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Totnes Open Space, Sport and Recreation and Wellbeing Policy [OSSR-WB]

Within the document the term Totnes Parish refers to the Totnes boundary which is the Neighbourhood Plan designated boundary. Totnes Town and Brizzdgetown refer to the areas on either side of the river Dart which bisects the town.

1. Vision

- Open Space, Sports and Recreation [OSSR] provision and connectivity via footpaths and cycle paths in our community will be developed as a key part of creating a healthy town and will be integral to the life of the community and all new developments.
- We will enhance and develop the town's existing facilities, natural heritage and other assets to provide all ages with access to appropriate play, sports, recreation spaces and amenities which are inspiring, creative and encourage universal participation.

2. The Open Space, Sport Recreation and Wellbeing Policy in a Local Planning Context

- The development of the Totnes Town OSSR and Wellbeing strategy is based upon a robust process of consulting local clubs and the wider community to collect evidence of need for projects to ensure the community have a voice in setting the priorities for S106 money across the town.
- It also enables the community to identify potential funding sources for provision and enhancement of our facilities and a mechanism for prioritisation of projects which can be kept under review, to ensure the strategy can act, as an up to date evidence base.
- Any agreed planning permission for developments, includes legal agreements between Local Planning Authorities and the developers. These are linked to policy requirements set out within the SHDC Core Strategy (2006 – policy DP8) and the associated SHDC Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD (2006). The current policies associated with the development of the SHDC Local Plan “Our Place” have also been referred to. The amount of S106 money the town receives comes from the legal agreements entered into with the developer and the planning authority – SHDC. ([Appendix C](#))
- S106 funds are given by developers to mitigate the impact of the development. They are designed to improve the town's infrastructure to help it to cope with the increased development in the town
- The collection and use of S106 funds is dictated by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2012. The purposes to which the funds are applied must be “Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; directly related to the development; and fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.”

3. Glossary and Definition of Terms used in this policy

Green Infrastructure, Sport and Recreation (includes Open Space, Sport and Recreation & Well Being)

3.1 General terms

- “Green infrastructure” refers to the full range of open spaces and the linkages between them. These spaces provide multiple benefits for residents and visitors plus additional environmental benefits – in particular for biodiversity, landscape and flood alleviation.
- “Sport and Recreation” applies to a wide range of physical activities both indoor and outdoor and the facilities where they are carried out including Open Space.
- Wellbeing refers to a good or satisfactory state of existence characterised by health and happiness. It is included in this policy to draw attention to the importance of appropriate and sufficient areas for amenities, recreation and sport for all ages to the development of state of wellbeing within individuals and communities

3.2 Structure

- The OSSR&WB policy has been structured to reflect the different categories of Open Space and Sport and Recreation facilities in the Town. The 11 categories and their definitions are listed on the following page.

Public Space & Open Space: Green Infrastructure - Sport and Recreation		
	Type	Purpose
1	Allotments	<p>These provide opportunities for those people who wish to grow their own produce. The provision of allotments has increased in Totnes over the last 8 years. At a time of increased interest in sustainability, healthy eating and locally produced food, increasing the number of allotments is an important issue.</p> <p>Allotments fall into three separate categories: Statutory / Temporary / Private. The categories reflect varying degrees of protection from development for other purposes.</p> <p>Statutory allotments fall under Section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925, being best protected in that a local authority must seek permission from the Secretary of State before selling or changing the use of such sites.</p> <p>Temporary and private sites have protection against change of use provided by the normal planning procedures</p>
2	Amenity Greenspace	<p>Open grassland providing opportunities for informal activities close to home or work and enhancement of residential or other areas.</p> <p>Amenity Greenspace rarely has formal equipment, facilities or even seating. It is within the newer housing estates such Bridgetown. These areas often provide open space within residential areas but frequently lack a clear use and are often used for informal recreation activities.</p>
3	Cemeteries and Churchyards	<p>Quiet contemplation, burial and remembrance.</p> <p>Churchyards are primarily the responsibility of the individual churches or the diocese, and the cemetery is managed by the Town Council.</p> <p>Saint Mary’s Churchyard is maintained by Totnes Town Council.</p>
4	Civic Spaces	<p>Providing a setting for civic buildings, public activities and community events.</p> <p>Civic spaces are important and the character and quality of them say a great deal about the town itself.</p>
5	Greenways	<p>Walking, cycling or horse riding routes, whether for leisure purposes or commuting. Taken to include Public Rights of Way and permissive paths.</p> <p>Can also provide corridors for wildlife migration</p> <p>Adopted pathways within towns and settlements and Public Rights of Way are the responsibility of the Highways Authority (Devon County Council) although landowners are required to keep them free of obstructions.</p>
6	Natural Spaces	<p>Areas for wildlife, quiet enjoyment and environmental awareness, including woodland, meadows, heath, moor land and coastal areas</p>
7	Parks and Gardens	<p>Accessible, formal, high quality sites designed for recreation and community events</p>
8	Play/Activity Space	<p>Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.</p> <p>The opportunity for free exploratory play is fundamental to a child’s ability to develop their physical and social skills. The opportunity for children over the last thirty to forty years to enjoy free unhindered open play has been curtailed and play has tended to be seen as a formalised activity within “play areas”.</p>
9	Outdoor Sports Facilities	<p>Formal facilities for participation in outdoor sports, such as pitch sports, tennis and bowls</p>
10	Indoor Sport Facilities	<p>Formal and semi formal facilities for the provision of sport and recreation facilities indoors eg Leisure Centre, School facilities in dual use provision and hall/rooms etc. adapted for use.</p>
11	River/amenity usage	<p>River Dart, flowing through Totnes providing an amenity, community and sporting facility for the town. It encourages wildlife into the town and it aids the tourism/employment and casual social/amenity usage on its banks with access from the footpaths and cyclepaths.</p>

4. The Role of the Town Council [Return to Contents page](#)

4.1. The Town council has a key role in supporting the provision of both the green infrastructure and the sport and recreation facilities through its roles as the provider of strategic policies, as an enabler, a facilities manager, and as a statutory consultee to the planning authority. The Council through the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process, has worked with partners, engaged with many groups, organisations and individuals within the town to produce and adopt the OSSR & Wellbeing Policy in conjunction with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. See [Appendix A](#)

4.2. Implementation: The Town Council will set in place the mechanisms for a strategic partnership to deliver the OSSR & Wellbeing Policy This will necessitate liaison with all relevant groups and organisations and with other local councils and neighbouring parishes and in an appropriate community forum.

5. The Process [Return to Contents page](#)

Community Engagement

5.1 The Totnes Town OSSR Policy has been constructed through

- Gathering evidence from existing data
- Engagement of residents in the audit of the Open Space Sports & Recreation facilities
- Community consultation with local sports clubs, community groups, organisations and parish residents.

5.2 The aim of the engagement process has been to audit and assess the following:

- Existing provision and its quality and identify any shortfalls
- Community needs and priorities
- Ideas for the enhancement of provision.
- The process of the community engagement and information gathering are contained within the appendices of the document ([Appendix E](#)) and the Town Council Community engagement policy ([Appendix D](#)).

5.3 Other information gathering

- Relevant SHDC policies have been reviewed
- All sections relevant to Totnes and where applicable, the neighbouring parishes, have been extracted and incorporated into the policy ([Appendix C](#)).
- The evidence gathering for the SHDC policies, where appropriate, has been incorporated into the evidence base used to ascertain the priorities for the community ([Appendix C](#)).

5.4 Draft Updates to SHDC Policies

The projects and priorities contained within SHDC policies ([Appendix C](#)) have been updated following the evidence taken from consultations carried out as part of the Neighbourhood Plan for Totnes ([Appendix D](#)). These priorities are contained within consultation process documents ([Appendices C & D](#)), along with the identified priorities in the relevant SHDC draft documents ([Appendix C](#)).

5.5 The Final Draft Document

The Open Space, Sports and Recreation and Well Being Policy has been drawn up after robust consultation and is compliant with the legal requirements of the planning Authority.

The policy and the actions contained within it, will be reviewed and updated annually as an integral part of the Neighbourhood Plan review process undertaken by the Town Council in conjunction with the relevant community groups and appropriate organisations.

