



Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study

Members Presentation

Format of presentation

- ▶ Why the project has been undertaken?
- ▶ What the project has covered?
- ▶ How the project has been undertaken?
- ▶ What is the output?
- ▶ What the project has concluded
- ▶ Presentation of around 30 mins

Why the project has been undertaken

- ▶ The NPPF recognises that healthy environments and communities require open space and associated facilities to be of an appropriate quantity, quality and location.
- ▶ The project will inform the emerging Local Plan and other council decision making in relation to sports and open space.
- ▶ The project looks up to 2036
- ▶ The emerging Plan proposes the delivery of 10,500 - 11,000 new homes over the 20-year plan period
- ▶ Growth will have major implications for themes covered by the project

- ▶ NPPF - Achieving Sustainable development; Decision-Making; Promoting Health and Safe Communities; Promoting Sustainable Transport; Achieving Well-designed Places; Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment.
- ▶ Multifunctional Green Infrastructure
- ▶ The Natural Environment White Paper (NEWP) The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature (2011)
- ▶ Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services, (August 2011)
- ▶ A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment (2018)
- ▶ Revaluing Parks and Green Spaces - Measuring their economic and wellbeing value to individuals (2018)
- ▶ Sporting Future - A New Strategy for an Active Nation (December 2015)
- ▶ Sport England Strategy - 'Towards an Active Nation' (2016-2021)

Links to National policies and strategies

What the project has covered

Publicly accessible greenspace (inc. amenity and natural space, parks and recreation grounds, play space, allotments)

Outdoor sports space (especially playing pitches)

How the project has been undertaken

- ▶ Different methodologies for each component of the project (open space and PPS)
- ▶ Methods follow accepted national guidance as appropriate
- ▶ Project has been underpinned by a core consultation:
 - Sample household survey
 - Local and town council parish survey
 - Clubs and organisations survey
 - Strategic stakeholders inc. neighbouring local authorities

What is the project output

- ▶ Three key output reports:
 - ▶ The Open Space and Green Infrastructure Study
 - ▶ The Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plans (+ supporting needs assessments)
 - ▶ The Community and Stakeholder Consultation



Open Space Assessment

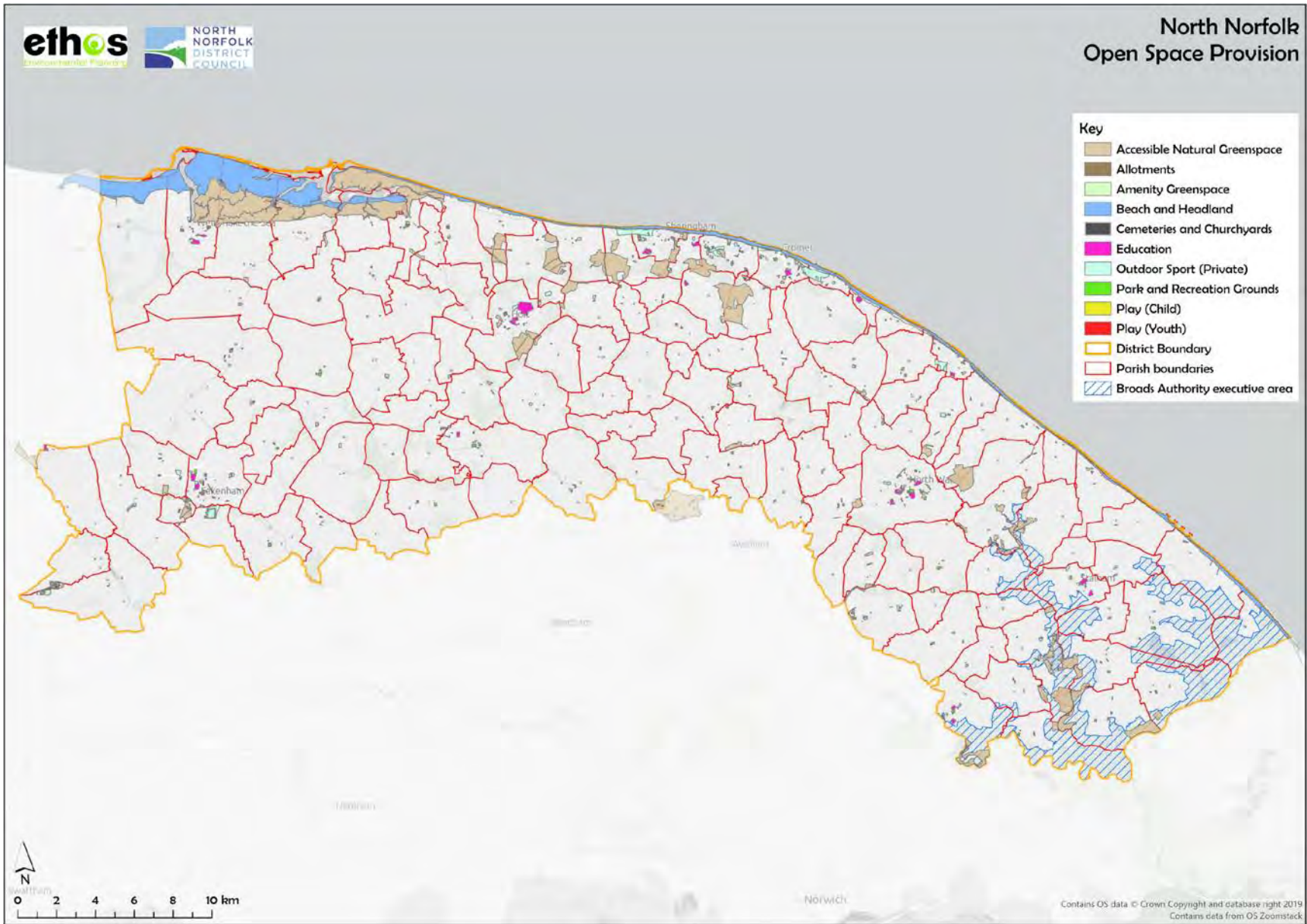
The Open Space Assessment:

