



MID DEVON DISTRICT PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

Consultation comments received and responses by Mid Devon District Council

Abstract

The Mid Devon District Playing Pitch Strategy has been completed by consultants Bennett Leisure and Planning Limited. This was published and consulted on in October / November 2021. A total of 32 individuals and organisations commented on the Strategy, and the comments received are included in this report, together with the responses by Mid Devon District Council

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01	Individual	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I would very much like to express my views as a parent of 2 lads whom both play football.</p> <p>Football plays a key part of maintaining their mental health and I feel that Amory Park is currently not kept in an ideal state, the Astro Turf is tired and Westexe Park is a stunning pitch for the lads to play on but we need more due to the teams who currently use it.</p> <p>May I suggest a 4G Pitch or maintaining and developing Amory Park to be a good strong foundation pitch that our lads can play on all year round?</p> <p>I cannot stress to you enough how important it is for our children to have sustainable outside access for football as watching their mental health decline during the last season was just awful.</p> <p>I ask you consider the welfare of young people in Tiverton and the surrounding areas, but also local businesses. Bringing people into the local area is vital for our town, so why not encourage this and lets put Tiverton back on the map!</p> <p>I thank you for your time.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the use of hybrid pitches and recognition that pitch sports can contribute to health and well-being.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes a number of recommended actions to improve the provision of playing pitch facilities at Amory Park. These include support for the consideration of a possible site for a 3G Football Turf Pitch.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy is a technical document that can be used by the Council to help inform the preparation of development plans, masterplans, planning guidance and other programmes and strategies. It can be a material consideration where relevant to help inform decisions made on planning applications submitted to the Council for determination. While it can also be used by the Council to help guide the management of playing pitch assets for which it is responsible, its recommendations are not binding and their implementation will be subject to decisions made by the Council and the availability of funding.</p> <p>The Council owns and is responsible for Amory Park. The recommendations in the Playing Pitch Strategy can be used by the Council to help inform and guide future improvements to playing pitch facilities to help meet the needs of the community. This will be subject to the availability of funding and the</p>

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			<p>outcome of any feasibility work that may be undertaken.</p> <p>The Council is committed to seek opportunities to address health issues and disparities to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Mid Devon. The Playing Pitch Strategy's vision and its objective 3 recognise and give significant weight to the value of the pitch sports in contributing to enhanced mental and physical health and well-being.</p> <p>The concept of a 4G football turf pitch is not recognised by Sport England.</p> <p>The technical specification of a 3G football turf pitch means that it can accommodate year-round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and / or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives</p>

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02	Individual	<p>Good evening</p> <p>Having just read your assessment document my comments are simple, as long as you are committing to improving the provisions in Mid Devon and not removing, then it has to be a good thing.</p> <p>In a time when we are trying to encourage young people to spend more time outside, these pitches and facilities are paramount to committing to that.</p> <p>You as local council must not build on every piece of land. You are not increasing secondary school provision, hospital beds, doctors capacity, dentists capacity, public transport capacity, road improvements - I could go on.</p> <p>I have 2 sons and watching them play football, rugby and cricket all over Devon has been a pleasure and I passionately believe you must keep sporting facilities.</p> <p>Yours hopefully</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the retention of sports pitches.</p> <p>The Council is committed to seek opportunities to address health issues and disparities to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Mid Devon. The Council is also committed to protecting playing pitches across the district through the application of national planning policy and relevant development plan policies for the district.</p> <p>National planning policy states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless</p> <p>a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or</p>

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03	Moors Youth FC	<p>Hi. I coach the moors under 9s in Tiverton. I am sure your aware we are in desperate need of a modern 3G/4G site with multiple pitches. The evenings we get to hire the Astro turf we are crammed packed into small spaces as there are many groups sharing these time slots. Also with the amount of rain we get in the winter months we are hardly playing any football between November and February. With a new site of 4G pitches we could be playing all year long which would be great for everybody. I'm not one who normally gets involved with things like this but I'm speaking for myself and all 25 family's. Thanks.</p>	<p>The concept of a 4G football turf pitch is not recognised by Sport England.</p> <p>The technical specification of a 3G football turf pitch means that it can accommodate year-round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and / or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.</p> <p>There is currently no full size floodlit 3G football turf pitch in the district and the lack of such provision has been highlighted for many years.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy identifies an opportunity for accommodating matchplay on a 3G football turf pitch at Tiverton and it points to several potential / proposed sites at the town, including Amory Park, Tiverton High School and Blundell's School. This will need to be investigated further by the Council in terms of Amory Park, and also with the two schools. Should a preferred site be identified this would need to be subject to further feasibility work, including; planning, management, maintenance, access,</p>

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04	Cullompton College	<p>Dear</p> <p>Thanks very much for this. It looks very detailed and exciting for the forthcoming years. I was on the Meadow Lane pitch last week having to avoid a huge 'lake' thinking how desperate we are for some proper drainage on this field. My only concern from the strategy was around the proposed MUGA - hopefully the school would have sole</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a new floodlit multi-use games area (MUGA) is provided on land at Meadow Lane, Cullompton for tennis and netball. This has been granted planning permission on 21st July 2021 (application reference 21/00410/DCC) by Devon County Council. This</p>

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		<p>access to this from 8.30 - 5.30pm each weekday as we would be using this for a lot of PE lessons and after school clubs/fixtures;</p> <p>"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."</p> <p>Thanks again for all your hard work.</p>	<p>decision includes a condition that the sports facility shall not be used other than between the hours of 0800 and 2000 on Mondays to Fridays and 0900 and 1800 on Saturdays, and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays. The floodlighting shall be switched off by 2015 on Mondays to Fridays and 1815 on Saturdays. This is to protect the living conditions of nearby residents.</p> <p>The planning decision does not restrict the use of the MUGA to a specific user. This will be a matter that is subject to the ownership and management of the MUGA and will need to be agreed with Devon County Council.</p>
05	Willand Tennis Club	<p>Dear</p> <p>I have read through the strategy and action plan and welcome what is proposed. I hope this will lead to support for the new floodlights and courts resurfacing which we need at Willand Tennis Club</p> <p>However I would like to point out in relation to the section on Willand Tennis Club in the Action Plan, p 15:</p> <p>1 The courts are owned by Willand Village Hall, a community organisation, and leased by the tennis club from them (so I don't think this counts as 'privately owned').</p> <p>2 We now have 128 members, adult and junior, not 75.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified the tennis court facility at Willand.</p> <p>The comments made by Willand Tennis Club are noted regarding the ownership of the tennis courts, and number of club members.</p> <p>The Site Action Plan, page 15, includes the site reference MDCM.87 Willand Lawn Tennis Club and recommends support for resurfacing of the courts and upgraded lighting as identified. It states that all 4 courts are privately owned and are available for hire by the public. It also states that Willand Lawn Tennis Club has 75 members.</p>

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06	Bradninch FC	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I am writing in response to the Playing Pitch Strategy via the Devon County FA website. Having read the document I was impressed with the amount of thought and detail that has gone into putting something together.</p> <p>I was excited to see the number of teams across the Cullompton area predicted to increase, such is the case for Bradninch football club where we have had two senior mens teams, a women's senior football team, 8 youth teams across 5 age groups and more being nurtured into early grassroots development.</p> <p>The current ground at Kensham Park currently hosts all these teams, plus at times, other clubs who's youth teams share Saturday morning pitch space.</p> <p>I'm writing because as it stands, we have very limited space for all of these teams to continue to play within the direct area we have used for the last 15/20 years and it's starting to become more and more difficult to expand the club as we'd like and offer, men, women and children of all ages the ability to play local football in the Bradninch area.</p> <p>We have fantastic turn outs, 30+ women registered to the club, 40+ men and just under 80 children of various ages.</p>	<p>The comments provided by Bradninch FC are noted, including information about the numbers of teams supported by the club.</p> <p>The Site Action Plan, page 13, identifies that the existing playing pitch facilities at the Kensham football field (site MDCM.29) experience poor drainage and have a lack of space to accommodate all the pitches required, and the recreation ground (site MDCM.30) is also sloping and has little spare capacity.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends support for investigating changes to the maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve the drainage of the football pitches.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This</p>

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07	Individual	<p>Hello, I campaigned for Labour at the recent county election in support of a 3G pitch for tiverton and the feedback from door to door was generally in favour of this even if they were conservative voters.</p> <p>As a local referee I have seen first hand the amount of games that get called off due to waterlogged pitches during the winter and the effect this has on the mental health of the youths that this effects. The disadvantage that the towns children have compared to the bigger cities of the country also should be taken into account.</p> <p>This should be seen as a opportunity for the council to serve the community whilst at the the same time after initial investment this is a viable profit making business opportunity that should bring in valuable income for the council in the long term.</p> <p>There are various opportunities for funding from many sources and unique to Tiverton I would approach the Heathcoat trust as they might be able to help with either a grant of loan as they have funds for the people of Tiverton which as far as I know is quite a substantial pot of money.</p> <p>The local youth teams that I approached during my campaign , Moors and Twyford Spartans, both said they have been trying for years to get a 3G pitch for the towns children to use not only for matches but also for training.</p> <p>A multi sport hub in either Amory park or at the THS would be my preferred option and I would suggest the position of the pitches needs to be fairly central and not stuck out on the edge of the town. I am concerned that if a private school like Blundells or a private club like Elmore or Tiverton Town was involved in running it then it would be hard for the general public to get use of it at the times they needed it and I would caution against this, it should be run by the council with discounted rates for youth team bookings.</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the need for improved football pitches at Tiverton.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy identifies an opportunity for accommodating matchplay on a 3G football turf pitch at Tiverton and it points to several potential / proposed sites at the town, including Amory Park, Tiverton High School and Blundell’s School. This will need to be investigated further by the Council in terms of Amory Park, and also with the two schools. Should a preferred site be identified this would need to be subject to further feasibility work, including; planning, management, maintenance, access, floodplain, partnership funding, and delivery timetable.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of</p>

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		<p>There are also many local adult sports clubs that would be able to use this for training and im sure it would be booked up for five a Side leagues and walking football as well, as the film line goes “if you build it, they will come!”</p> <p>I hope you will have the vision to go ahead with this project as the town is expanding population wise and it is desperately wanted and needed.</p>	<p>playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p> <p>The Council is committed to seek opportunities to address health issues and disparities to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Mid Devon. The Playing Pitch Strategy’s vision and its objective 3 recognise and give significant weight to the value of the pitch sports in contributing to enhanced mental and physical health and well-being.</p>
08	Dawlish United	<p>Hi</p> <p>I have read the 3G pitch strategy and would like to put forward Dawlish for a possible location.</p> <p>There is actually 2 great locations both have changing facilities.</p> <p>1. Dawlish United Football Club</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted.</p> <p>Dawlish is outside of Mid Devon and is located in Teignbridge District, and the consideration of playing pitch facilities at this town is outside the scope of recommendations in this Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>

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		<p>This has all the facilities needed to have a 3G pitch with great parking along with a secure fence all around.</p> <p>2. Dawlish Leisure Centre. Cage pitch Again this has parking and a pavilion with a attached changing rooms. Or they have a full Astro turf that needs updated and could be changed to 3G.</p> <p>All these would benefit the youth and other local sports teams.</p>	
09	Tiverton High School	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am the Head of PE at Tiverton High School.</p> <p>I am passionate about providing the best possible sporting opportunities to our students here at THS. Currently, we are surviving on old, worn and out of date facilities. Yet, we still cater a broad curriculum for a near 1300 students each week. We provide our students with a good range of extra-curricular activities; however we are again using facilities that are not up to standard.</p> <p>As a Head of PE, I want our students to be inspired and enthusiastic by and about Sport. I want other schools who visit us for fixtures to be envious of our facilities - not the other way around. Presently, we do not have any adequate football/rugby pitches, we do not have any adequate netball/tennis courts. Yet we can still boast of helping to produce teams that progress deep into the National Cups, students who represent Devon at Athletics, Netball, Cricket and Rugby. Students who are in Youth Academies at football clubs. Students who compete Nationally in gymnastics.</p> <p>At THS, we have an existing department who look after external bookings for our current facilities (sports hall, fields and dance studio). We have a system and structure in place for facilities to be advertised, hired and maintained.</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the condition of existing facilities, their availability for community use and the support that these provide for students and external sports clubs.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for</p>

