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Town/Parish Council or community group	The Dover Society	All	Yes	Yes	Please see document attached.	<p>Assessment of Current Provision In the statistics that describe the current provision of facilities results, are being compared with other parts of the country to determine the adequacy of that provision. However, included in these statistics are some schools and private sports and leisure centres. This gives an extremely distorted few of the situation since schools are not available to the public seven days a week throughout the year in the way that Local Authority facilities are. To include them is to over estimate the extent of the current provision and this will lead again to an inadequate provision into the future. Recognising that children have the benefit of these school facilities and they are part of the overall population, if such provision if considered at all, it should be weighted downwards to reflect that school age proportion of the population during term time only. Conclusion: Statistics should be amended to more accurately reflect the current provision.</p> <p>Dover Leisure Centre Whitfield - When the old facility in Woolcomber Street was closed and a new facility planned there was a golden opportunity to build a new larger facility that would stand the test of time and would attract people from outside the immediate locality. What we now have is a swimming pool that is too small and dry sports facilities that are inferior to the previous facility. In part this inadequate capacity may be due to increased footfall but this only reflects on lack of vision which has lead to a facility in urgent need of expansion despite being only a few years old. Furthermore, in an age when we are all being encouraged not use cars, the public transport provision for the site is also completely inadequate Conclusion: Firm plans to expand both wet and dry facilities are urgently needed.</p> <p>Tides Leisure Centre - It is self evident that the Tides Leisure centre is in need of replacement. When planning for the new facility care should be taken to avoid the mistakes of the Whitfield facility. The pool should be at least 33m or even 50m in length have at least eight lanes and be suitable for diving. This would then retain within the district those who like or need a high standard facility rather than have them spend their money elsewhere and would also attract people from outside the district. The provision for dry sports should recognise the likely increasing demand by ensuring an adequate number of courts with a large hall that can be used flexibly. Conclusion: the new sports facility should be of a high standard with high capacity.</p>	N/A	Noted. Q.5 The Council has followed Sport England Guidance for the development of the Indoor Sports Facility Strategy and engaged with these representatives throughout the progression of the draft strategy. The FPM data does take account of availability of community use of school site and other factors, so the data has been appropriately weighted according to Sport England's recognised methodology for needs assessment; there is no need to update the report. Dover District Leisure Centre is recognised as an exemplary project by Sport England as evidenced by it's case study and contribution of £1.5m awarded funding to the project. The Council is very proud of this high-quality facility, and it continues to work on improving accessibility. Dover FastTrack is progressing well and likely to be complete late 2023 to transform access from the town centre to Whitfield providing faster and more direct public transportation links to the leisure centre. The Council is currently undertaking detailed feasibility work for the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Centre. Improved pool space provision is being examined and explored as part of this work to address identified deficiencies and meet future need. However, any future provision must be affordable and sustainable. Strategic Priority 15 of the Action Plan highlights the Council's approach to the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Pool. "The following new swimming facilities have been recommended in the options appraisal and feasibility study for the development of leisure centres across the district: • A 4 or 6 lane 25m main pool • Leisure water. Commission detailed feasibility and site investigation studies required to further develop the preferred option for the replacement of Tides Leisure Centre. Subject to the findings of the detailed feasibility study, and dependant on the project being affordable and financially viable, proceed with the development of a new centre leisure".	

