The purpose of this document

This document summarises the draft ‘Waveney Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy’ to seek the views of local stakeholders. The full document can be accessed via Waveney District Council’s website - www.waveney.gov.uk.

The objectives of the strategy

1) The objectives of the strategy are to:

- To identify the existing quantity and quality of pitches and outdoor sports facilities in Waveney district.
- To identify areas with a deficiency or surplus of provision.
- To review existing local standards of provision and accessibility.
- To identify the potential for shared use of facilities.
- To make recommendations for the provision, protection and improvement for playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities across the district.
- To recommend sport facilities that should be provided at Oakes Farm.

What the strategy covers

2) The strategy covers the following pitches and facilities in Waveney district:

- Football (mini, youth, adult).
- Cricket.
- Rugby Union (mini, junior, adult).
- Hockey (Artificial Turf Pitches).
- Athletics tracks.
- Bowling greens.
- Netball courts.
- Tennis courts.

About Waveney

3) Population - The current population of Waveney is 115,300. The relatively aged population structure is likely to reduce relative demand in the district for the sports that use playing pitches. However, demand for sports like bowls with a relatively elderly participation profile, are likely to be inflated.

4) Ethnicity - The ethnicity of 97.7% of the population is classified as ‘White’. Black and minority ethnic groups traditionally have lower rates of involvement in physical activity, so demand levels in a predominantly White population should normally generate above average demand.

5) Growth - Population growth of 6,100 people (a 5.3% increase) by 2021 will inflate demand for pitches and outdoor sports facilities. Existing playing fields may come under threat of development to accommodate new housing. However, developer contributions will provide an opportunity to fund provision that will demonstrably meet the needs of the new residents.
6) **Income** - The relatively low wage local economy will limit the amount of disposable income available for discretionary spending on activities such as sport and should therefore decrease demand levels.

7) **Health** - Poor health indices locally underline the importance of ensuring access to sports facilities, as part of a wider strategy to get the local population more physically active.

8) **Deprivation** - Although the deprivation indices for Waveney as a whole are around the national average, there are significant variations at a more local level. Since deprivation is associated with lower rates for participation in sport and physical activity, patterns of demand are likely to vary within the district as a whole.

**Sport in Waveney**

9) **Participation rates** - Based on the ‘Active People’ survey, overall adult weekly participation rates in all sports in Waveney have increased since 2005/6 but at 33.3% remain well below the regional (36.0%) and national (36.0%) averages, suggesting that local demand for pitches and sports facilities will be commensurately lower.

10) **Club membership** - Sports club membership rates in the district are comparatively high (26.4% compared with the regional (23.7%) and national (22.8%) figures, which underlines the important role played by voluntary sector sports clubs in delivering local opportunities.

11) **Market Segmentation** - The local data suggests that based upon the local demography, the relatively large proportion of Waveney residents from market segments which traditionally plays bowls will inflate demand for this sport.

**Meeting local priorities**

12) **Corporate Plan** - The Council’s Corporate Plan includes a commitment to promote active and healthy lifestyles and playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities are an integral means of facilitating this priority.

13) **Core Strategy** - The Waveney Core Strategy contains positive policies on the provision and retention of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities, although the reference to deficiencies identified in the 2002 pitch and non-pitch assessment will need to be updated to reflect the findings of this study.

14) **Site-specific Allocations** - The Site-specific Allocations Document identifies a number of sites either involving the loss and reprovision of pitches, or new sites such as Oakes Farm. These will provide opportunities for meeting additional needs identified through the strategy.

15) **The 2002 pitch and non-pitch assessment** - The document, which was partially updated in 2006, provides a snapshot of local provision as a baseline for the current study. However, the methodology it used has since been superceded as the recommended basis for assessing facilities needs and the current study will therefore provide a more robust and defensible basis for analysing current and future requirements.
Meeting wider priorities

16) **Central Government** - National planning policy is supportive of undertaking local assessments of need and the protection of playing fields and outdoor sports facilities, which provides helpful context for local planning policies in Waveney.

