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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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RECENT REFERENCES:

CAB2151 : Review of the Open Space Strategy and Funding System, 19 May 2011 .

OS31: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Update, 23 January 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks approval for the adoption of the 2012-2013 Open Space Strategy and reviews the operation of the open space funding system since the last report. It provides details of the schemes implemented in the last year using s106 developer contributions, and reports on the amounts existing in the Open Space Fund for parishes and for Winchester Town. It also seeks the approval of the revised contribution levels for 2012/2013. The report also discusses the transition from s106 to CIL and what this might mean for the Open Space Strategy and the Open Space Funding System.

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 2012 to 31 March 2013, 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 2012 and 31 March 2013 (except in cases where the decision notices have already been issued).

CABINET – 17 May 2012REVIEW OF THE OPEN SPACE STRATEGY AND FUNDING SYSTEMREPORT OF HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNINGDETAIL:1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Open Space Funding System has now been operating for 20 years in the southern part of the District, and for more than 16 years throughout the rest of the District.
- 1.2 The Open Space Strategy is reviewed annually, to ensure that the assessment of the adequacy of children's play areas and sports grounds remains accurate and that the 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 2012/2013 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 the 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 Latest Government advice on the provision for open space, sport and recreation through the planning system is now set out in the recently issued National Planning Policy Framework. This document is similar to earlier advice in that it continues to require robust and up-to-date assessments of open space needs and opportunities and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space.

This document supersedes Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG17), published in July 2002. Under PPG17 all local authorities were required to carry out a review and produce locally derived standards for a wider range of open space, sport and recreation facilities (including indoor recreation provision) than the current strategy. The Winchester Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study was subsequently produced for the Winchester District in partnership with East Hampshire District Council in 2008.

- 2.3 The Study's recommendations were used as the basis for new draft recreation standards in the Preferred Option version of the Core Strategy published in May 2009. As well as new and expanded standards for the quality, quantity and accessibility of open space, the emerging Core Strategy proposes new standards for *indoor* sports facilities which, although not currently the subject of specific Local Plan policies or the subject of this Strategy, are nevertheless part of the necessary social and physical infrastructure needed to serve future residential development in the District. 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.
- 2.4 Sports Halls, Swimming Pools and Fitness Gyms for example are all in shortfall and it is recommended that where these shortfalls appear more pressing than shortages of open space (e.g. in Winchester itself), officers explore the scope to negotiate flexibility in the use of future developer contributions to allow them to be used for the provision for indoor sport facilities. This would generally accord with references in the Local Plan to providing for recreational facilities, although care would be needed to avoid implying that no open space contribution is needed.
- 2.5 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) came into force in April 2010 and regulations to allow amendments to the CIL came into effect on 6 April 2011. Winchester City Council has agreed to develop a CIL under the Regulations and is seeking to adopt its CIL by September 2013 and will need an adopted, or very well-advanced, Core Strategy before being able to introduce CIL. This means that in order to retain any contribution based on a tariff system of payment such as the Open Space Funding System it will need to move over to CIL by September 2013.
- 2.7 The CIL Regulations are clear that each authority's proposals to introduce a CIL would need to be robust and would be subject to 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. In order to ensure this could be done, a draft Infrastructure Study has been published for consultation and was approved for publication by the Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee on 1 April 2011. This would need to be developed into a 'charging schedule' for the CIL, which would itself be subject to consultation and independent examination.
- 2.9 Until the Core Strategy and accompanying LDD is adopted, and a CIL is 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.
- 3.0 Proposed Changes to the Strategy
- 3.1 The Open Space Strategy must provide the detailed justification for seeking 106 financial contributions from house building for children's play and sports facilities for the next financial year.

- 3.2 Contributions may only be sought where play and sport facilities are deficient, although a deficiency may be in land area, standard of provision, quality of the facility or accessibility. 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 2012 - 2013 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 to overcome deficiencies 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 recently by the Town Forum on 26 January 2011 and agreed by Cabinet on 9 February 2011 (CAB 2118 refers).
- 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 Head of Sport and Physical Activity.

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 play and sport facilities (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 2012/2013 have been increased by 3.7% in accordance with the Retail Price Index (RPI) for February 2012. The new contribution scales proposed are therefore:

For Children's play

Dwelling Size	A (High)	B (Low)
	£	£
1 Bed	637	578
2 Bed	1062	957
3 Bed	1274	1142
4+ Bed	1700	1530

For Sports Grounds

Dwelling Size	A (High)	B (Low)
	£	£
1 Bed	637	578
2 Bed	1062	957
3 Bed	1274	1142
4+ Bed	1700	1530

- 4.4 These contribution levels would be sought for all permissions for new dwellings determined between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013 (save where the decision notice has already been issued), in accordance with the appropriate scale recommended for each Parish or Winchester Town.

5 The Open Space Fund

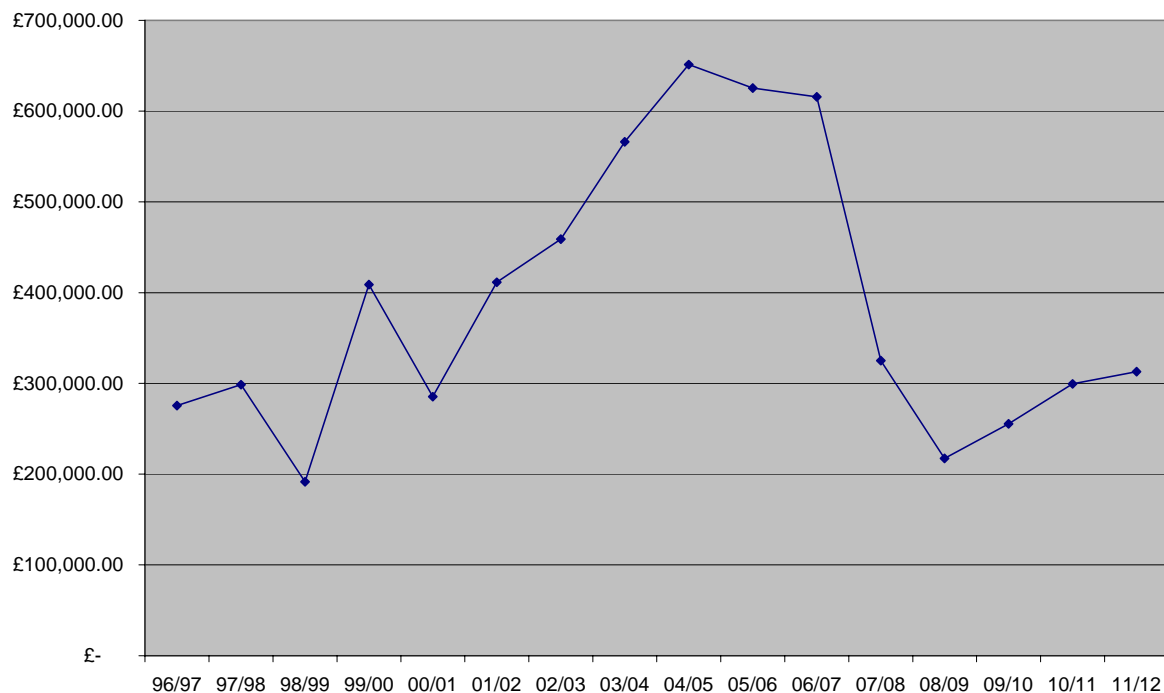
- 5.1 The gross contributions to the Open Space Fund between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012 amounted to £332,337, less £19,344 of net admin contributions, gives a net total of £312,993. This is another increase on the amounts received in the past three financial years but inevitably is still below the level of income from 6 or 7 years ago.

Figure 1a: Open Space Fund Receipts 1996/97 – 2011/12: Table

Financial Year	Open Space Fund Receipts (excluding admin. and receipts subject to Planning Appeals)
1996/7	£275,636
1997/8	£298,655
1998/99	£191,648
1999/00	£408,807
2000/01	£285,232
2001/02 (to 28 Feb 2002)	£411,451
2002/03	£458,850
2003/04	£566,156
2004/05	£651,221
2005/06	£625,374
2006/07	£615,669

Financial Year	Open Space Fund Receipts (excluding admin. and receipts subject to Planning Appeals)
2007/08	£325,109
2008/09	£217,399
2009/10	£255,350
2010/11	£299,543
2011/12	£312,993

Figure 1b: Open Space Fund Receipts 1998/99 - 2011/12: Graph



- 5.2 Details of the amounts currently held for each parish and for Winchester Town, up to 31 March 2012, 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 to implement play and sport improvement schemes in the last year is attached at Appendix 2.
- 5.4 A total of £357,716 has been released from the Open Space Fund between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012.

Figure 2a: Amounts released from the Open Space Fund 1998/99 – 2011/12:

Table

Year	Amount Released (£)
1998/99	102,390
1999/00	280,875
2000/01	121,758
2001/02	251,318
2002/03	288,435
2003/04	396,304
2004/05	394,516
2005/06	921,829
2006/07	553,081
2007/08	1,560,746
2008/09	277,212
2009/10	756,080
2010/11	106,773
2011/2012	357,716
TOTAL released to date	£6,369,033

Figure 2b: Amounts Released from the Open Space Fund 1998/99 – 2011/12: Graph

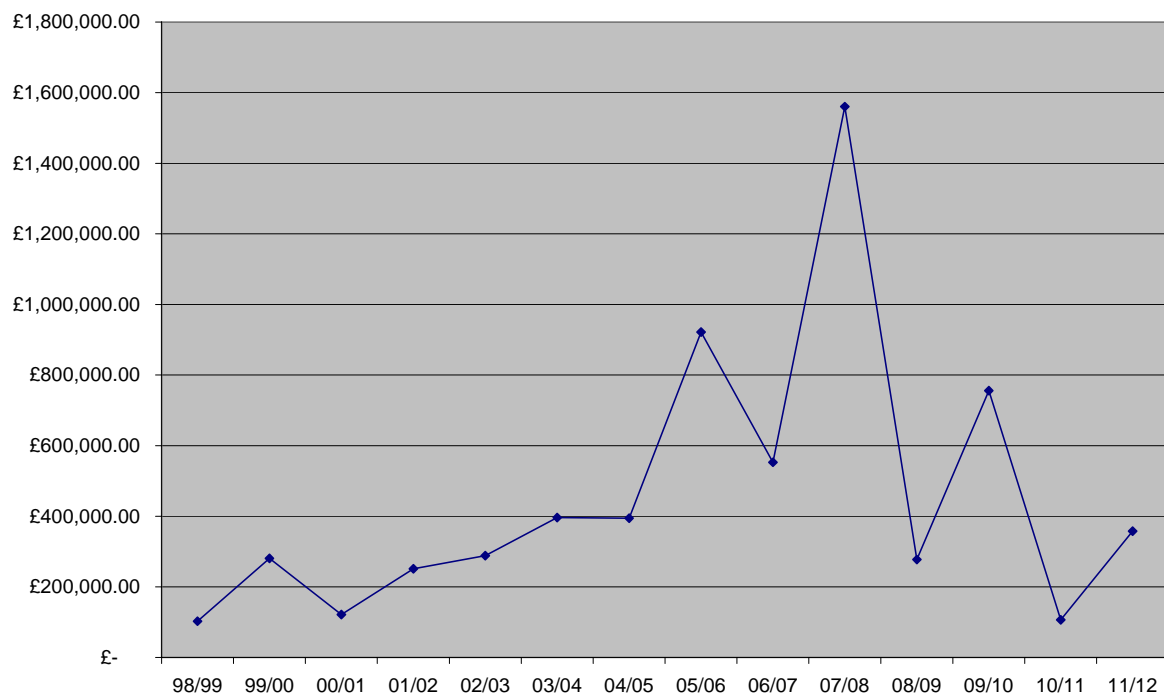


Figure 2c: Proportion of receipts that have been spent: 1998/99 – 2011/12:

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
2009/10	296
2010/11	39
2011/12	114

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 The revisions to the Open Space Strategy reflect current play and sport open space deficiencies identified in the District, and the improvements proposed will therefore provide the basis for assessing new play and sport schemes proposed for funding 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 although in the case of appeals, the Planning Inspectorate now ask for more evidence of the shortfalls and deficiencies identified in the Open Space Strategy.
- 6.3 The contributions sought from developers are proposed to be increased in accordance with the RPI for February 2012. These would apply to planning decisions taken between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013.
- 6.4 The Open Space Officer will continue to work with parish councils, the Town Forum and Winchester City Council's Head of Sport and Physical Activity in an effort to make full use of, and to ensure the proper use of, the amounts held in the fund over the 2012/2013 financial year.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

7 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

- 7.1 Consistent with the aim of providing opportunities for everyone to become more active through organised sport and other recreational activities (Active Communities) and to promote and develop a comprehensive 'green infrastructure' framework for the District (High Quality Environment).

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 8.1 Detailed financial information is shown at Section 6. The provisional balance by Parish of receipts held in the fund as at 31 March 2012 was £1.6m. This balance is provisional as year end adjustments such as the apportionment of average interest earned on balances over the period have yet to take place.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 9.1 Consistent with the aim of improving the City Council's risk profile in order to achieve our risk target score (Corporate Risk CR5014).

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Open Space Strategy 2010-11, returns from Parish Councils prior to 2012 review.

The 'National Planning Policy Framework' (Dept for Communities and Local Government 2012)

ODPM Circular 05/2005 'Planning Obligations' (July 2005)

'The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations' (DCLG 2010)

11 APPENDICES:

1. Amounts held for each Parish and Winchester Town at 31st March 2012.
2. Amounts released to Parish Councils and Winchester City Council's Cultural Services and Environment Teams for Schemes between April 2011 and end of March 2012.
3. Draft Open Space Strategy 2012/13 (because of its size, a draft b/w copy of the Strategy is included for Cabinet, Group Leaders and Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee only. Further copies will in future only be available on the Council's website: www.winchester.gov.uk under Planning and Environment, Parks and Open Spaces, Open Space Development)

Appendix One: Amount Held in the Open Space Fund, 31st March 2012 (Before the apportionment of average interest earned on balances over the period)

Parish	Play	Sport	Total
Badger Farm	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beauworth	876.16	789.75	1,665.91
Bighton	1,560.75	1,364.38	2,925.13
Bishops Sutton	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bishops Waltham	19,626.87	102,169.67	121,796.54
Boarhunt	1,383.21	12,952.44	14,335.65
Bramdean	0.32	802.66	802.98
Cheriton	0.00	25,097.03	25,097.03
Chilcomb	1,831.30	2,631.91	4,463.21
Colden Common	2,816.39	-1,408.64	1,407.75
Compton & Shawford	40,443.03	74,875.75	115,318.78
Corhampton & Meonstoke	12,974.53	39,774.88	52,749.41
Crawley	802.41	-509.19	293.22
Curdridge	3,490.70	18,671.95	22,162.65
Denmead	96,663.61	50,369.70	147,033.31
Droxford	2,009.61	3,130.13	5,139.74
Durley	19,460.32	-17,275.98	2,184.34
Exton	4,864.44	4,864.45	9,728.89
Hambledon	10,298.79	17,557.42	27,856.21
Headbourne Worthy	9,012.01	12,290.05	21,302.06
Hursley	11,486.41	5,865.76	17,352.17
Itchen Stoke & Ovington	14,069.05	53.90	14,122.95
Itchen Valley	2,896.48	2,116.26	5,012.74
Kilmeston	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kingsworthy	-5,264.01	17,640.88	12,376.87
Littleton	16,271.66	6,348.32	22,619.98
Micheldever	4,287.17	35,152.18	39,439.35
New Alresford	48,540.08	147,778.92	196,319.00
Northington	-27.75	27.75	0.00
Old Alresford	0.00	4,908.03	4,908.03
Olivers Battery	16,440.79	23,208.03	39,648.82
Otterbourne	1,803.88	4,218.28	6,022.16
Owlesbury	0.00	3,131.50	3,131.50
Shedfield	-18,535.30	30,884.48	12,349.18
Soberton	8,245.51	0.00	8,245.51
Southwick	0.00	6,897.93	6,897.93
South Wonston	20,604.26	33,567.70	54,171.96
Sparsholt	-1,013.22	-920.38	-1,933.60
Swanmore	18,815.40	13,084.60	31,900.00
Tichborne	0.00	0.00	0.00
Twyford	33,499.31	36,378.13	69,877.44
Upham	3,018.59	0.00	3,018.59
Warnford	2,311.14	4,690.94	7,002.08
West Meon	-2,955.13	3,958.02	1,002.89
Wickham	-11,681.53	159,907.44	148,225.91
Winchester Wards	199,429.69	118,620.39	318,050.08
Wonston	-3,667.79	13,334.65	9,666.86
Unallocated	2,375.95	2,375.96	4,751.91
Totals	589,065.09	1,021,378.03	1,610,443.12

Appendix Two:

Funds Released for Schemes: 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012

Parish	Scheme Details	Date	Amount Released £
Bighton	Provision of paving, seating and fencing in play area	June	1,861.26
Bishops Waltham	New play area at Jubilee Hall	June -April	14,776.76
	Car park extension at Priory Park	November	15,479.37
	Play equipment at Priory Park	December	3,408.00
	Bins and seats to play areas	December	1,219.98
	Hedging at play areas	November	211.50
	Play equipment Hoe Road	February	2,943.00
	Play equipment Priory Park	March	16,741.95
Cheriton	Cricket nets at Recreation Ground	December	10,000.00
Compton & Shawford	Cricket pitch memorial playing fields	June	9,835.00
	Play area at Attwoods Drove	Oct - Jan	4,847.01
Curdrige	Recreation Field	September	2,228.38
Hursley	Works to Pavilion	April	5,060.00
	Hursley Park Cricket Club	May	3,280.00
Itchen Valley	Access Gate to KGV Playing Field	September	748.86
Kings Worthy	Eversley Park Multi games areas	August	47,233.00
	Fraser Road Play Area	January	19,995.00
Littleton and Harestock	Lease at Harestock Road playing field	September	175.00
	Littleton Recreation Ground	October	4,306.95
	Tennis pavilion and sports equipment at Littleton Recreation Ground	November	15,000.00
New Alresford	Arlebury Park	May -June	13,970.00
	Sun Hill Recreation Ground	May - Sept	4,615.00
	Stratton Bates Recreation Ground	June - Nov	17,126.36
	Perrins School – Fresh Air Gym	March	5,327.10
Otterbourne	Oakwood Park Recreation Ground	November	3,451.00
Owslebury	Hilly Close Play Area	March	5,168.36
Soberton	Soberton Recreation Ground Pavilion	January	892.71
Swanmore	New BMX Track at New Road	June	45,515.00
	Toddler Play Area at Swanmore Recreation Ground	March	2,805.28
Upham	Car park renovations at Upham Recreation Ground	February	7,500.00
	Tennis Courts at Wickham Recreation Ground	December	52,900.00
Wickham	Stanmore Recreation Ground	October	14,450.00
Winchester	Lighting at KGV	August	4,644.11
Total released			357,715.94

Funds applied for but not yet released:

Parish	Scheme Details	Date	Amount Applied For £
Bishops Waltham	Improvements to access, Meon Valley		
	Bowls Club	March	1,110.00
	Priory Park football pitches	January	10,010.00
	Priory Park Car Park Extension	July	2,841.63
Compton and Shawford	Jubilee Hall	November	1,311.00
	Improvements to Compton Street		
	playing field football pitch	March	4,502.40
	Pound Lane Recreation Ground -		
Corhampton and	Adult fitness equipment	February	1,955.04
Meonstoke	Hamble Footbridge Replacement	January	8,226.74
Curdridge	Tree Maintenance, Reading Rooms	March	950.00
	Footpath	March	2,200.00
Hursley	Hursley Recreation Ground	December	7,920.00
Littleton and Harestock	Littleton Recreation Ground	January	5,036.05
	Extension of Cricket Cage	August	1,740.00
Micheldever	Purchase of freehold of playing field	November	2,315.00
	Purchase of freehold of playing field	November	11,001.00
New Alresford	Land adjoining Arlebury Park	March	186,451.00
Otterbourne	Elderfield Cricket Pitch	June	5,943.00
Owslebury	Hilly Close Play Area	March	5,168.36
Soberton	Heath Road additional play equipment	April	8,215.00
	Replacement equipment at 3 play		
Twyford	areas	March	6,909.00
	Purchase of land at Berry Meadow	March	31,000.00
Wonston	Freehold purchase	February	4,188.00
Winchester	Nursery Gardens	February	11,231.00
Total applied for			320,224.22



Open Space Strategy 2012-13



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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 continues to provide 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, as they are the main providers of the facilities throughout the District, the Winchester Town Forum and the City Council's Head of Sport.
- 1.2 The Strategy is used by the City Council's Planning Officers as a basis for determining what recreational provision is required for new housing in the District, or, alternatively, the amount of contribution that will be sought in lieu of that provision. Contributions are paid into a special Open Space Fund, where they are retained for use in the area where the developments have taken place, until appropriate open space 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 or quality of provision, or the 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 improvements 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 improvement. 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 is unable to 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 by the parish councils or other City Council departments for funding meet the necessary criteria and conform to the requirements of the Strategy. Projects will, in particular, be examined in relation to the Council's responsibilities under the ODPM Circular 05/2005, 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 saved policies of the Winchester District Local Plan Review, adopted in July 2006, continue until superseded by other Development Plan Documents, so continue to apply for the period up to 2012.
- 2.9 The Local Plan Review's Policy RT.4 sets the principles of the Open Space Funding System. This Strategy sets 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 Government Planning Circular 05/2005 provided improvements to negotiated agreements, in advance of more major Government reforms to the funding of essential infrastructure. The legislation and regulations allowing the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) came into force in April 2010, and regulations to allow amendments to the CIL came into effect on 6 April 2011. The amendments allow (inter alia) councils to accept land instead of financial payment for any value contribution, and enable councils to set their own payment deadline or offer payment instalments. Winchester City Council has agreed to develop a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) under the CIL (as amended) Regulations 2011. The Council is seeking to adopt its CIL by September 2013 and will need an adopted, or very well-advanced, Core Strategy before being able to introduce CIL. This means that in order to retain any contribution based on a tariff system of payment such as the Open Space Funding System it will need to move over to CIL by April 2014.

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. An assessment in accordance with PPG 17 requirements was completed in March 2008 which recommended new standards for a greater range of open spaces and for built facilities. However, the current Local Plan standard, supported by this Strategy, will continue to operate until the recommendations made in the PPG 17 assessment are considered through the Council's Core Strategy preparation. Replacing the current Open Space Funding System will subsequently 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:

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| 0.4 | General/Informal Use |
| 0.8 | Children's Play |

- 2.14 The Local Plan establishes that financial provision will not be sought for off-site general recreational open space because the District is generally well provided with such facilities. However there are some shortfalls. For this reason general recreational open space is always required on larger sites of 15 units and over unless the schedule indicates a local surplus. For comprehensiveness 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 of 15 units and over.
- 2.15 This Strategy therefore chiefly considers 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 these types of recreational space, using the guidance of the National Playing Fields Association (now known as 'Fields In Trust'), 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 provide for, 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 proposed 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 outdoor play and sport 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 identifies 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 new South Downs National Park 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 use.

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

'Sports' includes "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)), or they may be educational facilities available for public use (similarly marked (E)). Sports areas included accord with the advice of the Fields In Trust's (formerly the National Playing Fields Association) '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 provided on-site, as an integral part of all kinds of new development, not just housing. It does not however 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 Fields In Trust (FIT) in their 'Planning And Design For Outdoor Sport And Play' (formerly the Six Acre Standard document). It recommends the use of three main types of play area - Local Areas for Play (LAPS), Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAPS) or Local Landscaped Area for Play (LLAP), 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.
- LLAP: within 5 minutes walking time of home, imaginatively designed and contoured using as far as possible natural materials, not necessarily 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 young children primarily up to the age of 6. The majority of play areas in the District should be of LEAP/LLAP 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/LLAP's 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 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 FIT'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 FIT 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 financial 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 nil.
- 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, but there are deficiencies in the quality, standard or distribution of facilities and there is scope for improvements to be undertaken on that land.
- 2.50 ‘Nil’ 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 detailed below, setting out the amount of contribution that will be sought for each size of dwelling. The scales are based on the known cost of implementing off-site open space infrastructure at completed sites within the District. They are reviewed annually in April, 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 reduced on a proportional basis.