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Town/Parish Council or community group	Aylesham Parish Council	All	No	No	5.3.105.9.4 5.106.6.2	<p>3a: S106 funding appears to be applied very loosely. If Dover District Council are selling land for development then revenues should be used directly for indoor sports facilities, not just S106 monies.</p> <p>5a: Given the amount of development in Aylesham, and the amount planned in the upcoming local plan, additional facilities should be targeted towards Aylesham. This should be above and beyond s106 money.</p> <p>5.3.10 Walking standards have been applied to swimming pools but driving times to most other facilities. Why has this not been done for swimming?</p> <p>5.9.4 There is still need for sports hall facilities in Aylesham, especially as it is difficult to get to the districts facility in Whitfield. We are still waiting for delivery of a hall so simply relying on s106 process doesn't seem to work.</p> <p>5.10 This hall to be built in Aylesham should include as many badminton courts as possible to ensure demand can be met and that locals can use the hall as well as others in the district.</p> <p>6.6.2 DDC should be careful not to lose leisure water facilities whilst attempting to increase the number of 4 or 6 lane swimming pools. These more informal swimming facilities are important for families and should be maintained.</p>		<p>Q.3a With regards to planned and future infrastructure and if it is or can be partly funded through the S106 process, this is an issue which is in part addressed through the emerging Local Plan - through Policy SP11 - Infrastructure and Developer Contributions which sets out how DDC will use evidence, including this update to the Indoor Sport provision, to require new developments to meet the needs of their residents by providing, or financially contributing to infrastructure. With regards to Sports Provision more specifically, Policy PM5 sets out how the Sports England Calculators will be used to calculate the needs for sports from new development. This will then be used in any S106 agreements on new major developments. With regards to already planned provision, S106 funds and how this is to be spent, full details can be found most up to date Infrastructure Funding Statement which is on DDC website. As part of the Local Plan, Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) draft October 2022 is available for public consultation and sets out planned future needs and how this may be delivered through the S106 (developer contribution) process.</p> <p>Q.5 As set out in paragraph 4.2.2 'Sport England determines that differences in rural and urban catchments are reflected within an agreed walk or drive time catchment. The normal acceptable standard would be to apply a 20-minute walk time (1 mile radial catchment) for an urban area and a 20-minute drive time for a rural area. The District is described as being an urban area (65% of population) with significant rural hubs (35% of population), therefore when looking at catchments, a 20-minute walk time has been applied to swimming pools, sports halls, health and fitness suites and dance/aerobic studios. However, for indoor bowls, squash/racketball courts, indoor tennis and gymnastics, it is recognised that provision for these sports attract users from further away and therefore a 20-minute drive time has been applied for these facilities'. It should be noted that in terms of sports halls, swimming and gyms (which were mapped using the 20-min walk catchments) the entire district is covered by a 20-minute drive time, so the walk time accessibility gives more detail on local accessibility in the more urban parts of the district. The Council recognises planned developments for expansion of Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre as referred to in paragraph 5.9.12 of the draft strategy. Strategic Priority 20 of the Action Plan highlights the need "To support and encourage, where possible, the development of new provision at Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre. Support initial plans for a 2 or 4 court sports hall, subject to viability being demonstrated. • Assist in delivery of already secured developer contributions for new sports hall and</p>	

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A resident	Deal	All	No	No		<p>3a: Too difficult to get public transport to the Whitfield leisure centre. Very few bus services and regularly cancelled. Please build more facilities in Deal to accomadate the big increase in new builds and tourists.</p> <p>4a: Wrong location for a Disrict Leisure centre. Very poor transport links and congestion on A258 makes it a long trip to from Deal.</p> <p>5a: You need to build facilities in the right location for the correct demographic. Huge increase in new builds in Deal and large increase in visitors/tourists.</p>		<p>Noted. Q3. The Council continues to work on improving accessibility to Dover District Leisure Centre. Dover FastTrack is progressing well and likely to be complete late 2023 to transform access from the town centre to the leisure centre in Whitfield providing faster and more direct public transportation links. The Council is currently undertaking detailed feasibility work for the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Centre. Improved pool space provision is being examined and explored as part of this work to address identified deficiencies and meet future need. However, any future provision must be affordable and sustainable. Strategic Priority 15 of the Action Plan highlights the Council's approach to the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Pool. "The following new swimming facilities have been recommended in the options appraisal and feasibility study for the development of leisure centres across the district: • A 4 or 6 lane 25m main pool• Leisure water. Commission detailed feasibility and site investigation studies required to further develop the preferred option for the replacement of Tides Leisure Centre. Subject to the findings of the detailed feasibility study, and dependant on the project being affordable and financially viable, proceed with the development of a new centre leisure".</p>	

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An indoor sport facility provider	Invicta Community & Lesuire / Alyesham Welfare Lesuire centre	All	Yes	Yes		<p>4a: A clear prioity for facility development in Aylesham should be made as clear is it is for Tides Support in helping chairtiabile owned as well as council owned but chairtably operated buildings environmently sustinable to improve efficiency and mainatin costs.</p>	Additional faciitiies at Aylesham Welfare Lesuire Centre	<p>Noted. Q4a and 6 - The Council has supported helping to improve indoor facilities in Aylesham by way of commissioning an Needs Analysis and Business Case review on potential development of facilities at Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre in December 2020. Strategic Priority ID 8 of the Action Plan highlights the need to support where possible stakeholders developing new facilities and specifically refers to Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre under ID 20. "Support and encourage, where possible, the development of new provision at Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre. Support initial plans for a 2 or 4 court sports hall, subject to viability being demonstrated. • Assist in delivery of already secured developer contributions for new sports hall and facilities."</p>	Section 5.9.12 relating to the existing development and S106 funds for sports and leisure in the Aylesham area have been redrafted to add clarity.
