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REVIEW OF THE OPEN SPACE STRATEGY AND FUNDING SYSTEM

REPORT OF HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

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CAB 1645: Review of the Open Space Strategy and Funding System 21 April 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks approval for the adoption of the 2009-2010 Open Space Strategy and reviews the operation of the open space funding system since the last report. It provides information on schemes implemented in the last year using developers' contributions, and amounts existing in the Open Space Fund for parishes and for Winchester Town. It also seeks the approval of the revised contribution levels for 2009/2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That the Open Space Funding System should continue to operate throughout the District, using the procedures approved by the City Council on 16 November 1994, and subsequently amended on 26 March 1998.
- 2 That the Open Space Strategy attached as Appendix 3 to this report be adopted as the relevant background paper to the Winchester District Local Plan Review for the period from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010, and thereafter subject to annual review.
- 3 That the updated contribution scales set out in paragraph 5.3 of this Report be approved for use with the System for applications determined between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2010.

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DETAIL:

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Open Space Funding System has now been operating for nearly 18 years in the southern part of the District, and for more than 14 years throughout the rest of the District.
- 1.2 The District Open Space Strategy is reviewed annually, to ensure that the details of the provision of children's play areas and sports grounds remain accurate and that proposals for improving provision remain relevant and up to date.
- 1.3 The Strategy identifies local deficiencies in play and sports provision throughout the District, and the improvements required in order to meet the Local Plan standard in accordance with Policy RT.4 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review, which sets out the basis of the operation of the Funding System.
- 1.4 The first part of this report provides an update on the planning policy background, and the changes proposed to the 2009/2010 Open Space Strategy. This is followed by a review of the operation of the System and the current contribution levels. Information is then given on the amounts currently held in the Open Space Fund, and play and sport projects implemented during the last year.

2 Planning Policy Update

- 2.1 The Open Space Funding System continues to operate through Policy RT.4 in the adopted Winchester District Local Plan Review.
- 2.2 Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG17), published in July 2002, also continues to provide the latest relevant Government guidance on the provision for open space, sport and recreation through the planning system. This requires each authority to undertake a comprehensive assessment of open space and recreation facilities against which to measure future requirements. However, it was not possible to undertake the wider assessment and adopt local standards in time for incorporation into the Local Plan Review. Therefore the necessary assessment was commissioned jointly by Winchester and East Hampshire Districts in May 2006, with the work also being supported by Sport England.
- 2.3 An assessment in accordance with the requirements of PPG 17 has now been undertaken, covering a much wider range of types of open space than the current strategy, and including indoor recreation provision. The final report

was completed in March 2008, with the main conclusions being set out in the Winchester Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study: Part 1 report.

- 2.4 The report recommends new local standards for a wider range of facilities than those currently contained in the adopted Local Plan's recreational space standard, including new standards for different types of open space, green infrastructure, and built facilities. The Study forms part of the evidence base for the Council's Local Development Framework, and its conclusions were endorsed by the Local Development Framework Committee in April 2008. The recommended standards are therefore being promoted through the Core Strategy, initially through the Issues and Options Paper published in January 2008. The consultation responses showed widespread general support for developing new standards covering a wider range of facilities.
- 2.5 With the increased importance of securing a wide range of infrastructure improvements in association with new development, in the Issues and Options consultation there was also recognition that open space and recreation formed part of the wider infrastructure needs associated with new development. There is therefore likely to be a need for changes to the approach currently used in the Open Space System, in that a comprehensive approach to developers' contributions, covering all types of infrastructure, is likely to be needed. However, work leading to a recommendation and policy on how this could be achieved is still in progress. There was, however, widespread support for a hybrid system, retaining planning obligations alongside the introduction of a tariff system, if available.
- 2.6 The approach will be influenced by further Government proposals for the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy, which are expected in April 2009 to support legislation allowing local authorities to apply the levy. When the regulations are introduced, they will empower, but not require, local councils to apply the CIL on new developments in their areas to support infrastructure delivery, but they will then be subject to formal consultation. The Council will then need to decide whether it would be appropriate to introduce the CIL in this District for some types of infrastructure and what process would be necessary to achieve this through the LDF.
- 2.7 In advance of the proposed legislation, in August 2008 the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) published a further paper on the CIL, giving more details on how it might operate in practice. From the information given so far, it is clear that each authority's proposals to introduce a CIL would need to be robust to allow independent testing. Therefore the infrastructure planning underpinning the CIL would need to be embedded in the development plan process, as was the case also when the open space funding system was first introduced.
- 2.8 Any proposal to introduce a CIL will therefore need to be considered further through the continuing work on the Core Strategy, and, if considered appropriate for the District, will need to be supported by a Local Development Document (LDD) setting out the detail of how the CIL would operate.
- 2.9 Until the Core Strategy and accompanying LDD is adopted, and a CIL is potentially introduced, the current Open Space Funding System will continue

to operate, and the District will continue to rely on the annual assessment of play areas and sports grounds contained in the Open Space Strategy.

- 2.10 Members will also be aware that the existing System operates using planning obligations, and the DCLG has stated that, whatever method of funding future infrastructure is selected, planning obligations will continue to provide a means of securing developer contributions. They would complement a CIL if one was introduced.

### 3 Proposed Changes to the Strategy

- 3.1 The Open Space Strategy must provide the detailed justification for seeking financial contributions for children's play and sports facilities for the next financial year.
- 3.2 Contributions may only be sought where facilities are deficient, although a deficiency may be in land area, standard of provision, quality of the facility or distribution. The Strategy sets out the nature of deficiencies in each parish and in Winchester Town, and then makes proposals for improvements to rectify any deficiencies identified.
- 3.3 A draft copy of the 2009 - 2010 Strategy is circulated to Members with this report. The children's play and sports facilities within each parish and Winchester Town have each been reassessed against the estimated current population (based on Hampshire County Council's forecasts).
- 3.4 This information has been supplemented by a consultation with all the Parish Councils, requesting their views on:
- any improvements that need to be made to their local facilities; and
  - The details of any schemes they propose to implement in the near future, using funds held for their Parish.
- 3.5 Funding releases in Winchester Town for children's play generally follow the "Playground Five Year Refurbishment Plan" agreed by the Town Forum on 13 January 2004, although this will need to be revised this financial year.
- 3.6 Funding releases for sports related facilities in Winchester town have been the subject of consultation with the Town Forum via the Council's Sport and Recreation Manager and in future the Forum will be consulted in the same way that Parish Councils are consulted at the time the Strategy is being revised each year in January.
- ### 4 Level of Contributions
- 4.1 In view of the Government's proposals to change the way infrastructure is funded it is considered that it is not an efficient use of officer resources to undertake a full review of the contribution levels sought, at this time. The last full review took place in 2001, and in the intervening years the Retail Price Index figure for December of the previous year has been applied to the contribution scales to apply for the subsequent financial year.

- 4.2 There are separate contribution scales for children's play and sports provision, with a Scale A (High) and Scale B (Low) applying to each type of facility. The scale of contributions is determined by whether there is a need for additional land for a facility (which justifies the high scale A), or the need for improvements to facilities on existing recreational land (justifying the lower scale B). Where no additional land or improvement can be justified, no contribution will be sought in the coming year.
- 4.3 The contribution scales proposed for 2009/2010 have been increased by 0.9 % in accordance with the Retail Price Index (RPI) for December 2008. The new contribution scales proposed are therefore:

For Children's play

Dwelling Size	A (High)	B (Low)
	£	£
1 Bed	568	516
2 Bed	948	854
3 Bed	1138	1020
4+ Bed	1518	1365

For Sports Grounds

Dwelling Size	A (High)	B (Low)
	£	£
1 Bed	568	516
2 Bed	948	854
3 Bed	1138	1020
4+ Bed	1518	1365

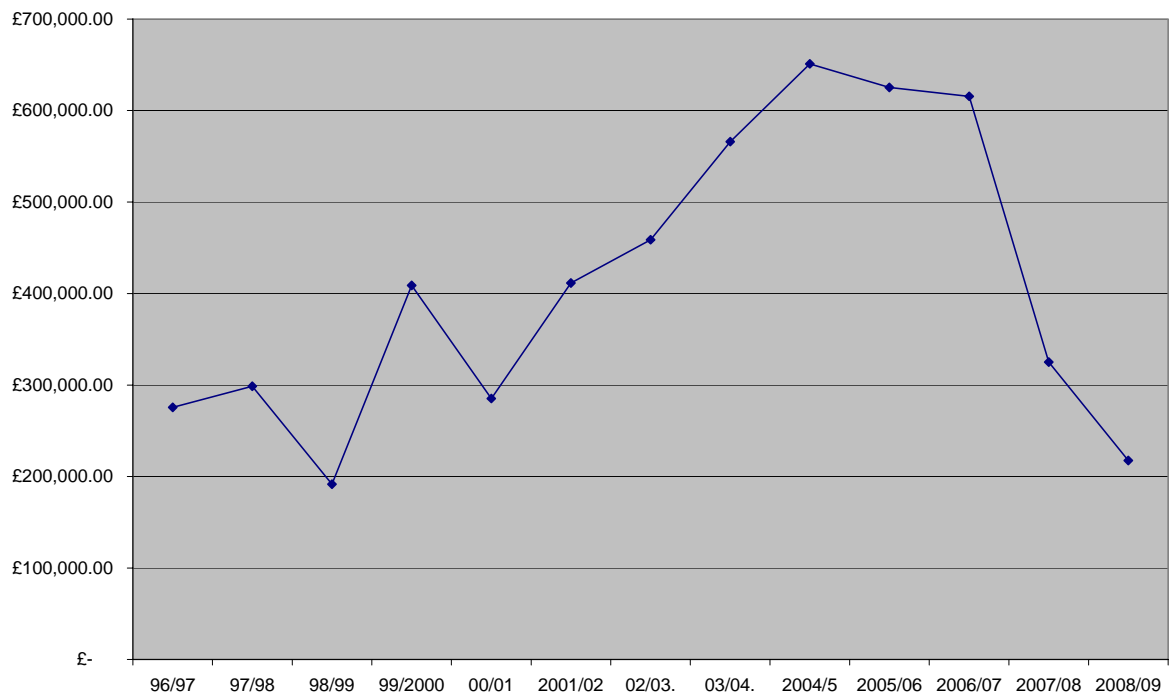
- 4.4 These contribution levels would be sought for all permissions for new dwellings determined between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2010, in accordance with the appropriate scale recommended for each Parish or Winchester Town. Where the payment is received after 1 April 2010, the agreement which secures the payment would include provision for the contribution to be increased in accordance with the RPI, as long as the Open Space Funding system is still operating at that time.

5 The Open Space Fund

- 5.1 A total of £217,399.12 has been contributed to the Open Space Fund between 1 March 2008 and 28 February 2009. This is another significant drop in income compared to the previous three years and reflects a slowdown in housing starts/completions as reported elsewhere.

**Figure 1a: Open Space Fund Receipts 1996-2009: Table**

Financial Year	Open Space Fund Receipts (excluding admin. and receipts subject to Planning Appeals)
1996/7	£ 275,636.10
1997/8	£ 298,655.38
1998/9	£ 191,647.81
1999/2000	£ 408,807.20
2000/1	£ 285,232.30
2001/2 (to 28 Feb 2002)	£ 411,451.40
2002/3	£ 458,850.00
2003/4	£ 566,156.00
2004/5	£ 651,221.78
2005/06	£ 625,374.00
2006/07	£ 615,669.55
2007/08	£ 325,109.00
2008/09	£ 217,399.12

**Figure 1b: Open Space Fund Receipts 1996-2009: Graph**

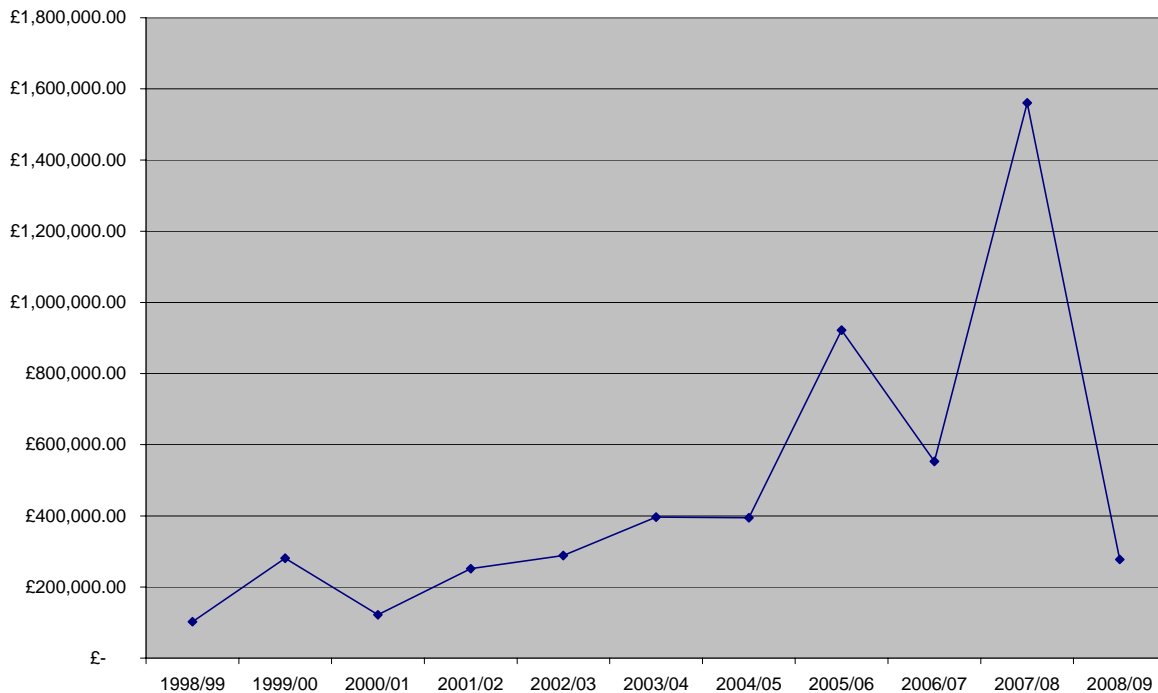
5.2 Details of the amounts held for each parish and for Winchester Town, up to 28 February 2009, are set out in Appendix 1. They include the amounts of interest that have accrued.

- 5.3 A list of the amounts released to the various Parish Councils and Winchester City Council's Environment Section to implement play and sport improvement schemes in the last year is attached at Appendix 2.
- 5.4 A total of £260,514.95 has been released from the open space fund between 1 March 2008 and 28 February 2009.

**Figure 2a: Amounts released from the Open Space Fund 1998-2009:**  
Table

Year	Amount Released
1998/99	102,390.62
1999/00	280,875.10
2000/01	121,758.86
2001/02	251,318.26
2002/03	288,435.13
2003/04	396,304.34
2004/05	394,516.90
2005/06	921,829.00
2006/07	553,081.90
2007/08	1,560,746.00
2008/2009	277,212.59
TOTAL released to date	£5,148,468.70

**Figure 2b: Amounts Released from the Open Space Fund 1998-2008:**  
Graph



**Figure 2c: Proportion of receipts that have been spent: 1998-2009: Table**

Year	% of funds received that are spent each year
1998/99	53
1999/00	69
2000/01	43
2001/02	61
2002/03	63
2003/04	70
2004/05	60
2005/06	147
2006/07	90 %
2007/08	282 %*
2008/09	127 %

\*Note: the high level of spending in 07/08 compared to previous years was due to fund releases totalling £1,049,122 toward the University of Winchester Bar End Athletics facilities. The Winchester 'sport pot' has however now recovered and currently stands at £121,056.10.

## 6 Conclusion

- 6.1 The proposed revisions to the Open Space Strategy reflect current deficiencies identified in the District, and the improvements proposed will therefore provide the basis for assessing schemes implemented through the Funding System in the next financial year.
- 6.2 The system has continued to operate without any requirement for changes arising from planning applications or appeal procedures.
- 6.3 The contributions sought from developers are proposed to be increased in accordance with the RPI for December 2008. These would apply to planning decisions taken between 1st April 2009 and 31 March 2010.
- 6.4 The Open Space Officer will continue to work with parish councils, the Town Forum and Winchester City Council's Sport and Recreation Manager in an effort to make full use of, and to ensure the proper use of, the amounts held in the fund over the coming financial year.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: None

### CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

Consistent with the aims and the intention to take action to improve the recreational facilities in Winchester District, and to use Local Plan policies to protect the quality of life in rural areas.



### RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Detailed financial information is shown at section 6. The balance of receipts held in the fund as at February 2009 was £1.51m.

### APPENDICES:

1. Amounts held for each Parish and Winchester Town at 28th February 2009.
2. Amounts released to Parish Councils and Winchester City Council's Cultural Services and Environment Teams for Schemes between beginning of March 2008 and end of February 2009.
3. Open Space Strategy 2009/10 (because of its size, the Strategy is included for Cabinet, Group Leaders and Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee and Environment Scrutiny Panel only. A copy will be available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website: [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk). Under Planning and Environment, Parks and Open Spaces, Open Space Development. Copies will also be issued to the main District libraries).

### Appendix One: Total Amount Held in the Open Space Fund, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009

	Play	Sport	Total
Bighton	6,965.15	6,922.92	13,888.07
Bishops Sutton	6,817.69	9,953.51	16,771.20
Bishops Waltham	70,734.42	31,242.80	101,977.22
Boarhunt	- 2,063.19	10,409.02	8,345.83
Bramdean	0.24	1,493.58	1,493.82
Cheriton	- 10,401.43	4,310.65	- 6,090.78
Chilcomb	1,504.71	2,162.54	3,667.25
Compton & Shawford	55,229.66	50,820.57	106,050.23
Corhampton & Meonstoke	12,963.04	31,862.39	44,825.43
Colden Common	4,885.75	2,034.29	6,920.04
Crawley	802.41	- 933.98	- 131.57
Curdrige	2,127.17	19,991.44	22,118.61
Denmead	- 26,398.74	145,125.60	118,726.86
Droxford	3,206.15	4,714.84	7,920.99
Durley	24,604.45	- 14,363.22	10,241.23
Exton	3,126.00	3,126.00	6,252.00
Hambledon	6,324.37	- 437.24	5,887.13
Headbourne Worthy	1,852.48	8,491.41	10,343.89
Hursley	1,251.59	3,657.94	4,909.53
Itchen Stoke & Ovington	11,283.28	43.22	11,326.50
Itchen Valley	2,124.64	14,673.15	16,797.79
Kilmeston	5,586.48	6,056.66	11,643.14
Kingsworthy	- 16,640.08	76,368.90	59,728.82
Littleton	2,826.57	8,932.98	11,759.55
Micheldever	6,568.98	45,114.45	51,683.43
New Alresford	61,090.25	119,340.86	180,431.11
Old Alresford	- 5,742.32	7,495.79	1,753.47
Olivers Battery	11,267.77	17,133.24	28,401.01
Otterbourne	4,544.53	- 6,931.96	- 2,387.43
Owslebury	2,895.03	4,222.54	7,117.57
Shedfield	- 14,329.44	72,661.16	58,331.72
Soberton	9,487.89	9,320.16	18,808.05
Southwick	- 1,197.03	5,132.88	3,935.85
South Wonston	5,671.83	6,408.42	12,080.25
Sparsholt	- 2,133.85	- 920.38	- 3,054.23
Swanmore	7,221.14	29,896.86	37,118.00
Twyford	9,771.83	3,041.91	12,813.74
Upham	5,822.39	- 1,070.18	4,752.21
Warnford	1,880.46	3,397.57	5,278.03
West Meon	- 1,786.57	5,964.09	4,177.52
Wickham	- 59,578.74	206,341.47	146,762.73
Winchester Wards	221,982.68	121,056.10	343,038.78
Wonston	- 10,492.82	9,979.67	- 513.15
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	421,656.82	1,084,244.62	1,505,901.44

## Appendix Two:

### Funds Released for Schemes: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Parish	Scheme Details	Date	Amount Released
Bishops Waltham	additional landscaping for skatepark fencing and Railings at Hermitage Heights	21.07.08	£ 5,000.00
		17.03.08	£ 3,789.00
Bramdean	new swings	12.06.08	£ 800.00
Cheriton	play area fencing	05.12.08	£ 2,392.00
	swing frame and surfacing	08.08.08	£ 4,700.00
Colden Common	bowling green shelter	29.05.08	£ 15,000.00
	cricket Nets surfacing	07.04.08	£ 800.00
Crawley	new play area fencing	25.11.08	£ 1,522.00
Curdridge	urgent tree work to recreation ground	15.08.08	£ 1,400.00
	drainage to recreation ground	29.05.08	£ 9,400.00
	drainage to recreation ground	29.05.08	£ 8,000.00
	fencing to Glebe Field	04.02.09	£ 700.00
Denmead	new playground	29.12.08	£ 20,000.00
Hambledon	grant to Cricket Club for pavilion repairs	02.04.08	£ 2,000.00
Itchen valley	more play equipment	20.10.08	£ 1,500.00
	play equipment	24.07.08	£ 2,967.00
Kingsworthy	play equipment at Eversley Park	29.05.08	£ 8,040.00
	tree work Church Green rec	29.05.08	£ 640.00
	planting to Firs Crescent	10.07.08	£ 8,922.00
	tree removal Church Green rec	05.08.08	£ 3,450.00
	football pitch improvements	29.08.08	£ 5,428.00
	consultant design fees	22.09.08	£ 850.00
	dog bins at Eversley Park	06.11.08	£ 220.00
	land purchase legal costs	25.11.08	£ 1,076.00
	car park improvements Eversley Park	16.12.08	£ 1,864.00
	Church Green improvements	15.12.08	£ 27,552.00
Littleton & Harestock	play equipment at Bradley Road	29.05.08	£ 14,020.00
Micheldever	play equipment Duke Street play area	12.03.08	£ 13,282.00
	fencing to play area	22.09.08	£ 1,960.00
	playground thermoplastic marking	06.11.08	£ 850.00
New Alresford	replacement safety surfacing Sun Hill	07.04.08	£ 1,650.00
	petanque court	04.09.08	£ 3,850.00
Otterbourne	new playground	08.01.08	£ 28,600.00
Shedfield	petanque court edging	29.05.08	£ 965.00
Soberton	toddlers play area	07.11.08	£ 12,444.00
	sports pavilion	07.11.08	£ 12,241.00
South Wonston	skatepark 2nd instalment	10.07.08	£ 8,250.00
	kids 'assault' wall	19.01.09	£ 2,431.00
Sparsholt	play equipment	03.04.08	£ 2,000.00
Swanmore	netting Broad Lane rec	15.10.08	£ 1,144.00
	new swings	02.04.08	£ 10,836.00
Twyford	play equipment	29.05.08	£ 13,000.00
Wonston	land purchase contribution	03.04.08	£ 1,000.00
Winchester wards	lighting improvements Abbey Gardens	09.02.09	£ 10,677.59

# **Winchester District Local Plan Review**

## **OPEN SPACE STRATEGY**

**2009/2010**

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## Introduction

- 1.1 The City Council has approved this Open Space Strategy for use as a background paper to the adopted Winchester District Local Plan Review (WDLPR). The Strategy provides a comprehensive framework for the provision of outdoor, public recreational space in the Plan area. It is prepared and reviewed annually in consultation with all the parish councils, the Winchester Town Forum, the City Council's Environment Team and Sports and Recreation Manager, as they are the main providers of the facilities throughout the District.
- 1.2 The Strategy will be used by the City Council's Planning Officers as a basis for determining what recreational provision is required for new dwellings in the Plan area, or, alternatively, the amount of contribution that will be sought in lieu of that provision. Contributions will be paid into a special Open Space Fund, where they will be retained for use in the area where the developments have taken place, until appropriate schemes are implemented.

## Using this Strategy

### Purpose of this document

- 2.1 This Strategy provides additional guidance on the Winchester District Local Plan Review's policies for recreational space, particularly RT.4 and RT.5. Policy RT.5 provides for improvements in the provision of recreational space adjacent to the main settlements, where there is insufficient land available at the present time. Policy RT.4 sets out how new housing development will be expected to ensure that sufficient recreational space and facilities are available to meet the needs of the prospective residents of the development. Where there is a local deficiency in the provision of recreational space and facilities (when measured against the Local Plan's recreational space standard), new housing development will be expected to provide for improvements in those facilities, sufficient to ensure that those deficiencies are not exacerbated. A deficiency may be measured in terms of land area, standard and quality of provision, and general accessibility of the facilities from the main housing areas.
- 2.2 The Local Plan provides for most housing to be provided on small sites, where it will generally not be possible to provide all the types of recreational space required by the Local Plan's standard on the development site. Most of the land and facilities required will therefore need to be provided off the site, on land identified by this Strategy, where there are local deficiencies in those categories.
- 2.3 To provide the necessary background information, this Strategy examines the recreational space and facilities available within each Parish, and within Winchester. It identifies where deficiencies exist and puts forward appropriate proposals for improvements. These are the proposed improvements towards which financial contributions will be sought from housing developments, where provision needs to be made off-site.
- 2.4 To allow financial contributions to be made, the City Council operates a special Funding System, so that new housing development is able to meet the full requirement for the provision of recreational space. When a particular type of recreational space required by the Local Plan's standard cannot be provided on the site, and this Strategy demonstrates that there is a local deficiency in that category, the System allows a contribution to be made into a special Open Space Fund operated by the City Council. Funds held by the City Council will then be used to carry out improvements to local recreational facilities in accordance with this Strategy.
- 2.5 Within the parished areas of the District, Parish Councils are responsible for using funds reserved for their parish for carrying out improvements to recreational spaces, as they are the providers of facilities. Within the area covered by the six wards of Winchester, funds are collected for each ward, but, as the Strategy treats these wards as a single area, funds can be used anywhere in the town, taking account of the nature of deficiencies identified.
- 2.6 Projects designed to meet deficiencies in children's play or sports provision are set out as 'Improvements Proposed' within each schedule of this Strategy. The deficiencies within each parish and within Winchester, and the projects to be included in the following year's Strategy, are reviewed annually and

qualifying projects are agreed with the City Council's Open Space Project Officer, who liaises with all the Parish Councils, the Town Forum and other City Council departments on this issue.

- 2.7 The Open Space Project Officer will assess whether proposals which are presented for funding meet the necessary criteria and conform to the requirements of the Strategy. The Officer will, if necessary, also advise on how schemes can be provided and what other sources of funding may be available. Projects will, in particular, be examined in relation to the Council's responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Disability and Discrimination Act and Best Value. In those instances where requirements and opportunities arise during the year which were not foreseen at the time the Strategy went to press but present an alternative way of addressing shortfalls which have been identified in the Strategy, the City Council may evaluate and assess them as if they had been submitted as part of the annual return. This flexibility is balanced by the project being included in the next annual review of the Strategy to ensure a clear audit trail from one year to another.

### **Planning Policy Update**

- 2.8 The Winchester District Local Plan Review, adopted in July 2006, provides for the period up to 2011.
- 2.9 The Local Plan Review's Policy RT.4 is similar to Policy RT.3 in the previous adopted Plan, and carries forward the principles of the Open Space Funding System. This Strategy continues to set out the nature of the deficiencies in each parish and Winchester and makes proposals for improvements where deficiencies exist.
- 2.10 Policy RT.5 encourages improvements in local recreation facilities, where they are needed to bring them up to the Local Plan standard. These improvements may concern the land area available, the quality and size of the facilities, or their accessibility to local people. In the main settlements, where significant areas of additional land are required to meet present and future needs, the Local Plan Review reserves specific areas of land to provide new facilities. Many of these areas were identified initially through previous reviews of this Strategy, but some additional areas have now been included, where they will be needed to meet the needs of new residents in the period to 2011. All these areas are now identified on the maps and in the schedules of this Strategy.
- 2.11 The system operates using planning obligations, and Circular 05/05 retains the same "tests of reasonableness" for seeking financial contributions as the earlier Circular 1/97. However, it has given greater support to a number of the open space system's features, including standardised legal agreements and formulae, and pooled contributions. Circular 05/05 provides short-term improvements to negotiated agreements, in advance of more major Government reforms to the funding of essential infrastructure. The Government also proposes to introduce the option of a proposed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is to be the subject of consultation in the near future.

### **The Strategy's approach**

- 2.12 This Strategy measures deficiencies in areas of recreational space against the Local Plan standard, as revised by the 2001 National Playing Fields Association standard. This standard will remain in place until the City Council has carried out its own assessment of the various types of open space and facilities in the District, as required by PPG 17. This assessment has now been completed, and new standards are recommended for a wider number of types of open space and for built facilities. The new standards are being considered through the Council's Core Strategy preparation, but the current Local Plan standard, supported by this Strategy, will continue to operate until the provisions of the current Open Space Funding System are replaced. This will require the preparation of a Development Plan Document or a Supplementary Planning Document, which is also likely to address the wider infrastructure requirements of the District.
- 2.13 The adopted Local Plan's standard establishes the minimum amount of land (in hectares), required for recreational use, divided into the following three categories, for every 1,000 residents:

0.8	Children's Play
1.6	Sports Grounds

#### 0.4 General/Informal Use

- 2.14 The application of the standard does not address deficiencies in areas for general or informal recreational use, since the Local Plan establishes that off-site provision will not be sought for this category. This is because the Plan area is generally well provided with such facilities. For comprehensiveness, however, the main facilities in this category are listed for each Parish and for Winchester, divided into those that are within the settlement and those in the adjacent countryside. In some settlements, there may be some benefit from the provision of additional smaller areas of general open space within the developed area, but opportunities to provide these would normally only occur on-site, in association with larger housing developments.
- 2.15 This Strategy therefore considers only children's play and sports provision. All the public play and sports facilities in the District have been assessed against the Local Plan's standard for that type of recreational space, and the guidance of the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA), on which the Local Plan's standard is based. A detailed assessment has been carried out to establish where deficiencies exist, as defined by the criteria set out in the text accompanying Policy RT.4 in the Local Plan, in order to justify contributions being sought, where appropriate.
- 2.16 The assessment has been carried out on a Parish basis, with Winchester assessed separately.
- 2.17 Where deficiencies are identified, proposals are made for specific improvements. These take account of the character of the settlements in each Parish. Some Parishes have several settlements to serve, others look to a nearby larger settlement. Although play provision is expected to be readily accessible on foot from each settlement or housing area, sports provision often serves a wider area, and this has been taken into account. Some of the smaller Parishes have therefore been combined with nearby larger Parishes for the assessment of sports grounds and for making proposals for improvements. A map showing the Parishes that have been combined for sports ground provision is included in this document on page 10.

### What does this Strategy include?

- 2.18 This Strategy provides a comprehensive framework for the provision of recreational space in the District.
- 2.19 It includes a schedule for each Parish and for Winchester itself, and each schedule is divided into the following sections.

#### **(i) Description**

- 2.20 This highlights the main settlements that exist in each Parish, and their policy status in the Local Plan Review. Reference is also made to any Conservation Areas, countryside within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and major roads within each Parish.

#### **(ii) Existing recreational areas**

- 2.21 This lists all the areas currently in public recreational use in the area, divided into the three main categories of the Local Plan's recreational space standard - children's play, sports grounds and areas for general/informal use.

**Play** includes equipped play areas, hard surfaced areas for ball games and wheeled activities, and areas for children's casual play, which are available for public use. Those areas that include play equipment are marked with an asterisk.

**Sports** include "pitches, greens, courts, athletics tracks, and miscellaneous sites such as croquet lawns and training areas owned by local authorities". These facilities may be publicly or privately owned (private sports grounds are marked (P) after the name of the sports ground), or they may be educational facilities available for public use (similarly marked (E)). Sports areas included accord with the advice in the National Playing Fields Association's (NPFA's) 'Six Acre Standard' document. They therefore include public facilities at county, district or parish level; facilities within the educational sector which, as a matter of policy and practice, are available for public use; and facilities within the voluntary, private, industrial and commercial sectors, which serve the leisure needs of their members, or the public.



It is, however, recognised that some sports facilities serve more of a district-wide function, than a local Parish or Winchester town function. Sports facilities have therefore been divided into “Local Sports” which include both public and private facilities that are used on a regular basis by local teams, and “District Sports” which are facilities that are or may be used by teams drawn from a wider area. Facilities in the “District Sports” category would normally include secondary schools making facilities available for public use, sports grounds owned by businesses where they are not regularly used by local teams, and other grounds used by teams mainly drawn from a wider area.

**General** refers to areas of land which can be used for informal recreation, such as walking, relaxing or picnicking. They include open areas within the settlements, and also areas in the countryside which are readily accessible to particular settlements. They may be specifically designed for the purpose, or countryside facilities to which there is limited or free public access.

- 2.22 Each area of recreational space listed is defined as having a play, sports or general function, and given a reference letter from which it can be identified on the accompanying Location Map. Where more than one type of recreational space is present within a multi-purpose recreation ground, the area will appear under two or more of the categories in the schedule. The amount of land devoted to each use has then been estimated as accurately as possible.
- 2.23 Areas (in hectares) are only assigned to facilities for general/informal use within the settlements where the land occupied by the facility is readily definable. For facilities within the adjacent countryside, no specific area in hectares is given. They are included to identify as fully as possible what recreation facilities are available to each Parish - they have not been formally assessed in the same way as play and sports facilities, since no financial contribution may be sought towards off-site improvements. Some of them are identified on the Location Plans.
- 2.24 The schedules do not include areas which function mainly as local amenity greenspace, since these areas are generally small-scale and fragmented, and do not primarily have a recreational purpose. This type of open space is always required to be on-site, as an integral part of all kinds of new development, not just housing. It does not form part of the recreational space standard in the District Local Plan; it is therefore reasonable to exclude it from this Strategy. This document is only concerned with open space facilities that have a recreational function.
- 2.25 Areas that are in the process of being implemented as recreational space are only included if there is already some form of public access. They are then included in the category that most closely reflects the current type of usage, although it should be recognised that this may change as recreational facilities are developed there.

### **iii) Adequacy of land for play and sports**

- 2.26 This section sets out the current adequacy of land available for play and sports facilities, when judged against the Local Plan's standard, as set out in paragraph 2.09 above.
- 2.27 The column headed "Current Adequacy" identifies whether or not there is sufficient land available for that particular use. A (+) figure indicates that a sufficiency of land is available, although there may well be other problems concerned with the standard, quality or distribution of provision. A (-) figure indicates a shortfall of land in that category.
- 2.28 In the sports category, some facilities serve a District-wide function. Each parish (and Winchester town) is therefore allocated a proportion of the total land area of the entire District provision, related to its total population as a proportion of the total District population.
- 2.29 This figure is then deducted from the parish's Local Plan requirement for sports grounds. The remaining area is then the land area required locally to serve the needs of the Parish. Pitches may be publicly or privately owned, provided that local teams regularly use them.