- ▶ Provides evidence to support the emerging Local Plan;
- ▶ Provides a robust assessment of existing open space provision;
- ▶ Sets justified, locally derived open space provision standards for quantity, quality and accessibility;
- ▶ provides recommendations about future requirements, including thresholds above which developers should be required to provide on-site open space;
- ▶ Assesses qualitative and quantitative deficiencies or surpluses in open space provision across the District;
- ▶ Provides information to justify on-site open space provision and the collection of developer contributions towards new facilities or the enhancement of existing provision; and
- ▶ Provides information to help inform CIL/S106 spending.

Purpose of the Open Space Assessment



Open Space Methodology



Open Space Mapping: District Overview

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Quality Audits

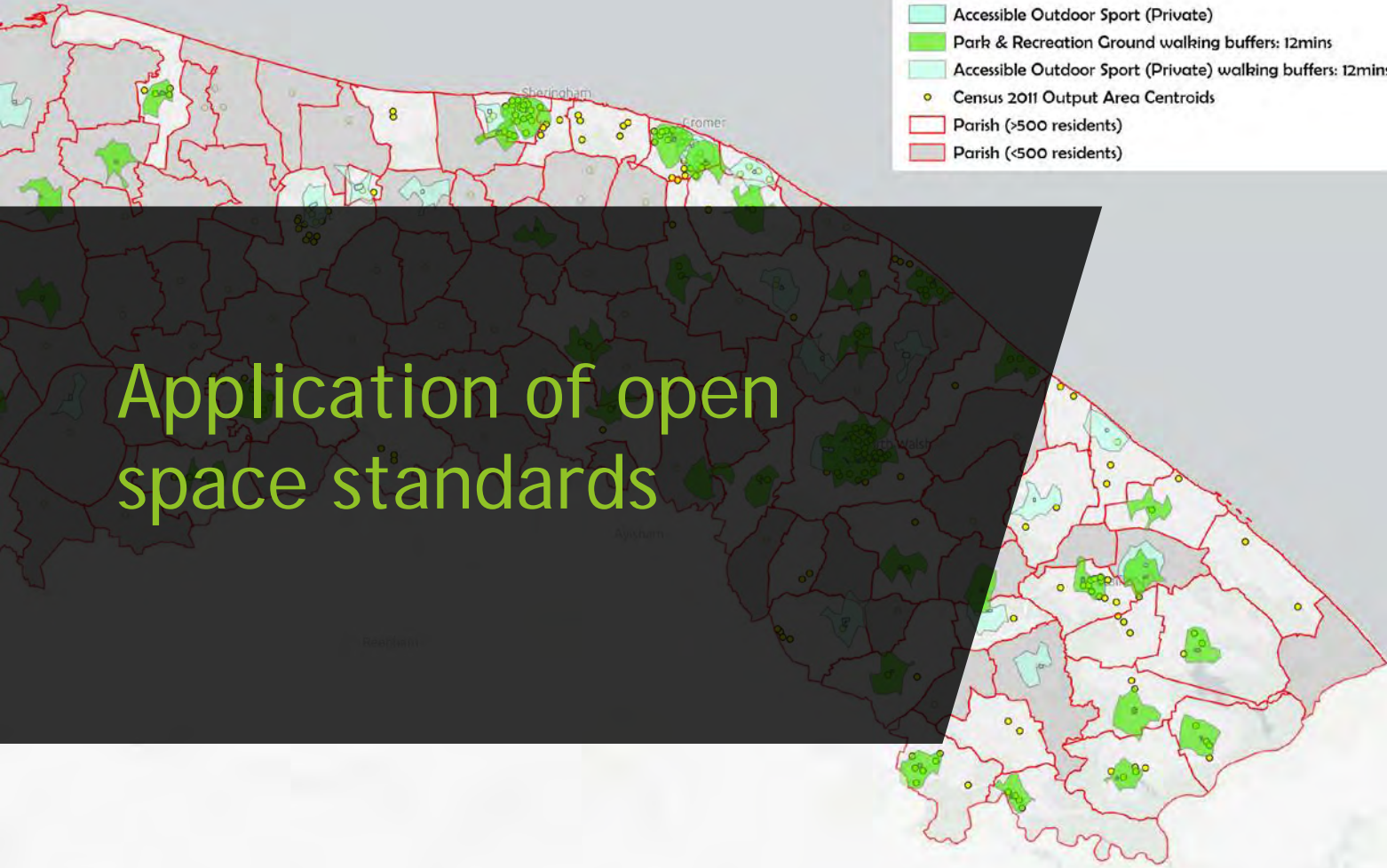
- ▶ Welcoming
- ▶ Good and Safe Access
- ▶ Community Involvement
- ▶ Safe Equipment & Facilities
- ▶ Appropriate Provision of Facilities
- ▶ Quality/Management of Facilities and Infrastructure
- ▶ Personal Security on Site
- ▶ Dog Fouling
- ▶ Litter and Waste Management
- ▶ Grounds/Habitat Management

Typology	Quantity standards for existing provision and new provision (ha/1000 population)	Access standard
Allotments	0.60	15 minutes' walk-time
Amenity Green Space (sites >0.15 ha)	1.0	10 minutes' walk time
Park and Recreation Grounds	1.1	12-13 minutes' walk time
Play Space (Children)	0.10	10 minutes' walk-time
Play Space (Youth)	0.06	15 minutes' walk-time
Natural Green Space	1.5 (for new provision only)	20 minutes' walk-time and ANGSt Standards
Total for new provision	4.36 ha/1000	

