

Responses received for the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Consultation, November, 2017

Respondent	Location	Comment	Steering Group Response
Individual		<p>I would like to make a personal comment on this.</p> <p>We seem to be really short of public open space in general in this area, not just playing fields so I would like to see this addressed too.</p> <p>There is an abundance of beautiful open countryside, however a lot of it is not accessible and if it is then often the footpaths leave a lot to be desired or run through fields of grazing animals. Farming is vital and I am pleased to see so many animals in the fields, but livestock, people and dogs do not mix well and ideally should be kept apart.</p> <p>Can you please consider more general open spaces and country parks for this area?</p>	Needs to be addressed within SSDC Open Spaces Strategy. This strategy only looks at formal open space as required by the Sport England methodology.
Area East			
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Bruton – Jubille Park	Ownership is correct 'Trust' but need to add – 'leased to the Town Council'. Additional amendments to include under changing facilities – 'Master plan programme in place led by Town Council with view to improving new pitches and the development of a new sports pavilion to home the Football Club, Netball Club and other community groups.	Site overview amended
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Bruton – Kings School	Highlighted as NO Community use – but there is local evidence to showcase that Bruton Cricket Club play here (of course with regards to Private schools – there is no long term sustainable outcome for community use due to OFSTED recommendations).	Cannot find evidence that this club exists.

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Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Castle Cary - Donald Pither Memorial Ground	Change needed: OWNER/ MANAGER: is Castle Cary Town Council (not sports club).	Site overview amended
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Castle Cary - Maggs Lane Playing Field	Owner: change from Sports Club to: South Somerset District Council (this is then licenced to Castle Cary Football Club at £13 per match year on year).	Site overview amended
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Chilton Cantelo	Chilton Cantelo School has been recently purchased by 'The Park School – Yeovil' and is back up and operational – discussion needed to discuss wider community use of sports facilities (indoor, outdoors and playing pitches).	Site overview amended
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Ilchester – sports Field	Need to add: 'that the Recreation Ground Trust is looking to develop and improve the pavilion building and storage on site.'	Site overview amended
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Milborne Port – Memorial Playing Field	Additional information: 'As part of the 2017 Parish Planning exercise comments have been made about extending the recreation ground by purchasing an additional field – this would provide additional opportunities for new pitches and facilities for football. Additionally the Parish Council is looking to develop car park infrastructure to support the playing fields and sports clubs.'	Site overview amended
Mudford PC	Mudford – Recreation Ground	Tarmac areas at Mudford Rec all need resurfacing. Vandalism is an ongoing burden to the PC. No toilet provision at rec. Feel bureaucracy is a drain on money and hindrance to getting things done.	Comments noted, but outside direct scope of PPS.
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Sparkford – cricket club	Sparkford Cricket Club: VCA rate the changing rooms as 'Good'. This really cannot be the case – it has to be 'Poor' as old, wooden, small, poor showers and there are Bats living in them. Additional information to include: 'There are plans in place to look at replacing the Pavilion and establishing a new changing room block.'	Site overview amended
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Sparkford – Hazelgove School	Highlighted as 'No Community use' but evidence has shown locally that the school are happy for community use during the school holidays when the pupils are not there.	While helpful, this would not provide a facility for regular club usage

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Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Sparkford	Important to note that Sparkford Parish Council is looking to purchase a field to turn into a new recreation ground with potential view to including a football pitch.	Noted in the action plan but this is a low priority for the current strategy timeframe.
Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council	Templecombe – Recreation Ground	Agree with actions suggested. Parish Council are planning an autumn campaign to try to start more sports teams based on the Recreation Ground	Comments noted, thank you.
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Wincanton - King Arthur's Community School	Only a comment to highlight – 'Could the school be a good location for a 3G pitch (School/community joint use?).'	P36 and P37 of the strategy updated to reflect local desire and new action to explore viability within Action Plan.
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Wincanton – Sports Ground	Wincanton Sports Ground: Pitches on this site: need to change 'Rugby no longer played here although there was a pitch' to 'the Rugby Club is returning to the Wincanton Sports Ground in 2017.'	Site overviews for the Sports Ground and King Arthurs amended
Wincanton Town Council	Wincanton – Sports Ground	<p>Stategy pages 16 – 17 – your assessment of the provision in Wincanton is based upon the continued existence of the Wincanton Sports Ground. Given its current difficult financial state, driven in part by the imposition of NNDR by SSDC, you should plan to support the facility financially – at least by waiving NNDR. You note the lack of any 3G FTPs in Area East – the Wincanton Sports Ground is an ideal place to locate one.</p> <p>Site Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is suggested that the Recreational Trust are contacted in order to establish accurate facts regarding usage • Most of the pitches are now used and it is proposed that the rugby club will return to this facility • The entire venture needs support from SSDC, notably by way of reducing NNDR that is levied <p>The site has an over-large built facility installed at the behest (in part) of SSDC. SSDC need to consider the facility as providing strategic facilities and</p>	<p>SSDC already supports the facility financially through an award of Discretionary Rate Relief. A change in governance arrangements would enable SSDC to increase the level of support it can provide and is working with the organisation to review arrangements.</p> <p>Site overview amended</p>

