

## NORTH DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY UPDATE: FINAL ACTION PLANS

EXPLANATION	ACTION PLANS		
Potential delivery partners are highlighted. Progress towards delivering against the action plans and the potential for additional actions will be considered at annual meetings of the Playing Pitch Strategy Working Group as detailed in Section 9. Indicative time frames are given: S - Short (1-2 years); M - Medium (3 - 5 years) and L - Long (5+ years) O - Ongoing and Cost Estimate Bands (Small, Medium and Large)			
Schemes are given a Priority 1 rating if they are ongoing and very important and to be addressed in the short term (within 2 years).			
Partners to deliver action and other acronyms used are as follows:			
(3G) FTP	Football Turf Pitch	NGBs	National Governing Bodies
AD	Active Devon	NDC	North Devon Council
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch	NTW	Non Turf Wicket
Comm. Org.	Community Organisation	o/m	Over marked
CUA	Community Use Agreement	PC	Parish Council
ECB	England Cricket Board/ Devon Cricket Foundation	RFU	Rugby Football Union
EH	England Hockey	SE	Sport England
FA	Football Association/Devon FA	TC	Town Council
FF	Football Foundation	TDC	Torridge District Council
MUGA	Multi Use Games Area		

Priority, Timescale, Partners & Cost Band now updated

## PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY ACTION PLANS BY SITE: NORTH DEVON

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<b>BARNSTAPLE SUB AREA</b>									
NDBA.1	Barnstaple and Pilton CC	Cricket: 1 grass pitch, 11 wickets/ good + NTW	1. Ground probably at capacity but assisted by non turf wicket for juniors and pub teams.	No updates available, but probably similar to 2017. Ground probably at capacity; some room for growth in midweek play but no spare capacity at peak time	Maintain quality of grass and NTW		0	Club, ECB, LAs	L
			2. <i>Some vandalism at site and lack of storage for covers etc</i>	Storage needs have been addressed and funded through S106 POS. Also new solar & battery installations.		S	Club, ECB, LAs		
NDBA.2	Barnstaple RFC	Rugby: 4 x XV-a-side marked and posted pitches.	Thriving club. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV, 5 x u13-u18, u12 and 5 x u7 – u11. Suitable, available pitches being overused for matchplay and training.	Shows MES deficit of -3.1 for midweek training. Desire now for 3G training facility as so many matches and training cancelled due to wet weather & very limited alternative facilities However, ground level would need to be raised – would upset drainage and water table (waterlogged site). Club has limited funds for other improvements e.g. stand. No S106 monies available for this ward.	Options to overcome midweek training deficit – floodlight another pitch &/or artificial grass pitch; enhanced pitch maintenance & access to WR22 3G floodlit training facilities.	1	S		
			Amount of use and standard of floodlighting prevent expansion of playing/training activities.	See above: Barnstaple RFC's pitches are overplayed for training			S	NDC, RFU	M
			Capacity is an issue with changing when several teams playing at home	S106 funding of £41k in place to convert old cricket pavilion into designated female changing rooms. £25k from local grant scheme. £20k shortfall. Needs to be RFU compliant for RFU funding	Support for enlarging changing facilities		M	NDC, RFU	M
			Pitches at Bridge Field are owned by Devon County Council and do not have security of tenure.	Same	Work towards security of tenure for this site. Should Bridge Field pitches come under threat, the mitigation would need to be as per NPPF para 104 and meet Sport England's	1	M	NDC, RFU	L

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					Playing Field Policy Exception 4. The RFU would expect to see the replacement pitches delivered prior to any loss.				
			<i>Shortage of free car parking is an ongoing issue for all teams using the Mill Road/Pottington site.</i>		Acknowledged; keep under review		M	NDC	L
NDBA.3	Barnstaple Town FC	Football: 1 x adult/good	<i>As rated good, one would expect the pitch to accommodate a 1<sup>st</sup> and Reserves team and Vets team comfortably. Currently no Reserve team playing.</i>	Now 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> team & U18s play midweek on floodlit pitch. All self contained; no issues	Possible site for hybrid pitch.				
			<i>There are issues with parking which the club say affect them. Much of on-site parking is managed by rugby club; there are fee paying car parks near the site.</i>	Barnstaple Town FC have changed their details with Companies House and this may impact on their lease – need to clarify situation.	BTFC to initiate dialogue with Barnstaple RFC about potential to hire parking for spectators when BRFC First XV do not have home games.	S	BTFC, BRFC	L	
NDBA.4	Beechfield Playing Field, Fremington	Football: 1 x adult/standard	<i>Pitch is being overplayed. Supporting 2 adult and 2 older youth sides and up to 3 other youth sides. No peak time spare capacity</i>	Now used by Fremington FC 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> And potentially room for more teams Restricted pitch, narrow....			S	NDC, FA, PC, club, FF	M
			<i>New pitch being provided at Fremington army camp for 2018/19</i>	Achieved					M
			<i>Changing condemned at Beechfield – looking at options</i>	New changing facilities provided.		S	NDC, FA, PC, club, FF	H	
			<i>PC also looking at the management of the MUGA with floodlights at Fremington Camp</i>	Achieved		S	NDC, FA, PC, club, FF	M	
	Riverside Park, Fremington	Small adult football & MUGA	<i>New pitch being provided at Fremington army camp for 2018/19 season, plus conversion of buildings for changing appropriate for women and girls</i>	Pitch now adopted by Fremington Parish Council but not used by Fremington Youth as planned. They play all their youth teams at Tarka grass pitch and AGP.	FA support required to agree maintenance regime and push regular pitch power assessments by Fremington Parish Council or Club users.  LA and FA support needed for Fremington Parish Council to develop operating model so that Fremington Youth can access this site.	<b>1</b>			

