

Sports and Recreational Facilities Assessment



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1. Introduction

This document provides an assessment of the current and future need for sport and recreational facilities with the Borough of Barrow in Furness.

The objectives of the assessment are:

- To identify the supply of sport provision in Barrow Borough.
- To assess this provision on the needs of the local population by undertaking an audit of current provision.
- To use the results of the survey and any anecdotal evidence to highlight any issues for future provision in light of population trends and highlight solutions where possible.
- To demonstrate how this evidence base has been used to inform the emerging Local Plan
- To review and evaluate the actions in the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2011-16

A number of data sources were used to compile an audit of current provision, including:

Internet research – Including using Barrow Sports Council and Active Cumbria's database to identify facilities

Staff Contacts – A request was made to Council staff asking for contact details of any sports clubs/groups/facilities of which they are a member and any information which may assist with this assessment.

Questionnaires – Questionnaires were sent to all known clubs, facilities and schools in the Borough to identify current provision and any future plans, as part of the Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey carried out by Barrow Borough Council.

Telephone Calls – Local clubs, schools and facilities were contacted by telephone in order to obtain additional information to assist with the assessment.

Advertising – An article was included in the local press (Evening Mail), Development Services Newsletter and on the Council website, asking local sports clubs and facilities to get in touch to assist with the Sports and Recreational Facilities Assessment.

The Council intends this document to be a live document which will be kept up to date as and information becomes available. Alongside the assessment stands a database of clubs and facilities with a map based tool which, once developed, will be available on the Council's online web mapping services, allowing anyone to view and search for clubs and facilities.

1.1 Previous Studies

Previous studies relating to sports facilities and provision within the borough of Barrow in Furness include the following:

- Improving Access to Participatory Sport in Barrow 2005
- Playing Pitch Strategy 2003
- Active People Surveys 1 (2005) and 2 (2007)
- Sports Development Plan Guidance Notes 2005
- Facility Development Review 2010
- Barrow Borough Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2011-2016

- 2011-2016 Strategy Update March 2012
- Active Cumbria Strategy 2013-17

1.2 Scope

Throughout the production of the Local Plan and this sports assessment, the Local Authority has met and received support from neighbouring authorities and the local Sports Council to ensure this assessment is developed with the widest knowledge available and complies with the Duty to Cooperate. When carrying out this assessment, the Local Authority has focused on clubs, schools and facilities within the boundary of the borough; however it is understood that sports participants do not always recognise administrative boundaries. We have used the questionnaire to gain information on this leakage and the number of people travelling outside of the Borough to take part in sport and recreation and the reason behind this.

Although Barrow in Furness is the second largest settlement in Cumbria, the Borough is the smallest area of any district in Cumbria, yet the most densely populated. Sport England's Facilities Planning Model data on facility usage shows the dominance of car travel to key facilities with three quarters of journeys to swimming pools and sports halls being made by car. As a general guide, Sport England suggest that a 20 minute travel time is often applicable when assessing catchment areas of facilities. Geographically, being such a compact, self contained Borough, it was considered appropriate to concentrate on the clubs and facilities within the Local Authority boundaries, as they would be accessible within this distance and time frame. Generally there is also good availability of public transport via the bus route throughout the Borough.

In developing this document the Council has used the Sport England document 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities' as the basis for its structure.

This document intends to develop an assessment for indoor and outdoor sport facilities within the borough of Barrow in Furness and will look at all of the categories in the table below. It will identify the important sports in the area and concentrate on the facilities available.

Table 1: Facility Categories included in Sports Assessment

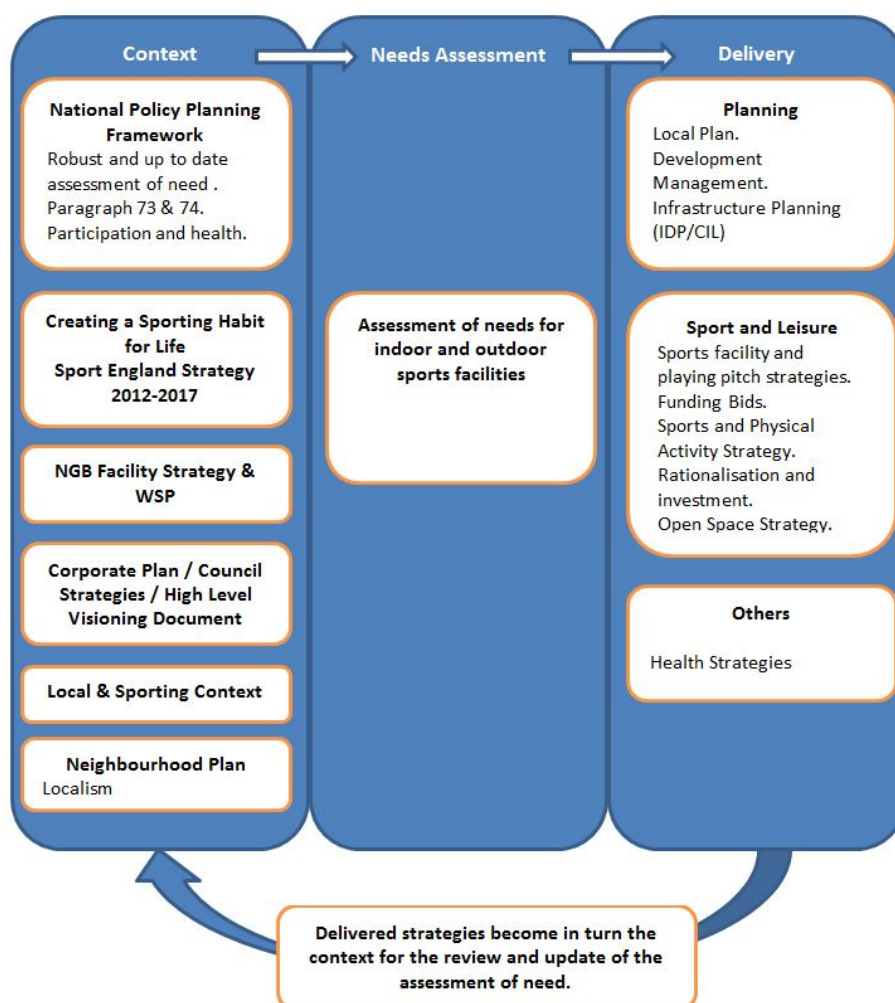
Facility Category	Comment
Swimming pools	Swimming pools accommodate a wide range of aquatic disciplines from lane swimming and diving to water polo and canoeing.
Sports halls	This may include both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conventional sports halls, and - Community centres and/or village halls
Other indoor sports facilities	This may include for example: Squash courts, health and fitness facilities, indoor tennis, indoor bowls, gymnastics, ice rinks, climbing, cycling etc.
Playing pitches (natural and artificial grass pitches)	Under Sport England's Playing pitch Strategy Guidance this includes football, rugby, cricket and hockey pitches.
Other outdoor sports facilities	This may include for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Golf courses, bowling greens, tennis courts, athletics tracks etc.
Countryside and natural resources	This may cover facilities and land for a range of sports, including for example:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycling, rowing, equestrian, sailing, climbing - Motor sports etc.
Schools	This includes facilities within Local Authority and Private Schools.
Playgrounds	This includes children's play equipment in areas not within schools sites.

This document provides an update to the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, which includes a review of the objectives in the previous strategy (see Section 8), identifies those which have been achieved together with objectives to be carried forward. These objectives will have measurable outcomes and will reflect the Council's priorities for sport and recreation within the Borough. Policies for sport and recreation within the Local Plan must be based on robust and up to date assessments of need. The Development Plan, together with its policies and strategic priorities will be used to determine planning application. This process produces a locally shared vision for sport which then informs the Local Plan process.

The figure below shows the strategic and sports planning framework, the strategic linkages which should be made and where a Local Authority's assessment of need should fit in. This provides the context for this assessment and any other strategic drivers. Analysing sport specific priorities is important particularly when considering specific facility developments or exploring specific sports as part of wider facility analysis.

Figure 1: Strategic Planning Framework



1.3 The People of Barrow

At the time of the Census in 2011, the Borough's population was 69,056 and this was concentrated in the principal settlement of Barrow and the market town of Dalton, with smaller populations in the outlying villages and rural areas. Since the Census, the population of the Borough has continued to decline, along with average household size, based on past trends. The Council hopes to combat the decline in population by attracting people into the Borough through new developments in the Local Plan.

The age profile of the Borough is broadly in line with the national average, although there are fewer people in the age group 20-39. There are a higher proportion of people over 60 compared to the national average. This proportion increased by 3.5% between 2001 and 2011 (ONS). The proportion of older people living in the Borough is projected to increase over the Plan period.

These trends would suggest that an ageing population may indicate a less active population; however the Sport England Active People Survey shows that participation in sport in the Borough for people aged over 65 increased from 14.9% in 2005 to 22.6% in 2009, suggesting that the older generation are becoming more active.

Active Cumbria and Barrow Sports Council are keen to promote physical activities for older people. Active Cumbria, the Sport and Physical Activity Partnership and part of Cumbria County Council's Health & Wellbeing Service have teamed up with the award-winning social enterprise 'Oomph!' who specialise in exercise therapy for older adults. They have arranged a free training course to focus on training and supporting employees and volunteers who work with older adults within Cumbria.

