



Report of	Meeting	Date
Joint LDF Officer Team	Central Lancashire LDF Joint Advisory Committee	6 th December 2012

OPEN SPACE AND PLAYING PITCH SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform Members of the progress in preparing the Open Space and Playing Pitch Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Members are asked to note the draft Open Space and Playing Pitch SPD as detailed in Appendix 1.
3. It is intended that the final SPD will be reported to each authority's relevant Committee for public consultation after which it will be reviewed and reported back in order to be approved and adopted for use.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

4. Five Supplementary Planning Documents have recently been adopted by the three authorities for the following key topic areas: affordable housing, design, the re-use of employment premises, rural development and access to healthy food.
5. This report explains the purposes and objectives of the Open Space and Playing Pitch SPD, the broad timetable and mechanism for its approval, and the intended route to its adoption and use.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

6. To ensure that further guidance is produced to supplement and provide advice on how the open space and playing pitch policies as set out in the Core Strategy and each authority's Local Plan are to be implemented.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

7. None.

BACKGROUND

8. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) offer local planning authorities the opportunity to add guidance in specific policy areas. They are documents that must be prepared in consultation with interested parties, and must be subject to a screening process to discover whether a sustainability appraisal would be required. Unlike Development Plan Documents (DPDs) SPDs do not require independent examination before they are adopted.
9. The text of the Core Strategy identifies the six areas where SPDs will be required across Central Lancashire, and the aim is to apply the SPDs consistently to all three local authority areas. The SPDs are:
 - Affordable Housing
 - Access to Healthy Food
 - The Re-use of Employment Premises
 - Rural Development
 - Design
 - Open Space and Playing Pitch
10. The first five of these SPDs were adopted by the three authorities recently. The Open Space and Playing Pitch SPD is being prepared separately, following the completion of the Open Space Study and Playing Pitch Strategy.
11. The guidance in this document expands upon Core Strategy Policy 24 on Sport and Recreation and each Local Authority's relevant Local Plan policies. These policies set out the minimum provision standards for different typologies of open space and playing pitches.
12. The SPD provides further guidance on the implementation of these policies and how the standards will be applied. Details are provided on determining whether a residential development will have to contribute towards the different typologies of open space, and if so whether the provision should be on-site or by way of a financial contribution for off-site provision or improvements.
13. A separate charging schedule is being prepared which will identify the amount of financial contribution that will be required from a residential development for each typology for off-site provision or improvements. The charges vary for each of the three authorities as the Open Space Study sets different provision standards for each authority. A draft is included in Appendix 2.
14. The financial contributions are in addition to the CIL charges and will be secured through section 106 agreements.

NEXT STEPS

15. Each authority will approve the text of the document at the relevant Committees' so that it can be published for consultation in January 2013.
16. Following consultation, all comments and suggestions will be evaluated prior to the preparation of the final version which will be placed before Members for approval and will be adopted following a further 4 week consultation period.

Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Central Lancashire Core Strategy	July 2012		www.centrallancashire.com
Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026: Publication version	September 2012		www.chorley.gov.uk
Central Lancashire Open Space Study: Policy Implications and Recommendations.	May 2012		www.centrallancashire.com
Central Lancashire Open Space Study: Final Open Space Audit Report.	May 2012		www.centrallancashire.com
Central Lancashire Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan.	June 2012		www.centrallancashire.com
Central Lancashire Final Playing Pitch Assessment Report.	June 2012		www.centrallancashire.com

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