The contribution scales proposed for the 2012/2013 financial year have been increased by 3.7% in accordance with the Retail Price Index for February 2012. The new contribution scales are therefore:

For children's play

Dwelling Size	A Scale (High)	B Scale (Low)
1 bed	£637	£578
2 bed	£1,062	£957
3 bed	£1,274	£1,142
4+ bed	£1,700	£1,530

For sports grounds

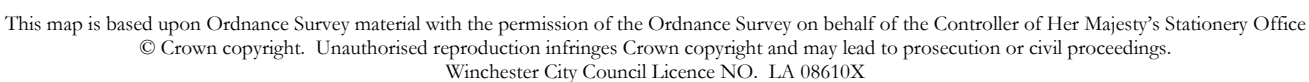
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The Role of the Parish Councils

- 3.1 The Parish Councils, the Town Forum and the City Council's Head of Sport 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 Applicants for new residential development in the District should refer to the relevant parish schedule in this Strategy, to establish their responsibilities with regard to the provision of recreational space. The schedule 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.

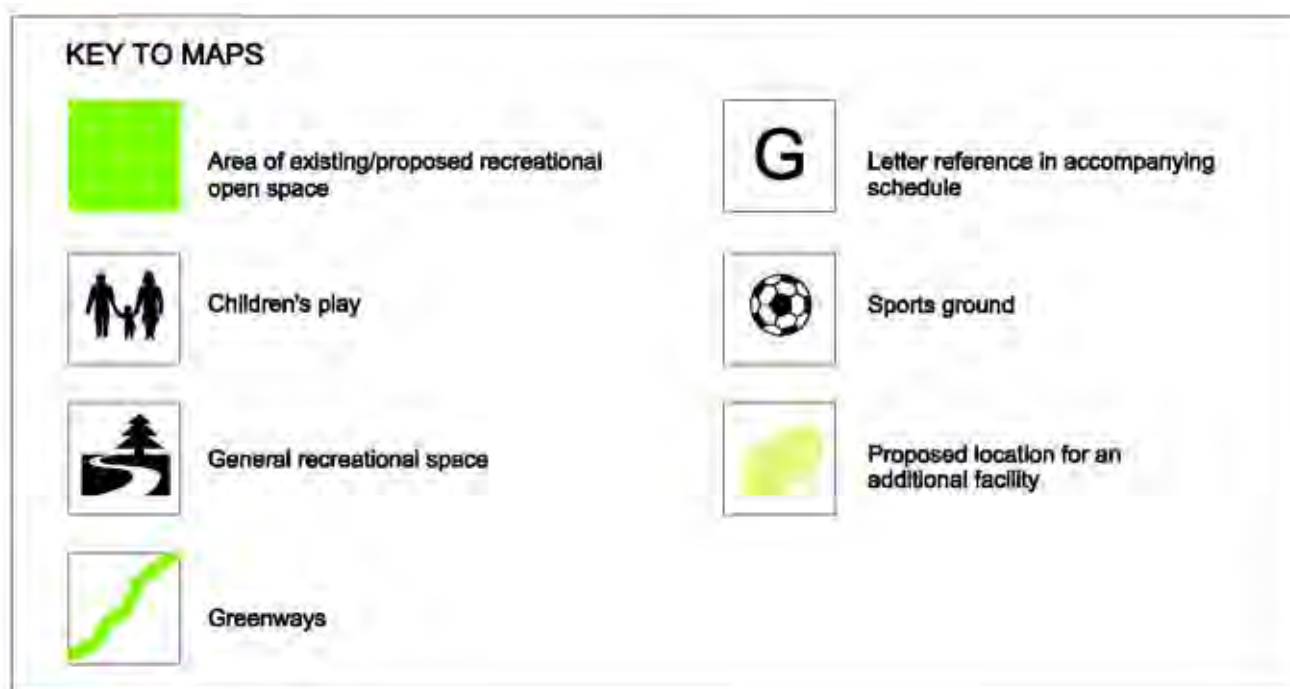


SCHEDULES

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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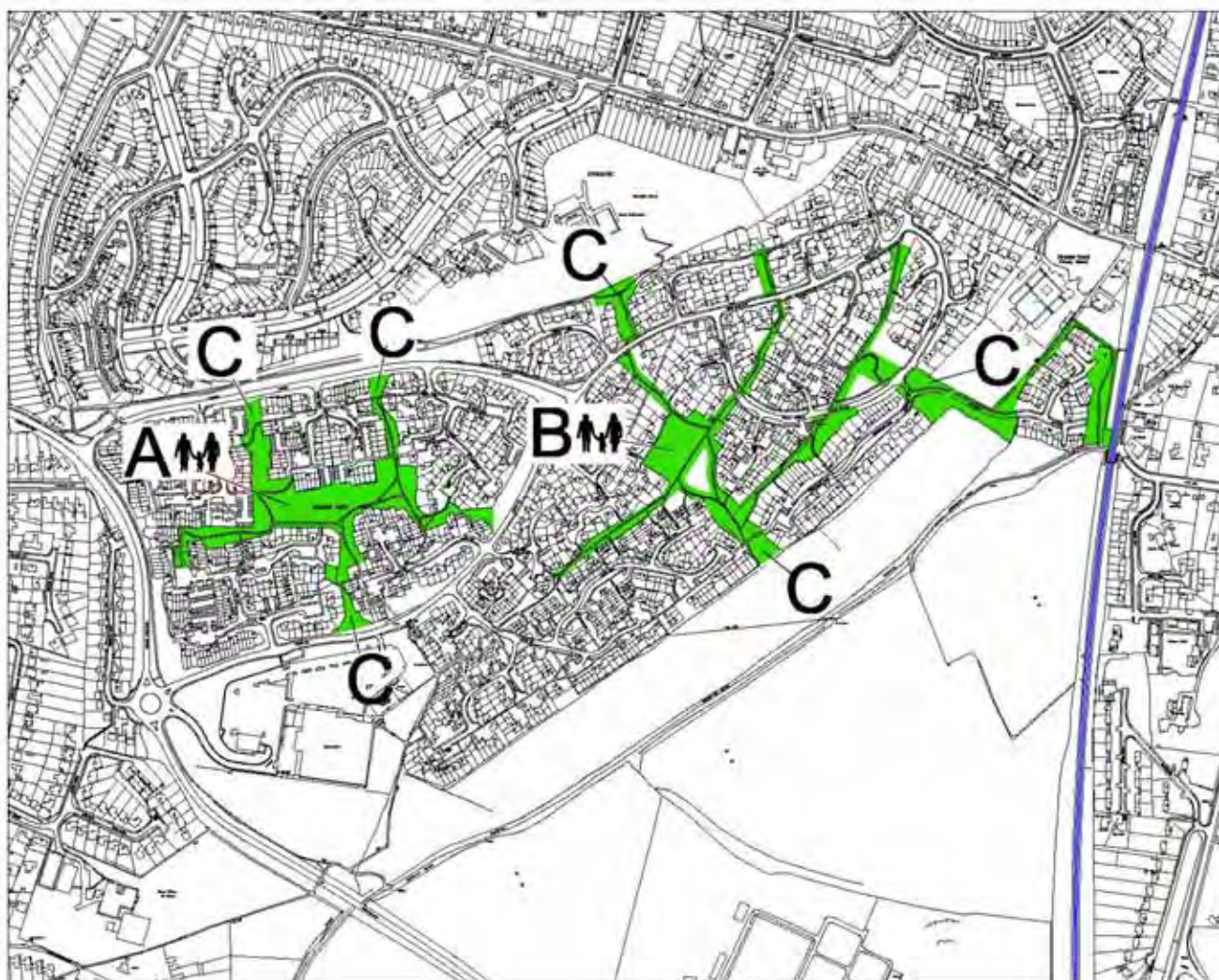


KEY TO SCHEDULES

* 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 several years and consequently no funds in the Open Space Fund for the parish.

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	2.1	-	2.1	1.7	-0.4
Sports	4.1	1.0	3.1	0.0	-3.1

Assessment of Play Areas

Despite being a planned settlement 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 which does become available should go toward facilities within Winchester 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:	A public children's play area to LEAP standard should be provided.

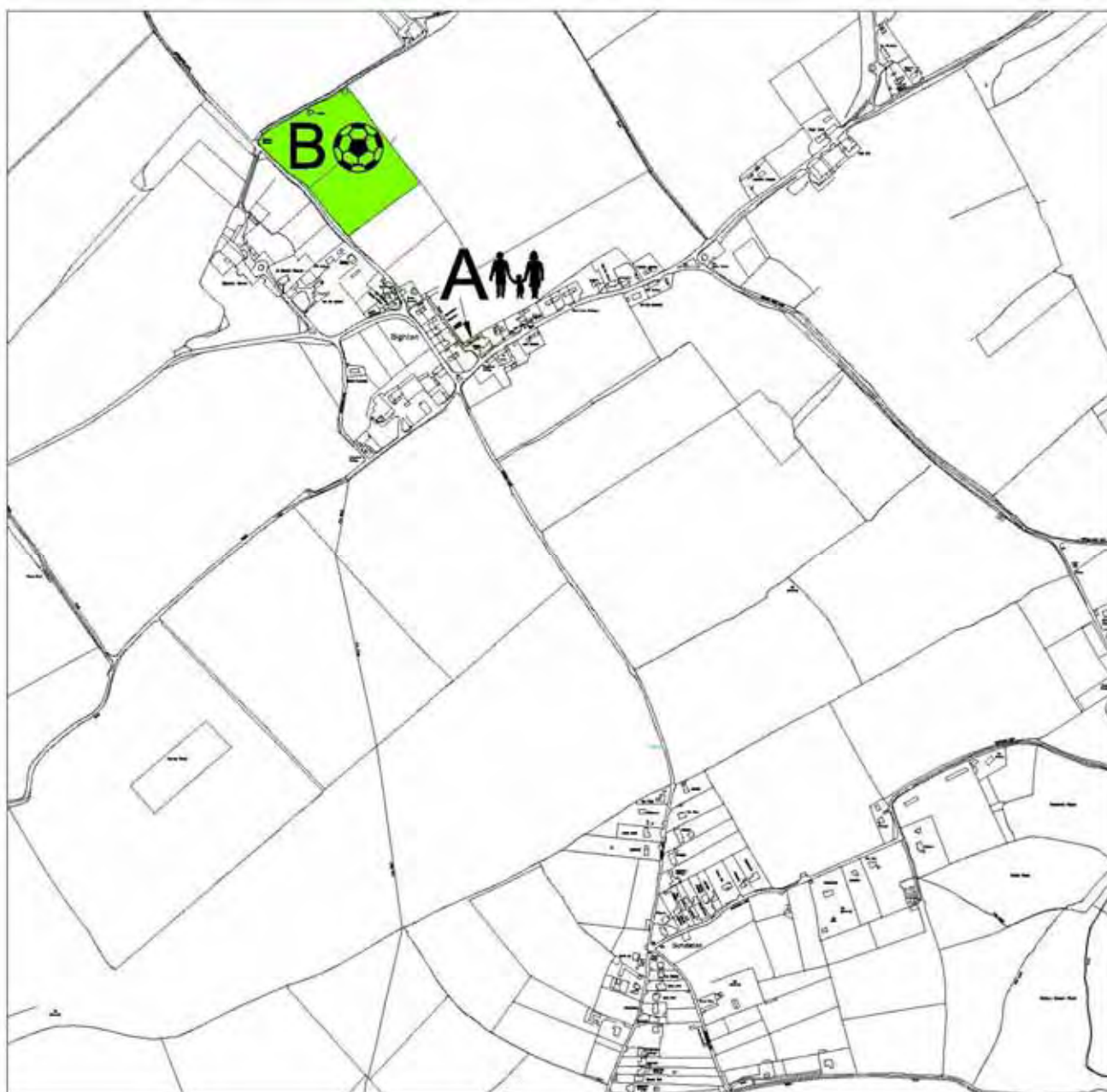
Assessment of Sports Grounds

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

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)

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)

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	0.2	- 0.2
Sports	0.5	0.2	0.3	3.5	+3.2

Assessment of Play Areas

The parish has been under-provided with land for children's play space for many years. However the play area at Bighton was recently increased in size, but still requires further improvements 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: Further improvements to play area in Bighton. Provision of a LEAP in Gundleton.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The parish has a privately owned rugby/cricket pitch which meets league standard in terms of size, but it is in poor condition, with a sub-standard pavilion. These facilities have until recently been serving New Alresford rugby teams but given the inadequacies the rugby club are now looking to return to New Alresford.

Deficiencies: Standard and quality.

Improvements Proposed: A new rugby pitch should be provided and Alresford is the only practical location for this.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



NO PROVISION

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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 seeking a replacement site.

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

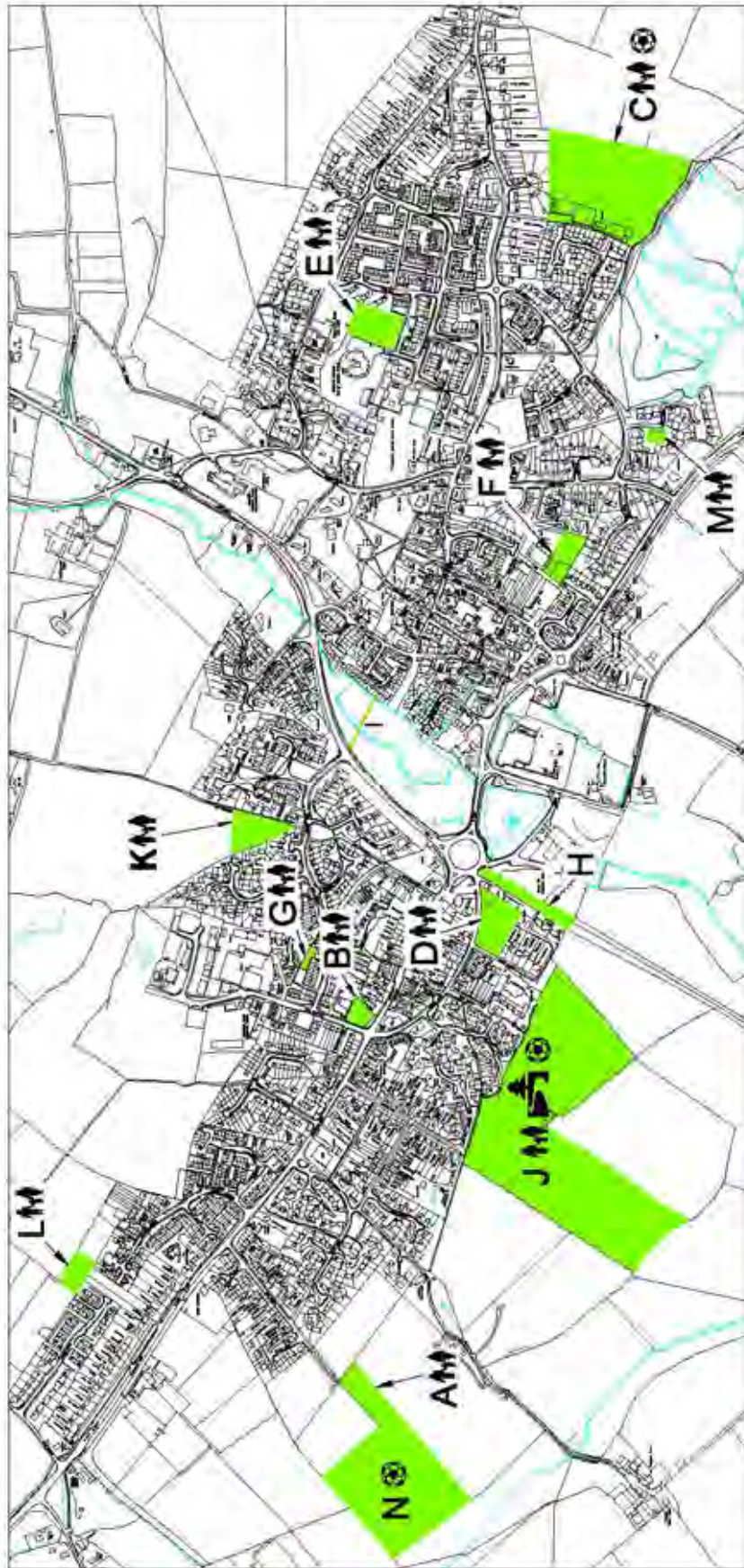
Assessment of Sports Grounds

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

Deficiencies:	Standard, quality (land sufficient when aggregated with New Alresford and Bighton).
Improvements Proposed:	Assistance with efforts to introduce a rugby pitch in New Alresford.

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	Priory 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	Priory 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	Priory Park

In the adjacent countryside:

Priory 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	5.6	-	5.6	6.1	+0.5
Sports	11.2	2.8	8.4	12.3	+3.9

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. Some 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: additional equipment. Victoria Road: landscaping. Jubilee Hall: improve kick about, fence & landscape. Blanchard Road: re-furb and new equipment. Priory Park MUGA.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The main sports ground areas are at Priory Park and Hoe Road, which are both generally up to standard, although the pitches at Priory Park are wet and require constant expenditure to maintain them. The pavilion at Hoe Road requires refurbishment and improved changing facilities and the pitches and tennis courts require further improvement.

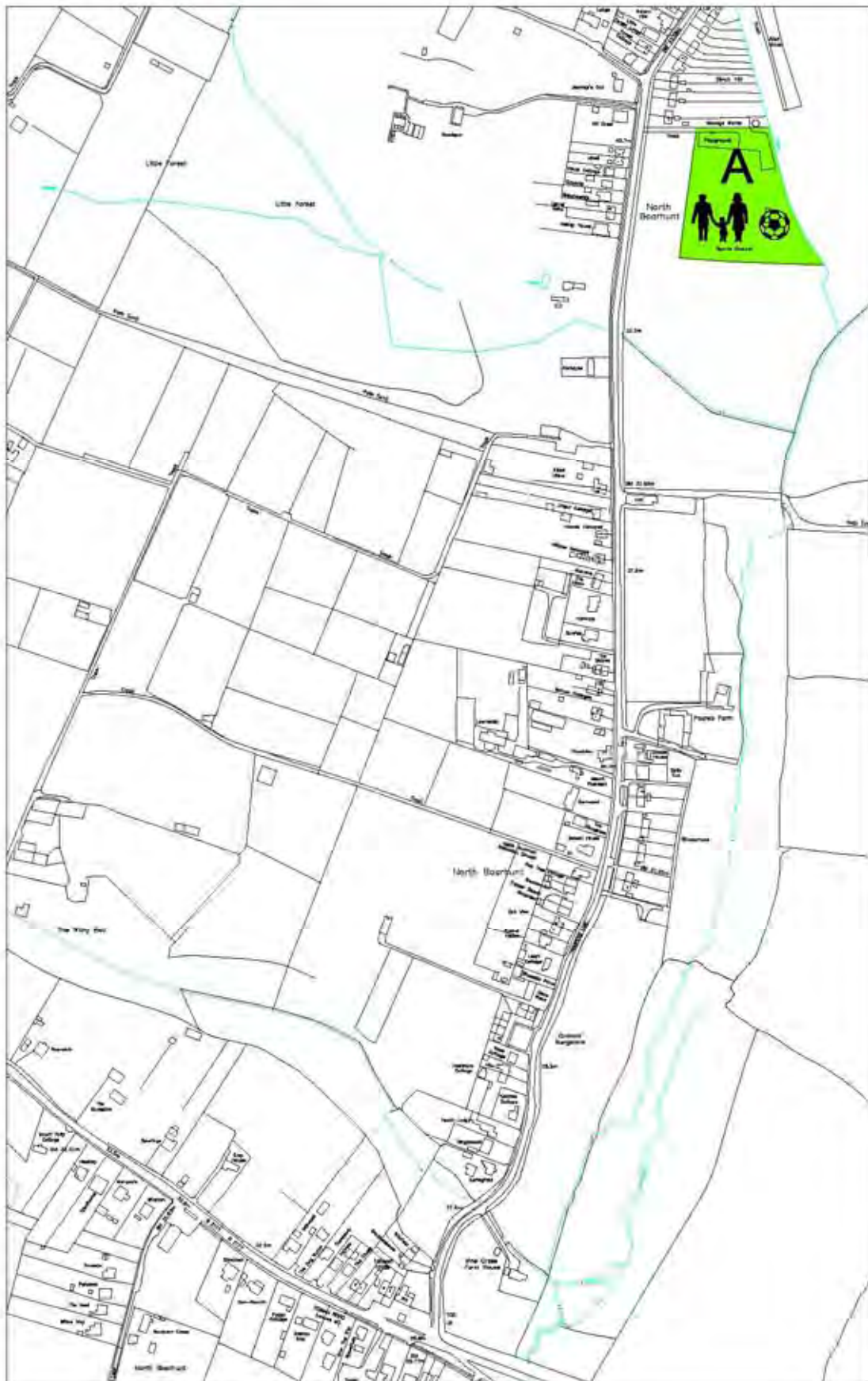
Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Hoe Road: refurb pavilion, improve changing facilities, tennis courts and football pitches. Priory Park: new or refurb pavilion. Drainage works to pitches. Purchase of land to replace low quality sports pitches.

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 this requires further improvements and more land for children's play is still required.

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

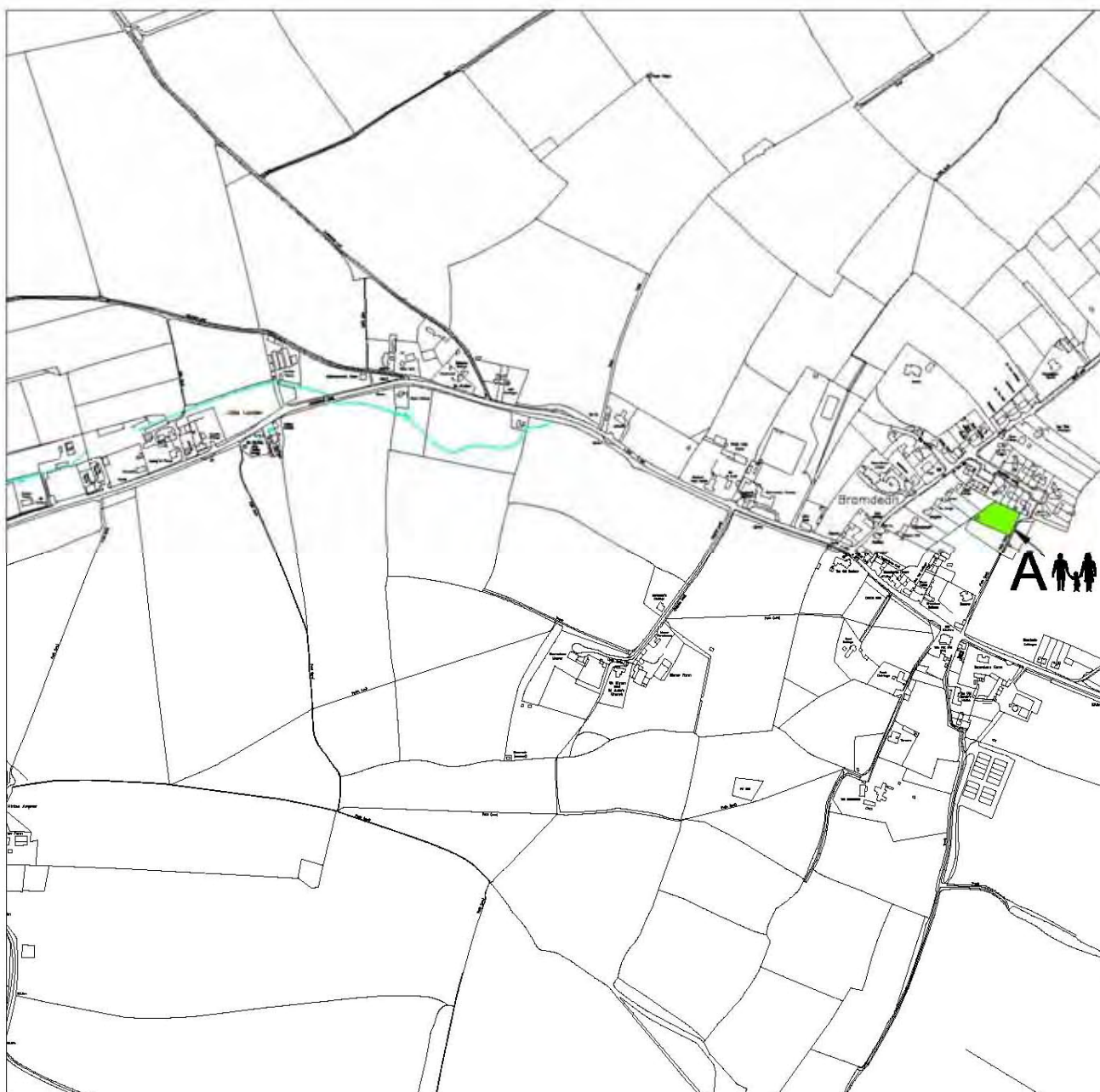
Assessment of Sports Grounds

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. Pitch improvements.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	B
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Description

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

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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)

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	0.2	-0.2
Sports	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.0	-0.7

Assessment of Play Areas

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

Deficiencies: Land, standard and quality.