6. Existing evidence base and listing of in-effect policies, projects, and priorities [Return to Contents page](#)

6.1 The relevant SHDC policies incorporate the evidence base, as assessed by SHDC, in the preparation of their policies.

They also identify the projects, and priorities for the towns and parishes of the South Hams based on the evidence gathered and contained within the policies. The policies and relevant extracts can be found in [Appendix C](#).

In addition to SHDC policies we have used specific local documentation (see [Appendix D](#)) which include:

- The “Totnes The Next Decade” community response to the SHDC Local Plan
- Totnes Town Policy on Public Open Space 2008-2012;
- Totnes Town Council Community Engagement Policy

6.2 Open Green Space and Sport and Recreation Facilities in Totnes Town and Bridgetown

There are 11 categories of existing facilities which are detailed beginning on page 9. They are divided between Totnes Town and Totnes Bridgetown. Consultation on the Quantity, Quality, Accessibility, Key challenges, Projects/Priorities of these 11 categories, has allowed focussed consideration to be given to each category.

Given the steady growth history of Totnes and given it is a town divided by the river Dart, Bridgetown has taken on a distinct identity. The Community organisations that have been involved in the consultation within the town and Bridgetown have reflected this. While some issues have had a Bridgetown ward or Totnes town ward specific focus, others have encompassed the whole town; consultation processes have taken this into account and have been managed appropriately.



6.3 Consultation in Bridgetown has been conducted through the community and Bridgetown Alive!:

The overarching community organisation Bridgetown Alive! started as a result of an earlier Coast and Market Town initiative and has maintained a presence within the community for the last 20 years. Bridgetown Alive! has been very involved in the process of consulting on and developing the OSSR&WB policy as it applies to Bridgetown and has contributed to parish wide consultations e.g. an “All Weather” sports pitch (AWP).

6.4 Consultation in Totnes Town has been conducted through the community and clubs/organisations:

There is no similar overarching group in the town, so approaches to engage organisations and groups in relation to different categories of Open Space have been made e.g. Totnes Trust; TOTsoc; Sports Clubs; Allotments Association; Totnes Gardens etc. The community has been involved in local consultations on specific issues.

6.5 Totnes Parish wide facilities: (AWP, Allotments, playing pitches, indoor leisure facilities etc.)

The Neighbourhood Plan process involved a comprehensive town/parish wide consultation process engaging both Bridgetown and Totnes Town.

- Previous Parish and Community Plans or survey results and action plan. [Appendix D](#).
- Neighbourhood Plan and community consultations with reference to OSSR&WB. [Appendix E](#).

7. Contextual Information: Community structures and organisations/clubs in Totnes parish, key demographic and wellbeing contextual issues. [Return to Contents page](#)

7.1 Existing Groups: Within Totnes there are a range of community organisations which are involved in Open Space, Sport and Recreation. Some are structured on a formal basis with subscriptions and fund raising capability. Others are run on a casual and informal basis but make a significant contribution to the environment and wellbeing of the town.

[Appendix A](#) lists both sporting/recreational clubs and organisations which have been involved in the consultation. Their concerns have been primarily on the control and management of facilities given the economic climate we are living in and the declining role of the local authorities in leisure services as it is not a statutory responsibility of the council. There is willingness where possible to be far more involved in both the operation and management of the facilities they use.

Generally, there is community support for the clubs/organisations taking on ownership/licenses/leases for the operation and maintenance and facilities providing that these facilities are still open, for community use, as it is generally realised the reduced funding from the local authority will not be sufficient to maintain them.

The present situation is that all the clubs based in Totnes, with their facilities within Borough Park, are engaged in the process of wanting to enter into arrangements to operate and maintain their facilities themselves, feeling they would be in a stronger position with the support of the community to invest and enhance the pitches and buildings transferred to them.

7.2 General community participation: Totnes has a very active community involved in a wide variety of activities. It is a key feature of the recreational aspect of this policy to enhance and support these groups in the wide range of activities they undertake. Often the resources required are small but the benefits are great. Within the town, a number of environment orientated groups e.g. Totnes Gardens, Incredible Edibles, Seedy Sisters etc. provide activities which are also physical, social and community interactive. Walk and Talk as well as an active Ramblers group are also based in the town and cycling is a major activity as well. Other less physical but stimulating groups such as U3A, and local political groups of a wide persuasion are also active

7.3 Relevant Demographic Issues: The main relevant demographic issue concerns the larger than average number of older people. Totnes has a growing number of retired and elderly people while Devon as a whole has significantly more old people than the rest of the country and by 2031 the population over 85 will nearly double.

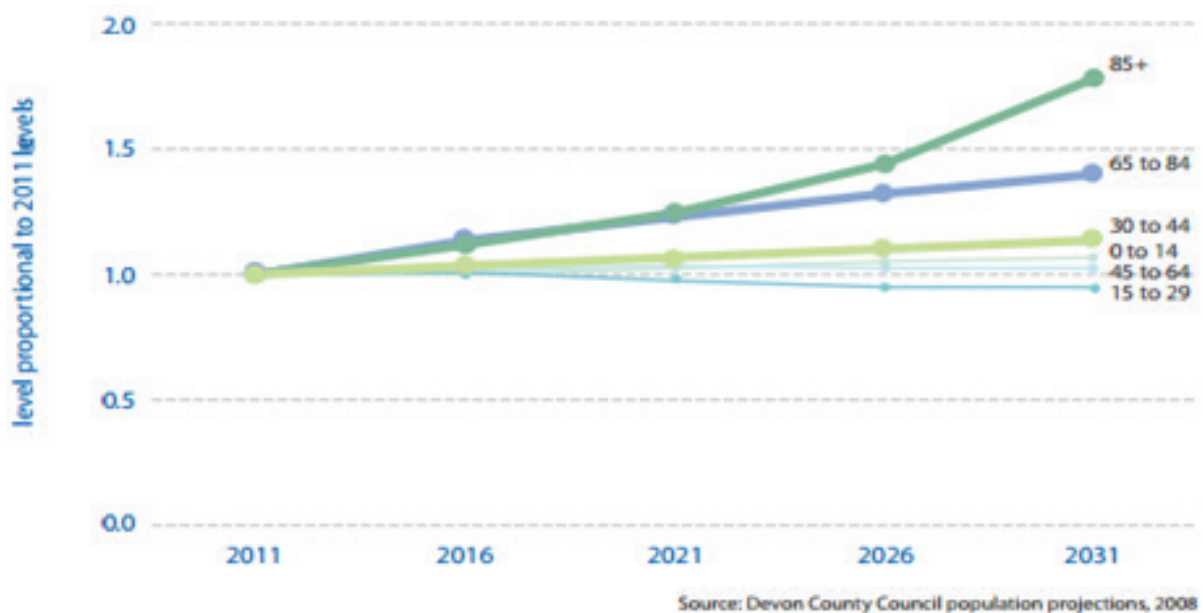
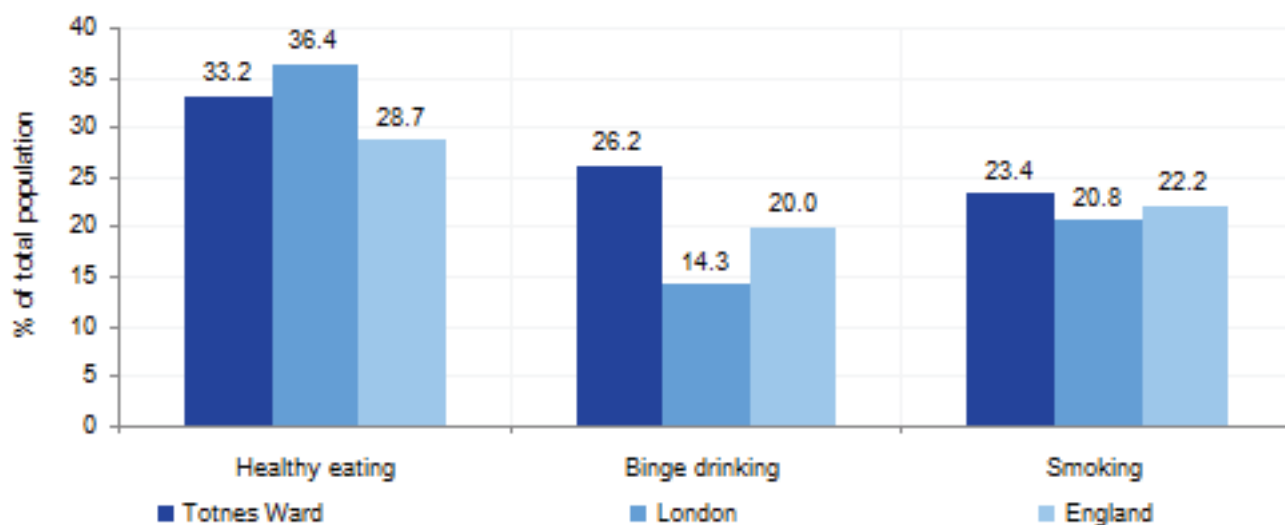


Figure 12 shows predicted changes in population by age

One consequence of our increasingly elderly population is the rise in limiting long-term conditions and dementia, which are predicted to grow rapidly (by 56% and 78% respectively) by 2031. As Devon’s Annual Public Health Report goes on to state, “this level of population disability is beyond the capacity of current social and healthcare provision”.