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		<p>I am currently working with the local tennis coach around gaining funding to resurface our 6 tennis courts, so they can be used by our students and the wider public. We want better facilities that will benefit the whole of Tiverton - not just us.</p> <p>For our near 1300 students, Tiverton is their town. It's where they spend their evening, weekends, half terms and summers. Students represent Twyford FC, Moors FC and Tiverton RFC. They are a part of Willow Tree, they attend Tiverton Gymnastics club and White Eagles Hockey Club. All of these clubs use our current facilities. Imagine the difference it would make to these clubs if they had updated and excellent facilities to use, without having to relocate.</p> <p>THS currently has plans in place to relocate the school buildings across the roads in to the field next to the existing astro turf. This would essentially leave the current site a blank canvas. I have had conversations internally and with local businesses and sporting bodies around the potential to create a regional sports hub, where the Governing Bodies of each sport buy in the build a facility here. Can you imagine how much this would benefit Tiverton? To have badminton, football, rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis, basketball, dance and gymnastics facilities all in one place.</p>	<p>the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy's Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential 'Gateway to Sport' area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing level 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 a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been</p>

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			<p>granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. The playing field was subject to a recent outline planning application (reference 20/00832/MOUT) submitted on behalf of Petroc for up to 60 dwellings, but this was subsequently withdrawn on 8th October 2020 in light of consultation responses received and a need to resolve these. This includes an objection from Sport England to the loss of the playing field. The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives</p>

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10	Tiverton High School	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I have been a PE teacher at Tiverton High School for 5 years now. In this time the school playing pitches which were already past their sell by date are now almost unusable. The tennis/netball courts cannot be used for their respective sports, the surface is not safe with the top layer breaking up and being dangerous to use, the lines are faded and at this time of year due to their position often get covered with slippery Autumnal leaves.</p> <p>The playing pitches often get flooded especially at this time of year due to the location of the school. With this in mind Tiverton is crying out for a full size 4G</p>	Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.

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		<p>artificial pitch, I do not know many towns of this size without one and the High School would be a perfect location for it.</p> <p>Our students deserve better, sport should always be accessible to all no matter their background and now is a perfect opportunity to level up the playing facilities in Tiverton for the community.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	
11	Individual	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>After reading your pitch strategy I just wanted to point out that the reason the tennis courts at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre was resurfaced in 2019 was to make them dual use to serve at netball courts.</p> <p>The netball courts were taken away after the hard courts were replaced with the atp pitches which aren't suitable for netball. Crediton Netball league regularly use the netball courts and to replace them with more atp pitches would leave the junior, adult and summer leagues without a home. The netball players had to fight hard to have the tennis courts converted and it would be a travesty for them to be taken away again. There has also been a very successful back to netball scheme running for adults who haven't played for a while to get back into it, which has benefits for health and fitness, and also mental health.</p> <p>To lose these courts would be the removing to play a sport for an entire town and beyond but it would completely remove netball from Crediton, as if the youth can't learn and practice the sport it will simply die out. I would also like to point out as an employee of Lords Meadow Leisure that the atp also sit empty all day unless we have schools using them and then they use the atp pitches and the tennis courts.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted including the reason why the tennis courts at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre were resurfaced in 2019.</p> <p>The focus of the Playing Pitch Strategy is to increase the use of the netball / tennis courts. The Site Action Plan page 18 site reference MDCR.35 notes the 4 tennis courts are also used for 3 netball courts and recommends support for measure to increase club membership and activity and public usage. There are no proposals to take away the netball courts that have been provided.</p> <p>National planning policy states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless</p> <p>a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or</p>

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12	Tiverton High School	<p>I write to you regarding the location of new sports facilities in Tiverton. I strongly believe that Tiverton High School would be the most advantageous place for these.</p> <p>It is already a community center where many local sports clubs can enjoy facilities, however some of these are becoming worn.</p> <p>The number of local families that would benefit from the facilities at the high school is huge - in excess of 1000 young people and their families.</p> <p>As well as Tiverton High School obviously benefitting from these facilities, so would the many local primary schools that use the High School for sporting events.</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the availability of the schools facilities for community use.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy's Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential 'Gateway</p>

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			<p>to Sport' area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing level 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 a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. The playing field was subject to a recent outline planning application (reference 20/00832/MOUT) submitted on behalf of Petroc for up to 60 dwellings, but this was subsequently withdrawn on 8th October 2020 in light of consultation responses received and a need to resolve these. This includes an objection from Sport England to the loss of the playing field. The Playing</p>

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			<p>Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022.</p>

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			The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council, Tiverton High School, Petroc college, and other relevant stakeholders in relation to the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School, and the future use of the playing field at Bolham Road that is owned by Petroc College
13	Tiverton High School	<p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>Please see below my thoughts as to why Tiverton High School should be the venue for the new sports facilities for Tiverton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THS has a lot more 'local' students than Blundells. Approx 250 per year group at THS against Blundells approx. 38 • The sheer number of young people that would benefit from the facilities every week would be far greater if the facilities were housed at THS. • The local sports teams currently using our site would benefit from better facilities, without having to relocate • The potential for numerous facilities to be built here during/after the school relocation across the road • The Primary Schools use THS for their sports festivals and competitions. • Blundells already have very good sports facilities, it would therefore be good to give another venue good sports facilities rather than just making one venue even better. 	<p>Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p>
14	Individual	<p>Good evening</p> <p>I am writing in support of improving the sports facilities at Tiverton High School through the Playing Pitch Strategy and am surprised that this isn't the obvious choice for the wider Tiverton Community.</p>	Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 1200 students on roll at the school are in desperate need for high quality provision and would benefit every day • Students from the feeder primary schools already visit for sports festivals and would also benefit • Many clubs hire the existing facilities and there are premises staff already in place to manage an increase in demand. • Clubs who have been in Tiverton for many years are looking to relocate out of the town due to poor facilities at the leisure centre. You need to keep these clubs in Tiverton otherwise you risk the losing the interest of future generations. • Great location with ample parking • The new facilities need to be accessible to all and they would be if you make use of the space available at Tiverton High School <p>In short, the people of Tiverton deserve high quality facilities that is truly at the heart of the community which Tiverton High School is.</p>	
15	Individual	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>As a Mid Devon resident, I am writing with regards to the Playing Pitch Strategy as detailed here https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/playing-pitch-strategy/</p> <p>I will detail my views below: The placement of the new facilities makes most sense if it is as central to the town as possible. The number of local students at Blundells is very low, whereas placing the facilities at THS would put the facilities in reach of a far greater number of young people. There are already a number of local teams and clubs using facilities at THS and this would improve the facilities for them as well without need for relocating.</p>	<p>Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should</p>

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		<p>THS currently hosts sports festivals and competitions for various local primary schools and so facilities built at THS would cater to them as well.</p> <p>Many thanks for taking account of my views. Faithfully,</p>	<p>promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p>
16	Tiverton High School	<p>I am writing in reference to consultation about new sports pitch facilities in Tiverton.</p> <p>As a teacher at Tiverton High School wanted to put forward some supporting arguments for our site being chosen. I believe Tiverton High School's site is the most logical location for these facilities to be built given that we have a very large cohort of local students attending our school. In addition our site already provides facilities for a number of local clubs as well as the local primaries and all of these groups would benefit from improved facilities. This would also fit with future plans for the movement of the school buildings and the current site to be used for sports facilities.</p> <p>I hope you will be able to take these points into consideration when making your final decision.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p>	<p>Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.</p>
17	Tiverton High School	<p>I would like to raise these points in favour of Tiverton High School having updated sports facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THS has a lot more 'local' students compared to Blundells who would benefit from better facilities • The sheer number of young people that would benefit from the facilities every week • The local sports teams currently using Tiverton High school's site would benefit from better facilities, without having to relocate 	<p>Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential for numerous facilities to be built here during/after the school relocation across the road • The Primary Schools use THS for their sports festivals and competitions. <p>Please log my opinions.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p>
18	Coplestone United FC	<p>I am responding to the recent request to provide feedback on the MDC playing pitch strategy.</p> <p>I am the current Chairman of Coplestone United FC and also manage the U15 team.</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the need for a 3G football turf pitch in the Crediton area.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G</p>

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		<p>I general I agree with the comments in respect of the future / additional pitch and changing room needs outside of Crediton in our sub area. We are reliant on community recreation fields and private football clubs to provide youth football.</p> <p>If I am interpreting the paper correctly though it does appear that any new 3G pitch would likely be located in Tiverton?</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate the populous of Tiverton is greater than Crediton and it's surrounding villages, if the 3G was located there, then given the distance from our catchment areas such as Bow and Morchard Bishop I cannot see that our area would benefit from this new facility when the Tiverton area already has an artificial pitch that could be upgraded, and further private owned provision at Blundells.</p> <p>Surely a more equitable solution in view of the above is to have any new 3G provision in the Crediton area?</p>	<p>football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy at paragraph 3.1 recognises there is currently no full size floodlit 3G football turf pitch in the district and the lack of such provision has been highlighted for many years. The following paragraphs provide an assessment of existing football pitch facilities and the demand for 3G football turf pitches using the Football Association ratio of football teams per pitch.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Table 3.1 (page 22) identifies a current shortfall equivalent of one 3G football turf pitch at each of the three towns, Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton, and a future requirement for a further 3G football turf pitch within the district. The Strategy notes the priority is for shortfall in Tiverton to be addressed.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy paragraph 3.18 comments on potential sites for a 3G football turf pitch at Crediton, including Crediton AFC's ground (replacement for grass pitch there) or the Lord's Meadow artificial grass surface (replacement for two / three full size sand based surface and four tennis courts). Queen Elizabeth's School also has proposals for sand based and 3G football turf pitch provision under its rationalisation plans.</p>

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			<p>The Site Action Plans at site MDCR.35 (page 18) refers to potential for a 3G football turf pitch at Lords Meadow, and MDCR.91 (page 21) refers to potential for a 3G football turf pitch at Pedlarspool.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p>
19	Cushman & Wakefield for Petroc	<p>MID DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY – CONSULTATION OCT/NOV 2021 COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF PETROC</p> <p>I am pleased to provide comments on the above Strategy on behalf of Petroc.</p> <p>As way of brief background, Petroc is a General Further Education College that provides a range of educational courses including apprenticeships, higher education, part-time and adult evening courses. The College operates form campuses in Barnstaple and Tiverton and has a clear strategy in place for modernisation across its</p>	<p>The comments made in the response are noted, including that the land referred to at Bolham Road is not intended to be made available by Petroc for playing field use.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, it remains that the last known us of the land was as a playing field and planning permission will be needed for the development of this land for an alternative use. The determination of an application would be guided by national planning</p>