Benefits of regular exercise for older adults include:

- Improved heart health and a reduced risk of high blood pressure and heart disease.
- Helps to maintain strong muscles and flexible joints, reducing the risk of falls.
- Supports keeping bones strong and reduces the risk of osteoporosis.
- Improved mental health including reduced stress and anxiety, increased self-esteem and reduced risk of depression.

1.4 Health Profile

Poorer health is often linked to social and economic deprivation and people in Barrow generally experience poorer health than the Cumbrian average. Measures of health deprivation show that there are significant health inequalities within the Borough.

There is a strong correlation between overall deprivation and deprivation in terms of health. Central ward in Barrow is both the most deprived ward in Cumbria and the most deprived in terms of health. Those living in Central ward in Barrow have the lowest healthy life expectancy in Cumbria at just 58.9 years.

The proportion of working age adults in Barrow with a disability has increased and at 25% is the highest in the country. The number of young people in the Borough with disabilities is also on the rise and the highest in Cumbria with 3.6% of young people in Barrow entitled to Disability Living Allowance compared to the county average of 2.6%.

In the Borough, there is a high percentage of working age residents claiming Incapacity Benefit and Employment Support Allowance. Although falling, the Borough has the highest rate in Cumbria and a rate well above the Cumbrian, Regional and National average. Data from Sport England shows that 17% of deaths are caused by inactivity. International comparison shows physical inactivity is a greater cause of death nationally than almost every other economically comparable country.

This data highlights the importance of sport and recreation to the health and well-being of all ages of the population. 30% of adults are inactive in the Borough, compared to the national average of 27.7%. The Council recognises that increased activity leads to better health and are keen to promote good health for example improved diet and lifestyle and encouraging free activity.

The Council is keen to promote the development of healthy communities by requiring the design of the built environment, which encourages people to be more active. Good design of building and the spaces around them can achieve neighbourhoods where people want to live, and that enable a more active lifestyle by encouraging walking, cycling, play and active leisure. Access to community facilities, shops, education and health facilities and green spaces create sustainable places, and can also reduce crime and anti social behaviour.

In addition, evidence suggests that living near a park, woodland or other green open space has health benefits, aiding recovery from a range of health problems particularly mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety. Open greenspaces contribute to reducing health inequalities and incidence of ill health by improving the way people feel in their environments, their ability to take physical exercise and better air quality. The reduction could alleviate pressure on the NHS.

This will be achieved by policies in the Local Plan, and other guidance such as Active Design Guidance by Sport England and Public Health England.

1.5 Barrow Sports Council

Barrow Borough Sports Council is the strategic body supporting sport and physical activity in the Borough. Its members include the Borough and County Councils, local schools and colleges, professional and amateur sports clubs and other support agencies.

In conjunction with Barrow AFC Community Sports, the Sports Council run an Equity programme and a free Holiday Sports Programme. The Equity programme is aimed at delivering sports sessions for children and young people with disabilities. This programme continues to improve the health and well-being of young people and provides a range of activities to meet the needs of its attendees. The free Holiday Sports Programme, offers free activities for 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday in school holidays.

Barrow Sports Council supports the '5ive and 5ive' project, which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the Borough, through food and physical activity awareness. The project incorporates the key food and physical activity messages:

- Eating at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day
- Doing at least thirty minutes of moderate physical activity five times a week for adults and young people doing at least one hour of physical activity on most days.

Through making changes to peoples daily routine, it is hoped that it will assist in a cultural change in attitudes towards physical activity and food and influence long term lifestyle changes.

Throughout the production of the Local Plan at various stage the Council has used the Sports Council as an informal 'steering group' as they represent a wide range of bodies, organisations and individuals involved in sport and physical activity in the Borough.

This has included meetings, presentations, information sharing, mapping exercises and site visits, in particular support and feedback from Barrow Sports Council's Development Worker has aided the production of this document

2. Children's Playspace Needs Assessment

Safe and accessible places to play are important for a happy and healthy childhood. Better outdoor play opportunities for children have a positive effect on health and wellbeing and contribute to community life. Each neighbourhood has a range of places for children to play including informal open space, kick about areas, parks, playgrounds woodland, coast and beach.

Borough wide access to open space is good as the Borough is relatively compact. There is provision in urban and rural areas as there is easy access to open countryside and the beach. In a 2016 survey by the Royal Society of Arts and Industry commissioned by the Heritage Lottery Barrow Borough is ranked 1st of 325 boroughs in England for the quality of its natural landscape and number of nature reserves, but it ranks 162nd for how its communities use their landscape.

While there are many areas of open space for children to play, this section focuses on the formal provision of playgrounds in the Borough.

2.1 Local Standards

Barrow Borough Council arrange for the play areas in the Borough to be visually inspected weekly, operationally inspected quarterly and also annually inspected by an insurer. These inspections are carried out to the standards of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA). An inspection was also carried out by ROSPA in 2015, which gave a life expectancy for all play equipment. All new playground equipment being installed meets EN1176 standards.

2.2 Current Provision and Future Development

The Council have identified 34 locations with children's play equipment in the Borough and a full list is provided in Appendix A. A number of school sites also have play provision; however these have not been counted for the purposes of this assessment, due to their inaccessibility out of school hours.

The majority of the play areas are targeted at children of junior age; however there is also good provision of equipment for toddler ages. There are 7 skate areas aimed at teenagers and the 5 Multi Use Games Areas are used by all ages.

There currently appears to be sufficient provision of play areas in the Borough and Policy HC10 of the Draft Local Plan aims to ensure that the provision of play areas remains appropriate. The Council are committed to providing safe and accessible play spaces, so that children can play easily in close proximity to their home.

The policy requires developers to provide well designed and located children's play spaces in proposals for new residential development, where it is deemed appropriate through lack of provision or other limiting factors such as access, within close proximity to the development. The Council understands that safe and accessible places to play are important for a happy and healthy childhood.

3. Sports Facilities Assessment

The Government recognises the significant contribution that physical activity and exercise makes to the health and well being of communities across the country. This is reflected through the National Planning Policy Framework.

3.1 National Participation in Sport

The national sporting trends and demand data comes from the Sport England Active People Survey. The latest information to be released covers the period from October 2015 to September 2016. Swimming is England's most popular sport, followed by athletics, cycling and football. The table below shows the number of adults taking part in sport at least once a week.

Table 2: Adult participation in sport at least once per week

Active People Survey – Once a week participation in sports (Over Age 16)	
Sport	Number of Adults
Swimming	2.5 million
Athletics	2.2 million
Cycling	2.0 million
Football	1.8 million
Golf	0.73 million

Swimming, athletics, cycling and football are amongst the most popular sports in the period between October 2015 and September 2016.

- Over 2.5 million people were swimming once a week in 2015/16, making it the top sport by a significant margin
- The number of people taking part in athletics weekly has risen from 1.4 million in 2005-06 to almost 2.2 million today
- The number of weekly cyclists is 2 million, while football is part of the weekly routine for over 1.8 million people.

Other sports becoming more popular since 2005/6 include boxing, mountaineering, netball and table tennis.

3.2 Demand for Sport in Cumbria

From the Sport England Active People Survey, around 54% of people surveyed in Cumbria said that they would like to do more sport. The table below shows the percentage of adults (over 16) who participate in the 5 nationally most popular sports at least once a week and reflects a comparison between England and Cumbria.

Table 3: Percentage of adults participating in the 5 most popular sports at least once per week

Geography	Sport				
	Athletics	Cycling	Football	Golf	Swimming
England	5.37%	4.59%	4.28%	1.67%	5.68%
Cumbria	4.48%	7.26%	2.54%	1.99%	5.43%

3.3 Sport Participation in Barrow Borough

The Council recognises a clear and justified need to get the Borough's population more active in order to improve health. There is a strong link between physical activity levels and health, and as evidenced, the Borough has some of the poorest health statistics in the Country.

There is a reasonable spread of sports and leisure provision within the Borough, ranging from sport specific facilities to community centres and halls. Bowling, football and rugby are the most popular participation and spectator sports in the Borough, with cricket also being popular.

Other facilities include provision for athletics, badminton, basketball, bowls, boxing, dance, equestrian sports, fishing, gliding, golf, gymnastics, lawn tennis, martial arts, netball, trampolining, table tennis and water sports, including two sailing clubs.

There are two leisure centres in the Borough. The Park Leisure Centre in Barrow, operated by the Local Authority and Dalton Leisure Centre, operated by a trust. Gyms are available at both leisure centres, however there is also a good selection of other gyms/fitness centres within the Borough, including Nuffield Health, DW Fitness Club, Ironworks Gym, Diane Singleton Centre, Flexappeal, Evolution Gym and Cumbria Strength and Conditioning.

There has been a recent development of sports pitch provision in the Borough with new facilities opening at Furness Academy, including a dance studio, activity studio, fitness suite with gym equipment and a 3G Artificial Football Pitch, and Pulse Soccer Facility at Barrow Leisure Centre which now has seven FA accredited 5 to 7 aside pitches with 3G surfaces. In addition, a new athletics Track Facility opened in 2015 at Furness Academy, Barrow. Furness College also offers an all weather playing facility.

The town is also home to professional sport, with Barrow Raiders Rugby League Football Club and Barrow AFC both occupying Stadiums in the town.