Improvements Proposed: Re-furbish swings.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

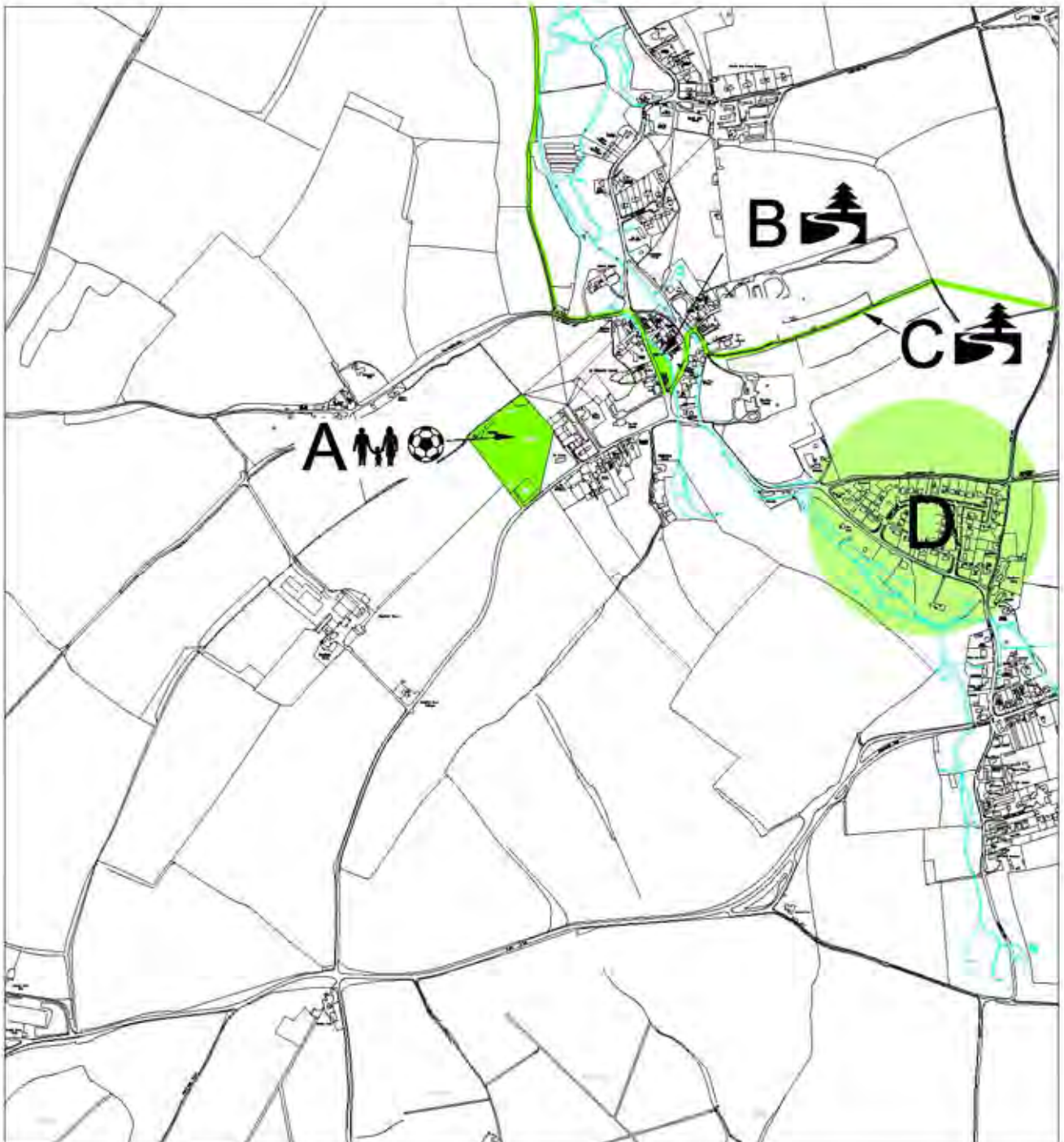
No provision. The parish would generally look to Cheriton and Tichborne for sports facilities (see page 10).

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

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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Description

A downland parish, much of which is within the National Park, 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 developed areas:			In the adjacent 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	0.5	-	0.5	0.5	=
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. 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: Distribution.

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

Assessment of Sports Grounds

Car parking is inadequate and the pavilion needs to be replaced, renovated or extended. Sports facilities in Cheriton also serve Kilmeston, Beauworth, Bramdean and Tichborne.

Deficiencies: Standard and quality.

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

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: B



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Description

The hamlet of Chilcomb lies to the east of Winchester within the National Park. 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

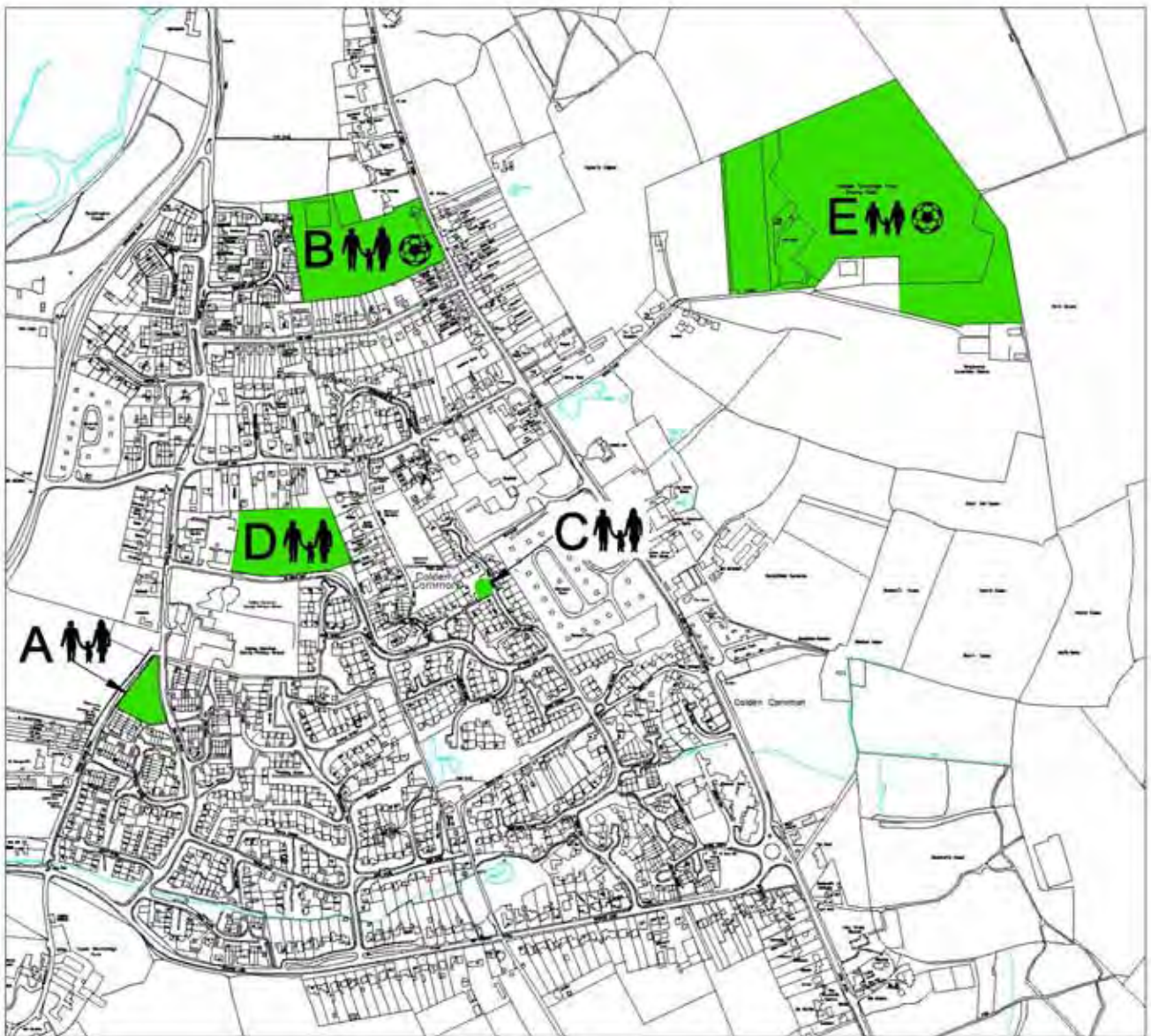
The only sports grounds available in the parish are those provided by Hampshire County Council for the use of their employees. Although of benefit to the District generally, they are currently not specifically used by the Parish. Hampshire County Council has indicated that it may be amenable to such 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 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	District Sports:		
D	Land East of Community Centre "The Green"	1.7			
E	Colden Common Park*	1.0	-		

General Use:			
In the developed areas:		In the adjacent countryside:	
Church Pond			
Greenways within village		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	2.5	-	2.5	3.6	+1.1
Sports	5.0	1.6	3.4	7.6	+4.2

Assessment of Play Areas

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.
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.

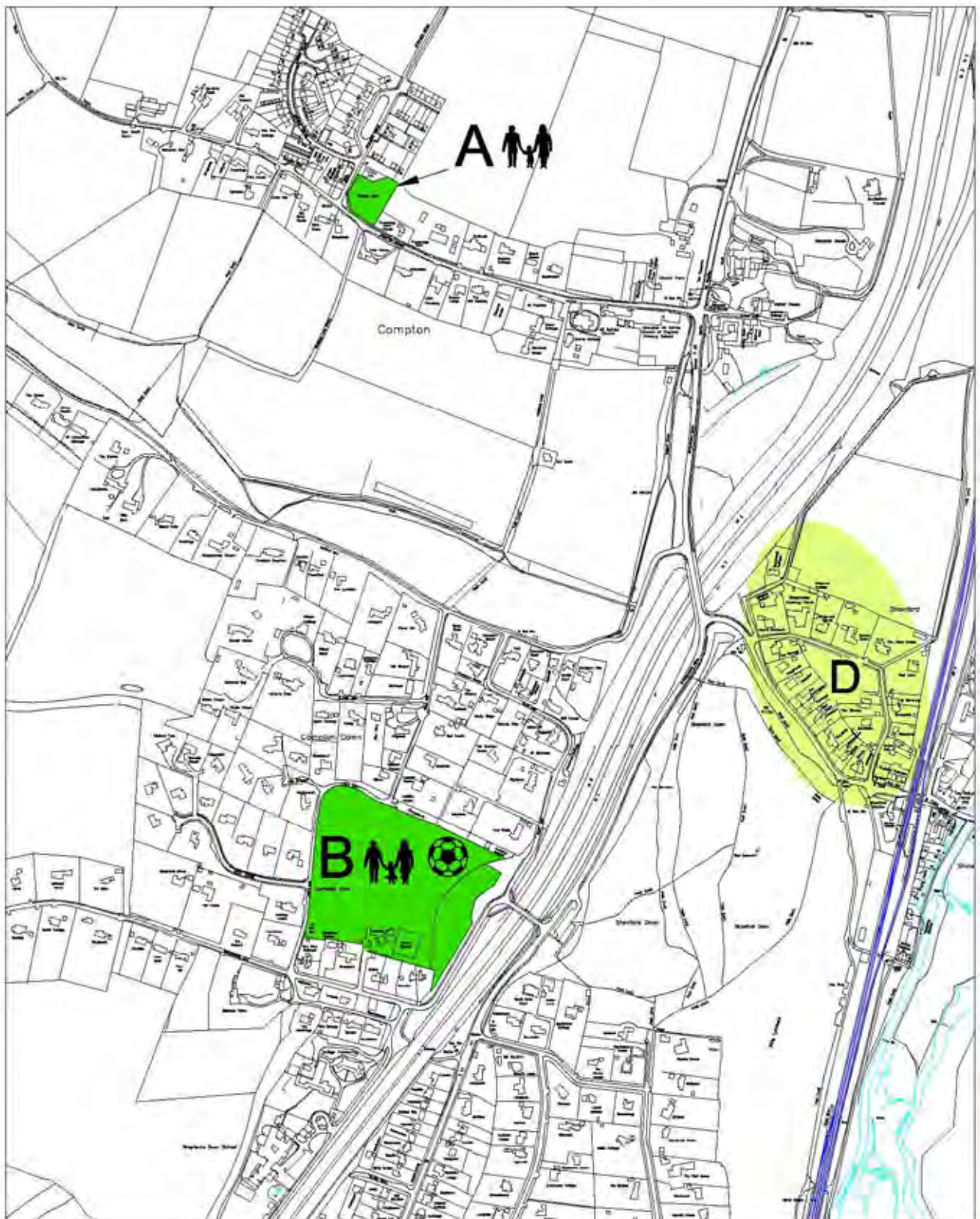
Assessment of Sports Grounds

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

Deficiencies:	None.
Improvements Proposed:	N/A

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	B	For Sports Grounds:	Nil
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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
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. Further play provision should therefore be made in Shawford. The play area at the Memorial Playing Field has recently been refurbished, but should still be extended to NEAP status.

Deficiencies:	Standard and distribution.
Improvements Proposed:	Provision of new play area to the east of the M3 at Shawford (Area D). Further improvements to Compton Street and the play area at the Memorial Playing Field.

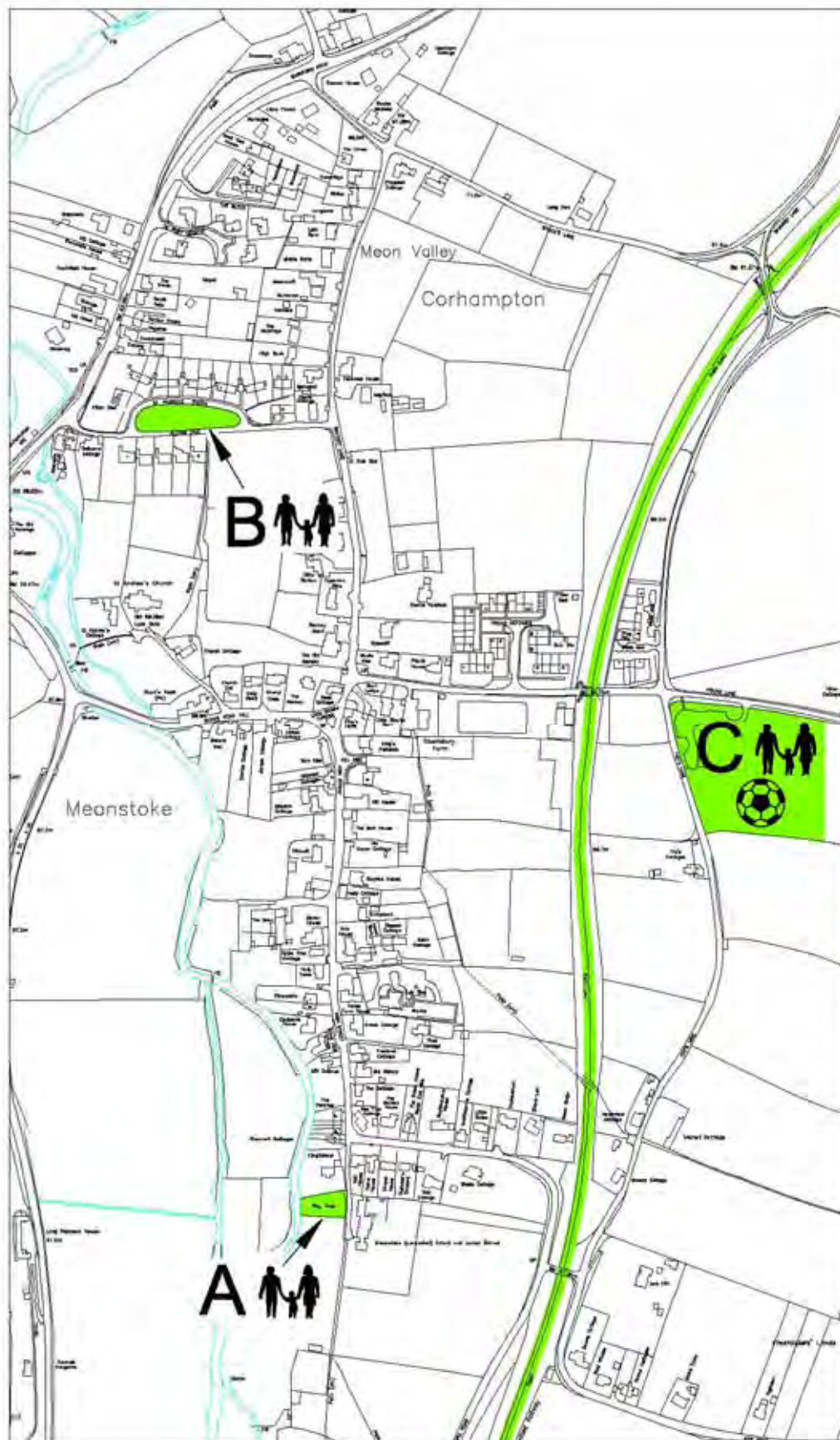
Assessment of Sports Grounds

There is no shortage of land for sport but the quality of the Memorial Playing Field pitches is deteriorating and drainage works are required. Further improvements to the pavilion car park and the Memorial Playing Field are required and earth works required to the Memorial Playing Fields.

Deficiencies:	Quality.
Improvements Proposed:	Drainage improvements to the Memorial Playing Field.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	B	For Sports Grounds:	B
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Description

A parish entirely within the National Park 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
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	1.2	0.3	0.9	1.0	+0.1

Assessment of Play Areas

There is a small deficiency of children's play space but the parish plan to acquire additional land. The equipped play area at Pound Lane requires further improvements. A multi-use games area and skate ramp is situated at Pound Lane Recreation Ground.

Deficiencies: Land, standard and quality.

Improvements Proposed: Acquisition of additional land for play to serve the northern part of the village. Improvements to the existing play facilities at Pound Lane Recreation Ground. Greater provision for disabled access and play.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

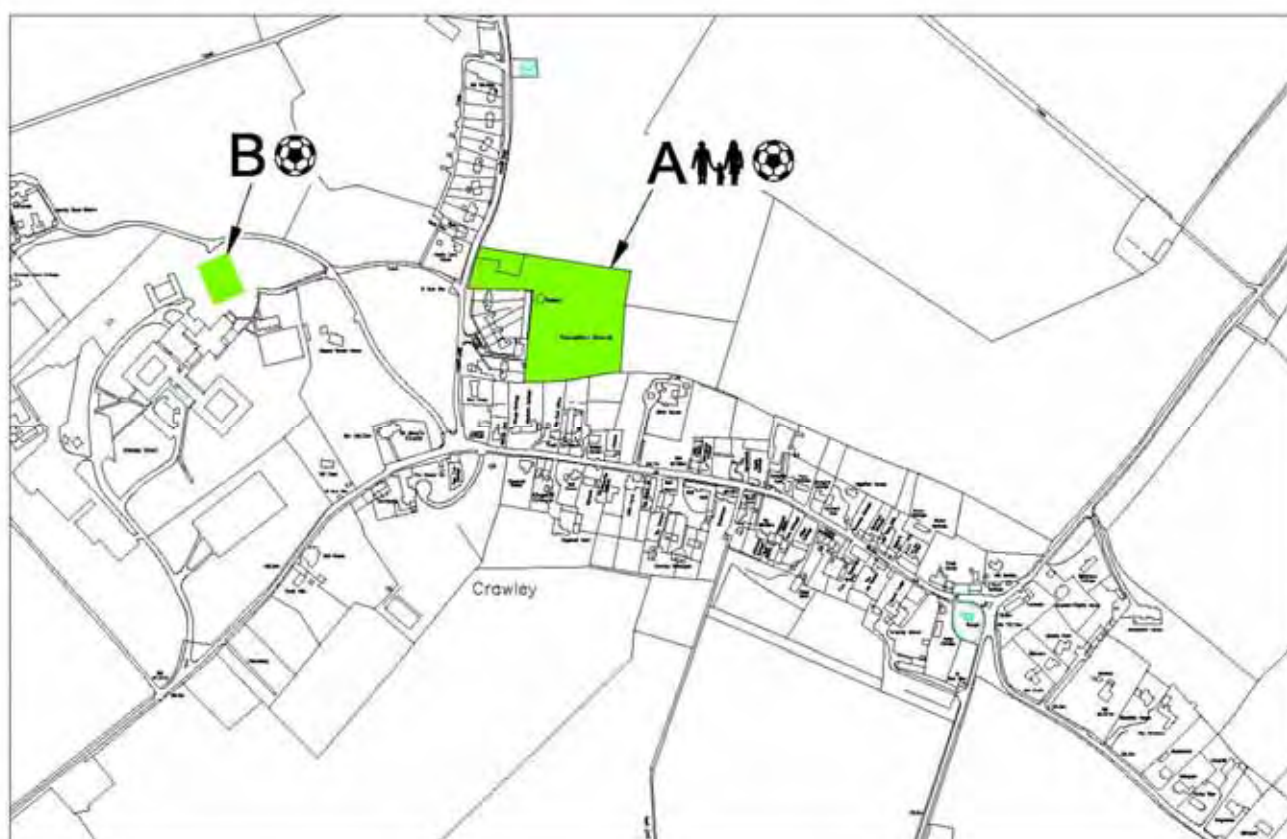
There is adequate land for sport to serve the parish but a deficiency when it is aggregated with Exton (see page 10).

Deficiencies: Standard, quality (Land is also deficient when aggregated with Exton parish).

Improvements Proposed: Acquisition of additional land for sport and the provision of additional recreational facilities at Pound Lane, together with improvements to the existing facilities, including Meon Hall.

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 good play area to NEAP standard.

