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Dear Clerk,

Consultation on South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport & Community Facility Strategy

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) is preparing a new strategy to help plan for the future, and provide adequate open space, sports and community facilities for the growing population.

A draft strategy has been prepared and is available to view on the South Derbyshire District Council website: www.south-derbys.gov.uk

It will also be available at the Local Plan drop-in sessions which are touring the District during January (see Council website for details).

We are very interested in your feedback on the document and would be pleased if you are able to support it. We would also like to know if you think we have got anything wrong or missed anything out. Please tell us!

In addition, the Council is consulting with Schools, Community Groups, Sports Clubs and partner organisations to establish a list of capital projects which are proposed or under consideration – full details are on the attached document.

If you have any questions about this process, or wish to discuss in more detail please contact Zoe Sewter. We would like your feedback and project information by **26th February 2016**.

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Thank you!

Yours sincerely,



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South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport and Community Facilities Strategy 2016-2028 – Action Plan Project List

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) is preparing a new strategy to help plan for the future, and provide adequate open space, sports and community facilities for the growing population.

For the development of the action plan, The Council is consulting with Parish Councils, Community Groups, schools, Sports Clubs and partner organisations to establish a list of capital projects which are proposed or under consideration. We would like to know if your organisation has plans in the following categories:

- Open Space networks (including parks, recreation grounds, natural green spaces, greenways and children’s play)
- Sports facilities (including grass pitches, artificial pitches, multi-use games areas, tennis courts and changing rooms)
- Built facilities (including Community buildings, Village Halls or Leisure Centres)

Please can you complete the table below to provide as much information as possible relating to any projects you are working on/have knowledge of in your area? We will then apply the following criteria to identify priorities for investment in terms of funding, staff time and other resources to establish a project list:

1. There is evidence of need for the project (e.g. consultation, feasibility report, facility mapping)
2. The project will contribute to increasing community participation in young people and adults
3. The project represents value for money in terms of its scale and levels of participation
4. Readiness factors – confirmation that the project will be ready for development as scheduled
5. Sustainability – evidence that the management and resources are in place to sustain the viability of the project in the long term

Project Name	Site Location	Project Facility	Strategic Organisation (Responsible Body)	Project Description / Details
e.g. Wilbourn	e.g. Wilbourn	e.g. Community Building	e.g. Wilbourn Parish Council	e.g. Extension to Community Centre to provide additional meeting room/function room to cater for increased demand. Approx. cost £100,000. Planning application to be submitted.

Next steps

The project list will be approved by SDDC through the Committee process. The list will be refreshed annually, to ensure that new projects can be captured and projects which have been delivered are deleted, and published on the Council's website.

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For more information on the strategy, please visit the Council's website www.south-derbys.gov.uk

THE STRATEGY

South Derbyshire is the fastest growing District in Derbyshire (and the 13th fastest in England). Between 2012 and 2028, it is predicted that the population of the District will increase by an estimated 36.4% (35,014) to 130,973 through natural growth and substantial new residential planning developments. The population is not only growing, it is ageing, with a predicted increase of 13,566 residents over 55 years by 2028.

33% of men and 45% of women in England are not active enough for good health. In South Derbyshire, 41% of adults do not meet the physical activity guidelines to achieve optimum health benefits. This inactivity costs the NHS an estimated £7.4b each year nationally, and £1.52m each year in South Derbyshire. Increasing participation levels is both a national and a local priority.

It is therefore important to assess the sporting and recreational needs of the changing demographic base, and ensure there is an adequate supply of land and facilities to meet future demand. This Strategy sets out the vision, strategic direction, and undertakes a detailed analysis of need in relation to:

- Built Sports/Community Facilities
- Playing Pitches
- Open Space Networks.

The Strategy and related documents will also inform the production of the Local Plan and the Sport, Physical Activity and Health Strategy for South Derbyshire.

