

SECTION 8: ACTION PLANS

EXPLANATION	ACTION PLANS		
8A	Action Plans by Site: North Devon		
8B	Action Plans by Site: Torridge		
8C	Action Plans by Strategic Themes (General, District Wide)		
Actions are given priorities and relevant potential delivery partners are highlighted. Progress towards delivering against the action plans and the potential for additional actions will be considered at annual meetings of the Playing Pitch Strategy Working Group as detailed in Section 9.			
Indicative time frames and/or priorities are given as follows (although it is recognised that many actions will run concurrently and/or take advantage of opportunities arising):			
1	Ongoing and very important; to be addressed in short term (within 2 years)		
2	Important: to be addressed in medium term (3-5 years)		
3	During the remainder of the life of the Strategy (6 – 10 years)		
Priority Projects are denoted accordingly			
Partners to deliver action and other acronyms used are as follows:			
(3G) FTP	Football Turf Pitch	NTW	Non Turf Wicket
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch	PC	Parish Council
ECB	England Cricket Board/ Devon Cricket Board	RFU	Rugby Football Union
EH	England Hockey	AD	Active Devon
FA	Football Association/Devon FA	SE	Sport England
FF	Football Foundation	NDC	North Devon Council
MUGA	Multi Use Games Area	TDC	Torridge District Council
NGBs	National Governing Bodies	TC	Town Council
Comm. Org.	Community Organisation	CUA	Community Use Agreement
Timescale			
S - Short (1-2 years); M - Medium (3 - 5 years) and L - Long (5+ years) O – Ongoing; IP – In Progress; C – Complete; N/A – No longer applicable remove action			
Cost Estimates			
L – Low (<£50k); M – Medium (£50k-250k) and H - High (£250k+)			

8A NORTHERN DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY ACTION PLANS BY SITE: NORTH DEVON

Please note that there are no sites numbered NDBA.11, NDBA.15, NDBR.04 or NDBR.05

Site ref	Site Name	Parish	Site –sport; pitches; quality rating	Sport/Issue	Options/Action	Priority	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band
BARNSTAPLE SUB AREA									
NDBA.01	Barnstaple and Pilton CC	Barnstaple	Cricket: 1 grass pitch, 11 wickets/ good + NTW	1. Ground probably at capacity but assisted by non turf wicket for juniors and pub teams.	1. Maintain quality of grass and NTW. 2. Club has identified need to repair/replace drainage in area of outfield to combat safety concerns and postponed matches; 3. and complete re-seed of the outfield due to high proportion of weeds and associated unpredictability of ball movement.	1	S	Club, ECB, LAs	L
				2. Some vandalism at site and lack of storage for covers etc	2. Support provision of appropriate secure storage	2	S	Club, ECB, LAs	
NDBA.02	Barnstaple RFC	Barnstaple	Rugby: various pitches/all rated standard	1. Thriving club. Suitable, available pitches being overused for matchplay and training.	1. Package of measures to improve security and capacity	1			
				2. Problem with dog fouling on this large open access site	2. Anti Dog Fouling Campaign; action by Dog Wardens	2	O	RFU, NDC	L
				3. Amount of use and standard of floodlighting prevent expansion of playing/training activities.	3. Support for floodlighting of Pitch 2	1	S	NDC, RFU	M
				4. Capacity is an issue with changing when several teams playing at home	4. Support for enlarging changing facilities	2	M	NDC, RFU	M
				5. Lack of security of tenure for Bridge Field	5. Work towards security of tenure for this site 6. Identify replacement site in the event of loss of Bridge Field	1	M	NDC, RFU	L
				6. Shortage of free car parking is an ongoing issue for all teams using the Mill Road/Pottington site.	6. Acknowledged; keep under review	2	M	NDC	L
NDBA.03	Barnstaple Town FC	Barnstaple	Football: 1 x adult pitch/ good	1 Two adult men's and one adult ladies teams. 2 There are issues with parking which the club say affect them. Much of on-site parking is managed by rugby club; there are fee paying car parks near the site.	1 Trying to develop an U18 team. 2 BTFC would like to access space at Mill Road Depot for parking and are willing to cover cost of making site suitable subject to price.	1	S	Club, NDC, FA	L