Other	Historic England	All				<p>5a: The document deals with matters outside Historic England's remit and competences and, therefore, we have no comments to make.</p>		No response required.	

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A business	The Land Trust	Boxing/Martial Arts Aerobic studios	Yes	Yes	Boxing/Martial Arts Aerobic studios	5a: In considering future uses of Fort Burgoyne, the Land Trust is keen to maximise delivery of its charitable objectives including community health. In line with this objective and the potential of the Fort to provide significant community benefit to residents of Burgoyne Heights and the planned Connaught Barracks regeneration scheme as well as wider residents of Dover District, we would be interested in exploring whether spaces within the Fort have the potential to provide indoor sport. Owing to the Scheduled Monument status of the Fort, large scale modifications to the building would be inappropriate and as such the areas identified above have been suggested owing to potential space and infrastructure requirements compared to other areas identified as having a need in the draft Strategy.		Policy SAP5 in the Reg 19 Local Plan includes a Policy for Fort Burgoyne. It is a Scheduled monument and Conservation Area but policy supports all uses that conserve or enhance its status. The Policy sets out a number of criteria, including need for detailed heritage assessment. If Indoor sport space can be achieved meeting this criteria, then the Council would support in principle. It is advised that the developers undertake initial assessments and provide draft proposals and then approach DDC planning dept for their views through the pre-application advice process.	
Sports club	Dover Gymnastics Club	Gymnastics	Yes	Yes	6.13 Gymnastics Priorities	Most of the dedicated sports facilities in Gymnastics are run by Charities Like Dover Gym Club or CIC they are non profit and work mostly towards maintaining rates and costs to a minimum to make it affordable to the many and the most challenged segment of the community. Most of us do not operate as commercial entities it is therefore important that we get support in keeping our facilities physically up to date but also maintain our costs to make it affordable all our surpluses if any are reinvested in the facility. Our work is not only to provide Gymnastics training we also train our gymnasts to become coaches and get qualification that lead them to permanent employment in our Gym or other Gyms. Help from the local authority is crucial for our clubs to survive in the future and meet the increase in demand. 6.13.1 There is a requirement to investigate options for the development of a new dedicated gymnastics facilities in the District. There is unmet demand for membership of the clubs in the district due to existing waiting lists. However, it should be noted that these types of facilities can be developed as commercially viable businesses. Therefore, gymnastics should continue to be supported by access to community and educational sports halls, including DDC facilities at Dover District Leisure Centre and Tides Leisure Centre, while clubs looking for dedicated facilities are supported in doing so	WE as a club have been looking to find suitable premises to accommodate our Gymnastics Club. The Sport Trust Based in the Three Hills in Folkestone has offered support. We need help in securing premises and some capital funding can be made available from Sport UK and British Gymnastics	Noted. Q5. Strategic Priority 28 of the action plan recognises the need to support clubs investigate options to provide a new facility. " Work with Dover Gym Club and Deal Gym Club to identify new facilities to accommodate latent demand. This could include (depending on storage availability) utilising spare hall space at sports hall sites, including education sites.". It is acknowledged this will require several implementing partners including the support of DDC. It is recognised that most gymnastic clubs do not operate as commercial entities. At 5.37.1 amend to read ' However, it should be noted that these facilities can be developed as financially viable organisations'.	Wording at section 5.37.1 is redrafted to clarify what is meant by 'Commercial entity' and terminology has been reviewed and amended regarding gymnastics operations. At 5.37.1 amend to read ' However, it should be noted that these facilities can be developed as financially viable organisations'.