### **(iv) Assessment of play areas**

- 2.30 In addition to the **land area** available for play, the standard of provision, the quality and distribution of the equipped play areas has also been assessed, since this is how the Local Plan requires any deficiencies to be identified. No detailed assessment of casual play space has been carried out at this stage.
- 2.31 In order to be consistent with the Local Plan advice, the more detailed assessment of play areas has also generally followed the guidance of the NPFA in their Six Acre Standard document. It recommends the use of three main types of play areas - Local Areas for Play (LAPS), Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAPS), and Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAPS).
- 2.32 This guidance makes the following recommendations for each type of play area:
- LAP: within one minute's walking time of home, catering for children up to 6 years old, and appropriate for low-key games or play with small equipment.
- LEAP: within 5 minutes' walking time of home, catering mainly for children up to 8 years old, and offering at least 5 items of play equipment.
- NEAP: within 15 minutes' walking time of home, catering for children over 8 years old including teenagers, and offering at least 8 types of play equipment.
- 2.33 The **standard** of provision for each play area has been assessed against these recommendations.
- 2.34 The current standard has then been assessed against the appropriate standard for each Parish, based on the size and form of the settlements. LAPS are generally very small play areas that are normally only appropriate for serving a particular housing development, as they provide for the play needs of very young children. The majority of play areas in the District should be of LEAP or NEAP standard, designed to serve either a whole community, or a major part of that community.
- 2.35 This Strategy proposes that Parishes with a population in excess of 500 should generally support a NEAP as the main central play area. In some instances, complementary LEAPs are proposed, where this is the best solution for the settlement form within a Parish, particularly where a number of separate settlements exist, or where a main road separates the main housing areas of a settlement.
- 2.36 Within the larger settlements or in housing areas of higher density development - a network of NEAPS and LEAPS is proposed - taking account of the major roads within each settlement, and the location of areas of higher density housing. Within housing areas with a high teenage population, facilities for teenagers are proposed, generally as part of a NEAP, but in some Parishes it may be more appropriate in association with sports ground provision.
- 2.37 Proposals are made to improve the standard of provision where existing facilities are deficient. This may be achieved by upgrading and extending a facility on existing land, or there may be a need for a new play area on a new area of land.
- 2.38 The **quality** of the equipped play areas has been assessed in broad terms, with proposals made where full or partial refurbishment is required.
- 2.39 The **distribution** of play facilities has also been assessed in broad terms, since it is important that children have ready access to a play area within reasonable walking time of their home, and without the need to cross a major barrier. Where separate settlements exist within a parish, or where main roads separate housing areas, the provision of separate play facilities is normally proposed.
- 2.40 The assessment summarises what deficiencies exist in the area (if any), in terms of the criteria set down in the text accompanying Policy RT.4 of the Local Plan. These may relate to the land area, standard of provision, quality of equipment, or the distribution of play areas. If deficiencies exist, proposals for appropriate improvements are made.

#### **(v) Assessment of sports grounds**

- 2.41 The sports grounds have been assessed firstly on the basis of the **land area** available within the area. The facilities counted within the provision accord with the NPFA's advice on areas for inclusion within the

standard, and these have been subdivided into “*Local facilities*” and “*District facilities*”, as set out in paragraph 2.21 above.

- 2.42 A detailed assessment has been carried out for those facilities defined as “*Local sports facilities.*” This examined the standard and the quality of provision, and the distribution of facilities, to ascertain whether or not any deficiencies existed in these other respects.
- 2.43 The **standard** of provision has been assessed, for each of the main sports, against the requirements of the leagues in which the local teams play, having regard to pitch size, the availability of a pavilion/changing accommodation and car parking provision.
- 2.44 The **quality** of provision has also been assessed, and recommendations made for refurbishment where this is clearly necessary.
- 2.45 The **distribution** of sports grounds has been assessed based on NPFA advice that facilities should be locally available wherever possible. Given that the District is a rural area, a realistic approach needs to be taken towards that provision. The Strategy aims to improve sports ground provision in the Winchester area, by the provision of three additional sports ground complexes adjoining the urban edge. Priority should be given in the first instance to the establishment of a complex on the southern side of the city. In the southern part of the District, a new outdoor multi-use sports facility has been provided adjacent to Swanmore College of Technology, available to the wider community as well as for school use. Adjacent parishes were grouped to enable them to assist with this provision, to supplement provision in the locality. Elsewhere, the proposals aim to provide each Parish with its own sports ground facilities wherever possible, although there are a number of Parishes with very small populations which would generally expect to use the sports grounds in a nearby larger settlement. A number of Parishes have therefore been combined for the purposes of proposing improvements to sports grounds in this Strategy (also shown on the map on page 10). Some of the Parishes adjacent to Winchester would also be expected to contribute to improvements there.
- 2.46 The assessment of sports grounds therefore identifies what deficiencies exist (if any), in terms of the criteria set down in Policy RT.4 of the Local Plan. These may relate to land area, standard or quality of provision, or the distribution of facilities. Where deficiencies are identified, proposals for appropriate improvements are made.

#### **(vi) Contribution scales**

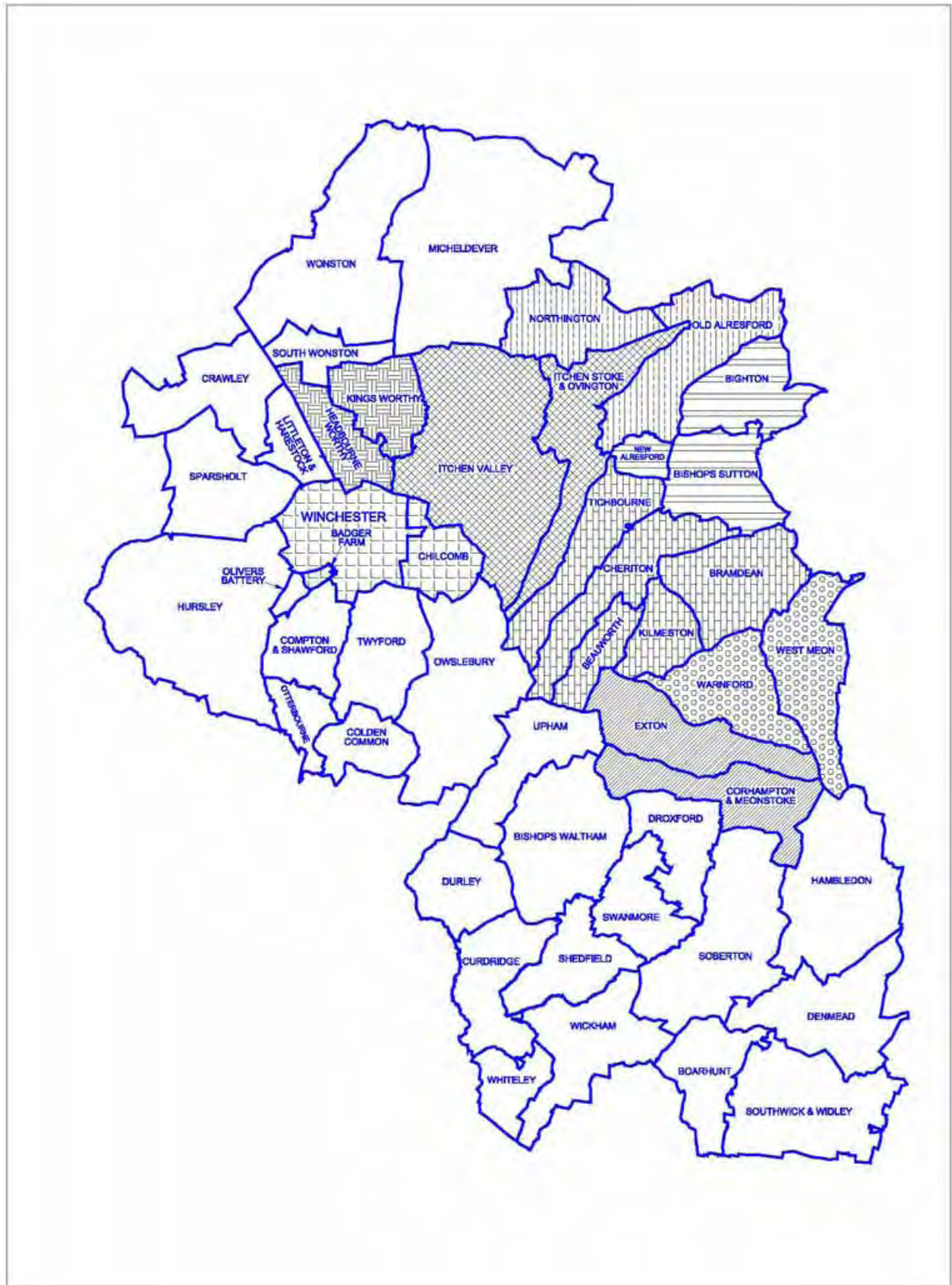
- 2.47 This section specifies which contribution scale (if any) is considered to be appropriate for new housing development in the area. The scales proposed are indicated separately for play and sports facilities, since different considerations apply, and the scale may in fact differ for each type of provision. The scales indicate an appropriate contribution level of A, B or 0.
- 2.48 Scale A is the higher scale, proposed for Parishes that have a shortfall of land in that type of provision.
- 2.49 Scale B is the lower scale, proposed where sufficient land exists for that type of recreation space, and there is scope for improvements to be undertaken on that land.
- 2.50 Scale 0 indicates that no contribution will be sought, as no deficiency is considered to exist at the present time, although this situation may change when the Strategy is reviewed.
- 2.51 The contribution scales proposed for the current year are published separately to this Strategy, setting out the amount of contribution that will be sought for each size of dwelling. They are based on the cost of implementing the required improvements, related to the size and nature of each housing development. They are reviewed annually in March, to ensure that they remain up-to-date and reflect the circumstances existing at the time.
- 2.52 If a developer is able to provide part of the play or sports ground requirement on-site, the amount of contribution sought for any off-site element (if required) will be calculated on a proportional basis.

## **The Role of the Parish Councils**

- 3.1 The Parish Councils, the Town Forum and the City Council's Environment and Sport and Recreation Teams have assisted with the provision of information for the detailed assessment included in this Strategy.
- 3.2 Together with the City Council, the Parish Councils are the main providers of facilities and therefore their commitment to the improvement of their recreation facilities is essential. The aim is to achieve the full provision of facilities to a good standard, quality and distribution throughout the District.
- 3.3 The City Council operates the Open Space Funding System to achieve this aim, and this Strategy forms an important part of that System.

## **Advice to Applicants**

- 4.1 Potential applicants for new residential development in the District should refer to the relevant schedule in this Strategy, to establish their responsibilities with regard to the provision of recreational space. This sets out a proposed contribution scale that will be sought in the relevant Parish or in Winchester, and how the contributions will be used to fund improvements to children's play areas or sports grounds in the area.
- 4.2 Applicants are advised to consult also the other two documents which support the Open Space Funding System. They are:
  - (i) The Technical Paper, which sets out the technical basis for the System. It explains in more detail how the open space requirement will be determined for each housing development, and how the Funding System is administered to achieve the appropriate improvements in the provision of recreational space.
  - (ii) The Guide to the Open Space Funding System, which explains in simple terms how the System operates, with sections directed particularly towards applicants for planning permission, who may need to use the System, and towards Parish Councils, as the providers of many of the facilities. It also includes a useful summary of how the System operates.



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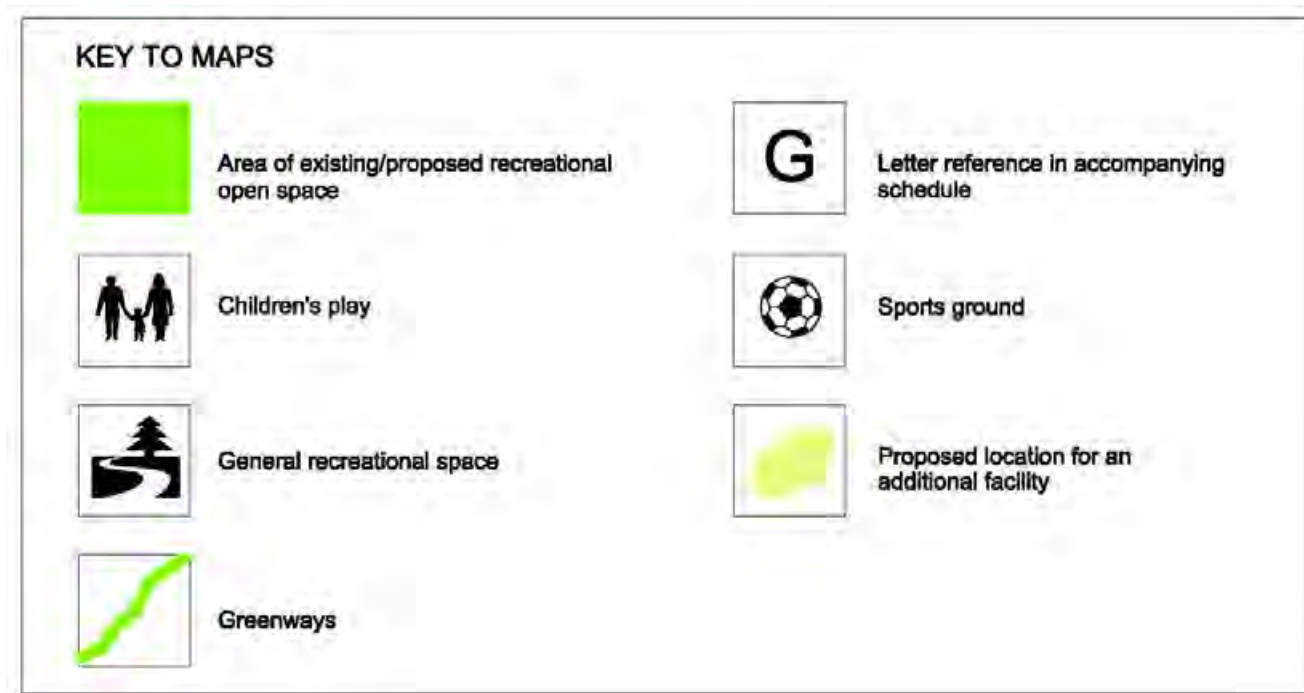
# SCHEDULES

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## NOTES

- ◆ Each schedule is accompanied by a map showing the location of each area of recreational open space, and the type of provision that exists there. These are cross-referenced in the relevant schedule.
  - ◆ Where there are no local facilities, the map includes the words “NO PROVISION”.
  - ◆ In some instances, an Inset Map is included, generally where proposals affect an area other than an existing recreational open space.
  - ◆ The maps are based on Ordnance Survey Maps, but they vary in scale according to the size of the settlements within each parish. The Winchester City schedule includes two maps, representing the northern and southern parts of the City.
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## KEY TO MAPS

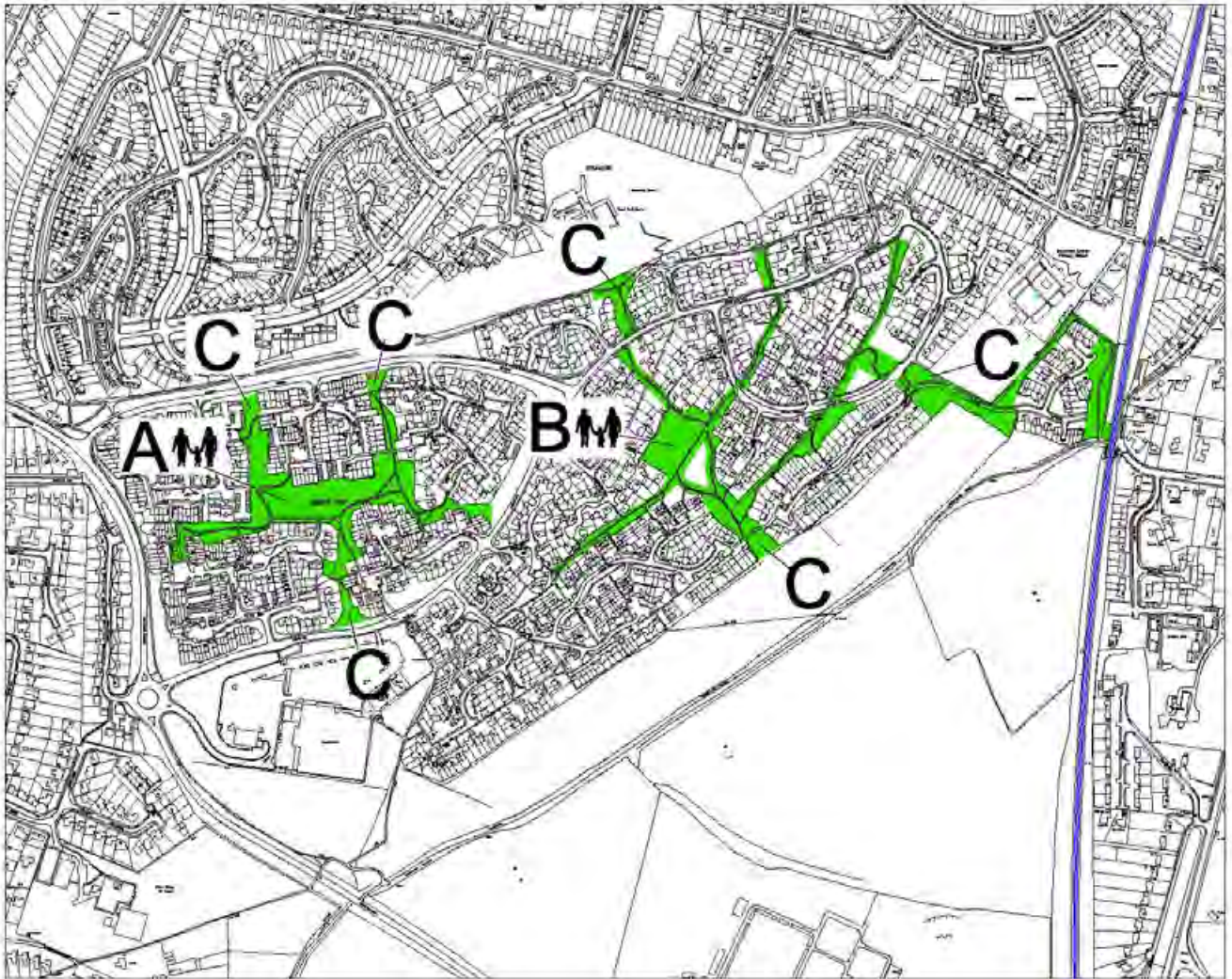


## KEY TO SCHEDULES

\* Play area containing an equipped play area

(E) Sports grounds within educational establishments

(P) Privately owned sports grounds for use by club members or employees



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**Description**

A large modern housing development on the edge of the urban area, within the Winchester policy boundary in the Local Plan Review. There has however been no new house building here for more than ten years.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:
A	Broad Chalke Down*	1.3	-
B	Lowden Close*	0.4	
			District Sports:
			-
General Use:			
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:
C	Greenways		Whiteshute Ridge

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

1.0

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	2.0	-	2.0	1.7	-0.3
Sports	4.1	1.0	3.1	0.0	-3.1

**Assessment of Play Areas**

A small deficiency of land exists for equipped and casual play, and there is insufficient equipment provided. Play areas should cater for a wider age group of children and young people. Both play areas should be refurbished, with additional equipment provided to bring them up to NEAP standard.

Deficiencies: Land, standard and quality

Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment and provision of additional equipment in both play areas to NEAP standard.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

No provision.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality.

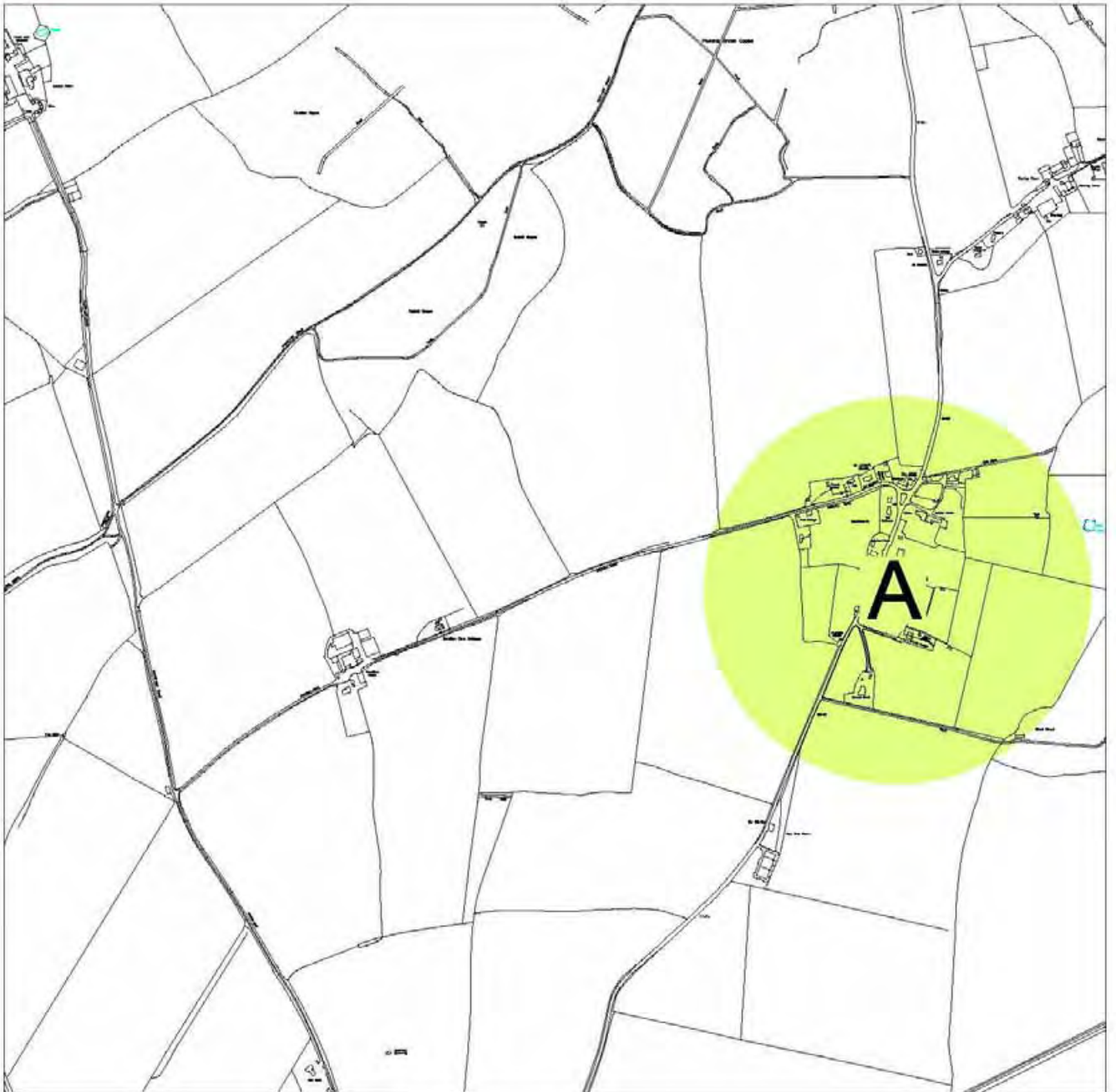
Improvements Proposed: Any funding will assist with the provision of a new area of sports ground to serve Winchester and the parishes on the southern side of the town.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A

For Sports Grounds: A





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**Description**

A small rural parish to the south of the A272, containing the hamlet of Beauworth. The entire parish lies within the AONB, and is designated as countryside in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:	Local Sports:
-	-
	District Sports:
	-
General Use:	
In the developed areas:	In the adjacent countryside:
-	South Downs Way (extension)

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.0

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.1	-	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Sports	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2

**Assessment of Play Areas**

No provision.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: The provision of a public children's play area to LEAP standard.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

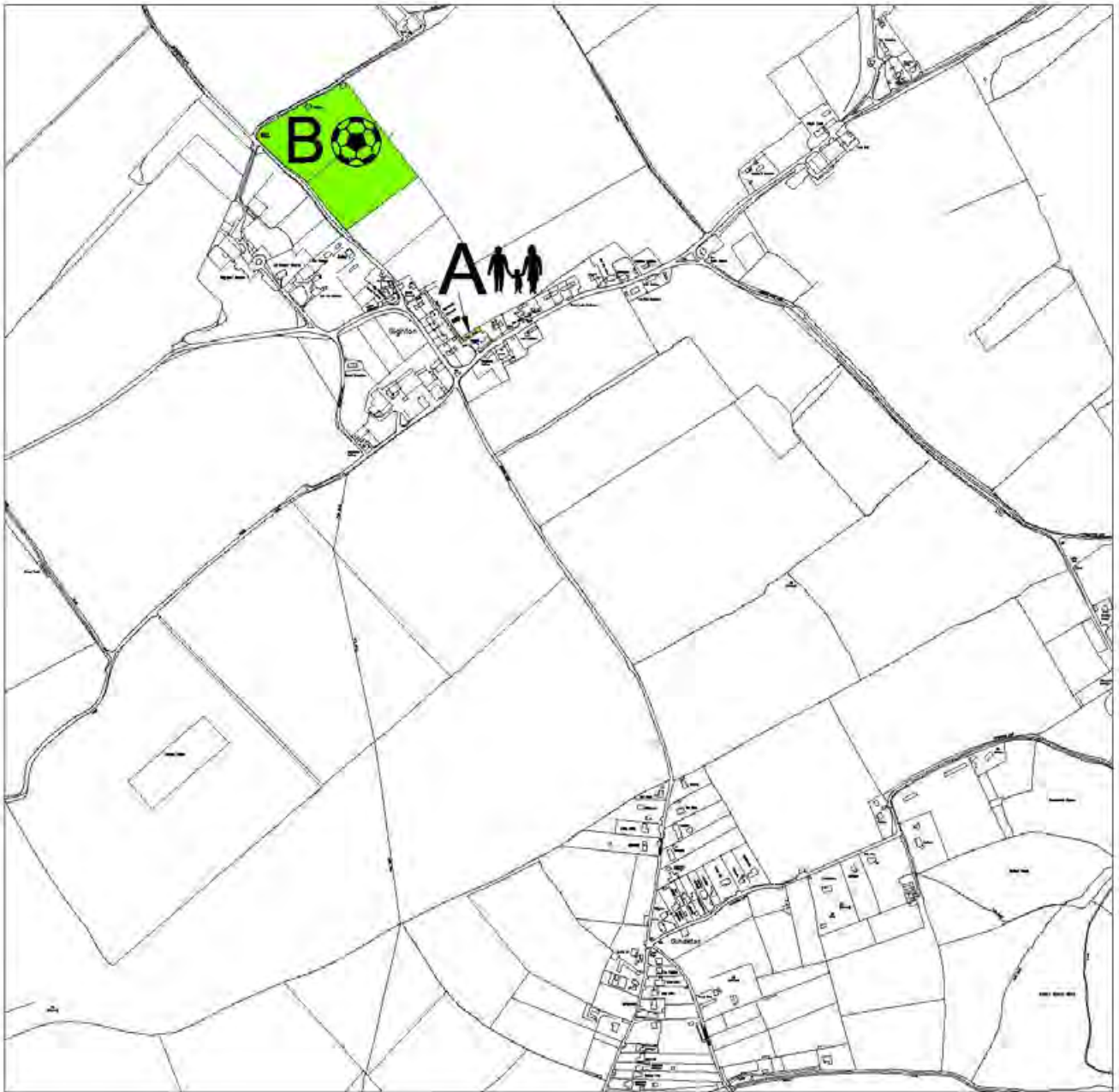
No provision. The parish would generally look to the facilities at Cheriton and Tichborne.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality and distribution. (Land sufficient when aggregated with other parishes).

Improvements Proposed: Assistance with the improvement of the sports ground at Cheriton, to serve the parishes of Beauworth, Bramdean, Cheriton, Kilmeston and Tichborne (see Cheriton Parish Schedule).

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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### Description

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A downland parish containing the villages of Bighton and Gundleton, but the entire parish is designated as countryside in the Local Plan Review.

### Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Dean Lane, Bighton*	0.2	B	Manor Farm field (P)
				3.5
			District Sports:	
				-
General Use:				
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:	
				-

### Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

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0.2

### Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.3	-	0.3	0.2	- 0.2
Sports	0.5	0.2	0.3	3.5	+3.2

### Assessment of Play Areas

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The parish has been under-provided with land for children's play space for many years. In this year however the play area at Bighton will be increased in size, with the equipment refurbished and additional items added to bring it up to LEAP standard. No play area exists in Gundleton, there should be a LEAP available there.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Extension and upgrading of play area in Bighton to LEAP status. Provision of a LEAP in Gundleton.

### Assessment of Sports Grounds

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The parish has a privately owned rugby/cricket pitch which meets league standard in terms of size, but it is in poor condition, with poor pavilion facilities. This facility currently serves New Alresford rugby teams. In turn, football pitches at New Alresford serve the parish of Bighton.

Deficiencies: Standard and quality.

Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment/replacement of pavilion, provision of car parking, and improvements to the quality of the pitch at Manor Farm field.

### Contribution Scale

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For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A medium-sized rural parish containing the village of Bishops Sutton, which has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:	Local Sports:
-	-
	District Sports:
	-
General Use:	
In the developed areas:	In the adjacent countryside:

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.2

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.3	-	0.3	0.0	-0.3
Sports	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.0	-0.5

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The village currently has no provision, having lost its former play area. However the Parish Council are currently looking for a replacement site. In the meantime it has been agreed that assistance can be given to neighbouring Bighton who are about to upgrade their play area.

Deficiencies:	Land, standard, quality.
Improvements Proposed:	Provision of a local children's play area to LEAP standard.

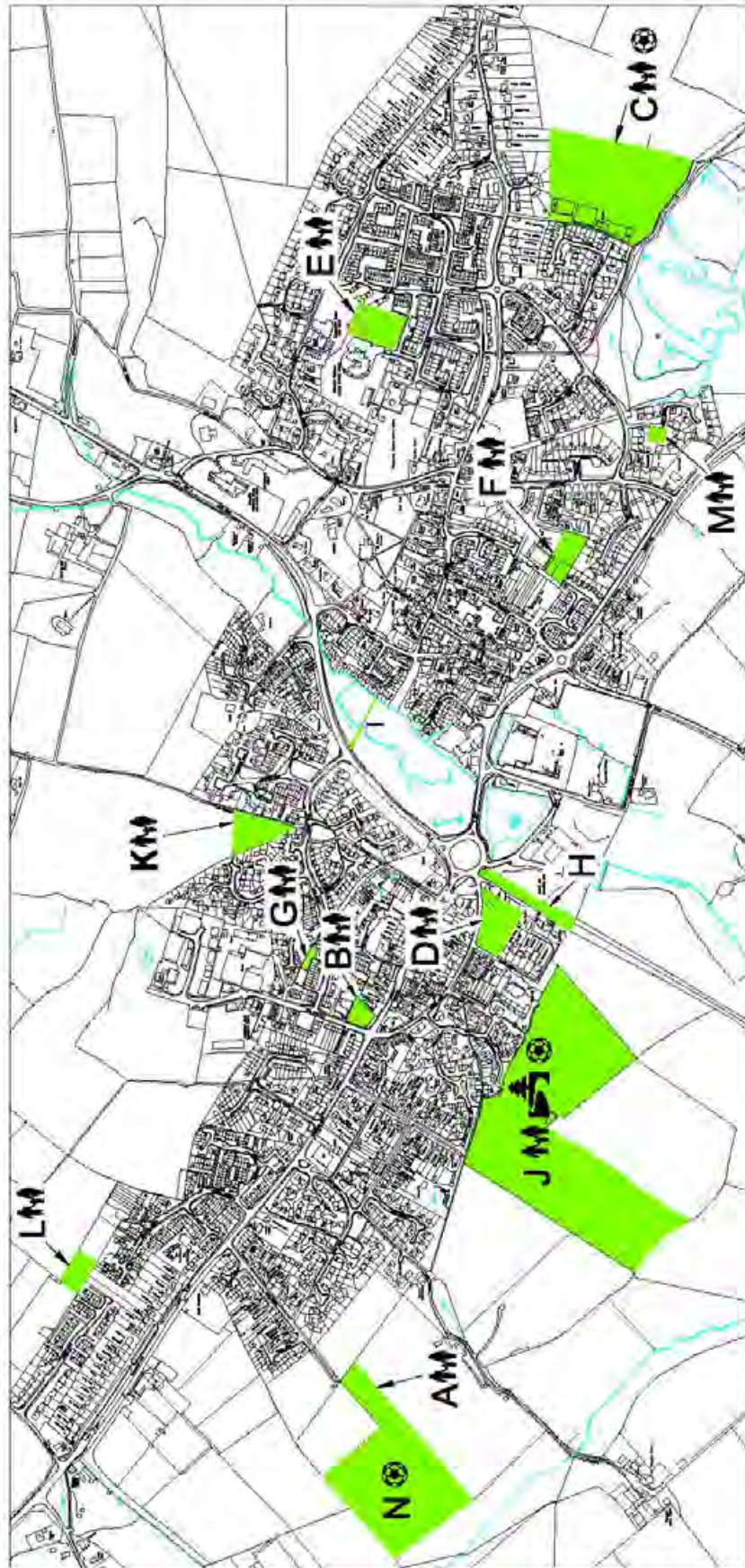
**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

No provision in the parish, but good accessibility to facilities in Winchester, New Alresford and the Manor Farm Field in Bighton.

Deficiencies:	Standard, quality (land sufficient when aggregated with New Alresford and Bighton).
Improvements Proposed:	Assistance with pitch improvements and refurbishment/replacement of the pavilion at the Manor Farm Field, Bighton.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	B
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**Description**

The Parish comprises the main settlement of Bishops Waltham, and a number of smaller groups of dwellings at Beeches Hill, Dean, Ashton and Hoe. The main built-up area falls within the Bishops Waltham policy boundary in the Local Plan Review and the central area has a Conservation Area. The settlement adjoins the Bishops Waltham/Swanmore/Waltham Chase/Shedfield/Shirrell Heath Local Gap to the east.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:		Local Sports:		
A	Albany Road	0.4	C Hoe Road	3.6
B	Claylands Road*	0.1	J Priors Park	5.3
C	Hoe Road*	0.2	N Albany Road Cricket Ground	3.4
D	Victoria Road	0.5		
E	Oak Road*	0.5		
F	Jubilee Hall*	0.3	District Sports:	
G	Blanchard Road*	0.1	-	
J	Priors Park*	2.9		
K	Pondside	0.5		
L	Hermitage Heights*	0.5		
M	Godfrey Pink Way*	0.1		

**General Use:**

In the developed areas:

- H Railway footpath
- I Bridge at North Pond
- J Priors Park

In the adjacent countryside:

- Priors Park
- Land adjacent to the Moors
- Dundridge Meadow

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

2.8

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	5.5	-	5.5	6.1	+0.6
Sports	11.0	2.8	8.2	12.3	+4.1

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There are a number of play areas within Bishops Waltham, but some housing areas have poor access to facilities, particularly the northern part of the town. Land at Pondside is therefore reserved for this purpose in the current Local Plan and the Local Plan Review. NEAPs exist at Priors Park and Claylands Road, but none on the eastern side of the town. Most of the other play areas require improvements to bring them up to LEAP standard, and many require refurbishment. The Parish Council are however engaged in a programme of improvements which includes provision for teenagers.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Claylands Road: upgrade play equipment. Victoria Road: upgrade BMX track & install play equipment. Jubilee Hall: build new LEAP, improve kick about. Blanchard Road: Re-equip play area. Priors Park: new LEAP and NEAP, complete skatepark landscaping. Pondside: Provide new equipped LEAP and casual play space on land reserved at Pondside (Area K). Hermitage Heights: upgrade fencing.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The main sports ground areas are at Priors Park and Hoe Road, which are both generally up to standard, although there is still a need for some improvements in both areas. The pavilion at Hoe Road requires refurbishment and improved changing facilities and the pitches and tennis courts require further improvement.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

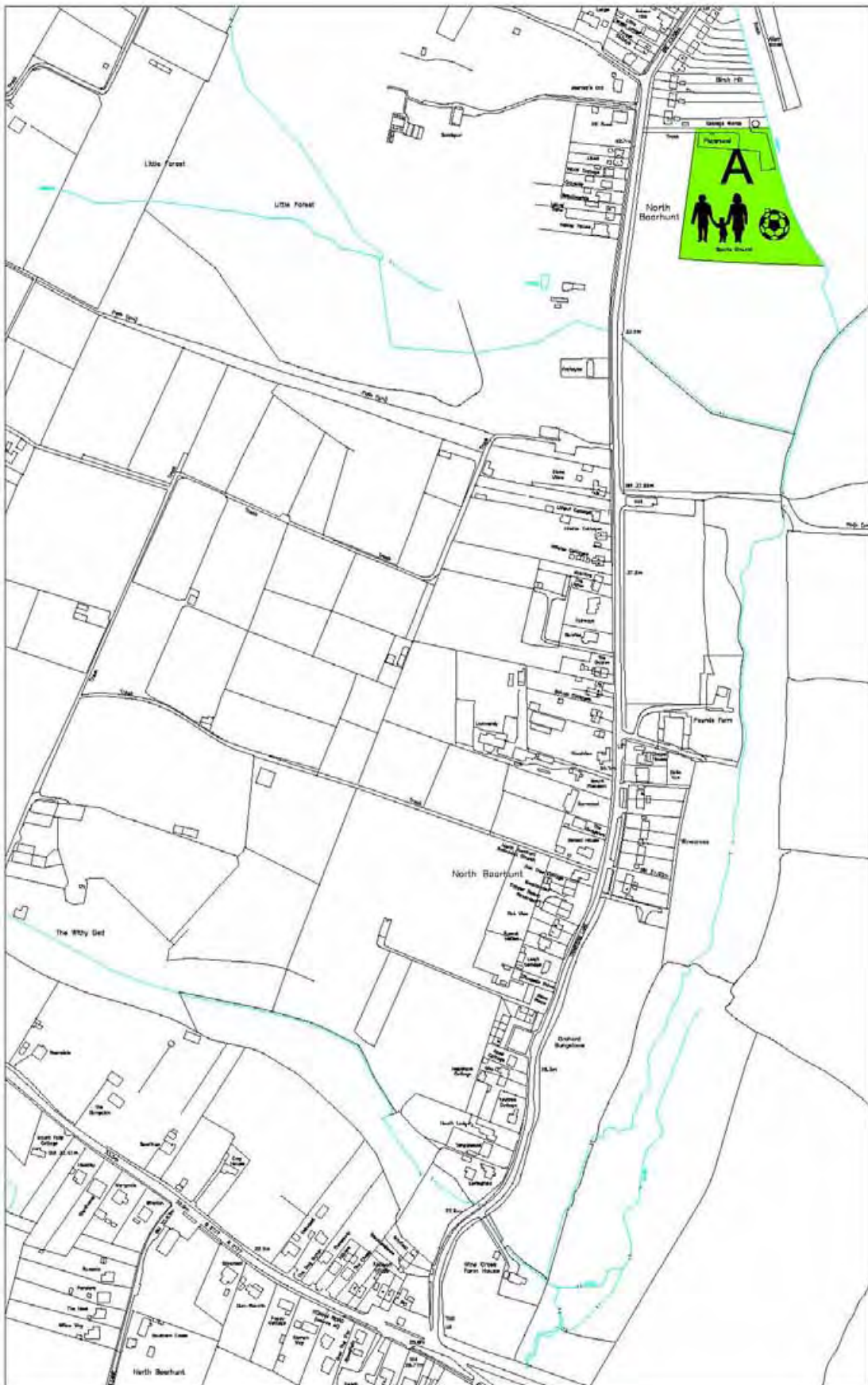
Improvements Proposed: Hoe Road: repair pavilion, improve changing facilities, tennis courts and football pitches. Priors Park: provide rugby pitch & facilities, storage for sports equipment, new tennis courts and an area for petanque. Improve pavilion, changing facilities and drainage to football pitches. Extend car park at Bowling Club entrance. Repair emergency access. Build a MUGA.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B





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### Description

A rural parish containing the main linear settlement of North Boarhunt, running along Trampers Lane and the B2177. It has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

### Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Trampers Lane Recreation Ground*	0.3	A	Trampers Lane Recreation Ground	0.9
			District Sports:	-	
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
-			West Walk		

### Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

0.2

### Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.4	-	0.4	0.3	- 0.1
Sports	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.8	+0.2

### Assessment of Play Areas

The village is divided by the B2177, and there is no play provision to the south of this busy road. There is however a LEAP on the recreation ground. But more land for children's play is still required.