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NDBA.9	Bratton Fleming Sports Club	Shared: Grass cricket pitch, 6 wickets/standard	<i>Football: Considerable spare capacity for football on existing pitch and another pitch on site could be brought back into use</i>	Bratton Fleming – football pitches and community building no longer in use due to eviction by landlord.	Football club has disbanded. Ground could be brought back into use if land owner would agree.		S	NDC, FA	L
			<i>Cricket: Spare capacity at ground for juniors and midweek play certainly.</i>	Site currently unavailable/very limited due to land owner's restrictions. Cricket pitch used rarely under gentleman's agreement. Field one team in the ND Pub & Club league and have nomadic existence.	Encourage greater use and protection of site for cricket Any planning application could be strongly rejected by North Devon planning team on that site..		S	NDC, DCF	L
			<i>Cricket: Practice nets need improvement</i>		Support for improvements to nets if required.		S	DCF, NDC	L
NDBA.10	Landkey FC	Football: 1 x adult = standard;	<i>2 pitches here being played to level they can sustain but poor quality of Tanners Road pitch and needs of the adult football clubs means that overflow facilities are required by the Eastside Youth FC – at either Rock Park or Park School.</i>	Only one pitch now in use (Millenium Ground). Used by Landkey 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (North Devon Premier). Say drainage poor. Tanners Road not marked out.	Support for improvements to drainage?		M	NDC, FA, club, FF	L
NDBA.11	Newton Tracey Cricket Club	Cricket: 1 grass pitch, 6 wickets/good + NTW	<i>Good grass cricket pitch and NTW gives added capacity. No spare capacity Sundays but Saturdays available and a little spare capacity midweek.</i>	No update from club; slightly more teams now - 2 x 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (Sunday); Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI, MW XI, u11 and u10. No spare capacity Sundays but Saturdays available and a little spare midweek. Number of wickets is low NTW gives added capacity.	No action identified				
			<i>Changing facilities – club looking to improve net facilities and upgrade changing/pavilion.</i>	Newton Tracey CC had funding from the same scheme as Barnstaple CC and added toilet and changing space for ladies. Achieved.					
NDBA.12	North Devon Cricket Club	Cricket: 1 grass wicket, 13 wickets/good	<i>Good quality ground supporting wide range of adult league, ladies and friendly adult teams, juniors, Devon teams and kwik cricket for schools.</i>	North Devon Cricket Club: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> , friendly XI, 8 juniors/colts Busy, well used ground approaching capacity. General pressure on facilities with so many teams. Always trying to improve and o/heads large					
			<i>Pitch has 19 wickets; ground is approaching capacity. The club is investigating adding a divider net across the site to allow multiple use at any one time.</i>	Replacing practice nets with a 0% interest loan from ECB. North Devon cricket clubhouse – front windows replaced for more efficiency.	Funding support may be required to purchase divider nets		M	NDC, DCM	L

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NDBA.13	Bocarena Park, Barnstaple	Football: 1 adult/good + 1 mini	<i>1 adult football pitch with some spare capacity outside of peak time.</i>	Boca Seniors 1 <sup>st</sup> XI; hoping to run 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI next year. Good pitch; no issues. One of most successful North Devon league teams.	No action identified					
			<i>Mini 7v7 pitch could sustain minis play but not used at present for football. It is currently used by the Rugby Club for youth tag training and matches.</i>	No longer marked out and not used by rugby						
				Club are interested in changing room extension and car parking project.	Club would like more toilets and a larger referees' changing room. Would like a new clubhouse and changing facility.					
			<i>Shortage of car parking is an ongoing issue for all teams using the Mill Road/Pottington site. Club scheme to install parking matting on portion of land next to site entrance for 16 cars almost complete.</i>							
NDBA.14	Petroc College, Barnstaple	Education: 1 adult/ standard	<i>College building extension has encroached on playing area so only small adult pitch. 3 College teams plus college use so site is probably being played to the level it can sustain, although possibly could accommodate additional youth team at weekend.</i>	Two full size pitches eroded by college developments. Pitch 1 reduced in size by "temporary car park", which has been in use for many years and pitch 2 reduced in size by new teaching block (neither of which delivered through NDC planning system). PETROC are utilising Tarka AGP instead as their pitches now in effect meet no formal sporting purpose.	Protection of site as a playing field. The assessment of current and future needs as detailed in this Strategy demonstrates there is a shortfall of grass pitch provision in Barnstaple for all sports.	1	O	NDC, College, SE		
NDBA.15	Pilton Community College, Barnstaple	Education: F, R + NTW	<i>Grass pitches do not have community use. They lie in the flood plain and are often waterlogged, so not suitable for community use.</i>		No action identified		S	NDC, School, AD, clubs, NGBs		
			<i>Half size floodlit sand AGP 60m x 50m: used for local football training weekday evenings. Around 3 hours spare midweek evenings but more at weekends – 10 hours +.</i>	Now half size floodlit 3G AGP and being replaced again this summer. Very little spare capacity. Full weekday eves.	College planning to put it on FA Register and wants to encourage matchplay and greater use at weekends		M	School, AD, NDC	M	

