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# Dover District Council – Leadership Forum

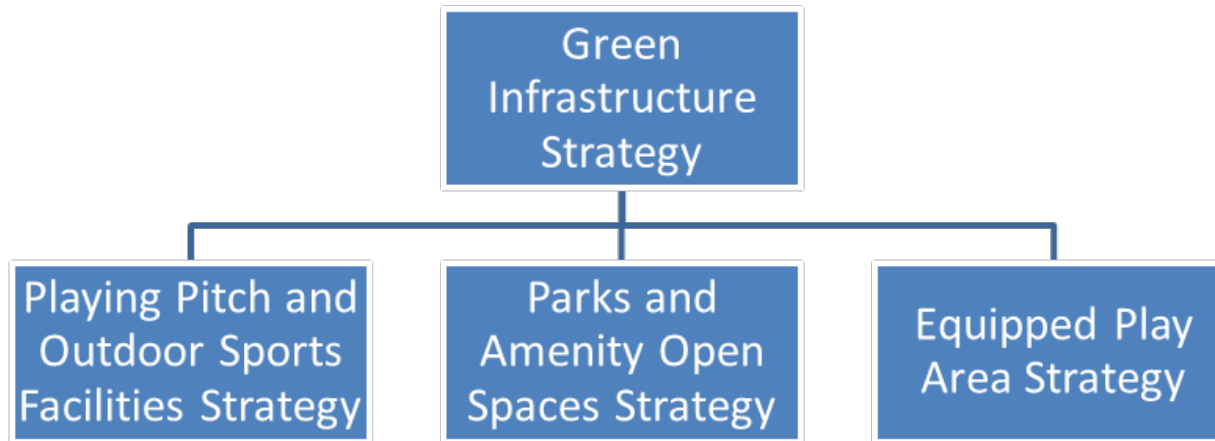


## **Parks and Amenity Open Space, Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facilities and Equipped Play Area strategies**

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# Strategies being delivered