The Active People Survey looks at the proportion of adults participating in physical activity. The percentage of people taking part in 1x30 minute session of activity per week is 25.08% for Barrow, compared to 33.55% for Cumbria and 35.52% for England. The percentage of people taking part in 3x30 minute session of activity per week is 25.08% for Barrow compared to 29.47% for Cumbria and 26.04% for England.

While the Active People Survey is useful in identifying the proportion of people participating in sports, it does not give a complete picture and many people also take part in other physical activity such as walking, exercise classes, running and cycling, which can be done free or with little charge. An example of this is the Feet First in Furness who run free, varied walks in the Furness area for people who enjoy walking in a group. The 2011 Census Travel to Work Data also shows that the proportion of cycle trips in Barrow is 2% higher than the national average. Cycling within the Borough is traditionally a popular travel mode for shipyard industry workers.

3.4 Barrow AFC Community Sports

Barrow AFC Community Sports is a not for profit company, which has been set up with the aim of using sport and physical activity to help the social and economic development of individuals and groups in the Furness Peninsular by operating a range of innovative projects, schemes and initiatives

supporting education, health, social inclusion and sports participation. Their programmes include extensive work in schools; partnerships with local charities and organisations; support to government initiatives promoting health and well-being and sessions targeted at groups with disabilities or reducing anti social behaviour. Barrow AFC Community Sports also work closely with the football club, to encourage engagement with the local community. This includes everything from involving players in promoting participation in sport by having them attend afterschool clubs, hosting birthday parties, group visits and match day activities which include mascots.

Barrow AFC Community sports offer a wide range of afterschool courses for example; Football, Hockey, Basketball, Golf, Multi sport and Multi skill courses. These are run using the facilities at local schools. Barrow AFC Community Sports also organise and deliver Barrow Borough Sports Council's free holiday sports programmes, which are held during school holidays, and an Equity programme aimed at delivering sports sessions for children and young people with disabilities.

3.5 Annual Events within the Borough

Keswick to Barrow / Coniston to Barrow

The Keswick to Barrow Walk is a sponsored 43 mile walking and running event starting in Keswick in the north Lake District and finishing in Barrow. Teams of 6 to 12 members test themselves on a challenging route, to raise money for charities and good causes. The first event was held in 1967 and has been held annually ever since, the idea came from teams of American naval personnel and shipyard workers in Barrow challenging each other to walk from Keswick to Barrow as a result of a statement made by the late U.S. President, John F Kennedy, that "every American should be capable of walking 50 miles a day." The Coniston to Barrow Walk

The first walk in 1967 had 86 participants and has grown to approximately 2500 walkers starting the Keswick to Barrow each year. The Coniston to Barrow walk, which was introduced in 2010, is 23 miles and takes place on the same day as the Keswick to Barrow. It is an easier version of the Keswick to Barrow, primarily to allow younger children to experience the concept of a long sponsored walk. The intention to that they may be encouraged to move on to the Keswick to Barrow as they reach adulthood.

Dalton Charter 10k

Barrow and Furness Striders Athletic Club organise an annual running event around Dalton in Furness. The first event was held in 1989 and it continues to be one of the highlights of the running calendar. Competitors must be over 15 years old, however a children's one mile fun run is also held in the evening.

Tour de Furness

The Tour de Furness is a charity cycle event, organised by the Rotary Club of Furness to raise money for the St Mary's Hospice and other Rotary Charities. There is a choice of four routes, 5, 13, 23 or 50 miles, which is intended to test physical fitness rather than to race. Competitors must be over 10 years of age and a total of 567 riders took part last year. The first event took place in 1995 and it continues to be a popular challenge for 500 to 600 riders each year.

4. Building a Picture - Sport Provision in the Borough of Barrow in Furness

This section looks at sports provision for the most popular sports within the Borough of Barrow in Furness, together with the most popular sports played nationally and identifies local issues and priorities.

An accurate audit of facilities is fundamental to this assessment in order to understand the adequacy of current provision to meet demand and will cover provision across all sectors not just facilities owned by the Local Authority. The assessments carried out will cover four key elements of supply, these being quantity, quality, accessibility, availability. More details on these four key areas are provided in the table below.

Table 4: Four key elements of supply

Key Element	Description	How has this information been obtained?
Quantity	What facilities there are in the area?	A survey was sent to local clubs and facilities asking the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which physical activities are available? - Do you have any future plans to maintain or enhance provision at your facility?
Quality	How good are they?	A survey was sent to local clubs and facilities asking the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many games were cancelled due to surface condition last season? - What recurring issues with the pitch/hall have you encountered? The survey also requests information on the quality of venue, playing surface, playing equipment, line markings, lighting, cleanliness, changing facilities and clubhouse.
Accessibility	Where are they located?	A survey was sent to local clubs and facilities asking the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have you ever had to travel out of the Borough to train due to facilities being inadequate or unavailable? - Is the site/facility accessible to disabled people? The survey also requests information on the quality of parking and proximity to public transport.
Availability	How available are they?	A survey was sent to local clubs and facilities asking the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would you describe any of your facilities as disused or underused? - Is demand ever greater than the capacity available in your facility? - Do you have capacity for community use or room hire?

4.1 Bowling

The national level of participation in bowling was recorded by the Sport England Active People Survey at 224,100 people participating once a week in 2015/16. This is a significant decrease from

339,500 people recorded in the 2005/06 survey. Bowling, however, is one of the most popular sports played by people in the Borough of Barrow in Furness.

Current provision in Barrow Borough

Bowling clubs known to be based in the Borough of Barrow in Furness are listed below:

- Askam and Ireleth Crown Green Bowls Club
- Barrow Island Bowls Club
- Co-op Sports and Social Club
- Dalton Cricket Club – Bowls
- King Alfred Bowls Club
- Lindal Bowling Club
- Post Office Bowls Club
- Roose Cons. Bowls Club
- Salthouse Bowls Club
- Walney Park Bowls Club
- West Mount Lawn Tennis and Bowling Club

There is a good provision of bowling clubs throughout the Borough, including provision in the smaller settlements of Askam and Lindal. The Borough has lost at least two bowling greens over recent years, however participation still remains high with matches being played by men and women of all ages.

4.2 Football

Despite football being one of the most popular sports in the Borough, the Active People Survey shows that participation rate nationally are dropping. Figures show that participation rates were at 2,021,700 in 2005/06 but have decreased to 1,851,800 in 2015/16.

Current Provision in Barrow Borough

Football clubs known to be based in the Borough of Barrow in Furness are listed below:

- Askam United Football Club
- Barrow Celtic Juniors Football Club
- Barrow Island Junior Football Club
- Crooklands Casuals Football Club
- Dalton Girls and Ladies Football Club
- Dalton United Associated Football Club
- Furness Cavaliers Football Club
- Furness Rovers Football Club
- Hawcoat Park Football Club
- Hawcoat Park Junior Football Club
- Holker Old Boys Football Club
- Vickerstown Football Club

There is a good provision of football clubs within the Borough and the town is home to a professional football club, Barrow AFC. There is a good range of junior and senior teams and

participation remains high. The majority of training for football teams is held on grass football pitches within the Borough, which adds pressure on pitches. All teams rely upon the 3G/4G pitches within the Borough during the winter months when the weather can force cancellation of games on grass pitches, particularly with regards to flooding and drainage issues.

4.3 Rugby

Despite rugby league being one of the most popular sports in the Borough, the Active People Survey shows that participation rate nationally are dropping. Figures show that participation rates were at 73,700 in 2005/06 but have decreased to 49,500 in 2015/16. In contrast to these figures, national participation rates in Rugby Union have actually increased from 185,600 in 2005/06 to 197,000 in 2015/16.

Current Provision in Barrow Borough

Rugby Clubs known to be based in the Borough of Barrow in Furness are as follows:

- Askam Amateur Rugby League Football Club
- Barrow Island Amateur Rugby League Football Club
- Barrow Ladies Rugby League Club
- Dalton Amateur Rugby League Football Club
- Furness Rugby Union Club
- Hawcoat Park Rugby Union Football Club
- Hindpool Tigers Amateur Rugby League Football Club
- Marsh Hornets Amateur Rugby League Football Club
- Roose Pioneers Amateur Rugby League Football Club
- Walney Amateur Rugby League Football Club

There is a good provision of rugby clubs within the Borough and the town is home to a professional rugby league club, Barrow Raiders. There is a good range of junior and senior teams and participation remains high. The majority of training for rugby teams is held on grass football pitches within the Borough, which adds pressure on pitches. All teams rely upon the 3G/4G pitches within the Borough during the winter months when the weather can force cancellation of games on grass pitches, particularly with regards to flooding and drainage issues.

4.4 Swimming

The Active People Survey shows that nationally, swimming is the most popular sport. Although national participation in swimming at least once per week has dropped from 3,273,800 in 2005/06 to 2,497,800 in 2015/16, it is still the most popular by a significant margin.

Current Provision in Barrow Borough

- Public swimming pools at the Park Leisure Centre and Dalton Leisure Centre
- Members only swimming pools at DW Fitness and Nuffield Health
- Swimming Clubs:
 - Barrow Amateur Swimming Club
 - Bonus Swimming Club
 - Barrow Long Distance Swimming Club
 - Dalton Dolphins

There are four swimming pools within the Borough, with two public pools and two members' only pools. Swimming lessons are available at all the facilities and there is also a good range of swimming clubs. The two leisure centres also have availability for private hire pool parties and swimming classes for schools.