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		<p>estate, to build upon its exceptional track record. Part of this strategy involves rationalising underutilised space and disposing of surplus assets.</p> <p>Petroc does not run a sports curriculum and has no future intention to do so at its Tiverton campus. However, the Playing Pitch Strategy is of relevance to Petroc as recommendations within the Strategy concern land that is in its ownership (land at Bolham Road, as shown outlined in red on the attached Site Location Plan). This is land that is surplus to its requirements and which has been promoted by Petroc for residential development through the MDDC's 'Call for Sites' earlier this year.</p> <p>As you may be aware, the subject land does have some history of use as playing fields, both for cricket and then football. However, all sports-related use ceased in excess of 10 years ago and the land has not been maintained to enable formal use for sport. It has no public access.</p> <p>I can confirm that Petroc does not seek to challenge the findings of the Strategy in terms of the needs and priorities identified in the report. However, Petroc wish to make the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are multiple references to the Petroc Land at Bolham Road (Section 3.6, 4.5, 4.10 Table 4.2, Appendix 5, Draft Action Plan – Tiverton Sub Area). This land is referred to as a 'playing field'. This is clearly misleading as the land is not maintained as a playing field, it is not used as a playing field, and there has been no formal sporting activities undertaken at the site (public or private) for at least 10 years. Whilst there is acknowledgement in the Strategy that the site is not currently marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years, Petroc requests that the Strategy is amended so that the Petroc land is described accurately and in a way that will not potentially mislead the reader. <u>The land should not be referred to as a 'playing field'.</u> 	<p>policy and relevant policies in the development plan for the area.</p> <p>National planning policy states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless</p> <p>a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or</p> <p>b) the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or</p> <p>c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.</p> <p>The adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 Policy DM24 provides for the protection of local green space and recreational land / buildings, including playing fields.</p> <p>The Council acknowledges the playing field was subject to a recent outline planning application (reference 20/00832/MOUT) submitted on behalf of Petroc for up to 60 dwellings, but notes this was subsequently withdrawn on 8th October 2020 in light of consultation responses received and a need to</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Draft Action Plan for the Tiverton Sub Area recommends that the Petroc land is protected to meet future need for an additional cricket pitch and/or youth football facilities. Petroc confirm as landowner that it has no intention to facilitate use of the land for these purposes or other sport/recreational activities. As such, this suggested action is undeliverable and is inconsistent with the College’s aspiration to see this site developed for residential use. Since the Strategy will form part of the evidence base for future planning policy, it is important for the LPA to understand and take into account landowner intentions to ensure that planning policies are effective, deliverable and otherwise sound. Clearly, any future allocation/safeguarding of the Petroc site for playing fields is not sound as things stand. <p>I trust the above comments will be taken into consideration when finalising the Strategy and in future plan making.</p> <p>Regards</p>	<p>resolve these. This includes an objection from Sport England to the loss of the playing field.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> as part of its vision ‘to support the retention and enhancement of facilities’ an objective 2 “To protect existing provision and plan, manage and promote playing field sites’, and overarching theme T1 protecting, maintaining and enhancing playing fields. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy also recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of</p>

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			<p>playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022. The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council and Petroc and its representatives, Tiverton High School, and other relevant stakeholders over the future use of land at Bolham Road and wider area.</p>
20	Coplestone Recreation Association	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>As Co-Chair of Coplestone Recreation Association (CRA) I am writing to inform MDDC of additional information that needs to be considered in your recommendations for Pullen Field, Coplestone.</p> <p>As leasers of Pullen Field, we are concerned and disappointed that the CRA were not consulted in this process. We are fully committed to achieving a Hall for Coplestone Parish but we can't do it without help and funding from the wider community.</p> <p>I will set out our position at this present time:</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the work of the Coplestone Recreation Association to bring a community hall to Coplestone.</p> <p>Coplestone Parish Council was consulted in early 2020 about sports pitch provision in its area, but no response was received at that time and no attention was drawn to the Coplestone Recreation Association.</p>

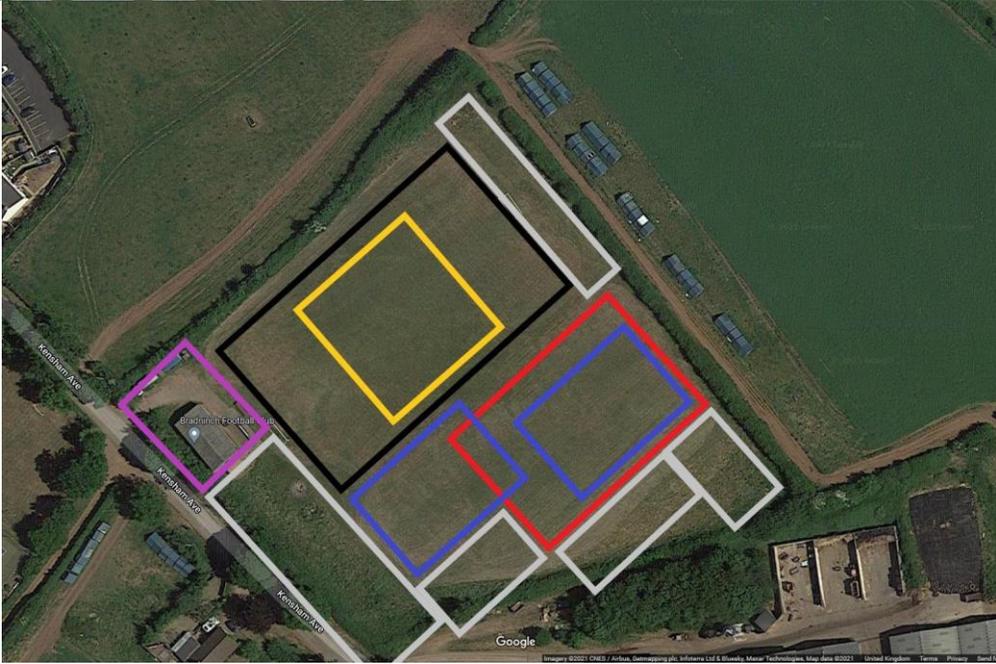
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		<p>The CRA is a Community Interest Company (CIC) set up in 2006 to bring a Community Hall to Copplestone.</p> <p>Pullen Field is leased by the CRA from Copplestone Parish Council. It is a 99yr lease.</p> <p>The CRA currently have full planning in place, and we will soon be submitting updated plans for the Hall, due to change of needs within the community and surrounding areas.</p> <p>We are currently working with Real Ideas Organisation (RIO), consultants, with the aim of strengthening our funding proposal to the National Lotteries Community Fund (NLCF) and making us funding ready. Their cost has been funded by the NLCF Reaching Communities, who have already advised us that should we be successful in our bid for funding they would only ever match fund the total cost of the Hall</p> <p>Our initial application to The National Lottery was for circa £800K. We envisage the current costs to be higher. With match funding we will fall far short from the final total.</p> <p>Our work is progressing well with RIO, and we will be putting our full application for funding to The National Lottery by March / April 2022.</p> <p>In the future we would appreciate direct communication from yourselves on all developments from the PPS concerning Pullen Field. Email – [redacted]</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Co-Chair Copplestone Recreation Association</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy at 3.18 refers to an opportunity to improve the quality of the David Pullen Field at Copplestone, playing fields plus changing facilities / clubhouse here. The Site Action Plan (page 17) site reference MDCR.19 also identifies the opportunity to provide support for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. • provision of changing facilities here as possible base for Copplestone Utd. <p>These opportunities could include or form part of the provision of a community hall.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies, and can also include organisations such as the Copplestone Recreation Association. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p>

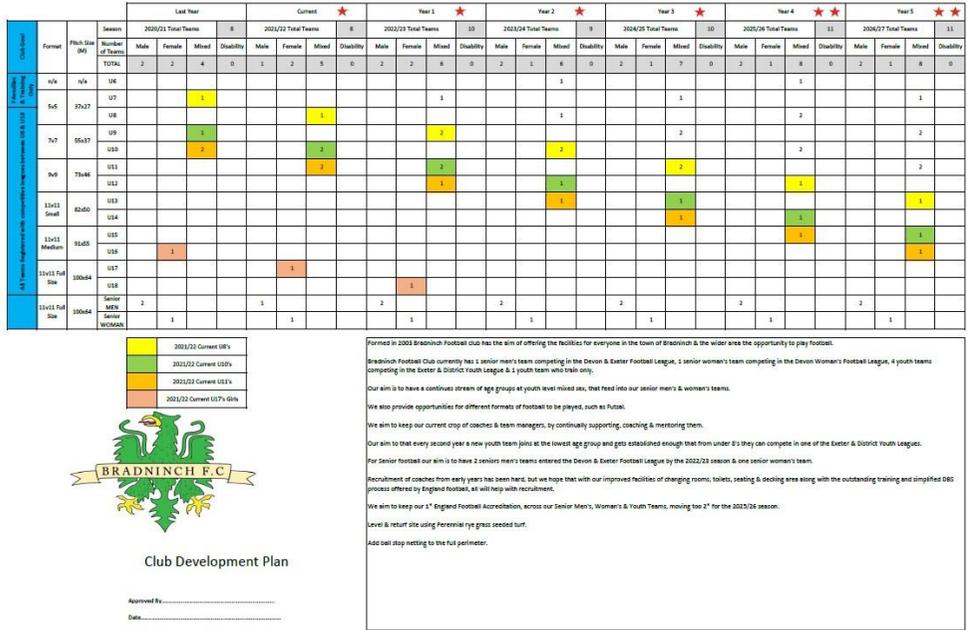
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			<p>The establishment of a Delivery Group will enable an ongoing dialogue with sports clubs and relevant stakeholders across the district so that their needs can be understood and can help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>An advantage of having an up to date and approved Playing Pitch Strategy for Mid Devon is that it can be used by private and third sector providers of playing pitches, and support local sports clubs and organisations, in making bids for funding from a variety of sources to maintain and improve provision in the district.</p>
21	Bradninch Football Club	<p>To whom it may concern at Playing Pitch Strategy Mid Devon;</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to “Have our Say” on the Councils plan for pitch strategy.</p> <p>First I feel you need to know a little bit about Bradninch Football Club;</p> <p>Established in 2003 Bradninch Football club has the aim of offering the facilities for everyone in the town of Bradninch & the wider area the opportunity to play football. Currently we have 9 registered playing teams as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 8’s Mixed x 1 • Under 10’s Mixed x 2 • Under 11’s Mixed x 2 • Under 12’s Boys Futsal x 1 • Under 17’s Girls x 1 	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the number of teams supported through the Bradninch Football Club, planned future participation, and the provision and use of playing pitch facilities in the locality.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed through the assessment of pitch provision and engagement with Town and Parish Council’s schools / colleges and known local sports clubs across the district. This included a response provided by Bradninch Youth and the adult football club. The information gathered is a snap shot in time in 2020/early 2021, but has provided a detailed understanding for the purpose of shaping</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Men’s Team x 1 • Senior Ladies Team x 1 • Devon Air Ambulance landing Site x 1 (Yellow on illustration) <p>We have around 100 children and 60 adults registered as players and approximately 30 volunteer coaches and committee members.</p> <p>As a club we opened our new club house in January 2020 which includes for the 1st time toilets (Male, Female & Disabled), referees changing room, Home & Away changing rooms, storage area/office with external CCTV and a small kitchen. Unfortunately only a few months later it was closed due to Covid. As a club we feared what would happen, would we survive? I’m pleased to say that we seem to have come out stronger & more resilient than ever.</p> <p>We will be launching our new 5 year club development plan at our next quarterly meeting (draft copy attached).</p> <p>We have ambitious plans to increase the number of playing teams from 8 to 11 through staged & managed age group increases.</p> <p>With the planned increase in playing teams & subsequent training this will undoubtedly put pressure on our already poor playing surface. (This will soon be officially assessed by the new “Football Foundation App – Rate my Pitch)</p> <p>The home of Bradninch FC is Kensham Park or The Bradninch “Slope” as its endearingly know currently has marked out the following grass pitches;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 v 11 full size x 1 (Black on illustration) • 9 v 9 x 1 (Red on illustration) • 7 v 7 x 2 (Blue on illustration) <p>Within our 5 year plan we will extend this to</p>	<p>recommendations in this Playing Pitch Strategy for the improvement of pitch sport facilities.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue with the providers of pitch sports facilities and sports clubs across the district, which will assist in keeping information up to date and can also be used to help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>An advantage of having an up to date and approved Playing Pitch Strategy for Mid Devon is that it can be used by private and third sector providers of playing pitches, and support local sports clubs and</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 v 11 full size x 1 for senior football • 11 v 11 small size x 1 for youth under 13 & 14 • 11 v 11 medium size x 1 for youth Under 15 & 16 • 9 v 9 x 1 • 7 v 7 x 2 • 5 v 5 x 2 <p>The grass pitches are located on the outskirts of Bradninch on old agricultural land, we lease this from Bradninch Town Council & the Duchy of Cornwall estate. The pitches are uneven, fall away (so one corner is higher than the diagonally opposite corner) the playing surface undulates and suffers from poor quality grass.</p> <p>During the winter all teams switch from training on our home pitches to the Astro turf situated at Cullompton Sports Centre, We find this a massive drain on finances and a hassle every year to manage booking slots, equipment transportation. Space is always tight as we only ever get to book 1/3 of the available space as other sports clubs are also doing the same. The average bill per week is £150 between October & April for the Astro pitch rental.</p> <p>Our under 12's futsal team plays either in Paignton or Exeter in the Futsal Youth Cup as there is no provision for this in our local area.</p> <p>Kensham Park also plays host to a number of community events throughout the year and hosts the Bradninch 1st Scouts storage containers & activities throughout the year.</p> <p>Our overall aim at Kensham Park is to have a level grass training facility & grass match pitches that can accommodate our growing number of teams other over town groups.</p>	<p>organisations, in making bids for funding from a variety of sources to maintain and improve provision in the district.</p> <p>The sloping nature of the playing field at Kensham Park is noted. The Site Action Plan, page 13, identifies that the existing playing pitch facilities at the Kensham football field (site MDCM.29) experience poor drainage and have a lack of space to accommodate all the pitches required, and the recreation ground (site MDCM.30) is also sloping and has little spare capacity.</p>