With a 34% increase in the over 85s and 18% increase in 64-85 year olds in Totnes predicted between 2011 and 2026, and this bracket already making up a disproportionate percentage of the population, age related health will be one of the greatest local challenges. There are already statistically high incidents of over 65s as admissions to local hospitals, as individuals targeting support services and as presentations to A&E (which might indicate age-related causes).

7.4 Relevant health Issues



Totnes has higher than average levels of people with mental health issues with 5.0% of working age adults in receipt of mental health related benefits, compared with 2.8% nationally.

The statistics for people living with life limiting illnesses is also higher than the national average, with the incidence of illness in 16-64 year olds particularly high at 18.1%, compared with 12.8% nationally.

Figures for Totnes

Number of people living in health deprivation 'hotspots' (Indices of Deprivation 2010)	People with a limiting long-term illness (Census 2011)	People aged 16-64 with a limiting long-term illness (Census 2011)	Babies born with a low birth weight (ONS 2013)
0	1,705	825	166
-	22.9% (England=17.6%)	18.1% (England=12.8%)	2.2% (England average = 2.4%)

8. Summary of current OSSR provision covering existing quantity, quality, access, and shortfalls; also includes remedial and new initiative projects. [Return to Contents page](#)

8.1 The identified provision of Open Space Sport and Recreation facilities has been subdivided in to 12 categories. These categories have been assessed and the summary of each is below.

These assessments are summarised into separate tables and include Objective; Quantity; Quality; Accessibility; Key challenges; Projects/Priorities. The assessment process has been undertaken by the Town Council, Community organisations and Groups, Sports Clubs and individuals as well as members of the community working with the Neighbourhood Plan - Open Space, Sports, Recreation and Wellbeing task group, see [Appendix A](#).

The detailed results of the survey and maps etc. of the areas concerned are in [Appendix G](#).

8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes

a) Health and Wellbeing: What are the issues?	
Objective	Maximise the potential for health and wellbeing for all through ensuring an integrated approach to development and access to Open Space, Sports and Recreation facilities and amenities in the town.
Quantity	Various depending on partnership between organisations and Health providers
Quality	
Accessibility	
Key challenges:	Improve quantity and accessibility
Projects/Priorities	

b) Allotments: What are the issues?	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the local demand for allotments in the Town • Enhance existing allotments to meet statutory requirements • Develop a strategy to manage the agreed needs
Quantity	The information on the overall quantity and quality of existing allotments is within different land-owners. An overall survey of all allotments needs to be undertaken and related to known information on the demand. This should relate to ¼ - ½ - ¾ & full size plots.
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential contamination of sites • Land features • Need for suitable facilities on site and planning issues
Accessibility	<p>The allotments tend to be on the edge due to the pressures on land in the middle of town. This presents some accessibility problems for certain residents.</p> <p>Alternative uses for either allotments or growing land should also be developed to give greater access for those who have difficulties/disabilities.</p>
Key challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve quantity and accessibility related to the demand for allotments • Acquisition of land for allotments relate to the geographical need around the town • Develop a policy for the contribution of land or 106 towards acquiring allotments in the town • Addressing the site and accessibility problems for certain residents who have difficulty accessing available allotment sites
Projects/Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering information on all allotment sites and the demand for them in the town • Putting together a structure/ strategy for the acquisition and administration of increased allotments in the town • Developing alternative options for traditional allotments for those who need them

8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

c) Amenity Greenspace: What are the issues?	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a policy and strategy with the landowners To ensure that these identified areas are maintained and that any developments include small areas of amenity green space. Ensure the green open space mosaic around the town is maintained and developed for the benefit of the community.
Quantity	<p>Additional amenity Greenspace, where it provides a positive contribution within residential areas, will be sought within any new development.</p> <p>A policy on the long term maintenance of amenity greenspace will be developed and incorporated into 106 agreements.</p> <p>Where existing amenity Greenspace is of low public benefit alternative uses may be sought.</p>
Quality	<p>Amenity Greenspaces should serve a positive function and contribute to the quality of the public realm - not merely be left over spaces and a drain on maintenance.</p> <p>Where new amenity Greenspaces are proposed the priority should be for quality, providing specific community, wildlife and landscape benefit.</p>
Accessibility	<p>When new Amenity Greenspace is brought forward it should be easily accessible to as many users as possible. All development designs should include Amenity Greenspace.</p>
Key challenges:	<p>Improve the quality. Through community engagement in the assessment process the question of the viability, management and possible alternative options for specific plots of Amenity Greenspace can be raised and discussed.</p>
Projects/Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement of local residents where there are areas of Amenity Greenspace on the options for those spaces. Develop a policy on the provision of Amenity Greenspace in any development pro rata to the size of the development including the management of them.

d) Cemeteries and Churchyards: What are the issues?	
Objective	To provide an open and appropriate area, for quiet contemplation and burial.
Quantity	There are 3 cemeteries in Totnes; St. Marys and St. Johns Bridgetown and Follaton owned and maintained by the Town Council. At present there is sufficient land for the needs of the town.
Quality	The Churchyards are managed as befits their character. Opportunities exist to develop the increase the environmental value through selective planting and cultivation and encouragement of their wildlife value by the appropriate management by the Town and Parochial councils.
Accessibility	All the cemeteries are accessible to the public but some are closed to more burials. St. Mary's in the centre of town is also used as an amenity area.
Key challenges:	The management of the Cemeteries varies according to location and accountability. St. Marys in the Town Centre presents a challenge for monitoring and maintenance, due to it being open and easily accessible site.
Projects/Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Totnes Trust in conjunction with the Parochial Council is developing the project at St. Marys, High Street. This is opening up of the approach to the Church, alterations of walls moving of Remembrance Cross and landscaping to provide a more open, accessible area with an enhanced approach to the Church. Environmental enhancement of Follaton cemetery with increased tree planting and extend hedgerows for plants and wildlife.

8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

e) Civic Spaces: What are the issues?	
Objective	Identify and manage the civic spaces in the town to ensure there is accessibility for public access, activities and community events
Quantity	Current range of civic spaces should be maintained. New civic spaces to be developed to provide greater community access and facilities for a variety of uses.
Quality	Opportunities for the enhancement of Civic Spaces should be sought in consultation with local communities and where any development is proposed nearby.
Accessibility	A wide variety of opportunities, for the community use of Civic spaces should be sought and the areas made easily to undertake them.
Key challenges:	Improvement of the facilities to allow a wide range of uses both commercial and cultural. The activities could include musical, art, drama etc.
Projects/ Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a policy to ensure all new developments within their design brief include flexible provision of Civic Space. • Identify appropriate community activities which could take place in them integrating their use into wide community activities e.g. festivals, outside concerts and drama etc.

