

Draft Playing Pitch Strategy Review

Background

The primary purpose of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is to provide a strategic framework which ensures that the provision of outdoor playing pitches meets the local needs of existing and future residents within the Cheshire West Area.

The council needs to review and revise its current PPS in order to comply with Sport England.

The PPS builds upon analysis from a comprehensive site Assessment Report across the borough and provides a strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing outdoor sports pitches and ancillary facilities between 2015 and 2025.

The PPS covers the following playing pitches:

- Football pitches, including third generation artificial pitches (3G AGPs)
- Cricket pitches
- Rugby union pitches
- Rugby league pitches
- Hockey/artificial grass pitches (AGPs)
- Other grass pitch sports

The Strategy is capable of:

- Providing adequate planning guidance to assess development proposals affecting playing fields, as appropriate, directing open space contributions secured through development and informing and shaping local planning policy
- Inform the protection and provision of sports facilities and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) schedules
- Informing land use decisions in respect of future use of existing outdoor sports areas and playing fields (capable of accommodating pitches)
- Providing a strategic framework for the provision and management of outdoor sports across the Borough
- Supporting external funding bids and maximise support for outdoor sports facilities
- Providing the basis for on-going monitoring and review of the use, distribution, function, quality and accessibility of outdoor sport.



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What my views will be used for

All your feedback will be discussed at the PPS Steering group and incorporated into the Strategy where appropriate.

How I share my views

This consultation period closes on 5 April 2016

It is aimed at the public, as a separate consultation is being completed with National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of the sports involved, as well as schools and Parish and Town Councils.

There are a range of ways to express your views:

- Complete this survey
- Email: TotalEnvironment@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Telephone 01606 271931
- Write to us at: Total Environment Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

Helpful hints for completing this questionnaire

- **Please read the Draft Playing Pitch Strategy before answering the questions** (available on the website or request a paper copy)
- Please use a black or blue pen
- In most cases you will only have to cross (X) one box but please read the questions carefully as sometimes you may need to cross (X) more than one box
- Answer the next question unless asked otherwise
- If there are any questions that you do not wish to answer, please feel free to leave them blank

Completing the questionnaire is voluntary and all the information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. No information will be released that could identify an individual or organisation.

If you are aged under 16 you will need the permission of a parent or guardian to take part. They will need to sign the questionnaire in Q11.

Accessing Cheshire West and Chester Council information and services

Council information is also available in audio, Braille, large print or other formats. If you would like a copy in a different format, in another language or require a BSL interpreter, please email us at equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 123 8 123

Textphone: 18001 01606 867670

Vision for the Playing Pitch Strategy

"An accessible, high quality and sustainable network of playing pitches that provides opportunity for residents of and visitors to Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) to play pitch sports. The network will cater for all standards of play, from grass roots to elite and will encourage and promote sustained participation"

Q1a. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the vision for the draft CWAC Playing Pitch Strategy?

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Q1b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Aims and Recommendations

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following Aims and Recommendations of the draft CWAC Playing Pitch Strategy?

For more detail about the individual recommendations for each aim please refer to pages 21 - 32 of the Strategy document.

Q2a. Aim 1: To protect the existing supply of playing pitch facilities where it is needed for meeting current or future needs.

Please cross (X) one box only.

Recommendations (from page 21 onwards)

- Protect playing field sites through local planning policy.
- Secure tenure and access to sites for high quality, development minded clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.
- Maximise community use of education facilities where there is a need to do so.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Please tell us the reasons for your answer:

Q2b. Aim 2: To enhance playing fields, pitches and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites

Please cross (X) one box only.

Recommendations (from page 26 onwards)

- d. Improve quality.
- e. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) for the management and improvement of sites.
- f. Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q2c. Aim 3: To provide new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.

Please cross (X) one box only.

Recommendations (from page 29 onwards)

- g. Rectify quantitative shortfalls in the current pitch stock.
- h. Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q3a. The Draft Playing Pitch Strategy specifies recommendations for a variety of sports pitches (pages 12 - 20) such as those used for football and cricket. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommendations for each of the following pitches?