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		<p>In our plan we make provision for flood lights so that evening training & games in the winter can continue to take place.</p> <p>We agree whole heartedly that there is a growing need for quality pitches with associated facilities for both Senior (Men's & Women's) & Youth football (toilets/changing rooms/flood lights) within Mid Devon but there is a lack of available green space & club self-finances.</p> <p>As Bradninch is the 4th Town in Mid Devon and with the ever growing Cullompton so close by, we feel that Bradninch Football Club shouldn't be over looked in the "Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy" and that smaller clubs play a vital role in grassroots development.</p> <p>Our main aim is to level & returf the pitches in durable "Perennial rye grass", install flood lighting & ball stop netting around the full perimeter.</p> <p>This is an extremely ambitious plan for us to undertake but if you don't have a goal you'll never reach it.</p> <p>I hope these comments and our plan can be reviewed and included in any future revision of the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>We are also always happy to contribute and further ideas or comments should they be required.</p> <p>Club Secretary</p>	

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		 <p data-bbox="468 975 1079 1185"> Black – 11v11 full size Red – 9 v 9 Blue – 7 v 7 Yellow – Air Ambulance Landing Site Purple – Club House & Parking Grey – Scrub currently unusable as playing surface </p>	

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		 <p>The image shows a detailed table for Bradninch F.C. Club Development Plan. The table tracks player numbers across various age groups (U6 to U18) and genders (Male, Female, Mixed, Disability) from the 2020/21 season to 2026/27. A legend indicates player counts for current seasons (2021/22, 2022/23) and 2023/24. Below the table is the club's logo and a text box containing their development strategy, which includes goals for player participation, coaching, and team development across different age groups and genders.</p>	
22	Tiverton High School	<p>Please find attached Tiverton High School's response to the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy on behalf of the Head Teacher and Governors of The Federation of Tiverton Schools</p> <p>Partnership Director Federation of Tiverton Schools</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the availability of the schools facilities for community use.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p>

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		<p>Tiverton High School (THS) is well known for its inclusive ethos and has always been keen to share its facilities with the community it serves. THS encourages those who use its facilities to ensure that sport is available to all regardless of affordability. Currently groups use THS facilities for rugby, badminton, basketball, dance, tai-kwon-do, and gymnastics. THS regularly hosts football tournaments and cycling events and over half of all Tiverton youth football teams play on pitches here.</p> <p>The freeing up of ground on the Western campus at THS will present unique and significant opportunities to engage with local stakeholders. This will enable school and community partnerships to seek national funding for new pitches and facilities. Outline planning for the new school and sports facilities has been achieved in consultation with the Environment Agency and Sport England in a process which the school intends to continue during the construction phase. Simultaneously, THS is keen to engage in discussion with all local sports organisations in the design of a “regional sports hub” on the Western Bolham Road Campus.</p> <p>Redevelopment and relocation of THS school buildings is planned in phases so that there will be a minimal impact on the availability of sports pitches during the project.</p>	<p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy’s Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential ‘Gateway to Sport’ area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing level of playing pitches and courts to be protected

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further consideration to be given to high quality replacement facilities (football, rugby and tennis) and any additional provision • Potential site for a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. The playing field was subject to a recent outline planning application (reference 20/00832/MOUT) submitted on behalf of Petroc for up to 60 dwellings, but this was subsequently withdrawn on 8th October 2020 in light of consultation responses received and a need to resolve these. This includes an objection from Sport England to the loss of the playing field. The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access</p>

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			<p>to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022. The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council, Tiverton High School, Petroc college, and other relevant stakeholders in relation to the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School, and the future use of the playing field at Bolham Road that is owned by Petroc College.</p>

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23	Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association	<p>Dear MDDC,</p> <p>Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association would like to submit comments in response to this consultation.</p> <p>Our comments take the form of requested amendments to the Site Action Plans document for the site we manage, numbered MDCR.39 in your document. Our requested amendments are in the attached word document.</p> <p>If you wish to discuss any of the comments I can be contacted on [redacted].</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Treasurer Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association</p> <p>MDDC Playing Pitch Strategy – Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association response to consultation</p>	<p>Morchard Bishop Parish Council was consulted in early 2020 about sports pitch provision in its area, but attention was not drawn to the Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association, since no response was received at that time.</p> <p>Morchard Bishop FC was not running when the survey work was varied out (2019/20) and hence data on the club is not included.</p> <p>However, the comments received from the Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association are welcomed and the Playing Pitch Strategy's Site Action Plans site reference MDCR.39 has been updated with the information that has been provided.</p>

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			Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association									
Site Ref	Parish	Management	Site	Sport; pitches	Sport Facility and Activity Summary/Issues	Options and Recommended Actions	Priority Site/Issue	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band		
MDCR.39	Morchard Bishop	Sport Club Community Organisation	Morchard Bishop Sports Club Playing Field	1x adult pitch. Visual Quality Assessment – standard Tennis court; poor quality 6 bowling rink green	Range of facilities at village recreation ground. Potentially a busy ground but facilities are underused. • Football pitch: at the time of the study, only Coplestone United FC U16 were playing here. However, another adult team was planning to play 2020/1. Morchard Bishop AFC has used this pitch for 20/21. Match days are played at the pitch however winter evening training has moved elsewhere due to the poor pitch drainage and lighting. • Large changing facilities (in poor condition)/clubhouse. • Single tennis court next to play area; open access; no record of use.	Support for: • measures to increase football activity. • enhancement and floodlighting of tennis court to increase usage, subject to planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitch • Refurbishment of pavilion, changing facilities and showers • Remaining field area could accommodate a youth pitch, requires improvem 		1 (this is defined as Short term (1-3 years))	Parish or Town Council; clubs	Low-Medium (Low<£50k) (Med (£50k-250k))		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowling green: Morchard Bishop Bowls Club: 50 members. Quality of green surface is inconsistent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ent to drainage and grass surface • New or upgraded floodlights would increase winter usage (existing floodlights are for Air Ambulance Landing Site and do not suit existing playing pitch)
24	Uffculme School	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I write in respect of the recently published draft Playing Pitch Strategy for Mid-Devon District and would like to begin by thanking the Council for their work on behalf of the community and commitment to this important aspect of the community. We have given careful consideration to the proposals and broadly support the thrust of the proposals in terms of identifying the need for increased capacity and improved quality of facilities. This will help the District to cope with population growth and will hopefully lead to greater participation levels by bringing old and tired sporting amenities up to modern standards.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed through the assessment of pitch provision and engagement with Town and Parish Council's schools / colleges and known local sports clubs across the district. This included a response provided by Uffculme School in early 2020. The information gathered is a snap shot in time in 2020/early 2021, but has provided a detailed understanding for the purpose of shaping recommendations in this Playing Pitch Strategy for the improvement of pitch sport facilities across the district.</p>

Black text = what is in the draft document at the moment (Site Action Plans, page 18/19),
red text = MBPFA responses

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		<p>On a more specific basis, we welcome the identification of our own Astro-Turf community multi-sport project in the strategy.</p> <p>In terms of improvements in the strategy, we believe that the Consultants have not necessarily understood the fluid geographical linkages in respect of sporting participation between the population centres in our rural area.</p> <p>We also believe that, following recent negotiations, the deliverability of our Astro-Turf community multi-sport project is understated, and we believe it is of a far more central and strategic importance than is currently implied by the strategy. Attached is our submission to the consultation which includes evidence of our assertions that the strategic role and importance of the Uffculme School project should be reinforced in the report.</p> <p>We very much hope that our submission will be taken into account and are happy to answer any questions or provide further details if requested.</p> <p>Best wishes,</p> <p>Response to draft Mid-Devon Playing Pitch Strategy from Uffculme School. Prepared by– Headteacher 20 November 2021 Overview</p> <p>Uffculme School welcome the publication of a new draft Playing Pitch Strategy for Mid-Devon District. In the context of extensive development across the</p>	<p>The comments provided in the response to this consultation on the draft Playing Pitch Strategy are noted, including the use of Uffculme School’s facilities by the wider community, and the view held by Uffculme School of the artificial grass pitch community multi-sport project having a more central and strategic importance than implied in the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue with the providers of pitch sports facilities and sports clubs across the district, which will assist in keeping information up to date and can also be used</p>

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		<p>District and many sporting facilities becoming increasingly unfit for purpose, we believe that the Council have shown great community leadership in commissioning this report.</p> <p>We broadly support the thrust of the proposals in terms of identifying the need for increased capacity and improved quality of facilities. This will help the District to cope with population growth and encourage greater participation levels by bringing old and tired sporting amenities up to modern standards. On a more specific basis, we welcome the identification of our own Astro-Turf community multi-sport project in the strategy.</p> <p>In terms of improvements in the strategy, we believe that the Consultants have not necessarily understood the fluid geographical linkages in respect of sporting participation between the population centres in our rural area. We also believe that, following recent negotiations, the deliverability of our Astro-Turf community multi-sport project is understated, and we believe it is of a far more central and strategic importance than is currently implied by the strategy.</p> <p>The following section provides some bullet points to evidence our assertions that the strategic role and importance of the Uffculme School project should be reinforced in the report.</p> <p>Evidence statements</p> <p>1. The school is benefiting from Section 106 monies from local developments which, subject to Governors' approval, should enable the school to deliver the project within the next 12 – 18 months.</p>	<p>to help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>