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NDBA.16	Rock Park, Barnstaple	Shared: 1 x youth 11v11 + 1 x 9v9 football/standard	<i>First year of use by SAS Soccer Club youth football, currently using 1 adult and 1 9v9 pitch. Site could be reconfigured to provide 3 x adult pitches if required.</i>	SAS Soccer Club U7 & U9; 2 x U11; U12; U14 & U15 Eastside Youth FC U11; U12; U15. Football Club mixes and matches pitches and uses cones to divide up depending on age ranges. Now one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 seems sustainable. SAS – happy with facilities and have a good relationship with Town Council Some concern around poor drainage and dog fouling from both clubs using. Room to mark out more pitches? Pretty much full. SAS happy: U15s play on snr pitch. Eastside would like to see astro at Rock Park.	Ensure maintenance of pitches remains adequate.  Keep watching brief on demand for these pitches and whether changing facilities required.		S	NDC, FA	L
				Possible location for Playzone in Rock Park, Barnstaple alongside children's play area. This is Newport Ward and S106 funding opportunities are limited.			S	TC, FA	L
			<i>Separate booking of changing facilities has always been an issue surrounding the use of Rock Park; use of Park School changing facilities is not secure (but does not appear to be a problem for the current club).</i>	Changing facilities at Park School no longer available. Little portacabin on site for Eastside Youth. Lack of changing facilities has not been identified as an issue by the clubs using.			O	TC, NDC, Park School	L
			<i>Non turf cricket wicket here but not used for many years.</i>	NTW now removed & cricket has gone.			M	NDC, DCF	L
NDBA.17	Seven Brethren Bank (Tarka Tennis Centre)	Football: 2 adult/standard	<i>2 adult pitches here played on by 2 Saturday adult teams and an infrequent Sunday pm Vets. Would appear therefore to be spare capacity but pitches cannot be played on simultaneously as too close together plus only one set of changing rooms which does not meet requirements of North Devon Football League. No Sunday morning junior play.</i>	Only one grass pitch here now. Used Equalisers & Eastside Sat teams + Fremington Youth U12, U13, U14 & U16 (Sunday mornings) A lot of teams using for warm up and casual play. Pitch conditions can be poor, drainage poor and maintenance	Pitch overused and feeds into narrative around perceived lack of pitches in Barnstaple. Possibility for income from 3G AGP to improve maintenance of grass pitch.				

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			<i>Potential site for replacing one adult pitch with full size 3G FTP.</i>	3G FTP now in place - funding required for floodlight conversion to LED.	LA/RFU/FA to agree priority location for WR22 compliant 3G AGP to address football and rugby training deficit in Barnstaple and Braunton. Tarka Leisure Centre is a possible location. Based on updated dimensions (91x55 plus 3mo run-off on each perimeter) a full size 3G AGP might be viable on the grass pitch.	1	S	NDC, FA, FF	H
	<b>Tarka Leisure Centre</b>	Full size floodlit 3G AGP		<p>New facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main users are: Fremington Youth</li> <li>• Romar Sports linked with Exeter and RTC</li> <li>• Petroc; Eastside FC; Exeter City</li> <li>• RTC; Chivenor Soccer School linked with Plymouth.</li> </ul> <p>Peak weekday evening 4-10pm – 90% occupancy; overall weekend – 80% occupancy.</p>	<p>May have some spare capacity once/if Romar &amp; RTC etc move to Kingsley School. Could fill early evening slots several times over; turns clubs away.</p> <p>There is a drop off off-season, but partner club demand is growing in the summer.</p> <p>Spare capacity will only become available if teams move to other sites.</p>				
<b>NDBA.18</b>	<b>Tews Lane Community Sports Recreation Assn</b>	Football: various/ standard	<i>2 adult pitches (one overmarked as 7v7 and 9v9 as required) and separate 7v7 pitch. 2 adult teams and 9 youth teams; some training on pitch. Ground is at capacity. Girls u14 and disability teams are playing away from venue on 3G FTPs</i>	<p>Still high number of teams and site is playing to level it can sustain (just). Barnstaple Youth FC: u7 – U16 (10 teams) across 3 pitches U12s – U16s play over 2 snr pitches one of which is o/m with 9v9. Teams train at Park School, Pilton School &amp; Tarka AGPs Club say they would like to run u18s...and identify shortage of grass pitches alongside shortage of facilities for training and cost as reasons why not, but otherwise appear satisfied with level of provision at Tews Lane.</p>					
			<i>Pitches are being played to level site can sustain; Inadequate drainage causes frequent waterlogging and dog fouling are issues</i>	<p>Club seem happy with provision; there are some issues with maintenance and overuse but the club say they manage. Pitches are rated poor so investment in site to improve capacity would</p>					