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8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

f) Greenways: What are the issues?	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the specific aspects of the Cycle plan for Totnes • Enhance the connectivity of the town to its urban, recreational areas and green spaces. for leisure purposes or commuting, using legally established and maintained route ways and with a focus on Footways • Ensure that any development will contribute to their maintenance and the enhancement they provide for the connectivity in the town.
Quantity	<p>Totnes is well served with a network of Greenways, bridleways, footpaths and cycle ways – however many are poorly connected and little used.</p> <p>Where opportunities exist to provide “missing links” to improve public safety or to provide attractive circular routes around the town and to outlying parishes and places these should be pursued</p>
Quality	<p>Pathways within towns and settlements are maintained by the Highways Authority, and Public Rights of Ways are required to be kept accessible by relevant landowners.</p> <p>The town is served by a variety of paths, bridleways and cycle ways, the current quality of which is variable apart from some significant exceptions. A number of paths etc. start at the boundary of the Town and then run through neighbouring parishes which the community use.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Access around towns and villages for recreational walking need good public rights of way and Greenways. Opportunities for increasing circular walks and links to the open countryside, so enabling walking, cycling by individuals or groups for both recreational and health benefits needs active promotion. Organisations both voluntary and others supported by statutory bodies have sprung up in recent years and the ramblers Association has played a lead role in monitoring public footpaths. Opportunity exists to improve the standard of some routes to encourage access for those with disabilities and are recuperating from illness and using activity as an aid in medical treatment.</p> <p>Many Greenways are isolated and in poor condition opportunities, should be sought to link these into existing networks making them more accessible for the wider community.</p> <p>Opportunity exists to improve the standard of some routes to encourage access for those with disabilities and are recuperating from illness and using activity as an aid in medical treatment.</p>
Key challenges:	<p>The knowledge of and accessibility of route ways needs active promotion and publicity working with a variety of partners both voluntary and statutory.</p> <p>The promotion of their appropriate use by the community is recognised as a factor in developing the physical and mental wellbeing of the community.</p> <p>An enhanced infrastructure of the various route ways aids the economic benefit to the town through tourism and encouraging physical activity of the community enhancing their well being.</p>
Projects/ Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using P3 surveys establish a strategy for the priority of establishing and maintaining a hierarchy of footpaths for upgrading and maintenance. (Currently the Ramblers Association act as partners in the P3 surveys and are looking to develop the Footpath system further to provide both recreational walking and connections to neighbouring parishes) • Develop more community cooperation and participation of groups encouraged to work as a partnership. • Establish a group made up of key users and stakeholders to actively monitor and identify the quality of the route ways encouraging community involvement in their use.

8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

g) Natural Spaces: What are the issues?	
Objective	Establish a strategy to maintain access to areas for wildlife, quiet enjoyment and environmental awareness within the Town.
Quantity	<p>There is no overall shortage of available countryside, wildlife sites and woodland surrounding Totnes but opportunities exist to look for further natural open spaces and woodlands, both within and outside of the Parish boundary.</p> <p>These would need to be integrated into the Green Mosaic around the town, the usage and management identified and agreed.</p>
Quality	<p>The maintenance and management of the sites would need to be with partners seeking opportunities for land management and obtaining grants to further enhance the management and support of the areas.</p> <p>Reconciling potential conflicts between public access and appropriate conservation management regimes in natural spaces on the Town fringe, while promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the individual area's special qualities by the public.</p>
Accessibility	Access to the sites in and around towns and villages need good public rights of way and greenways. Opportunities to increase links to sites to enable walkers and cyclists to access them which would make them more accessible and the use of them to provide a greater health benefit for residents and visitors.
Key challenges:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve accessibility by working with other community groups • Accessibility and availability of sites needs active promotion
Projects/ Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish partnerships to allow greater flexibility on the maintenance and management of the Spaces and to encourage familiarity and a greater variety of activities • Develop a publicity strategy to raise the awareness of the areas • Incorporate where possible into projects re Greenways/Parks and gardens.

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8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

h) Parks and Gardens: What are the issues?	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a policy that enhances existing parks and gardens and enables the creation of new ones in any areas of development in the town. Create new spaces which will be accessible, appropriately formal, providing high quality sites designed for recreation to be used for private or public events
Quantity	Maintain the extent of existing key parks and gardens within the town and where possible extend them appropriately for the locality they would be in.
Quality	The quality is variable and relates to the local usage and the multifunctional aspect of the largest park – Borough Park. Any new acquisitions through developments, need to ensure that they are appropriate for the locality and the development.
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake reasonable access improvements to make parks and gardens available to all. Improve linkages to and from parks to allow access for all and connecting with the Greenways in the Town. Improve signage and information and publicity about the existence of and the accessibility of the parks and gardens.
Key challenges:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve quantity, quality and accessibility of parks and gardens in the Town. Through a process of gradual focused improvement, looking at the appropriate layout, design and facilities Establish partnerships and funding opportunities for the enhancement work of parks and gardens. Introduce management plans in agreement with the partners, for key parks and review the maintenance, monitoring to assess improvements in quality. Create as part of the OSSR & WB policy, guidelines for the development of appropriate parks and gardens in new developments and the capacity/resources to maintain them. There are particular challenges related to drainage and deficiencies of quantity
Projects/ Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redeveloping the play area in Leech well Gardens. Tackling the drainage in Borough Park with the possibility of an AWP cricket square in the park. Developing in association with TQ9, the park/garden/amenity green space areas, in the Baltic Wharf development. Supporting the community initiatives in and around the town.

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8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

i) Play: What are the issues?	
Objective	To develop a town wide plan and a strategy to rationalise existing play spaces to establish age and gender appropriate play spaces. These would be designed primarily for active play and social interaction involving all young people such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters
Quantity	There are 13 Play areas are spread over the Town, including upper Bridgetown which is in Berry Pomeroy Parish. The play/activity facilities are not designated for specific age groups except in Borough Park. Most of the play/activity facilities are the responsibility of SHDC while some others are located in housing association developments.
Quality	The play/activity facilities vary from relatively new equipment to very old equipment, with the play/activity facilities being reduced as H&S considerations mean the removal but not the replacement of equipment.
Accessibility	A need to ensure that access into play spaces is to a reasonable standard and that appropriate levels of disabled facilities are available.
Key challenges:	This gives widest opportunity but means maintaining small isolated play areas at the expense of larger well used ones in town. Improve quality and accessibility Limited financial resources to improve quality of play areas. Opportunities to look at more exciting and open 'play spaces' rather than traditional 'play areas'. Need to ensure that play equipment meets reasonable requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act. Ensuring play spaces are neighbour friendly and are age appropriate. Creating opportunities to increase play value, in public spaces outside formal play areas e.g. amenity Greenspace, parks and gardens, natural spaces.
Projects/ Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a complete audit of all play space within the Town, based on the initial assessment work undertaken. This should then allow for the development of a strategy for reviewing and putting forward plans for the appropriate facilities to be provided on each play/activity space. • Undertake a prioritisation process • Opportunities for external and lottery funding should be sought to provide support for projects concerned with free play and natural play/activity programmes as well as equipment.

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8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

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j) Outdoor Sports Facilities: What are the issues?	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a Policy and Strategy through community sports partnership, to increase both Indoor and Outdoor sports provision with an emphasis on enhancing the Health and Wellbeing of the Town. • Enhancement of existing facilities • Development of new provision, to encourage greater participation in both indoor/outdoor sports, following existing statutory and advisory guidelines.
Quantity	<p>Specific deficiencies have been identified in outdoor sports provision; in order to achieve increased participation and activity levels these need to be addressed. There are two Rugby pitches at Borough Park, tennis courts and a bowls green, the only other pitches are based at KEVICCS.</p> <p>Working more closely with KEVICCS, the local community college located within the town, there is an opportunity for the possible dual use of some school pitches. Where it is possible and feasible, opportunities to work with clubs, landowners and governing bodies to bring forward additional or the relocation of pitches should be pursued.</p> <p>The most actively used pitch, identified as being used 100% is the All Weather Pitch based at KEVICCS and used both by the school and the community.</p>
Quality	<p>The quality of the pitches in the town is poor. The rugby pitches in Borough Park and at other pitches at KEVICCS the playing surfaces suffer, due to drainage problems. There is significant room for improvement in the quality of pitches and the associated facilities, such as changing and facility rooms with the possible opportunities for clubs to share facilities and resources.</p> <p>The All Weather Pitch is becoming dangerous, as it is about 30 years old and it requires a complete rebuild. Due to Health and Safety issues there are more restrictions placed on its usage i.e. non-competitive activities, restricting the available area, higher cost of maintenance etc.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Due to the lack of Outdoor Sports Facilities in the town a number of pitches are situated in the neighbouring parishes and unless adequate public transport arrangements are in place, particularly for younger users, they are not accessible. There is an obligation on local clubs to manage their own transport for adults and youth players. Clubs which have their own pitches would also require members to pay fees and therefore, may deter potential users.</p> <p>Given the lack of pitches and the condition of the All Weather Pitch there is limited choice on what outdoor activities can take place. Therefore, this restricts what activities, for both able and disabled members of the community, they can participate in.</p>