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		<p>2. The school is already at the centre of well-being of its community, with extensive public use of its facilities across sports and the arts.</p> <p>3. The existing facilities which have established hire arrangements with a wide range of community bodies include gymnasia, studios, sports hall and classrooms / meeting rooms / community rooms immediately adjacent to the proposed new facilities – adding significant value to the venue in terms of whole family participation and cross fertilisation of sporting activity. Effectively this provides the Club House mentioned in the strategy as being desirable at Culm Valley and potentially could link in with our on-site catering facilities.</p> <p>4. The proposed multi-sport sand dressed Astro-Turf surface will allow for Hockey, Football, Netball, Tennis, as well as supporting all weather training for the local Athletics and Rugby clubs.</p> <p>5. Recent feasibility work instigated on the back of the identification of the Section 106 funding for the project has scoped a further three (3) adjacent new hard surface tennis and netball courts in addition to the main Astro-Turf. All of these facilities will be fully available to the public outside of school hours.</p> <p>6. Netball is not mentioned in the PPS, but a recently formed Uffculme based Netball Club, is having to travel to Blundells to get court space and we believe the club has a waiting list for those wanting to play.</p> <p>7. The project will therefore support the additional Tennis Court capacity cited as being required by the PPS for Cullompton, East Cullompton and Culm Garden Village.</p>	

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		<p>8. The report states that there is insufficient demand for more than 2 Astro pitches for Hockey in the Cullompton area. We would question this assertion which depends somewhat on the definition of area.</p> <p>9. There are 3 main Hockey clubs, none of them have their own pitch or their own clubhouse in their own location – making use instead of a range of sites.</p> <p>10. Tiverton White Eagles (Ladies and Juniors) would call their home pitch Exe Valley Leisure Centre.</p> <p>11. Tiverton men do not have a home pitch and float between Exe Valley Leisure Centre and Blundells. Tiverton men set up as a separate club from White Eagles to cope with the demand of men playing hockey and to have somewhere for the junior boys to go after they leave the White Eagles.</p> <p>12. It is unclear where Exeter and Culm Valley Hornets would call home now as the Culm Valley Leisure centre pitch in Cullompton is so poor: Due to the poor pitch the adults moved to Exeter to train and play on better pitches.</p> <p>13. Uffculme as a location would cover a wider area of the rural population than two in close proximity in Cullompton, while still servicing the Cullompton area. Uffculme is closer to villages like Westleigh, Burlescombe, Sampford Peverell. Hemyock and Culmstock.</p> <p>14. There is demand for Hockey pitches in the areas surrounding Uffculme: Tiverton men’s team currently have no home ground. Cullompton Hockey Club members have to travel to Exeter to use pitches. Training capacity is used at</p>	

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		<p>Blundells private school in the evening, but there is no public access to pitches for matchday fixtures at weekends.</p> <p>15. The statement of sufficient capacity is based on the pitch at Exe Valley Leisure Centre, Tiverton being available. However, the terrible standard of this pitch is well known locally, and the future of the pitch is under threat because of the proposed relocation of Tiverton High School. There is no guarantee that the pitch will be replaced or that it will not be converted to 3G, making it unsuitable for Hockey.</p> <p>16. Even if it can be shown beyond doubt that there is enough capacity with the Exe Valley pitch and that it 100% will be replaced like for like, the report confirms the likelihood of a 'short-term' shortfall during relocation of the school. This could be at least a year or two and regaining participation levels after such a gap will take several seasons, with both clubs experiencing hardships following drop of in participation following Covid lockdowns.</p> <p>17. The Hockey pitch at Culm Valley Leisure Centre, Cullompton is in a similar state of disrepair and, as identified in the strategy, needs funding for resurfacing. There is a risk of a downtime period for this pitch too, whether because the surface becomes unfit for use prior to funding being available, or at the very least during its refurbishment.</p> <p>18. In respect of points 8-17, the Uffculme pitch will ensure that there is sufficient capacity for Hockey at all times going into the future and can service the Culm Garden Village. Our Uffculme project will protect the community against any loss of capacity at private facilities such as Blundell School or due to strategic decisions or lack of funding in respect of the pitches at Cullompton or Tiverton High School.</p>	

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		<p>19. The Uffculme pitch will provide capacity to allow for clubs and teams who need a new or better home pitch, such as Tiverton Men’s Hockey Club and Cullompton Hockey Club. It will mean players do not have to travel to Exeter to train and play, which is a deterrent to participation. These situations would not exist if there were sufficient capacity in the area and it is true that poor facilities suppress demand and participation in any sport.</p> <p>20. The geographic location of Uffculme makes it ideal for providing community sporting facility in support of Culm Garden Village, Cullompton, Tiverton and of course Uffculme itself. All of these locations already service each other across different sports and clubs and this is further evidenced by the School’s catchment area. In fact, Uffculme School is already a hub for several primary schools that come to use facilities for P.E and also play mini tournaments across a range of sports. The Astro will provide increasing primary sports capacity, and competitions. compared to what is already achievable with the sports hall and grass pitches. Participating Primary Schools include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uffculme Primary school • Willand • Culmstock • Hemyock • Kentisbeare 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burlescombe • Webbers (in Holcombe Rogus) • Sampford Peverell • Uplowman <p>21. In respect of Football, the School note the reference to the proposed 3G pitch at Magelake Meadows in Uffculme. There are however real challenges to this being deliverable and this is providing great challenges to the local youth football club – Culm Sampford Youth F.C, who have to travel to train at Blundells and Sampford Peverell due to the lack of local facilities: The current Astro area at Magelake needs refurbishment and is not a full-size pitch. It is a long narrow rectangular area shaped as two (2) end-to-end 5-a-side courts only. Replacing this with a 3G may involve repayment of funding received for the Astro courts and would erode at least 1 full size grass pitch on site, which is likely to be unacceptable to Sport England.</p> <p>22. The School Astro project will provide desperately needed full size training facilities for junior football in and around Uffculme. We are also investigating the feasibility of providing additional sports field space as an optional site for a future 3G pitch to satisfy the strategic location of Uffculme in the LFFP, should Magelake be confirmed as not being deliverable. This strategic location of Uffculme identified in the LFFP - leading to it being chosen as a location for a 3G pitch, is equally true of other sports not just football.</p> <p>Summary</p>	

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		<p>In summary we have a deliverable Community Sports project, which can satisfy and safeguard capacity for Hockey and Tennis and support local youth football. The project will promote participation in a range of sports, not just those mentioned in the PPS, and further improve community well-being in an established public venue.</p> <p>We would like to see these factors brought out in greater depth and importance in the strategy in recognition of the unique location of Uffculme School in the context of the PPS and its corresponding ability to provide solutions to many of the challenges identified in the draft strategy for the Culm Garden Village, Cullompton, Tiverton and Uffculme area.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <p>We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss the points we have raised in this response.</p> <p>We would ask to have a representative of the School on the PPS Steering Group which we note is to be formed to steer and monitor the delivery of the strategy on a twice-yearly basis.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>	
25	Elmore AFC	<p>I would firstly like to explain Elmore AFC thoughts - we currently are on a 3.75 acre site at Horsdon Park with only one grass pitch. We have been on this site since 1947 . Over the last fifteen years the football club has expanded and now have three adult teams and two youth teams . We obviously can not accommodate all the teams on one pitch so we have to use other facilities where ever we can which are limited in Mid Devon.</p>	<p>The comments made are noted, including the potential for funding restrictions for 3G football turf pitches in areas that are at risk from flooding. This will require further investigation.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G</p>

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		<p>We have considered in principle the possibility of changing the ground to a 3g pitch to improve the usage. But we are in flood zone three and the neighbouring sports field likewise at Amory Park are in the same flood zone three . With this in mind we are aware that sports England could not support a change to a 3g upgrade and therefore the football Foundation the Devon county FA and other sporting bodies would not fund such in facilities flood zone 3</p> <p>We made the decision several years ago to look for a potential site that could accommodate Elmore AFC and our partners Moors youth under one facility. We are FA community Development club and feed youth teams into Elmore AFC every year and other players from the greater community that want to progress into u16 18s and men's football.</p> <p>We feel we are currently restricted at Horsdon Park due to the lack of sports pitches. Horsdon Park is a very damp site and has the river Lowman running around around two sides of the ground and Ailsa Brook River cuts across the bottom of the site to join the River Lowman. When the rivers are high we have to cancel matches on a regular basis in the winter as it is not fit for purpose.</p> <p>The car park cannot cope with the demand of additional teams. We are turning away youth players that want to play for a structured club at the highest level . The site that we have identified is a fourteen acre site and is adjacent to the Eastern urban development. This would be a perfect site to accommodate multiple pitches close to the community. With a 3g pitch provision and mini soccer pitches it would generate income and provide facilities for the greater community. We would also like to add a community hub for the benefit of other sporting clubs and groups. We looked long and hard for a site in Tiverton which was flat and more importantly outside flood zone three for potential funding and which would allow growth in the future.</p>	<p>football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy identifies an opportunity for accommodating matchplay on a 3G football turf pitch at Tiverton and it points to several potential / proposed sites at the town, including Amory Park, Tiverton High School and Blundell's School. Further feasibility work will be required regarding; planning, management, maintenance, access, floodplain, partnership funding, and delivery timetable.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. This can include discussions regarding the suitability of the potential alternative locations for a 3G football turf pitch at Tiverton which have been identified in this Playing Pitch Strategy for consideration.</p>

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		<p>We finally found a site close to Crazelowman that has been identified in the pitch strategy. We are currently pursuing its potential and are close to submitting an application through potential planning from Bristol . If this comes together we will have achieved our objectives and leave a legacy for Elmore AFC and Tiverton Adding another pitch at Amory on a wet site without additional changing facilities is questionable.</p> <p>The number of new pitches required in the strategy would be an improvement but is well short for the demand with the expansion of Tiverton in development underway . Sports does not seemed to be a priority in Mid Devon but it is so important to the well being of the greater community and the well being of young children and there development physically and mentally. (Healthy body healthy mind)</p> <p>(chairman of Football)</p>	<p>The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue with the providers of pitch sports facilities and sports clubs across the district, which will assist in keeping information up to date and can also be used to help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>
26	Tiverton Harriers	<p>I am commenting on behalf of Tiverton Harriers. Our club has been established over 70 years, we are primarily a road running club - but mainly due to the fact that we have never had the use of a running track. In the summer months we do use the Tiverton High School track (if it has been marked out), sometimes it has only been marked out as a 200metre track which is not ideal.</p> <p>When the old swimming pool and New Leisure Centre site was redeveloped - at the time money was left and promise of a running track was planned into that site - but it never happened.</p> <p>As a club we set up a junior section 15 years ago, initially we had a huge response with upto 50 young athletes coming along to our training evenings. Our coaches are volunteers and have worked tirelessly over the years to provide a safe environment for the young athletes to train. We have had to use various facilities to train in a safe enclosed space (high school field, leisure centre astro pitch), it meant that several months of the year we did not have a facility and the leisure centre astro pitch was</p>	<p>The comments provided are note, including the need for athletics track facilities in Tiverton.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy is focused on pitch sports, including football, rugby, cricket, and hockey and has also considered tennis and bowls. The assessment of built sports facilities, including swimming pools, athletics facilities, sports halls, running tracks and other facilities is outside the scope of this technical work. However, it is acknowledged that sports pitches can include provision for running.</p> <p>The Council (at its Cabinet meeting on 28th September 2021) has identified potential scope for a further study to be undertaken of built sports facilities in Mid Devon, which could be used</p>