Deficiencies:	Land, standard, quality and distribution.
Improvements Proposed:	Provision of skatepark equipment. Provision of a new play area (LEAP) to the south of the B2177. Improvements to the LEAP at the recreation ground.

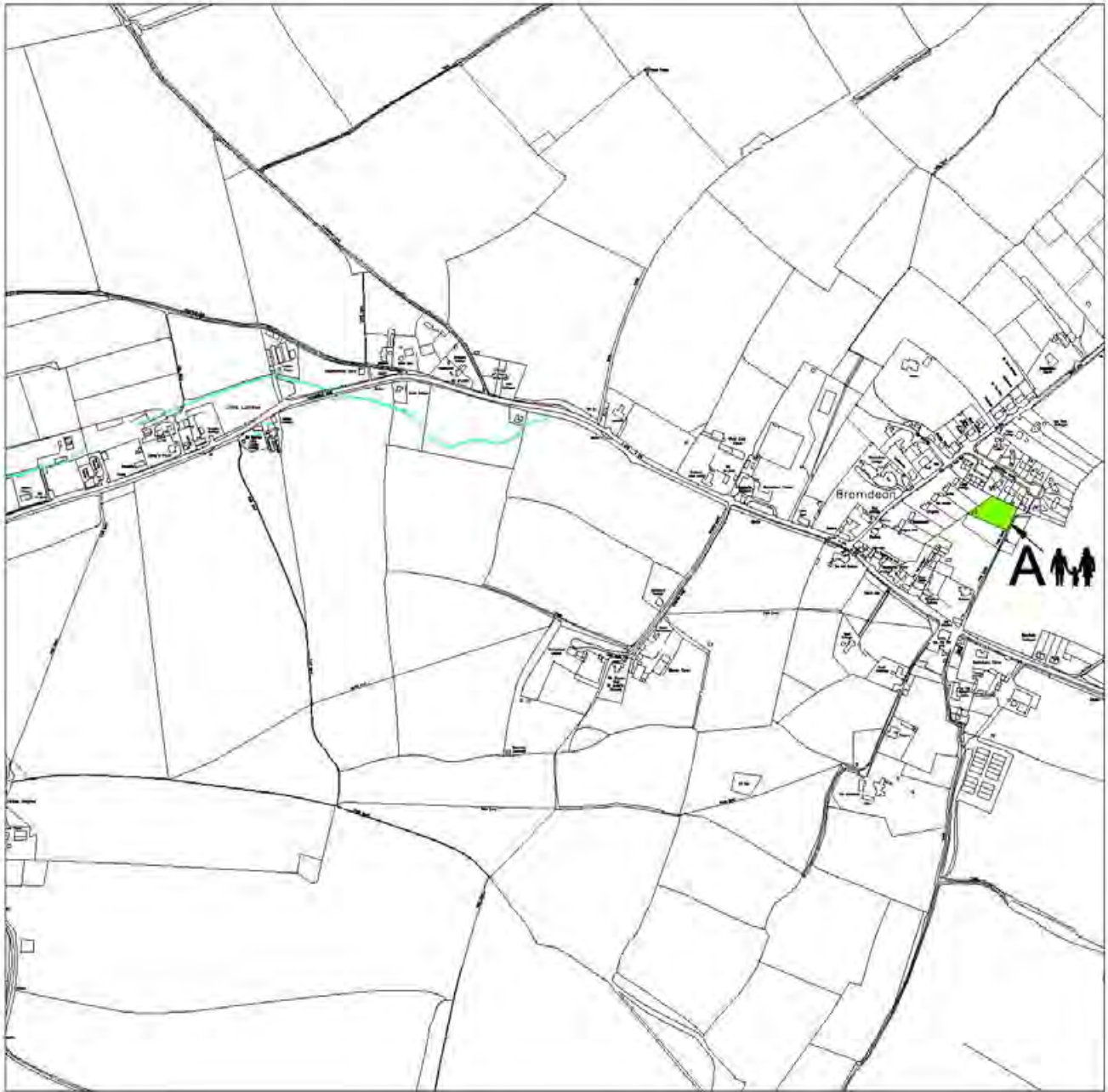
### Assessment of Sports Grounds

There is adequate land available at Trampers Lane Recreation Ground. The size of the football pitch meets the league standard but the facilities in the small pavilion are inadequate.

Deficiencies:	Standard, quality.
Improvements Proposed:	Re-building the sport changing facilities as part of a new pavilion/village hall.

### Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	B
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### Description

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A medium-sized rural parish within the AONB, with the main settlement astride the A272. It has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

### Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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Play:			Local Sports:
A	Jubilee Recreation Ground*	0.2	-
			District Sports:
			-
General Use:			In the adjacent countryside:
In the developed areas:			Wayfarers' Walk
			Bramdean Common
-			

### Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

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0.2

### Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.4	-	0.4	0.2	-0.2
Sports	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.0	-0.7

### Assessment of Play Areas

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The parish has one small play area that has recently been re-furnished and extended but there continues to be a shortage of land for children's play for the size of the parish population. Some improvements are still required to the play area.

Deficiencies: Land, standard and quality.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of outdoor tennis table.

### Assessment of Sports Grounds

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No provision. The parish would generally look to Cheriton and Tichborne for sports facilities (see page 10).

Deficiencies: Land, standard (Land sufficient when aggregated with Beauworth, Cheriton, Kilmeston and Tichborne, but the standard remains deficient).

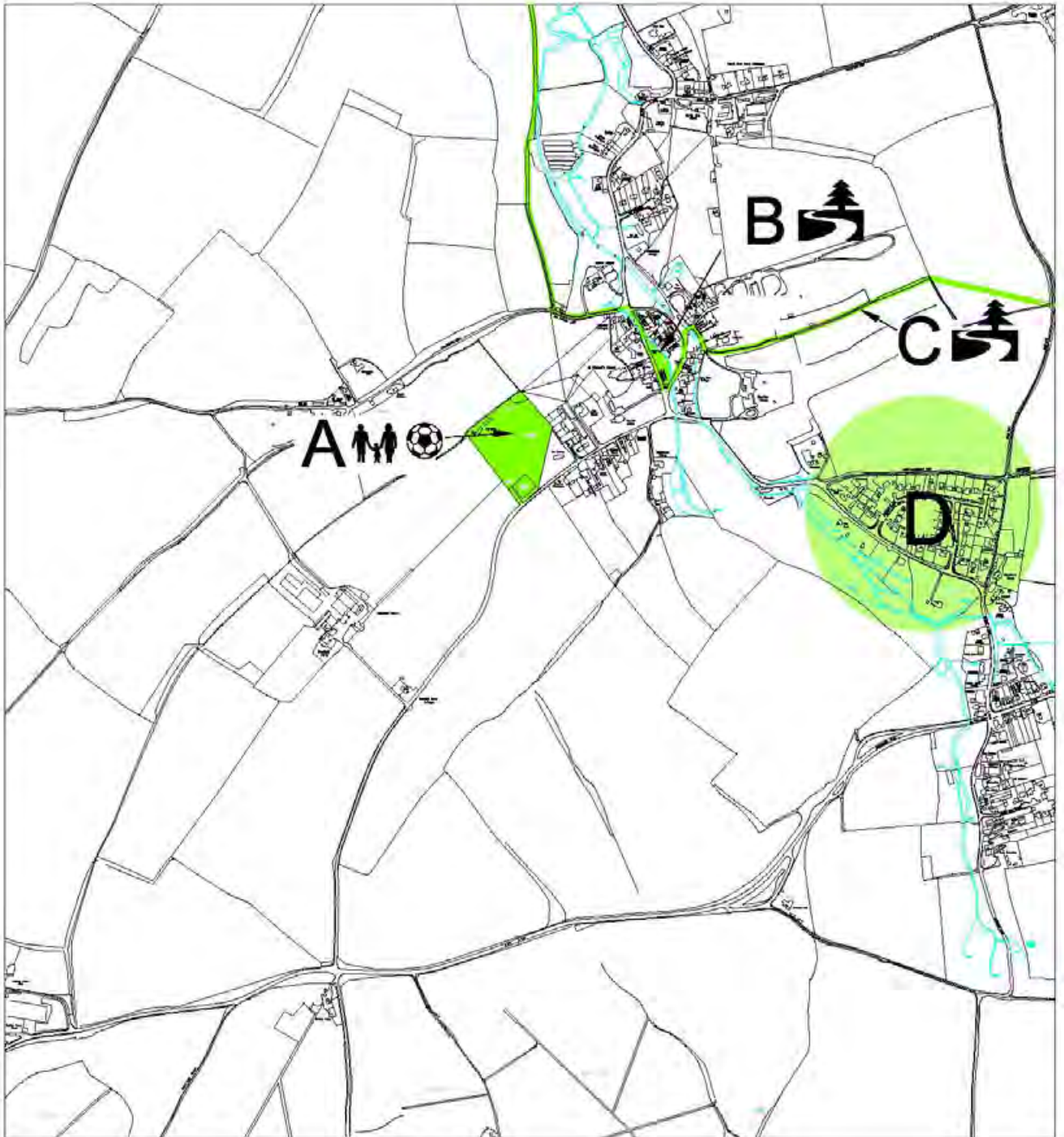
Improvements Proposed: Assistance with improvements to the facilities at Cheriton to serve Beauworth, Bramdean, Cheriton, Kilmeston and Tichborne (see Cheriton Parish Schedule).

### Contribution Scale

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For Play Areas: A

For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A downland parish, much of which is within the AONB, containing the historic village of Cheriton, with its Conservation Area, and the newer area of New Cheriton and Hinton Marsh astride the A272. Only Cheriton has a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Cheriton Recreation Ground*	0.5	A	Cheriton Recreation Ground	1.2
			District Sports:	-	
General Use:			In the adjacent		
In the developed areas:			countryside:		
B	Village Green				
C	Wayfarers Walk				

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.6	-	0.6	0.5	-0.1
Sports	1.0	0.3	0.7	1.2	+0.5

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The main play area at the recreation ground was refurbished in 2004-2005 and now includes a good range of equipment to NEAP standard though it would benefit from additional facilities. New Cheriton and Hinton Marsh however are some distance from the facility and have no local play provision. A new play area to LEAP standard should be provided there. The Freemans Yard development will provide some additional public play space.

Deficiencies: Quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a new play area to LEAP standard at New Cheriton and Hinton Marsh (Area D). Improvements to the main play area at the recreation ground.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

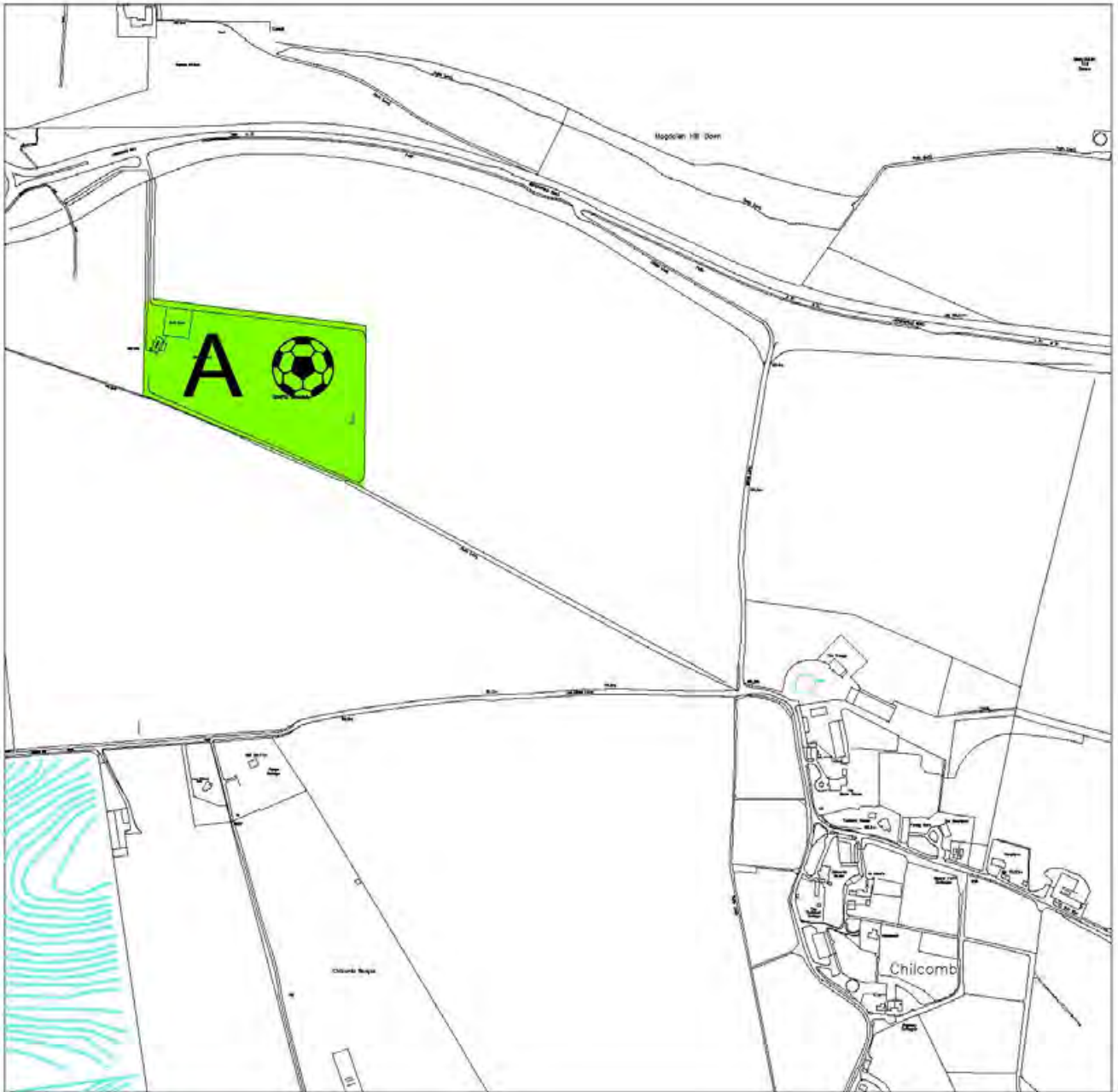
The sports grounds at the main recreation ground are generally in good condition but the football pitch needs to be brought up to league standard. Car parking is inadequate and the pavilion needs to be replaced. Sports facilities in Cheriton also serve Kilmeston, Beauworth, Bramdean and Tichborne.

Deficiencies: Standard and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: New pavilion and improvements to sports facilities and car parking area at Cheriton Recreation Ground to meet the needs of Beauworth, Bramdean, Cheriton, Kilmeston and Tichborne.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

The hamlet of Chilcomb lies to the east of Winchester within the AONB. It has little growth potential as it is designated as countryside in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:	Local Sports:
-	-
	District Sports:
	A Hampshire County Council Sports Ground (P) 2.6
General Use:	In the adjacent countryside:
In the developed areas:	
-	Magdalen Hill Down
	Chilcomb Down
	Deacon Hill

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.1

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.1	-	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Sports	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1

**Assessment of Play Areas**

No provision.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a local children's play area to LEAP standard.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The only sports grounds available in the parish are those provided by Hampshire County Council for the use of their employees. Although of benefit to the District generally, they are currently not specifically used by the Parish. Hampshire County Council has indicated that it may be amenable to such improvements being made however and the disused tennis courts could be brought into public use. In the meantime, residents look towards the facilities in Winchester, which are currently deficient in area.

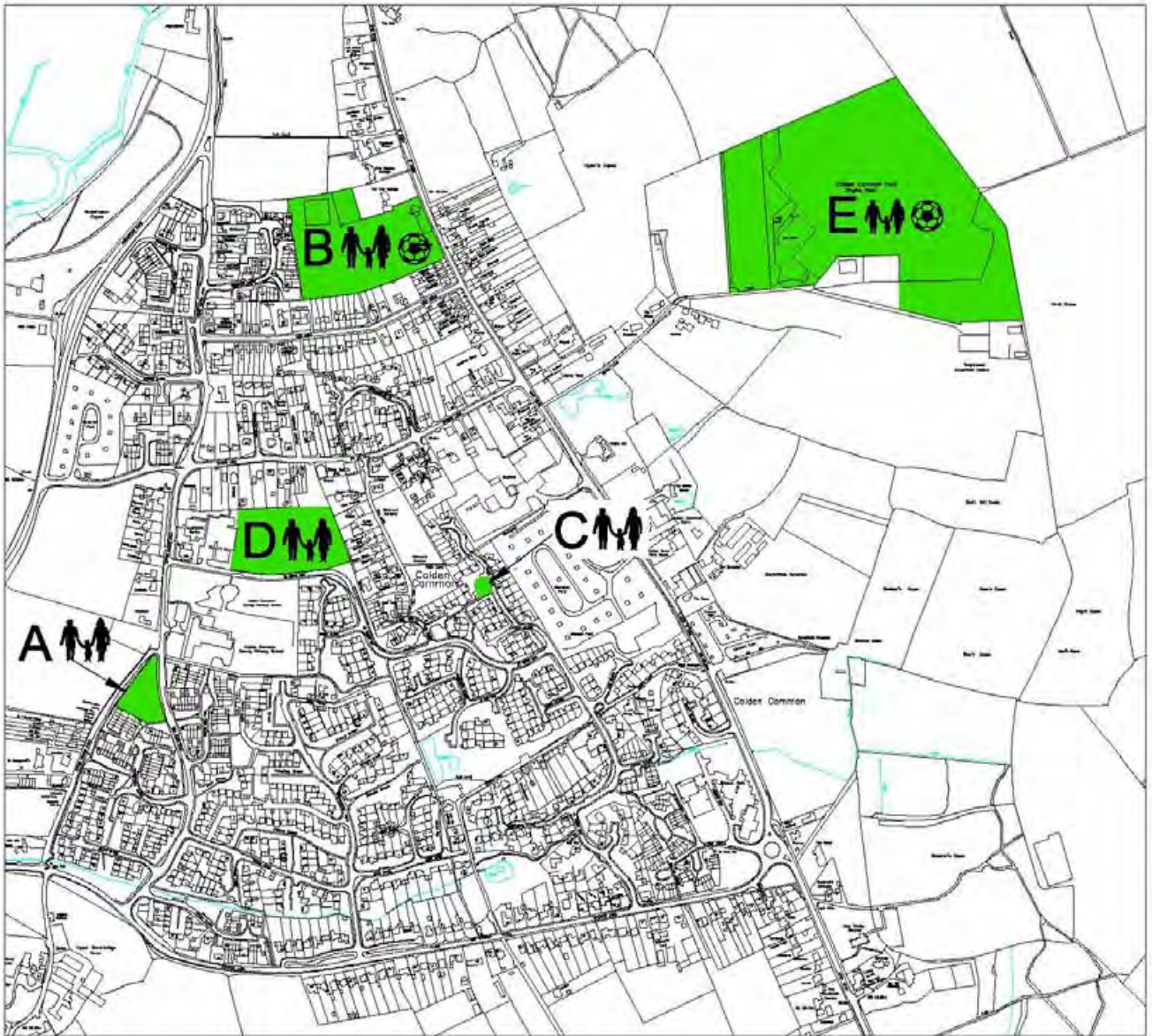
Deficiencies: Land for public use.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrading of disused HCC tennis courts. Assistance with the provision of new athletics facilities at Bar End, or with improvements to the North Walls or Bar End playing field areas (see Winchester City schedule).

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: A





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**Description**

A large village to the south of Winchester, with a substantial amount of recent housing development. The village has a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Tees Farm ("The Triangle")*	0.4	B	Recreation Ground	1.6
B	Recreation Ground*	0.4	E	Colden Common Park	6.0
C	Hazel Close	0.1			
D	Land East of Community Centre "The Green"	1.7	District Sports:		
E	Colden Common Park*	1.0			

General Use:

In the developed areas:

Church Pond

Greenways within village

In the adjacent countryside:

Bluebell Wood

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

1.6

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	3.0	-	3.0	3.6	+0.6
Sports	6.1	1.6	4.5	7.6	+3.1

**Assessment of Play Areas**

Adequate land exists for children's play, but inadequate equipment is provided. LEAPs exist at Tees Farm (The Triangle), the main recreation ground and at Colden Common Park, but the latter two should both be upgraded to NEAPs.

Deficiencies: Standard and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Additional items of fencing, lighting, equipment and surfacing to upgrade the play areas at the main recreation ground, and Colden Common Park to NEAP status. Upgrade skatepark.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

There are sports grounds of a good standard at the main recreation ground and at Colden Common Park.

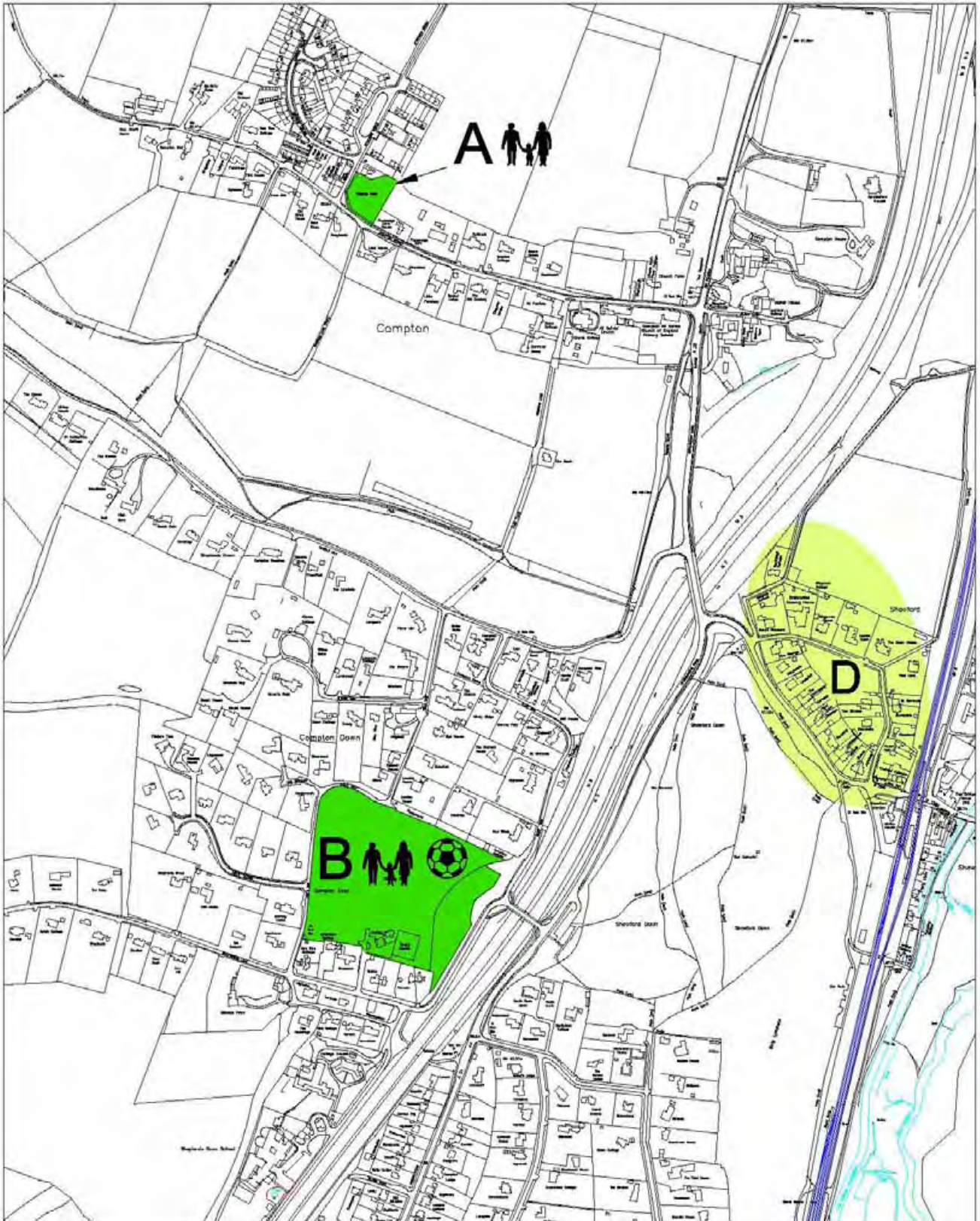
Deficiencies: Quality.

Improvements Proposed: Colden Common Park: new cricket net mats, new building for Bowling Green, resurfacing of tennis courts.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

The parish adjoins the southern boundary of Winchester and contains four villages - Compton Street, Shawford, Compton Down and Southdown. Compton Down and Southdown are contained within defined policy boundaries in the Local Plan Review. The villages are physically divided by the A33 and the M3, and Compton Street has a Conservation Area. The Winchester/Compton Street Local Gap extends south of Winchester to Compton Street in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Compton Street*	0.4	B	Memorial Playing Field	3.0
B	Memorial Playing Field*	1.0			
			District Sports:		
				-	
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
			Shawford Down		
			Compton Down		
			Railway Line Footpath		
			Riverside Walk		
			Shawford Knoll		

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.7

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.3	-	1.3	1.4	+0.1
Sports	2.6	0.7	1.9	3.6	+1.7

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There is adequate land for children's play, but it is all on the western side of the Parish, with Shawford and Southdown separated from the provision by major roads. The play area at the Memorial Playing Field has recently been refurbished, but should still be extended to NEAP status. The play area in Compton Street has also recently been refurbished to LEAP standard but requires additional equipment.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrade play area at main recreation ground to NEAP status. Provide new play area to the east of the M3 at Shawford. (Area D). Additional equipment at Compton Street play area.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The pavilion was in poor condition and a replacement pavilion has recently been completed using money from the Fund. Further improvements to the pavilion car park and the Memorial Playing Field are required and major earth works required to the Memorial Playing Fields.

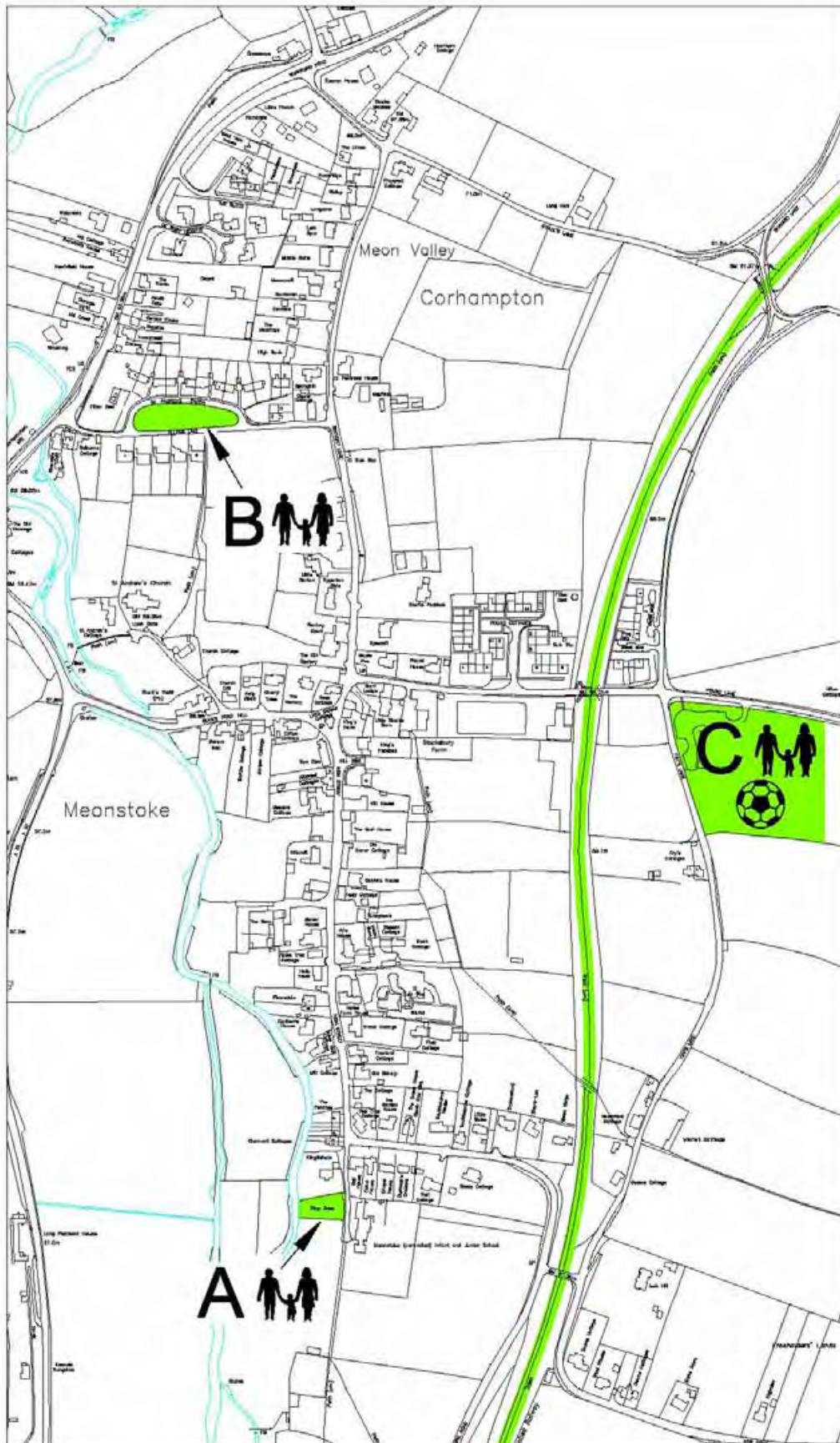
Deficiencies: Standard and quality.

Improvements Proposed: Provide improvements to the football pitch at the Memorial Playing Field.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A parish entirely within the AONB containing the villages of Corhampton and Meonstoke. The southern part of Corhampton and the whole of Meonstoke lie within a Conservation Area. Corhampton has a defined policy boundary in the District Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Opposite Meonstoke Infant School*	0.1	C	Pound Lane Recreation Ground 1.0
B	St Andrew's Green	0.2		
C	Pound Lane Recreation Ground	0.2	District Sports:	
			-	

General Use:	
In the developed areas:	In the adjacent countryside:
-	Footpath Network
	Meon Valley Bridleway

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.6	-	0.6	0.5	-0.1
Sports	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.0	+0.2

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There is a small deficiency for children's play but the parish plan to acquire additional land. The only equipped play area opposite the school has recently been upgraded to NEAP standard with help from the Open Space Fund but this requires further improvements to fencing, paths, seats, safety surfaces and equipment. A multi-use games area and skate ramp is situated at Pound Lane Recreation Ground.

Deficiencies:	Land, standard and quality.
Improvements Proposed:	Extension and improvements to the play and sport facilities at Pound Lane Recreation Ground. New facilities at St Andrews Green. Further improvements to the playground.