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		treat/support it accordingly.	Site overview amended
Cllr N Weeks	Area East - AGPs	<p>The AGPs mentioned in your report in East are not public facilities, they are controlled by private schools and the public can be excluded at a whim, if in fact the public can use these facilities at all, this is unclear.</p> <p>A public AGP perhaps close to one of our schools would benefit our disenfranchised young people and teams trying to arrange league fixtures and mixed hockey matches in area East.</p>	P36 and P37 of the strategy updated to reflect local desire and new action to explore viability within Action Plan.
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Area East – AGPs	<p>The Members would like to highlight the aspiration and desire to establish artificial pitch (3G/4G or sand based) in Area East and currently have some support from Town Councils who have allocating precept funds towards such a project. Area East would work like to closely work with local Town and Parish Councils, local sports clubs as well as secondary schools and academies to establish more evidence of need, highlight opportunities and to develop a feasibility study for the project.</p> <p>The document presents that there is no significant need (or evidence) for a 3G pitch in Area East (p17 of action plan document) – however:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yeovil is seen as too far for our schools to travel to play Hockey (at least ½ hour) – not practical / not cost effective. ○ Too much dependency on the public schools provision for Hockey where due to recent OFSTED discussions this is not sustainable or practical. A public used facility is needed for Hockey to meet both club and social demand locally (this could be a possible project linked with one of the Secondary schools / Academies in the area (Dual use). ○ Additionally 2.16: Statement – AREA SOUTH IS ADEQUATELY CATERED FOR. Additionally there is a statement saying ‘AREA EAST – THERE IS <u>SOME</u> SHORTFALL OF PROVISION IN AREA EAST’ – this statement needs to be quantified and explained and it seems conflicting and contradicting the statement above 	P36 and P37 of the strategy updated to reflect local desire and new action to explore viability within Action Plan.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anecdotal evidence that a lot of informal hockey is playing locally. 	
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Area East - football	<p>Strategy highlights that there is no need for additional football pitches for adult, youth and mini competition up to 2028.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Question:</u> Does this include a high dependency on Wincanton Sports Ground? Concern locally at present due to long term sustainability of the facility and the playing pitches. Strategy may need to factor this in for worst case scenario. ○ In Priority list (p35) – no reference to Area East (apart from changing rooms in Jubilee Park) – better use of pitches mentioned but only in other areas 	<p>Officer support for Wincanton Sports Ground Trust added to Action plan. The County FA has also offered support to WTFC to help sustain the club.</p> <p>Assessment of viability assessment for a 3GAGPadded to action plan for Area East, but Area East does have fewer priority projects based on the detailed assessment of supply and demand information across the district.</p>
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Area East - cricket	<p>No additional comments – highlighted development opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good coverage of Key priorities with regard to cricket in Area East 	Comments noted
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Area East - rugby	<p>Some facts not correct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wincanton – don't need Community usage agreement with school as the club are moving back to Wincanton Sports Ground 	Site overviews for the Sports Ground and

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mention of this within Priority list for Rugby (p37) but this action is complete – no other action ○ Would a 'World Rugby AGP serving all of South Somerset be best in Area West or would Yeovil be a more central location? Area East would be more supportive of this if in Yeovil or more towards a central location (Chard seen as too far away to meet the needs of Rugby development for their clubs and schools). 	<p>King Arthurs amended.</p> <p>To our knowledge, rugby is remaining at King Arthur's for the time being.</p>
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Area East - hockey	<p>Overview on p29 highlights that there are 4 sand based AGPs (2 of which are in Area East – but they are based in Private School – one not used at Kings School, Bruton and the other at Bruton School for Girls) – both don't have long term sustainable usage due to OFSTED recommendation around community usage on Private school sites due to boarding pupils – <i>Should be a need to look at alternative sites?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Document highlights that there is currently sufficient provision to meet demand in South Somerset but with 'England Hockey's' aspiration to double participation by 2028 – does this not show a potential demand on top of support for Area East Teams currently? <p>○ 5.10 (p31) is untrue – there is capacity at the school in relation to</p>	<p>The action plan already highlights a need to secure community use at these sites.</p> <p>England Hockey's (EH) aspiration to double participation can only be met in South Somerset by moving football training off sand AGP's onto 3G, enabling more capacity for hockey. EH see the main increase in participation coming from the informal hockey offer ie Pay & play sessions</p> <p>The facility providers</p>