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NDBA.04	Beechfield Playing Field, Fremington	Fremington	Football: 1 x adult/standard	1. Site is currently used by two adult teams and one youth.			S	NDC, FA, PC, club, FF	M
NDBA.05	Bratton Fleming Sports Club	Bratton Fleming	Shared: 1 x adult football/good + grass cricket pitch, 6 wickets/standard	1. Good facilities at this village ground which is somewhat underused.	1. Encourage greater use.	2	S	NDC, FA	L
				2. Cricket: Spare capacity at ground for juniors and midweek play certainly.	2. Encourage greater use.	2	S	NDC, DCB	L
				3. Football: Considerable spare capacity for football on existing pitch and another pitch on site could be brought back into use	3. Encourage greater use.	2	S	NDC, FA	L
				4. Cricket: Practice nets need improvement	4. Support for improvements to nets.	2	S	DCB, NDC	L
NDBA.06	Landkey FC	Landkey	Football: 2 x adult/1 = standard; 1 = poor	1. Only one men’s team currently using this site. 2. The second pitch (off of Tanners Road) serves informal usage and wider open space use.	1. Improvements to drainage & maintenance are required to the Tanners Road if it is to be used by clubs.	2	M	NDC, FA, club, FF	L
NDBA.07	Newton Tracey Cricket Club	Newton Tracey	Cricket: 1 grass pitch, 6 wickets/good + NTW	1. Good grass cricket pitch and NTW gives added capacity. No spare capacity Sundays but Saturday’s available and a little spare capacity midweek.					
				2. Changing facilities – club looking to improve net facilities and upgrade changing/pavilion. If club moved into the Devon League (Saturday) facilities would be inadequate to meet requirements.	1. Support for upgrading of changing/pavilion & upgrading of nets	2	M	NDC, DCB	M
NDBA.08	North Devon Cricket Club	Instow	Cricket: 1 grass wicket, 13 wickets/good	1. Good quality ground supporting wide range of adult league, ladies and friendly adult teams, juniors, Devon teams and kwik cricket for schools. Pitch has 19 wickets; ground is approaching capacity. The club has added a divider net across the site to allow multiple use at any one time.	1. Club need to replace 5 large windows on the rear of the Pavilion. Lintels need replacing. £7k needed. 2. Dec 2020 NDC has provided S106 towards small extension project.	2	S	Club, ECB, NDC	S/M
NDBA.09	Boca Seniors Pitches, Barnstaple	Barnstaple	Football: 1 adult/good + 1 mini	1. 1 adult football pitch with some spare capacity outside of peak time.					
				2. Mini 7v7 pitch could sustain minis play but not used at present for football. It is currently used by the Rugby Club for youth tag training and matches.	No action identified				

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				3. Club would like to extend changing rooms. Further details being developed currently.		2	M	Club, FA, NDC	L
NDBA.10	Petroc College, Barnstaple	Barnstaple	Education: 1 adult/standard	1. College building extension has encroached on playing area so only small adult pitch. 3 College teams plus college use so site is probably being played to the level it can sustain, although possibly could accommodate additional youth team at weekend.	No action identified				
NDBA.11	United Services Bowls Club	Barnstaple	Bowls: 1	1. Changing facilities – the club are leading a project to repair the roof, refurbish the facilities and extend the building to accommodate short mat.	1. Funding urgently required for the project. NDC have listed the project on the priority list for Pilton Ward but S106 housing developments have not been progressing so no s106 banked or likely in short term.	1 Priority Project 2021/23	M	Club, NDC, NGB	H
NDBA.12	Pilton Community College, Barnstaple	Barnstaple	Education: F, R + AGP (3G)	1. Grass pitches do not have community use. They lie in the flood plain and are often waterlogged, so not suitable for community use. Drainage ditch to the East of pitches appears blocked.	1. School PE department would like to investigate drainage scheme. 2. Contact DCC regarding drainage ditch.	2	M S	NDC, School, AD, clubs, NGBs, DCC	M
				2. Half size floodlit 3G AGP 60m x 50m: used for local football training weekday evenings. Around 3 hours spare midweek evenings but more at weekends – 10 hours +.	1. Encourage greater use at weekends.	2	M	School, AD	M
NDBA.13	Rock Park, Barnstaple	Barnstaple	Shared: 2 x adult size + 2 x 9v9 football/standard. No changing rooms.	1. Key site for Youth Football. Currently being used by Eastside FC youth (6 sections) and SAS youth (7 sections). As a public park there are many formal and informal activities taking place at the site even when pitches are waterlogged, which affects surface quality.	1. Clubs would like Barnstaple Town Council to consider installing signage to help reduce unauthorised usage.	2	S	TC, FA	L
			Bowling green	1. Bowls club would benefit from increased membership.	1. Club is going to contact the local Scouts and Guides groups to host taster sessions. 2. Club have indicated that they are considering an extension project to include short mat or indoor bowls.	2 3	M L	Clubs, NDC	L H

