems to enable wider community use (whilst removing requirement for on-site management).		1	MDDC; FA; FF; DC; ECB; SE; clubs; LTA	M
MDCR.43	Crediton	School Academy	Queen Elizabeth's School (Barnfield Campus) (see also MDCR.44; MDCR.98 & MDCR.85)	Posts in place for senior size rugby pitch and smaller rugby pitch (approx. 80x40m).	These pitches have had community use in the past and continue to be hired out – overflow for Crediton Rugby Club, Crediton Archery, Crediton town annual Fun Run.	- QES has plans for reorganisation and rationalisation of its sites. Proposed that Barnfield will become the sole campus with disposal of other sites and replacement sports provision. - Options to be investigated further. - Support for protection of existing level of provision at current sites with suitable, appropriate replacement facilities. - Provision of additional artificial grass pitches proposed by School. Keep watching brief.	Yes	2	AD; MDDC; FA; FF; EH; SE; School	H

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MDCR.44	Crediton	School Academy	Queen Elizabeth's School (Jockey Hill) (see also MDCR.43; MDCR.98 & MDCR.85)	2 sloping, off site pitches; youth 11v11 size; VQA standard.	- Site is just over 2.7 ha in total. Contains 2x youth 11v11 pitches; this is the optimum size for u13 and u14 play and is also considered large enough for adults. - No changing facilities or toilets. Access to site difficult; no parking - The site is used by QES students but is not in the optimal location for curriculum use. It has been used by Crediton Youth FC in the past, continues to be hired out, also to Cheriton Fitzpaine FC	- Site allocated for housing in Mid Devon Local Plan (Policy CRE7). Possible disposal as part of QES plans for rationalisation of campuses. - See MDCR. 43: Options to be investigated further.	Yes	2	School; MDDC	
MDCR.98	Crediton	School Academy	Queen Elizabeth's School (Alexandra Road) (See also MDCR.44; MDCR.98 & MDCR.85)	Site just under 1 hectare. No markings for winter sport noted; could accommodate junior pitches.	- Off-site playing field, 200m grass athletics track, rounders, pitches - Is usually marked as a gridded area for lessons only. Has previously been marked for summer sports, i.e. 4x 200 m running track, 6 lane 80m sprint straight and 5x rounders diamonds. - Not available/used by the community	- Possible disposal as part of QES plans for rationalisation of campuses. - See MDCR. 43: Options to be investigated further.	Yes	2	School; MDDC	
MDCR.85	Crediton	School Academy	Queen Elizabeth's School (Western Road) (See also MDCR.44; MDCR.98 & MDCR.43)	5x tennis Courts, tarmac non floodlit	- Western Road Campus houses Years 9, 10 and 11 and includes College House, which is QES's Sixth Form centre - Sports Hall and old gym facilities. - Adjacent to the site, to the north east is the site of previous Boarding House for the School. - Tennis courts are below average condition, overmarked with netball. School use only. No community use recorded - LFFP recommends pitch improvements and refurbish changing pavilion. PPS disagrees – no pitches or changing pavilion here. LFFP may mean Jockey Hill (but no changing pavilion)?	- Possible disposal as part of QES plans for rationalisation of campuses. - See MDCR. 43: Options to be investigated further.	Yes	2	School; MDDC	
MDCR.48	Sandford	Sport Club	Sandford Cricket Club	1 x cricket; 12 wickets; rated good	- Busy ground hosting a variety of matches, coaching sessions and representative events. - Home to Sandford CC - 16 teams - Operating at a sustainable level; a little spare capacity here outside peak time. 3rd XI play at Newton St Cyres (NTW). - Impressive clubhouse - Sandford CC has land adjoining its existing pitch and the club is well established at this site.	- Analysis identifies need for additional cricket pitch in Crediton Sub Area. Support for: - proposals by club for provision of an additional pitch at its existing ground.		2	MDDC; DC; ECB; SE; club	M
MDCR.49	Sandford	Sport Club	Sandford Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA – standard Tennis court, good, not FL	Football - Home to Sandford FC: 2 teams. - Potential for additional play outside of peak time. - Football club states that progression to a higher league would require ground improvements (fencing, floodlighting). Tennis - Single court with good condition, all weather surface.	Support for: - enhancements to ground if required by club's promotion. - floodlighting of tennis court to increase capacity, subject to planning considerations.		2	Club; LTA	L
MDCR.51	Shobrooke	Sport Club	Shobrooke Park Cricket Club	1 x cricket; 10 wickets; rated good	- Beautiful ground with lovely old clubhouse - Home to Shobrooke CC – 3 teams	No actions identified.				