<p>Key challenges:</p>	<p>To improve quantity and quality through joint use between School and the community.</p> <p>Community involvement in the redevelopment of KEVICC sport and recreation facilities agreeing community joint use agreements.</p> <p>Liaising with Neighbouring Parishes, where most of the Totnes clubs outdoor pitches are based, to agree mutually beneficial location and provision of pitches. .</p> <p>All Weather Pitch:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This is a high priority for redevelopment/replacement, due to the demands for its use as an activity/ playing surface, also to provide an alternative surface in the event of inclement weather. There is a need for an AWP provision, so as to provide for club activities in the town, which have had to be reallocated to Exeter, Torquay and Paignton and neighbouring parishes for both youth and adult outdoor activities due to the current poor state of the present AWP surface. This has been identified and agreed jointly by the clubs/organisations in the town as the principal priority.</p>
<p>Projects/ Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the links/contacts made during the consultation process develop a Town wide Sports Partnership with clubs, school, Town Council, SHDC and other interested bodies. To link the clubs together in a mutual supporting body which can also agree an overarching plan for the development of Sport and Recreational activities in the town. This would also become part of the review of the NP policy etc. process. • Encourage the clubs who have pitches/outdoor sports facilities, to take over responsibility for them with either a freehold transfer or lease, through negotiation and agreement of the current asset owner. • Review of the pitches at Borough Park to encourage and progress the development of the scheme to improve the drainage of the park/pitches. In conjunction with the Rugby Club support the building of new changing rooms alongside the present club house. • Review and reassess the provision of sporting provision for both the tennis and bowls clubs at Borough Park so as to develop club facilities for changing, coaching, competitive events and storage. • Working with SHDC revisit and review the previously agreed works in the development plan for Borough Park including the jogging track and outdoor gym around the park. • Urgent Priority: replacement of the All Weather Pitch [AWP] at KEVICCS, for dual use by both the school and community. This has been identified as the primary priority for the town by the clubs and community.

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8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

k) Indoor Sports Facilities: What are the issues?	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a sports partnership • Increase both Indoor and Outdoor sports provision with an emphasis towards the Health and Wellbeing of the Town. • Enhancement of existing facilities and developing new provision to encourage greater participation in both indoor/outdoor sports, following existing statutory and advisory guidelines.
Quantity	<p>Within the town there are specific deficiencies which have been identified in the provision of indoor sports activities; in order to achieve increased participation and activity levels these need to be addressed.</p> <p>The town has one leisure centre with occasional use of some of the KEVICC facilities. There are also halls and rooms scattered around town which groups use as there is no other dedicated provision.</p>
Quality	<p>The leisure Centre is not purpose built but is an original community swimming pool and fitness suite which is over 40 years old with a sports hall built on to it which is about 25 years old. Both parts need extensive refurbishment and redeveloping in the coming years.</p> <p>The School facilities date back to the 70's and beyond! The school is considering a complete redevelopment and it would engage with the community in the planning for the redevelopment of KEVICC's sport and recreation facilities. This would improve both the quantity and quality of indoor sports and recreation facilities making them available through joint use between School and the community through agreements for community joint use.</p>
Accessibility	<p>All the facilities should be open to all and DDA compliant. This would mean that the facilities could be used for the maximum amount of time and catering for all members of the community.</p>
Key challenges:	<p>Partnership working with the community and the School and SHDC to develop a coherent and strategic indoor sports structure for the Town. This would highlight the specific deficiencies and also allow for the planning of appropriate facilities within the school development.</p> <p>The running and the administration of the Leisure Centre by the community for the community.</p>
Projects/ Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Town wide Sports Partnership with clubs, school, Town Council, SHDC and other interested bodies in order to link the clubs together in a mutual supporting body which can also agree an overarching plan for the development of Sport and recreational activities in the town. • Support the bid for TADPool, to acquire the Pavilions Leisure Centre so as to enhance the provision of sporting and recreational activities at the centre.

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8.2 Objectives and Priorities summary based on assessments of OSSR provision in Totnes (continued...)

I) River: What are the issues?	
Objective	To develop a River Park from the weir to the end of Longmarsh in partnership with relevant statutory and community organisations
Quantity	No identified issues.
Quality	Need to maintain standards of cleanliness both of the river and its banks as well as subsidiary streams. Seek to introduce, maintain and improve the standard of associated facilities and safety both in the river and along its banks. Look to co-ordinate management arrangements on both public and privately owned aspects of the river.
Accessibility	Where the river is accessible with car parking nearby, the provision of this access should be maintained, and where possible, enhanced for all ability use. The identification of both footpaths and cycle ways should be signposted and advertised within publications and promoted at appropriate points throughout the town. It should also identify the connectivity of recreational walking around the town with the river footpaths.
Key challenges:	<p>Improve quality and quantity of various facilities and route ways both in the river and alongside on its banks.</p> <p>Coordination and liaison with the relevant voluntary and statutory bodies as well as landowners to encourage participation in the process.</p> <p>Appropriate promotion of the river and its banks etc. should be actively pursued, both for local community and tourist use.</p> <p>Both the development/redevelopment and enhancement of community facilities currently located by the river and who uses the river should be reviewed, prioritised and supported by the local statutory bodies.</p>
Projects/ Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A complete proposal involving all parties both local and statutory, landowners and developers as well as the community of the town should be developed and put forward to create an overarching River Park from the Dartington parish boarder at Queens Marsh to the end of Longmarsh. This would include e.g. facilities on the banks, connecting footpaths and cycle ways, recreational and contemplative seating and developing specific environmental aspects of the river bank. • A strategic plan for the upgrading of the footpaths and cycle ways along the river should be undertaken in advance to ensure the stability and use of the paths are viable and can be maintained. • A review of community facilities which are associated with the River should be undertaken and their enhancement where appropriate should be prioritised and become part of the River Strategy. • In conjunction with the community organisations that use the river, a review of their facilities need to be undertaken and where necessary the enhancement or development of those facilities should be supported to encourage greater community involvement on the river e.g. Tones Canoe Club by the weir, Tones Sea Scouts, Guides Brownies and cubs facilities on Steamer Quay. • Liaison with the Environment Agency in their flood defence work and developers, in any proposal that would affect the river and its bank should be engaged with and monitored.

9. Current priority projects lists in the OSSR plan from assessed evidence through community consultation for the Totnes Neighbourhood Plan. (See [Appendix I - Projects priority list](#)) [Return to Contents page](#)

Each of the sections above has its current projects and priorities listed. It is possible for each stakeholder group to fine tune their projects and tap into specific grant opportunities but all activities are important considering the considerable underinvestment in the town.

However it is a key priority for the town to create a partnership of current providers and key stakeholders to ensure that we identify the trigger points which can lead to better and enhanced provision. For example one such trigger is the “All Weather Pitch” (AWP) which as long as it is allowed to deteriorate will contribute directly to a decline in the number of sports clubs able to practice. There is currently no resource for this major piece of partnership building work.

Another such priority would be the Pavilions which is clearly in need of major investment and is the only major indoor facility for the whole town. This could be development as a facility which could target the elderly and families and add considerably to the health of the community.

The third area requiring much investment of creativity and finance is the whole town play strategy. Evidence suggests it is currently inadequate and in the main very poor quality.

10-Method/frequency of review of Totnes Open Space, Sport and Recreation and Wellbeing Policy [Return to Contents page](#)

The policy will be monitored reviewed and updated on an annual basis. The process will be led by the Town Council as part of its responsibilities to ensure the relevance of its Neighbourhood Plan and will engage the community and all appropriate groups/organisations.

Between the annual monitoring, review the policy will be overseen by the People committee on a monthly basis as a standing agenda item. It will act proactively in engaging with those individuals, clubs, and organisations etc. within the town that have an interest in developing an aspect of the OSSR within their community or more broadly within the town.