Deficiencies: none

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

Assessment of Sports Grounds

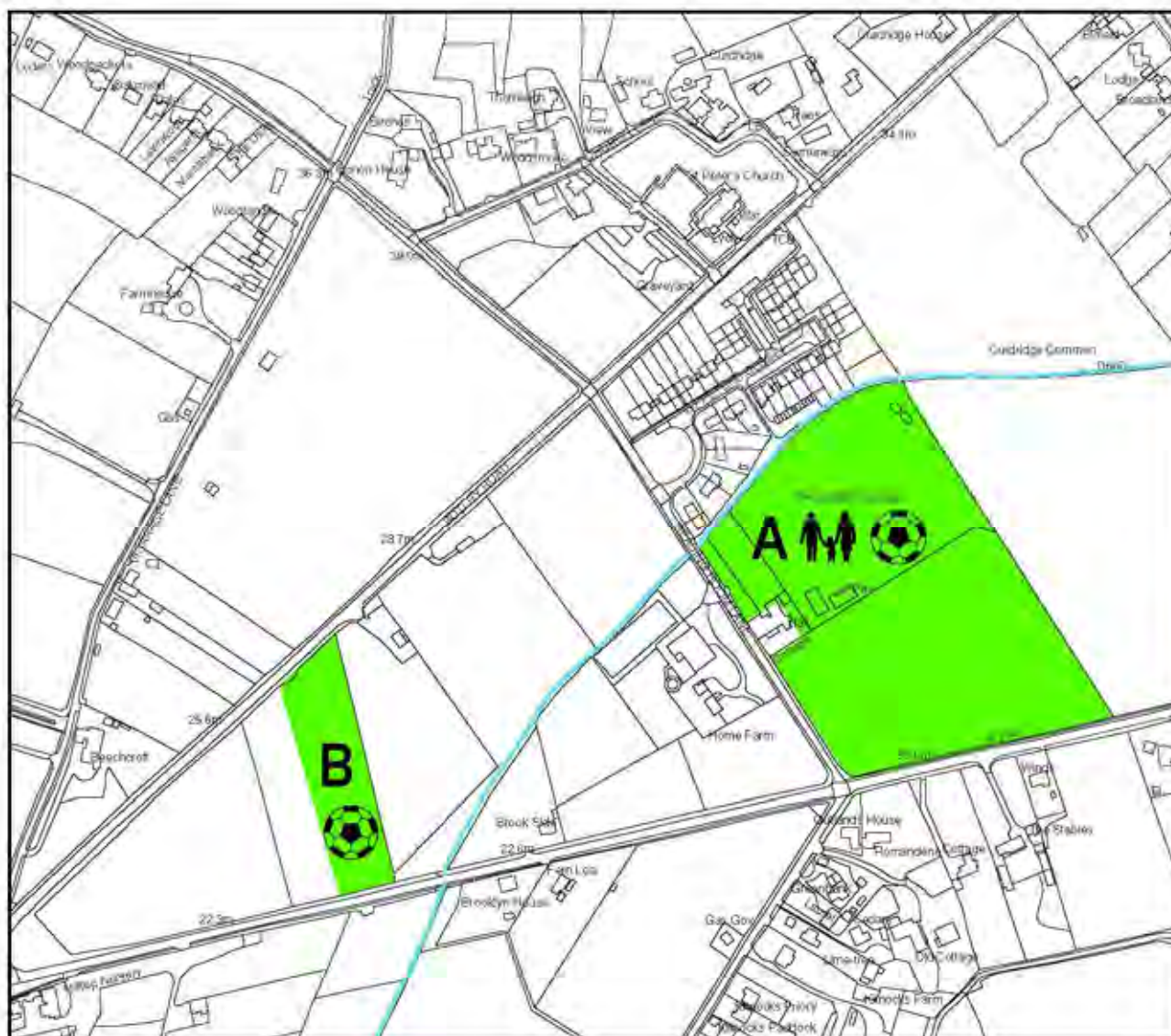
The Parish has access to the main sports ground, which accommodates a cricket pitch of reasonable quality.

Deficiencies: none

Improvements Proposed: none

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: nil For Sports Grounds: nil



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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
			B	Allotment Recreation Ground
				1.2
			District Sports:	
			-	

General Use:

In the developed areas: Glebe Field (SINC)

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 an 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.

Deficiencies: none.

Improvements Proposed: none.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

There is no shortage of land for sport, with land at the Recreation Ground and some informal space at the Old Allotments.

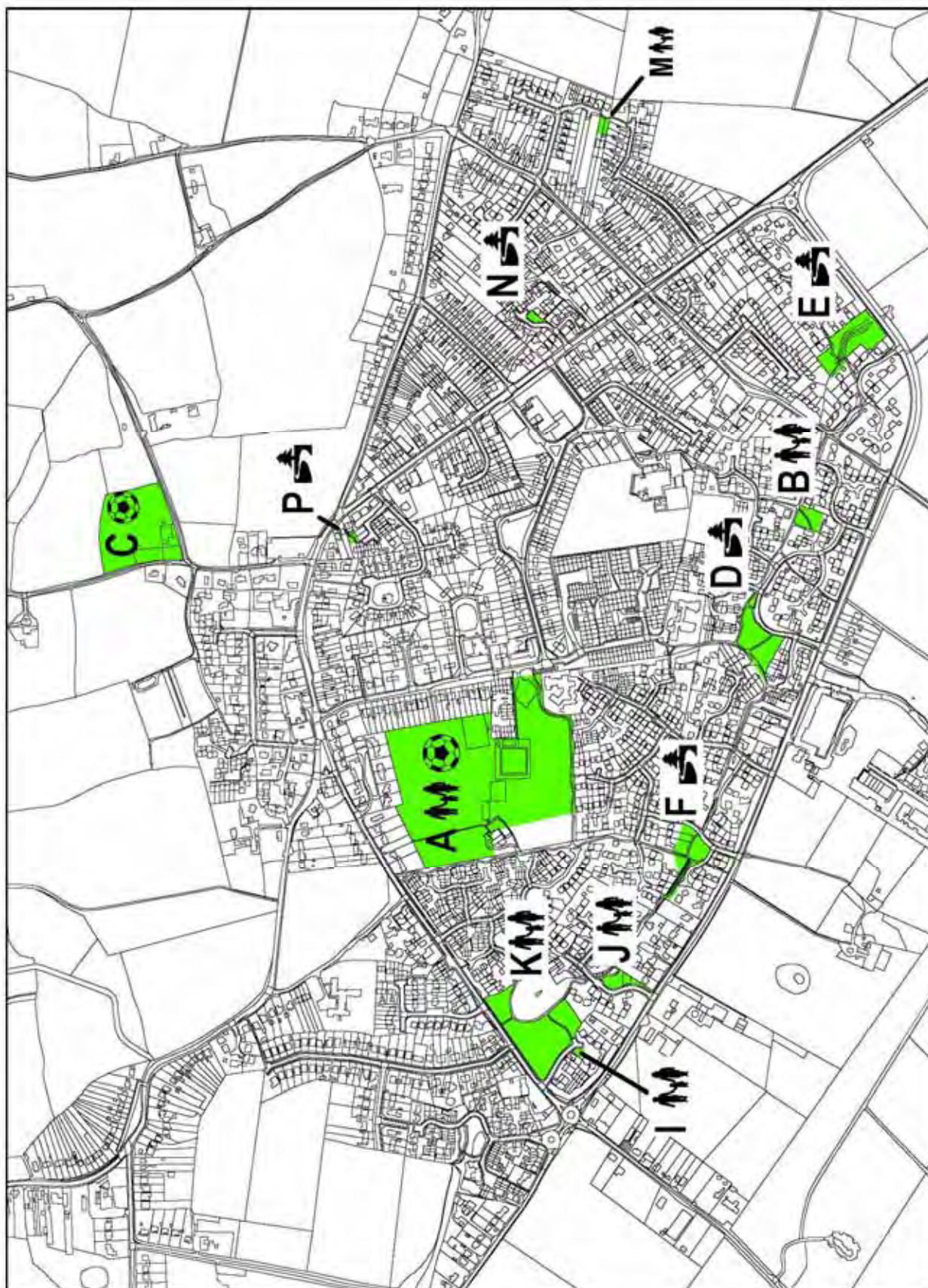
Deficiencies: none

Improvements Proposed: Tree safety work at the Recreation Ground. Drainage works at the Allotment Recreation Ground. Provision of drinking water at the Allotment Recreation Ground.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: nil

For Sports Grounds: nil



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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	Ashling Park	2.8
B	The Barn*	0.1	C	Kidmore Field (P)	0.5
I	Roman Green	0.1	District Sports: -		
J	Creech View*	0.1			
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	5.4	-	5.4	2.5	-2.9
Sports	10.9	2.8	8.1	3.3	-4.8

Assessment of Play Areas

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

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, and accessibility.

Improvements Proposed: Further refurbishment of the Barn play area. Refurbishment of NEAP in Ashling Park.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

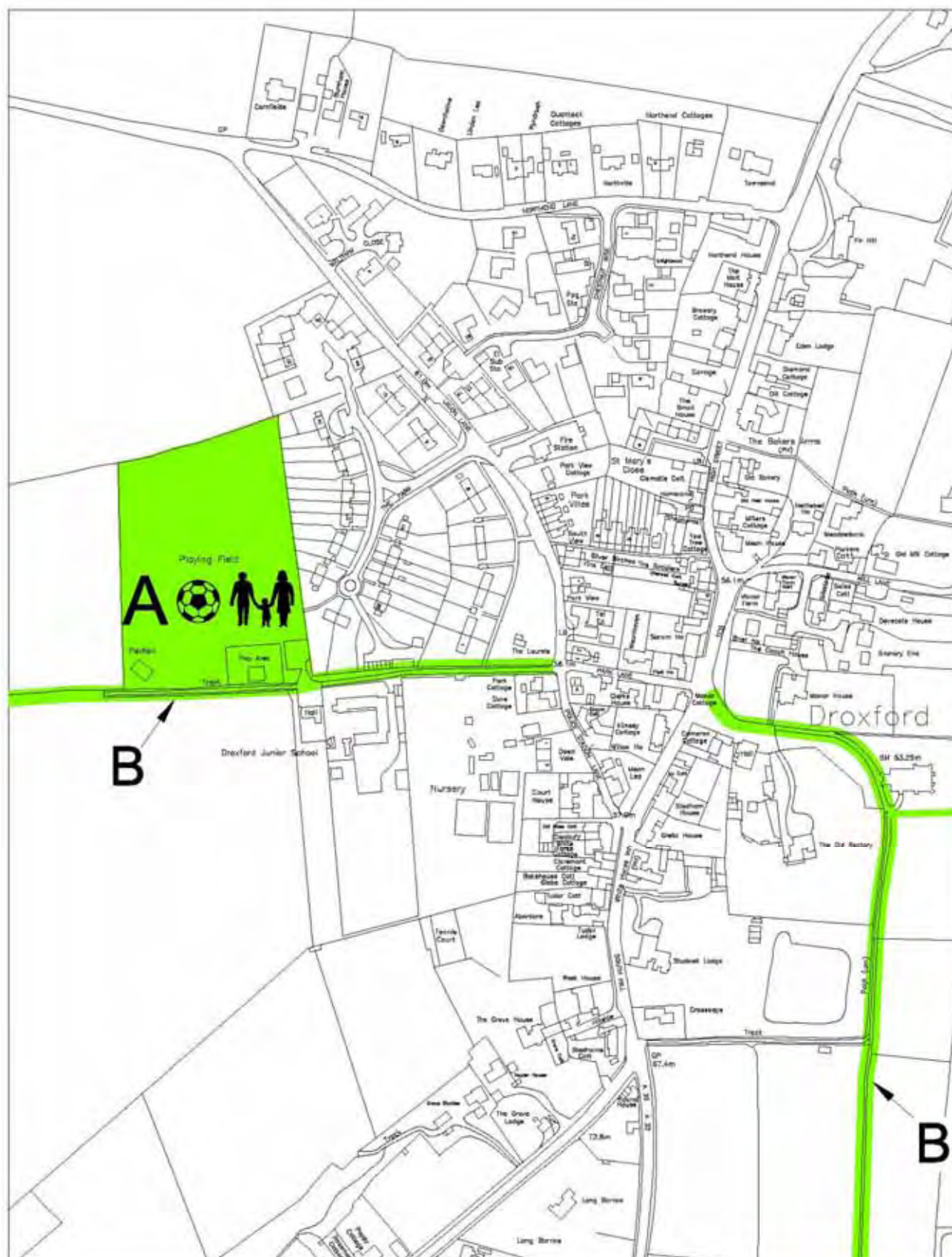
There is a substantial shortfall of land for sports grounds. In particular, there is a deficit of football pitches.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed: More land for sport is required. Improvements to Ashling Park recreation ground, including paths, outdoor gym equipment, gates, drainage improvements and car park improvements. Kickabout space and access improvements to Goodman's Fields. 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 National Park, 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	1.0	0.3	0.7	1.3	+0.6

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 some way from housing in the east. This has recently been refurbished, but it is still sub-standard in that the facilities there need, in view of the population they serve, to be brought up to a higher (NEAP) standard, including some provision for teenagers.

Deficiencies: Standard distribution.

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

Assessment of Sports Grounds

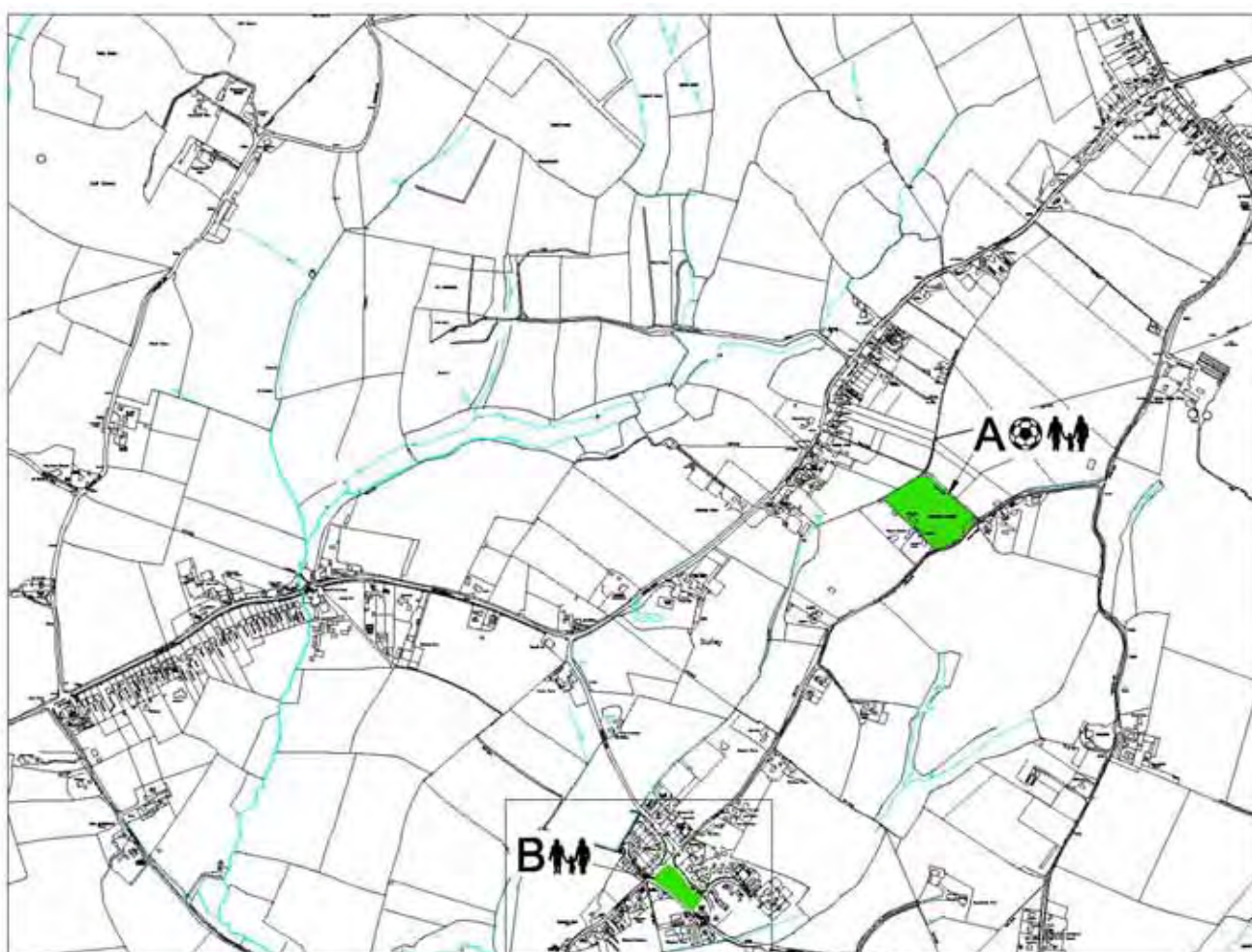
There is no shortage of land at the main recreation ground however the pavilion is substandard and requires substantial refurbishment, inc disabled access, storage, toilets, plumbing, heating and electrics.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Pavilion refurbishment.

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 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	1.6	0.4	1.2	1.3	+0.1

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.

Deficiencies: Quality.

Improvements Proposed: Play area refurbishment at Recreation Ground.

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: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: Nil.



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Description

A sparsely populated rural parish within the National Park, 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)

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)

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

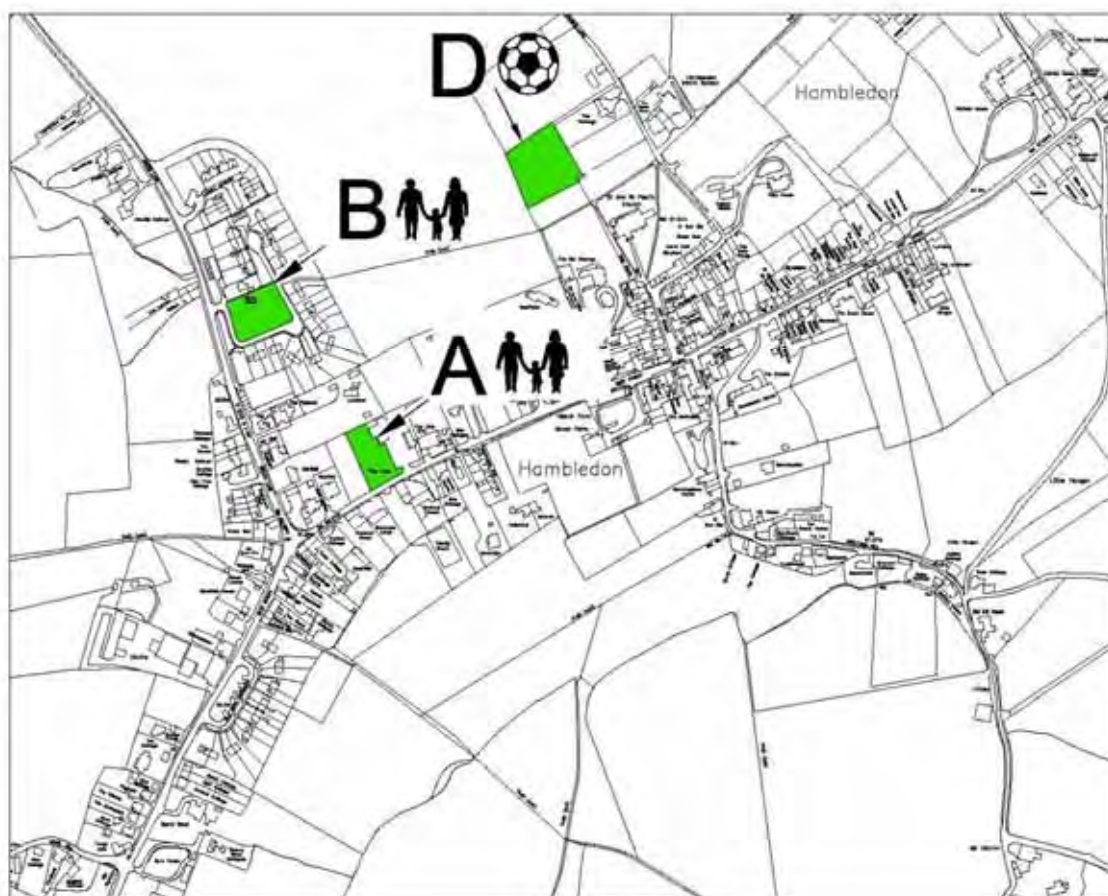
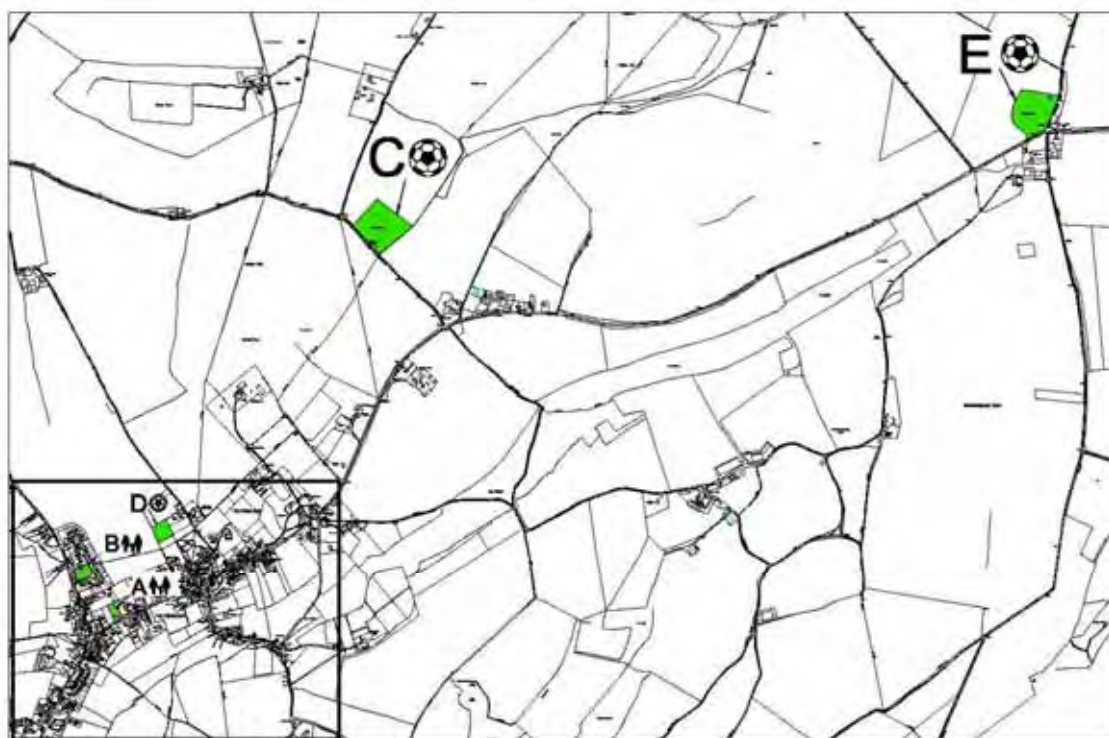
No provision.	There is no public children's play area in the village.
Deficiencies:	Land, standard, quality, distribution.
Improvements Proposed:	Provision of a local facility to LEAP standard.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

No provision.	There is no sports ground provision.
Deficiencies:	Land, standard, quality, distribution.
Improvements Proposed:	Assistance with additional sports ground provision at Meonstoke (see page 10), preferably in the form of improvements and extension of the Pound Lane Recreation Ground (Area C on Corhampton and Meonstoke location map).

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	A
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Description

A parish entirely within the National Park, 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	Brook Lane 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

There is a LEAP adjacent to Hambledon Village Hall and a new play facility on Stewarts Green but overall the Parish has insufficient public land for children's play and a further play area should be provided.

Deficiencies: Land.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of an additional area of play space within the village. Improvements to the play area adjacent to the Village Hall.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

Both the cricket grounds are in private ownership and some distance from the village, but the ground at Brook Lane provides facilities for the thriving local cricket club. The club facilities though are sub standard for the size of the parish and require improvement

Deficiencies: Standard and quality

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to the facilities at Brook Lane Cricket Ground.

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 will be provided at Winchester City (North).

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	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.6

Assessment of Play Areas

No provision. There continues to be a shortfall of land and a need for a children's play area to LEAP standard, which should be readily accessible to the children of Headbourne Worthy.