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Sports club	East Kent Acro Gymnastics Club	Gymnastics	Yes	Yes		My biggest concern currently is when they make the changes to Tides and improve the swimming side of the building, although the Sports Hall is not being touched will we as a gymnastics club still be able to train and run from there. We are a competitive club and need to train so I am hoping that Your Leisure will be working with DDC to ensure that the Sports Hall and the Tennis Centre remain open whilst ant building work is being completed once a decison is made. This will also still be bringing in income to remain open and just put a new reception in a differnet part of the building. This is currently our biggest concern as a club. <i>(comment made against 6 but copied here)</i>		Noted. Q5. The Council is currently undertaking detailed feasibility work on the proposed redevelopment for Tides Leisure Centre. Continuity of service during the proposed project programme will be considered in more detail at the next stage of development which is subject to Cabinet approval. It is intended to present a separate report to Cabinet members on the Tides project in the new year and it will be in the public domain. The Council will take account of early communications from existing clubs and users to ensure where possible there is minimal disruption to customers and continuation of existing services in the Sports Hall and Tennis Centre.	
A Resident	Unknown	Indoor Bowls				Several comments made about the Bowling facilities available in Thanet and needs for Outdoor bowls to be considered.		All comments are noted. The contribution made by facilities in Thanet to the north east of Dover district is recognised. Amend paragraph 5.16.4 and add text to read "Also, Thanet Indoor Bowling Centre includes 8 rinks and meets the needs of some residents to the north of the district". It should be noted that the supply and demand for Outdoor Bowls in the district has been recently examined as part of the Dover Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Facility Strategy. Please find this document on the following website for more information. https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/pdfs/playing-pitch-strategy-action-plan.-2019.pdf .	Reference to Thanet Indoor Bowling Centre (8 rinks) as a facility that services some residents in the north of the district has been added to the document at section 5.16.4. to read "Also, Thanet Indoor Bowling Centre includes 8 rinks and meets the needs of some residents to the north of the district".

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Sports representative body	English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd	Indoor Bowls	Yes	Yes	Consultees	Our name in the section entitled "Consultees" should show as English Indoor BOWLING Association not "BOWLS!		Noted. Q5.	The typing error is noted and the detail is amended at appendix one as highlighted by EIBA to read "English Indoor Bowling Association"
Sports representative body	unknown	Indoor Cricket				Several comments made about the Indoor Cricket facilities available.		All comments are noted. The Indoor Sports Facility Strategy refers in to the need to consider further access to sports halls for indoor cricket in several sections of the document. For example paragraph 5.9.18 refers to NGB comments and reports "The lack of indoor cricket facilities within the District was highlighted. Currently, there is limited provision in Dover. Goodwin Academy and Duke of York's Royal Military School offer indoor cricket facilities. Demand is also catered for in Canterbury, however, the facilities in Canterbury are in high demand and bookings at peak times are very difficult to attain". At paragraph at 5.10, the summary highlights "Some clubs and NGBs are reporting issues in accessing sports hall space at peak times and there is an unmet demand for indoor cricket net provision." In addition, Strategic Priority ID19 of the action plan highlights the need to "Continue dialogue and explore with schools to help address additional needs arising from housing demand and in particular for indoor cricket league matches and pre-season indoor cricket training (Easter holiday). " There are no changes needed to the report to highlight the lack of indoor cricket facilities in the district.	
A resident	Deal	Indoor Swimming	Yes	Yes		3a: There could be more emphasis on facilities accessible by walking. 5a: I welcome the development of Tides, Deal to provide a 25m lane swimming pool, and would encourage the provision of six rather than four lanes.		Noted. Q.3a As set out in paragraph 4.2.2 'Sport England determines that differences in rural and urban catchments are reflected within an agreed walk or drive time catchment. The normal acceptable standard would be to apply a 20-minute walk time (1 mile radial catchment) for an urban area and a 20-minute drive time for a rural area. The District is described as being an urban area (65% of population) with significant rural hubs (35% of population), therefore when looking at catchments, a 20-minute walk time has been applied to swimming pools, sports halls, health and fitness suites and dance/aerobic studios. However, for indoor bowls, squash/racketball courts, indoor tennis and gymnastics, it is recognised that provision for these sports attract users from further away and therefore a 20-minute drive time has been applied for these facilities'. It should be noted that in terms of sports halls, swimming and gyms (which were mapped using the 20-min walk catchments) the entire district is covered by a 20-minute drive time, so the walk time accessibility gives more detail on local accessibility in the more urban parts of the district. Q.5 The Council is currently	

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A resident		Indoor Swimming				Blank reply		No representation. No response possible.	