17) **Sport England** - The target to increase participation rates will drive up demand for pitches and outdoor sports facilities if it is achieved. The emphasis on developing and funding school-community club links will increase the scope for improving the dual use of education pitches and facilities.

18) **Governing bodies of sport** - All the governing bodies of sport have similar facilities objectives, to improve the quality of pitches/facilities and changing provision and many are introducing new, more accessible formats of their sports some of which, such as ‘Last Man Standing’ in cricket, have additional and specific pitch requirements.

Local demand

19) **Adult football** - There are 91 adult male and 4 adult female teams in Waveney. The proportion of the adult population that plays football locally (7.1%) is above the regional (6.6%) and national (5.2%) averages.

20) **Youth football** - There are 79 youth male and 10 youth female teams in Waveney. The proportion of the population aged 10 to 17 that plays football locally (19.3% male and 1.9% Female) is below the regional (24.8% and 2.3%) and national (20.5% and 2.0%) averages.

21) **Mini-soccer** - There are 54 mini-soccer teams in Waveney. The proportion of the population aged 6 to 9 that plays football locally (12.3%) is above the regional (11.5%) and national (9.6%) averages.

22) **Cricket** - There are 38 adult male, one adult female, 20 junior male and no junior female cricket teams in Waveney.

23) **Rugby** - There are eight adult male, two adult female, 18 junior male, four junior female and 15 mixed mini-rugby teams in Waveney.

24) **Hockey** - There are three adult male, five adult female, no junior male and one junior female hockey teams in Waveney.

25) **Athletics** - There are two athletics clubs in Waveney, with a collective membership of around 150, but according to the ‘Active People’ survey, only 3.4% of the adult population participates in running, which is well below the regional (6.3%) and national (6.9%) averages.

26) **Bowls** - There are 18 bowls clubs in Waveney, but the membership of most is either static or declining.

27) **Tennis** - There are seven tennis clubs in Waveney and membership is generally either static or increasing slightly.
28) **Netball** - There are 19 netball teams in Waveney and membership is essentially static.
Local supply

29) **Adult football pitches** - There are 43 adult football pitches in Waveney, 86% of which have secured public access. The use of five pitches was recently discontinued and 13 pitches are on school sites with no community access. Per capita levels of provision are worse than all the neighbouring local authorities but are relatively even across the district apart from Lowestoft South, which has poorer per capita rates. The quality of 40% of pitches is rated as ‘good’ and a further 53% are of ‘standard’ quality. No parts of Waveney are beyond a 15 minute drivetime of the nearest pitch, whilst 90% of the population are within a 15 minute cycle catchment and 70% within a 15 minute walking catchment.

30) **Youth football pitches** - There are 27 youth football pitches in Waveney, 70% of which have secured public access. The use of a two pitches was recently discontinued and 10 pitches on school sites have no community access. Per capita levels of provision are below the average for all the neighbouring local authorities but are relatively even across the district apart from Lowestoft South, which has poorer per capita rates. The quality of 59% of pitches is rated as ‘good’ and a further 37% are of ‘standard’ quality. Only two very small sparsely populated rural parts of the district are beyond a 15 minute drivetime of the nearest pitch, whilst 75% of the population are within a 15 minute cycle catchment and 60% within a 15 minute walking catchment.

31) **Mini-soccer pitches** - There are 19 mini-soccer pitches in Waveney, only 79% of which have secured public access. There are 35 further pitches on school sites with no community access. The per capita levels of provision are around the average for all the neighbouring local authorities and are relatively even across the district apart from Lowestoft South and Beccles, which have poorer per capita rates. The quality of 95% of pitches is rated as ‘good’ and the remaining 5% are of ‘standard’ quality. Only two very small sparsely populated rural parts of the district are beyond a 15 minute drivetime of the nearest pitch, whilst 70% of the population are within a 15 minute cycle catchment and 60% within a 15 minute walking catchment.