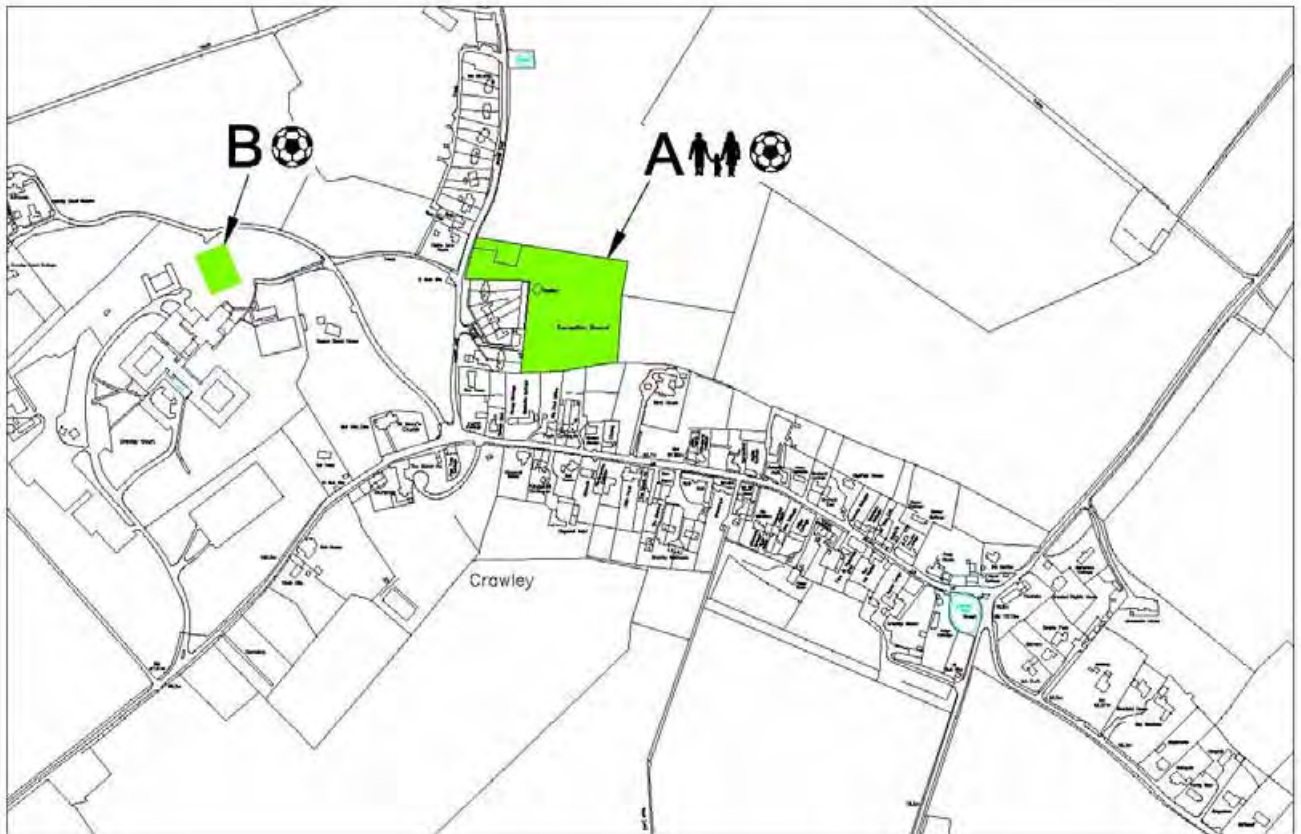
**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The sports grounds also meet the needs of Exton Parish. This would require a small amount of additional land which would most appropriately be met by extending the facilities at the Pound Lane Recreation Ground.

Deficiencies:	Standard, quality (Land is also deficient when aggregated with Exton parish).
Improvements Proposed:	Extension of the Pound Lane Recreation Ground to provide additional sports grounds and non-pitch sports facilities, together with improvements to the existing facilities including renovation/replacement of Meon Hall changing rooms. New facilities at St Andrews Green.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	A
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**Description**

A Parish to the north of Winchester containing the attractive village of Crawley, which has a Conservation Area. The village has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	George Phillipi Memorial Sports Ground*	0.4	A	George Phillipi Memorial Sports Ground	1.2
			District Sports:		
			B	Crawley Court Tennis Courts (P)	0.1
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
			Chilbolton Down		

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.2

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.3	-	0.3	0.4	+0.1
Sports	0.6	0.2	0.4	1.3	+0.9

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The Parish has a play area to NEAP standard, which requires some renovation including better fencing and new equipment. A basketball court has recently been funded adjacent to the play area.

Deficiencies:	Quality
Improvements Proposed:	New fencing/gates and new play equipment at NEAP at George Phillipi Memorial Sports Ground.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The Parish has access to the main sports ground, which accommodates a cricket pitch of reasonable quality. However the pavilion is sub standard.

Deficiencies:	Standard.
Improvements Proposed:	Improvements to the cricket pavilion.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas:	B	For Sports Grounds:	B
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**Description**

The Parish is rural in character, containing the dispersed village of Curdridge, which has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Recreation Ground*	1.6	A	Recreation Ground 2.5
			B	Allotment Recreation Ground 1.2
			District Sports:	-

General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.6

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.1	-	1.1	1.6	+0.5
Sports	2.1	0.6	1.5	3.7	+2.2

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The recreation ground, which accommodates a LEAP and area for casual play, has now been extended with the addition of the neighbouring field to the south. This will accommodate further play facilities in due course. Major roads subdivide the parish and therefore it would benefit from additional well distributed play areas elsewhere, however the site on Gordon Road is not available at present.

Deficiencies: Quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of additional facilities on the new extension to the recreation ground. LEAPs to the north of the Botley Road, south of Kitnocks Hill and to the north of Curdridge Firs.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

A new junior football pitch has been laid out at the Old Allotments and has been available for one playing season. However it now requires changing facilities and improved land drainage. Further land for sport will become available on the new extension to the recreation ground in due course. The Recreation Ground cricket pitch requires drainage improvements.

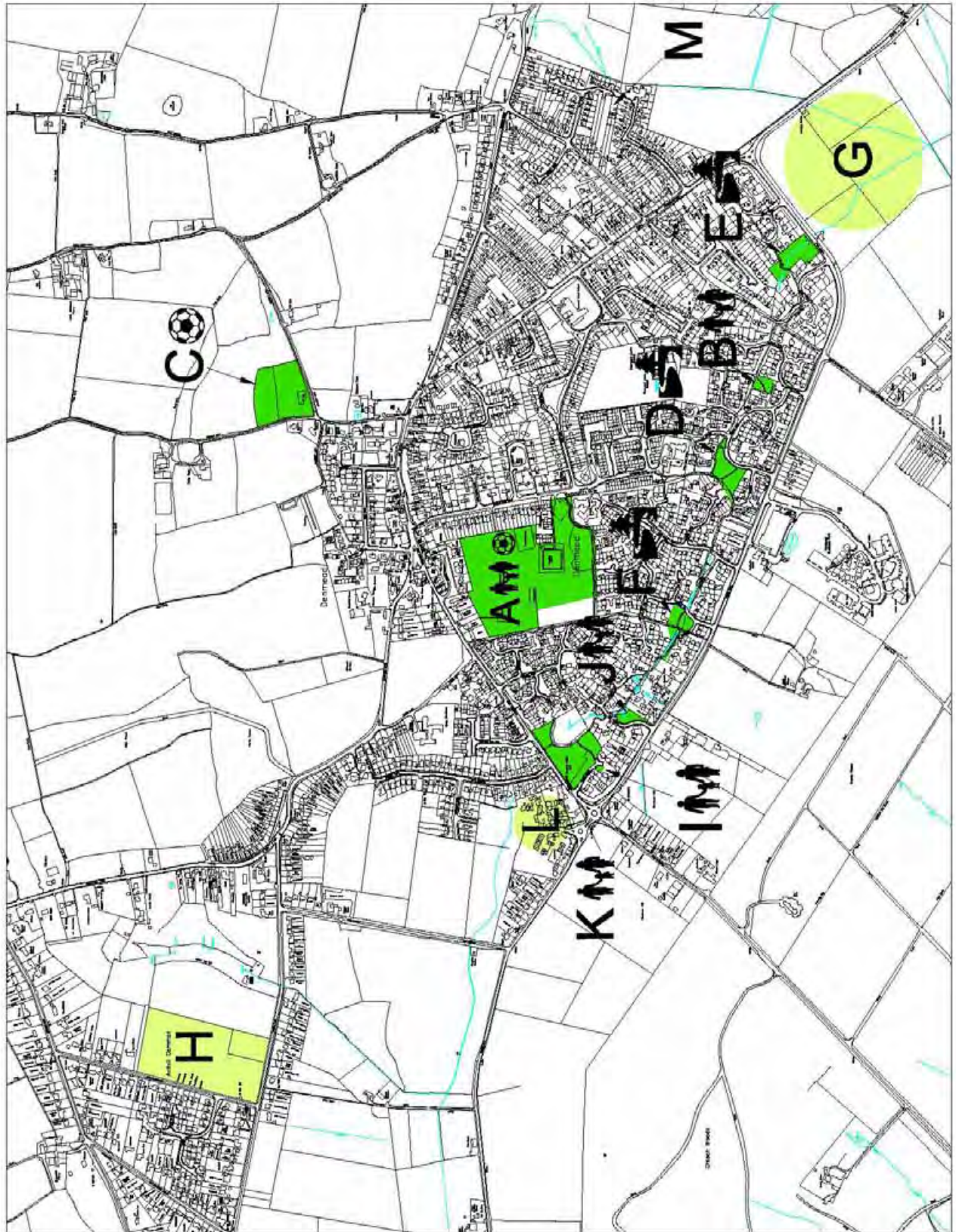
Deficiencies: Quality, standard.

Improvements Proposed: Changing facilities and drainage improvements at the Allotment Recreation Ground. New facilities on the Recreation Ground extension. Improvements to the pitches at the Recreation Ground. Other drainage improvements and tree work.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

The Parish contains the expanded village of Denmead. The older part of the village straddles the B2150, focusing on the village centre, with the lower density housing areas to the west. The recent housing development has taken place in the southern part of the village with Denmead and Anthill Common both contained within a policy boundary in the Local Plan Review.

The village is separated from the larger urban area of Waterlooville to the east by an area of countryside which has been designated as a Local Gap in the Local Plan Review, extending eastwards from the edge of the village to Waterlooville and the edge of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area. The parish will accommodate a part of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area for which land is identified in the Local Plan Review. The MDA is, however, expected to meet its own needs for recreational space within the development.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Ashling Park Play Areas*	1.3	A	King George V Field 'Ashling Park'	2.8
B	The Barn*	0.1	C	Kidmore Field (P)	0.5
I	Roman Green	0.1			
J	Creech View*	0.1	District Sports:		
K	Hatchmore Road	0.8	-		
M	Mill Close	0.03			
N	Geranium Nurseries	0.03			
P	Ashling Gardens	0.03			
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
D	Wayfarers Green	0.4	Wayfarers Walk		
E	Bridge Green	0.4	Creech Wood East		
F	The Liberty	0.2			

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

2.8

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	5.3	-	5.3	2.5	-2.8
Sports	10.6	2.8	7.8	3.3	-4.5

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There is a substantial shortfall of land for children's play, and a need for additional play facilities to serve the village.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment of the Barn play area and revised parking arrangement. Improved safety surface at Creech View. Further teen facilities.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

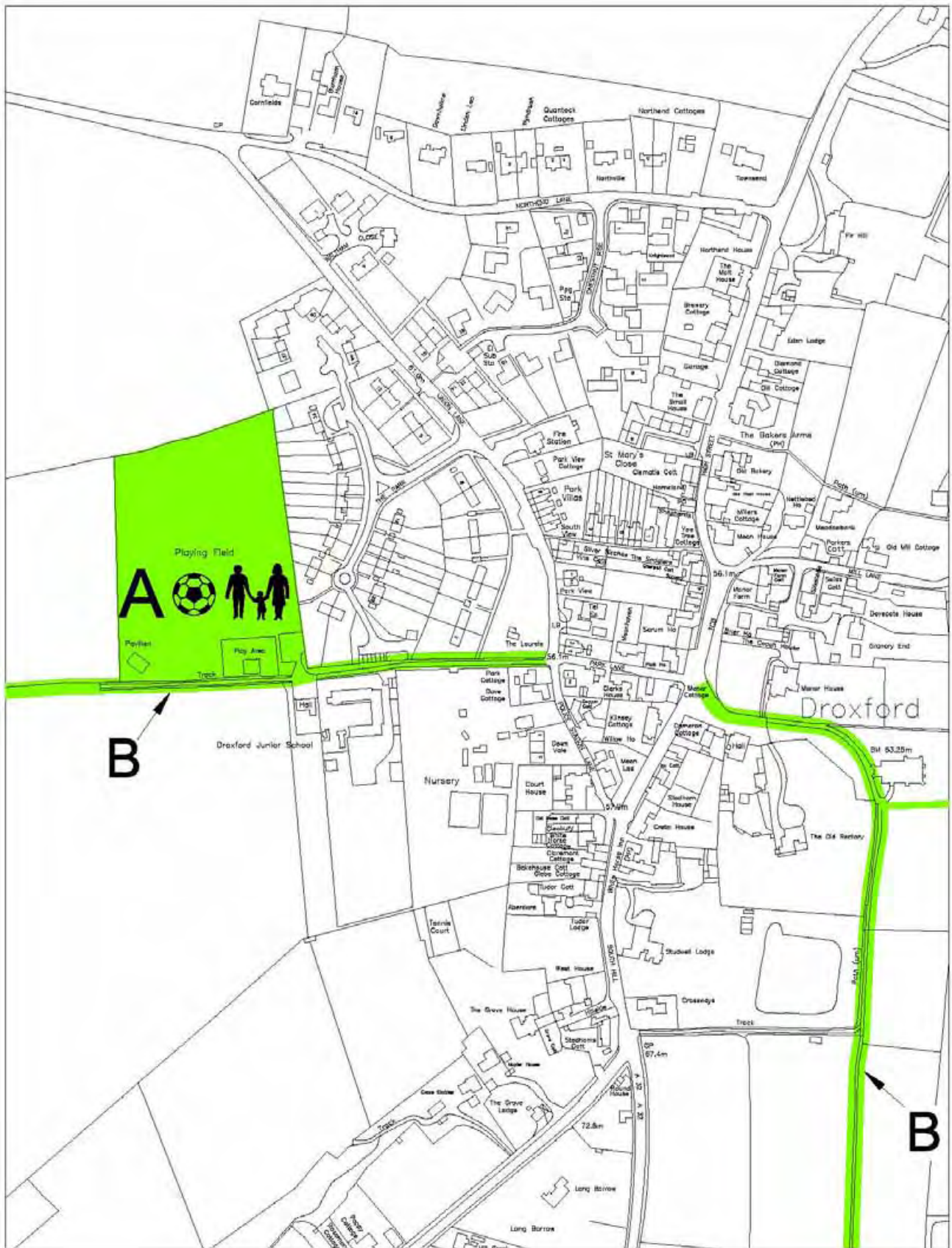
There is a substantial shortfall of sports grounds. In particular, there is a strong demand for additional football pitches. The Local Plan Review reserves land in areas G and H for this purpose.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to Ashling Park recreation ground, including paths, gates, drainage improvements and car park improvements. Improvements to the cricket facilities.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: A



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**Description**

A rural parish in the AONB, with the village of Droxford the main settlement. The village straddles the A32, and the older part is within a Conservation Area. It has a policy boundary status in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Main Recreation Ground*	0.5	A	Main Recreation Ground
				1.3
			District Sports:	
				-
General Use:				
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:	
B	Wayfarers Walk		Meon Valley Bridleway	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.5	-	0.5	0.5	=
Sports	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.3	+0.5

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There is sufficient land for children's playspace, but the only play area is at the main recreation ground on the western edge of the village. This has recently been refurbished, but it should have additional items to bring it up to NEAP standard, including some provision for teenagers. A skatepark is being planned for this financial year. The village is divided by the main A32, and there is no play provision to the east of this busy road.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrading of play area to NEAP standard, including provision for teenagers.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

There is adequate land available at the main recreation ground and the pavilion has recently been refurbished and re-clad. More provision should be made for teenagers.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: A new tennis wall. Facilities for teenagers at main recreation ground (see above).

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A dispersed village with four main developed areas separated by areas of countryside, and the former sawmill site has been developed for housing, business and recreational uses. The village has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Recreation Ground*	0.3	A	Recreation Ground
B	The Sawmills*	0.4		1.3
			District Sports:	
				-

**General Use:**

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

Retained woodland on the sawmill site.

Public footpaths

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.4

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.8	-	0.8	0.8	=
Sports	1.5	0.4	1.1	1.3	+0.2

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There are two LEAPS in the village, one on the former Saw Mill development and one at the recreation ground. The facilities at the recreation ground have recently been extended with the implementation of a multi-use-games-area but the play area now requires refurbishment. The Sawmills play area requires drainage work, some resurfacing and better fencing.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Play area refurbishment at Recreation Ground. New fencing, surfacing and drainage to Sawmills play area.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The main sports ground area at the recreation ground has adequate land to serve the Parish, and currently accommodates a football pitch and a pavilion. The pavilion has recently been refurbished and enlarged.

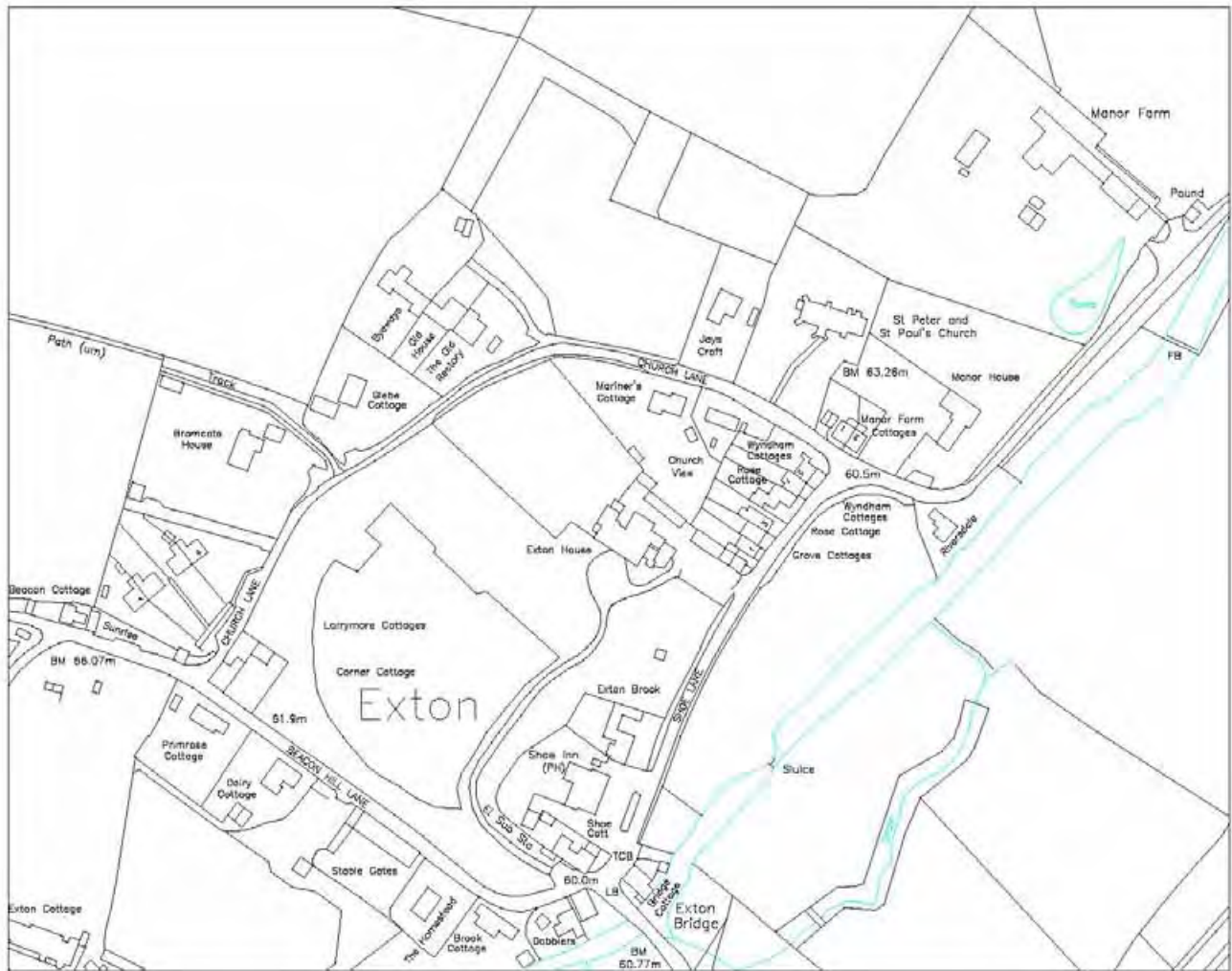
Deficiencies: Distribution.

Improvements Proposed: None.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: No contribution.





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### Description

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A sparsely populated rural parish within the AONB, containing the small village of Exton, situated adjacent to the River Meon. The village and surrounding land is designated a Conservation Area but it has a countryside status in policy terms in the Local Plan Review.

### Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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Play:	Local Sports:
-	-
	District Sports:
	-
General Use:	
In the developed areas:	In the adjacent countryside:
-	Beacon Hill
	Old Winchester Hill
	Meon Valley Bridleway

### Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

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0.1

### Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.2	-	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Sports	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.3

### Assessment of Play Areas

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No provision. There is a shortfall in children's public play space.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a local facility to LEAP standard.

### Assessment of Sports Grounds

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No provision.

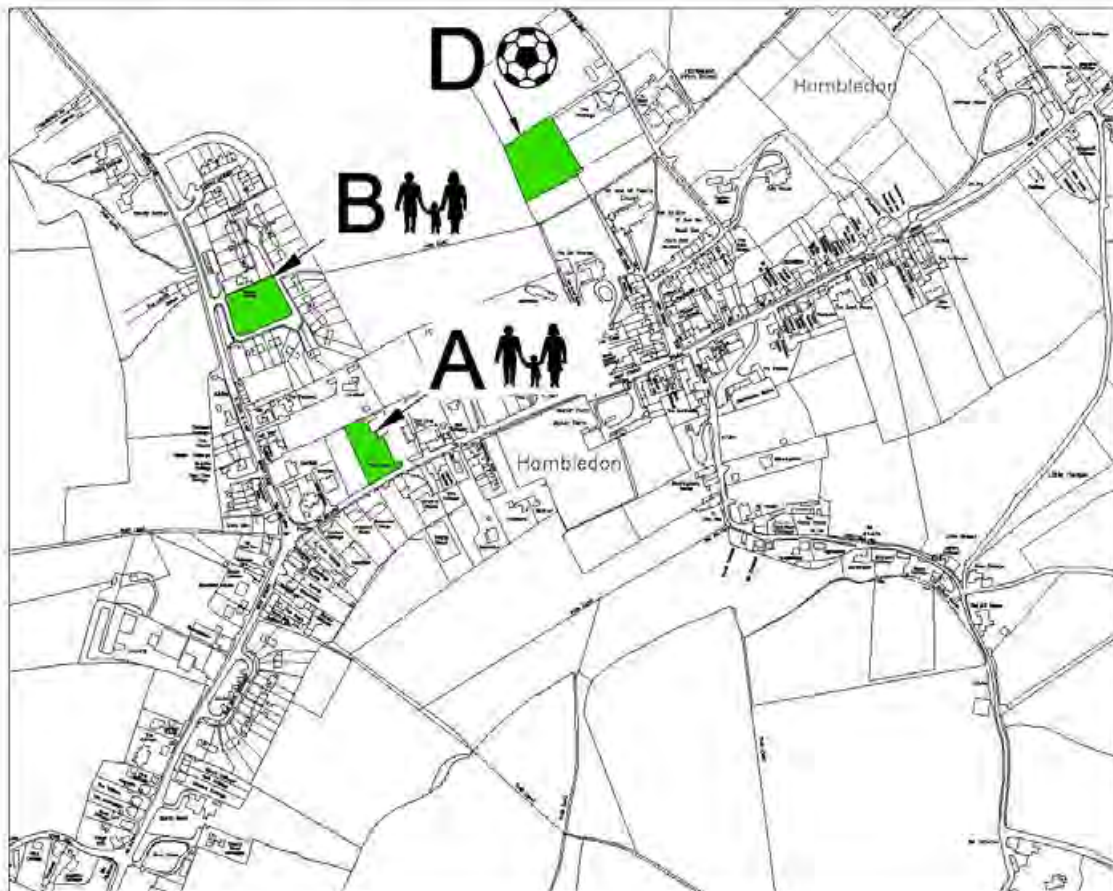
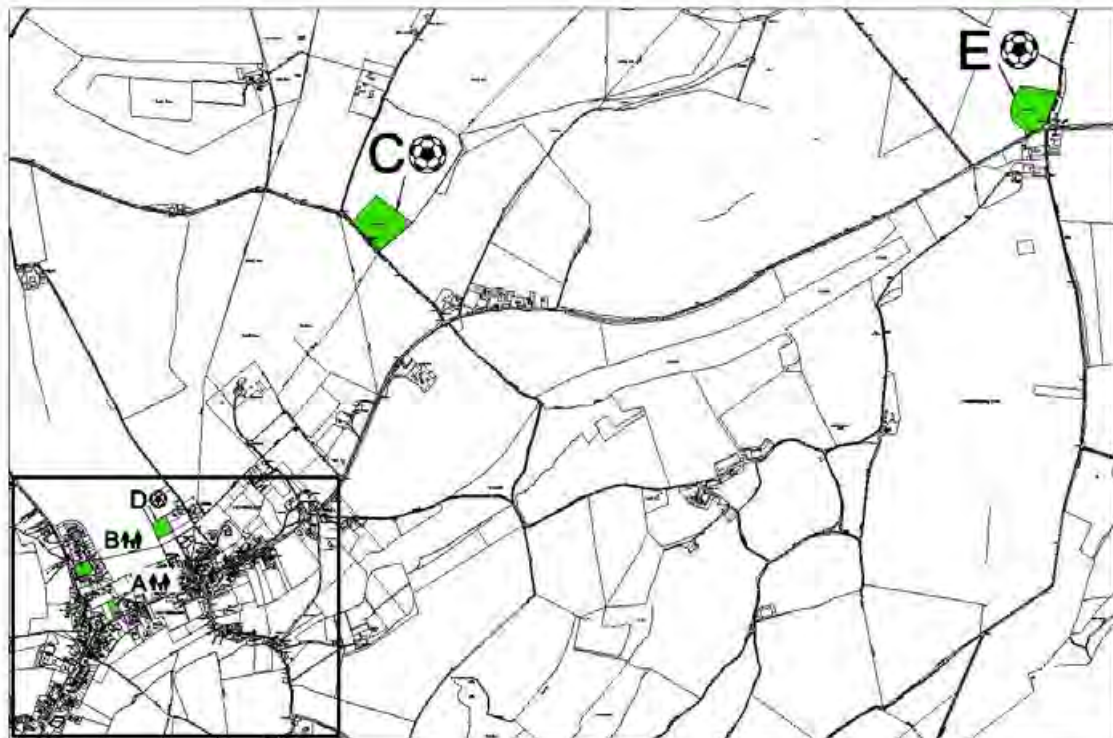
Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Assistance with additional sports ground provision at Meonstoke, preferably in the form of improvements and extension of the Pound Lane Recreation Ground (Area C on Corhampton and Meonstoke location map).

### Contribution Scale

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For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: A



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**Description**

A parish entirely within the AONB, containing the main settlement of Hambledon. It has a linear form and the village is contained within a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review. The central part of the village is a designated Conservation Area.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:		Local Sports:	
A	Adj. Hambledon Village Hall*	0.1	C Chidden Cricket Ground (P) 2.4
B	Stewarts Green	0.2	D Glebe Land (P) 0.3
		District Sports:	
		E	Broadhalfpenny Cricket Ground (P) 1.9

## General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

Speltham Down  
Wayfarers' Walk

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.4

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.8	-	0.8	0.3	- 0.5
Sports	1.6	0.4	1.2	2.7	+1.5

**Assessment of Play Areas**

Overall the Parish has insufficient public land for children's play and a further play area should be provided. There is a LEAP adjacent to Hambledon Village Hall together with a hard surfaced area for teenage games. Stewarts Green is therefore proposed as the site for additional childrens play facility. Further land is currently being sought.

Deficiencies: Land, standard.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of an additional area of play space within the village. Provision of a new children's play facility at Stewarts Green.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

Both the cricket grounds are in private ownership and some distance from the village, but the ground at Chidden provides facilities for the local cricket club, whose facilities could be improved. The parish council have acquired Glebe land on a renewable lease in the centre of the village from the Portsmouth Diocese, adjacent to St Peter's church, to use as a football facility in place of the aborted site at Cam's Hill.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to the facilities at the Cricket Ground at Chidden.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A downland parish which stretches between the River Itchen and Winchester to the south, and the larger settlement of Kings Worthy to the north. The village has a countryside status, and part of the village is within the Winchester – Kings Worthy/Headbourne Worthy Local Gap in the Local Plan Review. The parish also includes the reserve site for a Major Development Area which may be provided at Winchester City (North), if additional development is needed.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:	Local Sports:
-	-
	District Sports:
	-
General Use:	
In the developed areas:	In the adjacent countryside:
-	Local footpaths

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.2

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.4	-	0.4	0.0	-0.4
Sports	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.0	-0.5

**Assessment of Play Areas**

No provision. There continues to be a need for a public area of land for children's play, to provide a facility readily accessible to the children of Headbourne Worthy which should be to LEAP status.

Deficiencies:	Land, standard, quality and distribution.
Improvements Proposed:	Provision of an area of land for children's play, accommodating a LEAP.

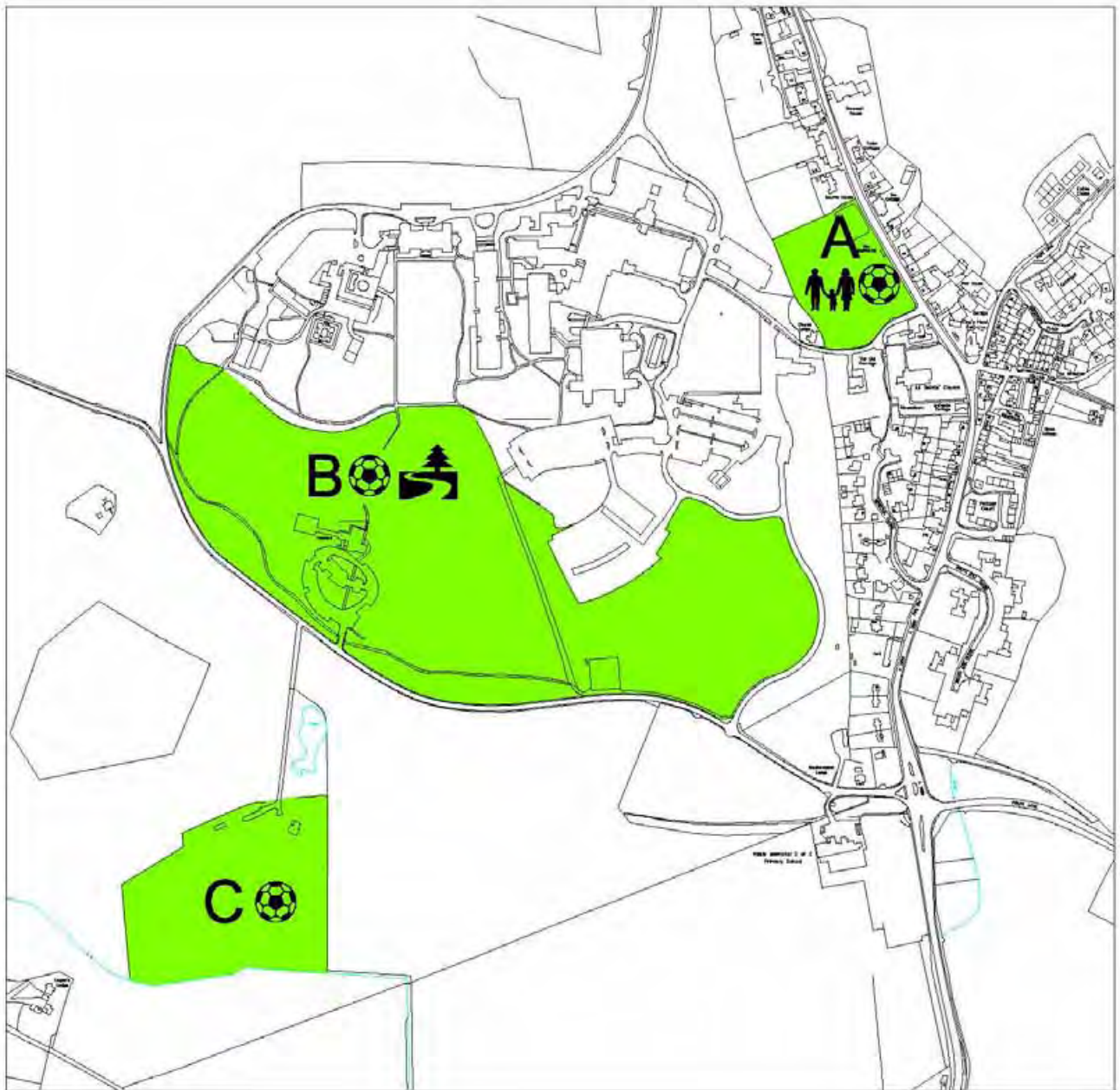
**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

No provision. A new area of sports grounds should be provided, possibly jointly with the adjoining parish of Kings Worthy. This could be a new facility or an extension to Eversley Park.

Deficiencies:	Land, standard, quality, distribution.
Improvements Proposed:	Assistance with additional sports ground provision in Kings Worthy in the form of a new sports ground area located to serve both parishes (Area F on the Kings Worthy Location Map).

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	A
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### Description

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A rural parish with the main settlement of Hursley astride the A31, south west of Winchester. The attractive village has a Conservation Area, and defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review. The IBM Research Laboratories cover an extensive parkland area to the west of the village.

### Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Hursley Recreation Ground*	1.1	A	Hursley Tennis Club (P)	0.1
			C	Hursley Park Cricket Club(P)	1.5
			District Sports:		
			B	IBM Sports Grounds (P)	8.5
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
			Hursley Park		

### Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

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0.4

### Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.7	-	0.7	1.1	+0.4
Sports	1.4	0.4	1.0	1.6	+0.6

### Assessment of Play Areas

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The play area at the main recreation ground is of good quality but requires additional equipment to bring it to NEAP standard. The eastern part of the village is separated from the play area by the main A31.

Deficiencies: Standard, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrading of main play area to NEAP standard including the provision of a hard surfaced play space next the Parish Hall. Provision of a LEAP to the east of the A31.

### Assessment of Sports Grounds

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The Parish's current provision is made up entirely of private sports facilities and, in addition, those at IBM are only available to their employees.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Cricket Pitch and pavilion need improvements.