A resident	Walmer	Indoor Swimming	Yes	Yes		We need a bigger indoor pool in Deal !!! Keep the current leisure one and add on a large lanes one.		Noted. Q5 The Council is currently undertaking detailed feasibility work for the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Centre. Improved pool space provision is being examined and explored as part of this work to address identified deficiencies and meet future need. However, any future provision must be affordable and sustainable. Strategic Priority 15 of the Action Plan highlights the Council's approach to the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Pool. "The following new swimming facilities have been recommended in the options appraisal and feasibility study for the development of leisure centres across the district: • A 4 or 6 lane 25m main pool• Leisure water. Commission detailed feasibility and site investigation studies required to further develop the preferred option for the replacement of Tides Leisure Centre. Subject to the findings of the detailed feasibility study, and dependant on the project being affordable and financially viable, proceed with the development of a new centre leisure".	

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A resident	Deal Tri Club	Indoor Swimming	Yes	Yes	Swimming pool	Yes please to 25m length lanes. Will save a lot of travelling to Dover.		Noted. The Council is currently undertaking detailed feasibility work for the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Centre. Improved pool space provision is being examined and explored as part of this work to address identified deficiencies and meet future need. However, any future provision must be affordable and sustainable. Strategic Priority 15 of the Action Plan highlights the Council's approach to the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Pool. "The following new swimming facilities have been recommended in the options appraisal and feasibility study for the development of leisure centres across the district: • A 4 or 6 lane 25m main pool • Leisure water. Commission detailed feasibility and site investigation studies required to further develop the preferred option for the replacement of Tides Leisure Centre. Subject to the findings of the detailed feasibility study, and dependant on the project being affordable and financially viable, proceed with the development of a new centre leisure".	
A resident	Dover	Indoor Swimming	No	No		<p>3a: I fail to see the logic behind only taking into account a 20-minute walk time or driving time, what about public transport. If like myself you do not drive relying on buses to move around the town, makes it very difficult/virtually impossible to attend any of these</p> <p>4a: I feel the residents in whole west side of Dover have not been taken into account, as it falls outside of the 20 minute walk time of your analysis and any residents of Dover who do not drive have also been excluded from your analysis. Public transportation should and needs to be taken into consideration when making any reviews of sports facilities or any other facilities in the Dover District area</p> <p>5a: 5.3.10 Accessibility - The whole west side of Dover including Tower Hamlets have been excluded from this section, given in section 3.4.1 you state "The ward with the smallest area is Tower Hamlets, covering 89 hectares, which represents 0.3% of the total area of the district. It is the most densely populate ward with 74.99 people per hectare.", so despite being the most densely populated ward we are overlooked and ignored when it comes to requiring facilities, especially if you do not drive and have to rely on buses to move around.</p>		The Council recognises there will be parts of the district which are not covered by the 20 min walk time catchments and this is where vehicle access is likely to be required. Public transport accessibility is not mapped but it is acknowledged that some residents will be reliant on this to access facilities. A good working example of significant improvement to public transport for accessing leisure facilities is Dover Fast Track. This is progressing well and likely to be complete late 2023 to transform access from Dover town centre to the leisure centre in Whitfield providing faster and more direct public transportation links. There are accessibility challenges for residents in some wards across the district and this is not unique to the ward of Tower Hamlets.	