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		<p>moving football across to schools freeing up hockey time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5.12 – highlights the need for alternative 3G pitch in Area West (Chard) due to heavy use in Axminster (out of District slightly but there is still local provision) – being seen as an option for a new 3G pitch (also highlighted on p35 – Key priority 6) ○ Document also highlights that Wincanton only play AWAY games due to NO ACCESS locally ○ 5.13 – highlights that the demand is likely to come from Area South and West for hockey (although there are a large number of AGPs in Yeovil. It also highlights that there is potential to negotiate better community usage at King’s School but due to recent events with OFSTED, we know that this is highly unlikely. There is demand from 2 local Hockey Clubs (Wincanton & Bruton) that would support a local use of an AGP and with local Secondary schools being involved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Too much dependency on Private school when this space is not secure for the long term.</i> ○ Priority list (p37) highlights only a need to support ACCESS to a sand based AGP from independent schools in Area EAST whereas the priority list highlights the need for ANOTHER sand based AGP in either Area South or West (also supported on p38) 	<p>themselves reported that there is little or no capacity at peak times when asked.</p> <p>The strategy highlights the need for a 3G (primarily for football) in the area in a sustainable location (not necessarily Chard) due to the demand in this area.</p> <p>Wincanton HC is an informal hockey club which doesn’t train and only plays the occasional match. The club no longer affiliates to England Hockey, so unsure on their current situation. There has been links made with Bruton HC, offering Wincanton the opportunity to participate in their Pay & Play sessions and occasional Development matches, to date no</p>

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			<p>take up by Wincanton. There is only one hockey compliant AGP in Yeovil. No hockey training or match play can be played on any 3G AGP surface. Bruton HC have an excellent relationship with Bruton School for Girls and as stated in the Strategy it would a priority to negotiate a Community use agreement between the schools and club to secure usage in the future.</p> <p>It would be good to negotiate community use at Kings Bruton, especially as the AGP is now floodlit.</p>
Area East Ward Members/Area East Development	Population data	Strategy & Action Plan – p4 (section 1.6): Outstanding allocation of 2016 numbers – it needs to be highlighted as a minimum as it is current figures – needs to reflect that there will be growth in numbers and we will get more applications (statement to reflect future proofing needed)	Noted. Correct when the document was written, but figures now updated.

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Area North			
Cllr Gerard Tucker, Turn Hill Ward	High Ham – Playing Field	<p>There is currently one football team playing at High Ham, Aller Park Juniors under 11's. The club house and changing facilities are non-existent, although there are the beginnings of activity to rectify this through the building of a pavilion. Early stage discussions with the planning department are now under way.</p> <p>To my knowledge, the other facilities in Turn Hill are reflected accurately.</p>	<p>Site overview amended.</p> <p>Action plan p57 updated but a low priority as it is a single pitch site. The team could use the AGP at Huish as the site is certificated for completion.</p>
Chair, Ilton Parish Council	Ilton – Recreation Ground	<p>Re: the PPS final strategy and action plan on pages 16 and 58 - re Ilton Recreation Ground. Pg 58 on the table, should have N14. Pg 16 and 58 the field size should read 6 hectares not 3.84.</p> <p>Are we free to decide the pitch size we want that we feel will meet our local requirements?</p>	<p>No site overview included for Ilton at present as site is not yet developed. Site size figures have however been updated. Yes and we would suggest that this is done in conjunction with the County FA.</p>
Cllr Gerard Tucker, Turn Hill Ward	Long Sutton – Playing Field	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Owner/Manager should read - Charitable community organisation which reports to the Parish Council 2. One grass cricket with 8 wickets (not 10 as stated) 3. Long Sutton CC also has an under 8's side 4. A full size football pitch can be accommodated on this site, not just a 9v9 size pitch. 5. Ash Rovers no longer use the facilities in Long Sutton 6. Adjacent to the cricket and football pitches there are two full size tennis courts which use the same changing facilities as the cricket and football teams 	<p>Page 59 of Action Plan updated and Site Overview amended.</p> <p>Croquet and tennis not included within the scope of this Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>

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		7. There is a croquet lawn at this location which should be included in the strategy.	
Martock RFC	Martock – Recreation Ground	<p>Strategy comments Page 28 - Support for enlarging/upgrading of changing facilities at Martock Recreation Ground. Drainage work required on Pitch 2 at Martock Recreation Ground</p> <p>Happy with these as a priority however the changing facilities need improving as well as pitches</p> <p>Site overview comments</p> <p>2 rugby pitches: VQA D1/M1. Club comment that 1st team pitch is standard as it needs drainage work and some work is required off the pitch which will alleviate some of the problems on the pitch</p> <p>2nd pitch is below standard with major pooling issue.</p> <p>Training takes place on and next to the pitches 3x2 hours a week.</p> <p>Usage The Club runs two teams and there are plans to run a junior and possible a ladies section however this requires the planned upgrade of the changing facilities. Added to this Yeovil College use the pitch for matches on a Wednesday afternoon</p> <p><i>Point 4. Cricket and rugby pitch facilities both underused (home to Martock CC adult & junior team & Martock RFC 1st XV) and have quality issues but could sustain more play.</i></p> <p>This comment is misleading as the second pitch is unplayable for most of the year and the first pitch is used by two teams and the college. The changing facilities also don't help the programming of more fixtures.</p>	<p>Added to list of priorities for cricket, rugby and football, key priority project Viii as originally missed off. Pages amended are 35-38 and p59 of Action Plan.</p> <p>Site overview amended</p>