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					Operating at a sustainable level; a little spare capacity here outside peak time)					
MDCR.66	Zeal Monachorum	Commercial Management	Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum	MUGA. VQA – poor. *Partial floodlights.	- Privately run site with impressive indoor sports facilities and small, floodlit sand dressed AGP. - Untidy surface shows evidence of flooding. - Well used by number of local football clubs for training.	Support for maintaining facilities at this unusual and remote sport and leisure hub.				
MDCR.73	Crediton Hamlets	Local Authority (in house)	Yeoford Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA rated poor	- Home to 2 Copplestone United Youth FC teams - Lack of maintenance and poor playing surface was commented upon by the team based there. - No spare capacity due to poor quality. - High quality clubhouse/hall/changing facilities. Excellent ancillary facilities not matched by quality of the pitch.	Support for: investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches.		1	PTC; MDDC; FA; FF; SE	
MDCR.91	Crediton	Private	Pedlarspool, Crediton	Provision for rugby	- New site identified for rugby pitches for Crediton Rugby Club - The current proposals for Pedlarspool are for four adult pitches plus a training area. The club will retain the adult pitch at Creedy Bridge, making five adult pitches and a training area in total. This latter pitch is floodlit; one of the proposed new pitches will also be floodlit. - The new pitches are expected to have a higher carrying capacity than those at present and it is therefore expected that any growth in the number of teams and the expected demand over the life of the Strategy will be able to be accommodated.	The PPS recommends: - Protecting the existing level of pitch supply for the club (4 adult pitches and 2 youth pitches plus training area), ensuring that any provision that is developed is replaced in line with Sport England Playing Field Policy and Guidance; Policy E4. - That all proposed replacement pitches should be equivalent or better quality provision to those lost and in a sustainable and suitable location. Land proposed for rugby pitches within the Pedlarspool allocation should be fully assessed by an agronomist and verified as to its suitability and whether it is fit for purpose (critically that the pitches will not be subject to flooding) and the report made public. For this to take place, access is required as soon as possible to the Pedlarspool site. - The Clubhouse requires segregated changing to accommodate the recent growth in women and girls' rugby. Such accommodation should be incorporated into the ancillary facilities at the new site. - To consider the provision of shock pads appropriate for rugby within 3G FTPs, subject to appropriate funding and business plans.	Yes			

MID DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY: RECOMMENDED ACTIONS BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The following Actions are recommended as part of this Strategy. They are focused on the 6 objectives, which derive from Sport England's 12 Planning for Sport Principles, as set out in Section 2 of the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy document.

Objective 1	To proactively plan for and provide sufficient and appropriate high quality facilities and opportunities (enhanced and new) to meet demand to 2033, wherever possible making the best use of facilities already available
Objective 2	To protect existing provision and plan, manage and promote playing field sites to ensure they remain viable and sustainable and at the heart of community development
Objective 3	To recognise and give significant weight to the value of the pitch sports in contributing to enhanced mental and physical health and well-being
Objective 4	To manage and maintain facilities in such a way as to ensure retention of players and attraction of new participants, particularly those still underrepresented in the pitch sports such as women, girls and people with disabilities
Objective 5	To encourage and support education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities by engaging directly with them and creating a forum for discussion.
Objective 6	To create an ongoing management and delivery framework for people and organisations to work together to share skills, expertise, resources and facilities in implementing the Strategy

There is considerable overlap among the objectives supported by the actions. These actions have been broadly grouped into those relating to: A - Policy making (planning policy & corporate policy); B - Planning decision making; C - Delivering improved facilities; D – Enhancing participation and well-being; E – Managing and maintaining facilities, and F – A framework for joint working to deliver the actions and objectives of the PPS.