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A resident	Deal	Indoor Swimming				5a: Having reviewed the above in draft form I would like draw your attention to the extensive problems that there has been with disabled access to the teaching pool at the new Dover leisure centre. The pool Pod has been broken down countless times and this has prevented access and on one occasion required rescue from the pool. The equipment is not resilient and greater focus on maintenance and rapid repair is needed. As part of the strategy going forward please include greater focus on resilience and reliability with aim of making access for disabled people more reliable. Within an inclusive strategy the importance of enablers like the pool pods should be clear and their importance better understood.		Noted. The pool pod is a mechanical machine that is used a lot and while it is designed to function in a harsh pool environment and it will break down from time to time. The Council investigated the mechanical issues experienced with the Pool Pod for the teaching pool at Dover District Leisure Centre in September of last year. Maintenance records demonstrated regular servicing in line with manufacturers recommendations. To reduce the risk of mechanical issues and achieve more resilience, the operators have increased the services visits from two to four per year.	
A resident	Walmer	Indoor Swimming	No	No	Deal	5a: Deal Leisure centre should have at east 8 swim lanes - any less will be insufficient	NA	Noted. Q.4 & 5 - The Indoor Sports Facility Strategy analysis work in consultation with Swim England, indicates there is a deficit of water space in the district equivalent to 6 lanes 25m pool up to 2040. However any future provision must be affordable and sustainable. Strategic Priority 15 of the Action Plan highlights the Council's approach to the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Pool. "The following new swimming facilities have been recommended in the options appraisal and feasibility study for the development of leisure centres across the district: • A 4 or 6 lane 25m main pool • Leisure water. Commission detailed feasibility and site investigation studies required to further develop the preferred option for the replacement of Tides Leisure Centre. Subject to the findings of the detailed feasibility study, and dependant on the project being affordable and financially viable, proceed with the development of a new centre leisure".	A new strategic priority ID18, has been added to highlight the need to meet pool water deficiencies across the district and seek developer contributions from new qualifying development, subject to feasibility work being completed and viability assessments. Strategic priority ID 18 to read "Seek developer contributions to meet pool water deficiencies across the district" "DDC to work with developers to secure contributions to meet remaining pool water deficiencies across the district, subject to feasibility, demonstrating need and financial viability, in the future"
A resident	Dover	Indoor Swimming				5a: I am very disappointed with the pool at the monent as it's use is very limited. I feel we need: 1. A play pool for families with water shoots and a lazy river, fountains and some swimming spaces. 2. A separate swimming area with lanes for serious swimmers 3. A decent sized open area for swimmers who want to swim and chat at the same time. 4. Pools which are NOT constantly shut for galas, particularly at weekends when the majority of families want to use the		The Council is currently undertaking detailed feasibility work for the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Centre. Improved pool space provision is being examined and explored as part of this work to address identified deficiencies and meet future need. However, any future provision must be affordable and sustainable. Strategic Priority 15 of the Action Plan highlights the Council's approach to the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Pool. "The following new swimming facilities have been recommended in the options appraisal and feasibility study for the development of leisure centres across the district: • A 4 or 6 lane 25m main pool• Leisure water. Commission detailed feasibility and site investigation studies required to further develop the preferred	

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						facilities. I voted with my feet - when the original site shut and the leisure centre at Whitfield was built I did try it - then became a member of St Margaret's Health Club instead and go there at least three times a week. This is sad as I only live a couple of miles away from the Whitfield site.		option for the replacement of Tides Leisure Centre. Subject to the findings of the detailed feasibility study, and dependant on the project being affordable and financially viable, proceed with the development of a new centre leisure". It is intended to present a separate report to Cabinet members on the Tides project in the new year and this will be in the public domain.	
A resident	Unknown	Indoor Swimming				5a: A new leisure centre in Deal should include a minimum of 8 swim lanes		Q.5 The Council is currently undertaking detailed feasibility work for the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Centre. Improved pool space provision is being examined and explored as part of this work to address identified deficiencies and meet future need. However, any future provision must be affordable and sustainable. Strategic Priority 15 of the Action Plan highlights the Council's approach to the redevelopment of Tides Leisure Pool. "The following new swimming facilities have been recommended in the options appraisal and feasibility study for the development of leisure centres across the district: • A 4 or 6 lane 25m main pool • Leisure water. Commission detailed feasibility and site investigation studies required to further develop the preferred option for the replacement of Tides Leisure Centre. Subject to the findings of the detailed feasibility study, and dependant on the project being affordable and financially viable, proceed with the development of a new centre leisure".	