32) **Cricket pitches** - There are 11 cricket pitches in Waveney all of which have secured public access. The use of a further four pitches was recently discontinued and there are also four pitches on school sites with no community access. The per capita levels of provision are below the average for all the neighbouring local authorities and are relatively even across the district apart from Lowestoft South, which has poorer per capita rates. The quality of 73% of pitches is rated as ‘good’ and the remaining 27% are of ‘standard’ quality. No parts of Waveney are beyond 15 minutes drivetime of the nearest pitch, whilst 75% of the population are within a 15 minute cycle catchment and 60% within a 15 minute walking catchment.

33) **Rugby pitches** - There are nine rugby pitches in Waveney all of which have secured public access. The use of one further pitch was recently discontinued and there are also three pitches on school sites with no community access. The per capita levels of provision are below the average for all the neighbouring local authorities and are relatively even across the district apart from Lowestoft South, which has poorer per capita rates and Bungay and Halesworth which have no provision at all. The quality of all pitches is rated as ‘good’. One small sparsely populated rural area in the south-west of the district is beyond 20 minutes drivetime of the nearest pitch, whilst 60% of the population are within a 15 minute cycle catchment and 50% within a 15 minute walking catchment.
34) **Synthetic turf pitches** - There are two full-sized STPs in Waveney (Barnards Centre Point and East Point Academy) both of which have secured public access. A further full-sized pitch is planned at Kirkley and Pakefield CSSC. These are supplemented by three small-sided synthetic turf pitches, capable of accommodating youth/mini matches and training for all age groups. The per capita levels of provision are below the average for all the neighbouring local authorities. The quality of all pitches is rated as ‘standard’. One small sparsely populated rural area in the south of the district is beyond 20 minutes drivetime of the nearest pitch, whilst 60% of the population are within a 15 minute cycle catchment and 50% within a 15 minute walking catchment.

35) **Athletics tracks** - There is no synthetic athletics track in Waveney. However an estimated 91% of the district population is within UK Athletics recommended drive time of 45 minutes from the track in Great Yarmouth, although cycling (5% coverage) and walking (no coverage) catchments are poor. None of the other three neighbouring local authorities has a track.

36) **Bowling greens** - There are 17 bowls greens in Waveney. Per capita rates are above average for the comparator authorities. The quality of greens and changing facilities is generally above 'average', but there are some disabled access issues at some sites. Accessibility to bowls greens is good throughout the district with almost total drive time coverage, 80% population coverage for cycling and 60% coverage for walking.

37) **Tennis courts** - There are 51 tennis courts in Waveney. Per capita rates are the second best for the neighbouring local authorities and provision is relatively even across the six sub-areas in Waveney. The quality of court surfaces and fencing is in most cases above 'average', but there is a lack of changing facilities at some sites and some disabled access issues. Accessibility to tennis courts is good throughout the district with almost total drive time coverage, 80% population coverage for cycling and 60% coverage for walking.

38) **Netball courts** - There are 11 netball courts in Waveney. All courts in the district are on school sites and all are of above ‘average’ quality. Accessibility to netball courts is good throughout the district with almost total drive time coverage, 70% population coverage for cycling and 50% coverage for walking.

**The current balance between supply and demand for pitches**

39) **Methodology** - The current balance between supply and demand was assessed using Sport England’s new site-specific playing pitch methodology.

40) **Current needs** - The results of the assessment were as follows:

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<th>Pitch type</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Quality</th>
<th>Accessibility</th>
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<td>Adult football pitches</td>
<td>A surplus of 6.5 pitches. A local deficit in Lowestoft North</td>
<td>Quality improvements needed to pitches at: • Blandeston Pl. Field • Pontins, Pakefield • Shadingfield Sp. Grd. • Quality improvements needed to changing at: • Jeld Wen Playing Field • Old Reydon High Sch. • Pontins, Pakefield</td>
<td>No substantive accessibility deficiency.</td>
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### Youth football pitches

- **Quantity**: A deficit of 2.0 pitches.
- **Quality**: Quality improvements needed to pitches at:
  - Frostenden Recn. Grd.
  - Jeld Wen Playing Field
  - Old Reydon HS
- **Accessibility**: No substantive accessibility deficiency.