Through the Equity Programme free swimming is available to children with disabilities in holiday periods and for a small charge in term time.

4.5 Golf

The Active People Survey shows that national participation in golf at least once per week has dropped from 889,100 in 2005/06 to 738,200 in 2015/16, although it remains one of the five most popular sports in the country.

Current Provision in Barrow Borough

- Barrow Golf Club, Barrow
- Dunnerholme Golf Club, Askam
- Furness Golf Club, Walney

There appears to be a sufficient amount of golf courses in the Barrow Borough and the survey responses suggest the sites and facilities are of a good quality.

4.6 Cycling

Cycling is one of the most popular sports in the country and the Active People Survey shows that national participation in cycling at least once per week has increased from 1,685,700 in 2005/06 to 2,016,300 in 2015/16.

Current Provision in Barrow Borough

- Barrow Central Wheelers
- Lakes Road Club

5.2% of Barrow-in-Furness population cycle to and from work which is almost double the national average of 2.9%. This figure is as high as 8% on Walney Island. The cycle network in Barrow Borough consists of a number of on road and off road cycle routes across the Peninsula, however the cycle network serves only a few key corridors therefore there are opportunities for improvement. The greatest density of cycle network is located in Barrow town centre and there are a few notable gaps between Askam in Furness, Dalton in Furness and other residential areas further away from Barrow town centre.

The Pearl Izumi Tour Series Race was held in Barrow in Furness on 15th May 2014 and 29th May 2015, which were televised and brought an influx of cycling fans to the town. National events such as this encourage local participation in sport and eight out of ten people who attended the 2015 event said they felt inspired to cycle more after watching the race.

4.7 Athletics

The Active People Survey shows that national participation in athletics at least once per week has increased from 1,353,800 in 2005/06 to 2,354,800 in 2015/16. In the borough of Barrow in Furness

participation in athletics has become more prominent over the last 5 years with the introduction of more running clubs and the weekly Park Run.

Current Provision in Barrow Borough

- Barrow and Furness Striders Athletic Club
- Parkside Panthers
- Walney Wind Cheetahs
- Duddon Dragons

There has been an increased interest in athletics throughout the borough over the past few years, particularly in running, with the introduction of the Park Run in 2011. A number of running clubs have also formed which encourage participation. The closure of Park Vale resulted in the loss of an athletics track on Walney, however provision has been improved by the opening of the athletics track at Furness Academy in 2015.

4.8 Cricket

The Active People Survey shows that national participation in cricket at least once per week has decreased from 195,200 in 2005 to 179,700 in 2015/16. Despite this, cricket remains a popular sport to play within the borough of Barrow in Furness.

Current Provision in Barrow Borough

- Barrow Cricket Club
- Furness Cricket Club
- Hawcoat Park Cricket Club
- Lindal Moor Cricket Club
- Vickerstown Cricket Club
- Dalton Cricket Club
- Duddon Cricket Club

There is a good provision of cricket clubs throughout the Borough, including provision in the smaller settlements of Askam and Lindal. The Clubs are described as being good quality and participation in the sport remains high, with matches played by people of all ages.

5. Quality Assessments and Evaluations

The Planning Policy Team at Barrow Borough Council carried out a Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey, which involved contacting the known local clubs, facilities and schools and asking them to complete a survey. Telephone calls were made to clarify and obtain further information to be used in the assessment. An advert was also included in the local press, the Council's website and the Development Services Newsletter.

The survey included questions such as the ages and gender of people participating in sports, the amount of people participating in sport regularly, any recurring issues or gaps in local provision, future plans for development and the survey also gave an opportunity for participants to give their views on playing pitch and sports provision within the Borough. The survey also gave respondents the opportunity to provide information on condition and fitness for purpose.

A copy of the survey forms is included in Appendix E (Clubs) and Appendix F (Schools). The Council sent out 203 survey forms and 61 were returned, giving a response rate of 30%. The geographical distribution was good, as responses were received from across the Borough, including smaller settlements such as Askam, Lindal and Newton. Responses were also received from a good cross section of sports including football, cricket, roller derby and martial arts. A full list of responses received can be found in Appendix B, and maps showing the locations of Clubs and Facilities which responded in Appendix C and Schools and Colleges in Appendix D.

This section looks at evidence compiled from the Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey carried out by the Planning Policy Team from Barrow Borough Council and will look at:

- Quantity
- Quality
- Accessibility
- Availability

Table 5: Supply Side Information Summary Table

Supply Element	Example Data Sources	What it tells us about our supply
Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire form • Telephone calls • Local knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What facilities are in the Borough • How many facilities you have of a particular type? • What is the size and physical capacity?
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire form • Telephone calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition, is the facility attractive and does it meet the needs and expectations of users • Is it fit for purpose, do the facilities and ancillary facilities meet current standards of play for relevant sports at appropriate levels. • The constraints of particular facilities, the areas of poor quality and how these are impacting on participation. •

Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire form • Telephone calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where facilities are located • The spatial distribution of facilities
Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire form • Telephone calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How available the facilities are and what the management and access policies are in place. • How full facilities are, what are the reasons behind this. • What barriers exist e.g. open times? • The scope to overcome barriers and increase use and availability of facilities. • The impact on the capacity of the facility? • Whether cost is limiting the availability and use of the facility.

5.1 Key Comments from Main Facilities

Park Leisure Centre

- Facilities available:
 - Indoor 5 a side football
 - 25 metre swimming pool
 - Leisure pool
 - Aerobics
 - Basketball
 - 4 Badminton Courts
 - Dance
 - Tennis
 - Netball
 - Table Tennis
 - Sports Hall
 - Youth gym
 - Adult gym
- Membership has increased over the past 5 years
- Open all year round
- Good quality facilities available
- Facility is accessible to people with disabilities
- Over the last 5 years the youth gym has been relocated so there is one less badminton court
- Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI) accredited
- Community hire available

Dalton Leisure Centre

- Facilities available:
 - 20 metre swimming pool
 - Splash Zone
 - 3 squash courts
 - Gym
 - Spinning room
 - Aerobics

- Membership has increased over the last 5 years
- Open all year round
- Over the last 5 years the splash zone, the spinning room and more classes have been added.
- Facility is accessible to people with disabilities
- Community hire available
- High demand for swimming lessons and classes.
- Would like more grants or financial funding for sports facilities in the Borough.

Hoops Basketball Centre

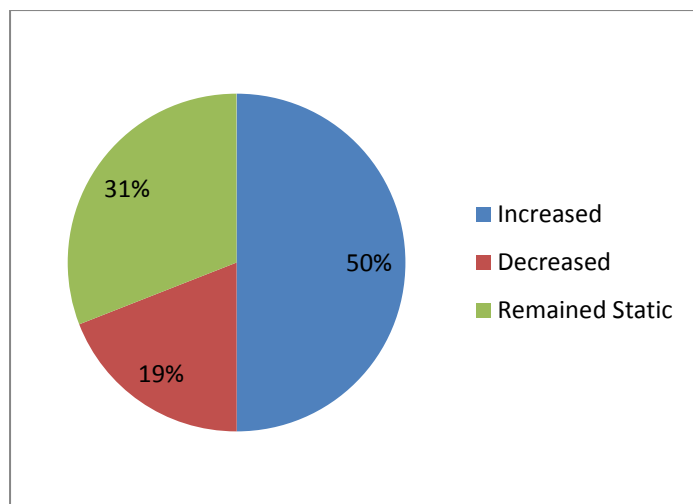
- Facilities available:
 - Athletics
 - Basketball
 - Badminton
 - Netball
 - Tennis
 - Disability Multi-sports
- Open all year
- Good quality facilities available
- Facility is accessible to people with disabilities
- Community hire available

Hawcoat Park Sports Club

- Facilities available:
 - Football
 - Cricket
 - Bowling
 - Rugby Union
 - Tennis
 - Table Tennis
 - Archery
 - Rifle and Pistol Shooting
- Open all year
- Very good quality facilities available
- Facility is accessible to people with disabilities
- Community hire available
- Future plans to update changing facilities and possibly expand to the fields behind Hoops Basketball Centre
- Would like to see more provision for female sports teams in the Borough.

5.2 Key Comments from Local Clubs

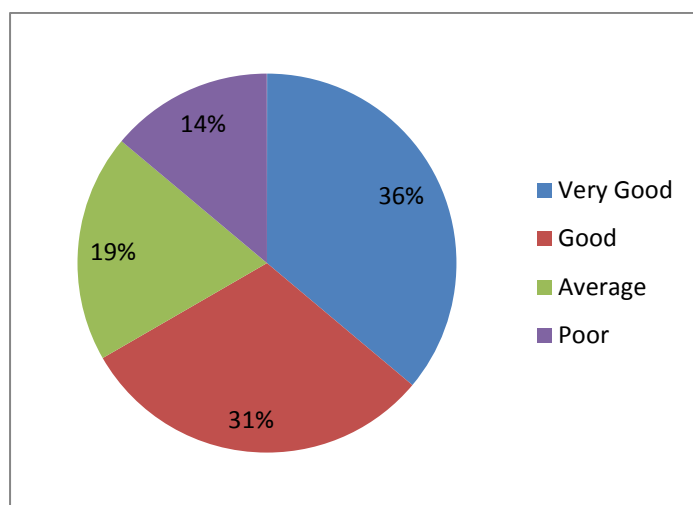
From the comments received during the survey carried out by Barrow Borough Council, overall the majority of clubs and facilities are happy with their venue, with 65% of respondents describing the quality of their venue as very good or good. The chart below show how participation and membership has changed within these clubs over the last 5 years.