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				help. Capacity analysis shows overplayed for this reason.					
			<i>The changing rooms were designed to be extended as demand increased. This is now required to provide appropriate capacity and layout; future S106 monies have been identified for this project.</i>	Require storage room for equipment. Club still seem to want to enlarge changing and state that S106 set aside £ to enlarge changing but not enough.	Substantial S106 POS Funding available for the site to extend the changing pavilion to provide storage and catering requirements for site users. Pitch drainage also to be funded using S106 POS Funding	1	S M	NDC, FA, FF, TC NDC, club	M
NDBA.19	The Park Community School, Barnstaple	Education; various grass & AGP	<i>Full size 100m x 60m floodlit sand AGP. Vital facility for 2 hockey clubs and used by many football teams for training. No spare capacity weekday evenings: 5 hrs spare at weekends</i>	Important venue for North Devon HC; and caters for training for a number of local football clubs (although usage by football declined when Tarka 3G AGP opened). Around 43% occupancy weekday eves (later evening slots less busy than earlier slots) and used by hockey club for a few hours at weekends. Last refurbished in 2007 and surface is now recognised by the school and hockey club as being in need of attention and/or replacement. No replacement funds available. Essential part of stock for pitch provision in North Devon for hockey as this will be only hockey appropriate surface available once/if Kingsley School AGP in Bideford converts to 3G AGP	Recommend full condition survey undertaken to underpin discussions of future options for this site. S106 POS funding unlikely due to lack of housing development in Newport Ward. England Hockey support required to develop scheme and funding package for appropriate resurfacing (which may include multi-sport Gen 2 surface). Without an appropriate surface being maintained, there is a substantial risk of <u>the hockey club</u> relocating to an unsecured site ( <del>West Buckland School</del> ).	1	S	School, NDC, NGBs, AD	L
			<i>Mini teams use Pill Lane minis pitch with small spare capacity but poor quality. Other pitches – junior football/rugby</i>	No community use of grass pitches – waterlogging is an issue and needed for school	Improve pitch quality and maintenance to increase capacity but community use unlikely		L	School,	M
			<i>Non turf cricket wicket not currently used by community teams. Cricket pitch has been used in the past</i>	Possibility of enhancement of cricket pitch for community use if required	Investigate further potential for enhancement of cricket pitch to meet future demand if arises and meet need for additional community use cricket pitch in Barnstaple.	1	S	NDC, Schools, AD, clubs, NGBs	M



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					This may require upgrade of NTW, improvement of grass square and upgrade to changing facilities				
			<i>School is keen to develop community use of its facilities.</i>		Keep under review alongside developments in the wider Barnstaple area and maintain liaison and links with the School.			NDC, NGBs, AD, Park School	
NDBA.20	West Buckland School	Education	<i>Cricket pitches (2): valuable site for district level cricket and for Devon Girls. Presumably spare capacity although on independent school site.</i>	Cricket pitches (2): valuable site for district level cricket & for Devon Girls. Presumably spare capacity although on independent school site.	No action identified; Filleigh CC would investigate this site for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> cricket pitch if necessary				
			<i>AGP currently has limited external/community use on it.</i>	However, several people mentioned that they knew teams used it, but no information came to light. Anecdotally, North Devon HC may be considering moving to this AGP.					
NDBA.21	Westleigh Cricket Club	Cricket	<i>Good rated pitch and is sustaining high amount of use with 2/3 evenings' midweek use as well as weekend.</i>	Usage has increased since 2017. Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI; T20; Westleigh Warriors P&C; home ground to North Devon 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI. Also used by NDCC Colts & Women's teams. Plus pub & club hire. Ground appears well used with low number of wickets.	Showers and toilets project with extension has been completed at Westleigh.				
			<i>Grounds facilities require improvement: would like sight screens and to be able to maintain/renew perimeter fencing.</i>	New solar installations provided. Also expanding the playing pitch surface	Support for sight screens and other ground improvements		M	Club, DCF	L
NDBA.22	Sticklepath School	Education: 2 x 7v7 (1 x 9v9)	<i>1. Valuable site for Fremington Youth FC.</i>	Sticklepath School – most if not all use transferred to Tarka Leisure Centre AGP. No evidence that site is still used by community teams.	No action identified		S	NDC, School, AD, clubs, NGBs	L
	Parklands, Swimbridge	1 x 9v9; poor			A new 9v9 pitch has been provided at Parklands, Swimbridge. FA support needed to utilise the site for youth development opportunities.	<b>1</b>			