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NDBA.14	Seven Brethren Bank (Tarka Tennis Centre)	Barnstaple	Football: 1 grass adult/standard and 1 full size FTP.	1. 1 grass adult pitches here played on by 2 Saturday adult teams. No Sunday morning junior play.					
				2. Full size 3G FTP delivered in 2019 is being used for training, small sided leagues and 11-a-side matches by PETROC and on an ad hoc basis by clubs when grass pitches are waterlogged. Usage plan is developing. Peak times are full. Midweek daytime usage is starting to increase.	1. Maintain 1 x adult grass at site 2. Increase usage of 3G to ensure site is sustainable.	1	C	NDC, FA, FF	H
NDBA.15	Sticklepath School	Barnstaple	Education: 2 x 7v7 (1 x 9v9)	1. Unsecure site, owned by School with no CUA. No current community usage now that 3G at Tarka Tennis Centre and new grass pitch has been delivered at Riverside Park, Fremington.					
NDBA.16	Tews Lane Community Sports Ground	Barnstaple	Football: various/ standard	1. 2 adult pitches (one overmarked as 7v7 and 9v9 as required) and separate 7v7 pitch. 9 youth teams; some training on pitch. Ground has capacity for Saturday afternoon adult teams. Girls u14 and disability teams are playing away from venue on 3G FTPs					
				2. There is spare capacity only one adult team using the site.					
				3. Inadequate drainage causes frequent waterlogging and dog fouling are issues	1. Improve pitch quality and maintenance to increase capacity	1	S	NDC, FA, FF, TC	M
				4. Parish Council are looking to deliver an extension to the changing facilities to include wider community facilities including hall.	2. Need to establish what Sport England and FA expect as part of extension to changing facilities.	1	M	SE, FA	L
NDBA.17	The Park Community School, Barnstaple	Barnstaple	Education; various grass & AGP	1. Full size 100m x 60m floodlit sand AGP. Vital facility for 2 hockey clubs and used by many football teams for training. Usage down 28% since Tarka Tennis Centre 3G opened.	1. Essential part of stock for pitch provision in North Devon. Maintain access and competitive pricing, especially for hockey.	1	S	School, NDC, NGBs, AD	L
				2. Mini teams use Pill Lane minis pitch with small spare capacity but poor quality	2. Improve pitch quality and maintenance to increase capacity	3	L	School,	M

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				3. Other pitches – junior football/rugby & non turf cricket wicket not currently used by community teams. Cricket pitch has been used in the past	3. Investigate further potential for enhancement of cricket pitch to meet future demand for additional cricket pitch when this demand arises. This may require upgrade of NTW, provision of grass square and upgrade to changing facilities	2	S L	NDC, Schools, AD, clubs, NGBs	M
				4. Refurbished in 2020, but carpet will need to be replaced in circa 2025.	4. Replace carpet	1	L	NDC, NGBs, AD, Clubs, Park School	M
NDBA.18	West Buckland School	E&W Buckland	Education	1. Cricket pitches (2): valuable site for district level cricket and for Devon Girls. Presumably spare capacity although on independent school site.	No action identified				
				2. AGP currently has limited external/community use on it, due to safeguarding measures required as the school is a boarding school; pitch has only been floodlit since October 2016 and football is not permitted on it (hockey and tennis only)					
NDBA.19	Westleigh Cricket Club	Instow	Cricket	1. Good rated pitch and is sustaining high amount of use with 2/3 evenings' midweek use as well as weekend. Overuse of ground.	1. Investigate possibility of increasing number of wickets at the ground	2	M	Club, DCB	L
				2. There are no showers or toilets on the site	1. Support for pavilion upgrade to include high quality showers and toilets	2	M	Club, DCB	M
				3. Grounds facilities require improvement: would like sight screens and to be able to maintain/renew perimeter fencing.	1. Support for sight screens and other ground improvements	2	M	Club, DCB	L
NDBA.20	Riverside Park, Fremington	Fremington	Football: 1 full size adult pitch	1. New pitch site completed in September 2019. Site has clubhouse and changing room; and separate storage building. 2. Fremington FC are yet to move into the site due to concerns with the contents of the lease.	1. Establish usage and quality of pitch during data review. 2. Support needed to find a way forward for the club to use the site.	2	M	Club, NDC	L
NDBA.21	Swimbridge Playing Field	Swimbridge	Grass football: 7v7 pitch	1. Informal usage currently taking place.		2	S	NDC, PC, FA	M