Figure 2: Changes in participation and membership over the last 5 years

The main issue raised by football and rugby clubs regarding playing pitch and sports facility provision within the Borough was that there is a lack of availability of affordable, all weather pitches. Survey responses have indicated that clubs feel behind other clubs in the Lancashire area due to lack of provision and last season most clubs were forced to rearrange all matches from November to March due to water logged pitches. Some clubs have looked into developing part of their grounds into all weather pitches, but have been unable to carry out the work due to lack of funding.

Other clubs have also mentioned there is a lack of provision within the Borough for their sports. Lindal Netball Club stated that there is a lack of full size indoor courts and Furness Firecrackers have been forced to move all events outside of the Borough due to their being a lack of provision for roller derby.

With regards to accessibility, the survey has shown that 74% of facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. The chart below shows how respondents rated access to public transport from their main venue. The response shows a mixed review of access to public transport, which may have an effect on accessibility to clubs within the Borough.

Figure 3: Access to public transport from Clubs/Facilities

Availability of sports facilities for community use and hire appears to be quite varied, with 51% of respondents to the survey stating that this is something they consider. A similar figure (49%) of clubs feel that demand is sometimes greater than the capacity they have available, therefore this may indicate that they may already be full to capacity and therefore do not have availability for community hire.

5.3 Key Comments from Secondary Schools and Colleges

- All secondary schools and colleges took part in the Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey carried out by Barrow Borough Council and the majority described their sports facilities as very good.
- There appears to be a good range of sports facilities available and sports played at the Secondary Schools and Colleges in the Borough.
- Sports facilities at all secondary schools and colleges in the borough are available for community use and hire
- Furness Academy and Furness College have 3G/4G playing pitches available, however the other schools have commented that the lack of 3G/4G pitches is an issue due to the wet climate, expense and lack of availability.
- The closure of the artificial pitch in Barrow Park has also restricted the types of sports available, such as Hockey, at some schools.
- The sports facilities in the Secondary Schools and Colleges have been described as accessible to people with disabilities.
- 71% of respondents to the survey feel that access to public transport from the school is good.

5.4 Key Comments from Primary Schools

- A good range of sports are played at the primary schools who took part in the survey and 72% of respondents described their sports facilities as very good or good.
- Most of the primary schools also provide external play equipment or are looking to provide it in the near future.
- All primary schools who took part in the survey use one of the leisure centres in the Borough for swimming lessons for the pupils.
- Primary Schools only tend to travel outside of the Borough due to success in competitions, however some travel to the Lake District occasionally to partake in canoeing and skiing.
- 81% of the primary schools described their sports facilities as being accessible to people with disabilities.
- The main improvements primary schools would like to see would be better parking facilities and availability of grants to enhance their sports facilities and provision.
- 72% of respondents to the survey feel that access to public transport from the school is good.

5.5 Barrow Playing Field Users Association

Barrow Playing Field Users Association is the body in charge of maintaining the public playing fields on behalf of Barrow Borough Council. These playing fields include Ormsgill, Biggar Bank and Thorncliffe. These playing fields are used by a number of local clubs including:

- Barrow Celtic

- Islanders
- Walney Island
- Bridge United
- Dalton United
- Ormsgill North End
- Vickerstown

Barrow Playing Field Users Association took part in the Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch survey carried out by Barrow Borough Council and described the quality of the pitches as being of a good standard with no recurring problems. In order to improve the standard of the pitches, they would need to be fenced off to protect them. This maybe a possibility in the future but would be dependent on funding.

Cavendish Park on Barrow Island, owned by the Borough Council, has recently been leased to Barrow Island Community Sports Trust who have secured funding for improvements to the playing field and facilities.

5.6 Park Run

The Park Run is a timed 5km run in Barrow Park, which began in 2011 and takes place every Saturday morning. People of all ages can take part and it is free to join in. There are 50 Park Run locations in the North West and 7 are in Cumbria.

Over the last 5 years the number of people taking part has increased from 25 people in the first run, to a record number of 208 people, however usually there are between 150-180 runners. Occasionally, the run has to be cancelled due to weather conditions, but an alternative route has now been brought in to help reduced the number of cancellations.

Over the next 12 months there are plans to introduce a Junior Park Run, which will be held on a Sunday Morning, for ages 4-14. This is aimed at encouraging children to take part in exercise and have fun outdoors.

5.7 Ownership

Using the information obtained by the Council during the Sports Facilities Survey, the table below gives an overview of ownership types of sporting facilities within the borough of Barrow in Furness.

Table 6: Ownership of Sporting Facilities

Facilities	Count	Commercial	Education	Local Authority
Athletics Track	1	0	1	0
Golf	2	2	0	0
Grass Pitches	9	0	5	4
Health and Fitness Club	9	8	0	1
Tennis Court	2	2	0	0
Cricket Club	6	6	0	0
Swimming Pool	4	3	0	1
Artificial Grass Pitch	3	1	2	0
Total	36	22	8	6

Facilities owned by the Local Authority will be made as widely available as possible, however the availability of facilities owned privately or within schools are not within the control of the Local Authority. Local Authorities are the strategic lead for sport in the area and with statutory planning responsibilities; the Council will lead the work across its area, working with partners, such as Barrow Sports Council and Playing Field Users Association, to develop an area needs assessment, which should in turn direct sports and planning policy. The Local Authority will use this assessment as the evidence base for developing sports facility strategies and planning policies for the Borough of Barrow in Furness.

6. Links to the Development of Planning Policy

The provision of high quality and accessible community playing pitches at a local level is a key requirement for achieving the targets set out by the Government and Sport England.

6.1 National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England and provides guidance for local planning authorities and decision takers, both in drawing up plans and making decisions about planning applications.

The NPPF states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, by focusing on three themes of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. In relation to plan making, the NPPF sets out that Local Authorities should seek opportunities to meet the development needs of their area and Local Plans should set out how objectively assessed needs will be met,

The NPPF promotes the development of healthy communities and effective land use planning can create an environment that has a positive influence on a person's health. Under the promoting healthy communities theme, it sets out that planning policies should be based on robust and up to date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. This information should be used to inform what provision is required in an area.

A prerequisite the NPPF states existing open space, sports and recreation sites, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- An assessment has been undertaken, which has clearly shown the site to be surplus to requirements.
- The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location.
- The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

This assessment is designed to inform the decision making processes for sport provision in Barrow Borough, taking into account the guidance in the NPPF and any other relevant evidence.

6.2 Sport England

Sport England is a public body under the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Its role is to increase the number of people doing sport, sustain participation levels and help people develop within sports. If any proposed housing allocation site affects a playing field or sports facility, it is Sport England's policy to object, unless there is an Assessment of Need available to ascertain whether the sites are surplus to requirement to meet existing or future demand.

Good design should contribute positively to making places better for people and create environments that make the active choice the easy choice for people and communities. That is why Sport England, in partnership with Public Health England has produced the Active Design Guidance. This guidance builds on the original Active Design (2007) objectives of improving accessibility, enhancing amenity and increasing awareness and sets out the Ten Principles of Active Design.

The ten principles of active design are identified by drawing from urban design practice and practical examples to promote environments that offer individuals and communities the greatest potential to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

1. Activity for all

Neighbourhoods, facilities and open spaces should be accessible to all users and should support sport and physical activity across all ages.

Enabling those who want to be active, whilst encouraging those who are inactive to become active.

2. Walkable communities

Homes, schools, shops, community facilities, workplaces, open spaces and sports facilities should be within easy reach of each other.

Creating the conditions for active travel between all locations.

3. Connected walking and cycle routes

All destinations should be connected by a direct, legible and integrated network of walking and cycling routes. Routes must be safe, well lit, overlooked, welcoming, well maintained, durable and clearly signposted. Active travel (walking and cycling) should be prioritised over other modes of transport.

Prioritising active travel through safe, integrated walking and cycling routes.

4. Co-location of community facilities

The co-location and concentration of retail, community and associated uses to support linked trips should be promoted. A mix of land uses and activities should be promoted that avoid the uniform zoning of large areas to single uses.

Creating multiple reasons to visit a destination, minimising the number and length of trips and increasing the awareness and convenience of opportunities to participate in sport and physical activity.

5. Network of multifunctional open space

A network of multifunctional open space should be created across all communities to support a range of activities including sport, recreation and play, plus other landscape features, including Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), woodland, wildlife habitat and productive landscapes (allotments, orchards). Facilities for sport, recreation and play should be of an appropriate scale and positioned in prominent locations.

Providing multifunctional spaces opens up opportunities for sport and physical activity and has numerous wider benefits.

6. High quality streets and spaces

Flexible and durable high quality streets and public spaces should be promoted, employing high quality durable materials, street furniture and signage.

Well designed streets and spaces support and sustain a broader variety of users and community activities.