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	Westacott, East of Barnstaple				Adult 11v11 football with changing facilities and MUGA adjacent to primary school site). Outline Planning Approved. LA to agree scheme with developer. Management/adoption to be agreed - Barnstaple Town Council have shown interest in the site. Too early to give any firm dates on delivery.				
<b>BRAUNTON SUB AREA</b>									
NDBR.01	Braunton Academy	Half size 3G AGP & MUGA	<i>Half size floodlit 66x 46m 3G AGP (on FA Register &amp; WR22 compliant):</i>	Braunton Wanderers use + apparently many teams and casual groups for training from a wide area – Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Landkey, Swimbridge, Combe Martin, Woolacombe and South Molton Have some rugby training but would like more. Also hosts football tournaments. Apparently almost full weekday eves & weekends for matchplay.	Additional WR22 3G facilities required to support Ilfracombe and Barnstaple RFCs plus Braunton Football. School were interested in exploring enlargement to full size; however site is not appropriate for extended/additional 3G provision.		S	FA, Academy, AD	L
			<i>MUGA</i>	School would like some assistance with funding for MUGA resurfacing and floodlighting of MUGA					
	<b>Tweedies (Braunton Academy)</b>	Tweedies has one full size football, and a 9v9 and a 5v5 football and one full size rugby pitch.		The School say these pitches are well used by the community and they would like mobile floodlights to enable the pitches to be used for winter training. Says has some community use but not recorded anywhere else.	Appears available for community use. Access is poor and surrounded by housing.				
NDBR.02	Braunton Cricket Club	Cricket: grass, 19 wickets/ good	<i>Well used ground but because of high number of wickets (19) still spare capacity midweek and on Sundays</i>	Braunton Cricket Club: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , u19, u17, u15, u13, u9 + Kelsey Chiefs + Kelsey Soft Ball for women. Probably more play than 2017 due to more youngsters. Well used ground but because of high number of wickets, may still have spare capacity.					
			<i>Practice nets need improvement and would like new score box</i>	Practice nets and kitchen upgraded. Boundary net requires replacement.	Support for boundary nets and other ground improvements		M	Club, DCF	L

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NDBR.03	Braunton Recreation Ground	Football: 1 x adult/standard	<i>Good quality changing and valuable back up facility for football in the town used by Braunton FC's 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4ths (club based at Lobb Field).</i>	Was used as back up facility to Lobb Field for Braunton FC, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4ths (but no 4ths now). No-one playing here now.	Protect as playing field.				
NDBR.06	Georgeham Playing Field	Football; 1 x adult/standard	<i>Replacement changing facility required.</i>	Achieved.	New pavilion changing facility completed.	1	S	FA, FF, NDC	M
			<i>Standard rated rural pitch sustaining 2 adult sides. Some spare capacity outside of peak time.</i>	Good quality according to PC. Georgeham & Croyde Rovers – just 1 team. Down from 2 Saturday sides and some casual use. Some spare capacity outside of peak time					
NDBR.07	Lobb Sports Field, Braunton	Football: 2 x adult, 1 x 9v9, 2 x mini/standard	<i>Very busy site catering for 2 adult, 9 junior and 5 mini teams from Braunton FC off 2 adult, 1 junior and 2 mini pitches. Spare capacity on mini pitches; junior pitch virtually full and adult pitches have no spare capacity.</i>	Braunton FC: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Ladies, U18s, U16s, U15s, U15G, 2 x U14, U13, U13G, U12 & U10 Youth matches on adult pitches o/m. Offer pitches to other clubs if have room. Can accommodate everything.					
			<i>2. Improved maintenance/playing surface required to maintain or increase the amount of use and grow the club.</i>	Generally happy with pitch.			M	FA, FF, NDC, club, TC	M
			<i>3. Other improvements club are working towards – concrete access path to main pitch, high netting by main road and car park surface.</i>	Changing facilities good – new. Club would like to install floodlights and to have a grandstand.	Support for floodlighting, grandstand and improvements to car parking.		M	FA, FF, NDC, club, TC	M
NDBR.08	RMB Chivenor	MOD	<i>The grass pitches (Football and Cricket) are 'outside the wire' and are therefore available for community use. Grass football pitches are currently used by Chivenor FC. Cricket pitch is not currently used.</i>	No use recorded			O	NDC, FF, club	L
			<i>The 3G World Rugby compliant pitch is 'inside the wire' and is not available for community use and the MoD are not interested in changing this. Chivenor is not</i>	Chivenor AGP is apparently (anecdotally) used by some teams but not secure or regular.	Maintain contact with MoD over future of the base; ideally to secure use of WR22 3G AGP for rugby training activity.				