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Sports representative body	Swim England	Indoor Swimming				5a: I've had a read through the report and within the swimming consultancy have noticed that there is a no mention Health & Wellbeing within Aquatic Facilities. We are currently working with Ramsgate Leisure Centre run by Your Leisure to get them Water Wellbeing accredited and they are very close to completing. Ali Noyce is our lead on Health & Wellbeing on this matter and can describe the process, outcomes and benefits in great detail to you if you were interested in learning more. If you have a Health & Wellbeing agenda within this consultancy, this would be a fantastic addition to the report to implement across sites within the Council area. If you're open to it, we'd love to set up a call to explain in more detail about what is involved and how it can help the local area. Within the wider Swim England remit, we have teams that can assist with the Design of the new facility that is needed within the report and can showcase many other products and services that will be of use to you not only during the start of the process, but also into the everyday running of the facility to maximise its' potential.		Noted. Q.5 Subject to the findings of the detailed feasibility study on Tides Leisure Centre, and dependant on the project being affordable and financially viable, proceed with the development of a new centre leisure". It is intended to present a separate report to Cabinet members on the Tides project in the new year and this will be in the public domain. The Council will engage further with Swim England on design development of Tides Leisure Centre.	
Sports club	Walmer Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club	Indoor Tennis	Yes	Yes	Indoor Tennis facility at Tides Leisure Complex, Deal	5a: Walmer Club completely agree that the Indoor tennis centre at Tides should be retained. Walmer Club has a 4 year signed agreement with Your Leisure (who currently manage the whole facility) so that our Tennis Club uses the Indoor Courts as our Club winter venue for Club nights, Club afternoons, Kent League match play and discounted pay and play court hire. Should Tides be demolished (other than the Sports Hall and Tennis Courts), we would be willing to be further engaged to ensure the indoor courts are maximised all year round, assuming that Your Leisure would have their overall management cancelled.	Walmer Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club are also considering building a Padel Court on our grounds by 2024 for general community use. We are also considering offering tennis coaching to non-members for greater participation in the great game of tennis. Our Club has had	Noted. Q5. The Council notes the comments and feedback from Walmer Lawn Tennis Club and will continue to engage with the club as the project progresses. The Council is currently undertaking detailed feasibility work on the proposed redevelopment for Tides Leisure Centre. Continuity of service during the proposed project programme will be considered in more detail at the next stage of development which is subject to Cabinet approval. A separate report to Cabinet members on the Tides project will be presented in the new year and in the public domain. The Council will take account of early communications from existing clubs and users to ensure where possible there is minimal disruption to customers and continuation of existing services in the Sports Hall and Tennis Centre.	

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							to close our membership for 2 years running and still have a waiting list for the 2023/24 season starting 1st April 2023.		
Sports representative body		Indoor Tennis	Yes	Yes				No response possible.	
Other		Other	Yes	Yes			Cost of access	Unclear representation. No response possible.	
Sports representative body	KCAFU	Other	Yes	Yes		I am responding on behalf of KCAFU as we are always looking out for potential venues to hold county fencing events, so would always be interested in information regarding existing or new sports hall.	Fencing competitions require a sports hall with a good floor (non slip) ideally changing facilities/showers and reasonably priced.	Noted. Q5&6.	
An indoor sport facility provider	Sandwich Technology School	Sports / Activity Halls general	Yes	Yes		My comments are only really on the age of the facilities at Sandwich Technology School P31 Table Sandwich Leisure centre Year built should be 1991 not 2004 (refurbished 2020) P33 Table Year built should be 1935 not 1950 and an academy P38 Table - Sandwich Leisure centre Year built should be 1991 not 2004 not an LA school but an academy P42 Table Sandwich Leisure centre Year built should be 1991 not 2004. P47 Table - Sandwich Leisure centre Year built should be 1991 not 1999			The Indoor Sports Facility Strategy is updated to include the data as provided by the school. Tables and maps at sections 5.9.2, 5.9.8, 5.12.2, 5.19.2 and 5.27.1 amend Sandwich Leisure Centre year built to read "1991" and Sandwich Technology School original year built to read "1991" and ownership type to read "Academy".