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Individual	Martock – Recreation Ground	Can we add the Martock project to the list of priorities for SSDC in the strategic overview? Changing rooms do require some improvement to serve multi-pitch site.	Added to list of priorities for cricket, rugby and football, key priority project Viii as originally missed off. Pages amended are 35-38 and p59 of Action Plan.
Somerton RFC, Secretary	Somerton – Recreation Ground	<p>Somerton Recreation Ground (Gassons Lane)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rugby pitch we currently use at the SRG is probably one of the best rugby playing surfaces in the whole of Somerset which is, of course, testament to the professionalism of the grounds staff involved • SRFC is a very ambitious club and we hope to be able to provide rugby playing opportunities for a range of age groups, both male and female, in the future. We currently run a senior XV (male) and two girl teams at U18 and U15 level. The 2016/17 season was very successful for our juniors with 4 of our U18 girls being part of the County squad and a number of them playing representative rugby, an achievement we are very proud of. I provide this information to you to confirm that in order to realise our ambitions, a request has been forwarded to Somerton Town Council (Trustees) for a second rugby pitch at the SRG as additional playing capacity is required; • With regards to the changing facilities at SRG, you may not be aware that new changing facilities has now been provided adjacent to the entrance off of the Somerton to Langport Road? Whilst these new facilities are a welcome addition, the end result could have delivered more benefit to its users if views sought, and provided, during the consultation phase had been taken into account. Whilst it is good to have these new facilities available there is, however, still scope for improvement at the Sports Club should funds become available in the 	Updated Action Plan, page 37 of Strategy document and Somerton and Pitney Site overviews.

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		<p>future to provide additional changing facilities that fully meet the needs of all sports enthusiasts based on site. By enhancing the facilities at the Sports Club, less fragmentation will be evidenced with players being in close proximity to the social facilities on site post match.</p> <p>Pitney Playing Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerton RFC have utilised the facilities at Pitney over recent years mainly in the development of the junior section for both boys and girls. Whilst this arrangement worked well, in partnership with the Pitney Playing Field Committee, the club's future needs were reviewed with emphasis being placed on raising the profile of the club in Somerton. In order to secure this goal, it was determined that all teams needed to be based in, and playing their rugby in, Somerton to support a 'whole club' approach to playing, training and coaching; • To secure the outcome mentioned in item 2.1) above, our arrangement with the Pitney Playing Field Committee came to an end last year and all our equipment etc, removed from site. SRFC does not, therefore, have any informal arrangements in place with the Pitney Playing Field Committee at this time and this is why we are seeking additional playing facilities at SRG. <p>Finally, it is prudent to note that this view is without prejudice to any alternative view held by Somerton Town Council, its Trustees, the Recreation Ground Management Committee and Somerton Sports Club. This is purely the current view of SRFC Management Team in the hope that it can inform the Playing Field Strategy and any subsequent outcomes, provide an update of recent developments with SRFC, its aspirations for the future and provide clarification in respect of some of the detail published in the Playing Field Strategy.</p>	
Area South			
Area South Development	Barwick and Stoford	Changing and Ancillary facilities: Football Club & Parish Council rate the changing room as Poor. VCA rate it as	Site overview amended

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	Recreation Ground	<p>standard.</p> <p>Parish Council are establishing plans to develop a new sports pavilion / Village Hall at the recreation ground replacing both the current village hall and the old sports pavilion.</p>	
East Coker Parish Council	East Coker – Playing Field	<p>Part 1 Section 2 Football Table 7 page 13 - Long Furlong Lane - The East Coker Parish Council (ECPC) recognise the quality of the pitches require improvement. The pitches are used extensively during July – May, however rarely are matches called off due to adverse conditions.</p> <p>Part 1 Section 3 Cricket Table 12 page 20 - Long Furlong Lane – The ECPC would like to see future use of the cricket facility.</p> <p>Part 2 Section 6 Priorities page 35 para 6.19 point 4 - ECPC is keen to explore opportunities along with SSDC and others organisations to enhance the changing facilities at Long Furlong Lane.</p> <p>Part 2 Section 6 Priority Deliverable Projects page 38 - K (v) – Enhanced facilities – The Long Furlong Pavilion already provides pre-school facility, has a small meeting/social room with kitchen. The ECPC remains keen to explore, in partnership with others, opportunities to enhance changing facilities and the overall quality of the playing pitches.</p> <p>Part 2 Section 8a Action Plans (Site Ref S07) page 52 - ECPC supports Option 1 (Improve Long Furlong Lane) rather than Option 2 Focus facilities at Keyford. The Facility at Long Furlong Lane is in the heart of the East Coker Parish and close to the Primary School. The ECPC are not aware of a poor drainage issue or the source of that information. The site generally drains well and traditionally has remained available when other pitches locally are un-useable due to weather. The recreation ground is well used with adequate off road parking. The rural communities have easy access to the recreation ground and East Coker Cockerels and Football Club make extensive use of the facility. ECPC and</p>	Action Plan and site overview amended to accommodate key points made.