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		<p>far from adequate to continue to run around so we only used it over the winter months - but quite often if it was frosty it was closed and or slippery.</p> <p>Due to COVID we had to cancel training for the juniors, we have not been able to start up and the lack of facilities has not encouraged us to re-start the junior training. We feel we cannot offer the proper training and coaching on the facilities we have to hire! We often lose talented young athletes to Exeter where they can train and compete on a full size athletics track.</p> <p>Our adult athletes are in the same position, having to meet in car parks, have no club house or use of toilets - mainly train on busy roads, and the high school track is far from ideal as it is bumpy and has potholes and is usually covered in rubbish when we come to use it in the summer. I have been an athlete for over 40 years and trained in and around Tiverton, when I was a youngster the Harriers used a marked track which was on the Astro Turf site, and this was the site that the Harriers were promised an athletics track for the future.</p> <p>Again the strategy is all about other sports, it would be wonderful if there was a sports hub where there were facilities to use for various sports. I was also involved in setting up Moors Youth Football club and they have grown hugely in the 16 years that I was with the club - they have been lacking facilities for years and the youth need to be able to train and develop on good safe facilities, the same as our athletes.</p> <p>I hope provision will be made for all sports, the strategy outlines the needs of Mid Devon but we have been lacking facilities for 20 years - we need to have action and actual facilities being developed especially with the population in the towns getting bigger.</p> <p>Treasurer and Coach Tiverton Harriers</p>	<p>alongside the Playing Pitch Strategy to inform the preparation of a Sports Supplementary Planning Document. This will require investigation by officers to find out what technical study may be needed and how this can be used to inform the preparation of a new Local Plan. A study of built sports facilities would be subject to consideration of prioritisation with other work streams, the resources needed and being available, and its timing.</p>

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27	Crediton United & Youth FC	<p>Please see my points for consideration.</p> <p>I have probably covered most rolls in local football. In my playing days, I was a Mid Devon based player, who went onto manage and be a club officer & committee member for many years in the adult game. I then ran my twin sons youth team for the entirety of their time in youth football. I am a past Crediton Youth FC chairman, who instigated the return of girls football to the club, and current club secretary and boys youth development officer. I am a coach with the newly formed ladies football team at Crediton and committee member of Crediton United FC. Plus, my two sons both attended QE school.</p> <p>Main points as I see it:</p> <p>Crediton like many other towns needs at least one additional grass pitch with changing rooms, to meet the needs of an expanding & successful youth set up and to also cater for the adolescent age group in both male & female football. The game is losing too many players in the 16-18 year old age group in the town. We desperately need U18 football in the town. In the long term we will probably need U18 girls football as well, with the number of girls playing football at Crediton. Crediton Youth FC is probably amongst one of the larger youth set ups in the County and has a large girls section that many other clubs do not cater for. Our lack of pitches is definitely starting to effect our growth.</p> <p>Ideally, Crediton should have pitches to support a third men’s team as well. Not one of my ex U16 players is playing in their home town. Fortunately, the vast majority are still actively playing, but sadly they have to rely on lifts to village sides out of the town. We all know that the Crediton United & Youth pitches are on poor draining clay soil. In a wet winter we lose too many home fixtures and continuity and player development suffers and sadly often a loss of interest in football. Personally, I</p>	<p>Crediton United & Youth FC was consulted in early 2020 and the preparation of the Playing Pitch Strategy has taken into consideration the information that was provided at that time. The comments provided in response to this consultation are noted, including the need for a 3G football turf pitch at Crediton, and the health and well-being benefits of sport, together with the need for additional grass football pitches in Crediton .</p> <p>The technical specification of a 3G football turf pitch means that it can accommodate year-round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and / or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.</p> <p>There is currently no full size floodlit 3G football turf pitch in the district and the lack of such provision has been highlighted for many years.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy paragraph 3.18 comments on potential sites for a 3G football turf pitch at</p>

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		<p>absolutely dread a wet winter. It was so frustrating having to tell young players, sadly no game on Saturday- our pitches our under water and that was on a Thursday night.</p> <p>Although the Astro pitches at Lords Meadow have been a major asset for the community & local football, it would be great to see investment in a full size 3G to support the growth & development of football and other sports in the town.</p> <p>Crediton United FC are a step six side using a cramped mini court for training. I spent years using those courts, it is hard to take a technical session on those courts. A full size 3G pitch in the winter/spring would also allow continuity of fixtures.</p> <p>There are a host of local village sides based around Crediton that use the courts at Lords Meadow and other cramped facilities around the area. Many of these sides as well have poorly draining pitches that suffer through spells of wet weather.</p> <p>We all know, any future project would probably need to be linked to QE school usage to be financially viable. As a parent who had two sports mad kids go through QE school, I often asked the question - why was QE one of the few/only secondary schools with no 3G in the area? How many full size pitches 3G are there in nearby Exeter? Surely, Crediton is a rapidly growing town that will need additional school and recreational facilities to meet the growing needs of the increased population. Other towns I visit in the County have football 3G hubs, with a sister partner that helps administer the running of them. Could this be an option in Crediton?</p> <p>We continually hear about, child obesity, mental health issues & isolation etc, I personally know the advantages and benefits that sport can bring. Surely, the time has come for Crediton to get the much needed facilities it needs.</p> <p>Best regards</p> <p>Crediton United & Youth FC</p>	<p>Crediton, including Crediton AFC's ground (replacement for grass pitch there) or the Lord's Meadow artificial grass surface (replacement for two / three full size sand based surface and four tennis courts). Queen Elizabeth's School also has proposals for sand based and 3G football turf pitch provision under its rationalisation plans.</p> <p>The Site Action Plans at site MDCR.35 (page 18) refers to potential for a 3G football turf pitch at Lords Meadow, and MDCR.91 (page 21) refers to potential for a 3G football turf pitch at Pedlarspool.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue</p>

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28	Tiverton Town Councillor Cranmore Ward.	<p>Submission to Playing Pitches Consultation:</p> <p>As a Town Councillor for Cranmore Ward in Tiverton I will contain my submission to the Tiverton area.</p> <p>I note that the consultation states that, within the plans for the new High School in Tiverton, there is scope for expansion of facilities. However, it also states that these would not be available during the development.</p> <p>In fact the playing fields at the High School are consistently in use by local teams, almost every afternoon and evening, and at weekends. They are also used by many Primary Schools for Sports Days and Competitive matches. They will still be available for public use during the redevelopment, none of them will be unavailable during redevelopment with the exception of the rugby field where the new school is to be built.</p> <p>There is therefore great scope for expansion of the facilities at the High School for community use, both presently, and most certainly after the new School is built, should the money ever be forthcoming for it to be built.</p> <p>I do not believe the strategy should place too much reliance upon public access to provision at Private Schools. Not only 'Independent' Schools like Blundells, but Academy Schools such as Wilcombe (And Uffculme) can easily refuse public access to</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the availability of the schools facilities for community use.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p>

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		<p>their facilities, as has happened recently with the closure of 'The Venue' - a publicly funded performance space at Uffculme School, which is now closed to the public.</p> <p>Any funding which Mid Devon raises should be used to provide facilities which will be guaranteed to be open to the public. If some of that also benefits local school children that should be seen as a bonus.</p> <p>Also the inclusion of the EUE in the Consultation assumes there is to be a School. Given DCC and the developers attempts to move the goalposts on this, if a School is not built, then the area should be earmarked clearly for playing field provision and not allowed for yet more housing development.</p> <p>The Consultation wrongly mentions the Petroc playing field as a potential site for use as a pitch. Mid Devon has granted outline planning permission for this to be built upon in spite of objections over loss of playing field space!</p> <p>It also mentions the potential relocation of Elmore AFC, and the redevelopment of the current site for playing fields. However, the relocation, as I understand it, is entirely predicated upon the sale of the existing site for a Supermarket development, so again, there would be no potential.</p> <p>I also see no mention anywhere in the consultation of the current multi-playing surface or 'Astro-turf' facility adjacent to the Leisure Centre, which is extremely heavily used, both by public clubs and the High School, and is well overdue for an upgrade or replacement. This should surely be contained in the strategy? It is vital particularly for youth football clubs in the winter months when lack of floodlighting rules out other facilities in the late afternoon and evening.</p> <p>Floodlighting of existing facilities at Westexe Rec, Amory Park and the High School should therefore also be a priority, and could also provide more night time landing sites for the Air Ambulance - something which should also be considered on the EUE.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy's Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential 'Gateway to Sport' area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing level 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 a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. The playing field was subject to a recent</p>

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			<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p>
29	Heathcoat Fabrics Limited	<p>Dear ,</p> <p>It is great to see such a detailed strategy for playing pitches in Mid Devon. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the consultation.</p> <p>As someone that has lived in Mid Devon for most of my life (except when at University and running a factory in the midlands) and having attended local schools including Heathcoat Primary School and Tiverton High School, played rugby and football for various clubs and casually plus tennis and other sports (as have my extended family) in mid Devon I hope my input will be useful. I also did some youth rugby and football coaching including on 3 European football tours with Twyford Spartans Youth football team when my son played for them.</p> <p>I am also a director of Heathcoat Fabrics and a Tiverton Town Councillor for Westexe Ward.</p> <p>We need to get as many people of all ages, starting with the youngest, from all socio economic groups and ability levels playing team sports of all types (football, netball, rugby, tennis, cricket, basketball, hockey, you name it) for the fantastic physical and mental health benefits that it brings.</p> <p><u>Focus on building Tiverton High School as a Centre for Excellence and Inclusivity in Sport for Mid Devon</u></p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the availability of Tiverton High School’s facilities for community use.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton</p>

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		<p>I support [redacted] , Head of PE at THS, comments regarding the strategy in full as attached. In particular the MDDC pitch strategy should focus on supporting [redacted] and THS with the following;</p> <p>“THS currently has plans in place to relocate the school buildings across the roads in to the field next to the existing astro turf. This would essentially leave the current site a blank canvas. I have had conversations internally and with local businesses and sporting bodies around the potential to create a regional sports hub, where the Governing Bodies of each sport buy in the build a facility here. Can you imagine how much this would benefit Tiverton? To have badminton, football, rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis, basketball, dance and gymnastics facilities all in one place.”</p> <p>That would be a fantastic outcome for Tiverton and all of Mid Devon, to have a regional sports hub in the heart of our district.</p> <p>Having this at THS is the best way to involve the maximum number of people from all socio economic groups in a way that facilities art Blundell’s or the other smaller towns and villages in the district could not. Having a sporting centre of excellence at THS would help to raise the spirits of Tiverton West (an area of low progress to higher education) and attract sports orientated pupils to THS.</p> <p>I am sure that the local sports clubs, businesses and perhaps some local charitable organisations such as the Heathcoat and Amory Trusts would support the creation of a multi-use sports hub at THS. This could include indoor sports such as basketball and combat sports (boxing, judo, kick boxing etc.) as well as outdoor sports.</p> <p>The big concern is that we are 11 years and counting since THS was meant to be rebuilt. MDDC needs to push for the rebuild to happen as part of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>The tennis courts would be particularly welcome as hiring courts at Exe Valley Leisure Centre is very expensive for lower income families and</p>	<p>Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy’s Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential ‘Gateway to Sport’ area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing level 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 a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing</p>