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	Sticklepath, including Larkbeare and Old Torrington Road.	Tawstock	Grass football	1. Data review required to assess if further pitches are required. Tews Lane currently has 1x grass pitches available for Saturday afternoon football.		1	S	NDC, PC, FA	H
	Tawstock	Tawstock	Grass football	1. Data review required to establish if new provision is required to supplement Tew Lane Sports Field NDBA 16.	1. Support for new pitch in Tawstock (min. 1 x 9v9) to help meet identified need for junior pitch/kickabout area	2	S	NDC, PC, FA	M
	Barnstaple Sub Area	Various	Grass rugby and cricket	1. Demand identified to 2031 for an additional cricket pitch and rugby pitch in this sub area.	1. Depending on other pitch developments and enhancements, ensure that pitches provided to meet demand	2	M	NDC, NGBs	M
	Yelland Quay	Fremington	Grass football	1. Demand identified to support population growth in the area. Yelland Quay is identified within the local plan to deliver a pitch site.	1. Depending on other pitch developments and enhancements, ensure that pitches provided to meet demand (min. of 3 large junior pitches)	2	M	NDC, FA, PC, club, FF	M
BRAUNTON SUB AREA									
NDBR.01	Braunton Academy	Braunton	Education: 2 x grass + AGP	1. Pitches (2) shared football/rugby over winter season so not available for community use. 2. Half size floodlit 66x 46m 3G AGP (on FA Register): well used for football training in week and apparently only 2 hours spare but more spare capacity at weekends.	No further action identified 1. Carpet due to be replaced in summer 2021. 2. Changing room refurbishment planned, School are seeking match funding to go with DCC S106 funding. 3. FA wish to encourage greater use.	1 2 3	M M S	FA, Academy, AD	M M L

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NDBR.02	Braunton Cricket Club	Braunton	Cricket: grass, 19 wickets/ good	1. Well used ground with high number of wickets (19). Large development programme being delivered including boys, girls, men and ladies.	1. Clubhouse improvements required, including access and catering.	2	S/M	Club, ECB, NDC	M
				2. New nets with artificial surface have been delivered. Ball stop netting required.	1. Ball stop netting required in 2023/25.	2	S	Club, ECB, NDC	M
NDBR.03	Braunton Recreation Ground	Braunton	Football: 1 x adult/ standard	1. Good quality changing and currently being used by 2 adult male teams, 2 u16's teams and 1 u15's team for matches and training due to lack of capacity at Lobb Field.	1. No action identified				
NDBR.06	Georgeham Playing Field	Georgeham	Football; 1 x adult/ standard	1. Replacement changing facility required.	1. Support for replacement changing facility	1 Priority Project 2021/23	S	FA, FF, NDC	M
				2. Standard rated rural pitch. The Parish Council have request from adult team and ladies team to use facility if changing rooms can be improved.					
NDBR.07	Lobb Sports Field, Braunton	Braunton	Football: 2 x adult, 1 x 9v9, 2 x mini/ standard	1. Very busy site catering for 4 adult, 14 junior and 10-12 mini teams from Braunton FC off 2 adult, 1 junior and 2 mini pitches. Site at full capacity.	1. Extend if a neighbouring field became available.				
				2. Improved maintenance/playing surface required to maintain or increase the amount of use and grow the club.	2. Support for improvements to maintenance for enhanced capacity.	2	M	FA, FF, NDC, club, TC	M
				3. The club have submitted funding application for floodlights.	3. Support for ground improvements	1	M	FA, FF, NDC, club, TC	M
NDBR.08	RMB Chivenor	Heanton	MOD	1. The grass pitches (Football and Cricket) are 'outside the wire' and are therefore available for community use. Grass football pitches are currently used by Chivenor FC. Cricket pitch is not currently used.	1. Continue to maintain contact & community access	2	O	NDC, FF, club	L