The People committee will review each of the OSSR areas on a monthly basis, where appropriate with the town/community body who have an interest in that area. If there is no body it will take on the responsibility and bring forward options to the Town Council and the community.

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The conclusions drawn from the evidence in the document reflect:

1. Inadequacy of provision
2. Poor quality across a range of categories
3. The lack of a strategic overview for the provision of OSSR in the town across all areas
4. Failure to invest in maintenance which has led to a reduction in quality over time
5. Time and energy put into repair has meant we have had little capacity to think creatively and seek new ideas
6. All new developments must have an OSSR plan integral to their design which adds to the facilities stock of the whole community
7. There is a need for clarity and cohesion, in the 106 agreements for the ownership, management and access to new areas of Open Space delivered through new developments
8. There is an urgent need for the TC to draw up a strategic 10 year plan to ensure maintenance of existing provision and the addition of new and complementary facilities

The lack of resources due to cutbacks in Local Government funding and the dependence on sporadic amounts of money, which is related to the inconsistent developments in the town, is reflected in the condition of the open spaces.

Steps are being taken to rectify this, but the process is not cohesive one. The approach towards any planning for the future is different in each of OSSR categories and across the town. This needs to take into account a variety of factors, which are outlined in each of the category summaries set out in this document, but essentially it has to ensure the inclusion of all ages and abilities in any planning.

A radical rethink is required to develop an overarching strategic review, to bring forward a consensus in delivering a cohesive plan for the maintenance and enhancement, developing the town's existing Open Space, Sport Recreation facilities to become a key part of creating a healthy town and be integral to the wellbeing of the community.

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As the role of the local Authority [SHDC] in non-statutory provision of OSSR declines, there is an identifiable need for Totnes Town Council to be proactive in the wellbeing of the community and take a strategic lead in ensuring that the community has adequate OSSR provision.

That role should help to enhance and develop the town's existing facilities, natural heritage and other assets to provide all ages with access to appropriate play, sports, recreation spaces and amenities which are inspiring, creative and encourage universal participation.

The conclusion of this work is that remedial work alongside the provision of new facilities, amenities and spaces should take high priority. Any new housing development must take account of the health and wellbeing needs of the community thus mitigating the effect of the developments while at the same time supporting the Health and wellbeing of the community.

Appendices

Appendix A: Bodies and Organisations Consulted

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Community groups/clubs/organisations consulted re open Space, Sport and recreation – Wellbeing

Name of group/club/organisation	Name of group/club/organisation	Name of group/club/organisation	Name of group/club/organisation
Allotments Association	Incredible Edibles	Sports Clubs: Totnes and Dartington Football Club	Totnes Healthy Futures
Bay Anglers	KEVICC Foundation Governors	Sports Clubs: Totnes Hockey Club	Totnes Information Centre
BG Club (Youth)	Leechwell Gardens Association	Sports Clubs: Totnes Rowing Club	Totnes Museum Trust
Borough Park users community Group	Naturesave	Sports Clubs: Totnes Rugby Football Club	Totnes Museum-Friends of the M.
Bridgetown Alive!	Nut Tree Project	Sports Clubs: Totnes Tennis Club	Totnes Parkour Experience
Canoe Adventures	Ramblers association	TADPOOL – Totnes and District Swimming Pool Association	Totnes Rail group
Churches: St Mary's Totnes St John's Bridgetown	Rotary Club	TONE Leisure – Totnes Pavilions	Totnes Rotary
Caring Town Totnes	Sea Scouts	Totnes and District Chamber of Commerce	Totnes Traffic and Transport Forum
Totnes- Brownies/Guides/sea Scouts/Beavers/cubs/explorers	Seedy Sisters	Totnes and District Chamber of Commerce – Market Traders	Totnes Trust(TT)
Children's Centre	Skate park Users group	Totnes Boating Association	Totnes Women's Institute
Dangerous Dads	Soundart Radio	TOTSOC-Totnes Civic Society	Townswomen's Guild
Follaton Residents Association	South Devon Community Supported Farming	Totnes Caring	Transition Town Totnes
Friends of the Earth South Hams	Sports Clubs: Totnes Bowls Club	TCDS – Totnes Community Development Society	Trees for Health
Garden Share Scheme	Sports Clubs: Totnes Canoe Club	Totnes Cycling Group	U3A Totnes
Healthy futures project	Sports Clubs: Totnes Cricket Club	Totnes Gardens	WRVS

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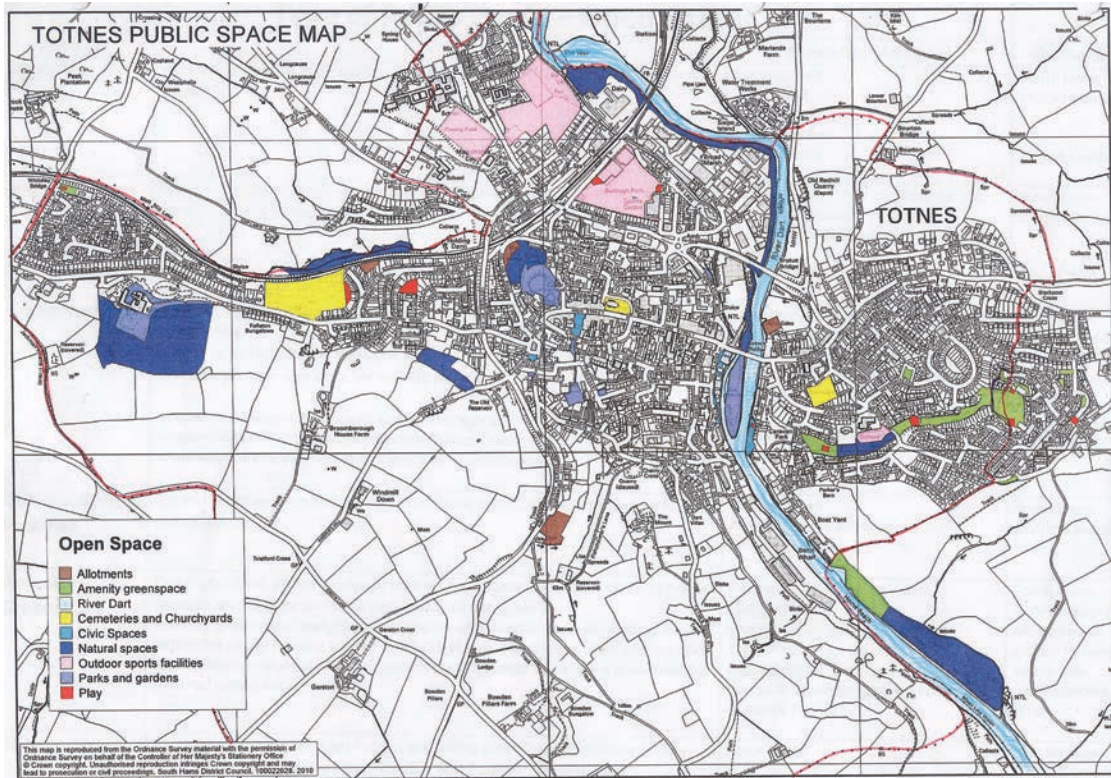
Community groups/clubs/organisations and individuals from them- who have contributed and been involved in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation re Open Space, Sport Recreation Wellbeing			
Statutory Bodies consulted and bodies whose documents were consulted.	Projects, initiatives and facilities actively involved in.	Organisations/ members within the town and in neighbouring Parishes involved in the consultation process.	Projects, initiatives and facilities actively involved in.
Totnes Town Council	Castle Meadow Follaton Cemetery Coronation road.	Dartington Hall Trust	River Dart/AWP
South Hams District Council	Planning Authority	Churches:	Churchyard/Cemetery
Devon County Council	Parish Paths Partnership-DCC	St Mary's Totnes	Parochial Council
Environment Agency	River Dart [Flood scheme]	St John's Bridgetown	
Sport England	AWP	Environmental Groups	
Police Totnes P St.	Consultee	Allotments Association	Allotments
English Heritage	Totnes Castle	Leechwell Gardens association	Leechwell Gardens and Pool
Statutory organisations within the town involved in consultation			Totnes Gardens
Totnes Town Council	Neighbourhood Plan	Transition Town Totnes	Incredible Edibles
KEVICCS Community College	All Weather pitch and Sport and Recreation consultation. College and pupils.	Garden Share Scheme	Garden Share Scheme
Totnes Primary School -St. Johns	Natural Spaces around the school.	Naturesave	Naturesave
Totnes Primary School -Grove	Civic spaces, Natural Spaces around the school.	Nut Tree Project	Nut Tree Project
Community Groups/ Clubs: Sport and Recreation		Incredible Edibles	Incredible Edibles
Borough Park Community users Group	Borough Park/ Sports hub for Totnes.	Seedy Sisters	Seedy Sisters
TADPOOL	Pavilions Borough Pk. Comm. users	Skatepark Users group	Borough Park - Skatepark
Tennis Club	Borough Park Borough Pk. Comm. users	South Devon Community Supported Farming	South Devon Community Supported Farming
Totnes Bowls Club	Borough Park Borough Pk. Comm. users	Community organisations-youth	
Totnes RFC	Borough Park Borough Pk. Comm. users	Girl Guides/rainbows/ brownies	
Totnes and Dartington Football Club	Totnes and Dartington pitches	Beavers/cubs/scouts/ explorers	