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		<p>community in their draft Neighbourhood Plan express the aspiration to improve facilities at Long Furlong Lane working with the community, sports teams and SSDC.</p> <p>ECPC recognises the requirement for recreation facility at Keyford to support an 800 dwellings (1,760 persons) development as well as helping to alleviate area south shortfall in provision. It should complement other facilities rather than replace them.</p> <p>ECPC look to purchase adjoining land to the current pavilion/fields to accommodate further football club expansion. This will limit overuse of existing pitches, plus give ECPC the ability to reinstate the cricket facility.</p> <p>The purchase of further land would enable ECPC to build a new sports pavilion, which meets current required standards, as the current pavilion does not! With the purchase of this land ECPC would also like to install an outside gym and upgrade the current children's play area.</p> <p>The extra land would also provide ECPC with an opportunity to make a nature trail or walking track.</p> <p>Comments on Site Overview: While there is some evidence of mole activity this is not unusual at rural recreation grounds similar evidence can be found for example at the West Coker Recreation Ground although no reference is made to moles at that location. Mole treatment is carried out when necessary. It is not clear where the comment regarding poor drainage on the site came from. The ECPC is not aware of drainage issues on the Long Furlong Lane site. Reference to poor drainage should be deleted unless there is evidence to support the comment and then solutions to resolve the issue could be investigated.</p>	<p>The action plan does not indicate that there is a need to address drainage issues at this site. The County FA could undertake a further pitch assessment if the club or Parish Council felt it was necessary.</p>

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		<p>The assessment of the changing and ancillary facilities showing the VQA as poor is not fully understood. There appears inconsistency across the sites in the district, some appear to have VQA assessment and others don't. The ECPC is not aware of a VQA being carried out on its changing facility but would welcome discussion with SSDC regarding the assessment and potential solutions.</p>	<p>The majority of facilities were inspected and there are a lot of facilities! The facilities at East Coker are known to the steering group members. The 'poor' rating relates to compliance with national governing body standard (size etc). A facility could be well maintained by still achieve a poor rating overall.</p>
<p>East Coker Cockerels FC, Secretary</p>	<p>East Coker – Playing Field</p>	<p>The club is now looking to progress renovations and over haul our pitches to allow us to become a 'good' club. At the moment we are having to turn players away which is less than ideal.</p> <p>We have just completed the implementation of a new 9v9 pitch onsite, moving the 11v11 pitch & the 5v5 pitch. This was helped by a Grant from our parish council & from a grant from SSDC ☺</p> <p>Future plans we have, are as followed: Re-surfacing/levelling of the 11v11 pitch & the 5v5 pitch. Fixed respect barrier for the 11v11 pitch. Renovations, possibly replacement of the clubhouse/facilities. Expansion to provide an extra pitch & overflow parking.</p> <p>After reading the PPS I am a bit confused as to why moving to the Keyford site is being considered. East Coker Cockerel's FC is a long established successful football club that is in severe need of overhauling, rather than moving. It is a</p>	<p>Action Plan and site overview amended to accommodate key points made.</p>

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		<p>'local' football club which accommodates local residents & residents from the surrounding villages.</p> <p>Club also sent copy of a Project Scope, July 2017 and their Development Plan from 2017-19.</p>	
Area South Development	East Coker – Playing Field	Desire to purchase additional field to accommodate further football pitches and growth within the Football Club Youth teams.	Action Plan and site overview amended
West Coker Parish Council	West Coker – Recreation Ground	<p>West Coker is mentioned several times in your document because it has a cricket pitch that meets national standards. It is used by Hardington and West Coker Cricket Club but not owned by them. This point must be remembered when considering any proposals for the ground.</p> <p>Page 20 Paragraph 3.3 Table 12 The village of West Coker was given the field with the proviso that it should be for the use of the children of the village and administered by trustees. Most of the trustees are parish councillors. The Trust has been registered for many years with the Charities Commission. The Trustees try to ensure that the field is used as widely as possible by as many village residents as can be included. The Hardington and West Coker Cricket Club is only one of the users. In addition to the cricketers, we also have a very successful Scout Group and Youth Club based on the field. Each of the 3 users mentioned has its own headquarters building erected at the edge of the field. These 3 buildings are now seriously dilapidated and need replacing. To this end the trustees have engaged an architect to draw up plans for a single building containing changing rooms, showers, lecture rooms, as well as kitchen and storage facilities. This project is being driven by the members of the West Coker Parish Council (WCPC) who recently sought funding from The Big Lottery Fund. Unfortunately the request was turned down. As a result, the WCPC is currently looking for alternative funding. This will enable the construction of a new building and permit the repositioning of the tennis courts so that they do not flood. The building of a "MUGA" and the levelling of the main field which will benefit cricket club is also planned.</p>	<p>Site overview amended to reflect: the restriction on use of the recreation ground, and to highlight the key aspirations for the recreation ground.</p> <p>The existing Action Plan highlights the aspirations of the parish to replace ancillary facilities at the site.</p>