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				2. The 3G World Rugby compliant pitch is 'inside the wire' and is not available for community use and the MoD are not interested in changing this.	No action identified				
ILFRACOMBE SUB AREA									
NDIL.01	Combe Martin FC, Hollands Park	Combe Martin	Football: 1 x adult/ standard	1. Standard rated pitch supporting 2 senior Saturday sides and U8, U10, U12 & U14 youth teams-	1. Club and Parish Council are developing a project to deliver improvements at the site. £10k S106 funding available, £5k club funds. Looking for funding from Football Foundation/FA to match.	1 Priority Project 2021/23	M	FA, FF, NDC	M
				2. Club would like to update changing facilities.					
				3. Club would like to construct outdoor 5-a-side facility with artificial surface to move training from grass.					
NDIL.02	Ilfracombe Academy	Ilfracombe	Education: grass football & 3G AGP	1. 9v9 junior pitch used for PE. CUA in place but usage allocated within the CUA has been transferred to NDIL.03 and this site is not used by the club.					
				2. Half size floodlit 3G AGP (on FA Register).		S	FA, NDC		
NDIL.03	Killacleave Sports Field (Ilfracombe Academy)	Ilfracombe	Education: grass pitches	1. Two adult pitches sustaining 5 youth sections. Key site for football in town; access not secured and the club have report issues accessing use of the changing rooms. 2. The school are currently using the pavilion as a classroom. Changing rooms are still available but not at short notice. CUA currently unlikely.	1. Maintain community access to school playing field 2. Help support youth & adult football clubs to obtain a CUA for the site if the opportunity arises. 3. Support for club for funding to improve changing facilities once CUA is established.	1	S	NDC, FA, School, AD	L
NDIL.04	Brimlands, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Rugby: 1 adult/ standard + cricket grass and NTW; 1 x youth rugby pitch.	1. 2 adults teams and 12 youth sections including 2 girls. Youth Rugby is growing fast. Cricket is now established shared user. Rugby Club have indicated need for additional youth pitches.	1. Investigate opportunity for additional pitch adjacent to club or at Southern Extension site.	1 Priority Project 2021/23	L	Club, DCB	L
				2. Additional changing rooms needed, especially to support girls who have to walk past men's urinals to access changing rooms.	2. Investigate options for additional changing rooms.	1	M	Club, NDC, RFU	M

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NDIL.05	Ilfracombe Town FC, Malborough Park	Ilfracombe	Football: 1 x adult/good	1. Adult good rated stadium pitch sustaining 4 teams. 2. Floodlights have been repaired.	No further action identified.	1	S	Club, FA	L
NDIL.06	Meadow Playing Fields, Woolacombe	Mortehoe	Football: 1x adult, 1 x 7v7	1. Site currently used by one team. Capacity available for additional Saturday afternoon team and youth use.	No further action identified				
	Southern Extension Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Grass football	1. New provision required to meet demand from new housing in Ilfracombe – current planning submission includes two youth rugby/football pitches and changing facility on new schools site but separate from the school building and proposed to be managed by voluntary group.	1. Ensure delivery of the new facilities meet the need of the clubs and Sport England/NGB guidance requirements. 2. Support as a mixed use site.	1	S	NDC, TC, FA	M
SOUTH MOLTON SUB AREA									
NDSM.01	Chittlehampton Cricket Club	Chittlehampton	Cricket: grass, 8 wickets/ good	1. Rural cricket ground sustaining friendly team only playing occasionally and some T20. Considerable spare capacity	1. Encourage greater use - vulnerable site for sport	2	M	NDC, DCB	L
NDSM.02	Chittlehampton Playing Field	Chittlehampton	Football : 1 x adult/ standard	1. Village playing field sustaining one team and some casual use. Potential to accommodate more.	1. Encourage greater use - vulnerable site for sport	2	M	NDC, FA	L
				2. Issues around use as public open space.	1. Anti Dog Fouling Campaign; action by Dog Wardens	1	O	FA, NDC	L
NDSM.03	Chulmleigh Cricket Club	Chulmleigh	Cricket: grass, 5 wickets/ standard	1. Rural cricket ground sustaining friendly team and good clutch of colts and youth teams, aided by NTW; spare capacity.	No action identified				
NDSM.04	Chulmleigh Playing Fields	Chulmleigh	Football : 1 x adult/ standard	1. There are 4 youth sections running from the site.	1. The club would like to investigate viability of an AGP.	2	L	FA, NDC	H
				2. There is flexible use of space at ground to accommodate the age groups (currently 1 junior 9v9 and mini 7v7). Public open space.	1. Keep changing needs of club under review and flexible use of space for different age groups.	2	M	FA,PC	M
NDSM.05	Chulmleigh Community College	Chulmleigh	Education: grass + AGP	1. No community use of pitches: 2 rugby and 1 x 9v9 football - as poor quality. Check.	1. Investigate potential for community use of grass pitches, especially football for local club, with secure CUA	2	S	NDC, Schools, TC,NGBs, AD	