	Ref	Action	Responsible Partners	Objectives					
				Obj 1	Obj 2	Obj 3	Obj 4	Obj 5	Obj 6
A Policy Actions	A.1	Ensure planning policy protects existing provision for sport and physical activity in line with the NPPF (para 97) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance (March 2018) and encourages and supports proposals for new or enhanced playing field provision which meets identified needs.	MDDC	✓	✓				
	A.2	Ensure relevant planning policies consider, reflect and set clear criteria for the long term management and maintenance of pitch sport provision and addresses positive and proactive solutions to amenity issues (noise, floodlighting).		✓	✓				
	A.3	Promote the 'designing in' of community use to all new relevant playing field provision, including new educational developments within planning policy documents.	MDDC		✓		✓		
	A.4	Ensure planning policy recognises the benefits of both formal and non-formal provision for all types of sport and physical activity.	MDDC			✓			
	A.5	Ensure links between the Playing Pitch Strategy and any Health and/or Activities Strategies are highlighted and further developed.	MDDC, AD			✓	✓		✓
	A.6	Where a health impact assessment is required, include consideration of the benefits of playing fields for both formal and informal sport and physical activity	MDDC			✓			
	A.7	Apply the principles of Active Design creatively within planning policies to help meet specific and targeted health and wellbeing measures and indicators.	MDDC, AD, SE	✓		✓			
	A.8	Ensure planning policy promotes fit for purpose and well-designed provision which integrates with wider opportunities for people to lead active lifestyles	MDDC, SE, AD	✓		✓			
	A.9	Ensure that all existing and any new sites are able to accommodate intensification of use e.g. provision and/or upgrading to artificial grass surfaces, car parking and requisite changing and pavilion facilities, embrace community use opportunities and allow for future enhancements and modernisation. Wherever possible sites should be multi-sports based to encourage year round viability.	MDDC, SE, NGBs	✓					
	A.10	Based on evidence from this assessment of need and related strategy, include appropriate site allocations for playing field provision in planning policy documents.	MDDC	✓					
	A.11	Ensure planning policy is positive towards the temporary use of under-utilised land and buildings to provide for playing pitch sports	MDDC	✓		✓			
B Decision Making	B.1	Ensure any potential impacts of a proposed development on existing playing field provision are considered in planning applications in accordance with para 97 of the NPPF.	MDDC	✓					
	B.2	Encourage mitigation measures to overcome amenity issues (noise, floodlighting) are submitted with an application, rather than leaving them to be dealt with by condition and ensure the measures are appropriate, deliverable, enforceable and sustainable based on an appropriate assessment and discussion with relevant parties.	MDDC	✓	✓				
	B.3	Wherever possible, consider opportunities for appropriate and good quality floodlighting, that may increase the capacity of existing sites and new sites, subject to planning considerations. Proposals should fully comply with relevant policies within the Local Plans.	MDDC, NGBs		✓				

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B Decision Making Actions	B.4	Proactively apply the findings, recommendations and actions from the Strategy in relevant development plan and supplementary planning documents including the preparation of IDPs, Site Allocations documents, Neighbourhood plans, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and approaches to developer contributions. Utilise planning conditions or s106 agreements to secure broader community use of existing and new provision where the development is education based, including the development and implementation of community use agreements.	MDDC	✓	✓				
	B.5	Ensure developments adhere to design guidance and good practice provided by Sport England and the relevant sports national governing bodies.	MDDC	✓					
	B.6	Ensure that the facilities secured through developer contributions such as S106 planning obligations/CIL meet the relevant and quality standards guidance provided by Sport England and/or the relevant NGB, fully comply with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 (and the former Disability Discrimination Act) and are made available for community use at an affordable level.	MDDC, NGBs, SE	✓	✓	✓	✓		
C Delivering Improved Facilities	C.1	Ensure planning policy promotes fit for purpose and well-designed provision. Ensure that all existing and any new sites are able to accommodate intensification of use e.g. provision and/or upgrading to artificial grass surfaces, car parking and requisite changing and pavilion facilities, embrace community use opportunities and allow for future enhancements and modernisation. Wherever possible sites should be multi-sports based to encourage year round viability.	MDDC, SE, NGBs	✓					