Open Space Standards

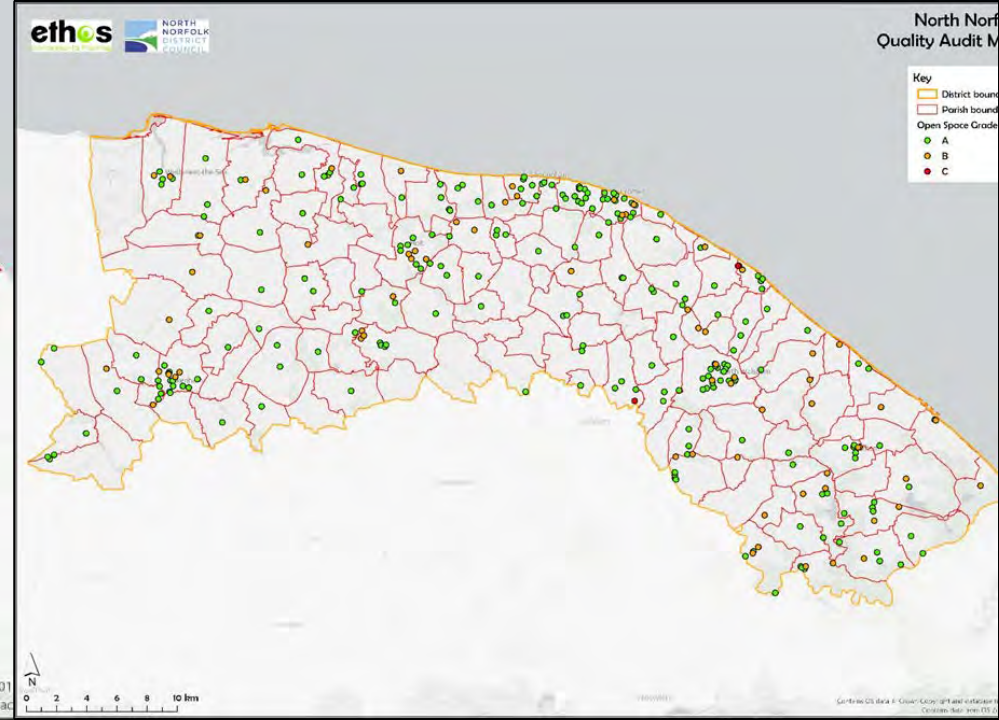
North Norfolk Park and Recreation Grounds (and Accessible Private Sport) Access Map

- Key**
- Park and Recreation Grounds
 - Accessible Outdoor Sport (Private)
 - Park & Recreation Ground walking buffers: 12mins
 - Accessible Outdoor Sport (Private) walking buffers: 12mins
 - Census 2011 Output Area Centroids
 - Parish (>500 residents)
 - Parish (<500 residents)



Application of open
space standards

Allotments	Amenity Greenspace	Parks and Recreation Grounds	Play (Child)	Play (Youth)
-0.16	-0.26	-0.29	-0.03	-0.02
0.08		1.04		
	-0.49		0.05	-0.02
-0.21	-0.16	-0.39	-0.04	-0.02
-0.10	0.04	-0.18	-0.02	-0.01
-0.30	-0.49	-0.54	-0.05	-0.03
1.00	-0.22	-0.24	0.08	-0.01
-0.13	-1.15	-0.04	-0.03	-0.07
0.02	-0.07	-0.25	0.06	-0.01
-0.27	0.89	-0.49	-0.04	-0.03
0.08	0.48	-1.21	-0.11	-0.07
-0.17	-0.28	0.57	0.11	-0.02
-0.48	2.00	2.22	0.04	0.02



Key findings (1) - Quantity and Quality

Quantity

- ▶ At the district level, there is good provision of amenity green space. However, there are shortfalls in allotments, parks and recreation, children's and youth play space. The importance of private outdoor sports space is recognised, especially in light of the shortfall of parks and recreation grounds.
- ▶ Provision varies across parishes and typologies, with some meeting the quantity standards and some falling below.

Quality

- ▶ The majority of open spaces were assessed as being of good quality

Typology	Quality Audit Grade			
	A (Good)	B (Average)	C (Poor)	Total
Accessible Natural Greenspace	60	27	2	89
Amenity Green Space	98	30		128
Outdoor Sport (Private)	7	2		9
Park and Recreation Grounds	39	6		45
Play (Child)	21	5		26
Total	225	70	2	297

Key findings (2) - Access

- ▶ Allotments - Good access in the large settlements of Sheringham, Stalham, North Walsham, Briston, Runton and Wells-Next-the Sea. However, there are some significant gaps in access in Parishes with over 500 population.
- ▶ Amenity Green Space - Generally good access across the district, the main gaps in access being in the rural Parishes with less than 500 population.
- ▶ Parks and Recreation Grounds - Generally good access across the key settlements within the district, the main gaps in access being in Holt, Scottow (Badersfield) and Sutton.
- ▶ Children's Play Space - Generally good access in parishes with above 300 people, although there are exceptions including Sutton, East Ruston and Walcott.
- ▶ Youth Play Space - Provision is more sporadic, with large gaps in access across the majority of Parishes with over 500 population including the key settlements of Holt and Hoveton.
- ▶ Natural Green Space - Some large gaps in access across the district, although it is noted that there is an extensive PROW network and access to the countryside and coast.