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				2. Small 36m x 18m sand floodlit MUGA. Mainly used by local youth and mini teams. Spare capacity not known.	No action identified.				
NDSM.06	Filleigh Cricket Club, Deer Park	Filleigh	Cricket: grass, 10 wickets/standard	1. Rural cricket ground sustaining 5 adult and 4 junior teams. Upgrade to changing facilities and sightcreens required to meet league requirements.	1. Support for sight screens and other ground improvements	2	M	Club, DCB	L
NDSM.07	North Molton Sports and Social Club	North Molton	F+C: range of grass football + cricket. 10 wickets/good	1. This is a very good facility with a range of pitch types. Both football and cricket pitches have considerable spare capacity at both weekends and during the week on good quality grounds. Underused facility	1. Encourage greater use.	2	M	NDC, FA	L
NDSM.08	South Molton Community College	South Molton	Education: Sports Hall, Grass Pitch and Half-size AGP.	1. There have been barriers for the community clubs accessing the facility in the twelve months+, including the AGP.	1. Support clubs to ensure continued access of facilities. FA and RFU part funded AGP, are funding agreements still applicable.	1 Priority Project 2021/23	S	FA, RFU, Clubs	L
				2. Half size floodlit 3G AGP 60 x 50m has some midweek evening spare capacity and considerable capacity at weekends.	2. Encourage greater use.	2	S	FA, Academy	L
				3. No community use taking place on 2 junior 9v9 football pitches.	3. Investigate potential for community use of grass pitches for local clubs with secure CUA.	3	S	NDC, School, TC, NGBs, AD	L
NDSM.09	South Molton FC, Alswear Old Rd	South Molton	Football: 1 x adult; 1 x 7v7/standard	1. Busy site (1 adult and 1 x 7v7 mini pitch) and well run and motivated club, with facilities having little spare capacity for club expansion. Club want to improve pitch facilities.	1. Support club in relocating to their new site.	1	M	FA, NDC	M/H
NDSM.10	South Molton RFC	South Molton	Rugby: 2 x adult/standard (Pathfields & Station Road). 1 x Youth Pitch (Off Old Alswear Road adj College).	1. 4 adult teams and 10 youth teams. Majority of Youth teams are sharing site Off Old Alswear Road. Access is “unsecured” through College site by means of annual license and no access to changing rooms or toilets available.	1. Create independent access to the Youth Site and install welfare facilities.	1 Priority Project 2021/23	M	RFU, SE, NDC	M/H
				2. New perimeter fencing required at clubhouse site (Pathfields).	1. Support for ground improvements.	2	S	RFU, club	M
NDSM.11	Witheridge Sports Field	Witheridge	Football: 1 x adult/standard.	1. High standard of play by club: adult pitch with full floodlights and covered stand. High quality maintenance is essential to maintain adult play. Pitch supporting adults teams and youth.	1. Land is partially owned by DCC, if the primary school adjacent needs to expand need to establish the risks to the pitches.	1			