7. Appropriate infrastructure

Supporting infrastructure to enable sport and physical activity to take place should be provided across all contexts, including workplaces, sports facilities and public space, to facilitate all forms of activity.

Providing and facilitating access to facilities and other infrastructure to enable all members of society to take part in sport and physical activity.

8. Active buildings

The internal and external layout, design and use of buildings should promote opportunities for physical activity.

Providing opportunities for activity inside and around buildings.

9. Management, maintenance, monitoring and evaluation

The management, long term maintenance and viability of sports facilities and public spaces should be considered in their design. Monitoring and evaluation should be used to assess the success of Active Design initiatives and to inform future directions to maximise activity outcomes from design interventions.

A high standard of management, maintenance, monitoring and evaluation is essential to ensure the long term desired functionality of all spaces.

10. Activity promotion and local champions

Promoting the importance of participation in sport and physical activity as a means of improving health and wellbeing should be supported. Health promotion measures and local champions should be supported to inspire participation in sport and physical activity across neighbourhoods, workplaces and facilities.

Physical measures need to be matched by community and stakeholder ambition, leadership and engagement.

The theme of sustainable development and good design from the Active Design principles are reflected throughout the Local Plan. Links to a number of the principles can be seen in the Council's policies, for example Policy DS2 links to Walkable Communities and Appropriate Infrastructure, Policy DS5 links to Connecting Walking and Cycling Routes and Network of Multifunctional Open Space and I4 covers sustainable travel choices. It is hoped that these policies will inspire and inform the layout of our Borough and promote sport and active lifestyles.

6.3 Local Planning Policy

The health of the people in Barrow Borough is generally worse than the England average. Barrow Borough Council are committed to encouraging participation in sport and physical activity in the Borough to try to improve the health of the local population. This commitment has led to the production of a chapter in the Local Plan about promoting healthy communities.

The Council recognises the value of providing and maintaining an environment for residents to live and work which is not harmful to their health. The Local Plan will support proposals which promote and enhance the Borough's environment and includes policies which will begin to address some of the issues raised in the Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey.

The following policies set out below demonstrate the Council's commitment to encourage development which through good design, promotes physical activity and well being. The policies have been written in consultation with consultees including statutory bodies with health, sport, environmental and infrastructure remits. Development proposals will be assessed against these policies.

Policy DS2: Sustainable Development Criteria

In order to meet the objectives outlined in Policy S1, subject to other Development Plan policies which may determine the suitability of particular sites, all proposals will be required to meet all of the following criteria, where possible, taking into account the scale of development and magnitude of impact and any associated mitigation, by:

- a) Ensuring that proposed development incorporates green infrastructure designed and integrated to enable accessibility by walking, cycling and public transport for main travel purposes, particularly from areas of employment and retail, leisure and education facilities;
- b) Ensuring development does not prejudice road safety or increase congestion at junctions that are identified by the Local Highway Authority as being over-capacity;
- c) Ensuring access to necessary services, facilities and infrastructure and ensuring that proposed development takes into account the capacity of existing or planned utilities infrastructure;
- d) Ensuring that the health, safety and environmental effects of noise, smell, dust, light, vibration, fumes or other forms of pollution or nuisance arising from the proposed development including from associated traffic are within acceptable levels;
- e) Respecting the residential amenity of existing and committed dwellings, particularly privacy, security and natural light;
- f) Does not harm the health, safety or amenity of occupants or users of the proposed development;
- g) Contributing to the enhancement of the character, appearance and historic interest of related landscapes, settlements, street scenes, buildings, open spaces, trees and other environmental assets;
- h) Contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity and geodiversity;
- i) Ensuring that construction and demolition materials are re-used on the site if possible;
- j) Avoiding adverse impact on mineral extraction and agricultural production;
- k) Ensuring that proposals incorporate energy and water efficiency measures, the use of sustainable drainage systems where appropriate and steers development away from areas of flood risk;
- l) Ensuring that any proposed development conserves and enhances the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings.

Where the applicant demonstrates that one or more of the criteria cannot be met, they must highlight how the development will contribute towards the achievement of the objectives by alternative means.

Policy DS5: Design

New development must be of a high quality design, which will support the creation of attractive, vibrant places. Designs will be specific to the site and must demonstrate a clear process that

analyses and responds to the characteristics of the site and its context, taking into account the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy. Proposals must demonstrate clearly how they:

- a) Integrate with and where possible conserve and enhance the character of the adjoining natural environment;
- b) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, including heritage assets and their setting;
- c) Make the most effective and efficient use of the site and any existing buildings upon it;
- d) Create clearly distinguishable, well defined and designed public and private spaces that are attractive, accessible, coherent and safe and provide a stimulating environment;
- e) Allow permeability and ease of movement within the site and with surrounding areas, placing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport above those of the motorist, depending on the nature and function of the uses proposed;
- f) Create a place that is easy to find your way around with routes defined by a well-structured building layout;
- g) Prioritise building and landscape form over parking and roads, so that vehicular requirements do not dominate the sites appearance and character;
- h) Exhibit design quality using design cues and materials appropriate to the area, locally sourced wherever possible;
- i) Respect the distinctive character of the local landscape, protecting and incorporating key environmental assets of the area, including topography, landmarks, views, trees, hedgerows, habitats and skylines. Where no discernible or positive character exists, creating a meaningful hierarchy of space that combines to create a sense of place;
- j) Create layouts that are inclusive and promote health, well-being, community cohesion and public safety;
- k) Incorporate public art where this is feasible and where it can contribute to design objectives;
- l) Ensure that development is both accessible and usable by different age groups and people with disabilities;
- m) Integrate into landscaping, where relevant, sustainable urban drainage systems of an appropriate form and scale;
- n) Mitigate against the impacts of climate change by the incorporation of energy and water efficiency measures, the orientation of new buildings, and use of recyclable materials in construction;
- o) Ensuring that new development avoids creating nesting sites for gulls e.g. through the provision of appropriate roof pitches;

Policy I1: Developer Contributions

Development and infrastructure provision will be coordinated to ensure that growth is supported by the timely provision of adequate infrastructure, facilities and services. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will be used to identify the timing, type and number of infrastructure requirements to support the objectives and policies of the Plan as well as the main funding mechanisms and lead agencies responsible for their delivery.

All development should make the most efficient use of existing infrastructure where there is capacity. Where developments will create additional need for improvements / provision of infrastructure, services or facilities or exacerbate an existing deficiency, contributions will be sought to ensure that the appropriate enhancements / improvements are made, and appropriate

management arrangements are in place. Consideration will be given to how these requirements will affect the viability of development.

- The types of infrastructure that developments may be required to provide contributions towards include, but are not limited to:
 - Utilities and waste;
 - Flood prevention and sustainable drainage measures;
 - Transport (highway, rail, bus and cycle / footpath network and any associated facilities);
 - Community Infrastructure including health, education, libraries, public realm and community facilities;
 - Green Infrastructure (such as outdoor sports facilities, open space, parks, allotments, play areas, enhancing and conserving biodiversity and management of environmentally sensitive areas); and
 - Climate change and energy initiatives through allowable solutions.

Developer contributions for the above will be informed by relevant up to date and robust evidence where applicable.

Where appropriate, the Council will permit developers to provide the necessary infrastructure themselves as part of their development proposals, rather than making financial contributions, subject to agreement with relevant consultees.

Policy I4: Sustainable Travel Choices

Development will be accessible by a range of sustainable transport options, including walking, cycling and public transport. Early engagement with the Borough Council and the Local Highways Authority is encouraged.

Development likely to generate significant levels of transport within isolated and poorly accessible areas will be resisted unless a clear environmental, social or economic need can be demonstrated. Proposals should provide direct and safe access to the existing footpath and cycle network including pedestrian links between developments and bus stops to maximise use of public transport to access green space, shopping, schools, health and other amenities. Where this would require the provision of links beyond the development site, such as provision of new footpaths and cycleways or a new or enhanced bus service an appropriate planning obligation will be negotiated between the local planning authority and the applicant.

Pedestrian and cycle routes within new developments must be well lit so as to create a safe, attractive and useable environment for all.

Development proposals located on, or adjacent to, a proposed network of cycle routes should incorporate the appropriate section of route, and / or links to it. Where development affects the line of an existing route, the route will be required to be reinstated, or an acceptable alternative provided. The continuing integrity of the route should be maintained through the construction process. Routes, both interim and replacement, should be constructed to a standard and design acceptable to the Council and consistent with the Green Infrastructure Strategy requirements.

Secure cycle parking provision, in accordance with the Council's adopted guidelines, will be required in all new car parks, particularly those associated with housing, employment, retail, leisure and educational developments. In addition the Authority will encourage the provision of shower facilities at employment-generating developments.

The Council will encourage the integration of vehicle charging infrastructure within new development, particularly commercial development.

Policy HC1: Health and Wellbeing

The Council will encourage development which promotes health and wellbeing by:

- a) Providing access to a range of types of housing in sustainable locations
- b) Encouraging travel by sustainable means including use of public transport walking and cycling
- c) Promoting access to and use of open space
- d) Promoting the use of sustainable construction materials and methods where appropriate
- e) Protection of the Boroughs natural and heritage assets
- f) Supporting a range of sport, recreation and leisure pursuits
- g) Supporting health promotion: Including smoking cessation, healthy eating and breastfeeding campaigns
- h) Encouraging reuse of existing buildings for health uses where appropriate
- i) Encouraging use of renewable energy technologies where appropriate
- j) Promoting inclusive design which meets the needs of all, including those with mobility challenges.