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		<p>I mention the above only to clarify the role of the playing field and its trustees. In doing so, I highlight the fact that the cricketers are guests and do not have a decision-making role in the running of the charity. The trustees do however consult them and invite them to act in an advisory capacity as regards the part of the field that they are permitted to use.</p> <p>You can see that we are actively seeking to improve the facilities for all users. As I write, additional play equipment is on order and due to be installed in the play area before the start of the summer holidays. It may be that, in your opinion, the cricket pitch is underutilised but that is something that should be discussed with the trustees and not the cricket club. In conclusion, it must be remembered that the Recreation Field is for the use of the children of the village</p>	
Area South Development	West Coker – Recreation Ground	<p>Pitches on this site – quality: Additional info: Pitch built on marshland so sometimes games are cancelled. Current discussion between parish council and West Coker & Hardington Cricket Club over the movement of the wicket to enable boundary change due to development of new pavilion building.</p> <p>Changing and ancillary facilities: Current Comments: Rated as standard (this is the same quality level as Yeovil Rec). <u>Wanted to add:</u> Changing rooms are rated as ‘Poor’ by the Cricket Club, Parish Council and by the Disability Forum (Access for All) due to access and qualities standards. Inspector rated it as Standard.</p> <p>Current development plans are in place to replace Cricket Pavilion and changing rooms along with other buildings at the Recreation Ground creating a new purpose built sport and youth facility. Current facilities are small and inappropriate for youth engagement within the senior adult team (something that plans are in place for). Clubs/teams on this site</p>	<p>Site overview amended to reflect: the restriction on use of the recreation ground, and to highlight the key aspirations for the recreation ground.</p> <p>The existing Action Plan highlights the aspirations of the parish to replace ancillary facilities at the site.</p>

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		<p>Development plans are being implemented to increase adult and youth participation. Desire (long term) to include female cricket (youth or adult).</p> <p>Key findings and issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the 2. Point: Ground has potential to accommodate more cricket teams, particularly Sundays / Youth • Amend the 4th point: Plans to improve changing as part of the overall site improvements and new youth & sports pavilion • Add: Potentially need to move wicket to accommodate the new pavilion and to make sure that minimum boundary distances are met (Plans are included within site master plan documentation). • Add: References to the need to develop the playing pitch, changing rooms and pavilion on the Parish Council Web site and within their recent parish plan: http://www.westcoker.net/home-page/wcpc/time-to-fix-the-recreation-ground/ 	
Odcombe Parish Council	Odcombe – Recreation Ground	<p>The manager of the recreation ground is the Parish Council, with South Somerset District Council being the owner. The football pitch is informally managed by Odcombe Football Club.</p> <p>Changing and ancillary facilities are available but these must be booked through the Odcombe Village Hall Management Committee by a separate agreement. The Clubs/teams on this site are Odcombe FC - 1st and 2nd X1 only.</p> <p>Key findings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Village football ground with 2 teams in adult club. 2. Spare capacity is available but not at peak time or during wet conditions. 	Site overview amended and p52 of action plan.
Westfield Academy	Yeovil – Westfield Academy	<p>Westfield Academy has invested over £600,000 in recent years in a 3G and Indoor facilities, a future priority is more use of the grass pitches both within the school and available for community clubs and groups.</p> <p>To achieve this we need to prioritise the drainage on the (Lower School field) and the top field being used for football and rugby for community use.</p>	Action Plan, p 53/54, and site overview

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		<p>We recognise that to achieve increased community use with teams playing to a higher standard it is essential there is an upgrade of changing facilities to meet this aim.</p> <p>Comments on Site Overview (in underline):</p> <p>Pitches on this site – quality 1 adult football, 1 cricket wicket non-turf, Non turf wicket not big enough for community use due to size of outfield? 1 rugby 1 x 3G AGP full size, FA sanctioned, rated as good</p> <p>Clubs/teams on this site Lyde Utd use Lower School Pitches and agronomist’s assessment in 2012 highlighted need for new drainage system (c. £50k) - <u>this is now a priority as part of the Academy’s facility strategy.</u></p> <p>No recorded community use of cricket or rugby pitches <u>although discussions with Yeovil Rugby Club (Juniors) and Somerset Cricket Board (Womens and Girls) around usage.</u></p> <p>AGP: Used by football clubs: East Coker, Pen Mill, Lyde, Ilchester, Stoke, Yeovil Town, Manor Athletic <u>Yeovil College, Champions Soccer</u></p> <p>Outside Courts The school has a 4 netball court sized floodlit MUGA, which has good usage although some spare capacity. It is the home of Yeovil Netball Club and Yeovil Summer League amongst others.</p> <p>Other comments 1. Welcoming site for community use.</p>	<p>amended to reflect poor drainage and quality of changing provision</p> <p>Site overview amended to reflect poor drainage and quality of changing provision. Would recommend contacting the County FA to arrange for a pitch advisor to visit if drainage considered a significant problem.</p>