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NDSM.12	South Molton Football Club (Land off B3226)	South Molton		The club have purchased a new site, which could provide up to 4.75 pitches (2 full size, 3 9-a-side and 1 mini). Club are reporting issues with accessing training facilities at the College so are considering inclusion of a MUGA (spec tbc).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support club in designing facility mix. 2. Support club in accessing funding to deliver facility mix. 	1 Priority Project 2021/23	S/M/L	FA, NDC, Club	M/H

8C NORTHERN DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY ACTION PLANS: GENERAL

General Theme	Ref No.	Issue	Options/Action	Partners to deliver action
ST1	1	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Ensure all development proposals comply with the requirements of the relevant policy on protection of playing fields in the emerging Local Plan for Northern Devon	NDC & TDC
ST1	2	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Ensure that all existing and any new sites identified are able to accommodate intensification of use e.g.. provision and/or upgrading to artificial grass surfaces, car parking and requisite changing and pavilion facilities	NDC & TDC, SE, NGBs
ST1	3	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Wherever possible, consider opportunities for appropriate and good quality floodlighting, that may increase the capacity of existing sites and new sites. Proposals should fully comply with relevant policies within the emerging Local Plan	NDC & TDC, NGBs
ST1	4	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Any new winter pitch site should include at least one pitch and a training pitch (preferably two pitches to allow for development) and match with RFU and FA model venues as set out in the national strategy. Targets should be set for the development of participation in football and rugby following new provision.	NGBs, SE, NDC & TDC
ST1	5	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	When planning new facilities, the existing sporting infrastructure should be taken into account. For example: existing club bases should be retained and wherever possible floodlit artificial grass pitches should be located near to grass playing pitches	NDC & TDC, SE, NGBs
ST1	6	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Review the alignment of pitches at key sites to ensure that optimum use is being made of space available, including remarking of pitches to meet with FA guidelines ensuring that juniors play on suitable pitches and marking out more pitches to ensure improved rotation for rest and recovery	NDC & TDC, NGBs, clubs,
ST1	7	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	All new facilities to be subject to full community use and appropriate business, management and usage plans, to include provision for maintenance and a robust sinking fund for future refurbishment and/or replacement.	Clubs, NGBs, NDC & TDC, Schools, SE
ST3	8	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Provide appropriately sized, strategically placed and well maintained 3G FTP pitches to improve opportunities for training (as a priority) and matchplay. Matches for mini soccer and 9v9 games should be particularly encouraged.	Clubs, FA, NDC & TDC, Schools, SE
ST3	9	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Ensure 3G FTPs meet the Performance Test and are listed on the FA register of approved sites for match play (Bideford College 3G FTP)	Clubs, FA
ST3	10	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Protect AGP provision for hockey at The Park School Barnstaple and keep need for additional sand based AGPs for hockey under review	Clubs, NDC & TDC, EH