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Dartington/Totnes Cricket Club	Dartington pitches		3 rd Totnes Sea Scout Group	River Dart - Community and Civic Spaces
Dart Hockey Club	KEVICS AWP matches played at other venues due to the condition of AWP		1 st Stoke Gabriel Sea Scout Group	River Dart - Community and Civic Spaces
Dart-Totnes Rowing Club	Rowing club redevelopment		Stoke gabriel scouts/beavers	
Wrinkly Hockey Club	All weather Pitch		Children’s Centre	(Children’s Centre Manager)
Totnes Dodo’s FC	All weather Pitch		Community 999 cadets	
Casual users - AWP	All weather Pitch		Ramblers Association	Greenways - footpaths
Canoe Club	Based at KEVICS Elmhirst field lower site.		Totnes Carnival Society	Civic Spaces
TONE Leisure- Pavilions	Leisure- contract to SHDC 11-2016.			
Bay Anglers	Civic Spaces		Friends of the Earth South Hams	Neighbourhood Plan
Kung Fu ‘Dragons’	Indoor Sport facilities		Follaton Residents Association	Play areas-civic spaces open Space
Community organisations			U3A Totnes	Neighbourhood Plan
Bridgetown Alive	The Play Galleon OSSR within bridgetown			
Totnes Community Development Society	Atmos River dart		River Groups	
KEVIC Exhibition Foundation	All weather Pitch		Canoe Adventures	
Totnes Civic Society	TOTSOC - planning group Heritage & Conservation			
Totnes Trust	Rotherfold The Leat Healthy Futures Project			
Totnes Museum Trust	Park and gardens Civic spaces Heritage & Conservation			
Friends of Totnes Museum	Park and gardens Civic spaces Heritage & Conservation			
Totnes Elizabethan Society	Civic spaces Heritage & Conservation			
Totnes Cycling Group	Greenways – cycling routes			
Totnes band	Civic Spaces			
Chamber of commerce	Heritage & Conservation			
Image Bank	Civic spaces Heritage & Conservation			
Trees for Health	Environment-parks and gardens			

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Community Infrastructure : Public Space – Open Space – Bridgetown and Totnes Town					
Type	Purpose	Provision in Bridgetown	Ownership	Provision in Totnes	Ownership
Allotments	<p>Provide opportunities for people who wish to grow their own produce. The provision of allotments has increased in Totnes over the last 8 years. At a time of increased interest in sustainability, healthy eating and locally produced food, increasing the number of allotments is an important issue.</p> <p>Allotments fall into three separate categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statutory ➤ Temporary ➤ Private <p>Their status reflects the degree of protection from development for other purposes.</p> <p>Statutory allotments fall under Section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925, being best protected in that a local authority must seek permission from the Secretary of State before selling or changing the use of such sites.</p> <p>Temporary and private sites have protection against change of use provided by the normal planning procedures.</p>	<p>TOTNES BRIDGETOWN</p> <p>Rowsel Lane</p> <p>Bridgetown Hill</p>	<p>Duke of Somerset</p> <p>Allotment Association</p>	<p>TOTNES TOWN</p> <p>Smithfields</p> <p>Castle Meadow</p> <p>Lamb (growing space T. Trust project)</p> <p>Coloured in Parks and Gardens</p> <p>[Copland Lane]</p>	<p>South Hams District Council</p> <p>Totnes Town Council</p> <p>SHDC & Totnes Trust</p> <p>[Dartington Trust in Dartington Parish; managed by Totnes Allot. Association]</p>

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Type	Purpose	Provision in Bridgetown	Ownership	Provision in Totnes	Ownership
<p>Amenity Greenspace</p>	<p>Open grassland providing opportunities for informal activities close to home or work and enhancement of residential or other areas.</p> <p>Amenity Greenspace rarely has formal equipment, facilities or even seating. It is within the newer housing estates such as Bridgetown. These areas often provide open space within residential areas but frequently lack a clear use and are often used for informal recreation activities.</p>	<p>TOTNES BRIDGETOWN</p> <p>Parkers Way Weston lane (Chicken Run) Furze Road Westonfields Longmarsh [Upper Bridgetown- Elmhirst Field]</p>	<p>SHDC-Berry Pomeroy Parish</p>	<p>TOTNES TOWN</p> <p>Follaton Community centre</p>	<p>South Hams District Council Management groups formed where new developments occur.</p> <p>SHDC-Berry Pomeroy Parish</p>
<p>Cemeteries and Churchyards</p>	<p>Quiet contemplation, burial and remembrance.</p> <p>Churchyards are primarily the responsibility of the individual churches or the diocese, and the cemetery is managed by the Town Council although Saint Mary's Churchyard is maintained by Totnes Town Council.</p>	<p>TOTNES BRIDGETOWN</p> <p>Bridgetown Cemetery</p>	<p>Exeter Diocese</p>	<p>TOTNES TOWN</p> <p>Follaton Cemetery – Plymouth road. Saint Mary's Churchyard</p>	<p>Totnes Town Council Exeter Diocese</p>
<p>Civic Spaces</p>	<p>Providing a setting for civic buildings, public activities and community events.</p> <p>Civic spaces are important and the character and quality of them say a great deal about the town itself.</p>	<p>TOTNES BRIDGETOWN</p> <p>Steamer Quay</p>	<p>South Hams District Council</p>	<p>TOTNES TOWN</p> <p>The Plains Civic Hall Square[Market Square] Rotherfold</p>	<p>South Hams District Council</p>

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Type	Purpose	Provision in Bridgetown	Ownership	Provision in Totnes	Ownership
Greenways	<p>Walking, cycling or horse riding routes, whether for leisure purposes or commuting. Taken to include Public Rights of Way and permissive paths.</p> <p>Can also provide corridors for wildlife migration.</p> <p>Adopted pathways within towns and settlements and Public Rights of Way are the responsibility of the Highways Authority (Devon County Council) although landowners are required to keep them free of obstructions.</p>			<p>South Hams District Council has worked in partnership with the County to support the development of recreational routes for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>SEE MAP of Footpaths, Cycleways and Riding</p>	<p>South Hams District Council</p> <p>Devon County Council</p> <p>Landowners</p>
Indoor Sports facilities				<p>TOTNES TOWN</p> <p>Pavilions Leisure Centre (Borough Park)</p>	<p>SHDC/TADPool</p>
Natural Spaces	<p>Areas for wildlife, quiet enjoyment and environmental awareness, including woodland, meadows, heath, moorland and coastal areas</p>	<p>TOTNES BRIDGETOWN</p> <p>Longmarsh (in Berry Pomeroy Parish)</p> <p><i>Elmhirst Playing Field-BP Parish to Weston lane (Chicken Run)</i></p>	<p>S H D C</p> <p>S H D C</p>	<p>TOTNES TOWN</p> <p>Colwell Community Woodland</p> <p>River Dart Walkway & weir area Follaton Arboretum</p> <p>Smithfields -railway land</p> <p>Castle Meadow</p>	<p>South Hams District Council</p> <p>Totnes Town Council</p>