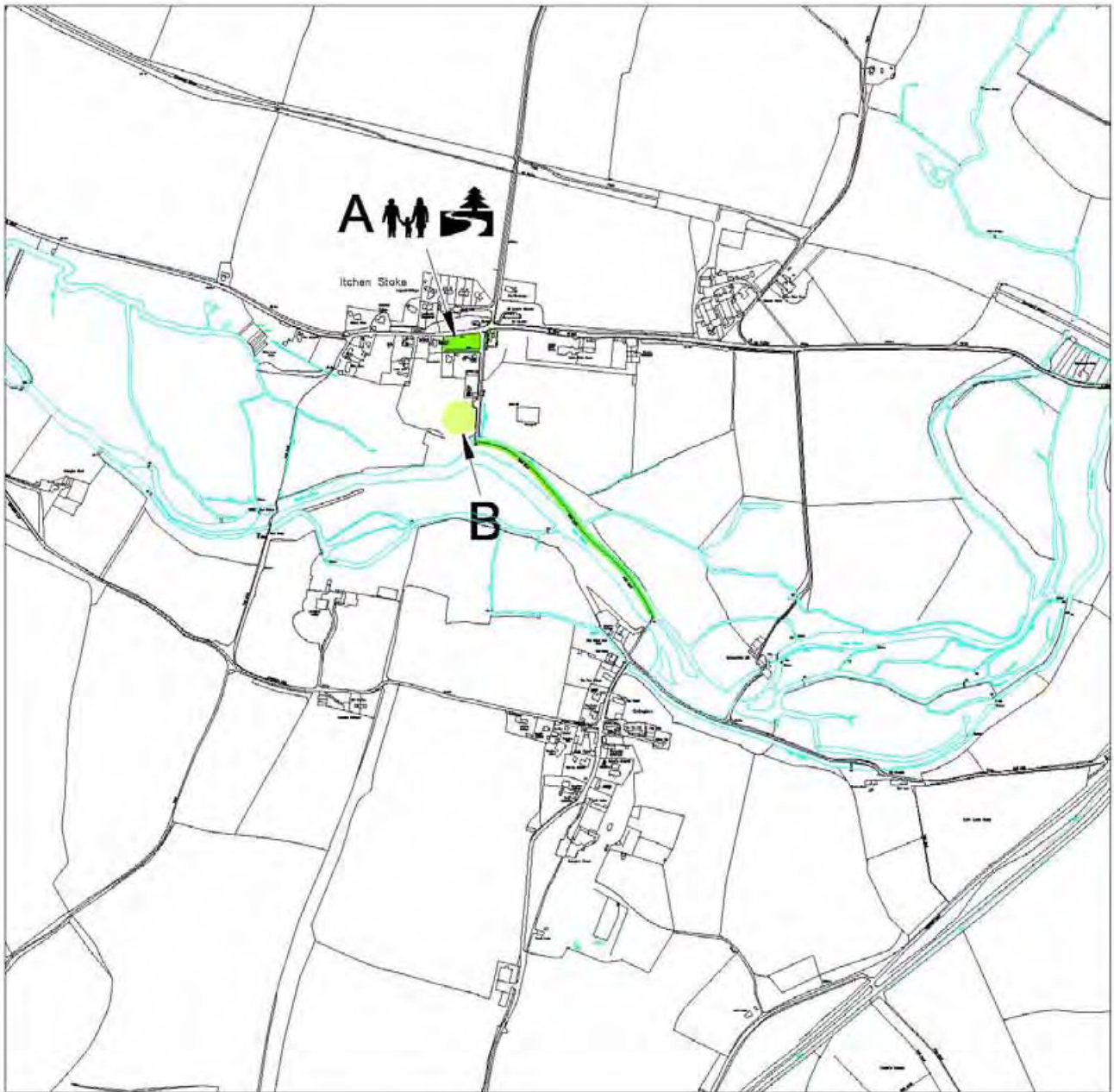
### Contribution Scale

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For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B





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**Description**

A rural parish containing the two attractive small villages of Itchen Stoke and Ovington, each of which has a Conservation Area. The parish has a countryside status in the District Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:
A	Church Green, Itchen Stoke	0.1	-
			District Sports:
			-
General Use:			In the adjacent countryside:
In the developed areas:			Abbotstone Down
A	Church Green, Itchen Stoke	0.2	Riverside path between the villages
			Wayfarers' Walk

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.1

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.2	-	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Sports	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.2

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The children's play area at Church Green, Itchen Stoke has no play equipment, and should be equipped to LEAP status. A play area to LEAP status should also be provided in Ovington.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a LEAP on the Church Green at Itchen Stoke (Area A). Provision of a LEAP in Ovington.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

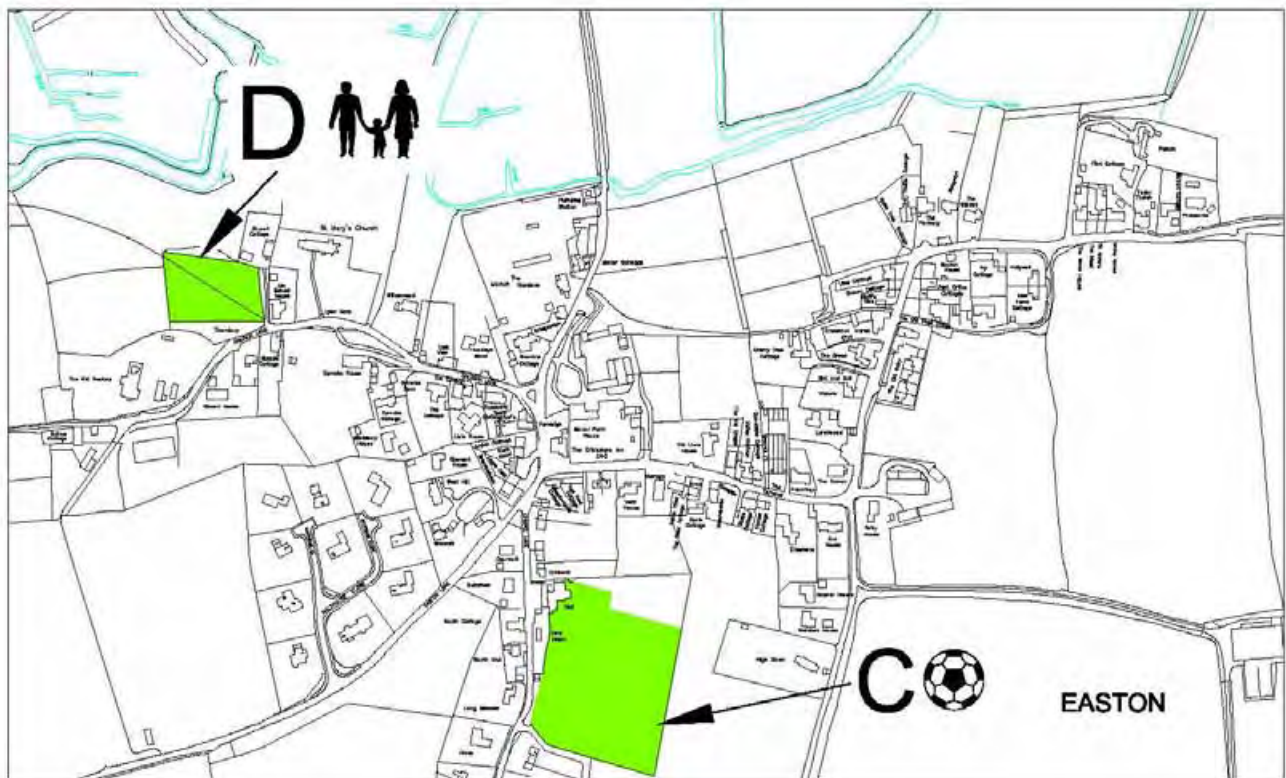
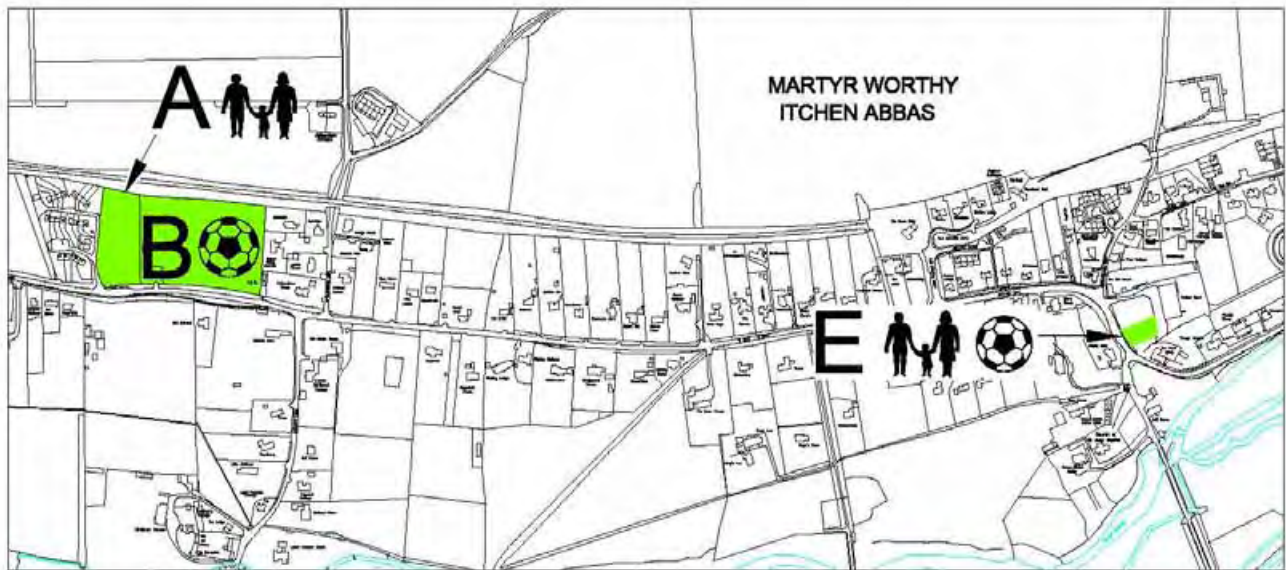
The former cricket ground (Area B) at Itchen Stoke is no longer in use, so the Parish has no provision. It is, however, well placed to share the facilities in Itchen Valley and, therefore, new housing developments should assist with improvements to the sports grounds there.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution. (Land sufficient when aggregated with Itchen Valley parish).

Improvements Proposed: Assistance with improvements to the sports grounds within Itchen Valley Parish (see Itchen Valley Schedule).

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A large rural parish containing the larger village of Itchen Abbas and the smaller Conservation Area villages of Easton, Chilland, Martyr Worthy and Avington. In the Local Plan Review, Itchen Abbas has a defined policy boundary, but the rest of the parish has a countryside status.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:		Local Sports:		
A	Couch Green Play Area*	0.9	B King George V Memorial Playing Field Couch Green	2.0
D	Old School Field, Easton*	0.4	C Easton and Martyr Worthy Cricket Ground (P)	1.0
E	Itchen Abbas Village Hall*	0.1	E Itchen Abbas Village Hall Boules Piste	0.1

## District Sports

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## General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

Avington Park

The Pilgrim's Way

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.6

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.1	-	1.1	1.4	+0.3
Sports	2.2	0.6	1.6	3.1	+1.5

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The play area at Couch Green is well placed to serve as the main central play area for the parish and has been upgraded recently but would still benefit from further upgrading to NEAP status. Avington has no play facilities and should have a LEAP available for local use. Easton has recently installed some equipment at Old School Field, but additional items are required to upgrade it to LEAP standard. Play equipment has been installed at Itchen Abbas Village Hall but additional items are required to bring it to LEAP standard.

## Deficiencies:

Standard, quality, distribution.

## Improvements Proposed:

Further upgrading and renovation of the main play area at Couch Green to NEAP status. Provision of a new LEAP at Avington. Upgrading the play areas at Old School Field, Easton and Itchen Abbas Village Hall to LEAP standard. Fencing and hedging at Old School Field to be completed.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The King George V Memorial Playing Field accommodates a pitch which needs to be enlarged to league standard and requires the provision of improved changing facilities. The cricket ground at Easton has been upgraded to Southern League standard.

## Deficiencies:

Standard, quality.

## Improvements Proposed:

The King George V Memorial Playing Field requires improvements to bring the pitch up to league standard, together with a new pavilion. The car park will be resurfaced this year.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B



NO PROVISION

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**Description**

A downland parish entirely within the AONB, containing the main village of Kilmeston. It has a countryside status in the District Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:	Local Sports:
-	-
	District Sports:
	-
General Use:	
In the developed areas:	In the adjacent countryside:
Village Green adjacent to Village Hall	Wayfarers' Walk

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.1

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.2	-	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Sports	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.3

**Assessment of Play Areas**

No current provision.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of LEAP to serve the village. Assistance with play facilities in neighbouring Cheriton.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

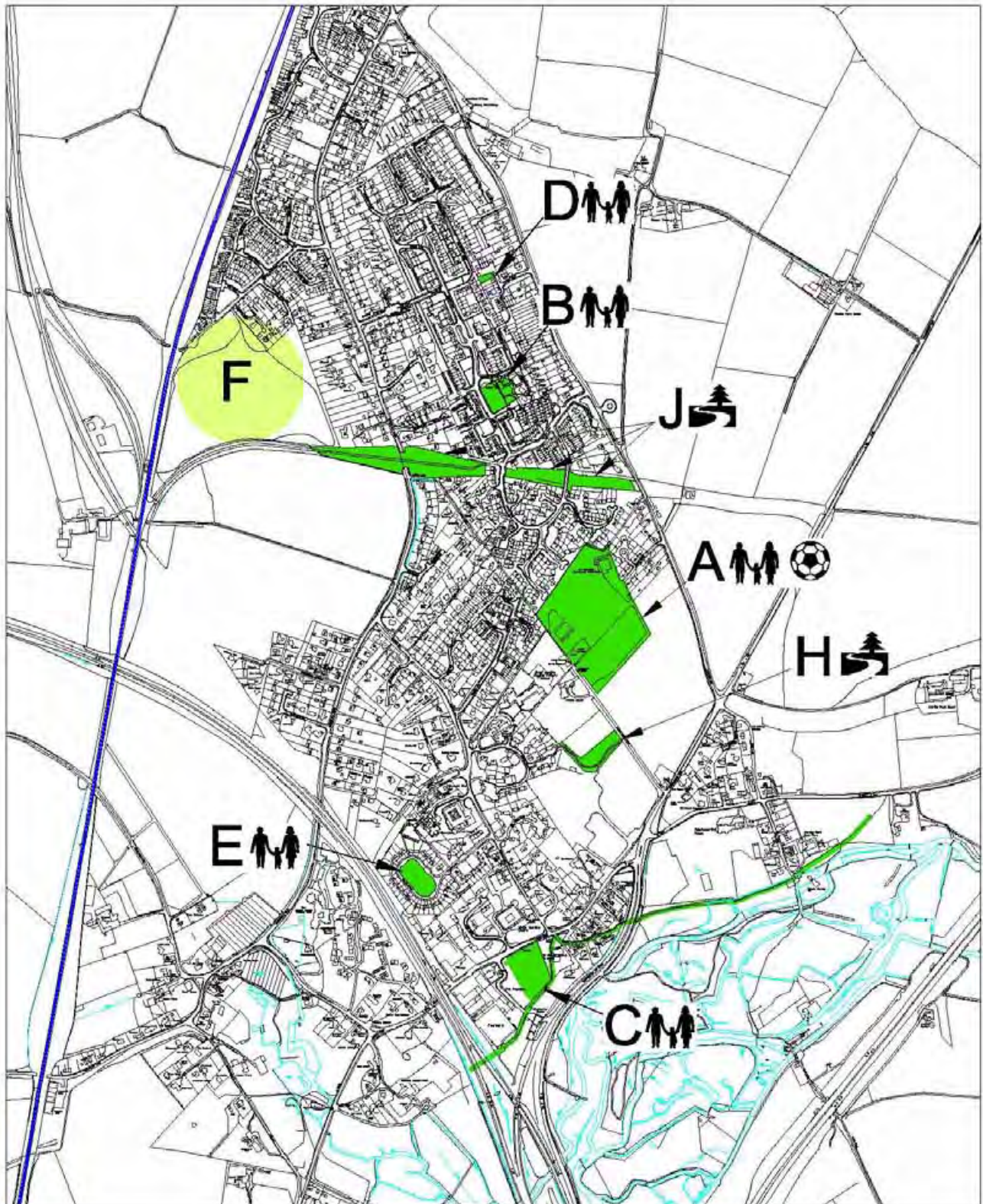
No current provision.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution. (Land sufficient when aggregated with other parishes).

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to the sports provision at the Cheriton Recreation Ground to serve Cheriton and the adjoining parishes of Beauworth, Bramdean, Kilmeston and Tichborne.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A largely rural parish, centred on the villages of Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy. Kings Worthy has undergone considerable recent expansion, and both villages have conservation areas. Kings Worthy has a defined policy boundary and Abbots Worthy has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review. Kings Worthy adjoins the Winchester - Kings Worthy/Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy – Abbots Worthy Local Gaps.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Eversley Park*	0.5	A	Eversley Park
B	Village Green*	0.3		
C	Church Green	0.7		
D	Fryers Close*	0.1		
E	Willis Way	0.4	District Sports:	
				-
General Use:				
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:	
H	Hinton Fields	0.5		
	Paths/embankments of former railway line			The Nuns Walk

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

1.9

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	3.5	-	3.4	2.0	-1.5
Sports	7.1	1.9	5.2	4.0	-1.2

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There is a shortfall of land available for children’s play, although land off Hookpit Farm Lane (Topfield) is reserved for this purpose and sports use in the Local Plan Review (Area F on the Location Map). The Parish has equipped children’s play areas at the main Eversley Park Recreation Ground, which is up to NEAP standard and a LEAP on the Village Green, both of which have been improved recently. Church Green has now passed into the ownership of the parish council but requires improvements. Abbots Worthy has no separate provision.

Deficiencies: Land, standard.

Improvements Proposed: The provision of new play facilities in a new recreation area accessible to the north and western parts of the village (Area F). Provision of new play facilities and landscaping on Church Green. Further improvements for teenagers at Eversley Park..

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The Parish has a shortfall of sports grounds which also serve the adjoining Parish of Headbourne Worthy. An area of additional land is, therefore, required as part of a new recreational area located to serve both parishes. Land off Hookpit Farm Lane is reserved for this purpose in the Local Plan Review. Improvements are also required at Eversley Park..

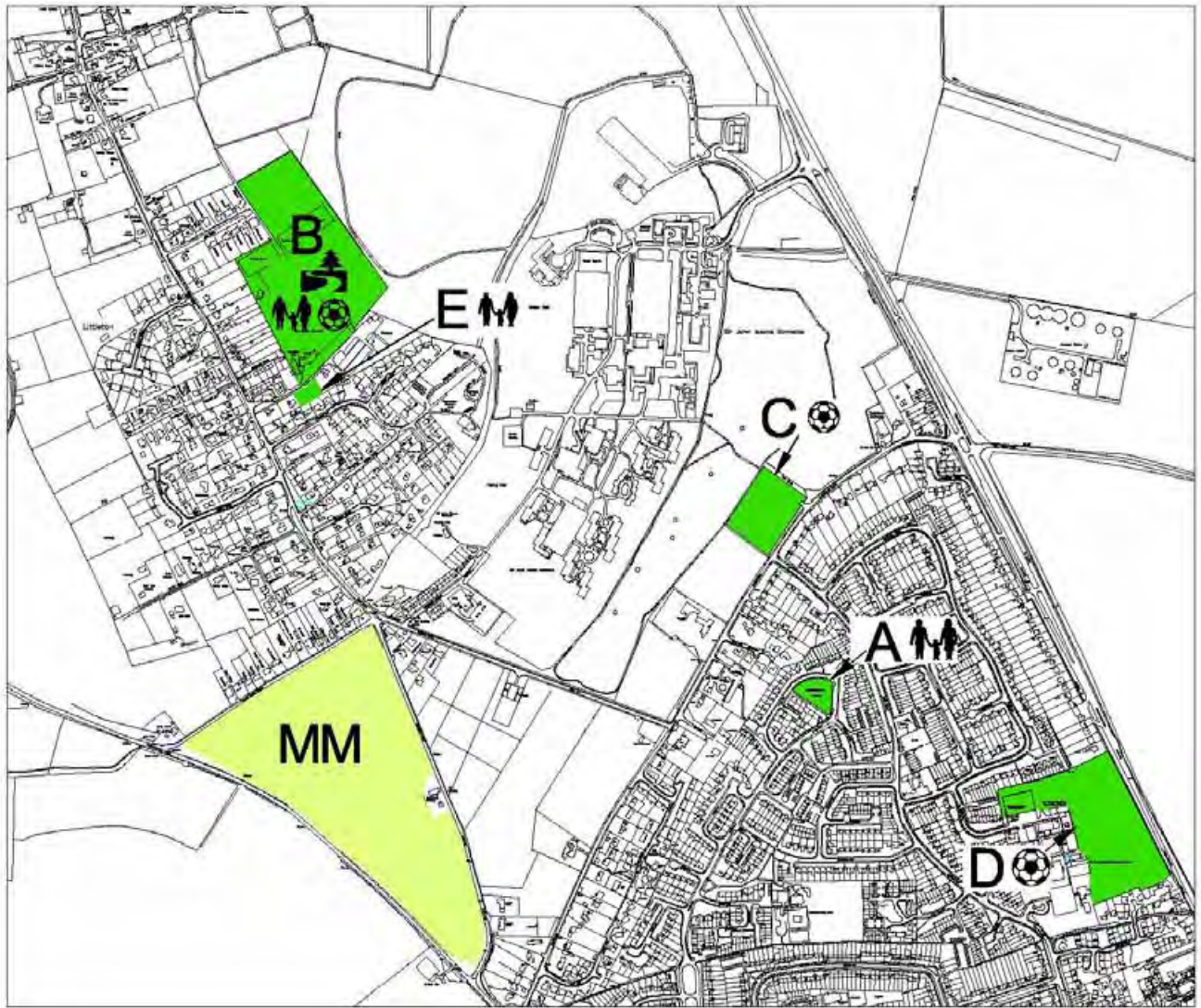
Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of additional sports grounds in a new recreation area located to serve both parishes (Area F on location map). New all-season surface to Eversley Park football pitch, new entrance to the bottom adult football pitch.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: A





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**Description**

A parish containing the attractive village of Littleton, which lies to the north west of the Winchester built-up area. The village has a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review, and its Conservation Area lies to the north of the main part of the village in the countryside. The modern housing area of Harestock is also within the parish, and this forms part of the Winchester built-up area. It is contained within the Winchester policy boundary defined in the Local Plan Review. To the east of Littleton are the Sir John Moore Barracks and an area of countryside defined as a Local Gap in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Bradley Road, Harestock*	1.0	B	Main Recreation Ground, Littleton	5.9
B	Main Recreation Ground, Littleton*	0.6	C	Harestock Road Football Field (until June. 08)	1.2
E	The Hall Way*	0.1			
			District Sports:		
			D	Henry Beaufort School Pitches(E)	2.0
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
B	Main Recreation Ground, Littleton	0.5			

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

1.6

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	3.0	-	3.0	1.7	- 1.3
Sports	6.0	1.6	4.4	7.1	+2.7

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There is, on the whole, a small shortfall in children's play space although the play areas at Bradley Road and Littleton Recreation Ground have sufficient equipment for NEAP status. Nevertheless, some refurbishment is required, in part to ensure compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act. A LAP has recently been installed at The Hall Way, Littleton. An additional play area to LEAP standard would be beneficial in the area of Harestock, east of Priors Dean Road, if a suitable area of land can be found.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Partial refurbishment of the play areas at the Littleton Recreation Ground and Bradley Road, Harestock. Provision of equipment for teenagers at the Littleton Recreation Ground and within Harestock. Provision of a LEAP in the area east of Priors Dean Road in Harestock.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

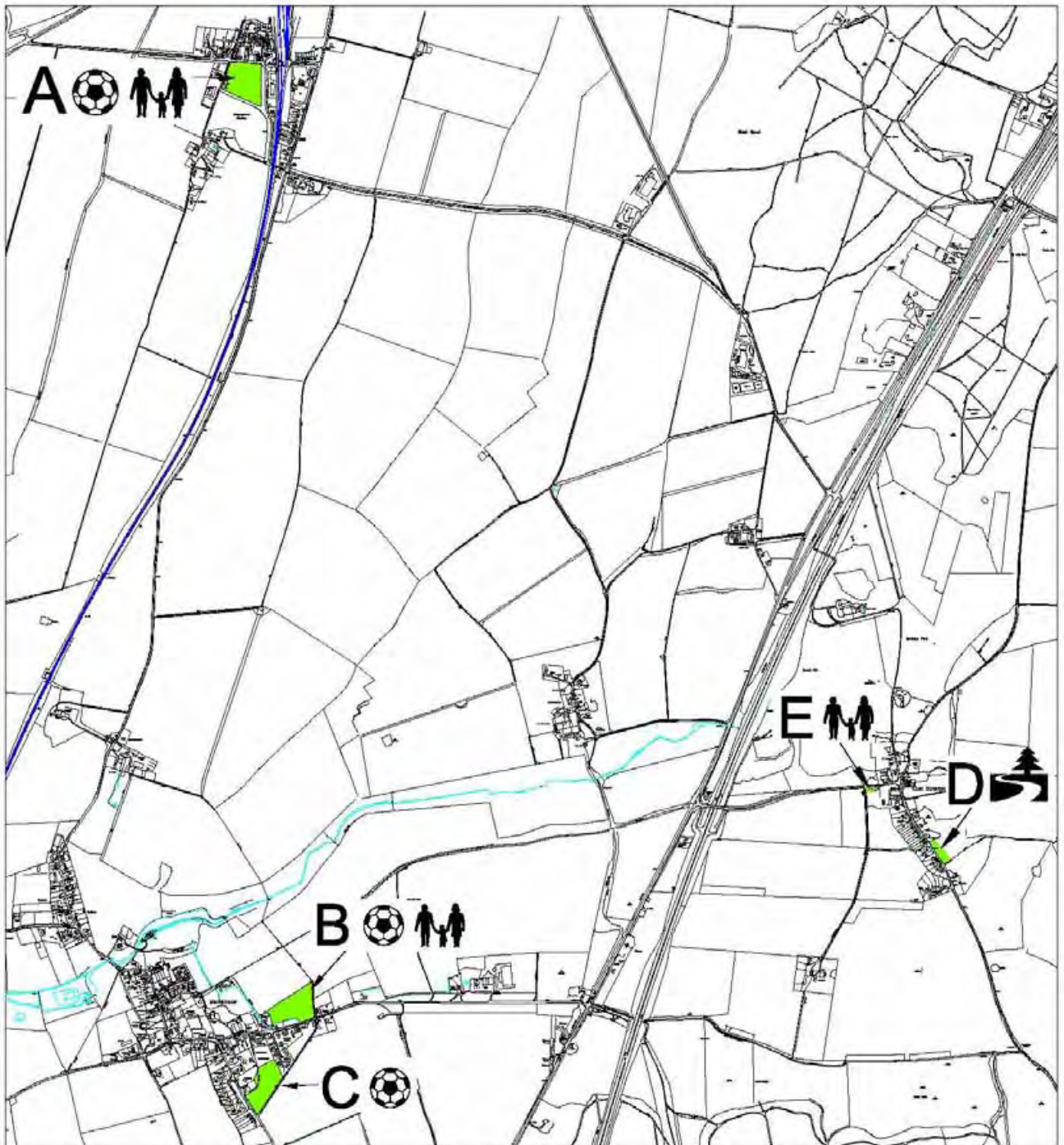
The Parish currently has a surplus of sports grounds at the Littleton Recreation Ground, which are all generally in good condition. The Harestock Football Field is, however, on a lease and the MOD will probably require it back from 2011. This will leave Harestock with a local deficiency. Until then however the currently illegal goal posts need to be replaced. The Local Plan Review reserves area MM for new sports grounds to serve both the locality and the wider Winchester area, which is under provided. Henry Beaufort School propose to convert tennis courts to a Multi Use Games Area.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Conversion of tennis courts to new MUGA at Henry Beaufort School. New goals for Harestock Rd Football Ground.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A large downland parish in the north of the District, containing the two main villages of Micheldever and Micheldever Station, and smaller villages of East Stratton and Northbrook. The parish also includes the hamlets of Weston Colley, West Stratton and Woodmancott. Micheldever and East Stratton have Conservation Areas. In the Local Plan Review, Micheldever and Micheldever Station have policy boundaries, but the remainder of the parish is subject to countryside policies.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	The Warren Playing Field, Micheldever Station*	0.5	A	The Warren Playing Field, Micheldever Station	1.5
B	Lord Rank Playing Field, Micheldever*	0.5	B	Lord Rank Playing Field, Micheldever	1.4
E	East Stratton Village Hall	0.1	C	The Cricket Field, Micheldever (P)	1.3
			District Sports:		
			-		
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
D	The Green, East Stratton		Black Wood		
			Micheldever Wood and the Archaeological Trail		

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.5

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.9	-	0.9	1.1	+0.2
Sports	1.9	0.5	1.4	4.2	+2.8

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There are two main play areas. The one at the Lord Rank Playing Field at Micheldever is a NEAP which has recently been refurbished using o/s funds but requires further drainage and a LEAP has recently been installed at the Warren Playing Field at Micheldever Station. Land has also been laid out at East Stratton for a play area, adjacent to the Church Hall, but this will need to wait until the Hall is refurbished. In the meantime efforts are being made to equip Area D, the Green at East Stratton, to LEAP standard. Open space needs in connection with a possible relocation of the Primary School away from the village centre in the near/mid-term should be considered.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of play equipment to LEAP standard at East Stratton. Drainage to rear of play area at Lord Rank Field. Improvements to Warren Field play area.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

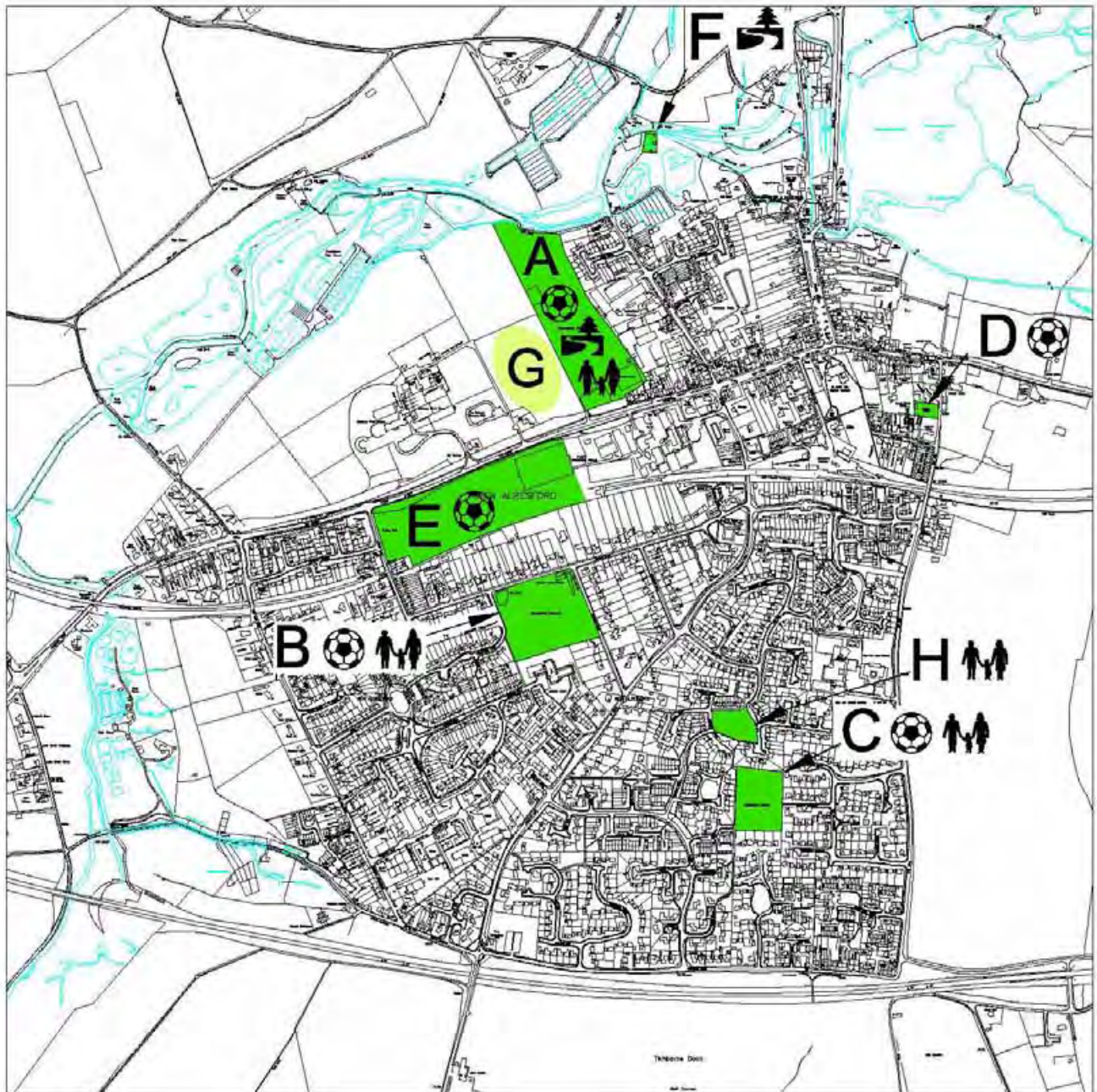
The two main public sports ground areas are at the Warren Playing Field, Micheldever Station, and at the Lord Rank Playing Field, Micheldever. Both have their own pavilions, but that at the Warren Playing Field requires refurbishment, while that at the Lord Rank requires purchase and modification. Both sports grounds require some levelling work. The cricket field at Micheldever provides a potential additional sports facility, although this is in private hands and not easily available for use at present. Facilities are needed to enable a local cricket team to play in Micheldever. There is a local demand for tennis facilities and a BMX / skatepark, suitable locations are being sought.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment of the pavilion at the Warren Playing Field. Purchase and modification of the pavilion at the Lord Rank Playing Field. Vehicle deterrent posts on both sites.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A relatively compact parish containing the principal town of New Alresford. This historic settlement on the River Arle has grown considerably in size in recent years, and has a Conservation Area covering its historic core. The town has a defined policy boundary in the District Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Arlebury Park*	1.0	A	Arlebury Park	3.0
B	Stratton Bates Recreation Ground*	0.1	B	Stratton Bates Recreation Ground	1.4
C	Sun Hill Recreation Ground*	1.1	D	Alresford Bowling Club(P)	0.2
H	Benenden Green	0.4	District Sports:		
			E	Perins School (E)	4.5
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
A	Arlebury Park	4.8	Wayfarers Walk		
F	Langton Memorial	0.3			

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

2.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	4.2	-	4.2	2.6	-1.6
Sports	8.4	2.3	6.1	4.6	-1.5

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There are two NEAP's within the town, one at Arlebury Park, and one at the Sun Hill Recreation Ground. The Stratton Bates Recreation Ground accommodates a LEAP. Overall the town remains short of land for children's play however, and this could most appropriately be provided by an extension to the existing NEAP at Arlebury Park. An additional LEAP could also be positioned to serve the eastern side of the village. Facilities for under 5's are also required.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Additional play space and facilities at Arlebury Park in the form of an extension to and improvements to the existing play area. Provision of further LAP's at one or more of the existing sites

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

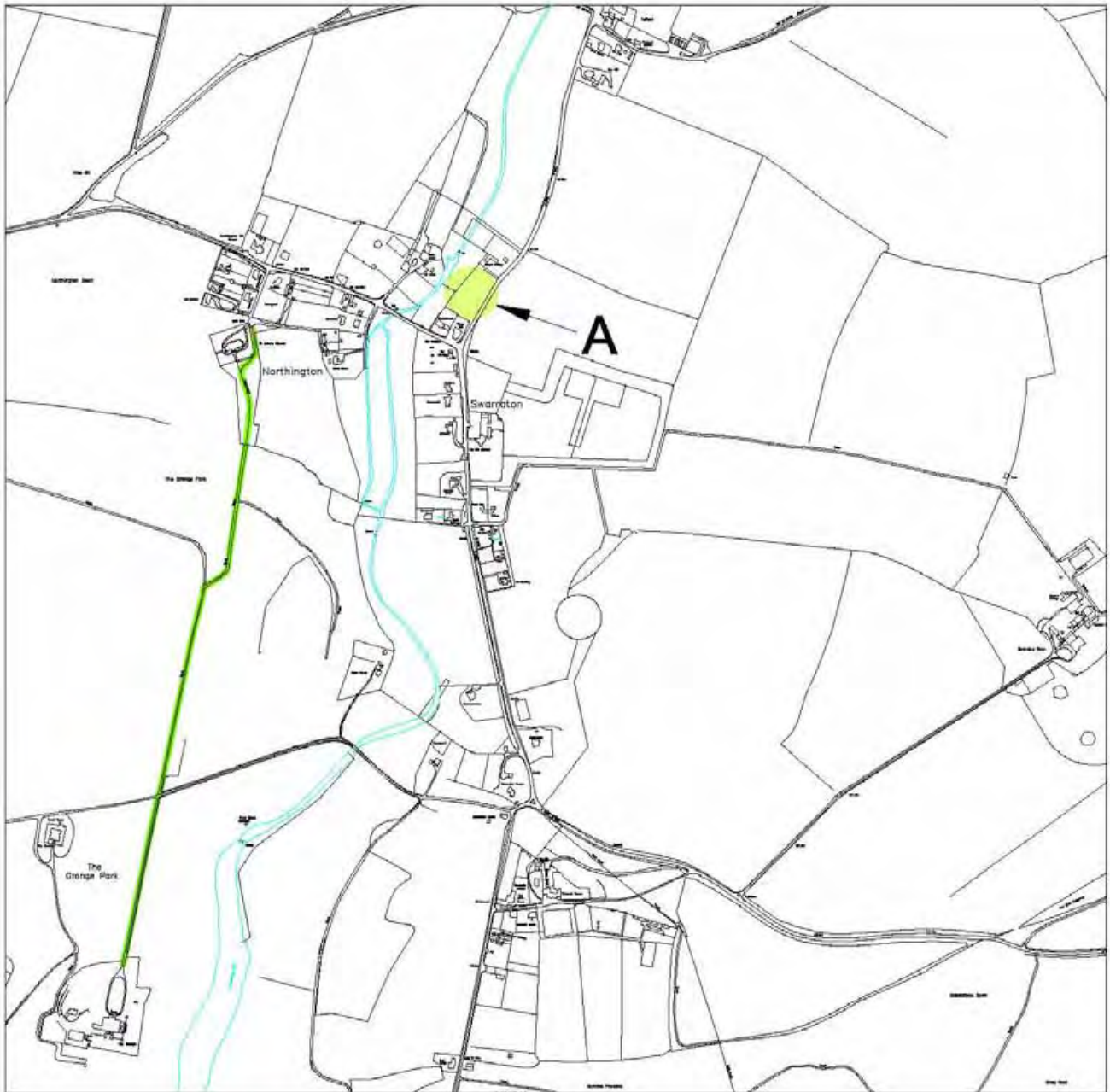
The parishes of New Alresford, Bishops Sutton and Bighton are served by sports grounds in New Alresford and Bighton. The sports grounds at Arlebury Park and the Stratton Bates Recreation Ground are of a good standard, but the pitch at Bighton, which is privately owned and provides temporary rugby facilities, is unsuitable as it lacks changing facilities and is some distance from changing facilities in New Alresford. A new rugby pitch should be provided and Alresford is the only sensible location. A site is proposed adjacent to Arlebury Park, in area 'G' on the map, as allocated in the Local Plan Review.