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ST3	11	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Improve artificial cricket wickets where identified to increase capacity and maintain play	Clubs, ECB, SE, NDC & TDC
ST3	12	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Support cricket clubs in the development of good quality training nets at grounds to enhance sustainability & improve overall performance.	Clubs, ECB, SE, NDC & TDC,
ST3	13	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Promote provision of indoor training for cricket at sports halls in North Devon and Torridge	NDC & TDC, ECB
ST4	14	Appropriate, high quality facilities	At sites which also function as open space, direct casual use to other areas of the site to help reduce wear and tear (e.g. removing / repositioning goal posts, protecting the cricket square).	NDC & TDC,
ST4	15	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Addressing issue of dog fouling by a targeted marketing campaign, enforcement officers and animal wardens patrolling sites to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders. Provide improved signage and bins and delineated 'dog walking' areas.	NDC & TDC,
ST4	16	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Ensure an appropriate amount of age specific size pitches are provided to meet the needs of youth football – this needs to be flexible for the expected change in team numbers season to season.	FA, clubs, NDC & TDC, SE
ST4	17	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Support the provision of dedicated storage facilities and appropriate facilities for supporters and parents where identified	NGBs, clubs, NDC & TDC
ST4	18	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Ensure the facilities through the S106 agreement/CIL meet the relevant and quality standards guidance provided by Sport England and/or the relevant NGB, fully comply with the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act and are made available for community use at an affordable level.	NDC & TDC, NGBs, SE
ST4	19	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Ensure pitches at priority sites are well maintained to ensure capacity levels are maintained and increased.	NGBs, clubs, SE
ST4	20	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Address identified drainage issues at existing pitches focusing firstly on sites where improvements will have maximum impact and where cancellations occur due to drainage issues.	Working Party to progress
ST4	21	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Adopt a minimum standard of toilets and wash facilities at sites for junior and mini football.	FA, clubs
ST4	22	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Ensure associated ancillary facilities at priority sites are enhanced to improve the user experience	NGBs, clubs, NDC & TDC
ST4	23	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Support clubs with management responsibilities to improve the pitches under their control by, for example, engaging with the IOG Regional Pitch Advisor Programme.	Clubs, FA
ST4	24	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Enhancement/provision of facilities at football pitch sites which will meet requirements for progression to higher leagues within the FA pyramid	Clubs, FA, SE, NDC & TDC
ST5	25	Improving access and accessibility	Pricing policies should be affordable for grassroots clubs. For example, match rates at weekends for 3G FTPs should be equivalent to LA natural turf pitch prices to encourage full take up of 3G FTPs at weekend.	NDC & TDC, FA, facility operators
ST5	26	Improving access and accessibility	Upgrade/Provide changing accommodation to better meet the needs of women and girls, juniors players and people with disabilities	NGBs, clubs, SE, NDC & TDC
ST5	27	Improving access and accessibility	Support improvements and developments which enhance opportunities for participation by people with disabilities, young people and women	NDC & TDC, clubs, NGBs, SE
ST5	28	Improving access and accessibility	Ensure all changing facilities are DDA compliant and there are disability car parking spaces	NDC & TDC, clubs, NGBs, SE
ST5	29	Improving access and accessibility	Ensure all playing field sites linked and served by cycleways, with adequate, safe and secure bike storage options	NDC & TDC, schools
ST5	30	Improving access and accessibility	Encourage car sharing. Review car parking charges at local authority operated sites. Ensure sufficient car and coach parking	NDC & TDC

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ST5	31	Improving access and accessibility	Ensure all main playing field sites are easily accessible by public transport and/or establish how sites can be accessed by public transport	NDC & TDC
ST5	32	Improving access and accessibility	Address the issue of pricing of schools' use, to see if any more concessionary rates can be applied	NDC & TDC, pitch operators, schools, AD
ST5	33	Improving access and accessibility	Secure community use agreements at all primary and secondary school sites using model templates provided by Sport England, in discussion with school business managers, Heads of PE. The challenges in achieving this are recognised; however guidance provided by Sport England will help to maximise opportunities	NDC & TDC, schools, SE, AD
ST5	34	Improving access and accessibility	Explore further possible access to school pitches and AGPs which do not currently have community use and/or opportunities for developing use to increase participation and alleviate any lack of spare capacity.	NDC & TDC, schools, SE, NGBs, AD
ST5	35	Improving access and accessibility	Support improvements at school sites to increase community access and make more use of school playing pitches (e.g. improve pitches; enhance/provide changing)	NDC & TDC, schools, SE, NGBs,
ST5	36	Improving access and accessibility	Further develop school club links and the establishment of a relationship between schools and pitch sport clubs. Facilities at school sites can then be used as the club expands. Note improvements to the quality of facilities are likely to also be required	Clubs, NGBs, schools, AD
ST6	37	Working in partnership	Active Design: Develop pitch sports facilities in association with health agencies/agendas to create environments which provide opportunities for sport and fitness activities to take place easily within people's daily lives.	NDC & TDC, health agencies, NGBs, SE
ST6	38	Working in partnership	Encourage football leagues to introduce alternative and staggered kick-off times, to make use of off-peak periods and increase usage	FA, football leagues
ST6	39	Working in partnership	Ensure that this strategy is monitored and reviewed on a regular basis. Review meeting to be held three months after adoption and then at six monthly intervals.	Working Group
ST6	40	Working in partnership	Maintain liaison with and support town and parish councils over maintenance and protection of vulnerable and/or poorly maintained sites.	Town and parish councils, NGBs, NDC & TDC
			Recognise issues around shared grounds (i.e. cricket/rugby and cricket/football) and encourage liaison between clubs	Town and parish councils, NGBs, NDC & TDC
ST6	41	Working in partnership	Maintain communication between NDC and RMB Chivenor so that sporting facilities are protected and as far as possible safeguarded for community use as appropriate in the future.	NGBs, NDC & TDC