APPROACH

The process of producing the Strategy has built on existing studies, and has followed up to date national guidance. Assessments of supply and demand for the different strands have been undertaken across the District as a whole, and within its 5 Sub-Areas:

NORTH WEST (18.6% of population)

Wards: Etwall; Hatton; and Hilton

NORTH (14.9% of population)

Wards: Repton; Stenson; and Willington & Findern

NORTH EAST (12.4% of population)

Wards: Aston; and Melbourne

CENTRAL (43.3% of population)

Wards: Church Gresley; Midway; Newhall & Stanton; Swadlincote; and Woodville

SOUTH (10.8% of population)

Wards: Linton; and Seales



VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

“Partners of South Derbyshire Sport will work together to improve opportunities within sport and health activity across the District of South Derbyshire.”

The Strategy sets out the vision for provision at every level across the District:

- All villages and urban neighbourhoods to have **a basic level** of local community provision within easy walking distance
- All villages and urban neighbourhoods to have **a choice** of community sport and recreation provision within easy cycling distance, through designated Key Service Villages and Neighbourhood Hubs
- Each Sub-Area to have a Hub with **a range of** sport and active recreational facilities
- **Large scale and specialist** provision within the District, so that everyone who lives in the District has access to a wide range of sport and active recreation opportunities.

A settlement hierarchy and typologies have been used to relate the vision to the geography of South Derbyshire. The Strategy will be underpinned by 10 Principles for guiding policy, development and investment decisions, to help achieve its vision and it has identified the following 8 Strategic Objectives:

- 1 Satisfy the future demand
- 2 Apply a hierarchy of provision
- 3 Grow community interest and assets
- 4 Enhance partnership working
- 5 Co-ordinate promotion and marketing
- 6 Encourage high quality design, management and sustainability
- 7 Identify priority intervention projects, and secure funding
- 8 Measure social impact of interventions.

POLICY INFLUENCERS AND CONSULTATION

“The impact that sport has on physical and mental health, from dementia-friendly swimming sessions to Street Leagues for unemployed youngsters, alongside sport and physical activity more broadly, shows the power to transform people’s wellbeing and create a fitter, healthier and happier nation. This has never been more important, when we are battling with growing levels of obesity and diabetes, mental health problems and other conditions associated with inactivity that cost the nation £7.4bn each year.

Tracey Crouch MP, Minister for Sport, Tourism and Heritage, December 2015

This Strategy has been informed by a review of **30 national** (including the ‘*Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation*’ issued in December 2015) and **20 local** policy and research documents.

It has also been shaped by consultation with the **33 stakeholders** and **1,061 resident responses** to different surveys:

- Stakeholder workshops; presentations and structured interviews – targeted at those who can contribute towards the provision of facilities, and opportunities to participate in sport and physical activity
- Initial Strategy Consultation Survey – 48 responses, open to any organisation or individual in the District
- Young People General Survey – 662 responses, undertaken by the School Sports Partnerships
- Older People Survey - 372 responses to ‘Your Lifestyle, Your Safety’, which was launched on Liberation Day (20 May 2015), annual event organised by South Derbyshire District Council for people aged 55+, with the purpose of helping them remain healthy and safe in their own homes.

Executive Summary
South Derbyshire, Open Space, Sport and Community Facilities Strategy 2016-2028

DISTRICT SUMMARY

The following table summarises the population growth, demographics and highlights the shortfall of open space, playing pitches and sports facilities projected by 2028 that have been identified in the Strategy.

Characteristics	District-wide Overview
Population:	2012 population of 95,959 is projected to increase to 130,973 (36.5%), by natural growth and 14,409 new dwellings by 2028. The population is ageing, with the 55+ age group increasing from 34.2% in 2012, to 38.6% of the adult (16+) population by 2028.
Geography:	12 Urban Areas; 10 Key Service Villages; 9 Local Service Villages; and 30 Rural Villages
Deprivation:	Lower than the English average - ranked 221 out of 326 Districts, with higher levels of deprivation in Swadlincote Urban Core, where life expectancy is 5.2 years less for men and 8.5 years less for women than in the least deprived areas
Participation:	Above the national average overall, and highest in the: NE; N and NW Sub-Areas Below the national average, and within the lowest Quartile for England, in the C Sub-Area
Market Segmentation:	Across the District, there are 3 dominant Segments that are all more 'sporty' than their peer groups, with a high prevalence of Elsie & Arnold's (Retirement Home Singles), who are the least 'sporty' Segment. There is a wide spectrum of Segments and diversity within the C Sub-Area.
Open Space:	The District average is currently 1.63ha per 1,000 population. By 2028, an estimated additional 57ha of open space will be needed to maintain current levels of provision. The District's strengths are its semi-natural attractions and Greenways, with an estimated latent demand in outdoor sports of over 9,000 people.
Playing Pitches:	Projected shortfalls: Junior Football pitches; 1 x 3G AGP; 6 Cricket grounds Opportunities to grow participation in: Rugby Union; Bowls; Tennis and Netball
Community Buildings & Engagement:	Audit of community facilities is recommended
Major Built Facilities:	Current usage of Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres is close to saturation, and the District is already a net exporter of users to facilities in surrounding Districts. Provision of Fitness Gyms is below the national average. An additional Leisure Centre is recommended, to cater for population growth by 2028.