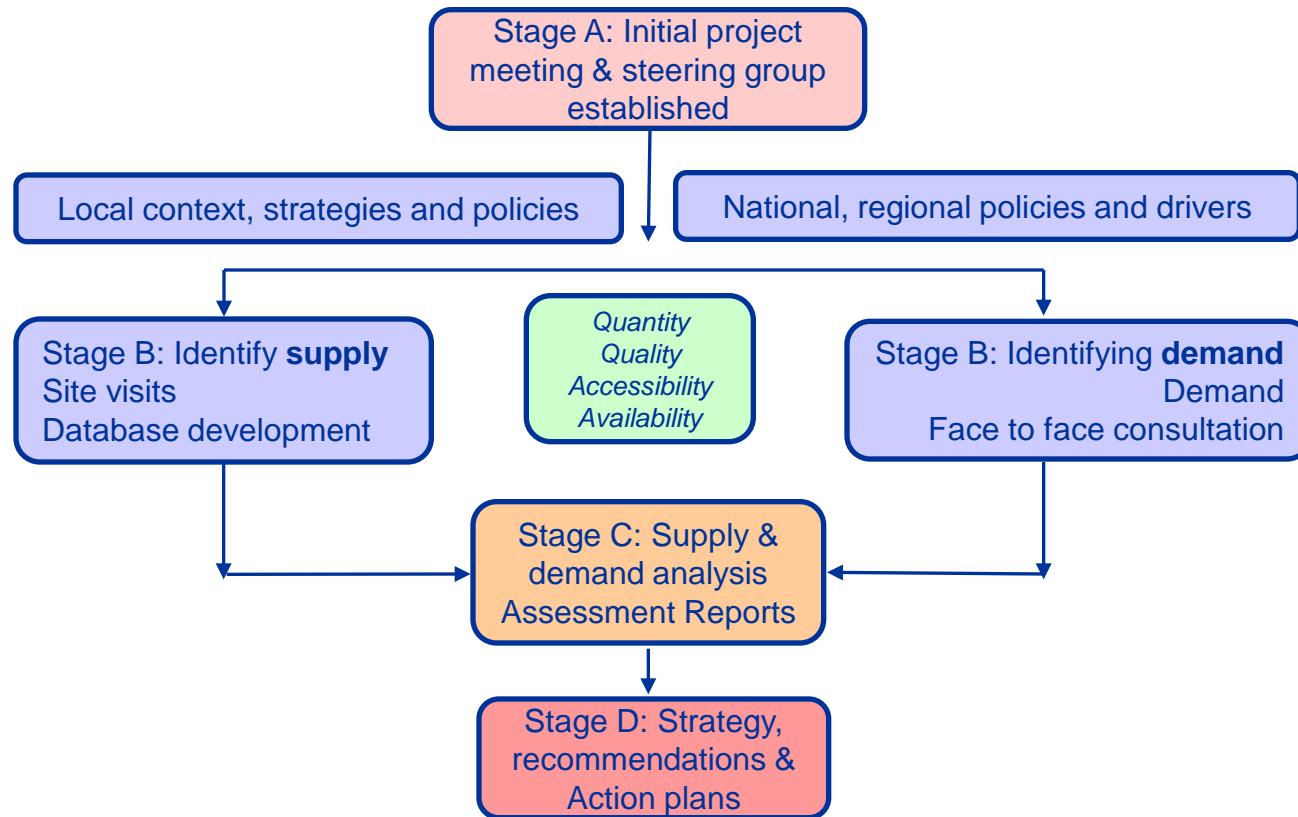


# Why are the strategies being developed?

- ▶ NPPF requirement
- ▶ Evaluation of the existing evidence base for Local Plan review
- ▶ To provide robust assessment of supply and demand
- ▶ To inform allocation of investment
- ▶ To continue to secure sustainable levels of new provision within residential developments.
- ▶ To support off-site financial contributions



# Approach overview



# Stage B: Identifying demand



Consultee	Nature and scope of consultation
Key partners	Face-to-face consultation with key officers (sports & leisure, parks & open spaces, planning, Kent Sport, Sandwich Sport & Leisure Trust, Sport England, NGB representatives and other key stakeholders as appropriate.
	Relevant regional agencies such as Natural England, British Waterways, Sustrans, National Trust, Woodland Trust, Kent County Council, Kent Wildlife Trust, Kent AONB
Key clubs/ leagues	Face-to-face meetings with key clubs: we also attend league meetings (particularly for football but also for other sports) to consult and secure questionnaire responses. Surveys are sent to remaining clubs and non-respondents; followed up by phone calls to maximise response rates. We regularly achieve an 80+% response rate.
Providers	All secondary schools/colleges are visited to ascertain the quality/availability of provision to the community. Online surveys are sent to primary schools followed up by telephone to maximise response rates.  All 35 parish/town councils are sent an online survey with the key providers being met face to face.
Interest/action groups	Groups such as area partnerships, friends groups, conservation/action groups and residents associations

# Consultation methods



## DOVER GREEN SPACE SURVEY

How would you rate the overall amount of green space?

Very satisfactory   
  Quite satisfactory   
  Neither satisfactory or unsatisfactory   
  Quite unsatisfactory   
  Very unsatisfactory

How would you rate the overall quality of green space?

Very satisfactory   
  Quite satisfactory   
  Neither satisfactory or unsatisfactory   
  Quite unsatisfactory   
  Very unsatisfactory

How much do you agree/disagree with the following statement?  
 "Visiting green spaces makes me feel better"

Strongly agree   
  Agree   
  Neither agree or disagree

Which of these options would improve green space provision for you?  
 Please tick up to four boxes

Greater attractiveness (e.g. flowers, trees)

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## Have Your Say on Parks, Sports and Open Spaces Provision



Residents across the Dover district [can take part](#) in an online survey to help map out the future of its parks and open spaces, and [children can have their say too](#) with a survey specially designed to capture the views of young people.

The survey also includes sports pitches and outdoor facilities in the district and supports the Council's mission to enable residents to lead healthy and active lifestyles.

Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP) has been appointed by Dover District Council to update its Parks and Amenity Open Space Strategy.



## Football Club Survey

This survey is designed to help us understand more about your club. By answering these questions you are helping the Dover area. The information gathered will be used for the purpose of the assessment and will not be shared with other clubs.

**Please note the survey will need to be completed in one session to avoid timing out.**

Name of club:

Home ground:  
 Please select from the list below:

Contact name, position (eg Secretary) and telephone number:

Email Address:

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# Stage C: Setting provision standards



- ◀ **Quantity** - Hectares per 1,000 population. By typology and area. Informed by current provision / consultation responses
- ◀ **Quality** - Green Flag pass mark 66% and/or locally derived quality ratings
- ◀ **Accessibility** - Survey/consultation findings and best practice guidance from FIT, Natural England etc to inform catchment mapping



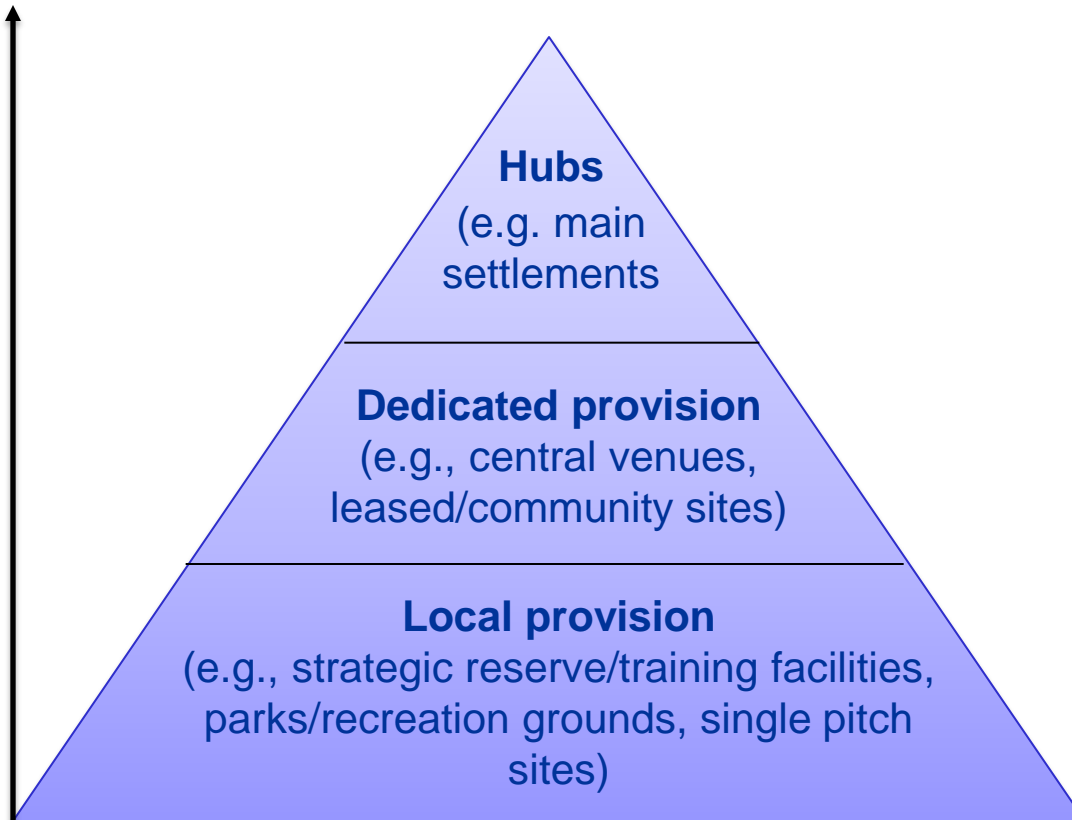


# Stage D: Strategy development



The higher up the hierarchy, the site:

- More strategically significant, catering for wide range of sports/clubs
- Larger effective catchment
- Accessible via public transport
- Wider range of facilities
- May require on-site management



The lower down the hierarchy, the site:

- may be more locally significant
- Has a smaller effective catchment
- is smaller with a more limited facility range
- May just cater for one or two clubs
- Focused on need of local users/clubs
- Requires less intensive management

# Recommendations

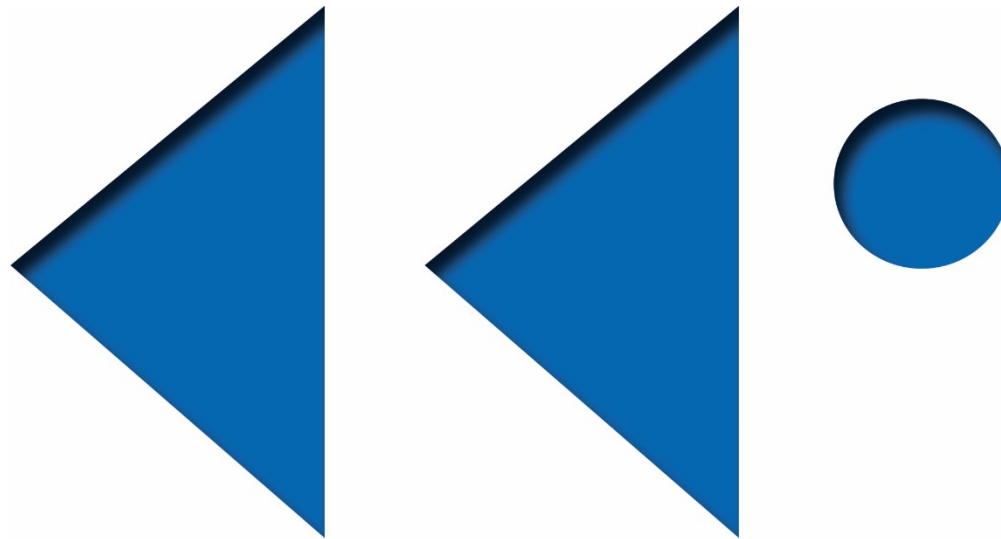
- ◁ Identify potential spare capacity and shortfalls (on a District and local level)
- ◁ Maximising use of sites, greater use of education sites for community use
- ◁ Improving the quality of existing provision.
- ◁ Requirement for new provision: Third generation turf pitches for football/rugby
- ◁ Guidance/toolkit on future need (growth areas, developer contributions)
- ◁ Strategic/Hub sites : Connaught Park, Pencester Gardens, Marke Wood, Victoria Park, Betteshanger Park



# Site by site action planning



Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescale <sup>12</sup>	Cost <sup>13</sup>	Aim
1	All Saints Catholic High School	Football	<a href="#">Volair</a>	One poor quality adult pitch which is played to capacity.	Seek to make incremental improvements to the maintenance regime to improve overall quality.	<a href="#">Volair</a> School	Local site	Low	Short	Low	Protect Enhance
10	Eddie McArdle Playing Fields	Football	Local Authority	Nine poor quality adult pitches. Pitches have significant spare capacity in the peak period for football but this has however been discounted due to severe quality issues on the site.	Seek to ensure that when pitches become unavailable for use due development from LFC that all site users are adequately accommodated for competitive fixtures.	Local Authority LFC Sport England FA	Key site	High	Short	Low	Protect Enhance Provide
				Site contains 12 steel containers used as changing facilities/tea room. General quality is poor and in the main the facilities are not fit for purpose.							
				Site to lose four pitches as part of Liverpool FC training ground expansion. As part of the mitigation package, the site is to be redeveloped with five good quality community pitches remaining and a new carpark/changing facility provided. Future management of the site TBC.	Ensure that work carried out by LFC is undertaken to a high standard to ensure both pitches and ancillary are of a good standard and can accommodate high levels of use.			High	Short	High	
21	Kirkby High School	Football	<a href="#">Volair</a>	Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitches, all poor quality. Adult pitches overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Youth 9v9 at capacity.	Seek to make incremental improvements to the maintenance regime to improve overall quality.	<a href="#">Volair</a> FA	Local site	Low	Short	Low	Protect Enhance
		Hockey		A full sized hockey suitable AGP. Pitch is underutilized by the community due to quality issues. Pitch not identified as being required for hockey purposes.	As the site is unused for hockey the pitch can be considered for conversion to 3G. As however there is no demand for additional 3G in the analysis area, look to resurface to a surface type which best meets the curricular needs of the school. Look to create a future sinking fund to deal with future quality issues.			High	Short	High	
22	Kirkby Leisure Centre	3G	<a href="#">Volair</a>	Full sized, good quality 3G pitch opened in 2017. Pitch is on FA register for competitive football.	Ensure pitch is well maintained. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for future resurfacing.	<a href="#">Volair</a> FA	Local site	Low	Long	Low	Protect
26	Liverpool FC Academy	Football/3G	LFC	Seven football pitches which are all good quality. Pitches are unavailable for community use. Site also contains a full sized 3G pitch for private use only.	-	LFC	Local site	Low	Long	Low	Protect
				Site set to be expanded to relocate Liverpool FC's first team current located in Melwood, West Derby.							



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