Deficiencies: None in the combined parishes (Deficiencies in standard and quality when aggregated with Bighton and Bishops Sutton).

Improvements Proposed: The sports grounds in New Alresford are generally in good condition, but a rugby pitch should be provided in the parish within Area G. Arlebury Park tennis facility requires additional courts on adjoining land. Stratton Bates pavilion requires refurbishment. The facilities at Bighton, which also serve the parish, are unsuitable for improvement and should be relocated adjacent to Arlebury Park, Alresford.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

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A rural downland parish with a thinly spread population beyond the confines of the village. The entire parish is designated as countryside for planning policy purposes within the District Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

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Play:	-	Local Sports:	-
		District Sports:	-
General Use:		In the adjacent countryside:	
In the developed areas:		Wayfarers' Walk	
Northington Grange Park		Abbotstone Down	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

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0.1

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.2	-	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Sports	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.3

**Assessment of Play Areas**

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No current provision, but the village hall field would be capable of accommodating a children's play area and has been used in the past for this purpose.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a play area to LEAP standard on the village hall field (Area A).

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

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No current provision. It would, however, be appropriate for the Parish to assist with any improvements required to the sports ground in Old Alresford Parish.

Deficiencies: Land, but facilities may be shared with Old Alresford Parish.

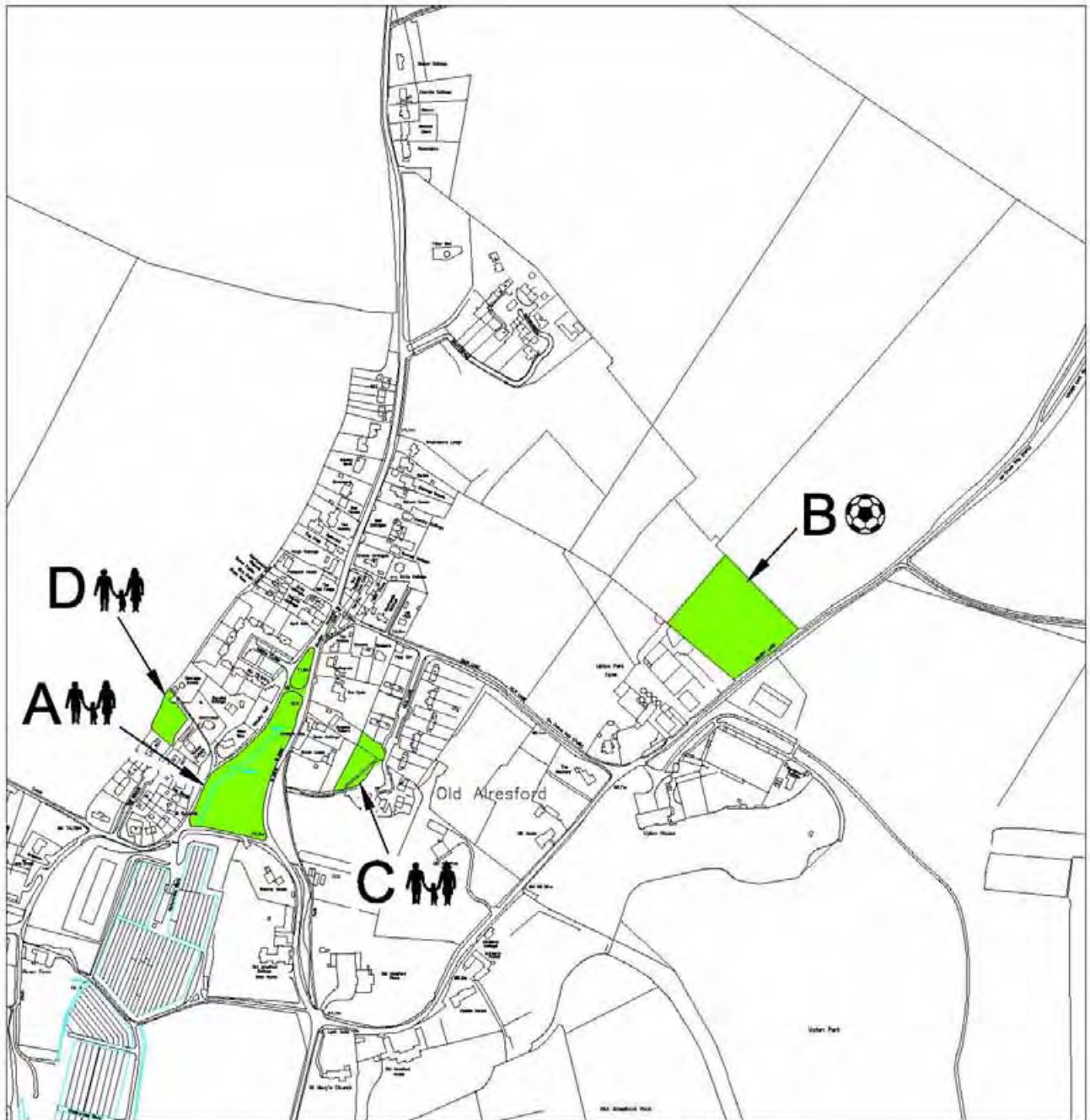
Improvements Proposed: Assistance with improvements to the cricket ground in Old Alresford.

**Contribution Scale**

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For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B





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**Description**

A rural parish on rising downland to the north of New Alresford, but containing the smaller compact village of Old Alresford, which has a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Village Green*	0.3	B	Cricket Ground, Bighton Lane
C	Kiln Lane*	0.1		
D	The Brook	0.1	District Sports:	
				-
General Use:			In the adjacent countryside:	
In the developed areas:			Colden Lane	
A	Village Green		Wayfarers' Walk	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.5	-	0.5	0.5	=
Sports	1.0	0.3	0.7	1.0	+0.3

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The children's play area is very central, and of good quality. Additional equipment should however be installed to upgrade it to NEAP status. A LAP has also been provided at Kiln Lane.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality

Improvements Proposed: Upgrading of village green play area to NEAP. Provision of equipment to LEAP standard on land to the east of the B3046.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The cricket ground meets the needs of the village, and is made available to the village's cricket club by the landowner. The pavilion requires refurbishment.

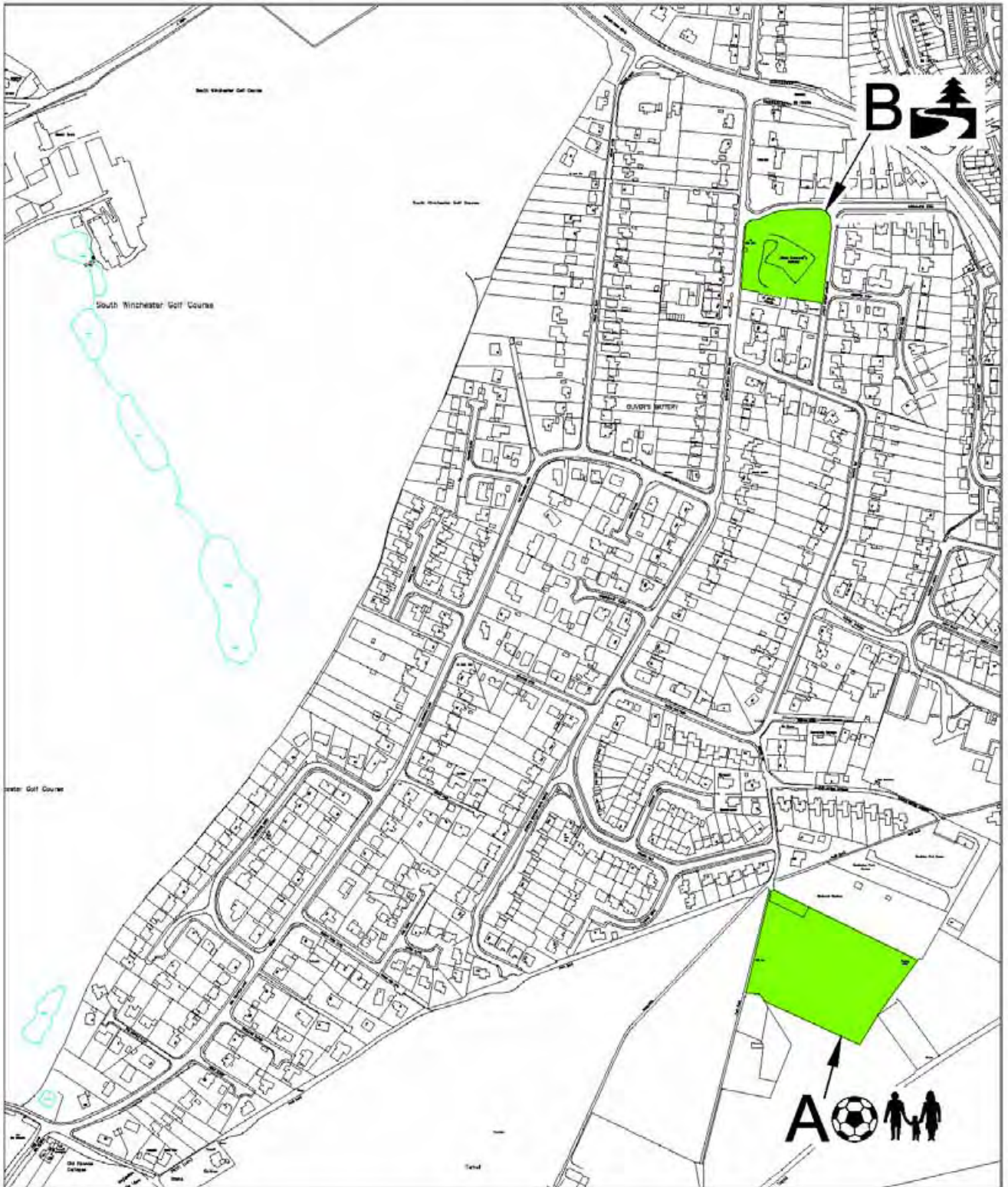
Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to the pavilion at the cricket ground.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

An area of mainly recent development lying to the south of Badger Farm Road to the south west of Winchester. Although it is an identifiable community, it is effectively part of the Winchester built-up area, and is within the Winchester policy boundary in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Compton Way Recreation Ground*	0.5	A	Compton Way Recreation Ground
				1.1
			District Sports:	
				-
General Use:			In the adjacent countryside:	
In the developed areas:			Compton Down	
B	The Battery	0.6	Land adjacent to Recreation Ground	
			Whiteshute Ridge	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.7

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.2	-	1.2	0.5	-0.7
Sports	2.4	0.7	1.7	1.1	-0.6

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The play area is at the main recreation ground. It is the only play area serving this substantial community. There is therefore a slight shortfall in children's play space and additional land and facilities are required, particularly for older children.

Deficiencies: Land.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of multi-use-games-area for teenagers at the main recreation ground.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

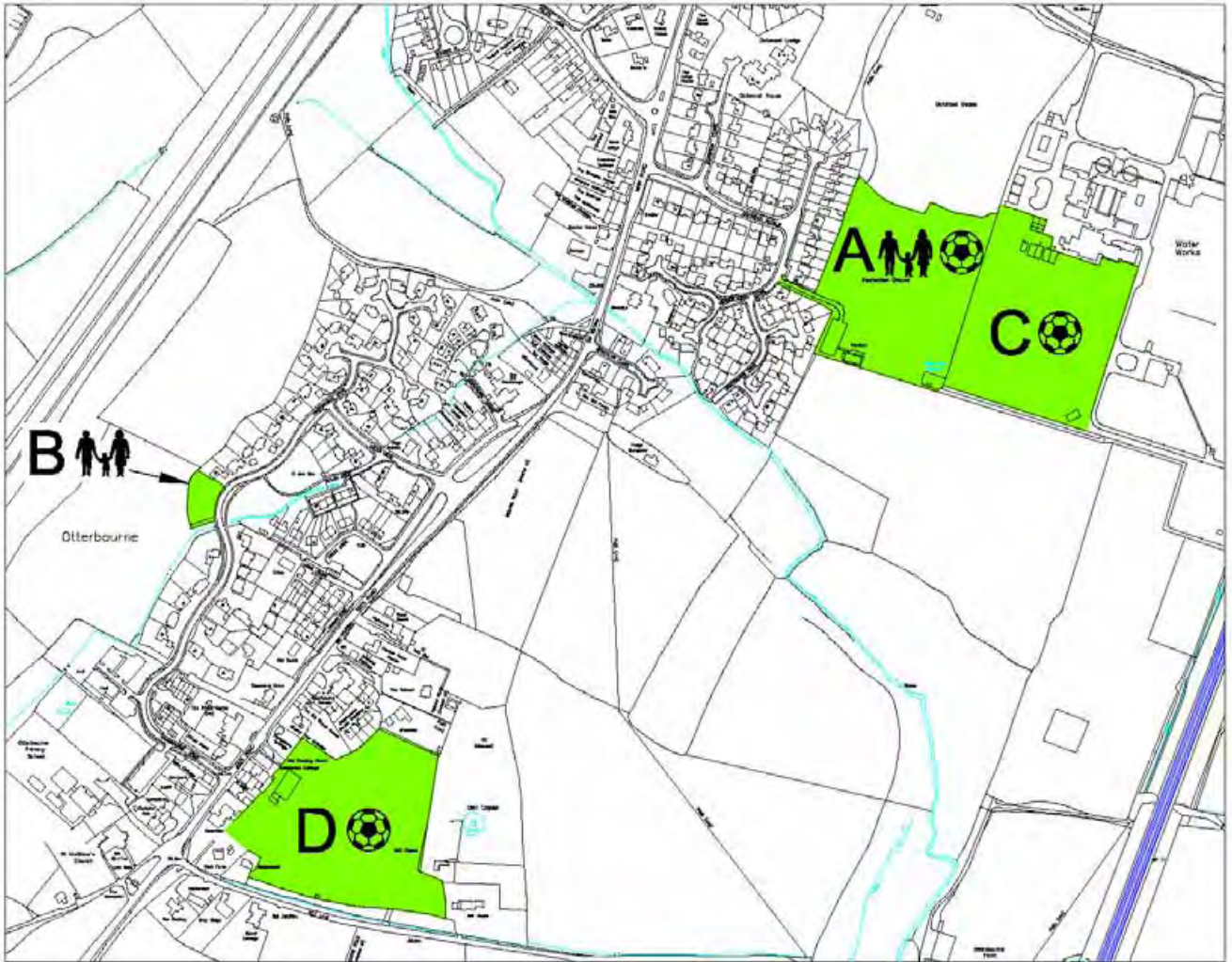
The Parish has a substantial shortfall of sports grounds, but it generally looks to the Winchester area for sports provision. It should, therefore, assist with the provision of new sports grounds in Winchester.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of an all-weather hard surfaced tennis court facility and/or additional land for sports grounds within the Parish, preferably adjoining Compton Way Recreation Ground, or, alternatively assistance with the provision of sports facilities in Winchester.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: A



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**Description**

The main part of the village straddles the main road through the centre, with the M3 to the west, and the Itchen Valley to the east. It comprises a main core of older properties with more recent housing development to the rear. The smaller hamlet of Otterbourne Hill lies separately to the south, adjoining the area of Allbrook in Eastleigh Borough. Otterbourne has a defined policy boundary in the District Local Plan Review, but Otterbourne Hill has a countryside status.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Oakwood Park*	0.2	A	Oakwood Park	1.8
B	Cranbourne Drive	0.5	C	Southern Water cricket ground (P)	1.6
				Elderfield junior cricket pitch (P)	1.5
			District Sports:		
			-		
General Use:			In the adjacent countryside:		
In the developed areas:			Otterbourne Wood		
E	Greenacres Drive		The Common, Otterbourne Hill		
			Footpath Network		

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.6

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.3	-	1.3	0.7	- 0.6
Sports	2.6	0.6	2.0	4.9	+2.9

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The parish is deficient in play space. The only equipped play area in the Parish is at the main recreation ground. This has LEAP status but is being refurbished and further extended and equipped to NEAP standard this year to provide the main central play facility for the Parish. The land at Cranbourne Drive provides only casual play space. A LEAP should be provided to serve the housing area to the west of the main road. Otterbourne Hill is a separate settlement and currently has no play provision. An area of land for general use has recently been provided by developers to the south of Greenacres Drive.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment and upgrading of play area at the main recreation ground to NEAP status will take place this year. Provision of LEAPS at Cranbourne Drive, and at Otterbourne Hill if suitable sites can be found.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

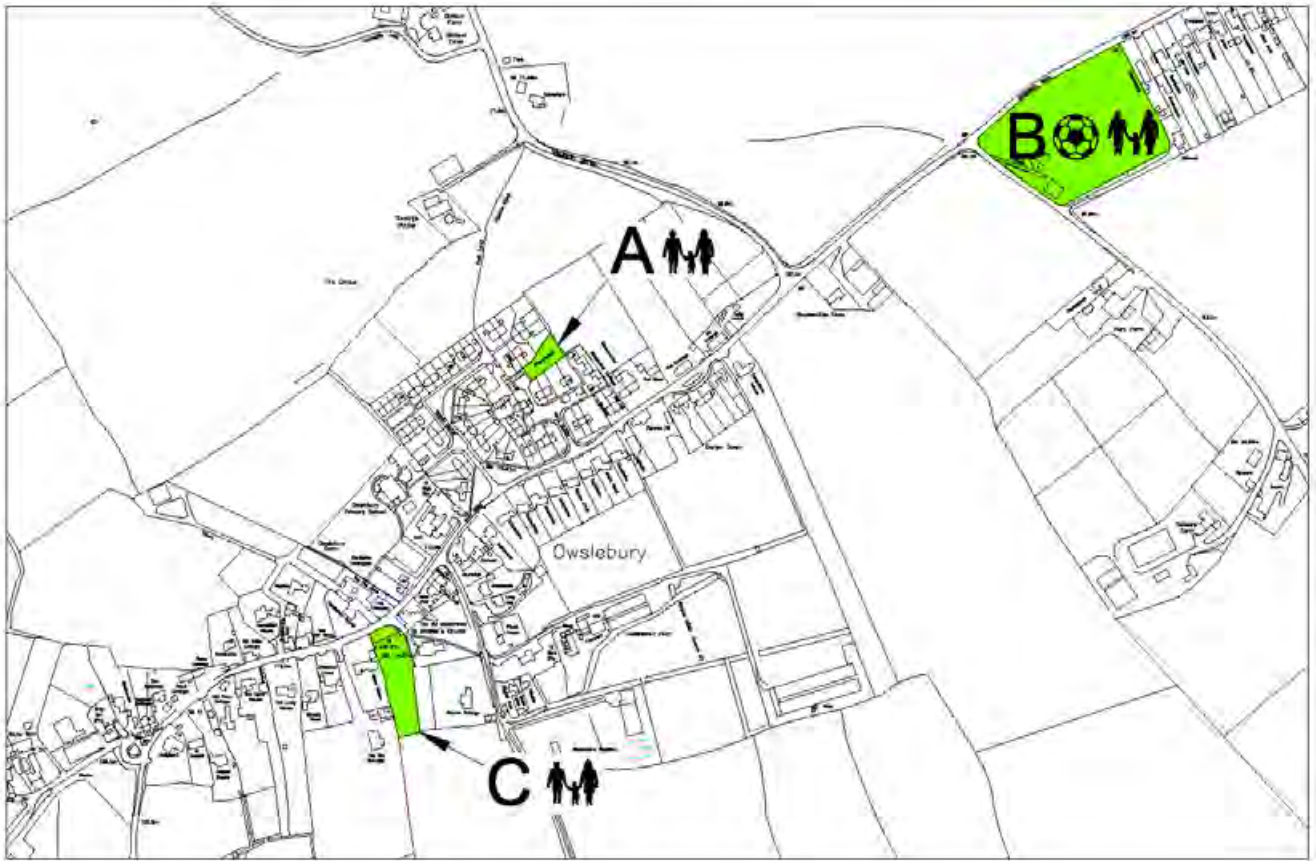
The Parish is generally well provided with sports grounds at the main recreation ground, supplemented by facilities at Southern Water's cricket ground and the Elderfield Junior cricket pitch, although the land is leased and it is intended to purchase the land. Cranbourne Drive requires some adult facilities. The pavilion at Oakwood Park is in need of modernisation.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a Boules court at Cranbourne Drive open space. Purchase of Oakwood Park Recreation ground and Oakwood Copse. New cricket pitch and facilities at Kiln Lane. Modernisation of pavilion at Oakwood Park.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A rural parish containing the village of Owslebury, but the whole parish has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Hilly Close*	0.1	B	Recreation Ground
B	Recreation Ground	0.2		1.5
C	Glebe Field	0.3	District Sports:	
			-	

**General Use:**

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:  
Footpath Network

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.4

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.6	-	0.6	0.6	=
Sports	1.3	0.4	0.9	1.5	+0.6

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The enclosed play area at Hilly Close is the only equipped area. It continues to be partly refurbished, but the village really requires a larger area for a NEAP. The Glebe Field is unsuitable for play equipment. The recreation ground is isolated, with poor pedestrian access, and is therefore unsuitable for a children's play area.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Further refurbishment and provision of additional equipment at Hilly Close to LEAP standard. Additional equipment should be provided on additional land to provide the village overall with the equivalent of a NEAP if possible.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The sports ground at the main recreation ground is up to league standard but the pavilion requires refurbishment.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

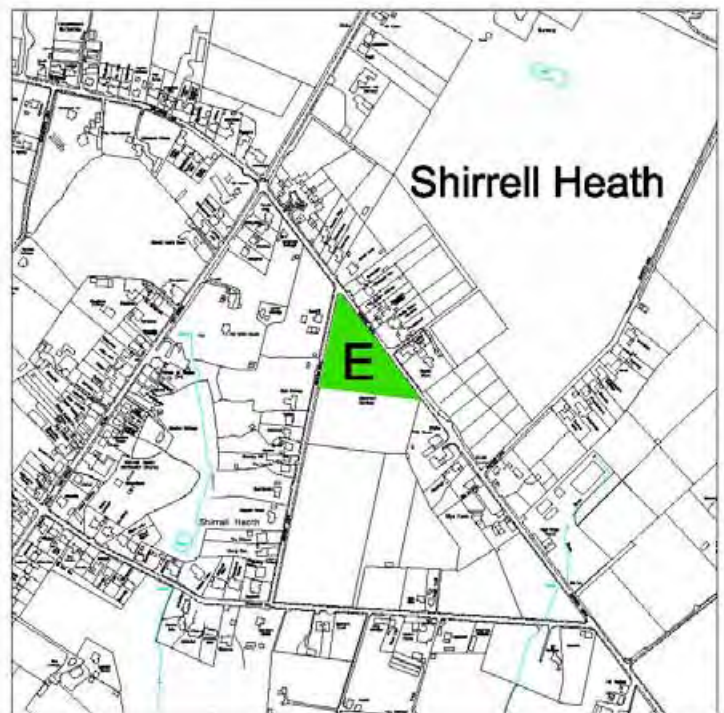
Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment of pavilion at the main recreation ground.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B





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**Description**

A parish containing three distinct villages: Waltham Chase, Shedfield and Shirrell Heath. Waltham Chase has a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review, whilst both Shedfield and Shirrell Heath are subject to countryside policies. All three villages adjoin the Bishops Waltham/Swanmore/Waltham Chase/Shedfield/Shirrell Heath Local Gap.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Shedfield Recreation Ground*	0.2	A	Shedfield Recreation Ground	1.7
B	Waltham Chase Recreation Ground*	0.2	B	Waltham Chase Recreation Ground	1.0
C	The Triangle, Waltham Chase	1.0	C	The Triangle, Waltham Chase	0.6
D	Provene Gardens, Waltham Chase*	0.2			
E	Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground	0.7	District Sports:		
General Use:			In the adjacent countryside:		
In the developed areas:			Shedfield Common		
D	Provene Gardens, Waltham Chase		Footpaths		

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

1.7

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	3.2	-	3.2	2.3	-0.9
Sports	6.4	1.7	4.7	3.3	-1.4

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The parish has a shortfall of children's play space. Waltham Chase has two play areas of a reasonably good standard, both of which lie to the west of the A333, along with an area for casual play at The Triangle. The play area at the Recreation Ground does however require upgrading. Shedfield Recreation Ground has a fair standard and range of play equipment that should be upgraded to NEAP standard. The new recreation ground at Shirrell Heath has recently been equipped with a LEAP. However there is presently little provision for teenagers in the Parish. Additional land to the east of the school in Waltham Chase is reserved for recreation use in the Local Plan Review, and this should accommodate some additional play provision.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution, quality, standard.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrading play area at Shedfield Recreation Ground to NEAP standard, provision of play area (LEAP) to east of A333 at Waltham Chase. Provision of equipment for older children at Waltham Chase Recreation Ground. Drainage improvements and upgrading play area at Waltham Chase Recreation Ground.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

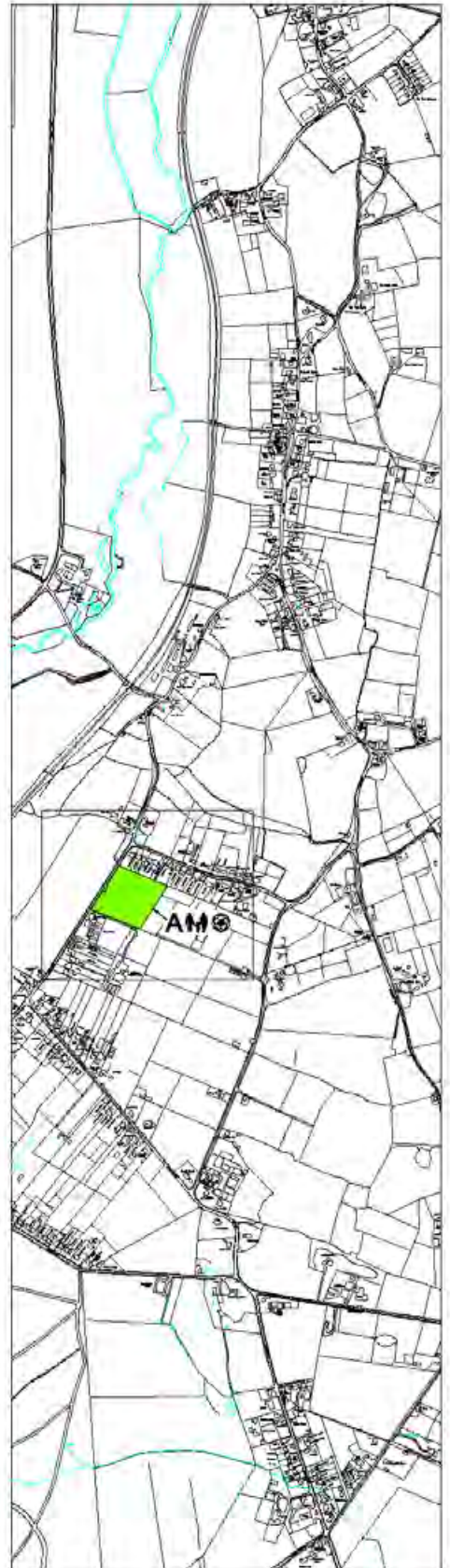
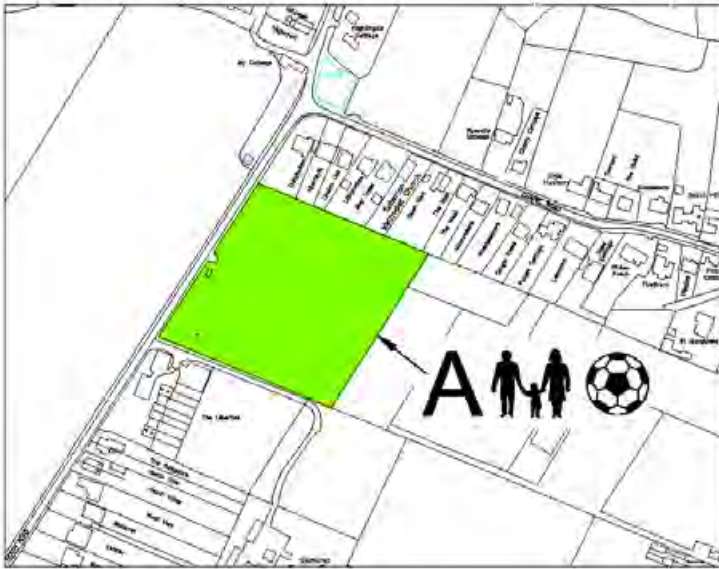
The Parish has a substantial shortfall in the provision of sports grounds and facilities. Land to the east of the school in Waltham Chase is reserved for this purpose in the Local Plan Review (Area F).

Deficiencies: Land, standard, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Enhancement of the sports pavilion at Shedfield Recreation Ground. Improved drainage and outdoor exercise equipment at Waltham Chase Recreation Ground. Provision of additional sports grounds on land to the east of the school in Waltham Chase.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	A
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### Description

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Soberton Parish contains the three villages of Soberton, Soberton Heath and Newtown, which lie in a dispersed linear pattern stretching north to south along the Meon Valley. All three villages have a countryside status in the Local Plan Review. Soberton village itself lies within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

### Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Soberton Heath Recreation Ground*	0.6	A	Soberton Heath Recreation Ground	1.0

District Sports:

-

General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

West Walk, Forestry Commission

Meon Valley Bridleway

### Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

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0.7

### Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.3	-	1.3	0.6	-0.7
Sports	2.5	0.7	1.8	1.0	-0.8

### Assessment of Play Areas

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There is a shortfall of children's play space. The Recreation Ground at Soberton Heath provides a small toddler play area with play equipment. This is, however, the only public play facility in the Parish and is in poor condition. Further land has been acquired adjacent to the Recreation Ground in order to provide further land and facilities. A LEAP should be provided in each of the other settlements if possible. This should go some way towards addressing the land deficit with regard to public play areas in the Parish.

Deficiencies: Land, area, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a new area for childrens play adjacent to the Recreation Ground, provision of new LEAPs at Soberton and Newtown.

### Assessment of Sports Grounds

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The only provision within the Parish is a football pitch at Soberton Heath, and as a consequence there is a substantial shortfall. The pavilion is dilapidated and is currently being refurbished.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution.

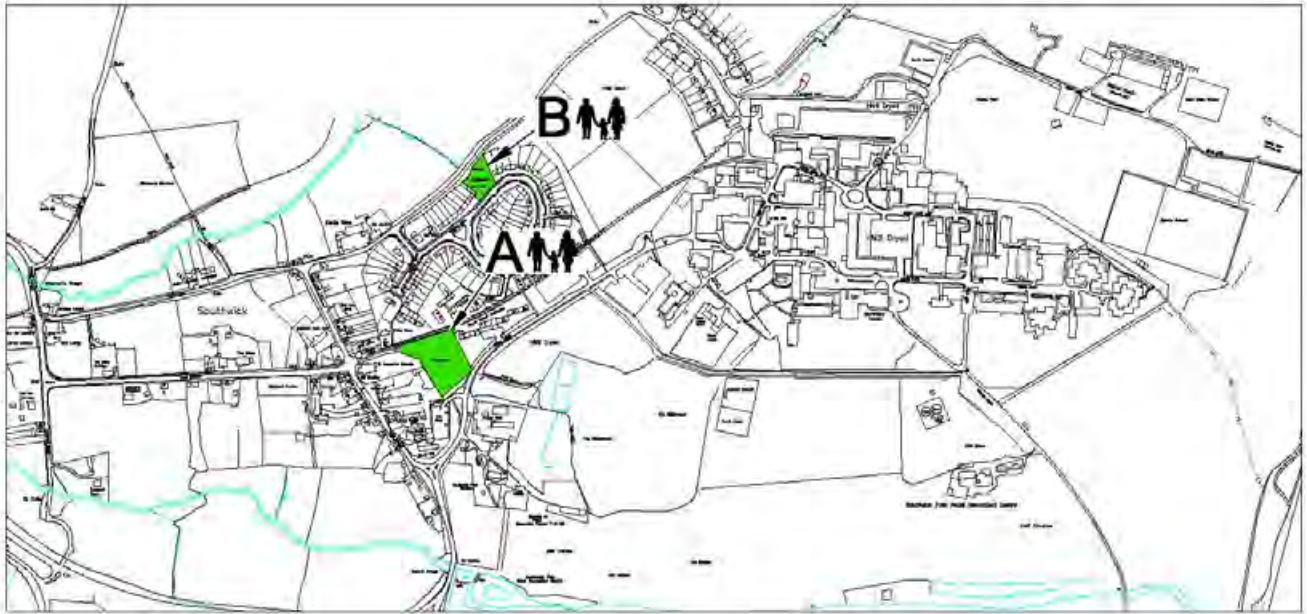
Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment of the pavilion.

### Contribution Scale

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For Play Areas: A

For Sports Grounds: A



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**Description**

The population figure includes those resident in the village of Southwick and the rest of the parish outside Southwick Park (formerly HMS Dryad). The village of Southwick is the main settlement, and it is owned and managed by the Southwick and Roche Court Estate. It has a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review, and a designated Conservation Area.