Please cross (X) one box only per row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
A) Grass football pitches	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
B) 3G pitches (artificial)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
C) Cricket pitches	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
D) Rugby union pitches	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
E) Rugby league pitches	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
F) Hockey pitches	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
G) Other pitch sports	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q3b. Do you have any views on these recommendations? Please identify the recommendation(s) you are referring to below. Are there any other sport-specific recommendations that you think should be included? Please write in the box below.

Views on Action Plan

Details of the Action Plan are on pages 33 to 77. There is a section explaining the hierarchy of sites. This is followed by detailed tables of pitches listing recommended actions and hierarchy for each pitch. The pitches are summarised by geographical area.

Q4. Do you have any views on the Action Plan for each of the sports or the hierarchy of sites? (e.g. whether they are classed as a 'key' or a 'local site) Please write in the box below.

Q5.

Do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for specific playing pitch sites? (Please identify which of these sites you are referring to in your response). Please tell us your reasons why you agree or disagree. If you disagree, what would you suggest?
Please write in the box below.



Q6.

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the Draft Playing Pitch Strategy?
Please write in the box below.



Views on the Assessment Report

The Draft Playing Pitch Strategy is informed by a detailed Assessment Report. This is available on the website or you can request a paper copy of it.

Q7. Are there any sites in Cheshire West and Chester that have not been included in the Assessment Report, either existing or lapsed/disused, that you feel should be considered? If so, please name the site and location.

Please write in the box below.

About you - all questions are voluntary and treated in the strictest confidence

The answers you give in this section will only be used to ensure that we obtain responses from a broad range of areas and types of people. Please feel free to leave blank any questions that you do not wish to answer, we will use the comments you have given us so far. No information will be released that would allow identification of you as an individual or of your household.

Q8. Which of the following best describes you?

Please cross (X) all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ A local resident | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ A local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ A member of a sports club / sporting body | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ An employee of any service provider mentioned in this survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ An elected town or parish councillor in Cheshire West and Chester | <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ An elected Member of Cheshire West and Chester Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₇ A member of a voluntary or community organisation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₈ Other (please specify in the box below) | |

If you are responding on behalf of a group, organisation or club please state the name and postcode in the box below (you do not need to complete the rest of the 'About you' section).

Please write in the box below.

Q9. Please tell us your postcode; this is so that we can be sure we have obtained a range of views from across the borough.

Please write in the box below.

Postcode:

Q10. Are you...?

Please cross (X) one box only.

1 Male

2 Female

3 Prefer not to say

Q11. Which age group do you belong to?

Please cross (X) one box only.

1 Under 16

Signature of parent/guardian

2 16 to 24

3 25 to 34

4 35 to 44

5 45 to 54

6 55 to 64

7 65 to 74

8 75 and over

9 Prefer not to say

Q12. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

This includes problems related to old age. Please cross (X) one box only.

1 Yes

2 No

3 Prefer not to say

Q13. Which of the following best describes your religious belief/ faith?

Please cross (X) one box only.

1 Buddhist

2 Christian

3 Hindu

4 Jewish

5 Muslim

6 Sikh

7 None

8 Prefer not to say

9 Other, please specify

Q14. Which of the following terms best describes your ethnic origin?

Please cross (X) one box only.

White

English/Welsh/Scottish/
Northern Irish/British 11

Irish 12

Any other White background 13

(X and write in below)

Asian or Asian British

Indian 31

Pakistani 32

Bangladeshi 33

Chinese 34

Any other Asian background 35

(X and write in below)

Other ethnic group

Arab 51

Other ethnic group 52

(X and write in below)

Black or Black British

Caribbean 21

African 22

Any other Black background 23

(X and write in below)

Mixed

White and Black Caribbean 41

White and Black African 42

White and Asian 43

Any other Mixed background 44

(X and write in below)

Travelling Community

Gypsy/Roma 61

Traveller of Irish descent 62

Other member of the
travelling community 63

Q15. Which of the following terms best describes your sexual orientation?

Please cross (X) one box only.

1 Heterosexual (straight)

2 Bisexual

3 Gay/Lesbian

4 Prefer not to say

5 Other, please specify

Thank you very much for taking part in this survey

Please return this form to: Total Environment Team,
Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

Closing date is 5th April 2016