SUB-AREA PROFILES

A summary profile has been produced for each of the 5 Sub-Areas, outlining the provision in the area for sport and community facilities, pitches and open space networks. Key challenges are identified, together with actions for addressing them.

EMERGING RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS PLANS

One key action has been identified for each of the Strategic Objectives, with a methodology for progressing them:

Strategic Objective	Key Action
Satisfy the future demand	Apply the findings from the audits and needs analysis linked to this Strategy to address current and future shortfalls
Apply a hierarchy of provision	Identify existing gaps in provision, and strengthen the proposed Sub-Area Community Activity 'Hubs'
Grow community interest and assets	Review community engagement networks, especially in the Urban Core, and explore ways of strengthening the networks, and the volunteer infrastructure
Enhance partnership working	Increase opportunities and provision, by improving cross-agency and cross-boundary working
Co-ordinate promotion and marketing	Pilot a Community Champions project to promote, co-ordinate, and facilitate activities in the local community
Encourage high quality design, management and sustainability	Use Active Design principles to promote the concept of multi-functional spaces, particularly in new build
Identify priority interventions projects and secure funding	Consult on, and maintain a list of strategic and community projects across the District
Measure social impact of interventions	Produce an evaluation framework, with input from strategic partners

During January 2016, the Draft Strategy is out for further consultation. A comprehensive list of projects will be identified and given a priority rating. District-wide and Sub-Area Action Plans will then be produced for adoption by the Council in March 2016.

INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PRIORITIES

The following criteria have been adopted for identifying priorities for investment, and other resources:

1. The project is included on the District list.
2. There is evidence of need for the project.
3. The project will contribute to increasing community participation in young people and adults.
4. The project represents value for money, in terms of its scale and levels of participation.
5. Readiness factors – the project will be ready for development, as scheduled.
6. Sustainability – the management and resources are in place to sustain the viability of the project in the long-term.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Strategy is designed to encourage a wide range of partners at community level, and with special interests, to contribute to the Strategy. A concerted effort by partners operating within the District is needed to implement the Strategy, and optimise its impact. South Derbyshire District Council will work with its partners to identify potential sources of funding for:

- Strategic projects – large scale and specialist provision and interventions
- Community projects - supporting communities to identify needs and develop projects
- Section 106 contributions and calculations - by preparing a new Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to cover infrastructure and service requirements, including site-specific infrastructure, to be delivered through S106 Planning Obligations. The process for calculating S106 contributions for open space; pitches; sport and community facilities are set out in Appendix 6 of the Strategy.

South Derbyshire Sport has an important role of adopting, promoting and contributing to the implementation of the Strategy, through its network of partners. South Derbyshire District Council will provide staff resources to work proactively with partners, neighbourhood and village communities on high priority projects and interventions, and provide a support service to help grow community interest and assets. It will also monitor progress, and evaluate the impact of the Strategy.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

A dashboard of Key Performance Indicators will be used to track progress on an on-going basis, with quarterly reports being made to Housing and Community Services Committee of the District Council and South Derbyshire Sport. The Action Plans for each of the Sub-Areas, and the District-wide projects and interventions will be reviewed, and rolled forward on an annual basis.

NEXT STEPS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

We would welcome your comments on this Draft Strategy, and especially notification of any open space, playing pitch or facilities projects that your organisation is thinking about or working up **by 26th February 2016**, so that they can be included on a list for the Sub-Area. Please send this information to: Zoë Sewter, Open Space and Facilities Development Manager, South Derbyshire District Council

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