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

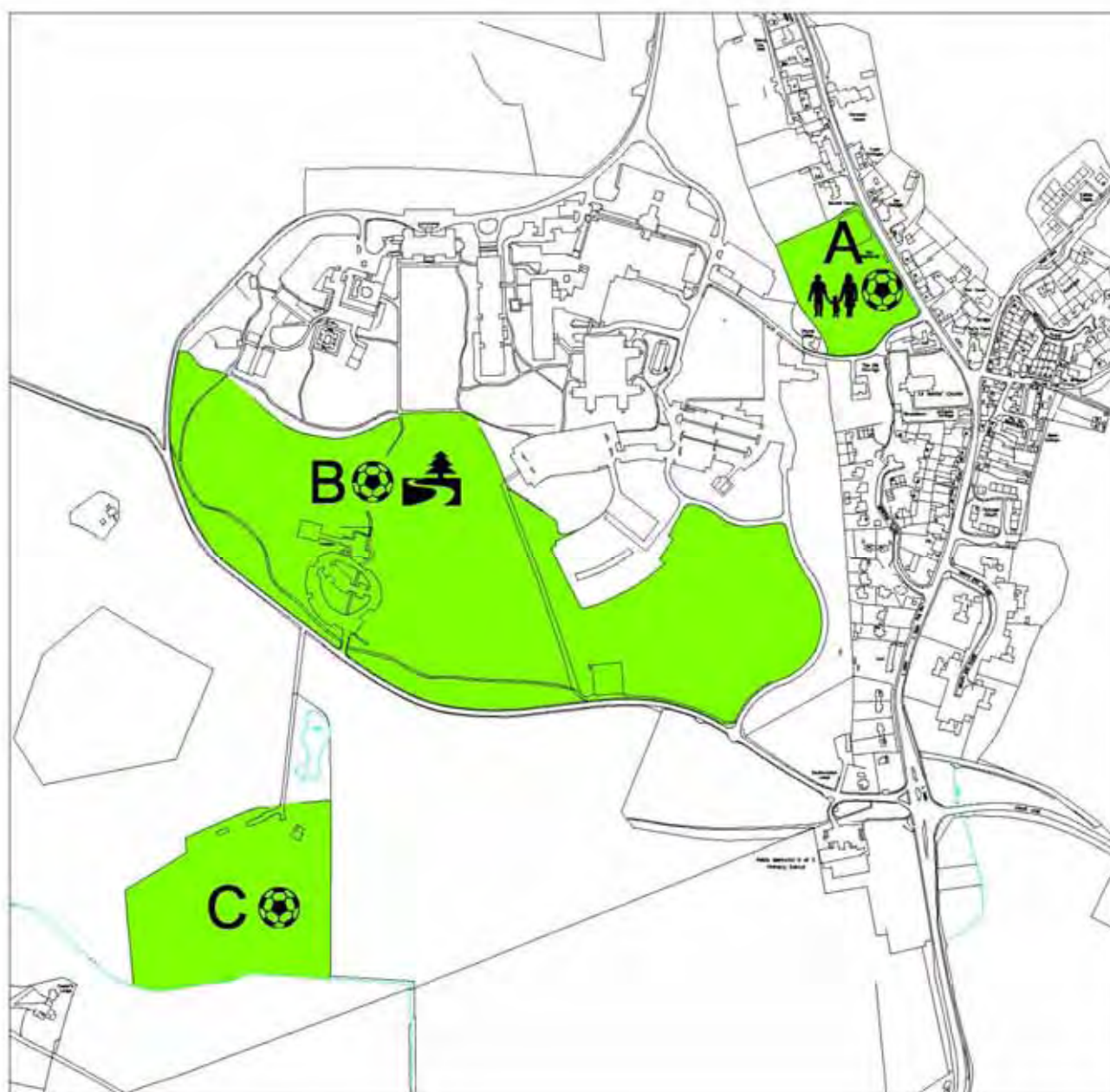
Assessment of Sports Grounds

No provision. There continues to be a shortfall of land for sport and 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) or improvements to the existing provision.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	A
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Description

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)

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:	
General Use:		B	IBM Sports Grounds (P) 8.5
In the developed areas:		In the adjacent countryside:	
		Hursley 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	1.1	+0.4
Sports	1.4	0.4	1.0	1.6	+0.6

Assessment of Play Areas

The play area at the main recreation ground is of good quality but is sub-standard for the size of the population and requires improved public access and additional equipment to bring it to NEAP standard. The eastern part of the village is separated from the play area by the main A3090.

Deficiencies: Standard, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrading of main play area to NEAP standard with improved public access. Provision of a LEAP to the east of the A3090.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

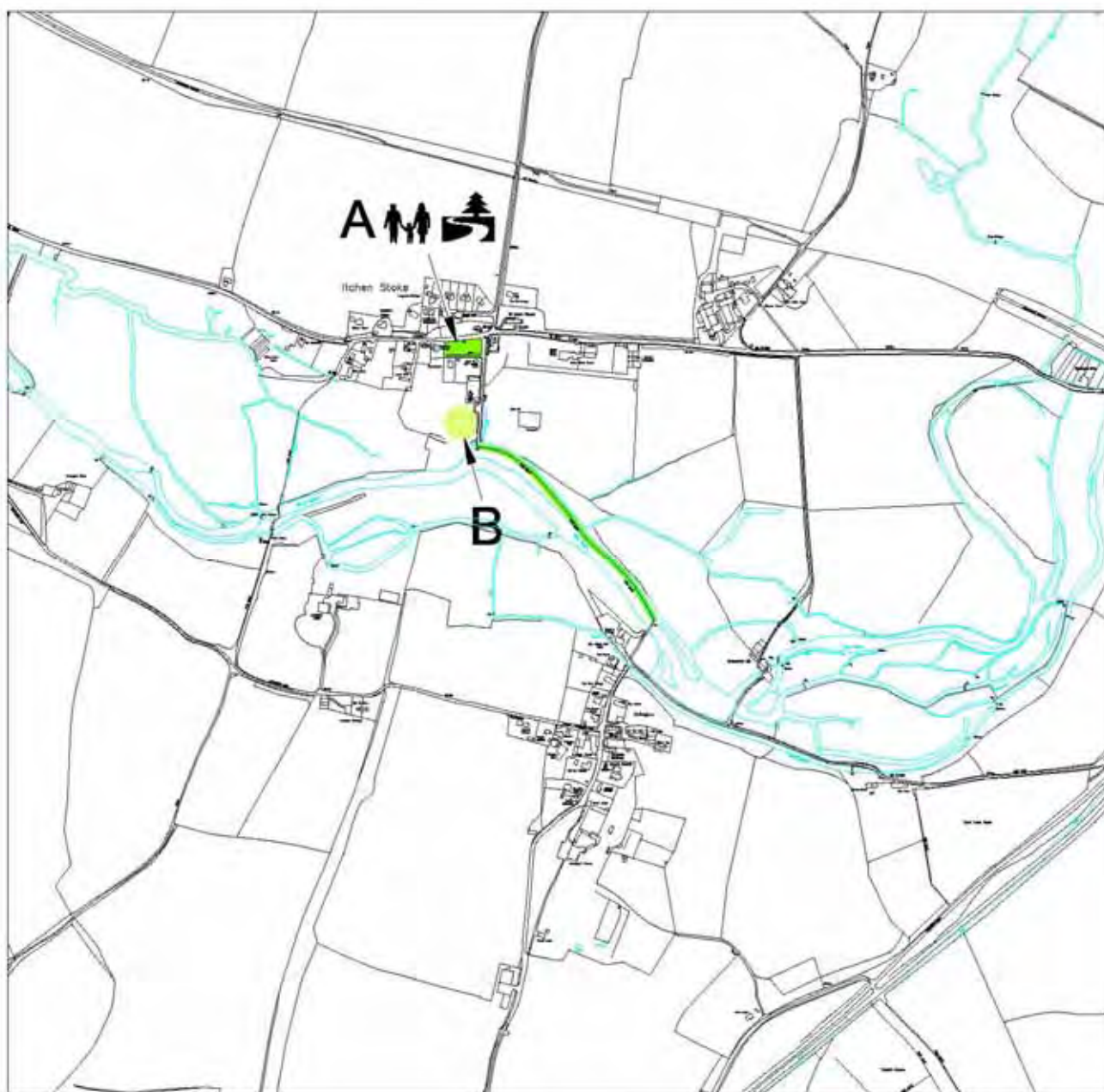
The Parish's current provision is made up entirely of private sports facilities. The cricket club's pavilion is in need of improvement to bring it up to standard.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to the cricket pavilion and practice nets.

Contribution Scale

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 developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:
A	Church Green, Itchen Stoke	0.2	Abbotstone Down
			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 standard. A play area to LEAP standard 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. The parish 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 (see page 10).

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

-

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	1.0	-	1.0	1.4	+0.4
Sports	2.1	0.6	1.5	3.1	+1.6

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 is still substandard for the size of the population and would 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.

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.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The King George V Memorial Playing Field accommodates a pitch but this is not full sized and is on a slope. There are no sports courts in the parish.

Deficiencies: Quality, Standard, Distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to KGV pitch, sports courts.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: B



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Description

A downland parish entirely within the National Park, 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. Financial 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.

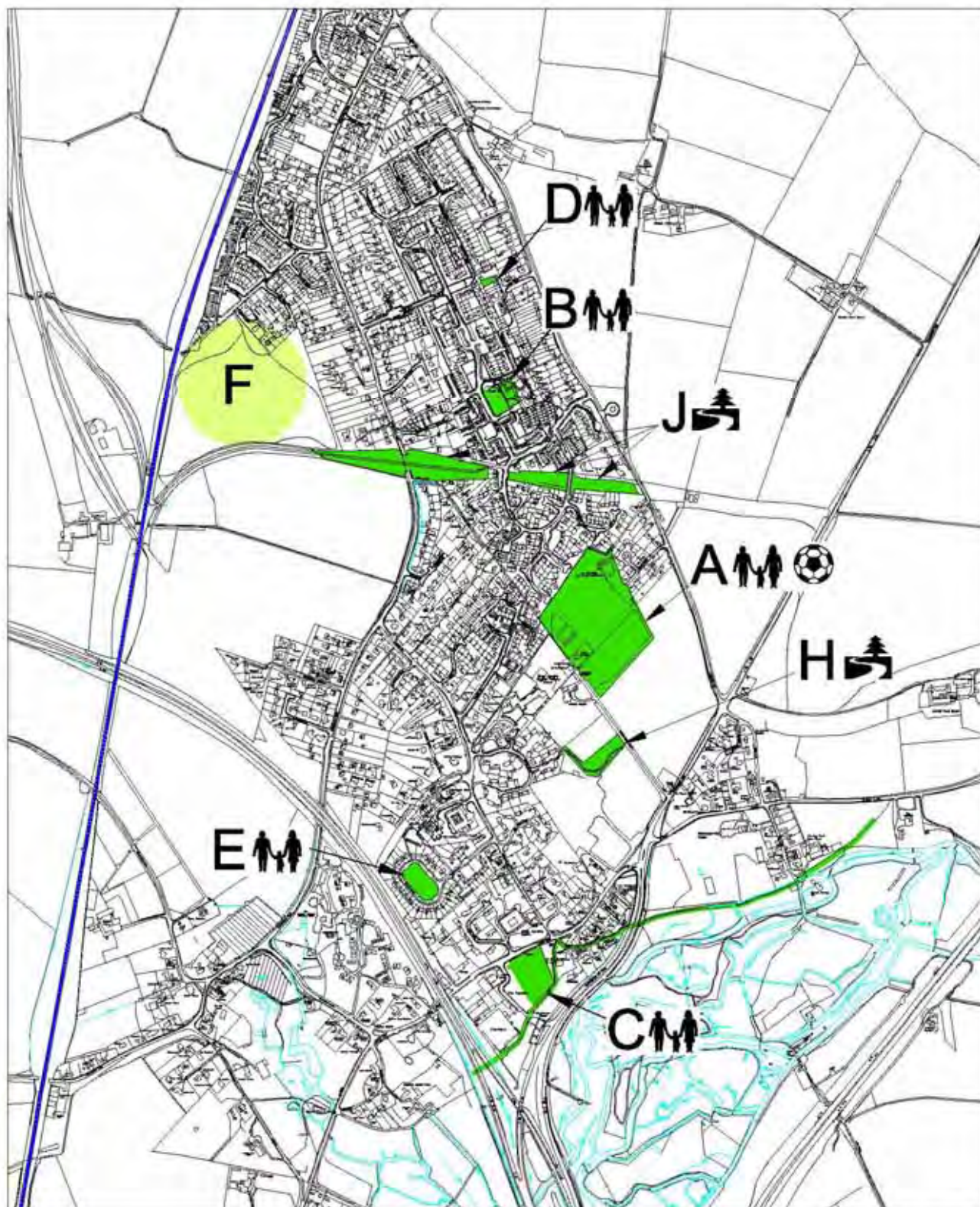
Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:

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For Sports Grounds:

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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:

H Hinton Fields 0.5

Paths/embankments of former railway line

In the adjacent countryside:

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	3.6	-	3.6	2.0	-1.6
Sports	7.2	1.9	5.3	4.0	-1.3

Assessment of Play Areas

There continues to be a shortfall of land available for children's play and land off Hookpit Farm Lane (Topfield) has been identified for future provision in association with new development there. (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 but further equipped play areas are required.. Abbots Worthy has no separate provision.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, distribution

Improvements Proposed: The provision of new play facilities in a new recreation area accessible to the north and western parts of the village at Hookpit Farm Lane (Area F). Provision of new play facilities at Church Green, Lovedon Lane and Eversley Park.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

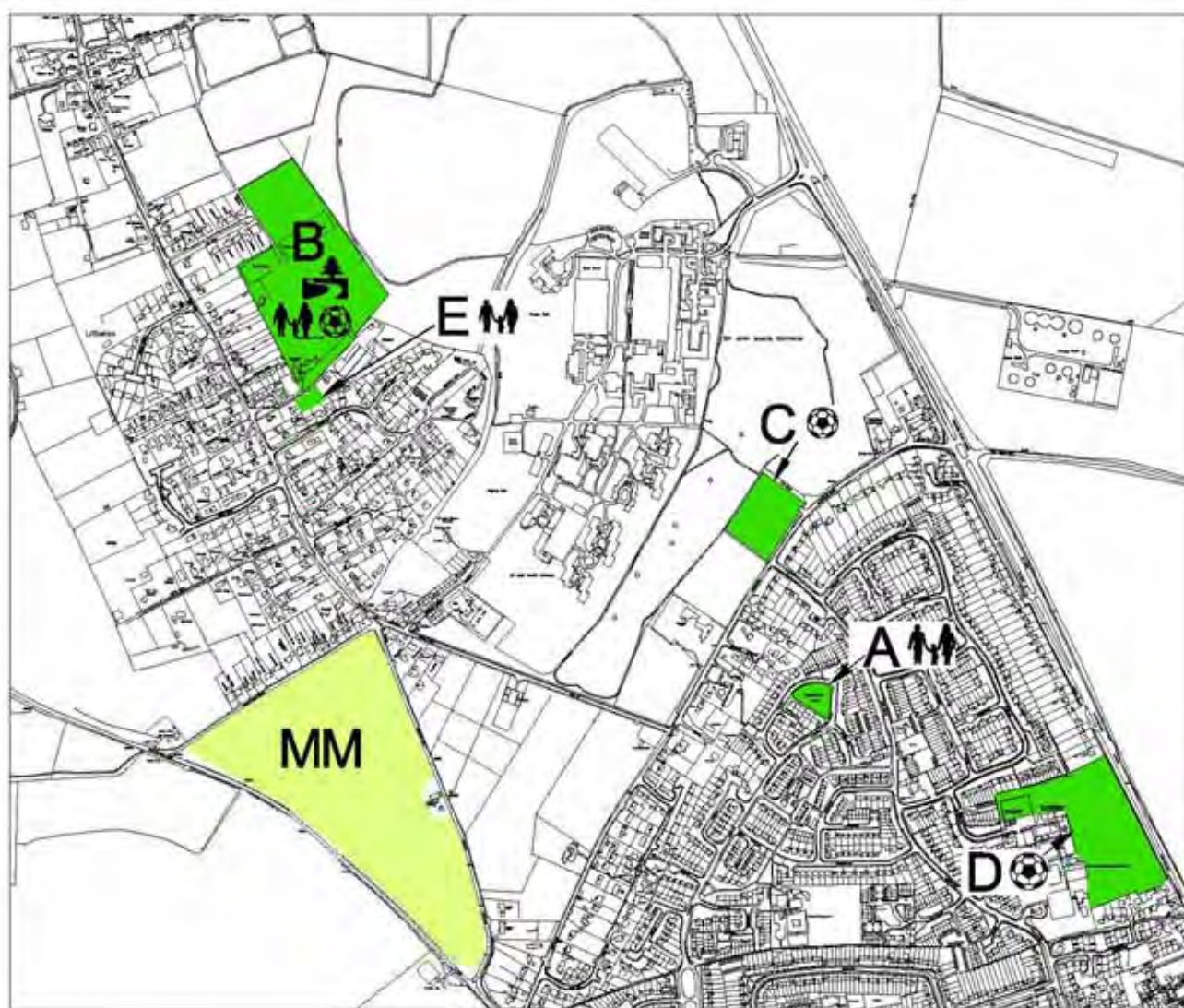
The Parish has a shortfall of sports grounds which also serve the adjoining Parish of Headbourne Worthy. An area of additional land is, therefore, required to serve both parishes. Land off Hookpit Farm Lane is reserved for this purpose in the Local Plan Review but in the meantime further improvements 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). Cricket Nets at Eversley Park.

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 2014) 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 shortfall in children's play space, although the play areas at Bradley Road and Littleton Recreation Ground have sufficient equipment for NEAP status. 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, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: 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, in addition to which the Harestock Football Field is leased from the MOD and the current lease has been renewed until the end of June 2014 (renewed on a three yearly basis). 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 have converted their grass football pitch to an all weather floodlit pitch that is also available to the local community.

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: nil



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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	1.0	-	1.0	1.1	+0.1
Sports	2.0	0.5	1.5	4.2	+2.7

Assessment of Play Areas

There is no shortage of play space and there are two main play areas. The one at the Lord Rank Playing Field at Micheldever is a NEAP and there is a LEAP at the Warren Playing Field at Micheldever Station which requires further improvement. Land has also been provided at East Stratton for a play area, adjacent to the Village Hall, which can now proceed. Efforts are being made to equip Area D, the Green at East Stratton, to LEAP standard.

Deficiencies: Quality, Standard.

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

Assessment of Sports Grounds

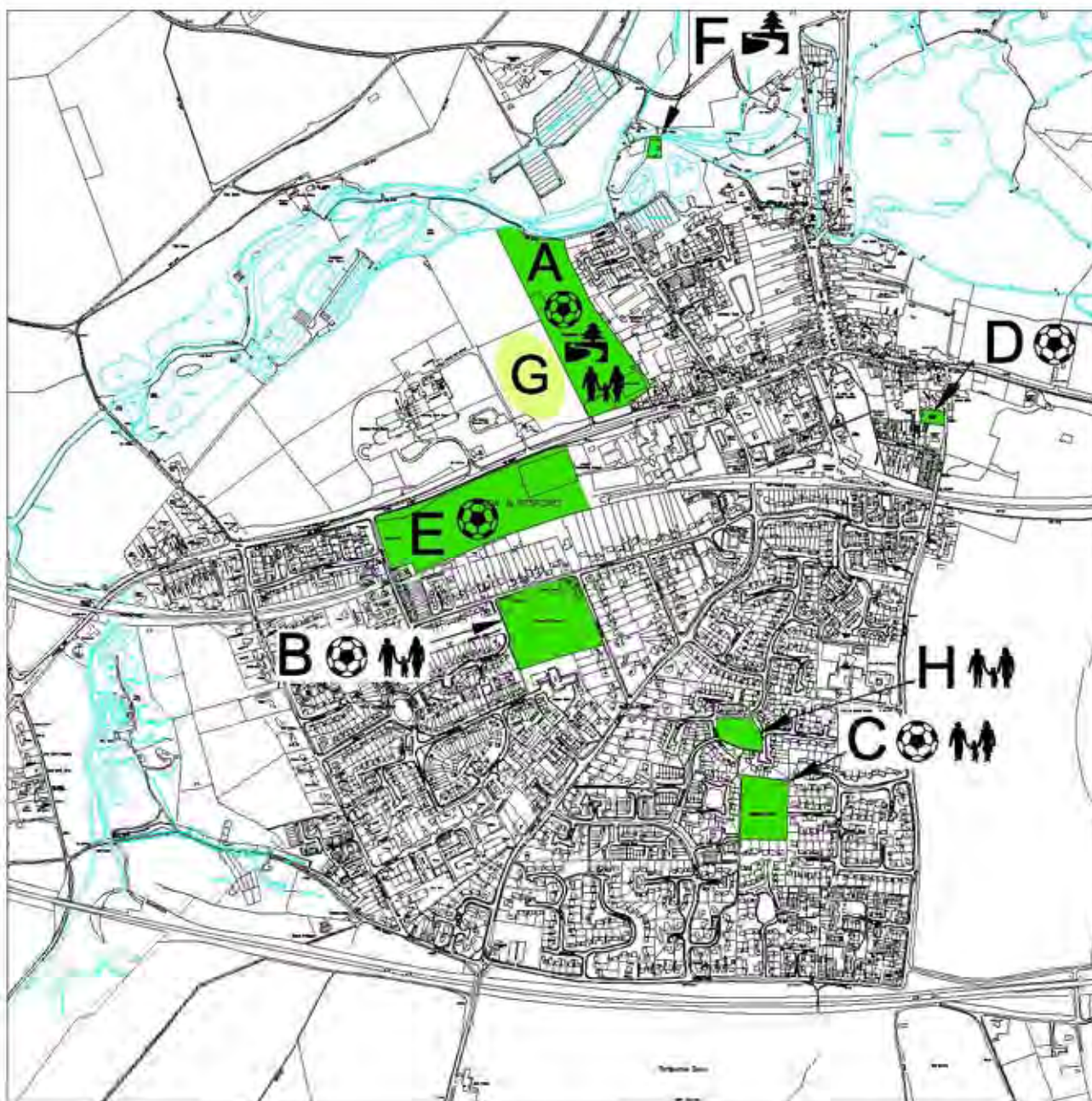
There is no shortage of land for sport. The two main public sports ground areas are at the Warren Playing Field, Micheldever Station, and at the Lord Rank Playing Field, Micheldever although these are currently leased. Both have their own pavilions, but are both sub-standard and in need of work. The 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.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Re-building or re-furbishment of the pavilion at the Warren Playing Field. Re-furbishment 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
			D	Alresford Bowling Club(P)	0.2
C	Sun Hill Recreation Ground*	1.1			
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	4.3	-	4.3	2.6	-1.7
Sports	8.7	2.3	6.4	4.6	-1.8

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 Arlebury Park. An additional LEAP could also be positioned to serve the eastern side of the town.

Deficiencies: Land, 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.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The parishes of New Alresford, Bishops Sutton and Bighton are served by sports grounds in Alresford and until recently 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 provided temporary rugby facilities, is unsuitable as it lacks changing facilities and is some distance from changing facilities in New Alresford. New rugby pitches 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: Land, standard and quality.

Improvements Proposed: Rugby pitches should be provided in the parish within Area G. 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: A



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Description

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)

Play:

-

Local Sports:

-

District Sports:

-

General Use:

In the developed areas:

Northington Grange Park

In the adjacent countryside:

Wayfarers' Walk

Abbotstone Down

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, 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

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.