- **Local deficits in Lowestoft North and South and Beccles.**

### Mini-soccer pitches

- **Quantity**: Supply and demand balanced.
- **Quality**: Quality improvements needed to changing at:
  - Jeld Wen Playing Field
  - Old Reydon HS
- **Accessibility**: No substantive accessibility deficiency.

- **Local deficits in Lowestoft North and South and Halesworth.**

### Cricket pitches

- **Quantity**: A seasonal surplus of 8.5 pitches.
- **Quality**: Quality improvements needed to pitches at Ringsfield Playing Field.
- **Accessibility**: No substantive accessibility deficiency.

- **Local deficit in Southwold and Reydon.**

### Rugby pitches

- **Quantity**: A weekly deficit of 6.5 pitches.
- **Quality**: No quality improvements needed.
- **Accessibility**: No substantive accessibility deficiency.

- **Local deficits in Lowestoft North, Beccles and Southwold and Reydon.**

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**The current balance between supply and demand for outdoor sports facilities**

41) **Methodology** - For outdoor sports facilities, a locally-derived, evidence-based standard of provision was developed for each facility, to assess current and future deficiencies.

42) **Current needs** - The results of the assessment were as follows:

#### Athletics tracks

- **Quantity**: No case for a 400m track.
- **Quality**: No quality improvements needed.
- **Accessibility**: No substantive accessibility deficiency.

#### Bowling greens

- **Quantity**: No additional facilities needed.
- **Quality**: Disabled access improvements needed at:
  - Becles Caxton BC
  - Becles Town BC
  - Brampton & Dist. BC
  - Blundeston BC
  - Bungay Town BC
  - Waveney BC
- **Accessibility**: No substantive accessibility deficiency.

- **General access improvements needed at:**
  - Becles Caxton BC
  - Becles Institute BC
  - Becles Town BC
  - Waveney BC
  - Wrentham BC

### Facility type

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<td>Tennis courts</td>
<td>No additional facilities needed.</td>
<td>Improvements needed to court surface and fencing at Ringsfield courts. Changing improvements needed at: ● Blundeston courts ● Halesworth TC ● Kensington Gardens ● Mutford courts ● Nicholas Everitt Park ● Normanston Park ● Pontins, Pakefield ● Ringsfield courts Disabled/general access improvements needed at: ● Beccles TC ● Normanston Park ● Ringsfield courts ● Southwold &amp; Dist. TC ● Wrentham TC</td>
<td>No substantive accessibility deficiency.</td>
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<td>Netball courts</td>
<td>No additional facilities needed.</td>
<td>No quality improvements needed.</td>
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### The future balance between supply and demand for pitches

43) **Methodology** - The future balance between supply and demand was assessed by evaluating the factors below and then modelling Team Generation Rates (TGRs) to project the position in 2021:

- Projected population change in the study area.
- How participation aims, current trends and predicted changes in the way that pitch sports are played and pitches used may affect the demand for provision.
- Any particular sports clubs or sites where demand is likely to increase in the future.
- Any forthcoming changes in the supply of provision and how will this affect the adequacy of provision to meet demand.

44) **Future pitch needs** - The results of the assessment were as follows

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<th>Sport</th>
<th>Age range</th>
<th>Population 2013</th>
<th>Teams 2013</th>
<th>TGR</th>
<th>Population 2021</th>
<th>Teams 2021</th>
<th>Change in teams</th>
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<td>Adult male football</td>
<td>17-45</td>
<td>18,200</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>1:200</td>
<td>18,000</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adult female football</td>
<td>17-45</td>
<td>18,100</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1:4,525</td>
<td>17,300</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<tr>
<td>Boys youth football</td>
<td>10-16</td>
<td>4,450</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>1:56</td>
<td>4,600</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>+3</td>
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<td>Girls youth football</td>
<td>10-16</td>
<td>4,350</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>1:435</td>
<td>4,450</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mini-soccer (mixed)</td>
<td>6-9</td>
<td>4,700</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>1:87</td>
<td>5,300</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>+7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adult male cricket</td>
<td>16-55</td>
<td>26,500</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>1:697</td>
<td>26,000</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adult female cricket</td>
<td>16-55</td>
<td>26,800</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1:26,800</td>
<td>25,700</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<td>Boys junior cricket</td>
<td>10-15</td>
<td>3,750</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>1:188</td>
<td>3,950</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>+1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Girls junior cricket</td>
<td>10-15</td>
<td>3,600</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>3,850</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>No change</td>
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### The future balance between supply and demand for outdoor sports facilities

45) **Methodology** - The locally-derived, evidence-based standards of provision were applied for each facility to assess future deficiencies.