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			<i>proposed to be decommissioned until the late 2020s.</i>						
<b>ILFRACOMBE SUB AREA</b>									
<b>NDIL.01</b>	<b>Combe Martin FC, Hollands Park</b>	Football: 1 x adult/ standard	<i>Standard rated pitch supporting 2 senior Saturday sides and youth teams as overflow from Ilfracombe Youth FC.</i>	Combe Martin 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> , U15, u13, u12, u10, u9, u7. Senior pitch overmarked. Club mention poor drainage and unable to fence pitch off.	Agreeing new lease with Council.	<b>2</b>	M	FA, FF, NDC	M
			<i>Club would like to update changing facilities</i>	Changing facilities not mentioned in current survey response. Planning Permission has been granted for 41x31m sand dressed AGP.	Club wish to floodlight the MUGA so can be used by whole community.				
<b>NDIL.02</b>	<b>Ilfracombe Academy</b>	Education: grass football & 3G AGP	<i>No community use of junior 9v9 pitch, although has CUA and recorded as not available for community use.</i>	No longer used for football, used by school as sportsfield.		<b>1</b>	S	NDC, FA, School, AD	L
			<i>Half size floodlit 3G AGP (on FA Register): little used on Sundays but otherwise full with football teams and rugby club training.</i>	Used by Ilfracombe Youth FC, Ilfracombe Town FC & several other local clubs, Exeter City Community Trust and casual teams. Pretty busy weekday evenings (some later slots spare). Booked Sat ams; closes at 2pm; not open Sundays. Concerns have been raised by Ilfracombe Town FC Youth regards the maintenance/condition of the facility.	3G AGP now upgraded summer 2024. Now on FA Register.  Ensure maintenance regime is appropriate.  Investigate reasons for closures on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.				
<b>NDIL.03</b>	<b>Killacleave Sports Field (Ilfracombe Academy)</b>	Education: grass pitches	<i>Two adult pitches sustaining 1 adult, 7 junior and 3 mini teams. Very little spare capacity or room for growth. Key site for football in town; access not secured and the adult/youth football clubs would like to formalise a CUA for the site</i>	Much less usage – Ilfracombe Youth u16, u14 and u11 play here but u7s8s, 9s and u10s now use 3G for matches. Access limited; no changing currently available. Building on site used as classroom. Club say poor maintenance and communication with Ilfracombe Academy not ideal. Club have discussed having a CUA with the Academy to open up funding but unfortunately academy always against this.	Maintain community access to school playing field and leave avenues open to increase use Help support and investigate opportunities for youth & adult football clubs to (a) obtain a CUA for the site and (b) achieve security of tenure and an appropriate lease for Killacleave.	<b>1</b>	S	NDC, FA, School, AD	L

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NDIL.04	Brimlands, Ilfracombe	Rugby: 1 x XV a-side; cricket NTW; 1 x small adult football	<p><i>Changes to cricket provision proposed by club, i.e. 2 x NTWs. Possible demand for grass pitch in future.</i></p> <p><i>Adult rugby pitch has very little spare capacity. Football pitch alongside not used for football but used by rugby club for mini/youth play on Sunday mornings.</i></p> <p><i>Rugby Club are looking to improve the quality of the site.</i></p>	<p>Quality of NTW has improved greatly due to investment from Wind Farm Fund and is sustaining more use - 1<sup>st</sup> XI &amp; T20 + Pub &amp; Club league + Woolacombe CC (North Devon League)</p> <p>The outfield is poor due to rugby use.</p> <p>1 adult team, 2 u13-u18 and 5 u7 – u11. Big youth training on Sundays. Shows midweek training deficit equivalent to 2MES.</p> <p>Ilfracombe RFC has very little spare capacity for training or matchplay and for all practical purposes the site is at capacity.</p> <p>Pitch quality is poor and insufficient funds or volunteers to remedy. Lack of floodlights means training in winter is almost impossible. No available slots at Ilfracombe Academy; not WR22 compliant and expensive). Often waterlogged; no play between Christmas and beginning of April and cricket takes over end April.</p> <p>Grandiose scheme for new clubhouse now shelved but urgently require major upgrade to changing and social facilities to accommodate youngsters and girls/women appropriately and meet ref. changing room standard. Parental and volunteer support is waning in face</p>	<p>Issue is finding volunteer labour to maintain the square and cost of this. Would like to add grass wicket(s).</p> <p>Options to overcome midweek training deficit – floodlight existing pitch &amp; enhanced pitch maintenance. and/or access to WR22 3G training facilities</p> <p>Possibility of using new rugby pitch on Southern Extension.</p> <p>Support for major upgrade of changing facilities and revamp of clubhouse at this site to ensure continuation of thriving clubs and high quality sporting site for Ilfracombe.</p> <p>LA are currently negotiating S106 POS contributions to support £100k changing room and clubhouse</p>		L	Club, DCF	L
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				of poor facilities and little hope of change. .	improvement. ECB and RFU support required to support club volunteer recruitment drive and development and provide consultation on scheme/design.				
<b>NDIL.05</b>	<b>Ilfracombe Town FC, Malborough Park</b>	Football: 1 x adult/ good	<i>Adult good rated stadium pitch sustaining 4 teams; some spare capacity in week. Floodlights are not working</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & U18 midweek. Self contained; no issues Club say there is a shortage of good quality senior grass pitches in the area. Would like full size 3G	Possible site for hybrid pitch?		S	Club, FA	L
<b>NDIL.06</b>	<b>Meadow Playing Fields, Woolacombe</b>	Football: 1x adult, 1 x 9v9	<i>Unmarked pitches now being re-established - one adult (and one junior 9v9 when/if required) - to support team reforming for 2017/18 season.</i>	AFC Dumnonii 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> now playing here (Ilfracombe players) so would ideally like a pitch in Ilfracombe. Mention shortage of 3G facilities in area if matches rained off (either too small or no room). Pre-app has been submitted for adjacent skatepark facility.	Club say desperately need new facilities in Ilfracombe or drainage at Woolacombe Engagement required to ensure football pitch is not affected by proximity or water run-off/drainage from proposed skatepark.				
	<b>Southern Extension, Ilfracombe</b>				Adult 11v11 football and adult rugby with changing rooms, community hall and MUGA: outline planning agreed, changing room amendments currently at consultation stage with planning and funding package agreed. To be adopted by North Devon Council on completion. Construction to begin 2024 and available for use 2027/28 season.				
	Site to be identified in Central Ilfracombe for MUGA. Potential location in between Ilfracombe Swimming Pool and Brimlands Playing Fields, just outside AONB boundary.	Playzone							