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		<p>2. A Priority for the Academy to improve changing facilities for school & community use for the AGP, grass pitch and sports hall</p> <p>3. Academy would also like floodlighting permission to be extended from 9.15 to <u>10.15pm (so use can stop at 10.00pm) to increase community access.</u></p> <p>4. Grass adult football appears fully used (Lyde Utd youth teams) <u>We are looking at using top pitch more with markings for football and rugby</u></p> <p>5. Little spare capacity on weekday evenings for AGP (FA Accredited) but has some spare capacity at weekends for matches</p> <p>6. No recorded community use for rugby; Usage of cricket strip not known <u>Working with NGBs and Local Clubs Paul Cox RFU and Steve Gass Somerset Cricket Board</u></p>	<p>Site overview amended to reflect AGP floodlighting issues</p>
<p>Area South Development</p>	<p>Yeovil – Westfield Academy</p>	<p>Changing and ancillary facilities: Accessibility concerns with changing room for club and school – all male changing on first floor (with no lift) and ladies a good distance away from facilities with step obstacle. Quality of changing room (adequate / Poor) rated by school and supporting netball, handball, volleyball and football clubs (changing facilities not appropriate for first team clubs).</p> <p>Clubs/teams on this site The line: ‘in 2012 highlighted need for new drainage system (c. 50k) but this is not a priority for the Academy– the works still have not been completed by the County Council as part of the Academy transfer of land.</p>	<p>Site overview amended to reflect quality of changing provision</p>
<p>Yeovil College</p>	<p>Yeovil College</p>	<p>Yeovil College currently play their home rugby male fixtures at Martock Rugby Club first team pitch.</p> <p>Yeovil College intend to make their grass pitch into a 3G artificial turf pitch within 2017/18, suitable for football and rugby training. The artificial turf space size is 90x50m and will help to meet the shortage of junior pitches (i.e. 2x junior pitches) as it is available for community use.</p>	<p>Site overview for Martock Recreation Ground amended</p> <p>Already reflected in Action Plan. This will be a low priority for external funding at</p>

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		Yeovil College also intend to build a new sports hall within the next 2-3 years.	present as demand for artificial provision is currently being met.
Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club, Chairman	Yeovil – Recreation Centre	<p>Strategy and Action Plan – Section 5 Hockey</p> <p>Broadly satisfied with the content of the Strategy and Action Plan with regard to hockey in general, and in particular, the Yeovil Recreation Centre Artificial Grass Pitch and the recording of Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club’s aspirations for the future.</p> <p>No additional comments on site overview for Yeovil Recreation Centre</p>	Comments noted.
Area South Development	Yeovil RFC (Barwick)	<p>Only amendment – under Changing and ancillary pitches:</p> <p>The Rugby Club would like to secure funding to purchase the site and playing pitches, providing sustainability for the club in the long term. Currently the rental agreement is challenging for the club with regards to financial sustainability.</p>	Site overview and action plan amended.
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Holyrood Academy	Chard – Holyrood Academy	<p>Page 11 - Football - Artificial playing pitch - We would gladly allow site for development of ATP provision.</p> <p>We would also allow community use of 9 a side pitch (only 1 rather than the 2 stated in document) and 11 a side pitch.</p> <p>Changing facilities location and condition would be need to be improved to support these aspirations</p> <p>Comments on Site Overview: Only one 9 a side football pitch. Sand based ATP suitable for competitive hockey. Hockey pitch markings only. Also has 4 mini goals for recreational 7 a side football / training, not suitable for competitive games no football markings. Football training / recreational use could curtail expansion of hockey club use.</p>	<p>Noted although two ATP’s on one site is unlikely to be sustainable at the current time.</p> <p>Site overview and Action Plan amended to reflect comments.</p> <p>Site overview and Action Plan amended</p>

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		<p>Shared rugby and football specific ATP on site would allow hockey expansion on sand based ATP, competitive rugby and football use as well as teaching area. Revenue for Academy and partners, sinking fund provision. Changing and toilet facilities require significant refurbishment and are some distance from playing areas. New appropriately shared changing provision on site to serve hockey/ cricket/ rugby and football would facilitate the potential use of site for listed sports.</p>	to reflect comments.
Crewkerne Cricket Club - Secretary		<p>One point to note is that contrary to the information you have we use the artificial pitch for matches as well as practice. We have purchased a portable net cage to assist with practice. The artificial is 7 years old and will need replacing in the near future.</p> <p>At present we play at Henhayes but have to share with the Rugby and Football Clubs. This is not ideal in maintaining a true outfield but we try and work together. We also do all the work voluntarily with minimal support from the Town Council.</p> <p>Basically the amount of recreation area for Sport we feel is totally inadequate for a town the size of Crewkerne when you compare it to a smaller town like Ilminster. We have tried to use Wadham School as an overflow but they only have a tired artificial which needs replacing and they get little or no cricket at the school, this could be developed with funding as in the Grammar School days this boasted a superb grass wicket. We would be interested in exploring this possibility. If there is an opportunity in co-ordination with the school to provide a completely new grass square and artificial pitch for broad community use please let us know. They already have a listed building pavilion which could also be brought up to date with funding.</p> <p>We have currently 2 adult teams on a Saturday, 1 on a Sunday plus youth teams at Under-10,12,15 and 19 level. Cricket is in danger of dying in the next 10 years if significant changes to the development of young players is not made at state</p>	Amended Wadham Action Plan and Site Overview to reflect comments.