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Type	Purpose	Provision in Bridgetown	Ownership	Provision in Totnes	Ownership
Outdoor Sports Facilities	Formal facilities for participation in outdoor sports, such as pitch sports, tennis and bowls			TOTNES TOWN Borough Park Area 7 acres (2.83 hectares) 2 Rugby pitches, Tennis/ Bowls clubs KEVICS School	South Hams District Council KEVICS TRUST
Parks and Gardens	Accessible, formal, high quality sites designed for recreation and community events			TOTNES TOWN Borough Park Vire Island, Leechwell Gardens Heaths garden Follaton House Lamb (see allotments) Broombrough Totnes Castle Shady Garden	South Hams District Council Sovereign Housing English Heritage

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Type	Purpose	Provision in Bridgetown	Ownership	Provision in Totnes	Ownership
<p>Play/Activity Space</p>	<p>Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters</p> <p>The opportunity for free exploratory play is fundamental to a child’s ability to develop their physical and social skills. The opportunity for children over the last thirty to forty years to enjoy free unhindered open play has been curtailed and play has tended to be seen as a formalised activity within “play areas”.</p>	<p>TOTNES BRIDGETOWN</p> <p>Parkers Way</p> <p>Westonfields (Chicken Run)</p> <p>Galleon – Steamer Quay</p> <p>3 play areas in upper Bridgetown in Berry Pomeroy Parish – Furze Road - Elmhirst Drive- Weston lane.</p>	<p>South Hams District Council</p>	<p>TOTNES TOWN</p> <p>Follaton Community Centre</p> <p>Smithfields</p> <p>Collarpark</p> <p>Borough Park – Skatepark</p> <p>Borough Park – play area</p>	<p>South Hams District Council</p> <p>South Hams District Council</p>
<p>River [Dart]</p>	<p>River Dart, flowing through Totnes providing amenity and sporting facility for the town and encouraging Wildlife and Tourism/Employment</p>	<p>TOTNES TOWN/BRIDGETOWN</p> <p>River Dart</p>	<p>Dart Harbour</p> <p>Duchy Cornwall</p> <p>Environment Agency</p> <p>Landowners</p>	<p>TOTNES TOWN/BRIDGE-TOWN</p> <p>River Dart</p>	<p>Dart Harbour</p> <p>Duchy Cornwall</p> <p>Environment Agency</p> <p>Landowners</p>

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DCC Footpaths

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[Community Paths](#)

[DCC-Jacobs-Totnes Transport Strategy Final Report December 2012](#)

[Neighbourhood-plans-dcaf-position-statement](#)

DCC-SHDC-Community-Totnes analysis

[Totnes base line profile DCC May 2006](#)

[Totnes Needs Analysis August 2015](#)

[Totnes Play areas analysis from 2008-12 OS policy](#)

SHDC - OSSR Standards

[Play Space standards and equipment 2008-12 SHDC policy](#)

SHDC - Playing Pitch Strategy

[South Hams and West Devon Playing Pitch Strategy re Totnes](#)

[Bridgetown re AGP-AWP FROM SHDC](#)

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[SHDC & WD Playing Fields strategy- 01-2015](#)

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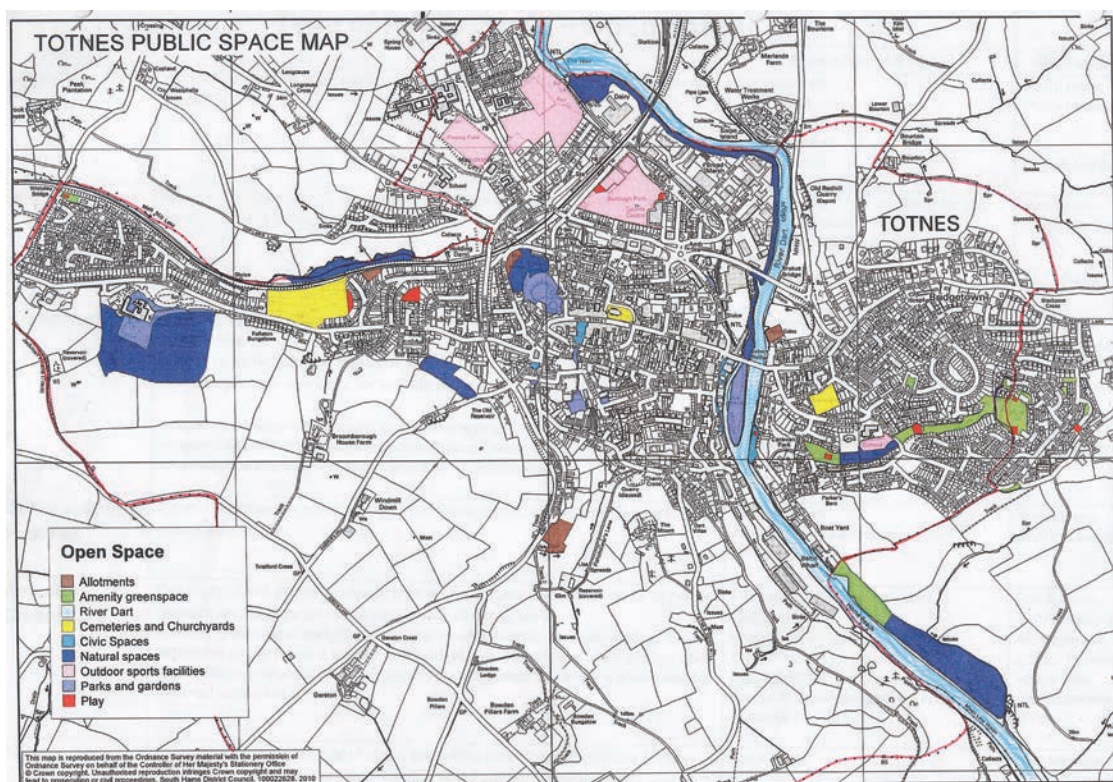
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Shortfall/ Issue	Site/location/ facility name	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Site/facility owner, and project partners		Perceived obstacles	Cost	Funding	Target for completion
Indoor sports facilities	Totnes Town Pavilions Leisure Centre [Borough Park.]	Develop a town wide Sports Partnership with clubs, school, Town Council, SHDC and other interested bodies in order to link the clubs together in a mutual supporting body which can also agree an overarching plan for the development of Sport and Recreational activities in the town.	Responses to Neighbourhood Plan consultation; also identified in SHDC surveys and within the “Sports Strategies” components of SHDC and TC papers.	SHDC	SHDC	Partnership working with the community and the school, TC and SHDC to develop a coherent and strategic indoor sports strategy and structure for the town.	The initial costs for the necessary survey works are approx. £250,000	SHDC Grant of £150,000 combined with TADPool initial input of £100,000.	Stage [1] 2017/18
	KEVICCS School	Support the bid for TADPool to acquire the Pavilions Leisure Centre so as to enhance the provision of Sporting and Recreational activities at the centre.		TADPool (Totnes and District Swimming pool)	TONE Leisure TADPool (Totnes and District Swimming pool)	This would highlight specific deficiencies and also allow for the planning of appropriate facilities within the school development, so that they complement and not duplicate facilities at the Pavilions.	Total cost to be approx. £3/5m, determined by future plans.	Subsequent seeking of loans SHDC, bids to Sport England and requests to other bodies and Trusts.	2018 to 2027 dependent on development and management plans being agreed
	Additional used facilities in Totnes including church and parish halls, units, rooms and incidental spaces with joint use.	Stage [1] initial costs for the necessary survey works are approx. £250,000 Stage [2] Enhancement and when possible renewal of the swimming pool and extending current sport and fitness provision in the Pavilions. Long term, complete redevelopment of the Pavilions site in conjunction with the Borough Park users and the community.					The running and the administration of the Leisure Centre by the community for the community. Due to absence of any operational information from TONE Leisure, this is seen as an option by SHDC in The Health and Well-being (Leisure) procurement project process.	This would be phased in over a five to ten year plan from 2017-2027	Possible option to combine with SHDC preferred provider for The Health and Well-being (Leisure) procurement project to manage and fund the project.(as yet to be agreed).

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