46) **Future needs** - The results of the assessment were as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Athletics tracks</td>
<td>1:250,000</td>
<td>116,400</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>121,400</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bowling greens</td>
<td>1:6,750</td>
<td>116,400</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>121,400</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>+1</td>
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<td>Tennis courts</td>
<td>1:2,175</td>
<td>116,400</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>121,400</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>+3</td>
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<td>Netball courts</td>
<td>1:10,000</td>
<td>116,400</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>121,400</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>+1</td>
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**Oakes Farm, Carlton Colville**

47) **Context** - Oakes Farm is a 32.3ha site on the south side of Lowestoft, which has been formally allocated for additional playing pitch and outdoor sports facility provision. The site was assessed in relation to:

- The **planning context** - what it is appropriate to accommodate on site.
- The **physical context** - what it is possible to accommodate based upon the size and configuration of the site.
- The **demand context** - the response of clubs and local organisations to the prospect of being based at, or using facilities at, the site.
- The **need context** - the current and future facility shortfalls identified by this document that could appropriately be met on the site.

48) **Findings** - The provision recommended for inclusion on the site is as follows:

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<td>Youth football pitches</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>0.75ha</td>
<td>6.75ha</td>
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<td>Mini-soccer pitches</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>0.5ha</td>
<td>4.5ha</td>
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<td>Athletics training facility</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1.2ha</td>
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<td>Bowling green</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tennis courts</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>0.1ha</td>
<td>0.3ha</td>
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<tr>
<td>3km road cycling circuit</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3.0ha</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clubhouse/changing</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.2ha</td>
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<tr>
<td>Access road (200m)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.2ha</td>
<td>0.2ha</td>
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<td>Car parking (150 spaces)</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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**Planning considerations**

49) **Context** - The strategy will influence local planning policy and the following considerations will be taken into account.

50) **Local assessment of need** - The findings of the Waveney Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy will inform assessments of need.

51) **Protecting existing provision** - Existing pitches and outdoor sports facilities will be protected unless a needs assessment can demonstrate that they are surplus to current and future requirements, or that replacement provision of at least the same quantity, quality and accessibility is made.

52) **‘Surplus’ provision** - ‘Surpluses’ in one type of pitch or facility will be assessed in the context of other sports and open space needs that they might serve.

53) **New developments** - There is provision through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for developers in the district to contribute financially towards the cost of facilities required to meet the additional needs of new residents.

54) **Reviews** - Local supply and demand issues will be reviewed regularly, to ensure that the assessment of needs reflects changes over time.

**Dealing with deficiencies**

55) **New provision** - New pitches and facilities can be provided on sites identified in the ‘Waveney Site Allocations Document’, with funding from developer contributions and other external funding sources.

56) **Upgrading and refurbishment** - Improving the quality of facilities will increase their capacity for use, for example through pitch drainage improvements, provision of floodlighting or expanded changing facilities.

57) **Enhanced access** - Enhanced access to facilities on school sites with limited or no existing community use is a cost effective option for increasing the effective supply of provision.

58) **Reinstating former facilities** - Facilities where use has recently been discontinued can be reinstated in response to changes in demand.
Delivery partners

59) **Waveney District Council:** The council is likely to play the lead role in co-ordinating the development of the larger, more strategic pitch and sports facility sites, in conjunction with other partners where appropriate.

60) **Parish councils:** Parish councils will continue to play a valuable role in providing and maintaining pitches and outdoor sports facilities in the rural parts of the district.