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<b>SOUTH MOLTON SUB AREA</b>									
NDSM.01	Chittlehampton Cricket Club	Cricket: grass, 8 wickets/ good	<i>Rural cricket ground sustaining friendly team only playing occasionally and some T20. Considerable spare capacity</i>	Rural cricket ground sustaining friendly team only playing occasionally. Considerable spare capacity. Vulnerable	Encourage greater use - vulnerable site for sport		M	NDC, DCF	L
NDSM.02	Chittlehampton Playing Field	Football : 1 x adult/ standard	<i>Village playing field sustaining one team and some casual use. Potential to accommodate more.</i>	No teams playing here any more.	Encourage use - vulnerable site for sport		M	NDC, FA	L
NDSM.03	Chulmleigh Cricket Club	Cricket: grass, 5 wickets/ standard	<i>Rural cricket ground sustaining friendly team and good clutch of colts and youth teams, aided by NTW; spare capacity.</i>	Chulmleigh Cricket Club: 1st, midweek, Dynamos & All Stars; 2017: 1st, Colts, u15, u13, u11, u9 Pavilion upgrade achieved.	No further action identified				
NDSM.04	Chulmleigh Playing Fields	Football : 1 x adult/ standard	<i>Club no longer runs senior side; runs 2 youth and 2 minis – friendlies only</i>	Chulmleigh Youth FC; u16, u15G, u14, u13G, U12, U11G, U10, U8, U6. Our single full size grass has to flex with markings from u6 to u16. Club say: Our single pitch cannot cope, and we have regularly using 3G at Ashbury Hotel (46 mile round trip). We can never get access to Tarka; Devon FA say South Molton 3G is our nearest hub but they won't take bookings outside South Molton. Our u16s train at Torrington in the winter (36 round trip) but only from 8.30pm owing to lack of availability and may not be able to accommodate next year as expect more bookings from Torrington. No FL. Without suitable training facilities being provided, CYFC generally think will fold as THERE is NOWHERE for us to train in the winter..					
NDSM.05	Chulmleigh Community College	Education: grass + AGP	<i>No community use of pitches: 2 rugby and 1 x 9v9 football - as poor quality. Check.</i>	No change	Investigate potential for community use of youth grass pitches, especially football for local club, with secure CUA.		S	NDC, Schools, TC, NGBs, AD	
			<i>Small 36m x 18m sand floodlit MUGA and concrete area alongside. Mainly used by local youth and mini teams. Spare capacity not known.</i>	Local club say: 'The sand based AGP at Community College is obvious area for improvement but gets slippery and waterlogged (poor state of repair). Half sand MUGA and half concrete. If treated as one area and 3G; would be a more than decent facility.'	LA to meet with college to discuss opportunities re half size 3G AGP; other sites in Chulmleigh to also be appraised..				
NDSM.06	Filleigh Cricket Club, Deer Park	Cricket: grass, 10 wickets/ standard	<i>Rural cricket ground sustaining 5 adult and 4 junior teams. Upgrade to changing facilities and sight screens required to meet league requirements.</i>	Now: 1 <sup>st</sup> DL, 1 <sup>st</sup> NDL, u15, u13, u11 and u10 – no. of senior players not increasing and clear bias towards juniors. Have reduced square by 4 strips to align with fixture list and optimising	Pavilion in need of refurbishment – remodelling to include storage costed at c£60k. ECB financial support required to improve changing facilities. Opportunities for S106 POS	<b>1</b>	M	Club, DCF	L