	C.2	Any new winter pitch site should include at least one pitch and a training pitch (preferably two pitches to allow for development) and match with RFU and FA model venues as set out in the national strategy. Targets should be set for the development of participation in football and rugby following new provision.	NGBs, SE, MDDC	✓					
	C.3	When planning new facilities, the existing sporting infrastructure should be taken into account. For example, facilities should be co-located, existing club bases should be retained and, wherever possible, floodlit artificial grass pitches should be located near to grass playing pitches.	MDDC, SE, NGBs	✓	✓				
	C.4	Review the alignment of pitches at key sites to ensure that optimum use is being made of space available, including remarking of pitches to meet with FA guidelines ensuring that juniors play on suitable pitches and marking out more pitches to ensure improved rotation for rest and recovery.	MDDC, NGBs, clubs,	✓					
	C.5	Ensure an appropriate amount of age specific size pitches are provided to meet the needs of youth football – this needs to be flexible for the expected change in team numbers season to season.	FA, clubs, MDDC, SE	✓	✓	✓			
	C.6	Support the provision of new and enhanced ancillary provision, including dedicated storage facilities and appropriate facilities for supporters and parents where identified. Adopt a minimum standard of toilets and wash facilities at sites for junior and mini football.	NGBs, clubs, MDDC	✓	✓	✓			
	C.7	Address identified drainage issues at existing pitches focusing firstly on sites where improvements will have maximum impact and where cancellations occur due to drainage issues.	Delivery Group	✓	✓				
	C.8	Provide appropriately sized, strategically placed and well maintained 3G FTP pitches to improve opportunities for training (as a priority) and matchplay. Matches for mini soccer and 9v9 games should be particularly encouraged. Ensure 3G FTPs meet the Performance Test and are listed on the FA register of approved sites for matchplay.	Clubs, FA, MDDC, Schools, SE	✓	✓			✓	
	C.9	Improve artificial cricket wickets where identified to increase capacity and maintain play.	Clubs, ECB, SE, MDDC		✓				
	C.10	Support cricket clubs in the development of good quality training nets at grounds to enhance sustainability & improve overall performance.	Clubs, ECB, SE, MDDC,		✓				
	C.11	Protect AGP provision for hockey and keep need for additional sand based AGPs for hockey under review.	Clubs, MDDC, EH		✓				
	C.12	Consider the provision of pitches with hybrid grass technology at priority sites for improvement of quality to increase capacity e.g. Amory Park, Lords Meadow	MDDC, FA, FF	✓					
	C.13	Include and support improvements which actively encourage greater use of existing provision by under-represented groups and greater access to provision by walking and cycling.	MDDC, NGBs, SE			✓	✓		
D Enhancing Participation and Well-being	D.1	Explore further possible access to school pitches and AGPs which do not currently have community use and/or opportunities for developing use to increase participation and alleviate any lack of spare capacity.	MDDC, schools, SE, NGBs, AD		✓			✓	
	D.2	Support the enhancement/provision of facilities at pitch sites which will meet requirements for progression to higher leagues.	Clubs, FA, SE, MDDC	✓	✓				
	D.3	Support improvements at school sites to increase community access and make more use of school playing pitches (e.g. improve pitches; enhance/provide changing).	MDDC, schools, SE, NGBs,	✓	✓			✓	
	D.4	Engage with local Wellbeing Hubs (e.g. Culmstock Health Centre) to promote opportunities for people to engage in pitch sports through targeted events, activities and promotions.	MDDC, AD			✓			
	D.5	Develop pitch sports facilities in association with Mid Devon and Devon health agencies/agendas to create environments which provide opportunities for sport and fitness activities to take place easily within people's daily lives.	MDDC, health agencies, NGBs, SE			✓			
	D.6	Address the issue of pricing of facilities on education sites, to see if any more concessionary rates can be applied.	MDDC, pitch operators, schools, AD		✓		✓	✓	
	D.7	Ensure all playing field sites linked and served by cycleways, with adequate, safe and secure bike storage options.	MDDC, schools	✓			✓	✓	
	D.8	Encourage car sharing. Ensure sufficient car and coach parking and disability car parking spaces.	MDDC	✓			✓		
	D.9	Ensure all main playing field sites are easily accessible by public transport and/or establish how sites can be accessed by public transport.	MDDC	✓			✓		