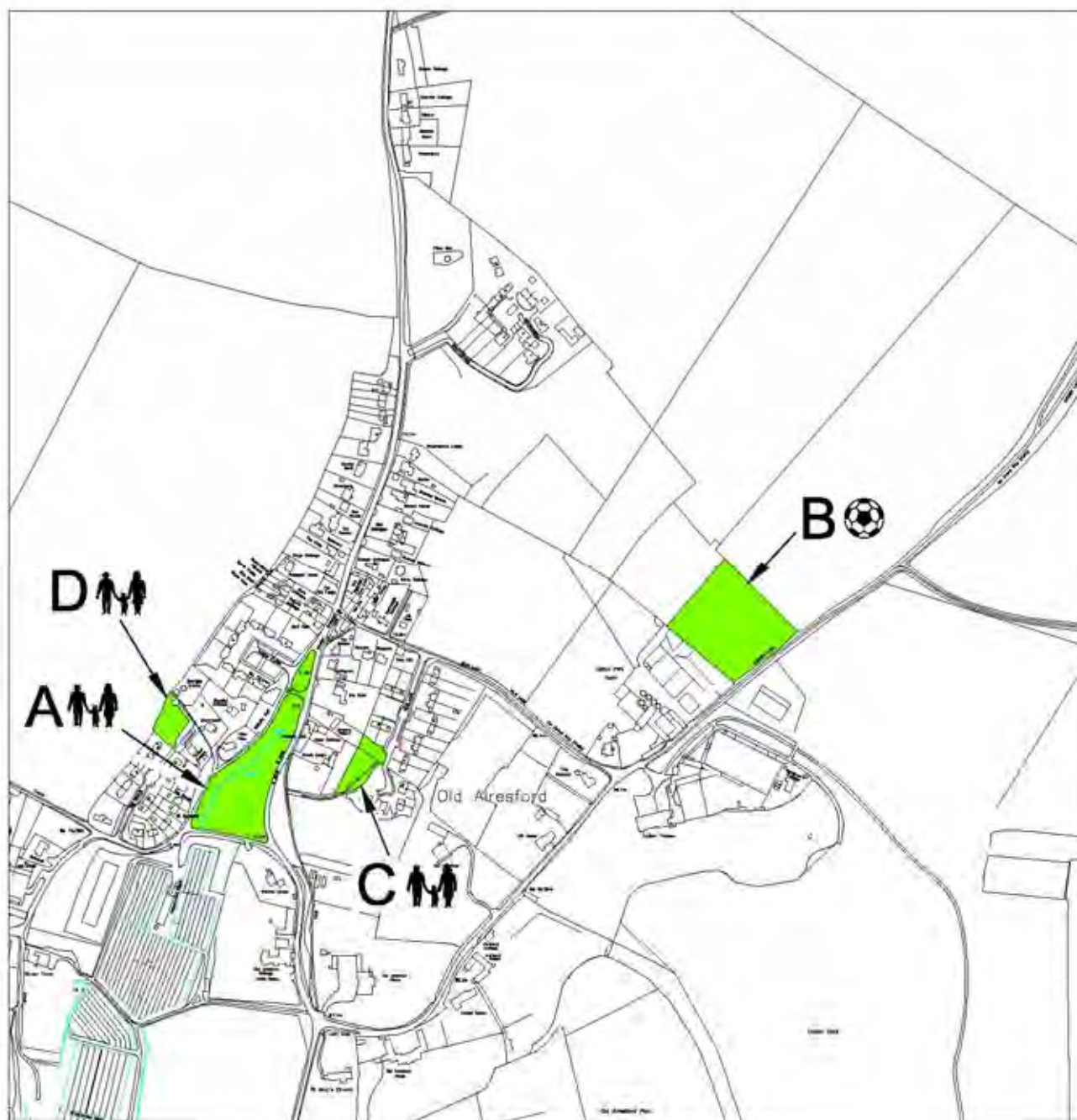
Contribution Scale

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 developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:	
A	Village Green		Colden Lane	
			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

Sufficient land and the children's play area is very central, and of good quality. Additional equipment should however be installed to upgrade it to NEAP status.

Deficiencies: Standard.

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.

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: Nil



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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 developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
B	The Battery	0.6	Compton Down		
			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 facilities for older children at the main recreation ground.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

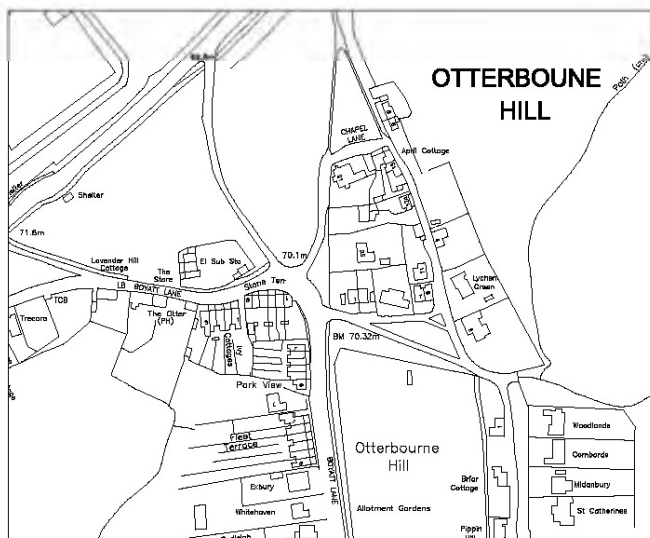
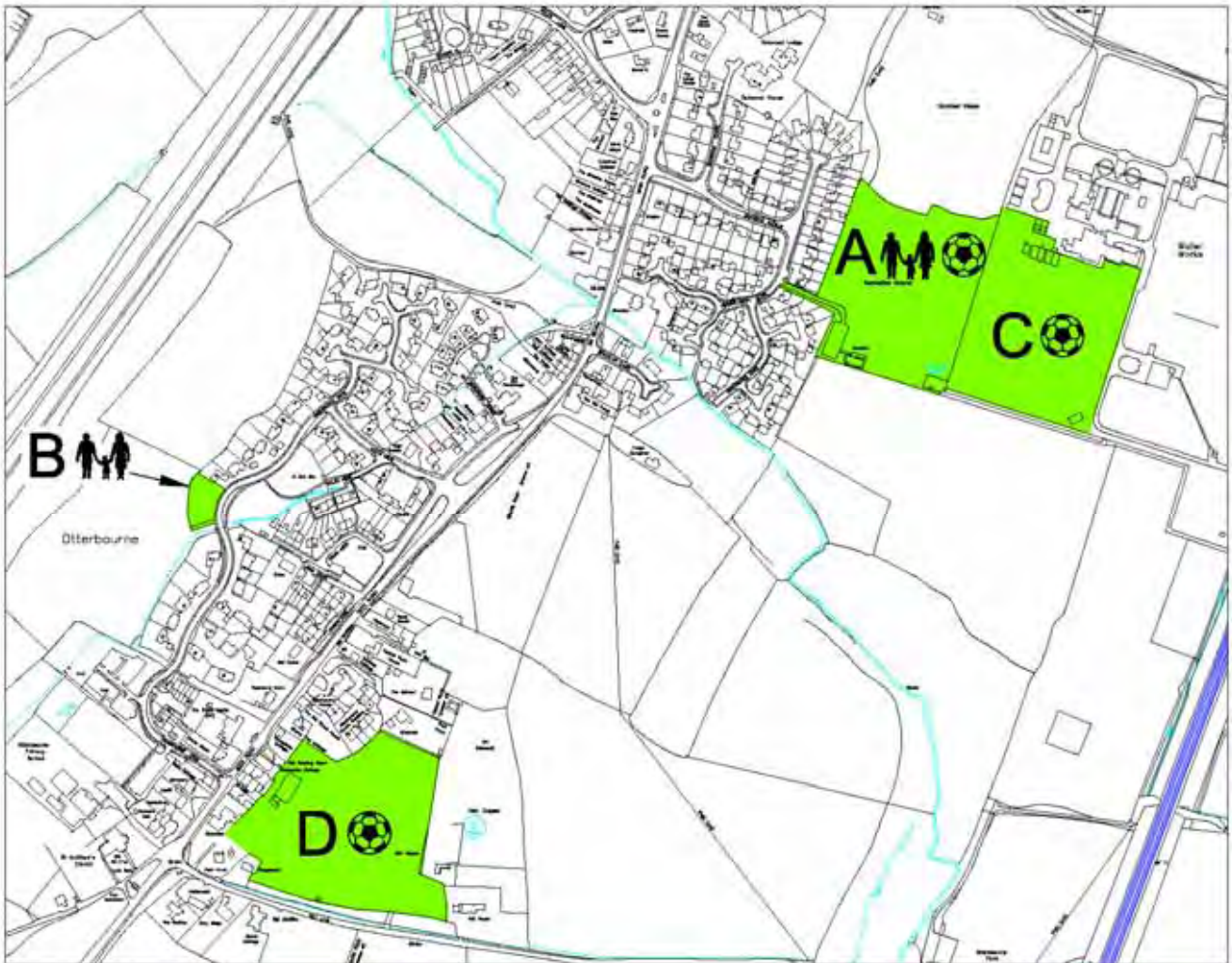
The Parish has a shortfall of sports grounds, but generally looks to the Winchester area for adult sports provision. It should, therefore, assist with the provision of new sports grounds in Winchester. New facilities are however required for teenagers at the Recreation Ground.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of an all-weather hard surfaced court facility and/or additional land for sports grounds within the Parish, preferably upon 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



NO PROVISION

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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*	A	Oakwood Park
B	Cranbourne Drive	C	Southern Water cricket ground (P)
		D	Elderfield junior cricket pitch (P)
		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	2.5	0.6	1.9	4.9	+3.0

Assessment of Play Areas

The parish is deficient in play space. The only equipped play area in the Parish is at Oakwood Park recreation ground although this has recently been extended and rebuilt to NEAP standard. The land at Cranbourne Drive is leased and can only provide unequipped casual play space. Otterbourne Hill is a separate settlement outside the District but will be provided with play facilities in the next couple of years.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Improvements to the play provision at Oakwood Park.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

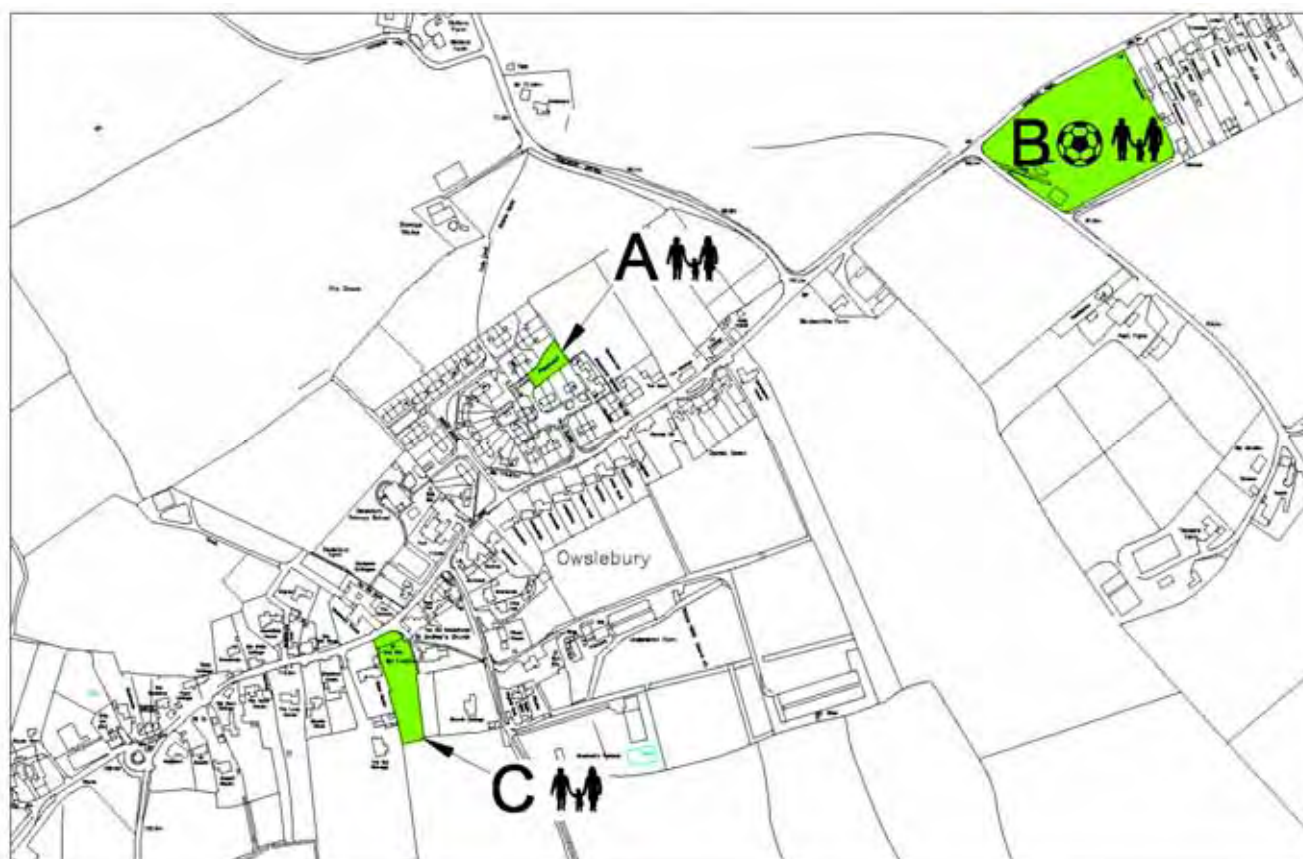
The Parish is currently well provided with sports grounds at the main recreation ground (A), supplemented by facilities for the time being at Southern Water's cricket ground (C) although this can not be relied upon in future. The parish council are presently negotiating a leasehold agreement for the Elderfield Junior cricket pitch (D).

Deficiencies: None

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a Boules court at Cranbourne Drive open space. Improvements to the Elderfield cricket pitch. Fitness equipment at Oakwood Park.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: nil.



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Description

A rural parish containing the village of Owslebury, but the whole parish has 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 and needs to be upgraded to LEAP status. The Glebe Field is unsuitable for play equipment. The recreation ground is isolated, with poor pedestrian access, and is therefore unsuitable for an equipped 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

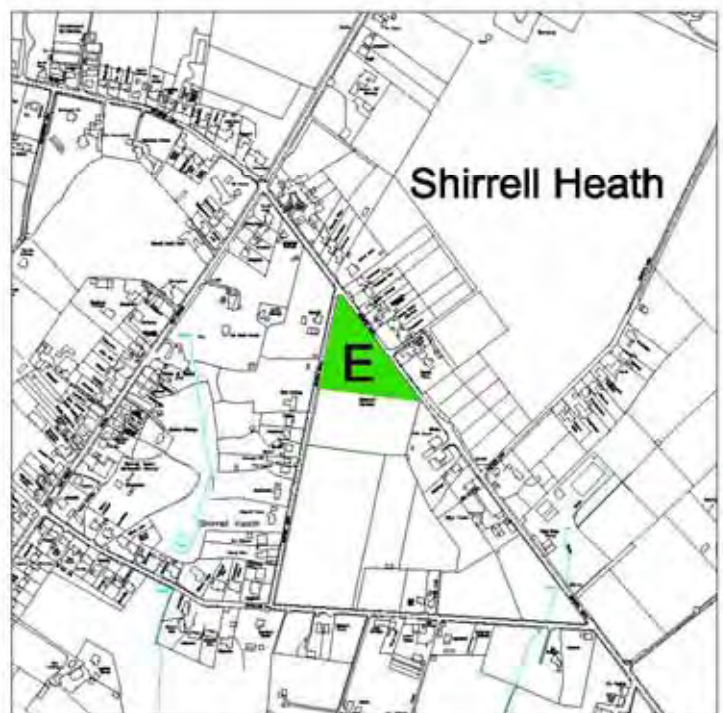
The sports ground at the main recreation ground is up to league standard..

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: Nil



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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	District Sports:		
E	Shirrell Heath Recreation Ground	0.7			
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	6.3	1.7	4.6	3.3	-1.3

Assessment of Play Areas

The parish continues to have 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 the casual area of play at The Triangle. Shedfield Recreation Ground has a range of play equipment to NEAP standard. The recreation ground at Shirrell Heath has 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 (Area F) 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: Provision of play area (LEAP) to east of A333 at Waltham Chase.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

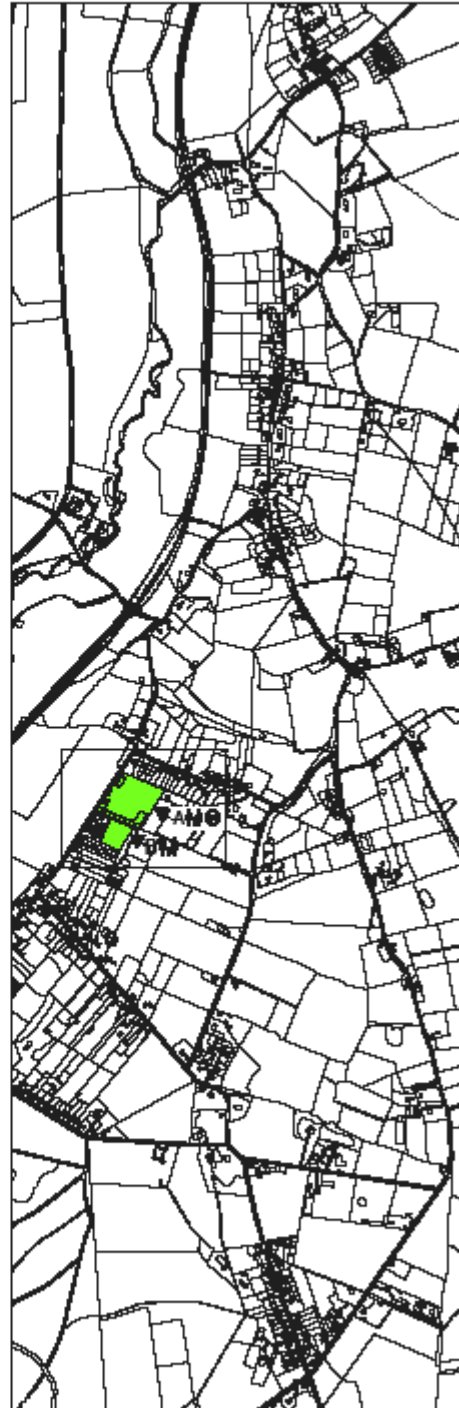
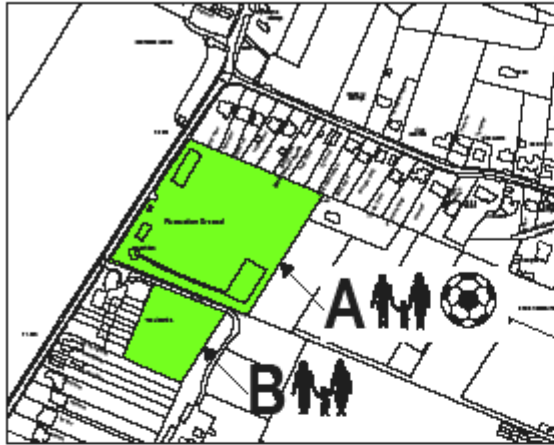
The Parish has a substantial shortfall in the provision of sports grounds. Land to the east of the school in Waltham Chase is reserved for this purpose in the Local Plan Review (Area F). Teenage facilities are also required.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of additional sports grounds on land to the east of the school in Waltham Chase. Refurbishment of existing facilities at Shedfield Recreation Ground.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	A	For Sports Grounds:	A
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Description

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 newly formed National Park.

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Soberton Heath Recreation Ground*	0.6	A	Soberton Heath Recreation Ground	1.0
B	The Liberties play area	0.4			

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)

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	1.0	-0.3
Sports	2.5	0.7	1.8	1.0	-0.8

Assessment of Play Areas

There continues to be a shortfall of land for children's play despite the provision last year of a new play facility behind the Liberties (B). Further equipment is still required there and a LEAP should be provided in each of the other settlements if possible.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of new LEAPs at Soberton and Newtown. Provision of additional equipment at the Liberties play area.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

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

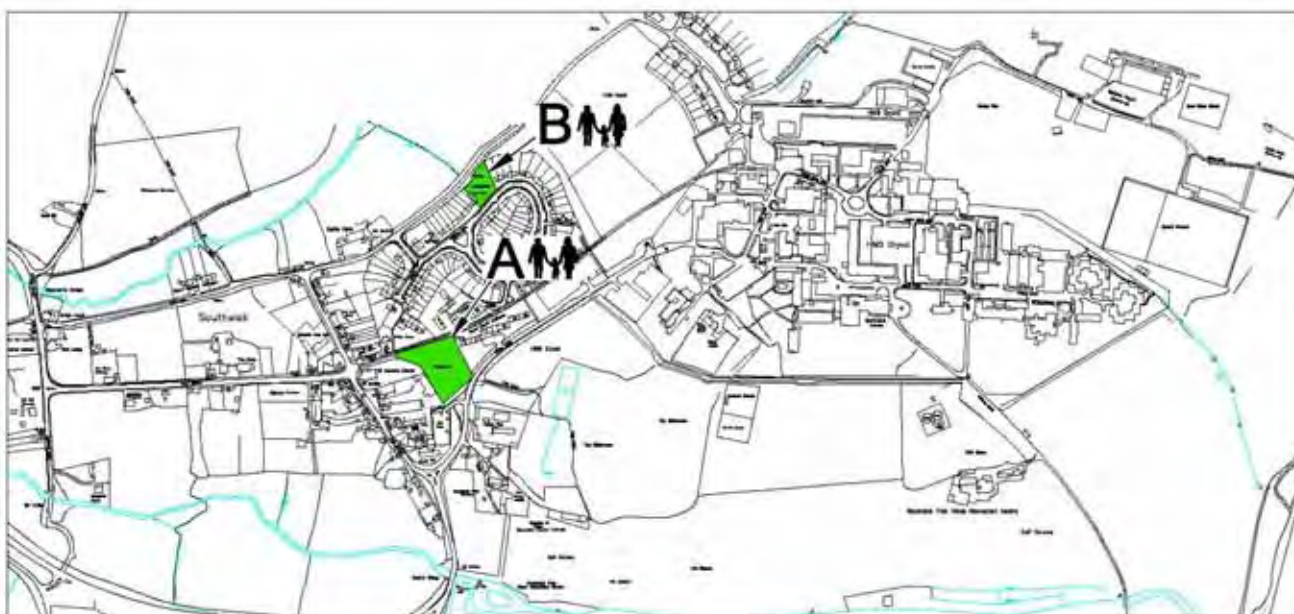
Deficiencies: Land, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: More land for sports pitches.

Contribution Scale

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 also 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	A	Southwick Playing Field	0.2
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	0.8	-	0.8	0.7	-0.1
Sports	1.6	0.4	1.2	0.2	-1.0

Assessment of Play Areas

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

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

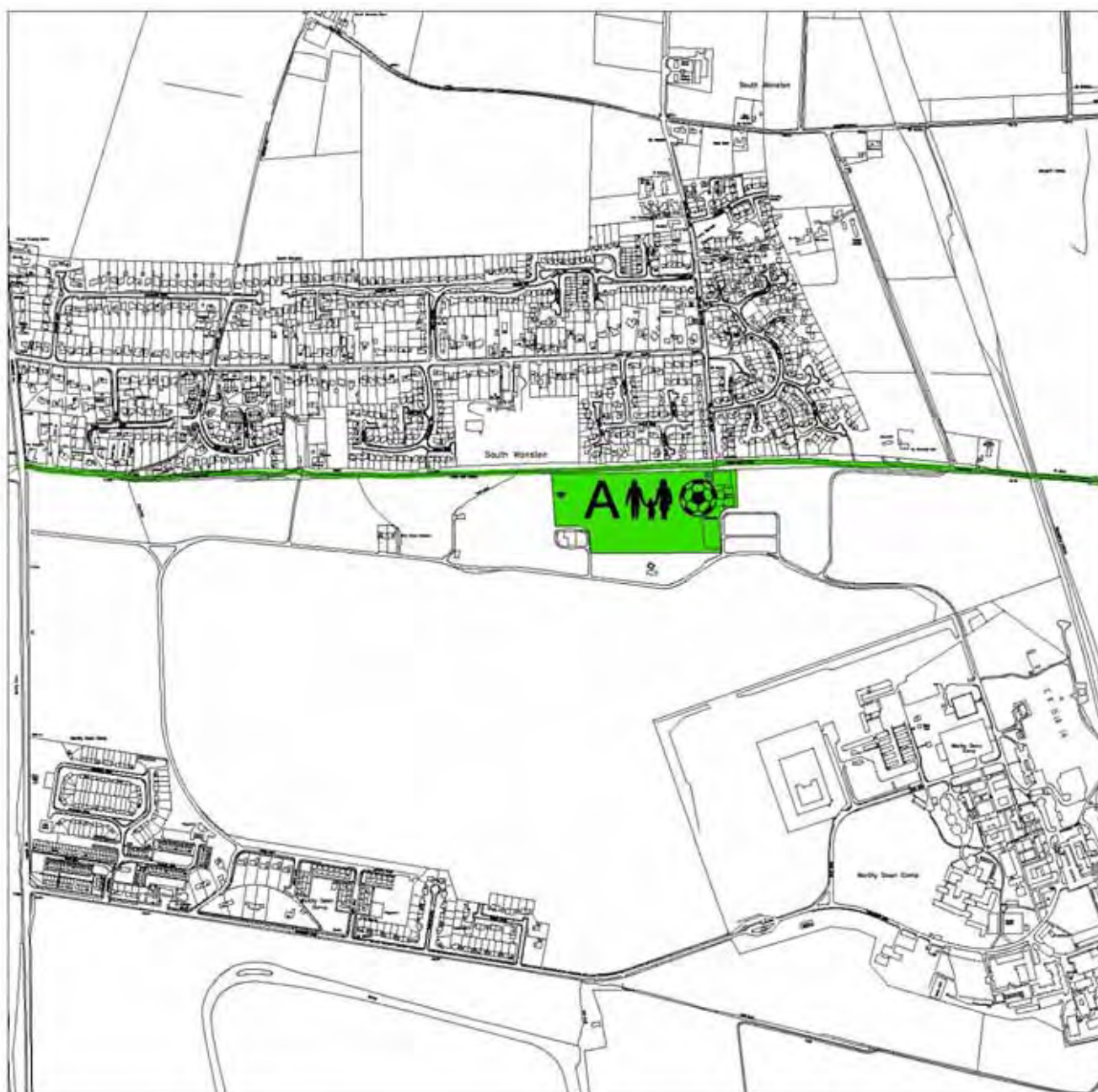
Assessment of Sports Grounds

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 apart from the small pitch at Southwick playing field.