Policy HC6: New Indoor Leisure Facilities

Proposals for the development of new leisure facilities will be supported provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- a) The proposed location is within the town centre, or if it outside of a town centre a sequential test has been applied and no town centre sites are available or appropriate;
- b) The proposed location is sustainable, prioritising brownfield sites and incorporating sustainable materials where possible;
- c) The proposed scale is appropriate for its location;
- d) The site is accessible by public transport, walking and cycling;
- e) Adequate on site parking is provided, or there is adequate on street parking in the immediate area without detriment to highway safety or loss of amenity;
- f) The development will not have an adverse effect on the amenity of the surrounding area, or impact on a town centre;
- g) Recycling receptacles are provided.

Policy HC7: Loss of playing fields, sports pitches or facilities

Playing fields, sports pitches and facilities are an important factor in the health and well-being of the wider community. For this reason proposals that would result in a partial or total loss of any of these assets, or would otherwise constitute a change of use to non-sport or recreation uses, shall not be permitted unless:

- a) A robust up-to-date assessment has been undertaken which clearly shows the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- b) The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location nearby; or
- c) The development only affects land that is incapable of forming all or part of a playing field, sports pitch or facility; or
- d) The proposed development is ancillary to the use of the playing field; or
- e) The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

In all cases the loss of openness should not undermine the Green Infrastructure objectives.

Policy HC8: New outdoor sports facilities

Proposals for the provision of outdoor sports facilities and associated buildings and infrastructure will be supported provided that:

- a) The development will not result in visual harm to the character and appearance of the surroundings, countryside or coastal area;
- b) The development will not result in the loss of agricultural land;
- c) The development would not harm any site of identified nature conservation interest;
- d) Adequate on site parking is provided, or there is adequate on street parking in the immediate area without causing congestion or loss of amenity;
- e) Its use does not cause a significant loss of residential amenity;
- f) The type, size and location of the new facility is informed by an up to date and robust assessment of need;
- g) Any floodlighting situated in the built-up areas is subject to a sports lighting assessment which demonstrates that residential amenities, highway safety and recognised ecological interests would not be adversely affected.

Consideration should be given to the reuse of existing buildings where possible.

Policy HC9: Multi-use games areas

Proposals for multi-use games areas (MUGAs) with floodlighting will be approved where they are situated in the built up areas of towns and villages and a sports lighting assessment demonstrates residential amenities, highway safety and recognised ecological interests would not be adversely affected. Areas of well designed and maintained landscaping will be encouraged to provide shelter, screening and biodiversity.

Policy HC10: Play Areas

Proposals for residential development will be assessed on a site by site basis, and where deemed appropriate through lack of provision or other limiting factor such as access, will be required to provide well designed and located children's play space, within close proximity to the development, that is safe and accessible for users. Areas of well designed and maintained landscaping will be encouraged. Developers will be expected to provide a commuted sum for a minimum of 5 years maintenance, or contributions for off site provision within suitable, safe walking distance.

Where a Development Brief has been produced for a site, the brief will set out the requirement for play space and on windfall sites the requirement will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Policy HC11: Golf Courses

Proposals for new, or extensions to, golf courses and driving ranges will be permitted where it meets all of the following criteria:

- a) They will not adversely affect the character and appearance of the surrounding area;
- b) They make provision for the retention of important landscape features and appropriate landscaping is provided as part of the course construction, matching the species in its immediate surroundings;
- c) They will not adversely affect sites of nature conservation value or archaeological or historic importance or the best and most versatile agricultural land;
- d) Any new buildings essential to the function of the course are of a high standard of design;
- e) They maintain the public footpath network in the area;
- f) They will not adversely affect the amenity of residents in the vicinity;
- g) The access and car parking arrangements are satisfactory;
- h) Any artificial lighting is appropriate to the location and suitably positioned and screened to minimise its impact.

Proposals for free-standing driving ranges, not related to another recreation use on the land, will not be accepted in the open countryside or protected Green Space.

Policy HC12: Equestrian Development

Changes of use from agriculture to leisure related horse grazing and other horse related development such as riding schools and stabling will be permitted provided that:

- a) It is not visually intrusive or detrimental to the character of the area;
- b) The development does not use non-traditional or otherwise visually unacceptable buildings or fencing materials or other semi-permanent equipment;
- c) The development will not lead to unacceptable erosion of bridleways, woodlands, commons or any other ecologically sensitive area;
- d) It does not involve an unacceptable loss of productive farmland, nuisance to residents, pollution of sub soil or water courses, or conflict with vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- e) Adequate access and car parking can be achieved. Permeable surfaces will be encouraged to reduce surface water runoff.

In order to assess fully the impact of proposals for riding schools, the Local Planning Authority will require, as part of the planning application, details of the areas and routes that are intended to be used for horse riding activities. Where appropriate the Authority will use section 106 obligations or planning conditions to ensure suitable improvements to such routes.

7. The Way Forward

The Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey has identified that 3G/4G pitches are in high demand within the borough, due to weather conditions, funding and lack of provision. This issue has worsened since the closure of the full size artificial pitch at the Park Leisure Centre, although the pitches at Pulse Soccer and new facilities at Furness College and Furness Academy have been beneficial to the Borough, in particular the all weather playing facilities.

Many clubs, facilities and schools have mentioned that lack of funds means they are unable to expand or improve sports provision. People are keen for more grants to be introduced to improve this. Some sports are also under represented within the Borough, such as hockey and it is felt that facilities for female sports teams could be improved.

The introduction of more all weather pitches could provide capacity for more sports to be played, for example hockey, and less cancellations of matches prearranged by clubs due to poor weather conditions. Increased availability of sports grants would also improve equipment for clubs and schools to encourage more young people to participate in sports. Ensuring that the local population can access sport and recreation facilities would provide significant health, social and economic benefits to the Borough, which would help to address the poor health statistics of the Borough. The age profile of the Borough shows there is a higher proportion of people over 60, which indicates that future demand for provision will be required for facilities to suit the older population. This could mean increasing sports facilities more suited to the older age category, such as bowls.

It is hoped that development of some of the allocated housing sites in the Local Plan would through developer contributions provide funds to improve the remaining area and enhance sports facilities, for example Furness Rugby Union Football Club stated that they have drainage problems on their pitches and have had to cancel games in the past. A section of the pitches in question are included in the housing site allocations of the emerging Local Plan (REC54), therefore development could raise funds to improve the remaining pitches and facilities and fewer games would need to be cancelled. The same could be said for the land east of Rakesmoor Lane (SHL082). When speaking to Holker Old Boys Football Club, who neighbour this site, it came to light that all games from November to March had to be rearranged due to drainage problems with the pitches. It is possible that development of the land adjacent could help to reduce the drainage issues. Development of areas such as at Mill Lane, Walney (SHL010a) may also be beneficial, as developer contributions could help to improve the area for the wider neighbourhood.

Development of site REC19B (Thornccliffe South) will result in the loss of tennis courts, however these are currently disused. The Council is keen to retain as many sporting facilities as possible and there are tennis courts available to the public at Hawcoat Park and West Mount Tennis Club. The tennis courts at Thornccliffe School were used by pupils of the school and new tennis courts have been built at Furness College and Furness Academy, which will be of a higher quality due to their age.

Further information on individual sites can be found in the Proposed Housing Site Allocations Document, including the impact of each site on open space and sport provision. Sport England are also a statutory consultee for all developments that affect playing fields and would lodge a statutory

objection if there is unjustified loss of playing fields without the appropriate mitigation. They are therefore a key partner in decision making. It is hoped that the design of new developments throughout the Borough will play a vital role in keeping the local population active and will become an intrinsic part of resident's daily life.

This assessment provides an overview of facilities available, the number of sports teams and their needs and standards of provision, which will be used to identify the supply of sport provision in relation to the current and future needs of the local population. This will be used as evidence to inform future local planning policies, for example by identifying areas where new provision is required or asking developers to contribute to improving facilities. Where ownership of facilities and playing pitches lies with the Council, there is a commitment to look to make improvements and carry out maintenance wherever possible.

This assessment is intended to be a working document, which will be updated as and when new information becomes available. It is intended to be a useful source of information in identifying sports facilities and provision within the Borough both within this document and through the Council's web mapping service.

8. Action Plan

The Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2011-16, produced by Barrow Sports Council, has now expired. The Strategy contained the following six Priority Aims:

1. Improve and increase provision of appropriate facilities
2. Increase sports participation and get more people healthy and active.
3. Develop local sports providers.
4. Improve partnership working.
5. Develop the workforce infrastructure.
6. Improve ability, performance and achievements.

Whilst the priority aims remain relevant it is acknowledged that the reduction in resources which has occurred since 2011 mean that it will be more challenging to meet the targets going forward. The Borough Council recognises the importance of sport and recreational activity in promoting healthy and inclusive communities, and will continue to support the priority aims and associated objectives. It is understood that the Borough's Sports Council intend to review and update the aims and objectives below over the next 12 months.

The table below includes an interim update on the objectives in the strategy. Objectives which are not likely to be carried forward are shown in red.