	D.10	Provide support and encouragement where possible to the pitch sport voluntary sector e.g. through providing guidance and information	NGBs, SE, AD			✓			✓

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E Management & Maintenance of Facilities	E.1	All new facilities to be subject to full community use and appropriate business, management and usage plans, to include provision for maintenance and a robust sinking fund for future refurbishment and/or replacement. Use planning conditions and obligations to secure the long-term management and maintenance of playing field sites including, where appropriate, adequate capital and revenue funding, for example including sinking funds to replace elements of the provision (e.g. artificial turf pitches).	Clubs, NGBs, MDDC, Schools, SE	✓	✓			✓	
	E.2	Review on-line booking system for courts to improve accessibility and encourage higher participation by service users	MDL		✓		✓		✓
	E.3	Pricing policies should be affordable for grassroots clubs. For example, match rates at weekends for 3G FTPs should be equivalent to LA natural turf pitch prices to encourage full take up of 3G FTPs at weekend.	MDL, FA, facility operators				✓		
	E.4	Take into account the need to maintain adequate safety margins when assessing the suitability of new land allocations	MDDC, NGBs	✓	✓				
	E.5	At sites which also function as open space, direct casual use to other areas of the site to help reduce wear and tear (e.g. removing / repositioning goal posts, protecting the cricket square).	MDDC		✓				
	E.6	Actively explore new and innovative models to secure the viable long-term management and maintenance of playing fields whilst encouraging use by the local community and underrepresented groups. Where possible and feasible, opportunities for multi-use of changing rooms and pavilions (such as workshops, small offices or playgroups) should be explored.	MDDC, SE, NGBs, clubs, PCs		✓				
	E.7	At sites which also function as open space, direct casual use to other areas of the site to help reduce wear and tear (e.g. removing / repositioning goal posts, protecting the cricket square).	MDDC		✓				
	E.8	Addressing issue of dog fouling by a targeted marketing campaign. Provide improved signage and bins and delineated 'dog walking' areas.	MDDC, FA		✓				
F PSS Delivery Framework	F.1	Establish a Playing Pitch Strategy Delivery Group with membership of the current Steering Group and other key stakeholders, including main Secondary Schools and Blundell School representatives. To meet on six monthly basis and progress, monitor and review the Priority Projects and Actions Plans	MDDC					✓	✓
	F.2	Ensure proposed actions to meet the needs are specific, deliverable and costed. Costs should include appropriate maintenance and sinking funds to ensure their long term use.	MDL, Delivery Group						✓
	F.3	Engage with relevant stakeholders in public health, transport and education sectors to build consensus around promoting, providing, managing and maintaining playing pitch provision in Mid Devon	MDDC, Delivery Group						✓
	F.4	Make clear who is responsible for the delivery, management and maintenance of the recommended facilities along with when and how they should be delivered.	MDDC, Delivery Group						✓
	F.5	Ensure specific priority projects of a strategic nature have strong political and officer support at the highest level.	MDDC						✓
	F.6	Secure community use agreements at all primary and secondary school sites using model templates provided by Sport England, in discussion with school business managers, Heads of PE. The challenges in achieving this are recognised; however guidance provided by Sport England will help to maximise opportunities.	MDDC, schools, SE					✓	✓
	F.7	Work with relevant parties to put in place and maintain a process to monitor the implementation of community use agreements secured through the planning system.	MDDC, Delivery Group						✓
	F.8	Further develop school club links and the establishment of a relationship between schools and pitch sport clubs. Facilities at school sites can then be used as the club expands. Note improvements to the quality of facilities are likely to also be required.	Clubs, NGBs, schools					✓	✓
	F.9	Maintain liaison with and support parish councils over maintenance and protection of vulnerable and/or poorly maintained sites.	PCs, NGBs, MDDC						✓
	F.10	Recognise issues around shared grounds (i.e. cricket/rugby and cricket/football) and encourage liaison between clubs.	PCs, NGBs, MDDC						✓
	F.11	Support clubs with management responsibilities to improve the pitches under their control by, for example, engaging with the IOG Regional Pitch Advisor Programme.	Clubs, FA						✓
	F.12	Encourage football leagues to introduce alternative and staggered kick-off times, to make use of off-peak periods and increase usage.	FA, football leagues						✓