61) **Schools:** Many schools in Waveney already provide pitches and outdoor sports facilities from which local communities benefit and there will be further opportunities to extend and formalise community access to a range of provision on school sites.

62) **Sports clubs:** Local sports clubs are significant providers of pitches and outdoor sports facilities and will continue to do so. Some clubs may wish to take on delegated management responsibilities for pitch and changing facilities maintenance from the local authority.

63) **Developers:** Since August 1st 2013, the Council has been charging developers the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), based upon its published ‘Regulation 123 List’ (May 2013), which details the types of infrastructure for which CIL contributions will be levied and this includes ‘leisure and community facilities’. The Council can therefore seek funding for playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities that will meet the needs of the inhabitants of new developments in the district.

64) **Partnership arrangements:** Partnership arrangements involving combinations of any of the above providers will help to share the costs of provision, management and maintenance of additional provision.

Action plan

65) **Meeting current needs:** The action plan to meet current needs is as follows:

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<th>Facility</th>
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| Adult football pitches  | • No districtwide deficit.  
• A local deficit of 3.0 pitches in Lowestoft North.  
• Pitch quality improvements needed at 3 sites.  
• Changing improvements needed at 3 sites.  
• No accessibility deficiency but need to secure access to pitches on school sites. | • Secure new community access to adult football pitches on school sites in Lowestoft North.  
• Support pitch owners with external funding applications for pitch improvements at:  
  - Blundeston Playing Fields  
  - Pontins, Pakefield  
  - Shadingfield Sports Ground  
• Support pitch owners with external funding applications for changing improvements at:  
  - Old Reydon High School  
  - Pontins, Pakefield  
  - Wrentham Playing Field  
• Develop Community Use Agreements at all schools where there is unsecured community use. |
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| Youth football pitches | • Districtwide deficit of 2.0 pitches.  
• Local deficits of 6.0 pitches in Lowestoft North, 5.5 pitches in Lowestoft South and 0.5 pitches in Beccles.  
• Pitch quality improvements needed at 1 site.  
• Changing improvements needed at 1 site.  
• No accessibility deficiency but need to secure access to pitches on school sites. | • Secure new community access to youth football pitches on school sites in Lowestoft North, Lowestoft South and Beccles.  
• Support pitch owners with external funding applications for pitch improvements at Frostenden Recreation Ground.  
• Support pitch owners with external funding applications for changing improvements at Old Reydon High School  
• Develop Community Use Agreements at all schools where there is existing unsecured community use. |
| Mini-soccer pitches | • Supply and demand balanced.  
• Local deficits of in 2.0 pitches in Lowestoft South and 1.0 pitch in Halesworth.  
• Changing improvements needed at 1 site.  
• No accessibility deficiency but need to secure access to pitches on school sites. | • Secure new community access to mini-soccer pitches on school sites in Lowestoft South and Halesworth.  
• Support pitch owners with external funding applications for changing improvements at Old Reydon High School  
• Develop Community Use Agreements at all schools where there is existing unsecured community use. |
| Cricket pitches | • No districtwide deficit.  
• Shortfall of 2 wickets in Southwold and Reydon.  
• Pitch quality improvements needed at 1 site.  
• No accessibility deficiency. | • Expand the existing square on Southwold Common by 2 wickets.  
• Support pitch owners with external funding applications for pitch improvements at Ringsfield Playing Field. |
| Rugby pitches | • Districtwide deficit of 6.5 pitches.  
• Local deficits of 2.5 pitches in Lowestoft North, 1.5 pitches in Beccles and 2.5 pitches in Southwold/Reydon.  
• No quality deficiency.  
• No accessibility deficiency. | • Secure new community access to Rugby pitches on school sites in Lowestoft North and Beccles.  
• Support Southwold RUFC with creating additional pitch space at Southwold Common.  
• Reinstate the Rugby pitch at Reydon Recreation Ground. |
| Synthetic turf pitches | • A small local deficit for Hockey use in Beccles.  
• No quality deficiency.  
• No accessibility deficiency. | No action required. |
| Athletics tracks | • Districtwide deficit of an athletics training facility.  
• No quality deficiency.  
• No accessibility deficiency. | Provide an athletics training facility at Oakes Farm. |
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| Bowling greens | • No districtwide or local deficit. 
• Disabled access improvements needed at 6 sites.  
• Parking/general access improvements needed at 5 sites.  
• No accessibility deficiency. | • Support facility owners with grant applications for disabled access improvements at:  
- Beccles Caxton Bowls Club  
- Beccles Town Bowls Club  
- Brampton & District Bowls Club  
- Blundeston Bowls Club  
- Bungay Town Bowls Club  
- Waveney Bowls Club  
• Support facility owners with grant applications for parking/general access improvements at:  
- Beccles Caxton Bowls Club  
- Beccles Institute Bowls Club  
- Beccles Town Bowls Club  
- Waveney Bowls Club  
- Wrentham Bowls Club |
| Tennis courts | • No districtwide or local deficit.  
• Court surface improvements needed at 1 site.  
• Fencing improvements needed at 1 site.  
• Changing improvements needed at 8 sites.  
• General access improvements needed at 5 sites.  
• No accessibility deficiency. | • Support facility owners with external funding applications for court surface and fencing improvements at Ringsfield tennis courts.  
• Support facility owners with external funding applications for changing improvements at:  
- Blundeston tennis courts  
- Halesworth Tennis Club  
- Kensington Gardens tennis courts  
- Mutford tennis courts  
- Nicholas Everitt Park tennis courts  
- Normanston Park tennis courts  
- Pontins, Pakefield tennis courts  
- Ringsfield tennis courts  
• Support facility owners with external funding applications for changing improvements at:  
- Beccles Tennis Club  
- Normanston Park tennis courts  
- Ringsfield tennis courts  
- Southwold & District Tennis Club  
- Wrentham Tennis Club |
| Netball courts | • No districtwide or local deficit.  
• No qualitative deficiency.  
• No accessibility deficiency. | No action required. |