The parish will accommodate the majority of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area for which recreational land is reserved in the Local Plan Review. The MDA is, however, expected to meet its own needs for recreational space within the development.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Southwick Playing Field	0.5	-	
B	Norton Road*	0.2		
			District Sports:	
			C	Sports Ground, HMS Dryad (P) 2.0
General Use:				
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:	
,			Footpath access to Sheep Park	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.4

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.7	-	0.7	0.7	=
Sports	1.3	0.4	0.9	0.0	-0.9

**Assessment of Play Areas**

Both play equipment and casual space are centrally provided, at Southwick Playing Field. There is just sufficient land area, although the standard of the play equipment is deficient despite the addition of a new basketball feature in 2004-05. This facility should be upgraded to a NEAP. A further play area is provided at Norton Road, adjacent to MoD houses. This is equipped to LEAP standard but requires refurbishment.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrade play area at Southwick Recreation Ground to NEAP standard.  
Refurbish Norton Road play area.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

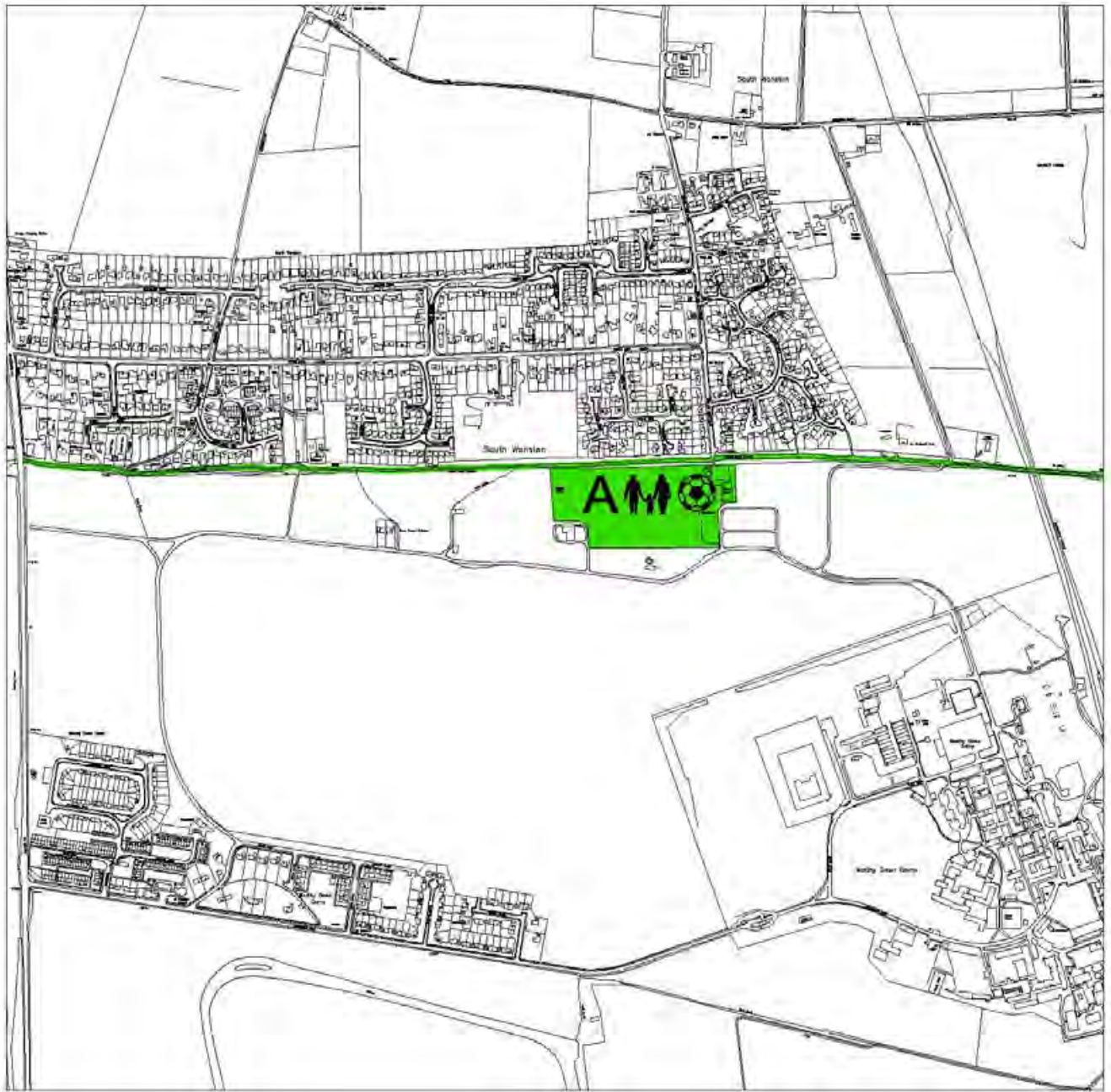
HMS Dryad allowed the use of its sports facilities by prior arrangement, and this arrangement met the needs of the parish. However, with the closure of HMS Dryad at the end of 2004 future arrangements are not presently known. No sports grounds exist in the village.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution

Improvements Proposed: Creation of a facility for teenagers on the former artificial hockey pitch at HMS Dryad.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: A



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**Description**

The Parish is centred on the village of South Wonston, which has a defined policy boundary in the District Local Plan Review. The village lies to the north of the extensive MoD establishment at Worthy Down.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	South Wonston Recreation Ground*	1.0	A	South Wonston Recreation Ground	3.5
			District Sports:		
					-
General Use:			In the adjacent countryside:		
In the developed areas:					
	Ox Drove to south of village				

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

1.2

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	2.3	-	2.3	1.0	-1.3
Sports	4.7	1.2	3.5	3.5	=

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The range and standard of play equipment provided at the main recreation ground is good and achieves NEAP standard, although some refurbishment is required. Nevertheless, there is a shortfall in terms of area. A play area to serve more directly the western part of the settlement could address both the distributional and land deficiencies although this would need to overcome local opposition. In the meantime improvements and additions can be made at the main recreation ground and the parish council are pursuing the purchase from the MOD of additional land adjacent to the recreation ground.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution, standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Continuation of efforts to purchase additional recreational space from the MOD. Improvements to play facilities at the Recreation Ground.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The parish has just sufficient land for sports grounds at the Recreation Ground, but the pavilion is substandard and requires replacement. The tennis courts require refurbishment and some pitch improvements are required.

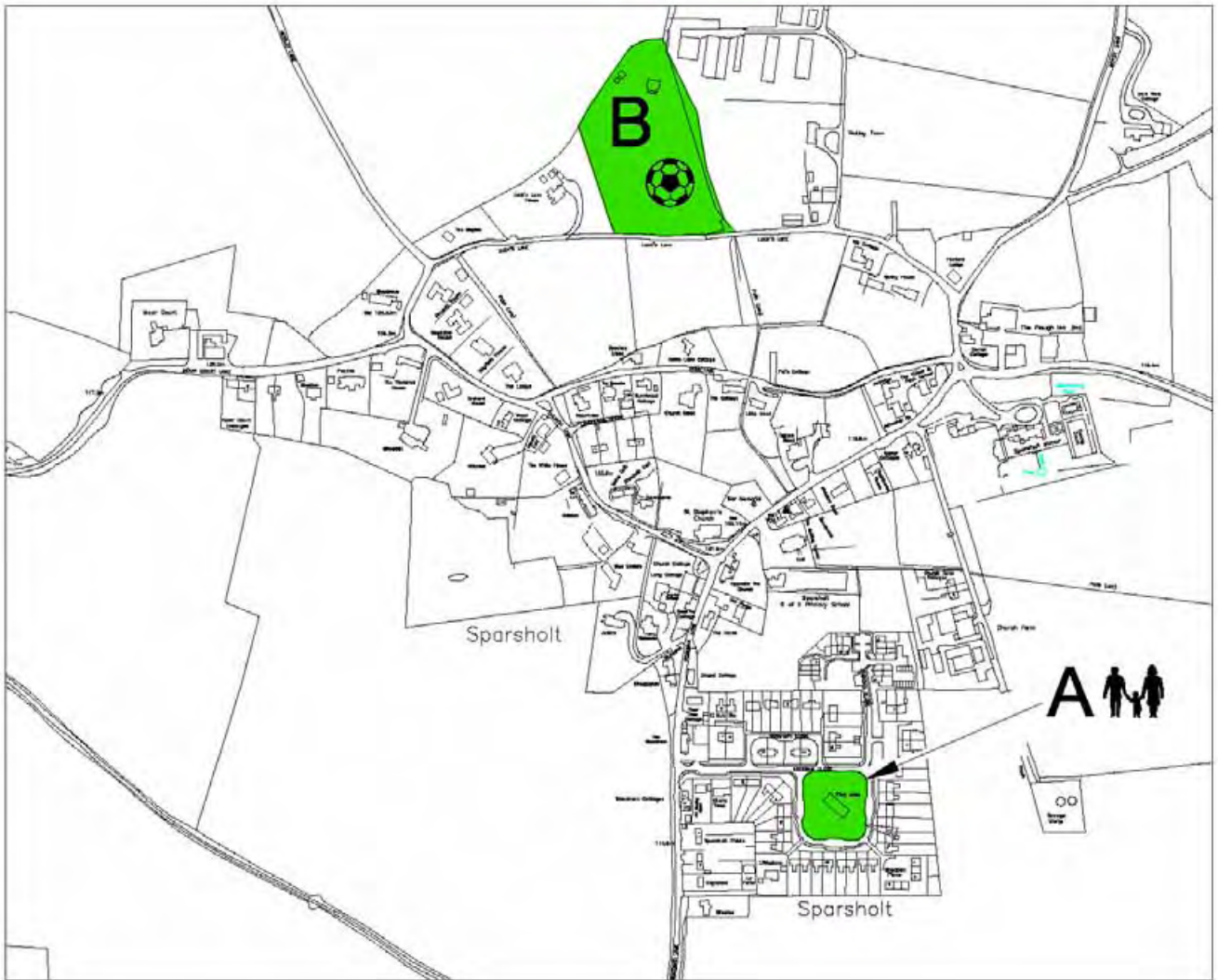
Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Purchase of additional land from the MOD. New pavilion at the Recreation Ground. Refurbishment of tennis courts at Recreation Ground. Pitch improvements.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B





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**Description**

Sparsholt is a dispersed village, with a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review. The older part of the village (to the north) is low density, with a variety of character, whereas the southern part is newer, and developed at a higher density. The College of Agriculture lies to the north-west of the village within the countryside, but, for the purposes of this Strategy, the Parish population excludes the student population resident at the College.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	The Green, Woodman Close*	0.4	B	Cricket Ground (P)
				1.5
			District Sports:	
				-
General Use:				
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:	
			Farley Mount Country Park	
			Ham Green Common	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.6	-	0.6	0.4	-0.2
Sports	1.2	0.3	0.9	1.5	+0.6

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The village has insufficient land for play provision and the existing play area at Woodman Close requires additional play equipment.

Deficiencies: Land, quality, distribution, standard.

Improvements Proposed: Additional play equipment at Woodman Close. Provision of facilities for teenagers on additional land.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

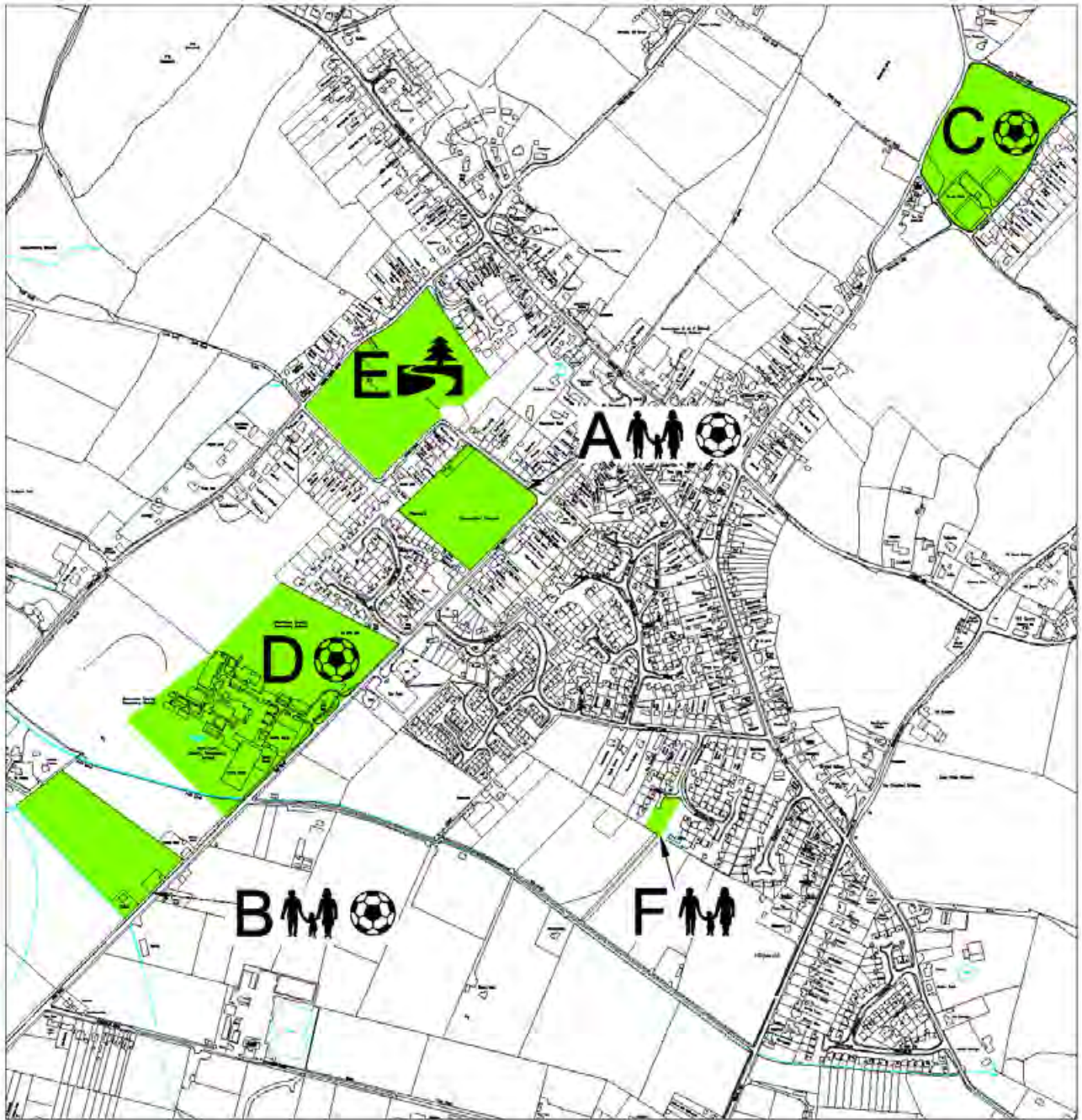
Both the cricket ground and the football pitch are privately owned. They are located beyond the village itself, but this would be difficult to rectify given the form of the settlement and its Conservation Area status. The football pitch however is not fit for purpose and no longer used due to the state of the pitch and has been removed from this schedule.

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: no contribution



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**Description**

The main settlement in the parish is Swanmore, which has a policy boundary status in the District Local Plan Review. Over recent years the village has accommodated considerable development. The settlement adjoins the Bishops Waltham/Swanmore/Waltham Chase/Shedfield/Shirrell Heath Local Gap.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:		Local Sports:		
A	Broad Lane Recreation Ground*	0.9	A Main Recreation Ground	1.0
B	New Road Sports Ground*	0.5	B New Road Sports Ground	1.7
F	Medlicott Way Play Area*	0.4	C Tennis Club, Mayhill Lane (P)	0.6
	Brook Meadow	0.5		
General Use:		District Sports:		
In the developed areas:		D Swanmore College of Technology (E)		10.0
E	Lower Chase Road		In the adjacent countryside:	
	Brook Meadow		Footpaths	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

1.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	2.5	-	2.5	2.3	-0.2
Sports	4.9	1.3	3.6	3.3	-0.3

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The play areas at Broad Lane Recreation Ground and the New Road Sports Ground are both equipped to NEAP standard, although the Broad Lane equipment is in need of some refurbishment/upgrading/possible additions and the New Road skatepark requires some refurbishment. There is also a LAP at Medlicott Way, which should be improved. Brook Meadow is due to be provided with a BMX track, footpath and drainage improvements but there is still a land shortfall for children's play and the eastern part of the village has poor access to facilities.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a new play area, to LEAP standard, to serve the eastern part of the village. Improvement to Medlicott Way LAP. Refurbishment of Broad Lane Recreation Ground NEAP with drainage improvements. New BMX facility at Brook Meadow. Repositioning of kickwall at Broad Lane. Refurbish skatepark equipment.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

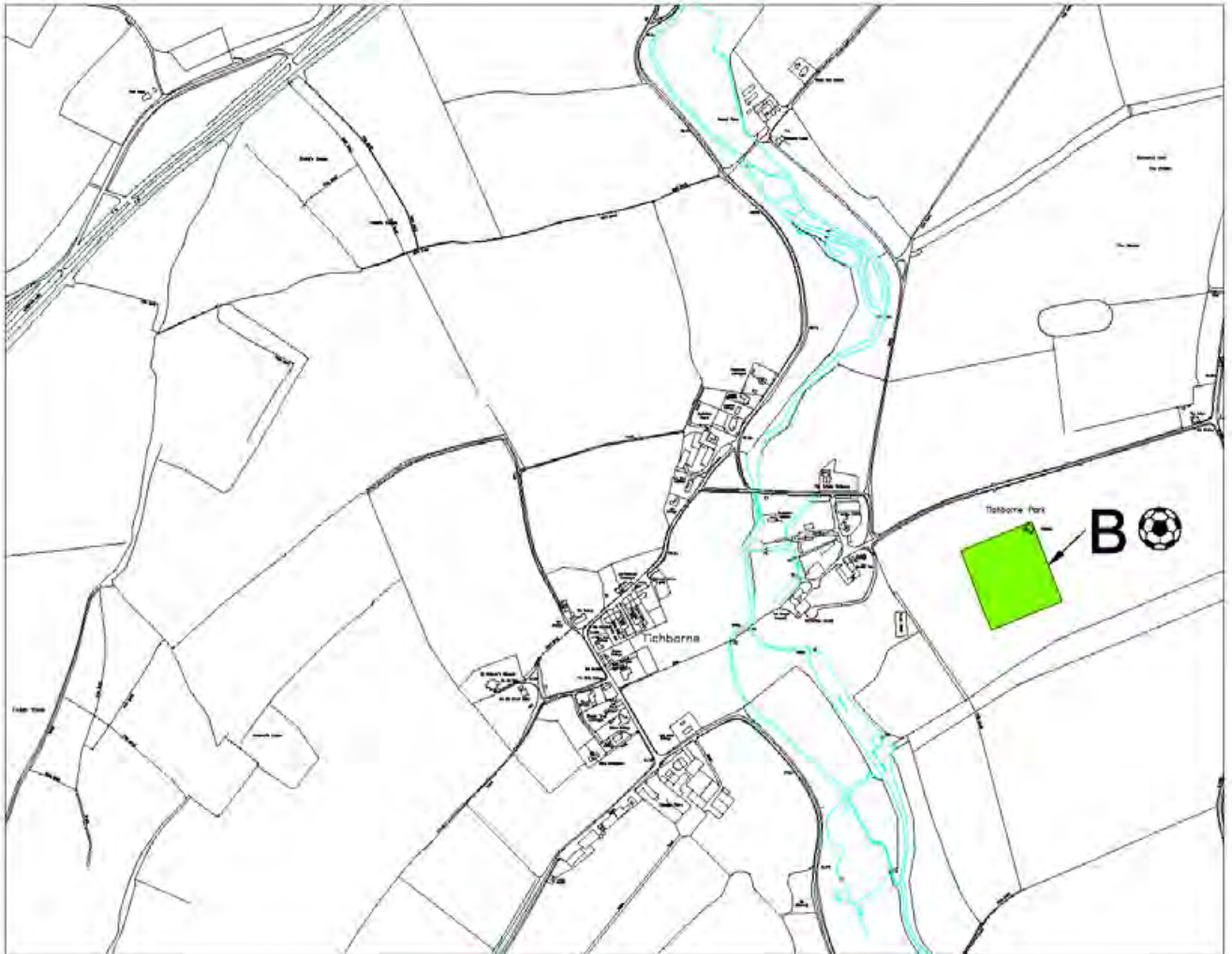
There is a small shortfall of land available for adult sports. Broad Lane Recreation Ground requires further improvements to the pavilion, and the field requires drainage improvements. New Road Sports ground needs a pavilion, extended car parking and drainage improvements. An additional area of land is required to bring the Parish up to standard.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: A new area of sports grounds in the eastern part of the village and drainage improvements at New Road Sports Ground. New BMX facility and boules facility at Brook Meadow with improved access, path improvements and drainage. Replacement cricket wicket at Broad Lane. Improved access to Broad Lane and additional tree planting for shade.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: A



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**Description**

A rural parish with an ancient village, beyond which the Parish population is thinly spread. The Parish is covered by countryside planning policies in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:	Local Sports:	
-	B Cricket Ground, Tichborne Park (P)	1.5
	District Sports:	
General Use:		
In the developed areas:	In the adjacent countryside:	
-	Wayfarers' Walk	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.1

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.2	-	0.2	0.0	- 0.2
Sports	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.5	+1.3

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There is no play provision in the Parish and with the slight increase in parish population the shortfall of play space has grown.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution, quality, standard.

Improvements Proposed: Every effort should be made to provide a play area, to LEAP standard, in a central position within the village.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

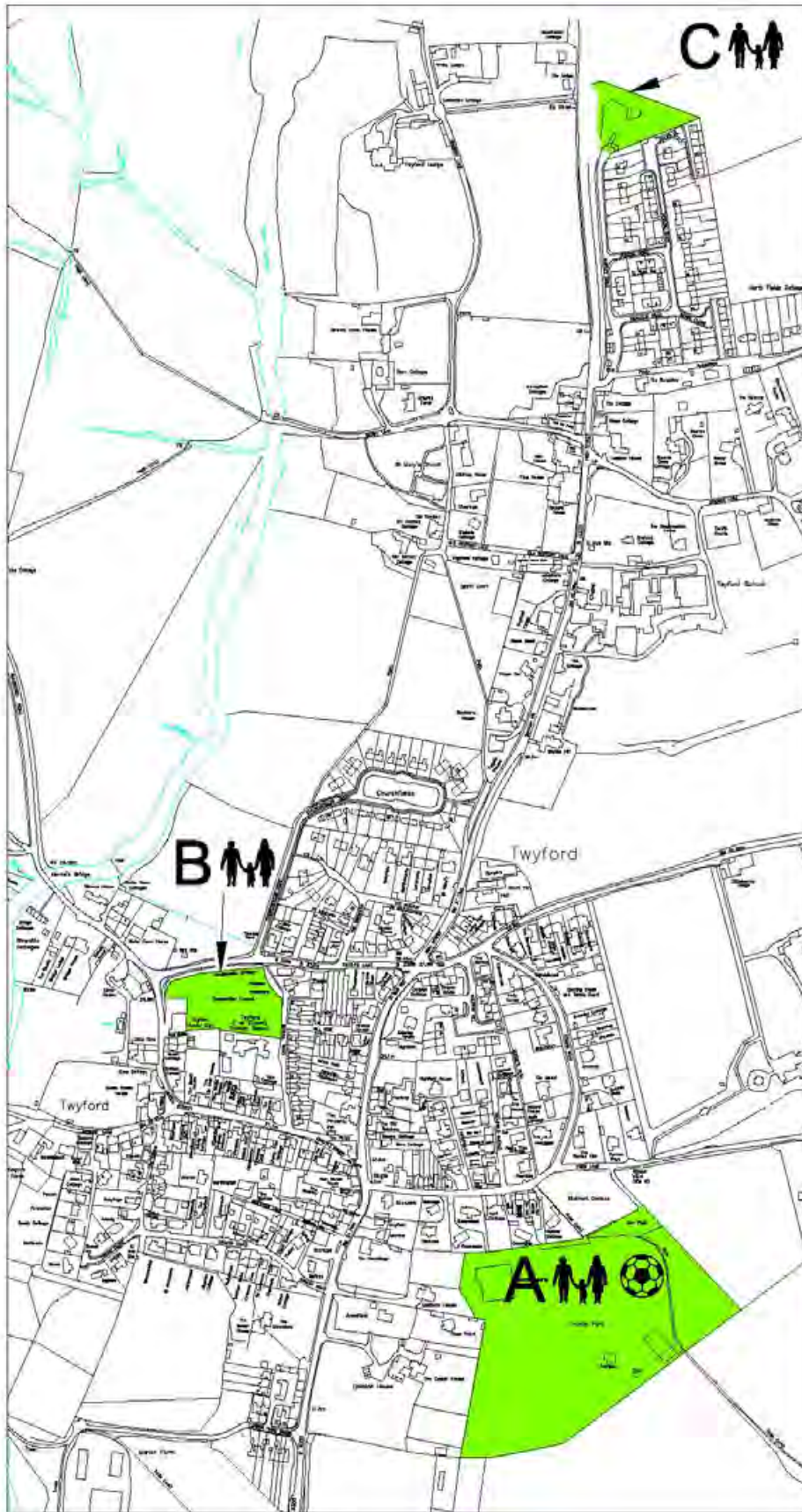
The cricket ground at Tichborne Park is a local facility, run by a private cricket club. This pitch and the sports pitch at Cheriton Recreation Ground jointly serve the needs of Beauworth, Bramdean, Cheriton, Kilmeston and Tichborne (see Cheriton Parish Schedule). The pitch at Cheriton requires improvement.

Deficiencies: Standard and quality.

Improvements Proposed: Assistance with the improvement of the sports ground at Cheriton which serves also the adjoining parishes of Beauworth, Bramdean, Kilmeston, and Tichborne (see Cheriton Parish Schedule). Upgrading of the cricket pavilion at Tichborne Park..

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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### Description

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The attractive village of Twyford has a policy boundary around the main built up area in the Local Plan Review, and its historic core is a designated Conservation Area.

### Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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Play:			Local Sports:	
A	Hunters Park*	0.8	A	Hunters Park
B	Ballards Close*	0.8		
C	Northfields*	0.4	District Sports:	
				-

General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

Twyford Down

Water Meadows

Compton Lock

### Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

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0.6

### Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.2	-	1.2	2.0	+0.8
Sports	2.4	0.6	1.8	3.2	+1.4

### Assessment of Play Areas

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There are three play areas in the Parish, two of which, at Hunters Park and Ballards Close, are equipped to LAP and LEAP standard respectively. Distribution is reasonable. Hunters Park play area should be upgraded to a NEAP and improvements are ongoing. Northfields play area has recently been equipped but further provision for teenagers is required in the village.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Further upgrading of Hunters Park play area to NEAP standard. Upgrading and refurbishment of play area at Ballards Close to LEAP standard. Resurface basketball court.

### Assessment of Sports Grounds

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Provision for teenagers is required.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: New football goal nets and posts at Hunters Park. Resurfacing of basket ball court at Hunter Park.

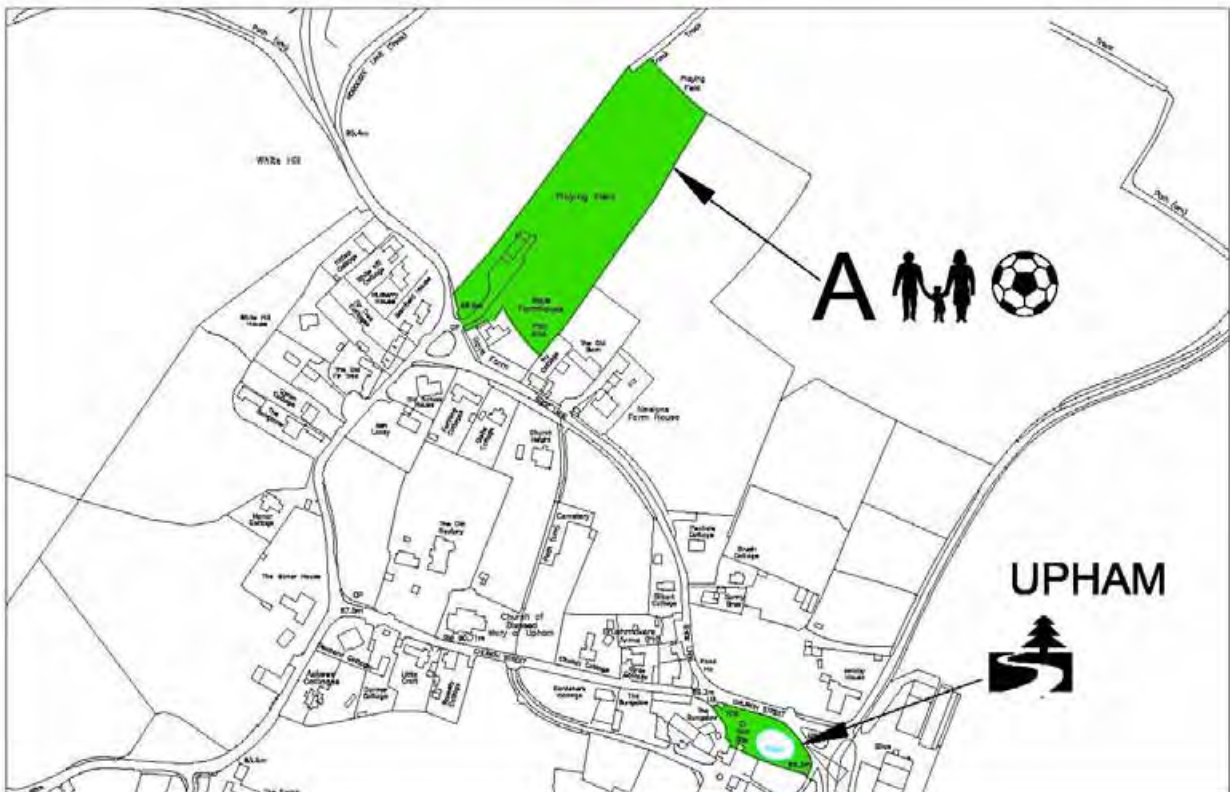
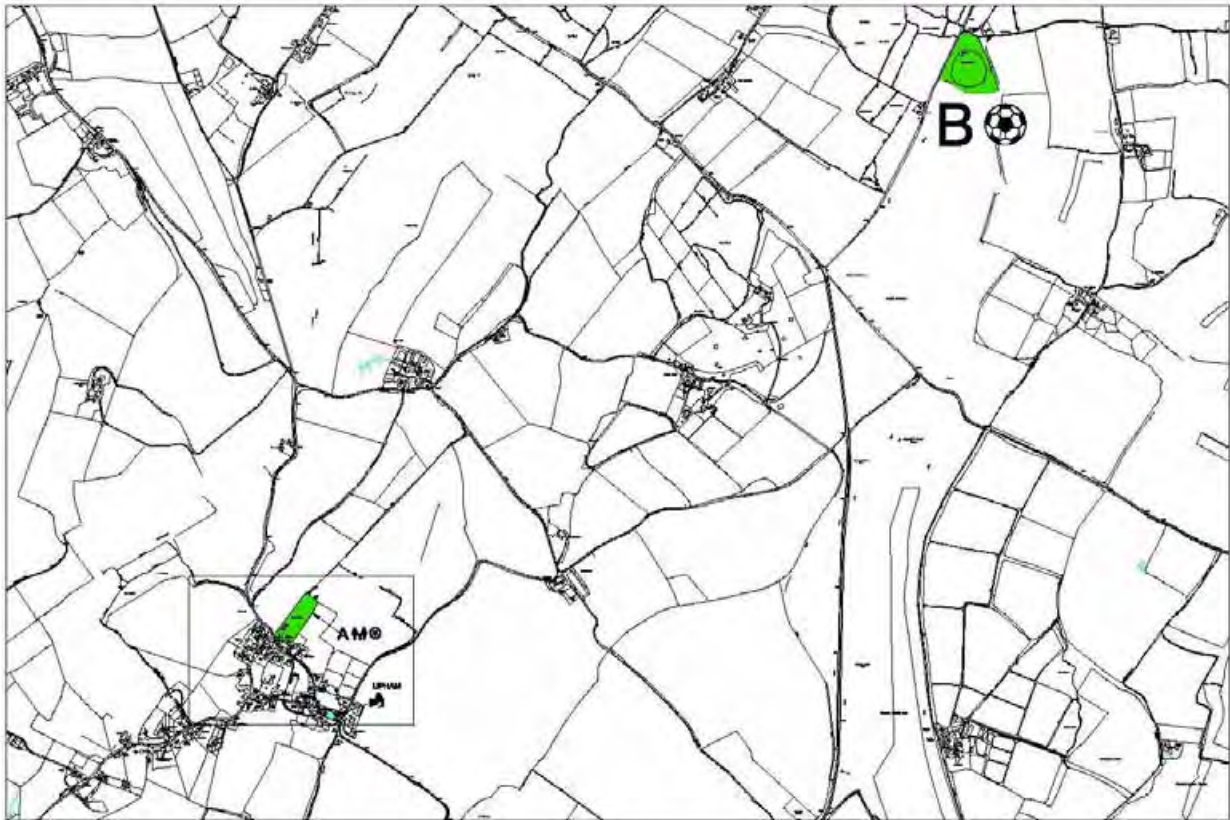
### Contribution Scale

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For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B





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**Description**

The Parish contains the villages of Upham and Lower Upham, both of which have a countryside status in the Local Plan Review. The village of Upham has a Conservation Area.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Ray's Farm*	0.3	A	Ray's Farm	0.8
			District Sports:		
			B	Flamingoes Cricket Ground (P)	1.6
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
			Footpaths		

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.5	-	0.5	0.3	- 0.2
Sports	1.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	=

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There continues to be a small shortfall in childrens play space in the parish. The play area at Ray's Farm was recently refurbished but still has insufficient equipment and should be further upgraded to LEAP standard. Lower Upham warrants its own equipped play area, to LEAP standard.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution, quality, standard.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrade play area at Ray's Farm to LEAP standard. Provision of LEAP to serve Lower Upham. Improvements to car park, fencing and landscaping at Ray's farm Recreation Ground.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

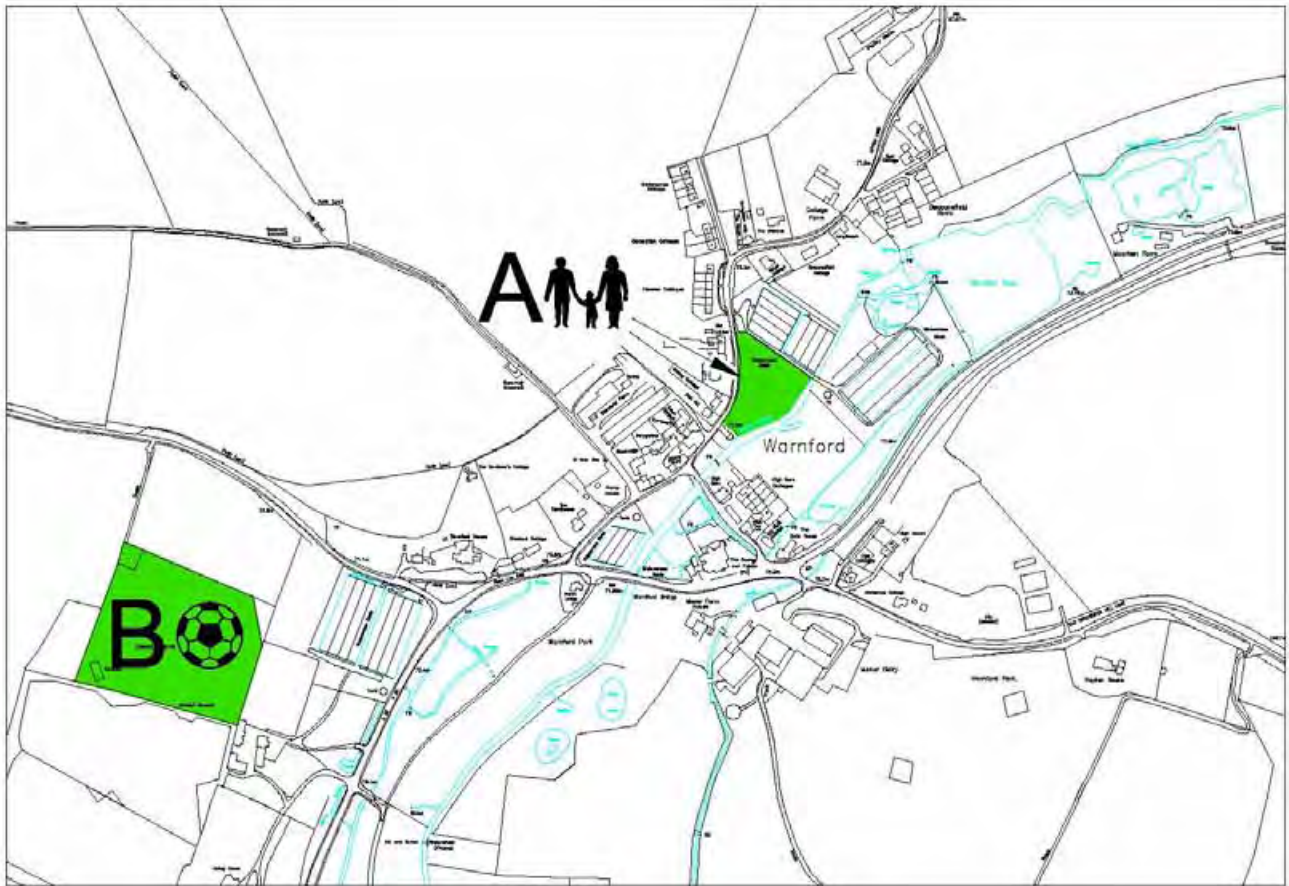
The Parish has adequate sports ground provision. Private cricket facilities at the Flamingo's Cricket Ground contribute to the district sports provision. The pitch at Ray's Farm is in good condition although, in terms of size, it only just meets league standards. Changing facilities are now much improved with the completion of the new pavilion although it needs finishing off with car park and landscaping improvements.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Car park and landscaping improvements to new pavilion at Rays Farm Recreation Ground.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

A rural parish set within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and containing the main village is Warnford, which lies adjacent to the River Meon. The village has a countryside status in the Local Plan Review.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	The Memorial Playground*	0.5	-	
			District Sports:	
			B	Hampshire Hogs Cricket Club (P) 1.4
General Use:				
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:	
			Pinks Hill Wood	
			Old Winchester Hill	
			Meon Valley Bridleway	
			Warnford Park	

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.1

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.2	-	0.2	0.5	+0.3
Sports	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	- 0.3

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The main play area is the Memorial Playground, which accommodates a LEAP, which has been recently refurbished and satisfactorily serves the parish. There is no shortfall in play space.