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				utilisation. If 2 <sup>nd</sup> DL team was to run again this may put undue stress on ground. If need 2 <sup>nd</sup> pitch would approach West Buckland School. Filleigh CC received ECB county grant for solar provision. Have also invested heavily in nets. Club is growing and has more plans for the future. Maintenance costs increasing.	funding are small and infrequent due to rural location.  NTW requires replacement & would reduce demand/play on grass Covers require replacing in next few years Eventually update scoreboard				
<b>NDSM.07</b>	<b>North Molton Sports and Social Club</b>	F+C: range of grass football + cricket. 10 wickets/ good	<i>This is a very good facility with a range of pitch types. Can have up to 4 adult and 9v9 Both football and cricket pitches have considerable spare capacity at both weekends and during the week on good quality grounds. Underused facility</i>	Football: 2 <sup>nd</sup> football team have folded: North Molton FC runs one team and no youth – sometimes used by South Molton junior teams (Reduction from 2017 of 1 adult, vets and youth). North Molton CC rejoined the North Devon Cricket league and also hosts Exmoor Barbarians P&C	Greatly underused facility !  Considerable spare capacity at weekends and during the week on good quality ground.		M	NDC, FA	L
<b>NDSM.08</b>	<b>South Molton Community College</b>	Education: various grass + AGP	<i>Rugby pitch is used as overflow facility for South Molton RFC juniors &amp; minis for training and matches, and with school use taken into account, it is overplayed</i>	No change South Molton College have resurfaced 3G but still not open to the community as much as would be liked. Frustrating for the FA. Fears for community use when funding agreement runs out with the FF.	Support for development of sports hub involving rugby and football clubs, other sports NGBs and the college.		M	NDC, FA, AD	
			<i>2. Half size floodlit 3G AGP 60 x 50m (on FA Register) has some midweek evening spare capacity and considerable capacity at weekends.</i>	There has been criticism through the local clubs of how difficult it is to access this facility; opening hours curtailed due to lack of caretaking and cost high.	FA wish to encourage greater use. Link to aspirations of South Molton FC. Valuable 3G facility serving rural area		S	FA, Academy	L
			<i>No community use taking place on 2 junior 9v9 football pitches.</i>	No toilets available which is a welfare issue.	Investigate potential for community use of grass pitches, especially football for local club, with secure CUA (unlikely).		S	NDC, School, TC,NGBs, AD	L
			<i>Rugby club have purchased land next to school for their new development – with agreement to use changing and parking.</i>		Rugby club have a pitch they use next to the school site. Limited changing provision and whilst they would like their own facility, access is the issue for both construction and user vehicles as pedestrian path is too narrow for vehicles and	<b>1</b>	S	RFU, club	M



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					therefore would require agreement with the school to access via their site instead.				
NDSM.09	South Molton FC, Alswear Old Rd	Football: 1 x adult; 1 x 7v7/standard	<i>Busy site (1 adult and 1 x 7v7 mini pitch) and well run and motivated club, with facilities having little spare capacity for club expansion. Club want to improve pitch facilities, to include 3G facility</i>	1st XI, U125, U15G, u14, u13, u13G, u12, u11, u10, 2 x u9s. Club has too many teams for one pitch and need to move... not unusual to have 4 games being played at one time. Club hires North Molton pitches a lot and cost of South Molton College pitches is prohibitive. Limited slots for training and constant battle to get more slots... the price is very high.			M	FA, NDC	L
	Limers Lane for South Molton FC		<i>Site has been identified for new pitches (land off B3226); could provide up to 3 pitches. Limers Lane</i>	South Molton FC has purchased new site of 11 acres, £230,000 s106 funding from NDC to purchase land. £935k to re-provide existing facilities being funded through land sale of Old Alswear Road. Replacement pitch plus £1.7m required for additional full size pitch, two junior pitches, car park and clubhouse.	£230k funded by S106 POS funds to purchase land and £492k S106 POS funds allocated to the construction works. Estimated circa £750k additional funding required in addition to the club's sale receipts of existing site to deliver the proposed scheme. <u>Maximum possible FF funding required</u> plus additional S106 POS funding. LA and FA support required to finalise design, costs and funding packages.	1	M	FA, NDC, club	M/H
NDSM.10	South Molton RFC	Rugby: 2 x XV a-side standard	<i>South Molton RFC using 2 adult pitches (Pathfields &amp; Station Road)– 6 adult teams (3 youth and 5 mini play on South Molton Community College pitch)</i>	South Molton RFC has insufficient capacity at its 2 adult pitches for training (for which its pitches are heavily overused) but a little spare capacity for matchplay. Midweek training deficit equivalent to -2.1 MES.	Options to overcome midweek training deficit – floodlight one pitch (RFC also has option to use school pitch) & access to WR22 3G & enhanced pitch maintenance..				
			<i>New perimeter fencing required at clubhouse site (Pathfields). Investment required in improved playing surface for senior rugby at both sites.</i>		Support for improved drainage and other ground improvements . Additional pitch and changing facilities for South Molton RFC should be kept under review		S	RFU, club	M

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			<i>Club have pitch development project off site on land adjacent to South Molton Community College.</i>	See above under South Molton Community College.	See above under South Molton Community College.		S	RFU, SE, NDC	H
<b>NDSM.11</b>	<b>Witheridge Sports Field</b>	Football: 1 x adult/standard	<i>High standard of play by club: adult pitch with full floodlights and covered stand. High quality maintenance is essential to maintain adult play. Pitch sustaining 4 adult teams and u12s</i>	Drop off in use – now 1st & 2nd team Separate affiliated junior club trying to set up Would like better drainage for area for youth football or 3G so could train in winter...	Support for improvements				