Future Needs for Open Space

The assessment considers the implications for open space provision from the predicted population growth resulting from proposed emerging housing allocations, applying the new quantity standards.

The proposed emerging allocations in the Local Plan amount to 4924 dwellings, in addition a further 2,295 dwellings will come forward as windfall over the entire plan period. Using the average household size of 2.3 persons, this will result in a household population of 16,604.

Typology	Required standard for new provision (ha/1000)	Requirement for 16,604 people (Hectares)
Allotments	0.60	9.96
Amenity Green Space	1.0	16.60
Parks and Recreation Grounds	1.10	18.26
Play Space (Children)	0.10	1.66
Play Space (Youth)	0.06	1.0
Natural Green Space	1.5	24.91
Total		72.39

Policy Recommendations

- ▶ Study provides a robust evidence base evidence base and framework for decision making
- ▶ The policy recommendations for open space address five key areas:
 - ▶ Existing provision to be protected;
 - ▶ Existing provision to be enhanced;
 - ▶ Opportunities for re-location/re-designation of open space;
 - ▶ Identification of areas for new provision; and
 - ▶ Facilities that may be surplus to requirement.

This section also includes:

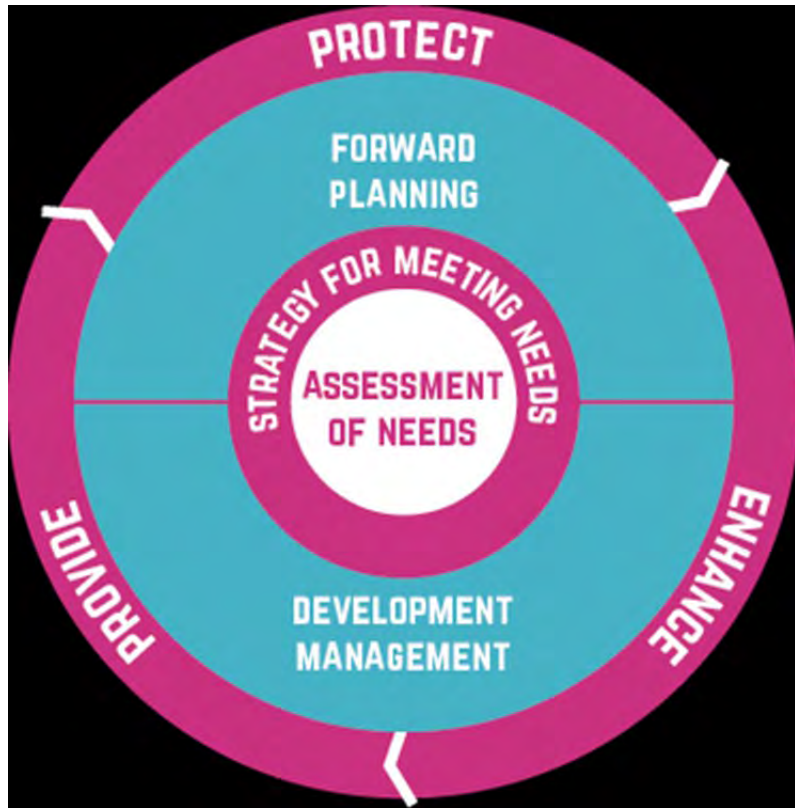
Developer Contributions and
'Cost Calculator'

Thresholds for on site provision

Decision flow charts for when provision should be provided on site, or when improvements to existing open space provision may be more appropriate, and in relation to sanctioning (re)development of open space

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Playing Pitch Strategy



What's the purpose of a Playing Pitch Strategy?

Sport England Methodology

- ▶ Steering group of Council officers, National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), Sport England - met three times
- ▶ Review of documents, proposals and plans
- ▶ Visual quality assessments of ALL sites - football/rugby in winter; cricket/tennis/bowls in summer
- ▶ Questionnaire surveys of use and demand to all clubs, schools, town and parish councils, major landowners
- ▶ Consultation evening for local clubs
- ▶ Meetings with stakeholders
- ▶ To produce A ROBUST EVIDENCE BASE - comprising a comprehensive Assessment of Need document, a Strategy and a detail Action Plan for EVERY site

North Norfolk's Playing Pitch Strategy Vision and Objectives

To support the protection, provision and enhancement of appropriate and high quality playing pitch facilities that maximize opportunities for sport & physical activity for all and foster sporting excellence, community cohesion and a healthy environment.