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		<p>Regarding the proposal for pitches at the proposed primary school site for Tiverton's EUE are you aware that DCC and MDDC are suggesting that the school isn't required as prospective pupils for the EUE can be accommodated at the various local schools including Halberton Primary School. This is what happened with the proposed primary school for the Moorhayes estate which still hasn't been built 30 years after it was promised. Several TTC councillors including myself are very much in favour of building the EUE primary school and making it the centre of the community.</p> <p><u>Blundell's isn't the solution.</u></p> <p>My son played youth cricket at Heathcoat Cricket Club but there were only 3 state school pupils to start with an by the U15s he was the only state school pupil left in the team, the rest of the team were Blundell's pupils as was the coach. The youth set up was very Blundell's orientated and not at all inviting to middle class state school pupils (Director, dentist and farmer parents) let alone the wider community, they didn't get a chance to open the bowling or batting despite being better players. Several THS pupils played for Samford Peverel CC instead of Heathcoat CC as it was more welcoming, of course they needed transport to get to home games. Heathcoat CC youth needs to be more inclusive to justify further investment.</p> <p>This is typical of my almost 50 years of sports experience in Tiverton. Blundell's always claim to want to engage with the wider community but it is just a shallow attempt to get funding and steal away a few bright prospects from state schools. They even discourage pupils from playing for sports teams in the town in case they get injured and miss games or get too friendly with Tivertonians.</p> <p>I played against Blundell's many times for THS, we had a 6th form back then, all the games were at Blundell's as they wouldn't play on our pitches. THS needs the funding and support from MDDC, Blundell's can fund their</p>	<p>alongside the Playing Pitch Strategy to inform the preparation of a Sports Supplementary Planning Document. This will require investigation by officers to find out what technical study may be needed and how this can be used to inform the preparation of a new Local Plan. A study of built sports facilities would be subject to consideration of prioritisation with other work streams, the resources needed and being available, and its timing.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022.</p>

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		<p>own pitches from fees, alumni and parents and needs to share them with the town anyway on a voluntary basis to help maintain their charity status. Even then I wouldn't trust Blundell's to open up their pitches to the wider community in a meaningful way to ordinary Tivertonians [comment redacted]. Also a change of head at Blundell's could usher in a totally different attitude to engagement with the town especially at the end of any agreement that helped facilitate investment.</p> <p>Please keep the focus on THS and the other state schools in MDDC rather than Blundell's which despite only having a miniscule proportion of the local pupils in MDDC (perhaps less than 5%) in the area had by far the most mentions of any school in the MDDC strategy (perhaps more than all of the state schools combined). Why is that?</p> <p>If you would like to discuss further please give me a call or send an email.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Director Woven Fabrics Heathcoat Fabrics Limited Tiverton Devon EX16 5LL</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>My name is [redacted] and I am the Head of PE at Tiverton High School.</p> <p>I am passionate about providing the best possible sporting opportunities to our students here at THS. Currently, we are surviving on old, worn and out of date facilities. Yet, we still cater a broad curriculum for a near 1300 students each week. We provide our students with a good range of extra-curricular activities; however we are again using facilities that are not up to standard.</p>	<p>The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council, Tiverton High School, Petroc college, and other relevant stakeholders in relation to the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School, and the future use of the playing field at Bolham Road that is owned by Petroc College</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p>

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		<p>As a Head of PE, I want our students to be inspired and enthusiastic by and about Sport. I want other schools who visit us for fixtures to be envious of our facilities - not the other way around. Presently, we do not have any adequate football/rugby pitches, we do not have any adequate netball/tennis courts. Yet we can still boast of helping to produce teams that progress deep into the National Cups, students who represent Devon at Athletics, Netball, Cricket and Rugby. Students who are in Youth Academies at football clubs. Students who compete Nationally in gymnastics.</p> <p>At THS, we have an existing department who look after external bookings for our current facilities (sports hall, fields and dance studio). We have a system and structure in place for facilities to be advertised, hired and maintained.</p> <p>I am currently working with the local tennis coach around gaining funding to resurface our 6 tennis courts, so they can be used by our students and the wider public. We want better facilities that will benefit the whole of Tiverton - not just us.</p> <p>For our near 1300 students, Tiverton is their town. It's where they spend their evening, weekends, half terms and summers. Students represent Twyford FC, Moors FC and Tiverton RFC. They are a part of Willow Tree, they attend Tiverton Gymnastics club and White Eagles Hockey Club. All of these clubs use our current facilities. Imagine the difference it would make to these clubs if they had updated and excellent facilities to use, without having to relocate.</p> <p>THS currently has plans in place to relocate the school buildings across the roads in to the field next to the existing astro turf. This would essentially leave the current site a blank canvas. I have had conversations internally and with local businesses and sporting bodies around the potential to create a regional sports hub, where the Governing Bodies of each sport buy in the build a facility here. Can you imagine how much this would benefit Tiverton? To have badminton, football, rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis, basketball, dance and gymnastics facilities all in one place.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p>

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		<p>I also notice that in the strategy, Tiverton High School has around half as many mentions as Blundells, despite us having almost 6 times as many 'local' students in this years' intake. Facilities at THS would reach more people, more often. They would be available to the public more often and be the site of fixtures for more teams in more sports.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read this.</p> <p>Head of PE Tiverton High School</p>	
30	Culmstock Parish Council	<p><u>Culmstock Parish Council response to Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation</u></p> <p>Culmstock Parish Council is keen to have a Muti Use Games Area (MUGA) built. This would be a community project which would benefit parishioners and the local school. The Parish Council has had a Feasibility Report prepared which we would be pleased to share with the district council - it is hoped that MDDC will support the idea of a MUGA in Culmstock.</p> <p>There is a grass football pitch located at Culmstock Community Gardens and Play Area which could be used for games, although this may only be available for limited use due to it being a grass pitch. Consideration could be given to building changing rooms at the back of the existing pavilion as well as consideration to the area being flood lit.</p> <p><i>Culmstock Parish Council – 22nd November 2021</i></p>	<p>The comments provided in the response are noted.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed on informed through consultation responses provided by Town and Parish Councils and sports clubs to the consultant Bennett Leisure and Planning in early 2020. Culmstock Parish Council has indicated at that time it was in the early stages of the idea for a multi-use games area on part of the school field alongside a proper parking facility for both the games area and the school. The completion of a Feasibility Report will be noted in final version of the Playing Pitch Strategy in relation to Site Action Plan site reference MDCM.79 The Hams (page 15).</p>

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			<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue with the providers of pitch sports facilities and sports clubs across the district, which will assist in keeping information up to date and can also be used to help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>
31	Kentisbeare Parish Council	<p><u>Kentisbeare Parish Council response to Playing Pitch Strategy consultation</u></p> <p>Kentisbeare Parish Council is pleased to see that Mid Devon District Council have produced a Playing Pitch Strategy. It is clearly important to plan forwards for something that is of such fundamental importance to our communities. We have a number of comments as detailed below.</p>	<p>The comments provided and the query regarding the population forecasts are noted.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy provides a Sport-England-approved framework for decisions making and sports planning for a period of 5 years (to 2027/28). It includes a longer term growth scenario</p>

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		<p>We would advocate new pitches being located near schools where possible, allowing for the sharing of space with the public out of school hours.</p> <p>We are puzzled about the statistics used to inform the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 provides a base population number for Mid Devon in 2020 of 92,540 and then appears to project growth of 21,340 by 2033 which would take the total to 113,880. There is no proper attribution for these numbers but they are described as applying new homes to population estimates. This has limited logic as the new homes in the Mid Devon Local Plan are based off population estimates which would imply that the Strategy has seen double or even triple counting. • The Office of National Statistics believes the population of Mid Devon was 83,553 in 2020 and projects a rise to 92,687 by 2033. Devon County Council has a number of 83,290 in 2020 rising to 90,600 by 2033. Mid Devon’s Local plan forecasts a population of 91,534 by 2033. It also forecast that over 75% of the population growth would be in those aged 65 or over, so arguably the population numbers should be scaled back rather than the reverse. <p>Unless Appendix 1 is other than we think, the strategy appears to be catering for a population growth of around 30,000 in the next 12 years against general expectations of 7,000 to 10,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Appendix 4 the inflation is explained as future proofing and is justified by a potential further 700 houses to be built in the Culm Garden Village by 2033. This does not provide an adequate explanation for inflating the starting population point by 9,000. 	<p>to help with infrastructure planning and discussions with potential developers and stakeholders and so that land and funding for future facilities may be safeguarded.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy uses a robust approach to assess the future demand for sports pitches. This includes Office for National Statistics population data, which has been adjusted using the Council’s housing land supply data for the district. Taking into account planned housing developments is consistent with Sport England’s Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance. The population forecasts have been used alongside research, and consultation with sports clubs, schools, the national sports governing bodies and town and parish councils to assess the future demands for sports pitches and inform the recommendations made in the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>The pitch strategy scenario is based on population growth of around 20,800 people to 2033 using Office for National Statistics data (which is based on demographic models with an element of projecting forward past/current migration) and with adjustments made in relation to forecast planned housing development though the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan and a longer term assumption for planned new homes beyond 2026.</p>

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		<p>We would like to see much greater detail on how these numbers have been arrived at and feel that the strategy should not be approved without the opportunity to comment further once sensible detail has been provided.</p> <p>Turning to more specific points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On each of pages 157 and 180, reference is made to Cullompton Rugby Club investigating relocation to an area adjacent to Cullompton Cricket Club’s new site in the Garden Village. • The Parish Council has been led to believe that the relocation of Cullompton Rugby Club would be part of a broad master planning exercise undertaken for the Garden Village as a whole. We had also understood that the plan would attempt to locate it reasonably centrally. The wording in the strategy suggests that the Rugby Club is operating independently of that, to which we object. • We have also made several representations that the Garden Village should not extend to the east of Horn Road, with the exception of the Cricket Club, whose application we opposed. This is both for topographical reasons and because of the damage it would be likely to cause to our rural community. The scale of the Rugby Club, with the lighting that is needed for non-daylight practise and play, the volume of traffic and the regularity of events expected to be held make it a threatening prospective neighbour. • The Horn Road limit on any development (including sports clubs) is also in line with the only consultation that MDDC has undertaken with respect to the boundaries of the Garden Village, the results of which we hope the Council will respect. <p><i>Kentisbeare Parish Council – November 22nd 2021</i></p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been amended following its consultation, so that its Appendix 1 Population Estimates For Pitch Sport Planning includes an explanation of the method used for calculating population estimates. This appendix is detailed below.</p> <p>The playing pitch population estimate method uses a figure of 12,443 (rounded) new homes for the period 2011 – 2033 for the three sub-areas of the district – Crediton, Cullompton and Tiverton. This is derived from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • figures in the Council’s published Annual Monitoring Report 2018 (table on page 29), which show that 533 new homes were completed in 2011 / 2013. <p>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/352148/amr-2018.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the housing trajectory table included in the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 (page 18, Table 6: Housing Forecast 2013 – 2033). This shows provision for 9,234 new homes in the period 2013 – 2033. <p>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/350631/local-plan-review-final-adopted-version_accessible.pdf</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the potential for additional homes (2,675) coming forward from 2026 onwards on sites which might be planned through the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. For the purpose of modelling future pitch needs this has included 700 homes at the proposed Culm Garden Village at Cullompton which is now subject to the development of a masterplan, 875 additional homes at Tiverton, and 1100 new homes on several sites in the Crediton area. These sites formed part of draft consultation proposals intended for the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan which was being prepared at the time the modelling was undertaken for the Playing Pitch Strategy. The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan is no longer being progressed and the planning of strategic development sites across Mid Devon will now be undertaken through the preparation of a new Local Plan. While the sites used to inform the modelling work in the Playing Pitch Strategy have no planning status they can help future proof assumptions made about the need for sports pitches in the longer term across the district, and can help with infrastructure planning and discussions with potential developers and stakeholders. This modelling work can be updated when a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy is undertaken.