66) Meeting future needs: The action plan to meet future needs is as follows:
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| Youth football pitches   | • 3 additional pitches and related changing facilities once the existing deficiency has been met.  
                                 • All aspects of quality above average.  
                                 • Within 15 minutes drive of new developments.                                                 | • Secure the provision of 3 additional youth pitches and related changing facilities, funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy.  
                                 • Provide the pitches as part of the Oakes Farm development.                                    |
| Mini-soccer pitches      | • 7 additional pitches and related changing facilities once the existing deficiency has been met.  
                                 • All aspects of quality above average.  
                                 • Within 15 minutes drive of new developments.                                                 | • Secure the provision of 7 additional mini-soccer pitches and related changing facilities, funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy.  
                                 • Provide the pitches as part of the Oakes Farm development.                                    |
| Cricket pitches          | No additional pitches required.                                                           | No action required.                                                                                   |
| Rugby pitches            | No additional pitches required once the existing deficit is met.                           | No action required.                                                                                   |
| Synthetic turf pitches   | 1 additional ‘3G’ pitch and related changing facilities for football needs, to reduce pressure on grass pitches. | • Secure the provision of 1 additional ‘3G’ pitch and related changing facilities, funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy and external grants.  
                                 • Provide the pitch as part of the Halesworth Campus development.                                |
| Athletics tracks         | No additional facilities required once the existing deficit is met.                        | No action required.                                                                                   |
| Bowling greens           | 1 additional bowling green and related changing facility required.                         | • Secure the provision of 1 additional bowling green and related changing facility, funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy.  
                                 • Provide the green as part of the Oakes Farm development.                                       |
| Tennis courts            | 3 additional tennis courts and related changing facilities required.                       | • Secure the provision of 3 additional tennis courts and related changing facilities, funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy.  
                                 • Provide the courts as part of the Oakes Farm development.                                       |
| Netball courts           | 1 additional netball court and related changing facility required.                         | • Secure the provision of 1 additional netball court and related changing facility, funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy.  
                                 • Provide the court on a school site in Lowestoft, with secured community use, to maximize use. |