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:	A	For Sports Grounds:	A
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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.

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

1.2.

	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	=

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. Another 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 need to be made at the main recreation ground and the parish council are pursuing the purchase of additional land adjacent to the recreation ground.

Deficiencies: Land, quality and distribution.

Improvements Proposed:	Acquisition of additional recreational space. New play equipment and safety surfacing at the Rec. Improvements to the BMX track.
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The parish has just sufficient land for sports grounds at the Recreation Ground, but improvements are required to the pavilion, tennis courts, basketball court and car park to bring them up to an appropriate standard for the level of use.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed:	Improvements to the pavilion, tennis courts, basketball court and car park. New community/sports building. Fencing, Signage, CCTV.
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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	0.3	-	0.3	0.4	+0.1
Sports	0.7	0.3	0.4	1.5	+1.1

Assessment of Play Areas

The village has sufficient land for play provision but the only play area at Woodman Close requires additional play equipment to bring it up to NEAP standard.

Deficiencies: Standard and Distribution.

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

Assessment of Sports Grounds

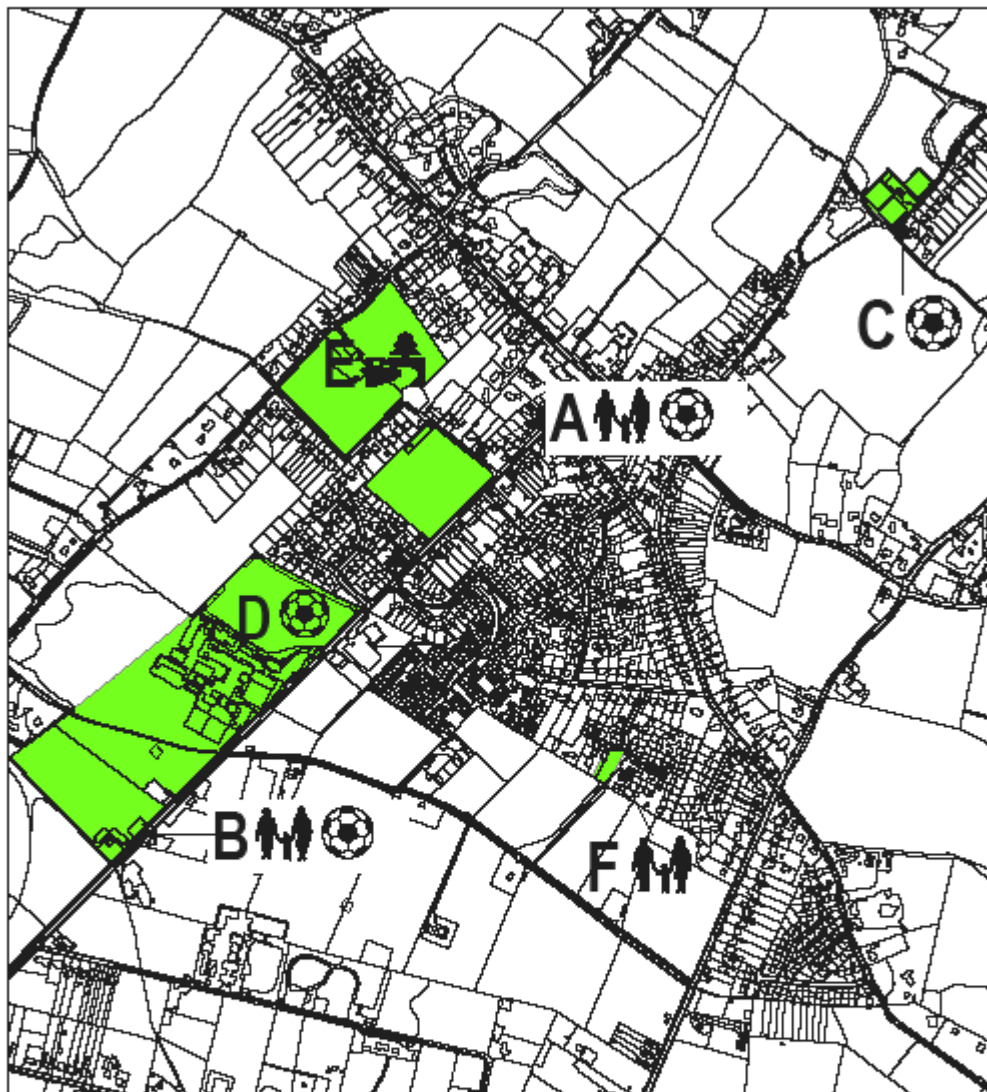
There is sufficient land but the cricket ground is privately owned.

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	B	For Sports Grounds	Nil
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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
			District Sports:		
			D	Swanmore College of Technology (E)	10.0
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
E	Lower Chase Road		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	1.8	-0.7
Sports	4.9	1.3	3.6	3.3	-0.3

Assessment of Play Areas

There continues to be a land shortfall for children's play and the eastern part of the village has poor access to facilities. The sites at Broad Lane Recreation Ground and the New Road Sports Ground are however both equipped to a high NEAP standard, although both sites need some refurbishment, upgrading and possible additions. There is also a LAP at Medlicott Way, which should be upgraded to LEAP standard.

Deficiencies:	Land, standard, distribution.
Improvements Proposed:	Provision of a new play area to LEAP standard to serve the eastern part of the village. Upgrading Medlicott Way LAP. Provision of play equipment to NEAP standard at New Road.

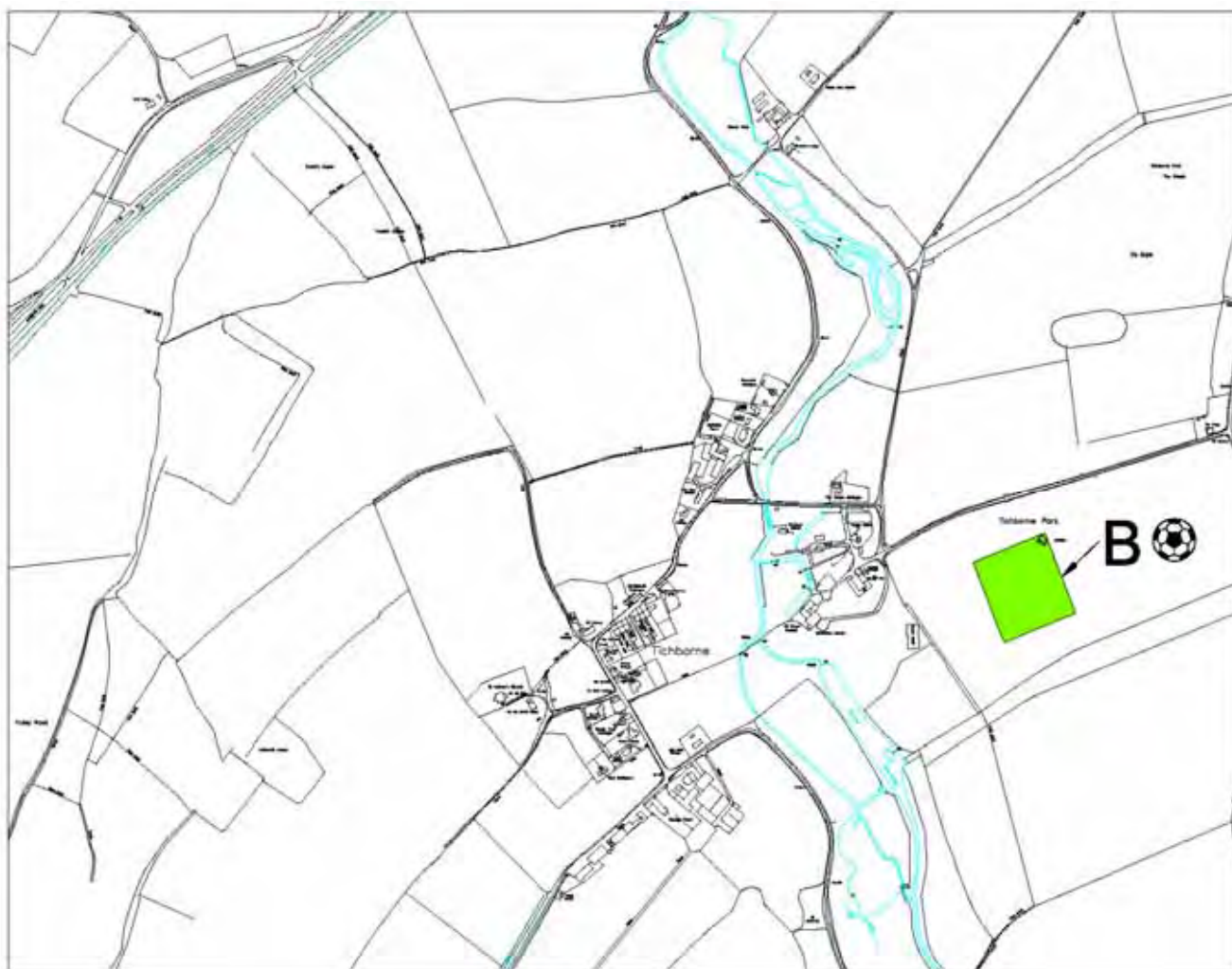
Assessment of Sports Grounds

The Parish has a deficit of land available for sports. 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. New facilities at New Road Sports ground.

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.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution, quality, standard.

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

Assessment of Sports Grounds

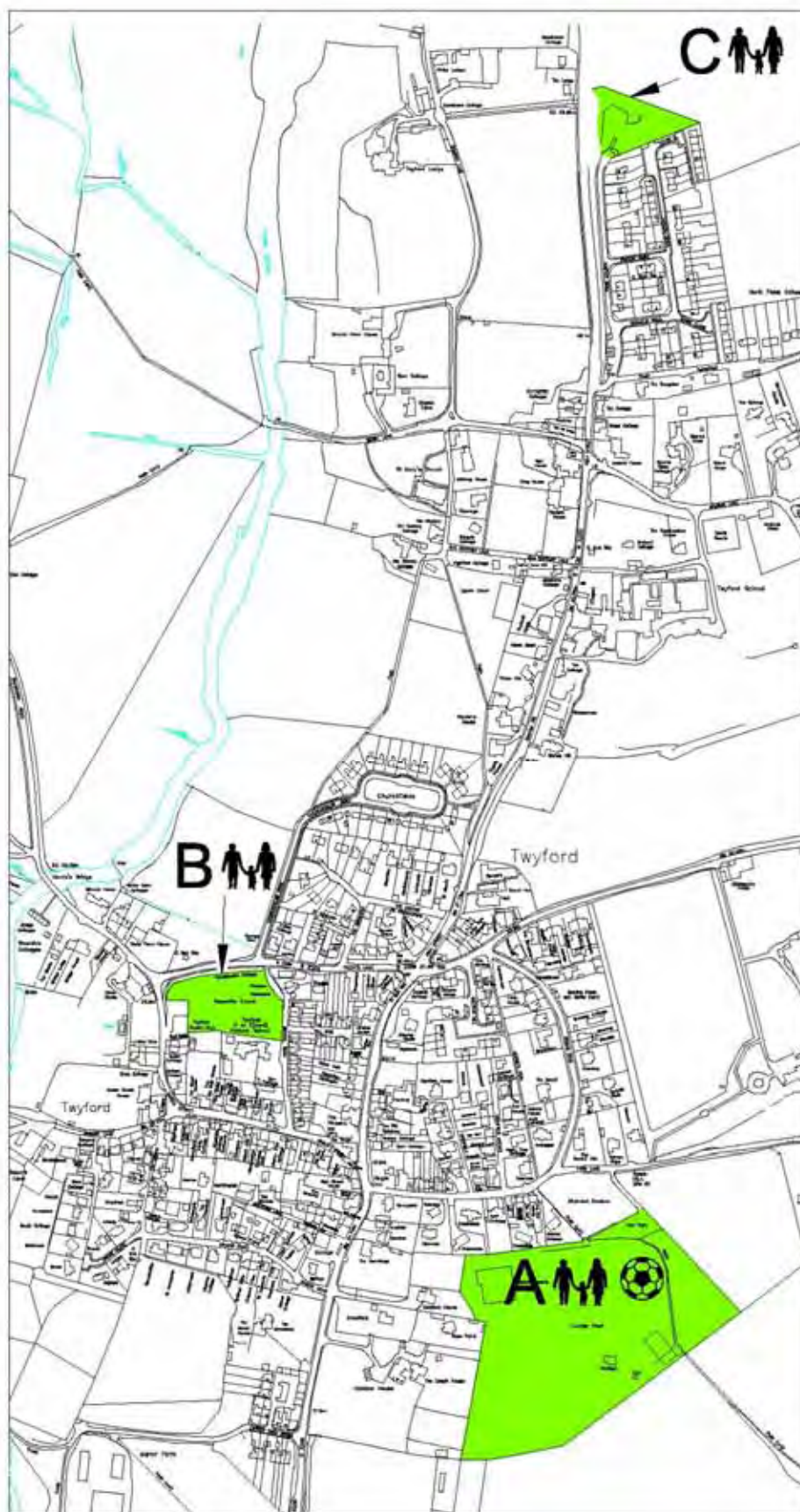
There is sports provision in the parish at the cricket ground within Tichborne Park. This is a local facility, run by a private cricket club. However the pavilion is sub standard and should be refurbished or replaced.

Deficiencies: Standard.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrading of the cricket pavilion at Tichborne Park..

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B



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Description

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)

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Hunters Park*	0.8	A	Hunters Park	3.2
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)

0.6

Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.2	-	1.2	2.0	+0.8
Sports	2.5	0.6	1.9	3.2	+1.3

Assessment of Play Areas

There is no shortage of land for children's play and 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. Northfields play area has recently been re-equipped to LEAP standard and will, with improved access arrangements, serve the whole of the Northfields area of the village.

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: New footpath to access Northfield play area.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

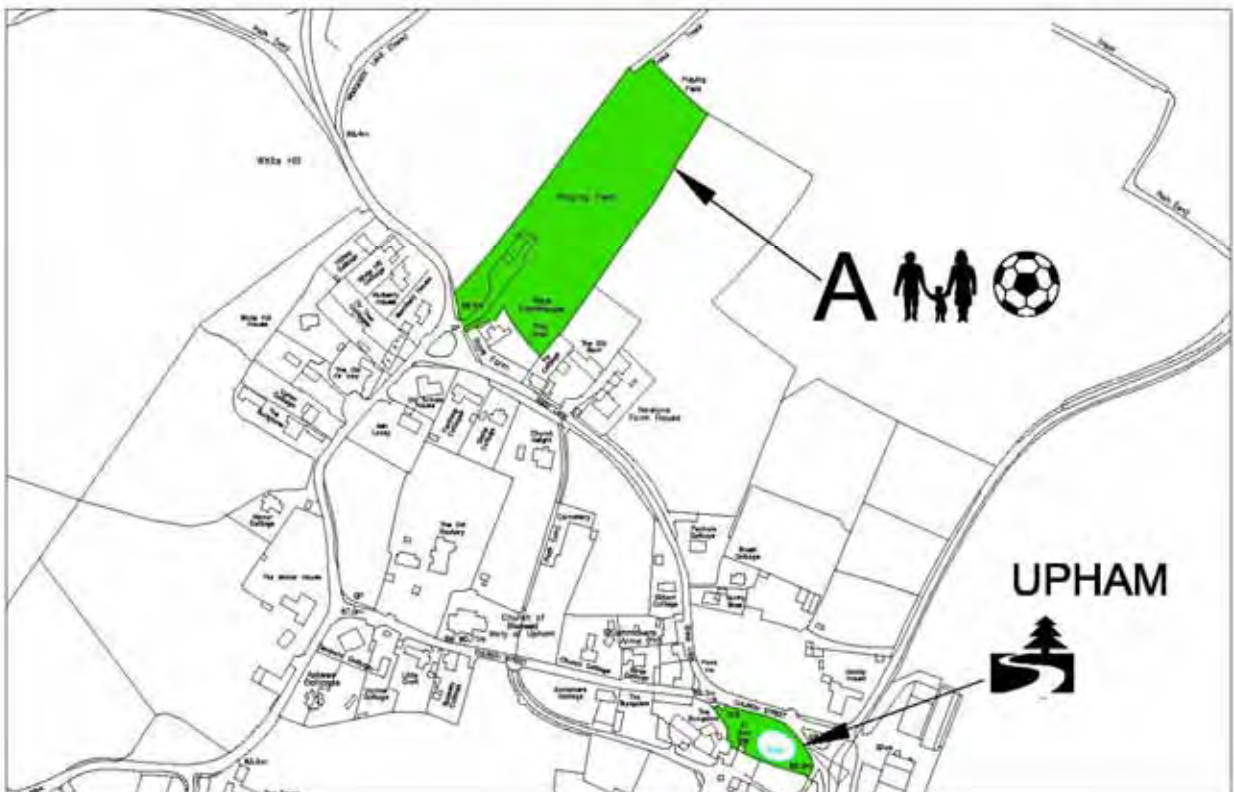
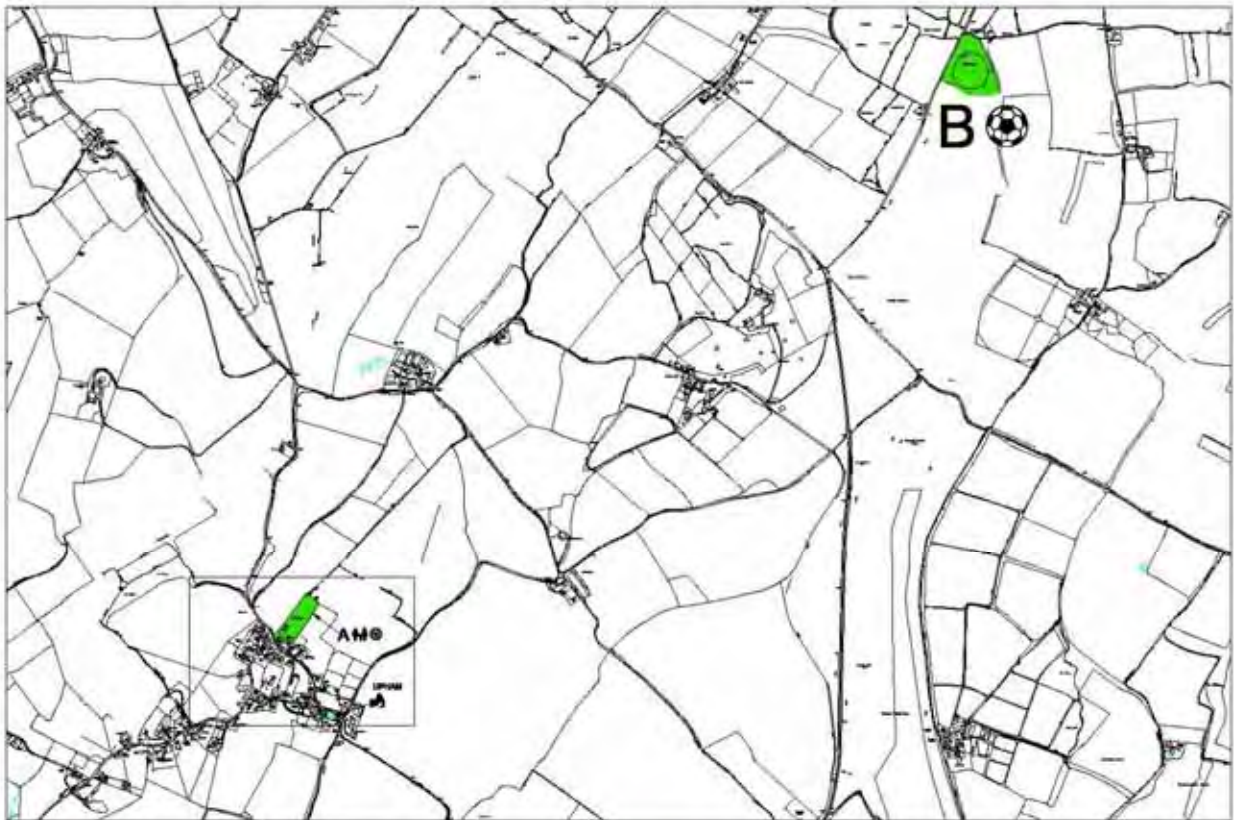
No shortage of land for sport and facilities are adequate.