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			<p>Team generation calculations are based on the Sport England calculator which uses a demographic profile (age and gender splits) which broadly corresponds to the ONS data.</p> <p>The comments made in relation to the relocation of the Cullompton Rugby Club are noted.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed through engagement with sports clubs in Mid Devon. This has included the Cullompton Rugby Club, which responded directly to the consultants preparing the playing pitch strategy setting out its requirements and plans. The Playing Pitch Strategy (5.6, page 33) notes that the Rugby Club is currently considering relocating to an area adjacent to the Cullompton Cricket Club’s new site in the Culm Garden Village and the Site Action Plans report (page 12) site reference MDCM.16 states that a possible site is under consideration adjacent to proposed cricket club site in Culm Garden Village (Horn Lane) However, the Playing Pitch Strategy does not itself specify any particular location. Kentisbeare Parish Council’s concerns over the provision of sports pitch facilities to the east of Horn Road are noted.</p> <p>The Council is currently preparing a masterplan for the Culm Garden Village and will continue to engage Kentisbeare Parish Council in this work.</p>

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			<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022. The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement with Kentisbeare Parish Council over the future planning of the area, including proposals for the Culm Garden Village.</p>
32	Individual	<p>Dear</p> <p>I haven't yet seen a number for the actual housing delivered in Mid Devon between 2012 and 2020 as I requested. I would still like to see it. However in the interest of time I felt I should respond to the further detail you sent me.</p> <p>I continue to think that the projected housing and population numbers in the Playing Pitch Strategy are badly flawed.</p> <p>The housing numbers in the Local Plan were designed to broadly mirror the increase in population forecast by the ONS. It is circular to then use those same housing numbers to inflate the population projections.</p> <p>The new housing numbers themselves seem at odds with the Local plan, which is forecasting 7860 between 2013 and 2033 with a potential extra 700 referred to in Appendix 4 of the Playing Pitch strategy. This makes 8,560 in total. The total new homes in the analysis you sent me total 13,202 between 2012 and 2033. I can not understand where this number has come from but it bears no relation to any published housing number that I can identify for Mid Devon.</p>	<p>The comments provided and the query regarding the population forecasts are noted.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy provides a Sport-England-approved framework for decisions making and sports planning for a period of 5 years (to 2027/28) and also includes a longer term growth scenario to help with infrastructure planning and discussions with potential developers and stakeholders and so that land and funding for future facilities may be safeguarded.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy uses a robust approach to assess the future demand for sports pitches. This includes Office for National Statistics population data, which has been adjusted using the Council's housing land supply data for the district. Taking into account planned housing developments is consistent with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance. The population forecasts have been used</p>

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		<p>If we assume 2.3 people per dwelling, the new housing of 3,930 (in your analysis) between 2012 and 2020 would account for 9039 people in new housing.</p> <p>I find it hard to believe that Mid Devon has delivered half the planned total of housing for the entire current MDDC plan in the first 8 years of the total 21 year span.</p> <p>The ONS was forecasting a population increase of 5,803 to 2020 and the playing pitch strategy has inflated this ONS number by 9,007 (eg a total of 14,810) This is significantly above what is reasonable even if we ignore the fact that some of the new housing will be destined for existing residents of Mid Devon. It suggests that the Strategy's starting population estimate for 2020 is at least 5,800 too high. If we use the ONS numbers it is around 9,000 too high.</p> <p>The strategy then uses inflated housing numbers of 9,272 for the balance of the Local Plan, although if we deduct the housing accounted for so far from the 8,560 figure that is meant to be the likely increased housing in the plan as a whole, MDDC's own numbers suggest the delivery of only 4,630 between 2020 and 2033.</p> <p>The net effect is that the agreed 2011 census number for Mid Devon's population of 77,750 has grown to 113,880 in your playing pitch strategy as opposed to ONS and Mid Devon estimates of a little under 93,000. The housing of 7,860 was catering for population growth to this latter number.</p> <p>To summarise these numbers suggest that the Strategy has taken an inflated housing number of 13,202 over the period compared to the enhanced Mid Devon Plan number of 8560. That in itself would inflate your 2033 population number by 11,000 using a multiplier of 2.3. This also continues to assume no relocation to new housing by existing Mid Devon residents.</p>	<p>alongside research, and consultation with sports clubs, schools, the national sports governing bodies and town and parish councils to assess the future demands for sports pitches and inform the recommendations made in the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>The pitch strategy scenario is based on population growth of around 20,800 people to 2033 using Office for National Statistics data (which is based on demographic models with an element of projecting forward past/current migration) and with adjustments made in relation to forecast planned housing development though the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan and a longer term assumption for planned new homes beyond 2026.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been amended following its consultation, so that its Appendix 1 Population Estimates For Pitch Sport Planning includes an explanation of the method used for calculating population estimates. This appendix is detailed below.</p> <p>The playing pitch population estimate method uses a figure of 12,443 (rounded) new homes for the period 2011 – 2033 for the three sub-areas of the district – Crediton, Cullompton and Tiverton. This is derived from:</p>

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		<p>It is quite possible given the scale of building planned that the population of Mid Devon will be over 93,000 by 2033, but the number in the Playing Field Strategy is implausible and liable to lead to bad decisions if relied on to frame a strategy.</p> <p>Yours,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • figures in the Council’s published Annual Monitoring Report 2018 (table on page 29), which show that 533 new homes were completed in 2011 / 2013. <p>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/352148/amr-2018.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the housing trajectory table included in the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 (page 18, Table 6: Housing Forecast 2013 – 2033). This shows provision for 9,234 new homes in the period 2013 – 2033. <p>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/350631/local-plan-review-final-adopted-version_accessible.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the potential for additional homes (2,675) coming forward from 2026 onwards on sites which might be planned through the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. For the purpose of modelling future pitch needs this has included 700 homes at the proposed Culm Garden Village at Cullompton which is now subject to the development of a masterplan, 875 additional homes at Tiverton, and 1100 new homes on several sites in the Crediton area. These sites formed part of draft consultation proposals intended for the Greater Exeter

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			<p>Strategic Plan which was being prepared at the time the modelling was undertaken for the Playing Pitch Strategy. The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan is no longer being progressed and the planning of strategic development sites across Mid Devon will now be undertaken through the preparation of a new Local Plan. While the sites used to inform the modelling work in the Playing Pitch Strategy have no planning status they can help future proof assumptions made about the need for sports pitches in the longer term across the district, and can help with infrastructure planning and discussions with potential developers and stakeholders. This modelling work can be updated when a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy is undertaken.</p>

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Note to explain the playing pitch population estimate method:

APPENDIX 1: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR PITCH SPORT PLANNING

[Population Estimate Method](#)

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1		For the purposes of modelling future sports provision, projections of population are required as input. For the Mid Devon Playing Pitch strategy it was agreed that the assessment of new demand would a) be calculated on a sub-area basis and b) calculated for both the pitch assessment period (to 2026) and the Local Plan period (to 2033).	
2		ONS Population Estimates are available for small areas and cover the period up to 2019/20. However, these estimates are based on a demographic model and an element of change from internal migration data (i.e. people moving from one district/locality to another based on changes to GP registers and other administrative data). These estimates do not fully account for recent major housing completions. Similarly, the ONS Population Projections going forward beyond 2033 are based on demographic models with an element of projecting forward past/current migration. These do not account for new housing development and in particular strategic developments.	
3		To create sub-area population scenarios for 2026 and 2033 for planning sports provision, we start with ONS modelled estimates and projections and adjust the demographic model by applying estimates of new housing. For the current population estimate we create sub-area based parish populations by aggregating the OA/LSOA census population estimate data to parish based sub area. This involves proportionally splitting allocating a few census area populations to two parishes.	
4		We then apply the housing growth set out in the Adopted Local Plan and include completions from monitoring reports. We then translate these new homes into population by applying the sub-area average household density to create a population base scenario for the sports pitch study.	
5		It is known that many new homes will go to newly-forming households already in the area, and there is an element of migration brought forward into the current population estimates. So there may be minor over-estimation. But given that new build estates tend to attract a younger demographic than surrounding populations and additional inward migration, for the purposes of planning for sports teams and participation no corrections are applied as it is felt these balance out. For the purposes of planning for sports pitch provision, these estimates provide a robust basis, <u>but these should not be used as a basis for spatial planning or planning for other infrastructure.</u>	
A	Population	6 The Subnational ONS Population estimates (2018 Basis) for LSOAs were aggregated up to study subarea and used for the 2019/20 population base. Projection data is the 2018 Demographic-basis Population projections. These data are only available at the Local Authority Level, so for the population base at 2026 & 2033 we have applied a proportional population split by subarea.	
		(Note: ONS data are given for calendar years, whilst Local plan data is for accounting year. The 2020 date aligns with 2019/20 in the housing trajectory; 2026 aligns with 2025/26 and 2033 aligns with 2032/33).	

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Table Appx 1.1: SUMMARY OF ONS POPULATION BY SUB-AREA

	2011 Census	2011 Pop Estimate	ONS Population Projections (modelled, 2018 basis)			2011 District Pop Proportion split by sub-area
			2019/20	2025/26	2032/33	
Tiverton Sub Area	35,776	36,113	38,259	40,665	42,379	46%
Cullompton Sub Area	21,473	21,646	24,122	24,753	25,796	28%
Crediton Sub Area	20,501	20,177	21,152	22,985	23,954	26%

B New Homes

7 To estimate new homes over the coming period we have taken the homes from the trajectory in the adopted local plan, along with 2011/12 and 12/13 completions from monitoring reports. For a robust estimate to 2033 (the plan period) we have added in some additional 2027-2033 completions which will likely arise following the required local plan review update sometime after 2026.

8 Some of these are continued build out of strategic allocations in the current plan. We have also added a few developments toward the end of the period based on evidence reported in the GESP studies, particularly in Crediton where only limited growth is provided in the current local plan.

*Table Appx 1.2: SUMMARY OF NEW HOMES BY SUB-AREA
Published trajectories with post-2027 LP review assumptions*

Respondent Number	Individual / Organisation	Consultation comment/s received			Response by Mid Devon District Council	
			New homes 2011 - 2020	New homes 2021 - 2026	New homes 2026/27 - 2033	<i>average pop per dwelling (sub-area basis, 2011 census)</i>
		Tiverton Sub Area	1284	1210	1722	2.27
		Cullompton Sub Area	1333	1439	2738	2.34
		Crediton Sub Area	794	823	1100	2.27

C *Applying new homes to population estimates*

9 The projected population is then adjusted for the new homes planned in the area and these populations are fed into the Sports Facility Calculate to generate the future number of teams which enables us to suggest the provision required. It must be stressed that these are robust estimates.

*Table Appx 1.3: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR PITCH SPORT PLANNING
(By applying new homes to population estimates)
Figures may not add due to rounding*

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		Current pop estimate (adjusted for new homes 2012/2020)	Population Increase 2020 to 2026 (housing growth pitch scenario)	Population Increase 2027 to 2033 (housing growth pitch scenario)	2033 Population scenario	Total Population growth to 2033	New homes 2020 to 2026	New homes 2027 to 2033	
	Tiverton Sub Area	41,170	2,750	3,910	47,830	6,660	1,210	1,720	
	<i>of which.....</i>								
	<i>Eastern Urban Extension</i>			3,240		3,240		1,420	
	<i>Blundell's</i>		450			450	200		
	Cullompton Sub Area	27,230	3,360	6,390	36,990	9,940	1,440	2,740	
	<i>of which.....</i>								
	<i>North West Cullompton</i>		1,690	1,460		3,160	730	630	
	<i>East Cullompton/Garden Village</i>		820	4,910		5,730	350	2,100	
	Crediton Sub Area	22,960	1,870	2,500	27,330	4,560	823	1,100	
	<i>of which....</i>								
	<i>Pedlerspool</i>		450			450	200		
	<i>CRE-Crediton South (next LP Review)</i>			1,080		1,080		475	
	<i>CRE- Newton St Cyres (next LP Review)</i>			1,420		1,420		625	

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		TOTAL DISTRICT	91,360	7,980	12,800	112,150	21,160	3,472	5,560

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