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		schools, we are doing our best but fear this will not be enough.	
Crewkerne Rangers FC - Secretary	Crewkerne - Henhayes	<p>Page 9, 2.3 and 2.4 Current demand I do not agree that there is enough spare capacity for current demand. The survey does not appear to consider the current additional needs. We have enough people wanting to play adult football to start another team but do not have a pitch. We are starting a women's and under-16 team but hoping that the existing single pitch in Crewkerne will be able to withstand a doubling of the matches played on it. Also, some of the local pitches are too expensive for regular use. Perhaps the Council should ensure that charges for pitches are reasonable? The issue of spreading games out over different times is down to the leagues as they dictate when the matches are played.</p> <p>Page 11 Table 4 Adult pitches As well as future demand, current demand is not being met. We have demand for another men's team and are about to start a women's team and an Under 16s team. A request to play a men's team at Wadham school has been turned down so we cannot start the 3rd team. The women's and under 16s team will have to share the existing adult pitch at Henhayes on Sundays. This is probably going to be too much for the one pitch which already struggles to cope with Saturday matches.</p> <p>Page 11 Table 5 Item 1 Happy Valley does not have a pitch marked out. There is just enough space for a full-size football pitch and there is a set of full-size goalposts in place. This site could accommodate a full-size pitch but there are no changing rooms so can currently only be used for training.</p> <p>Page 11 Table 5 Item 1 Wadham School has potential for more football pitches because the top field is not being used. This field previously had a full-size football pitch but also has room for junior (9v9, 7v7) pitches. There have been problems with damage caused by rabbits and badgers. If this can be contained, this area would increase the</p>	<p>Page 9 updated, Crewkerne included as an example.</p> <p>Page 11 updated to reflect absence of provision at Happy Valley at present.</p> <p>Covered in Table 5 under securing greater use of community pitches.</p>

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		<p>availability of pitches significantly.</p> <p>Page 11 Table 5 Item 3 Henhayes is rated as 'good'. This is true for the facilities but not for the football pitch which is poor. The surface is very uneven due to being overplayed and the general public use.</p> <p>Page 11 Table 5 Item 4 During discussions++ with Wadham School, they mentioned that they are very interested in replacing their old redgra area with a modern artificial surface. This would be a good candidate for a new 3G FTP facility as it could serve Crewkerne, Chard and surrounding areas.</p> <p>Page 12 Area West Opportunity Summary Crewkerne As secretary of the only Crewkerne Football Club, I don't feel that this portrays the situation very well. At the current time, Wadham School are not willing to hire out any of their pitches and Maiden Beech are fully utilised for Junior/Mini football by the Merriott Club. So the availability of pitches in Crewkerne is very poor: there is only one adult pitch and one mini (5v5) pitch – both at Henhayes. We are trying to start up new teams for adult women, under 16s and under 11s and continually have more adult men wanting to play football than we can accommodate with 2 teams. So there are existing requirements for pitches that are not being met, let alone any due to future growth. The inability to accommodate current demand is mentioned briefly in the Henhayes site overview but not in the main strategy.</p> <p>Page 35, 6.19 Key Priorities for Football As explained above, this does not account for the existing demand for football in Crewkerne that cannot be accommodated by the available pitches. Because of this, I believe that this is a higher priority than stated. I think that item 5 is higher priority than item 3.</p>	<p>Page 11 amended to record pitch as standard as per VQA.</p> <p>Further discussion required with the FA to determine most appropriate site for a new 3G AGP in Area West.</p> <p>Agreed. Page 12 amended.</p> <p>All listed projects are considered to be district priorities but would not necessarily be addressed in the order listed in the</p>

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		<p>General point on cost of pitches There is little mention of cost in the strategy. The cost of running football teams is high and most clubs have to do a number of fundraising events to make ends meet. But some pitches in the area cost around £50 to hire for each match. Could the Council help to keep pitch prices reasonable?</p> <p>Comments on Site Overview: The description is good. Whilst the changing facilities are good, there is insufficient storage space for storing club equipment for maintaining / marking the pitches.</p>	<p>strategy.</p> <p>The steering group would not consider £50 to be unreasonable for a good quality pitch/changing provision. It would be difficult for the Council to influence prices on sites owned by others, but the Council and FA would be happy to give advice where required.</p>
Area West Development	Ilminster - Recreation Ground	2 copies of site overviews.	Site overview amended
Tatworth and Forton Parish Council	Forton Rangers FC	There is a potential that our Parish may have an extra 323 houses and should have at least one more playing pitch facility in the Parish.	P12 of Strategy updated and P45 of Action Plan updated. Site overview name amended within index table.
Seavington Playing Field Association, Chairman	Seavington – Playing Field	<p>An interesting strategy document that appears to be dominated by the major sports of Football, Rugby, Cricket and Hockey. Is there any similar strategic view on the provision for other sports such as tennis, basketball, netball etc?</p> <p>Comments on site Overview:</p>	Not included within the scope of a playing pitch strategy as per Sport England guidance.

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		<p>Football – we have welcomed the Dowlish Wake and Donyatt football team to use our pitch for the remainder of the 16/17 season after their club house was burnt down. They have also requested to use the pitch again for the 17/18 season. We would be delighted to see the pitch used by other teams in the local area (youth or adult) and can offer full changing facilities including showers – Home, Away and Officials.</p> <p>Cricket – Correct – the square is no longer maintained but we'd be very interested if any teams wanted to restore its use.</p> <p>Could note that the changing facilities are very good and that there is an adjacent community shop and café available to users (subject to opening hours!)</p>	<p>Site overviews for Dowlish Wake and Seavington amended</p>
<p>Area West Ward member</p>	<p>Chard</p>	<p>Feels that Chard could support 2 AGP's</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>