Deficiencies: None

Improvements Proposed: None

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: nil For Sports Grounds: nil



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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

Despite recent improvements to the car park at Rays Farm, there continues to be a small shortfall in children's play space in the parish. Lower Upham warrants its own equipped play area, to LEAP standard.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution, quality, standard.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of LEAP to serve Lower Upham.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

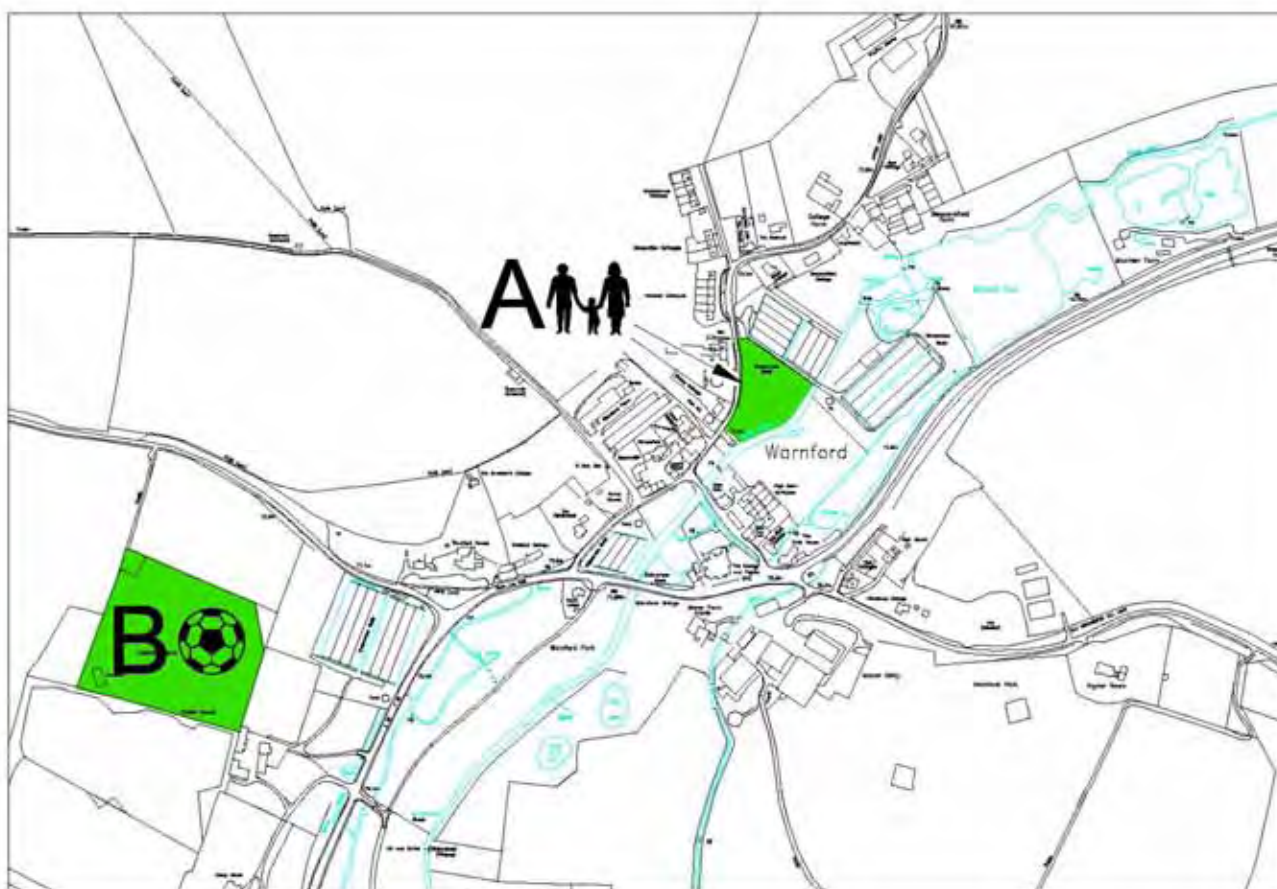
The Parish has adequate sports ground provision. Private cricket facilities at the Flamingo's Cricket Ground contribute to the district sports provision. The pitch at Ray's Farm is in good condition although, in terms of size, it only just meets league standards. Changing facilities are now much improved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

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: nil



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Description

A rural parish set within the newly formed National Park, and containing the main village of 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

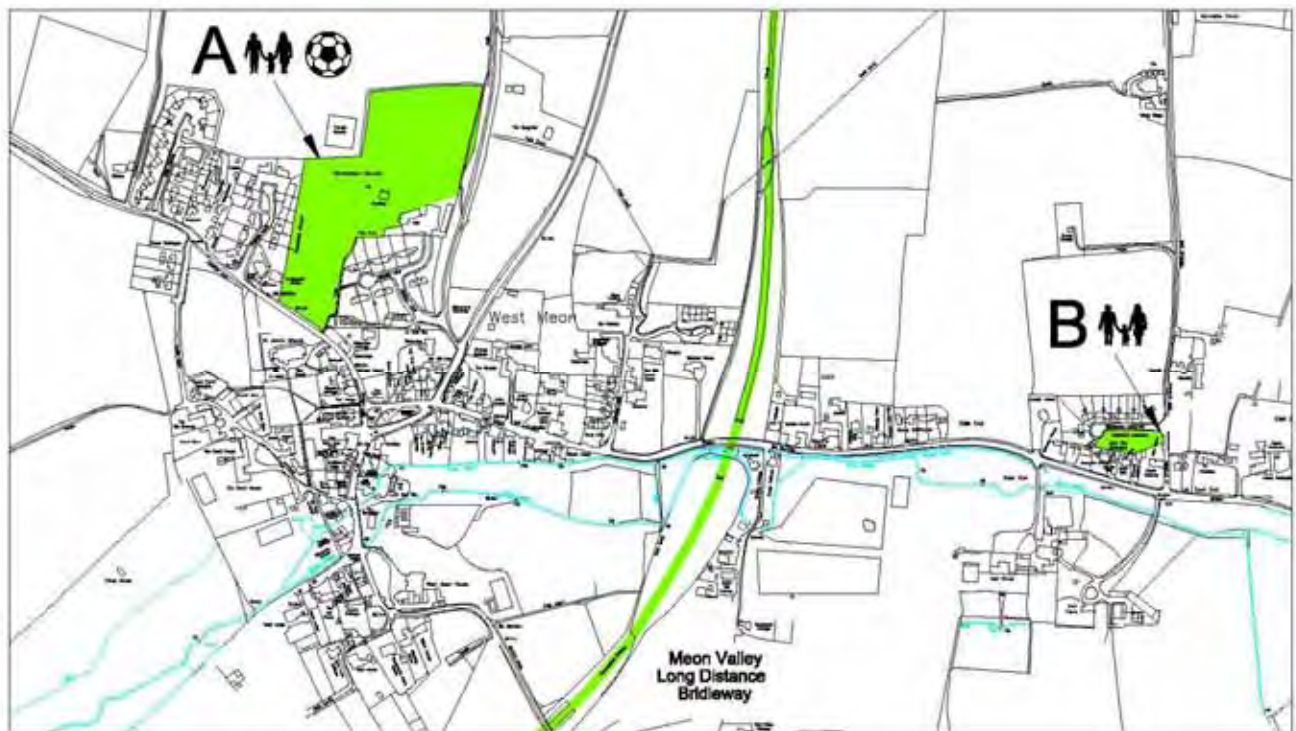
The Cricket Club has good facilities, which contribute to the district-wide sports provision. The Parish is combined with West Meon for sports provision resulting in no local shortfall.

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: Nil For Sports Grounds: Nil



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Description

A rural parish situated entirely within the National Park, with the village of West Meon lying 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)

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

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	1.2	+0.6
Sports	1.2	0.4	0.8	2.5	+1.7

Assessment of Play Areas

There is no shortfall of land and the Recreation Ground play area is equipped to NEAP standard.

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None

Assessment of Sports Grounds

There are good facilities at the Headon View Recreation Ground, and they also serve the Parish of Warnford.

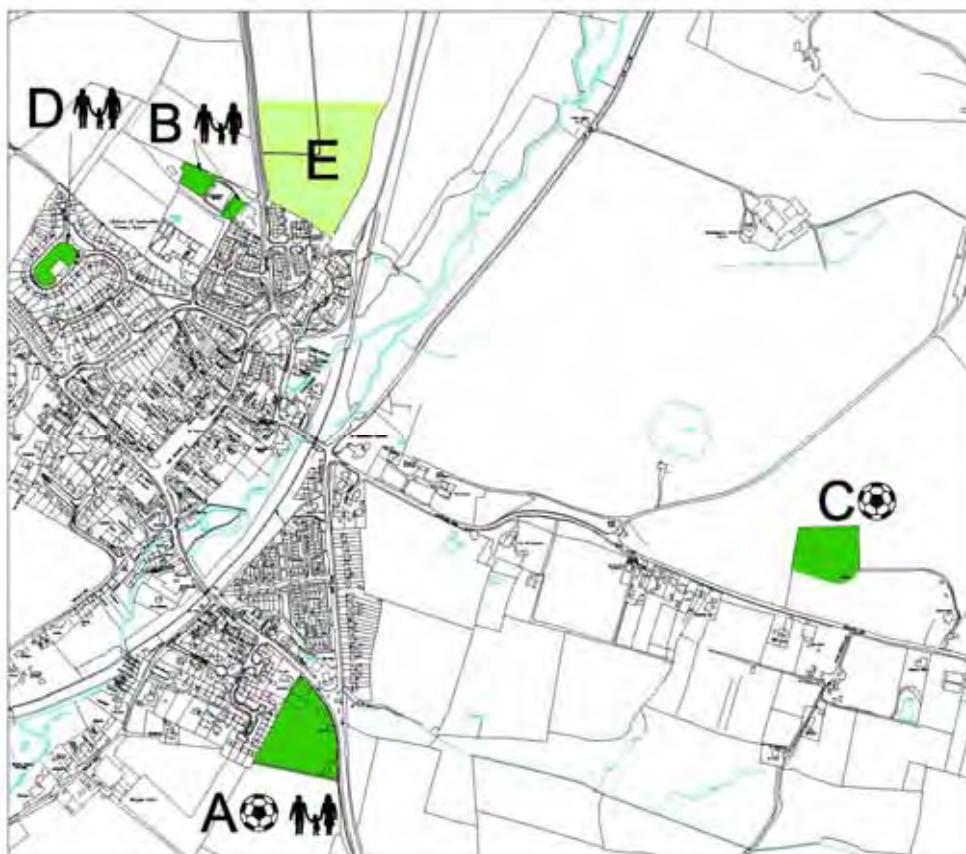
Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: Nil

For Sports Grounds: Nil



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Description

The parish contains the main settlement of Wickham, and the smaller settlement of Knowle, which is now completed. 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*	0.07	A	Recreation Ground, Wickham	1.4
B	Adjacent Community Centre*	0.21			
D	The Circle*	0.32	E	Village Green, Knowle	2.6
At Knowle:					
F	Greater Horseshoe Way*	0.08	District Sports:		
H	Victoria Mews*	0.20	-		
K	Barbastelle Walk*	0.14			
L	Consort Mews*	0.32			
I	Portland Way*	0.10			
E	Village Green*	0.08			
J	Boundary Walk	0.38			
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
Boundary Walk, Sawpit Copse, Knowle			Former Railway Line		
			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	3.6	-	3.6	1.90	-1.70
Sports	7.2	1.3	5.9	4.00	-1.90

Assessment of Play Areas

There are three equipped play areas in Wickham town and five at Knowle Village. There are also skateparks in each settlement. However there continues to be a shortfall in provision and some areas of Wickham town are still poorly served. More play areas should be provided to achieve a better distribution.

Deficiencies: Land, Distribution.

Improvements Proposed: More play provision within Wickham town.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The sports facilities at Knowle have been completed but there continues to be a shortfall for the parish as a whole and Wickham itself is deficient given that the privately owned cricket pitch (Area C) is not publically accessible.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: A new area of sports ground should be provided on land at Mill Lane to serve the northern part of Wickham .

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	District Sports: -		
C	Pigeon House Field	0.1			
D	Pigeon House Yard*	0.1			
E	Sutton Park*	0.1			
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
A	Gratton Field		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	2.0	+0.9
Sports	2.3	0.6	1.7	2.8	+1.1

Assessment of Play Areas

There is no shortage of land for children's play. The main play area at the recreation ground in Sutton Scotney is in adequate condition, and equipped to NEAP standard. There is also a small area for casual play at Pigeon House Field at Sutton Scotney and equipped LAPs at Pigeon House Yard and Sutton Park. A LEAP will be required at the former station yard and former Taylor's Coaches site when housing development takes place there.

Deficiencies: None

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a skatepark.

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 and include the tennis club. There are no shortfalls.

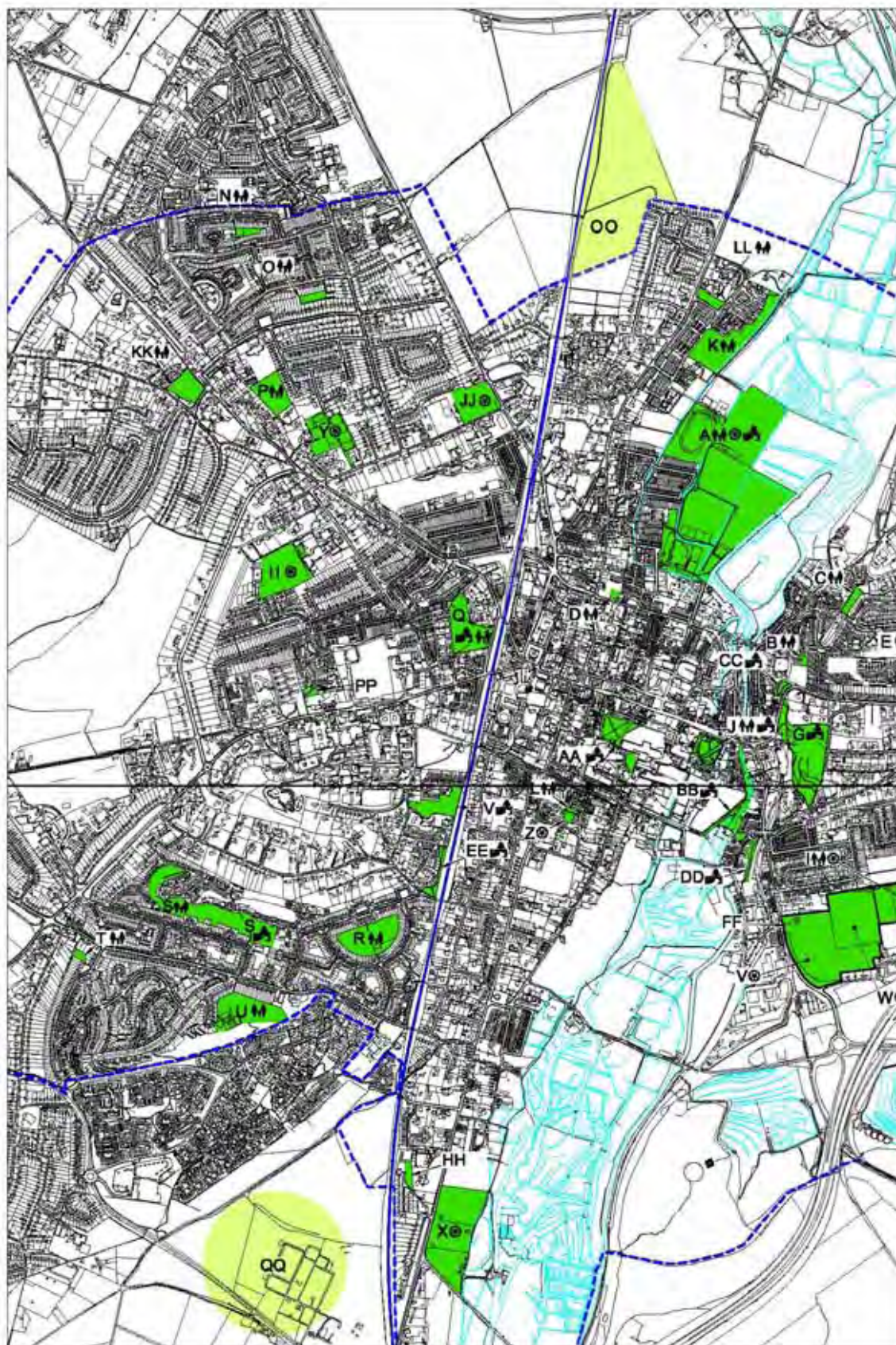
Deficiencies: None

Improvements Proposed: Improved access and lighting to the pavilion.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: Nil

For Sports Grounds: Nil



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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 Oliver's 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 and the water meadows lie within the newly designated National Park.

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	QQ	Marnhull Rise*	0.07
F	Fairdown Close, Winnall*	0.02	RR	Monarch Way*	0.17
G	St Giles Hill	1.50			
H	Gordon Avenue, Highcliffe*	0.29		TOTAL PLAY	17.88
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		TOTAL LOCAL SPORTS	19.63
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		TOTAL DISTRICT SPORTS	11.49
LL	Dyson Drive, Abbots Barton	0.36			

TOTAL SPORTS 31.12

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

TOTAL GENERAL 12.06

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	30.00	-	30.00	17.88	-12.12
Sports	60.00	13.8	46.26	19.63	-26.63

Assessment of Play Areas

Although there are several play areas in the City, there is still a shortfall of land available 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 play or sport facilities. Additional land will rarely become available for larger play areas so the emphasis continues to be on refurbishing existing facilities.

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 or Local *Landscaped* Areas for Play 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 within sight of home.

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 revised Five Year Refurbishment Plan (February 2011), based on an assessment of the condition of existing areas and the establishment of minimum quality standards.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: play area improvements in accordance with the Five Year Plan and new play facilities where opportunities arise in association with new residential development.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

There is a 26 hectare shortfall in the area available for sports grounds, when measured against the current 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 built over. An update of this assessment has recently been completed, and this has resulted in the adoption of a revised local standard for sports grounds taking into account the role artificial turf pitches (ATP's) can play. 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 continue to be applied to new housing development in Winchester.

There is, therefore, a need for additional land to meet this shortfall, and the 2006-2011 Local Plan Review (Policy RT. 5) reserved three areas of land 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 was 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 should therefore be undertaken on the land between Stockbridge Road and Littleton Road, with a view to making additional sports provision there in the first instance.

There is also considerable scope to improve provision within the existing main sports ground areas including 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 sports provision made within the areas reserved in the Local Plan Review.

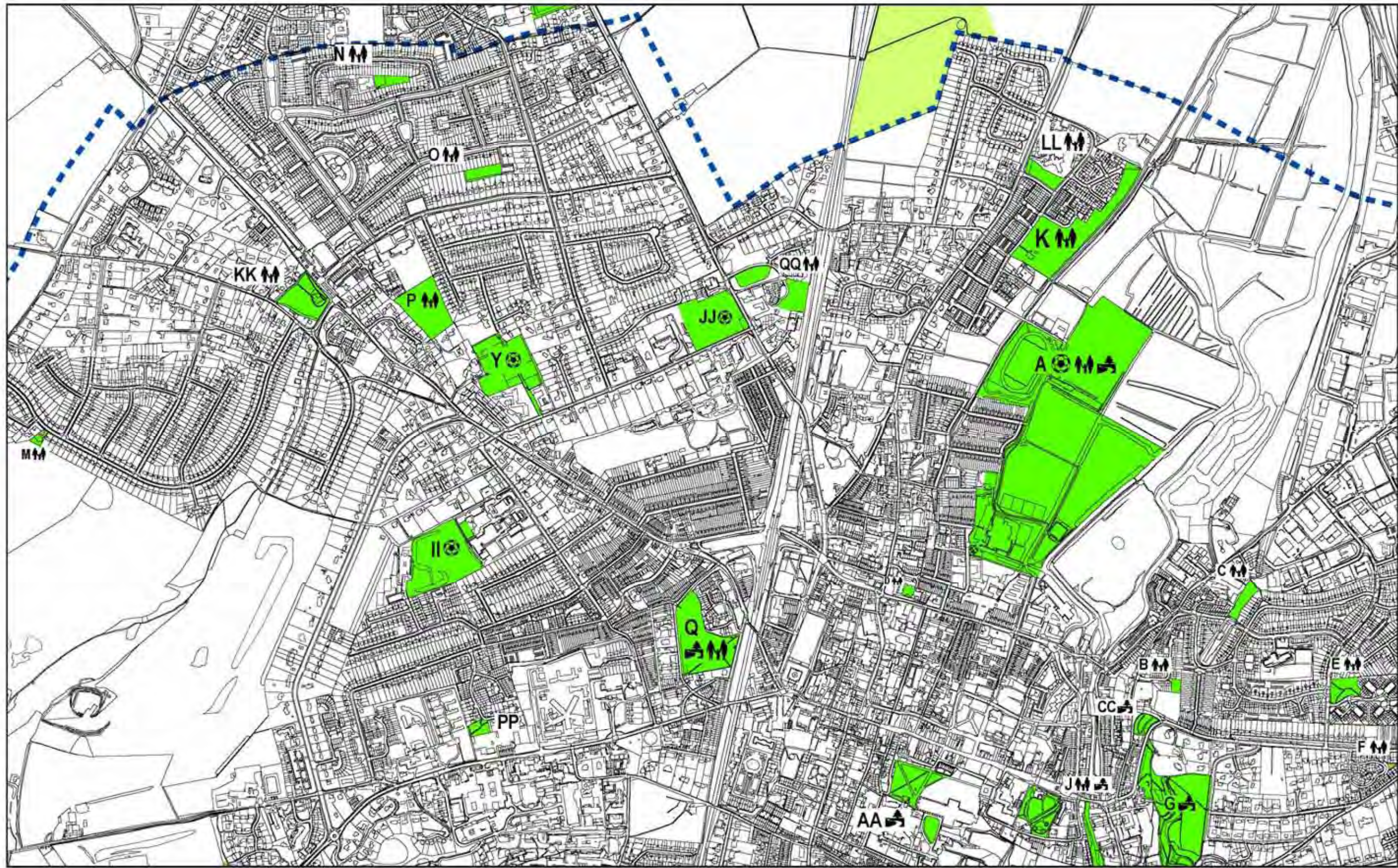
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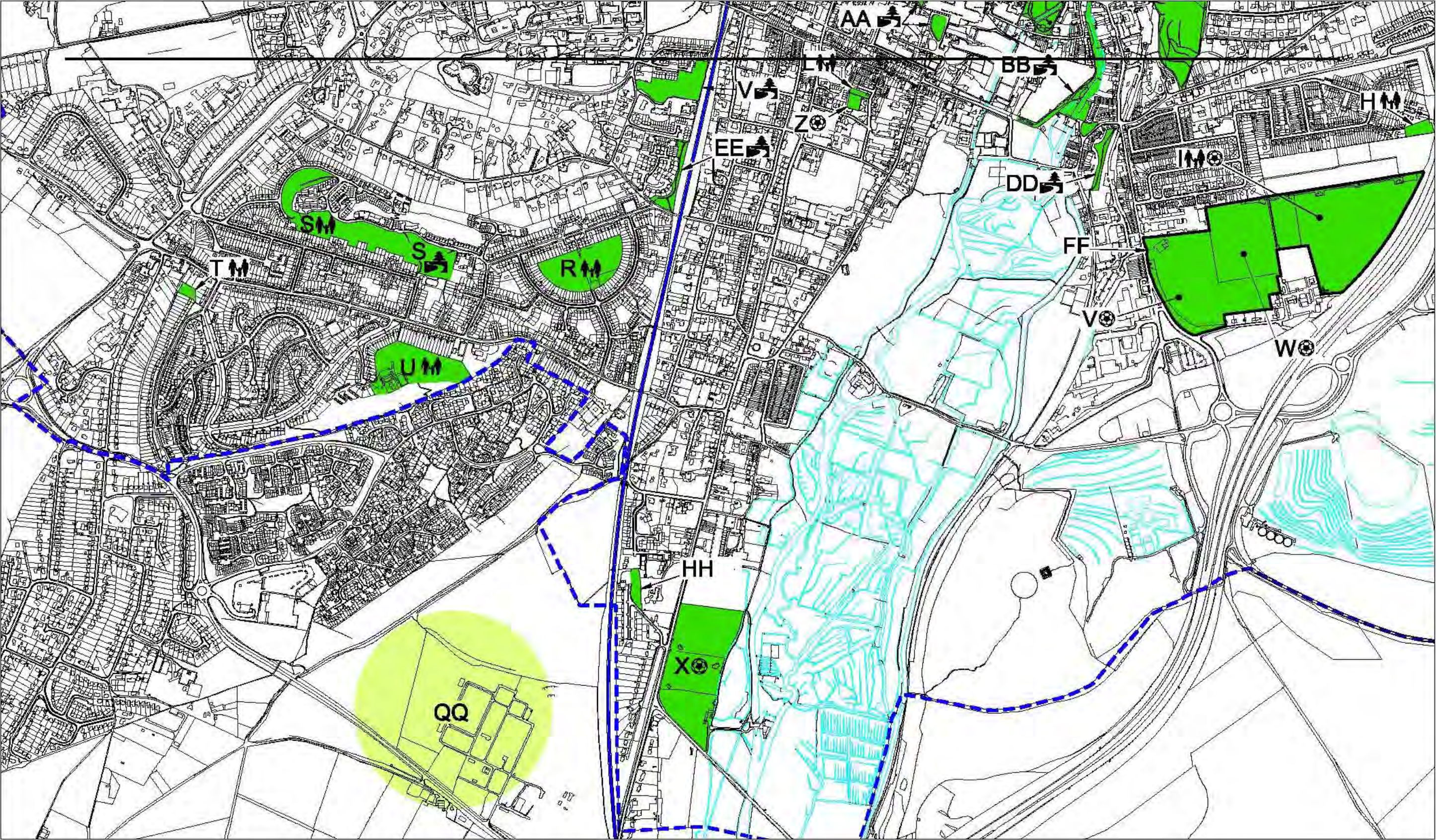
Improvements Proposed: Improvements to increase pitch availability and accessibility, to secure their long term usage as playing fields, and the provision of additional sports facilities in the Bar End and North Walls areas [Area FF (incorporating Areas I, V and W) and Area A on the Location Map]. Further 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

For Sports Grounds: A





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WHITELEY

Description

Whiteley is now a separate parish with outstanding housing allocations within the Policy Boundary as this update went to press. It will continue to remain outside of 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. Indications are however that there is a significant shortfall of sports pitches within Whiteley when measured against the Local Plan's standard. Further work will be required to assess the detailed extent of this shortfall in the next financial year.

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

Play:

Local Sports:

General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

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

Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

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

Assessment of Play Areas

Deficiencies:

Improvements Proposed:

Assessment of Sports Grounds

Deficiencies:

Improvements Proposed:

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:

For Sports Grounds:



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