- ▶ Provide sufficient and appropriate high quality facilities and opportunities to meet demand to 2036
- ▶ Protect existing provision and encourage increased usage to create viable and sustainable sites at the heart of community development
- ▶ Raise the value of the pitch sports in enhancing mental and physical health and well-being
- ▶ Enhance and manage facilities well to retain players and attract new participants, particularly 'less active' groups
- ▶ Create a delivery framework for people and organisations to work together to share skills, expertise, resources and facilities

What we did with the information gathered

Compiled database of all site audit and demand information

All sites mapped. Six sub areas for analysis (Fakenham, Cromer, Stalham, North Walsham, Wells next the Sea and Sheringham)

Each site given quality rating and improvements identified

Each site assessed for usage levels and any spare capacity

Facilities needed in the future calculated using population growth and housing allocations statistics

Final strategy prepared with Steering Group. Sets out actions for every site and priority projects

Proposed that the PPS is updated regularly and actions implemented through a PPS Delivery Group

So...what is needed to meet demand in 2036? Access to the equivalent of the following.....

- ▶ Up to an additional 5 adult pitches, 9 youth pitches and 4-5 mini soccer pitches
- ▶ Up to an additional 3-4 rugby pitches
- ▶ Up to 2 cricket pitches potentially in the North Walsham and Fakenham areas.
- ▶but this doesn't always mean NEW provision
- ▶ PLUS:
- ▶ Key priority locations for 3G Football Turf Pitches identified in North Walsham, Fakenham and Cromer (North Walsham & Fakenham might also cater for rugby training).
- ▶ Replacement/upgrade of hockey compliant artificial grass pitch at Sheringham High School with accompanying clubhouse facilities

Other Issues

- ▶ Youth football clubs in the main towns struggle to find enough appropriately sized, accessible pitches
- ▶ Need to upgrade/improve some changing facilities if going to retain players and attract new participants (particularly women and girls e.g. Briston Playing Fields, Stiffkey Playing Field)
- ▶ Cromer football 'hub' - recommends a minimum of 6 grass football pitches, a full size 3G Football Turf Pitch plus clubhouse.
- ▶ Need more floodlit areas for football, rugby and tennis to increase capacity and/or year-round play
- ▶ Many underused and/or unused rural football and cricket grounds & tennis courts. Some poor maintenance (maintenance is costly)
- ▶ Making better use of school sports pitches, with secure community use agreements
- ▶ Need to protect artificial grass pitches on private school sites
- ▶ Allow for new and/or casual formats of the pitch sports e.g. non turf pitches for cricket
- ▶ Maintain provision for bowls and encouraging improved facilities to attract more and younger players
- ▶ Provision of facilities for formal athletics and running clubs

Examples

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Priorities

- ▶ New site for Cromer Town FC and Cromer Youth FC - hub site
- ▶ Sheringham High School - protect and upgrade existing artificial grass pitch as hockey compliant surface
- ▶ North Walsham High School - provision of 3G FTP (with rugby shockpad).
- ▶ Fakenham - provision of 3G FTP (possibly with rugby shockpad). Preferred site - Clipbush Park.
- ▶ Fakenham Cricket Club requires access to an additional pitch. Preferred site - former Fakenham College site adjacent.
- ▶ Reinstatement of playing field facilities at Trap Lane, Fakenham: upgrade of non turf wicket and possible other pitch provision (rugby?)
- ▶ Improvement of pitch quality and extension of Stalham Recreation Ground to facilitate merger of Stalham Town FC & Stalham Youth FC
- ▶ Norton Warnes Ground (Cromer CC) - new clubhouse/changing facilities
- ▶ Gresham's School - provision of synthetic athletics facility with appropriate secure community use agreements
- ▶ Fakenham RFC - secure access to additional rugby pitch
- ▶ Briston Recreation Ground - internal remodelling/enhancement of changing facilities for football and upgrade of courts and floodlighting for tennis courts.