Deficiencies: None

Improvements Proposed: None

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

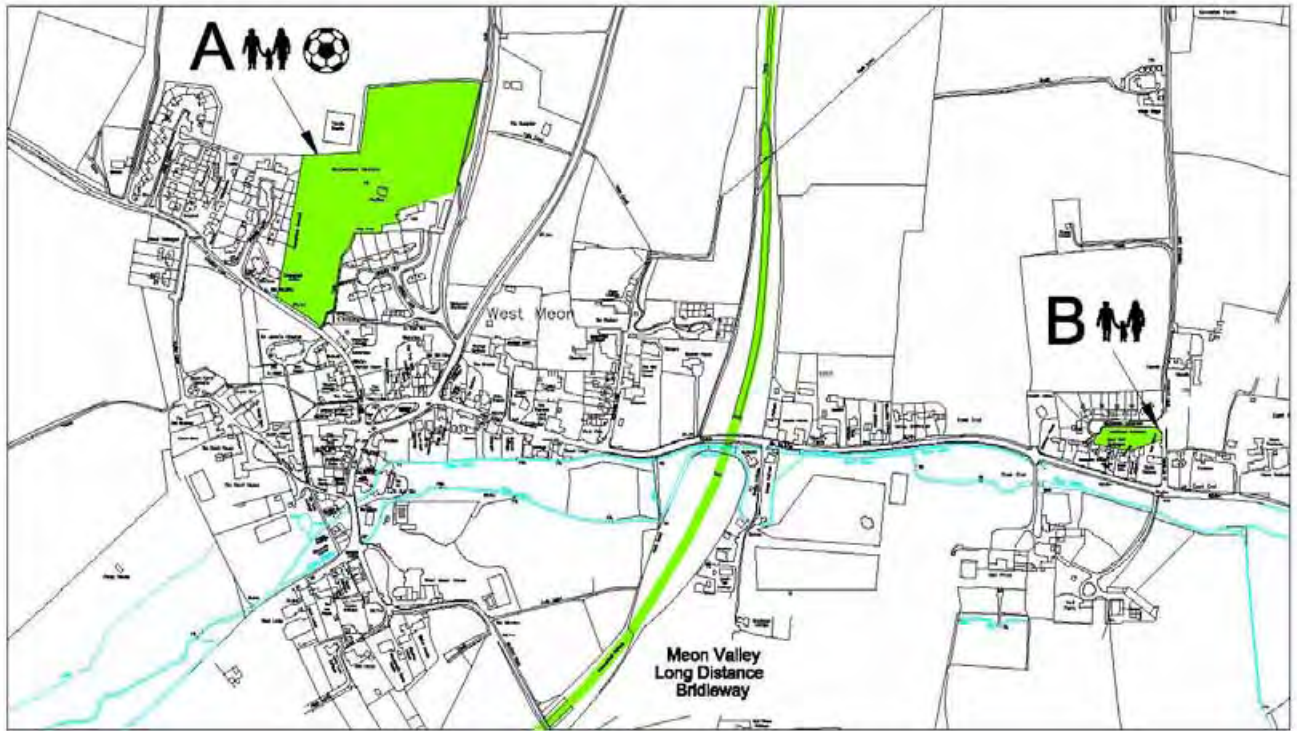
The Hampshire Hogs Cricket Club has good facilities, which contribute to the district-wide sports provision. The Parish generally looks towards West Meon for sports provision, where the pitches require some improvements.

Deficiencies: Land, standard. (Land sufficient when aggregated with West Meon).

Improvements Proposed: Assistance with improvements to the standard of pitches at West Meon (see West Meon Schedule).

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: None For Sports Grounds: B



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### Description

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A rural parish situated entirely within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the village of West Meon lies adjacent to the River Meon. It has a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review, and also has a Conservation Area.

### Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Headon View Recreation Ground*	1.0	A	Headon View Recreation Ground	2.5
B	Meonwara Crescent	0.2			

District Sports:

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General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

Westbury Park

Old Winchester Hill

Meon Valley Bridleway

### Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

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0.4

### Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.6	-	0.6	1.2	+0.6
Sports	1.2	0.4	0.8	2.5	+1.7

### Assessment of Play Areas

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The Recreation Ground play area is equipped to NEAP standard but some refurbishment of the toddlers' equipment is required. A multi-use games area has also been installed. The casual play area at Meonwara Crescent should be equipped although there may only be sufficient space to provide equipment to LAP standard.

Deficiencies: Quality, standard, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment of play facilities at Recreation Ground, retaining its NEAP status. Provision of equipment at Meonwara Crescent.

### Assessment of Sports Grounds

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There are good facilities at the Headon View Recreation Ground, and they also serve the Parish of Warnford. Some of the pitches and courts, however, require improvements to bring them up to standard and the pavilion requires improved disabled and vehicle access.

Deficiencies: Quality.

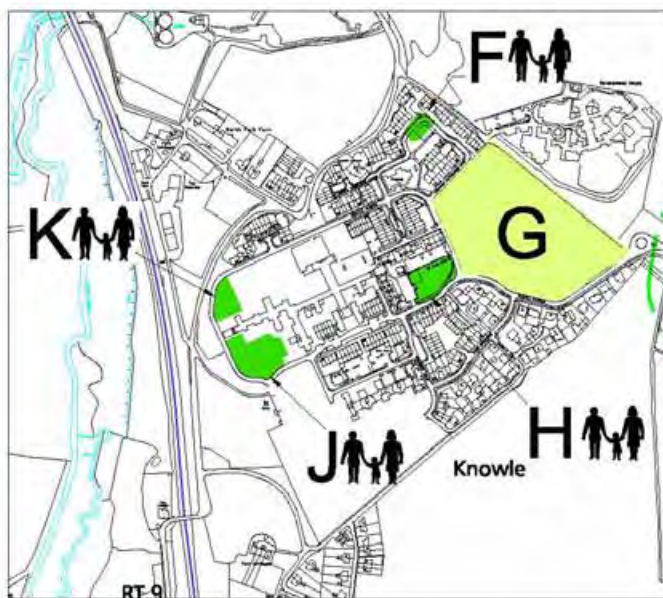
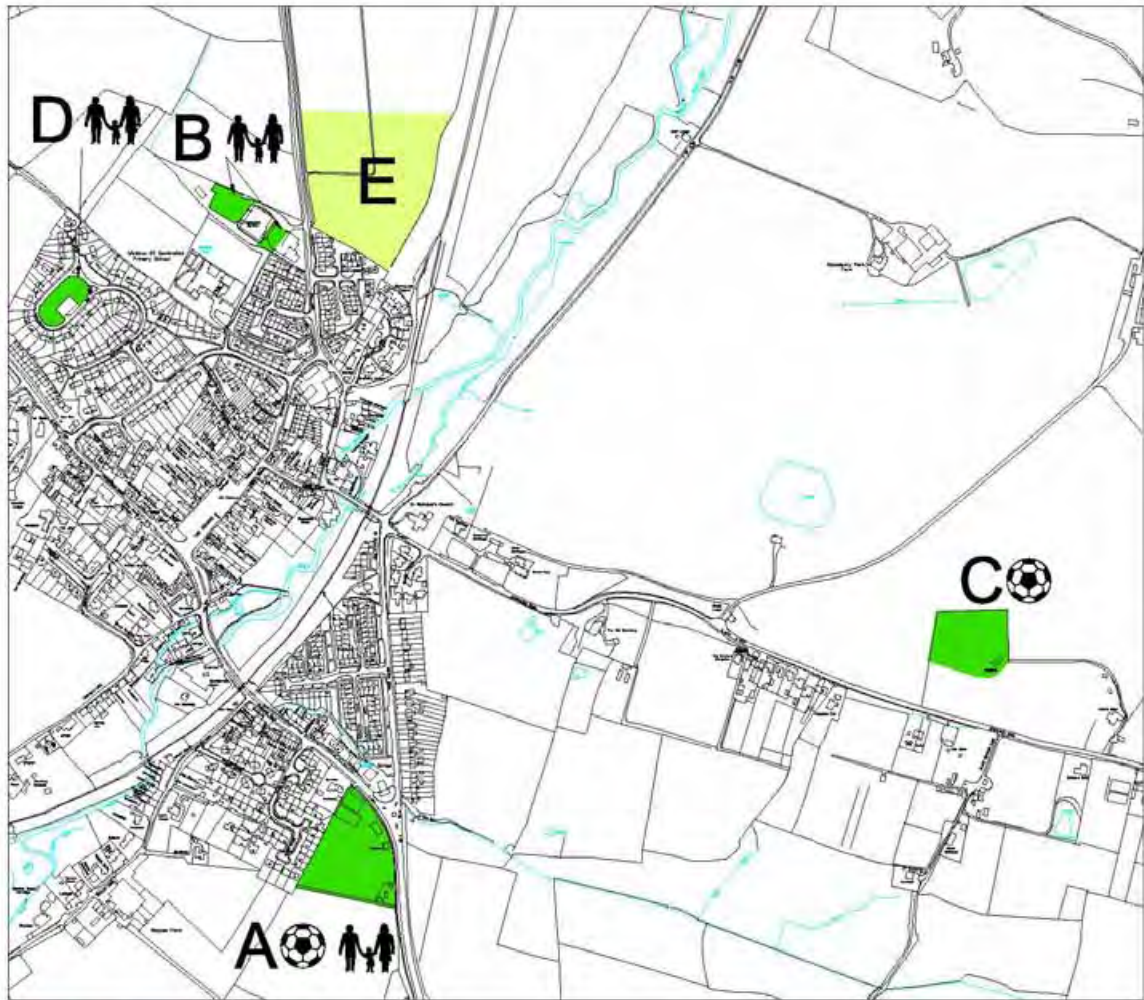
Improvements Proposed: Improvements to tennis courts, cricket and football pitches at the Headon View Recreation Ground. Improvements to access to pavilion.

### Contribution Scale

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For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B



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**Description**

The parish contains the main settlement of Wickham, and the smaller settlement of Knowle, which is currently being developed as a new village on the site of the former hospital. Both settlements have defined policy boundaries in the Local Plan Review. Wickham also has a Conservation Area covering its historic core.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Recreation Ground*	0.6	A	Recreation Ground	1.1
B	Adjacent Community Centre*	0.1	C	Wickham Cricket Club (P)	1.0
D	The Circle*	0.3			
	At Knowle:		District Sports:		
F	Greater Horseshoe Way, Knowle*	0.1	-		
H	Victoria Mews, Knowle*	0.1			
G	Recreation Ground, Knowle	1.0			
I	Knowle Avenue	0.3			
J	Phase 6 Knowle*	0.1			
K	Phase 5 Knowle*	0.1			
General Use:			In the adjacent countryside:		
In the developed areas:			Former Railway Line		
Phases 3, 5 and 7 Knowle			Land to east of Railway and West of River Meon		

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

1.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	3.4	-	3.4	2.7	-0.7
Sports	6.8	1.3	5.5	2.1	-3.4

**Assessment of Play Areas**

There are currently three play areas in Wickham town, at the Recreation Ground, adjacent to the Community Centre off Mill Lane and at the Circle. The play area at the Recreation Ground is equipped to NEAP standard. The play area adjacent to the Community Centre is equipped to LEAP standard and some skatepark equipment for teenagers has also been provided there but further improvements will be required. New play areas have also been provided at Knowle Village. Further new facilities will be provided by the developers within Knowle Village in future phases alongside areas for casual play and general open space. A new LEAP is needed to cater for the needs of the north-western part of Wickham town and additional play facilities will also need to be provided on land to the east of Mill Lane, Wickham, which is reserved for recreation use in the Local Plan Review.

Deficiencies: Land, quality, standard, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a new play facility to serve the north western part of Wickham town, to LEAP status, together with an area for casual play. Provision of additional facilities for teenagers at the Mill Lane play area. Provision of new changing pavilion and a MUGA at the Recreation Ground.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

The parish has a substantial shortfall of land for sports. New sports grounds need to be provided on land east of Mill Lane, Wickham (Area E), which is reserved for recreation use in the Local Plan Review. The new village at Knowle is to provide most of the sports grounds required as part of the development including a new pavilion, MUGA and skatepark (Area G). The pavilion at Wickham Cricket Club (Area C) is in need of replacement. New changing pavilion and a MUGA are required at the main Recreation Ground.

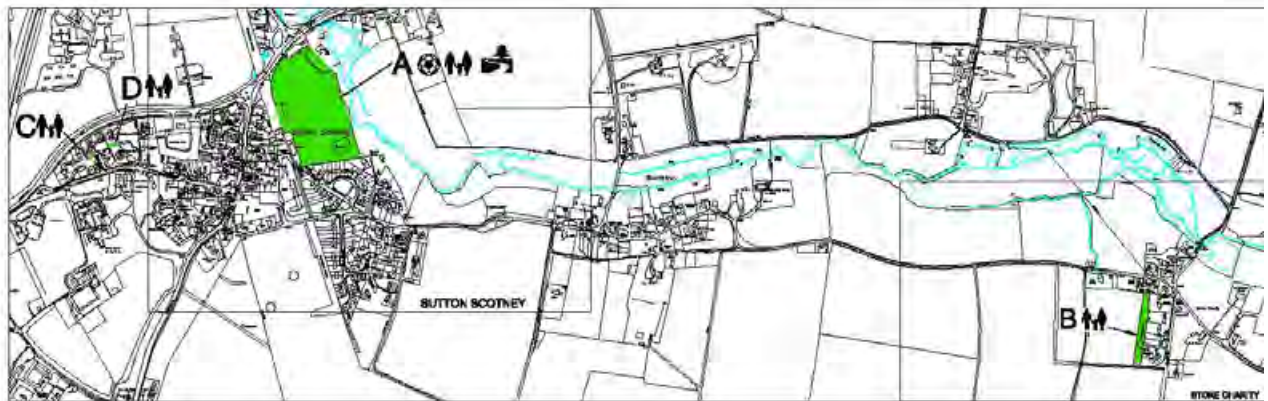
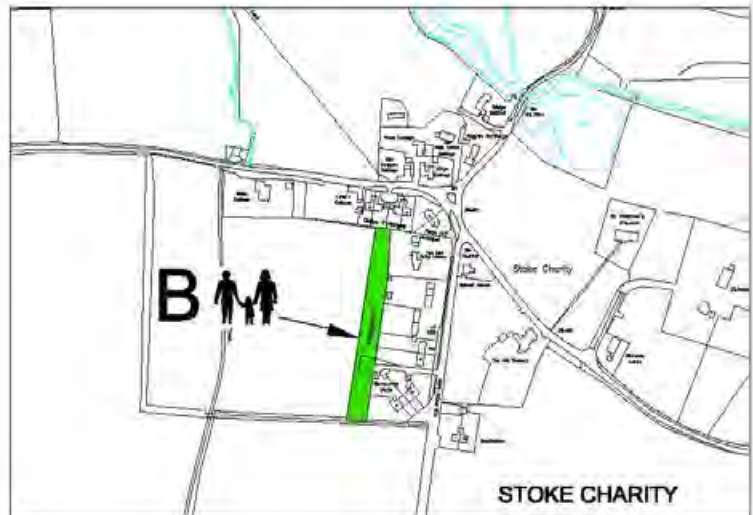
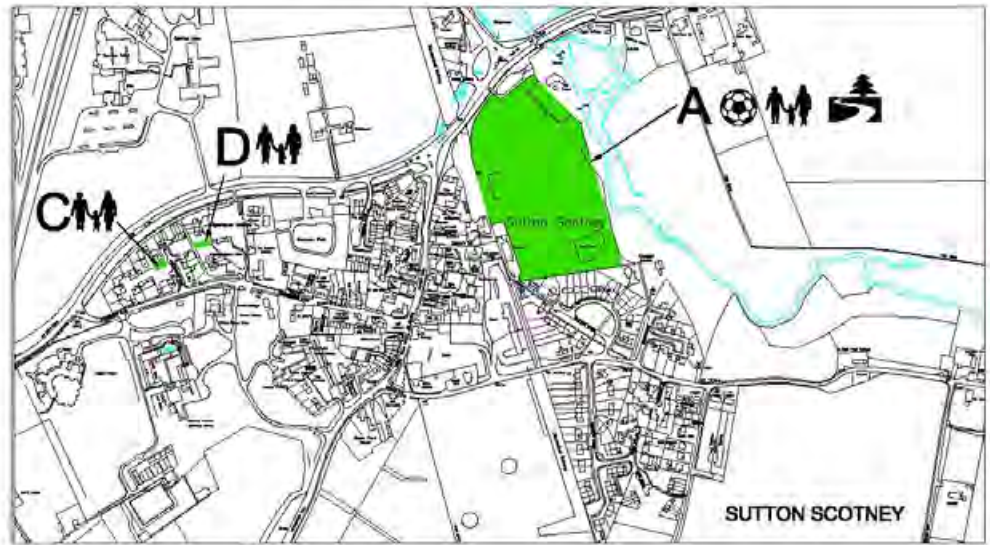
Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: A new area of sports ground should be provided on land east of Mill Lane, Wickham (Area E). The cricket club pavilion at Wickham should be replaced. New pavilion and new tennis courts/MUGA at the Recreation Ground. A new pavilion is required at Knowle in association with new football and cricket pitches and teenage facilities.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: A





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**Description**

A parish of three villages (Sutton Scotney, Wonston and Stoke Charity) and the hamlets of Hunton and Norton. Sutton Scotney is the largest settlement, with a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review, but the remainder of the parish has a countryside status. Sutton Scotney, Wonston and Stoke Charity all have Conservation Areas.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Gratton Recreation Ground*	1.3	A	Gratton Recreation Ground	2.8
B	Stoke Charity Playground*	0.4			
C	Pigeon House Field	0.1	District Sports:		
D	Pigeon House Yard*	0.1		-	

## General Use:

In the developed areas:

A Gratton Field

In the adjacent countryside:

River Dever Footpath

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)**

0.6

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.1	-	1.1	1.9	+0.8
Sports	2.3	0.6	1.7	2.8	+1.1

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The main play area at the recreation ground at Sutton Scotney is in adequate condition, and equipped to NEAP standard but would benefit from substantial refurbishment. There is also a small area for casual play, for Pigeon House Field and Pigeon House Yard combined at Sutton Scotney. The LEAP at Stoke Charity requires refurbishment. Wonston has no provision at all, and a new LEAP should be provided there. A LEAP is proposed at the former station yard and former Taylor's Coaches site. There is a new LAP at the Sutton Park development.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a new LEAP at Wonston. Replacement of most play equipment at Stoke Charity play area. Refurbishment of the play area at The Gratton.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

Gratton Recreation Ground acts as a recreational focus for the Parish. Following the completion of the new pavilion, facilities are generally of a good standard although the parish needs another tennis court to support the growing tennis club. Practice nets for cricket are required as is an area for bowls.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: New tennis court. Bowls area. Cricket nets.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B



**Description**

Winchester is the largest settlement in the District and comprises the six Wards of St Barnabas, St Bartholomew, St John and All Saints, St Luke, St Michael and St Paul. Together with the Parishes of Badger Farm and Olivers Battery, and the Harestock part of Littleton and Harestock Parish, they form the Winchester built up area, which is contained within the Winchester policy boundary in the Local Plan Review. The town comprises the historic central core with its extensive conservation area, older housing neighbourhoods in the central part of the town, and more recent residential areas in the outer parts. The M3 generally defines the eastern edge of the urban area. The town includes some larger open areas both within and on the edge of the urban area. The valley of the River Itchen and its water meadows form a strong semi natural feature running through the central part of the town. St Catherine's Hill lies within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is prominent in the landscape to the south east of the urban area.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

## Play:

A	North Walls*	1.13	MM	Silchester Place	0.01
B	St Martin's Close, Winnall*	0.08	NN	Sarum Close	0.03
C	Imber Road, Winnall*	0.42	OO	Arlington Place	0.01
D	Marston Gate*	0.10	PP	Nursery Gardens	0.20
E	Winnal Manor Road*	0.42			
F	Fairdown Close, Winnall*	0.02		<b>TOTAL PLAY</b>	<b>17.60</b>
G	St Giles Hill	1.50			
H	Gordon Avenue, Highcliffe*	0.29			
I	King George V Playing Fields*	0.27			
J	Abbey Gardens*	0.29		Local Sports:	
K	Chaundler Road, Abbots Barton*	2.45	A	North Walls Playing Fields	7.08
L	Friary Gardens, Culver Road*	0.02	I	King George V Playing Fields	5.53
M	Teg Down Meads, Teg Down*	0.12	V	Bar End Playing Fields (P)	2.00
N	Taplings Road, Weeke*	0.33	X	Royal Green Jackets Ground, St Cross (P)	3.00
O	Westman Road, Weeke*	0.25	Y	Winchester Squash & Tennis Club (P)	2.00
P	St Matthews Field, Weeke	1.32	Z	Friary Bowls Club (P)	0.02
Q	Orams Arbour*	1.25		<b>TOTAL LOCAL SPORTS</b>	<b>19.63</b>
R	Stuart Crescent, Stanmore*	2.10			
S	Thurmond Crescent, Stanmore*	0.57		District Sports:	
T	Walpole Road, Stanmore*	0.16	W	University Pitches (E)	3.77
U	Somers Close, Stanmore*	1.78	A	Winchester Football Club (P)	3.15
V	Erskine Road	1.00			
GG	Gordon Road*	0.01	II	Westgate School (E)	1.86
HH	Grange Road	0.10	JJ	Peter Symonds College (E)	2.71
KK	Dean Park*	1.05		<b>TOTAL DISTRICT SPORTS</b>	<b>11.49</b>
LL	Dyson Drive, Abbots Barton	0.36			
				<b>TOTAL SPORTS</b>	<b>31.12</b>

## General Use:

## In the developed areas:

A	North Walls	2.94
G	St Giles Hill	1.50
J	Abbey Gardens	0.64
Q	Orams Arbour	0.83
S	The Valley, Stanmore	2.98
AA	Cathedral Grounds	1.25
BB	The Weirs	0.80
CC	Joyce Gardens	0.24
DD	Wrack Hill	0.38
EE	Wentworth Grange	0.50
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	<b>12.06</b>

## In the adjacent countryside:

The Water Meadows  
St Catherines Hill  
Whiteshute Ridge

**Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Town (Hectares)**

13.8

## Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	29.4	-	29.4	17.60	-11.8
Sports	58.8	13.8	45.0	19.63	-25.4

## Assessment of Play Areas

Although there are a substantial number of play areas in the City, there is still a shortfall of open space land available for childrens play when measured against the Local Plan standard for the size of the population, and some housing areas are poorly served in terms of access to facilities. Additional land will rarely become available for larger play areas.

Elsewhere within the town area, the aim is to achieve a distribution of NEAPs (neighbourhood equipped areas for play) by upgrading some existing play area sites, and to provide at least one NEAP within each main segment of the City. Multi sports areas, for older children and teenagers, are also to be provided in association with suitable NEAPs, with at least one accessible to each major housing area of the City. The first two have been provided at North Walls and Somers Close, and a small ball court has been installed at the KGV playing fields and a goal and basket-ball net has been installed at Gordon Avenue. Other play areas should generally be of LEAP (local equipped areas for play) standard, and should complement NEAPs wherever possible, providing an alternative smaller play facility in other parts of the same housing area. LAPs (local areas for play) should generally only be provided within housing developments, since they are intended to serve the needs of younger children.

Although most play areas in the City are in good condition, there are still a number that require partial or total refurbishment, and the majority require additional items of equipment or the provision of a multi-sports area to bring them up to acceptable standards, including Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Standards. To address this, the City Council has initiated, and the Town Forum has approved, a Five Year Refurbishment Plan based on an assessment of the condition of existing areas and the establishment of minimum quality standards. This Plan has however now reached year 5 with several existing play areas not yet brought up to standard and a new Plan will need to be drawn up.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to Imber Road play area, Winnall.: Floodlighting to Highcliffe skatepark. New play area at Somers Close.

## Assessment of Sports Grounds

There is a substantial shortfall in the area available for publically accessible sports grounds, when measured against the Local Plan standard. The more detailed Assessment of Playing Field Provision in the Built-Up Area of Winchester, published in 1992, demonstrated that this shortfall was substantially higher, and some of the sports pitches identified as being available at the time of the assessment have since been lost to other uses. An update of this assessment has recently been completed, and this may result in the adoption of a revised local standard for sports grounds. Until this recommended standard has been considered through the Council's Core Strategy and associated Development Plan or Supplementary Planning Documents, the current Local Plan standard for sports ground provision will be applied.

There is, therefore, a need for a substantial additional area of land to meet this need, and the Local Plan Review reserves three new areas of land primarily for additional sports provision – south of Winchester at Bushfield Camp (Area QQ), north of Winchester between Stockbridge Road and Littleton Road (shown as Area MM on Map 26, Littleton & Harestock), and to the north and west of Courtenay Road (Area OO on Winchester Map 1). Although the Bushfield Camp area has been the preferred location for additional sports provision, the land is unlikely to be available for the foreseeable future. It may, however, be possible to bring one of the other reserved areas forward, and this will need to be investigated further. A feasibility study is therefore to be undertaken on the land between Stockbridge Road and Littleton Road, with a view to making additional provision there in the first instance.

However, there is also considerable scope to improve provision within the existing main sports ground areas, by increasing the availability of pitches, providing other sports facilities and securing their long-term usage for sports provision. Emphasis should therefore be given to maximising the usage of the Bar End and North Walls areas as major outdoor sports complexes, as they will complement any future provision made within the areas reserved in the Local Plan Review. The University athletics facility at Bar End has now been completed.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to increase pitch availability and accessibility, to secure their long term usage as playing fields, and the provision of additional sports facilities in the Bar End and North Walls areas [Area FF (incorporating Areas I, V and W) and Area A on the Location Map]. Further improvements include the replacement pavilion at North Walls Recreation Ground and further improvements to the tennis courts. Assistance with the provision of additional sports grounds on one of the areas reserved in the Local Plan Review – north of Stockbridge Road and west of Littleton Road (Area MM on Littleton & Harestock Map 26), north and west of Courtenay Road (Area OO on Winchester Map 1), or at Bushfield Camp (Area LL).

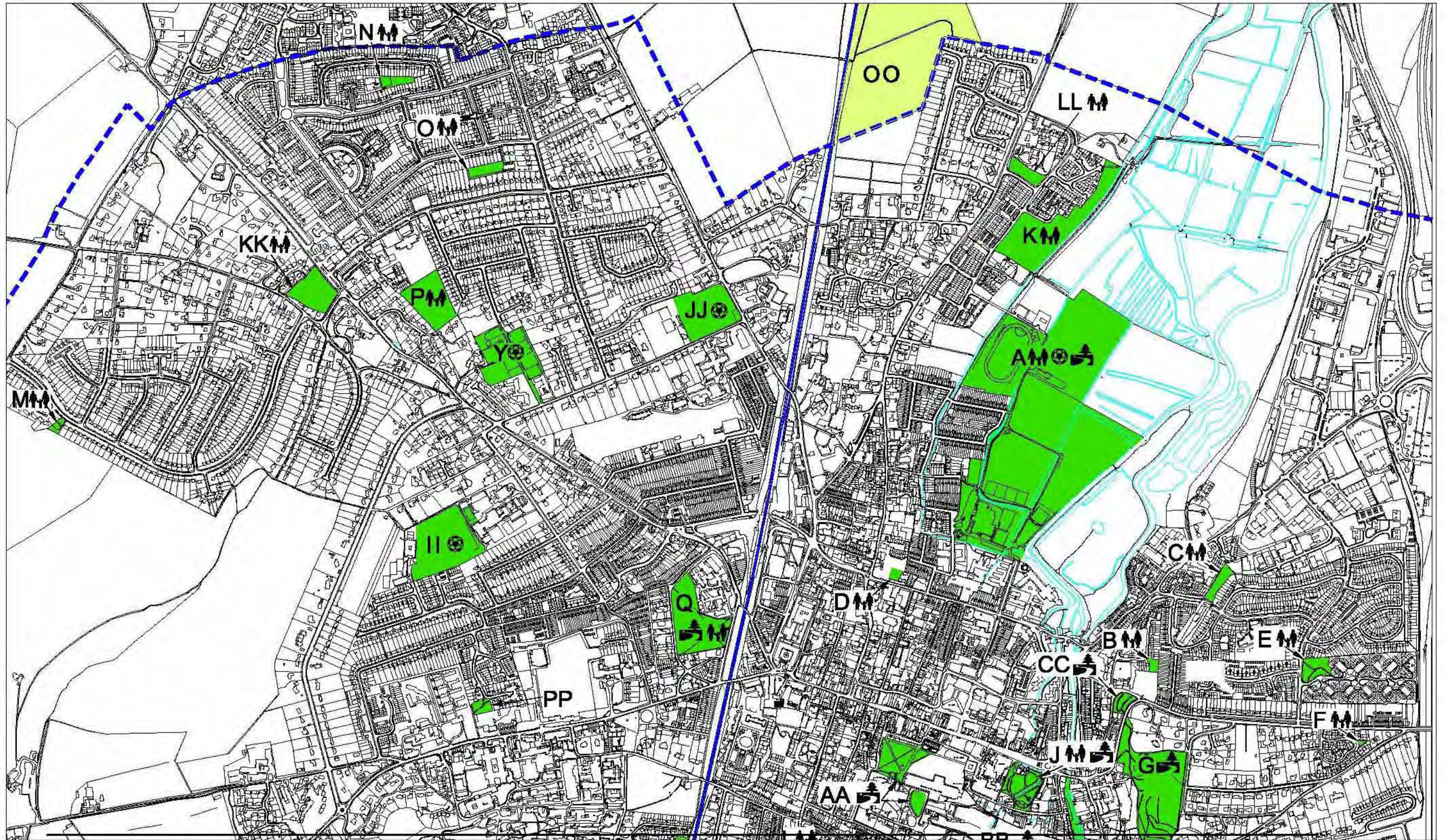
## Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A

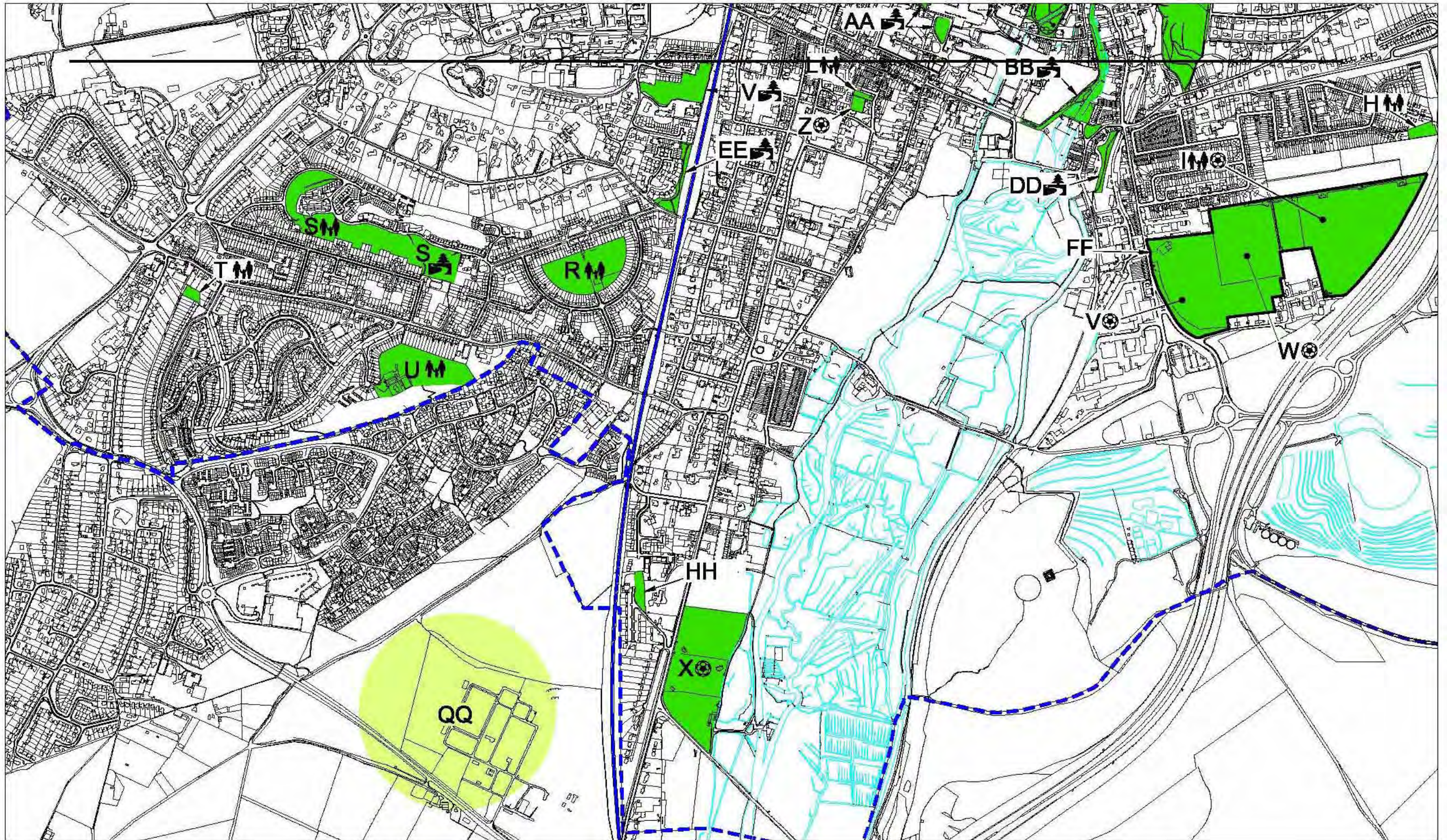
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47. WINCHESTER

2009 MAP 1



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# WHITELEY

## Description

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NB: Whiteley is now a separate parish with outstanding housing allocations within the Policy Boundary. However, it remains outside the Open Space Funding System until such time as housing development there is complete. In the meantime the arrangements for providing recreational space in Whiteley are as set out in the earlier Whiteley Local Plan. However, any development outside the designated policy boundary for Whiteley, which is better related to facilities in Whiteley than Wickham, should contribute to the Whiteley Reserve Fund.

## Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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Play:

Local Sports:

General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

## Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

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## Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play					
Sports					

## Assessment of Play Areas

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Deficiencies:

Improvements Proposed:

## Assessment of Sports Grounds

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Deficiencies:

Improvements Proposed:

## Contribution Scale

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For Play Areas:

For Sports Grounds: