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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

- Green Infrastructure Strategy
  - Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy
  - Parks and Amenity Open Spaces Strategy
  - Equipped Play Area Strategy
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 A: Initial project meeting & steering group established
- Local context, strategies and policies
- National, regional policies and drivers

Stage B: Identify supply
- Site visits
- Database development
- Quantity
- Quality
- Accessibility
- Availability

Stage B: Identifying demand
- Face to face consultation

Stage C: Supply & demand analysis
- Assessment Reports

Stage D: Strategy, recommendations & Action plans

Dover: Parks, Amenity. Pitches, Sports & Play
Integrity, Innovation, Inspiration
### Stage B: Identifying demand

**Consultee** | **Nature and scope of consultation**
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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

How would you rate the overall quality of green space?
- Very satisfactory
- Quite satisfactory

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

Which of these options would improve green space provision for you?
- Greater attractiveness (e.g., flowers, trees)

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**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 identify your club.

Please note the survey will need to be completed in one session to avoid time.

**Name of club:**

**Home ground:**

Please select from the list below:

- [ ]

**Contact name, position (e.g., Secretary) and telephone number:**

**Email Address:**

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**Dover District Council**

**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.
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 a wide range of sports/clubs
- Larger effective catchment
- Accessible via public transport
- Wider range of facilities
- May require on-site management

Hubs
(e.g. main settlements)

Dedicated provision
(e.g., central venues, leased/community sites)

Local provision
(e.g., strategic reserve/training facilities, parks/recreation grounds, single pitch sites)

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

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<tr>
<th>Site ID</th>
<th>Site</th>
<th>Sport</th>
<th>Management</th>
<th>Current status</th>
<th>Recommended actions</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>All Saints Catholic High School</td>
<td>Football</td>
<td>Voluntary</td>
<td>One poor quality adult pitch which is played to capacity.</td>
<td>Seek to make incremental improvements to the maintenance regime to improve overall quality.</td>
<td>Voluntary</td>
<td>Local site</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Eddie Mcardie Playing Fields</td>
<td>Football</td>
<td>Local Authority</td>
<td>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. 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.</td>
<td>Seek to ensure that when pitches become unavailable for use due development from LFC that all site users are adequately accommodated for competitive fixtures.</td>
<td>Local Authority</td>
<td>Key site</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Kirkby High School</td>
<td>Football</td>
<td>Voluntary</td>
<td>Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitches, all poor quality. Adult pitches overplayed by 9.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Youth 9v9 at capacity.</td>
<td>Seek to make incremental improvements to the maintenance regime to improve overall quality.</td>
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<td>A full sized hockey pitch suitable AGF. Pitch is underutilized by the community due to quality issues. Pitch not identified as being required for hockey purposes.</td>
<td>As the site is used 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 surfacing type which best meets the curricular needs of the school. Look to create a future sinking fund to deal with future quality issues.</td>
<td>Voluntary, England Hockey FA</td>
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<td>Kirkby Leisure Centre</td>
<td>3G</td>
<td>Voluntary</td>
<td>Full sized, good quality 3G pitch opened in 2017. Pitch is on FA register for competitive football.</td>
<td>Ensure pitch is well maintained. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for future resurfacing.</td>
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<td>Liverpool FC Academy</td>
<td>Football/3G</td>
<td>LFC</td>
<td>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. Site set to be expanded to relocate Liverpool FC’s first team current located in Melwood, West Derby.</td>
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