Priority Aim 1 - Improve and increase provision of appropriate facilities

Objectives	Update
<p>1.1 Implement the 8 recommendations within the Facility Development Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing Pitches • Astro turf Pitch • Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) • Athletics Track • Squash Facility • Hoops and Table Tennis Centre • Water Sports Centre • Bowling Greens 	<p>1.1 Playing Pitches Barrow Playing Field Users Association (BPFUA) surrendered lease of Cavendish Park to Barrow Island Community Sports Trust, who have been in receipt of £1m lottery funding but need a 30 year lease as a condition. Significant development at Cavendish Park is expected to follow. Barrow Island ARLFC obtained a Sport England grant to improve drainage at Ostley Bank. Barrow Borough Council invested in Biggar Bank changing facilities for BPFUA.</p> <p>Astro turf Pitches Furness Academy and Furness College both opened 3G pitches during the life of the strategy. Barrow Borough Council redeveloped its astro turf full size pitch into a 3G soccer centre during the life of the strategy.</p> <p>Floodlit MUGA sites Only one small MUGA was developed during the life of the strategy, this being at Dalton Leisure Centre. (Others exist at Mill Lane, Stanley Rad, Hindpool Urban Park and Ormsgill).</p> <p>Athletics Track Completed at Furness Academy</p>

<p>1.2 Maintain and improve the quality of existing facilities</p> <p>1.3 Liaise with National Governing Bodies to ensure sports specific sites are 'Fit for Purpose'.</p> <p>1.4 Increase community access to education sites outside of the normal school hours.</p> <p>1.5 To construct a new sports hall at Walney School.</p> <p>1.6 Support and improve Barrow AFC and Barrow Raiders facilities.</p> <p>1.7 To ensure the facilities at Hawcoat Park Sports and Social Club are fit for purpose and ensure the stability of the Club.</p> <p>1.8 To develop a soccer centre at the Park Leisure Centre.</p> <p>1.9 To develop sports facilities at the local FE colleges.</p> <p>1.10 Ensure Furness Academy sports facilities reflect the needs of the wider community.</p> <p>1.11 Develop and maintain a comprehensive sports facilities database to be accessed by anyone via the Barrow Sports Council website.</p> <p>1.12 Create an outdoor gym within the Borough.</p> <p>1.13 Create a cycle infrastructure/network within the Borough.</p>	<p>Squash Not Achieved</p> <p>Hoops Retained</p> <p>Water Sports Centre See Barrow Port Area Action Plan</p> <p>Bowling Greens Support retention of bowling greens.</p> <p>1.2 There have been many examples of improvements to facilities during the life of the strategy.</p> <p>1.3 This objective will continue to be supported.</p> <p>1.4 This objective will continue to be supported.</p> <p>1.5 Completed</p> <p>1.6 This objective will continue to be supported.</p> <p>1.7 Support will be given to the development of sports clubs wherever possible, however this will not be carried forward as an objective for specific clubs.</p> <p>1.8 New soccer centre constructed.</p> <p>1.9 New sports facilities constructed.</p> <p>1.10 Furness Academy has developed significant facilities which are being used by the community in addition to the school.</p> <p>1.11 This objective is not considered to be a priority at present, however this could be reviewed in the future.</p> <p>1.12 Not considered to be a priority at this time.</p> <p>1.13 This objective will continue to be supported.</p>
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Priority Aim 2 - Increase sports participation and get more people healthy and active.

Objectives	Update
2.1 Offer a range of opportunities for young people to take part in sport and physical activity.	2.1 This objective will continue to be supported.
2.2 Offer a range of opportunities to low participants groups, particularly people with a disability, 50+, women and girls and the black and minority ethnic community.	2.2 The Equity Programme is available within the Borough and will continue to be supported.
2.3 Establish a Borough wide Exercise of Referral scheme.	2.3 This objective will continue to be supported.
2.4 Develop opportunities for family participation in sport and physical activity	2.4 Borough has incentivised family use at the Park Leisure Centre with reduced price family tickets. Family projects will continue to be supported.
2.5 Get more people walking and physically active during their leisure time, work breaks and for transport.	2.5 This objective will continue to be supported.
2.6 Employ a Food and Fitness Coordinator to deliver on local food and fitness scheme.	2.6 This objective is not considered to be a priority at the present time, however this could be reviewed in the future.
2.7 Support the local Health Trainer, as part of the regional pilot.	2.7 Cumbria County Council have recently appointed a number of locality Health and Well-Being Coaches (HAWCS). The intention is for them to work on a range of interventions with individuals to improve their health and physical wellbeing.
2.8 To increase awareness of physical activity opportunities.	2.8 This objective will continue to be supported.
2.9 Support organisations and businesses to develop healthy and active workplaces.	2.9 This objective will continue to be supported.
2.10 Support the HENRY (Health, Exercise, Nutrition for the Really Young) programme.	2.10 Unable to carry forward at the present time, however this could be reviewed in the future.
2.11 Implement the Furness Health Improvement Plan and Barrow Borough Council Community Strategy health outcomes.	2.11 This objective will continue to be supported, however it is to be amended to reflect the objectives of the Barrow Health and Wellbeing Forum.
2.12 Deliver appropriate annual fun runs and races.	2.12 The objective will continue to be supported, however this is not considered to be a strategic objective at the present time.

<p>2.13 Develop an allotment allocation policy.</p> <p>2.14 Assist in the implementation of Public Health Outcomes Framework.</p>	<p>2.13 Barrow Borough Council have developed an Allotment Allocation Policy.</p> <p>2.14 Support will continue to be given to the sport and physical activity indicators being delivered.</p>
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Priority Aim 3 - Develop local sports providers

Objectives	Update
3.1 Encourage and support clubs to gain Clubmark accreditation or equivalent.	3.1 Support will be given, wherever possible.
3.2 To support clubs to plan for the future that will improve their services and help them increase long term membership.	3.2 This objective will continue to be supported.
3.3 To support clubs to plan for the future that will improve their services and help them increase long term membership.	3.3 This objective will continue to be supported.
3.4 To distribute on a regular basis, and through varied mediums, sport and physical activity development related information to appropriate agencies and organisations.	3.4 This objective will continue to be supported.
3.5 Support sports clubs to become more inclusive and assist them to provide high quality sports opportunities for disabled people.	3.5 This objective will continue to be supported.

Priority Aim 4 - Improve partnership working

Objectives	Update
4.1 Work with partners to use sport as a tool to help address crime, social exclusion and anti social behaviour.	4.1 This objective will continue to be supported.
4.2 Support to be recognised more at a strategic level.	4.2 This objective will continue to be supported.
4.3 Improve links with Youth Work.	4.3 This objective will continue to be supported.
4.4 Support National Governing Bodies to implement their Whole Sport Plans.	4.4 This objective will continue to be supported.
4.5 Improve links with dance organisations and opportunities.	4.5 This objective will continue to be supported.
4.6 Support the continuation of the Furness School Sports Partnership.	4.6 Furness School Sports Partnership no longer in existence.

4.7 To develop the Barrow Sports Development Team.	4.7 Barrow Sports Development Team are no longer in existence.
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Priority Aim 5 - Develop the workforce infrastructure

Objectives	Update
5.1 Identify, support and retain volunteers through the development of effective volunteering opportunities.	5.1 This objective will continue to be supported.
5.2 Develop more opportunities for people to gain coaching and officiating and other sports qualifications.	5.2 This objective will continue to be supported.
5.3 Improve communication regarding coach education events and courses.	5.3 This objective will continue to be supported.

Priority Aim 6 - Improve ability, performance and achievements

Objectives	Update
6.1 To recognise and applaud the achievements and performances of teams and athletes residing in the Borough.	6.1 This objective will continue to be supported, whenever possible.
6.2 Assist in the development of sports specific player pathways.	6.2 This objective will continue to be supported.
6.3 Support Barrow Raiders to gain access to the Super League.	6.3 This objective will continue to be supported.
6.4 Support Barrow AFC to gain access to the Football League.	6.4 This objective will continue to be supported.
6.5 To support elite and performance projects.	6.5 This objective will continue to be supported.
6.6 To Support gifted and talented programmes.	6.6 This was part of the Department of Education, however this is no longer in existence, however could be reviewed in the future.
6.7 To assist teams and performers to aspire to their full potential.	6.7 This objective will continue to be supported.
6.8 To assist coaches and officials to reach their full potential.	6.8 This objective will continue to be supported.
6.9 To encourage and support regional or above sports events hosted within the Borough, recognised by the NGB.	6.9 This objective will continue to be supported.

Appendices

Appendix A - Children's Play Space

	Site	Address	Play Category
1	Abbotsvale	Abbots Vale, Barrow, LA13 9PA	Junior
2	Askam Community Field	Sandy Lane, Askam, LA16 7BD	Junior Toddler Steel Skate Ramps
3	Askam – Saves Lane	Saves Lane, Askam, LA16 7DZ	Junior
4	Balmoral Gardens	Dowie Close, Barrow, LA13 0SZ	Junior Toddler
5	Barrow Park	Park Drive, Barrow, LA13 9BD	Junior Toddler Junior Swings (separate area) Concrete skate park
6	Biggar Bank Timber (Open)	Biggar Bank Road, Barrow, LA14 3YE	Junior
7	Biggar Bank (Fenced)	Biggar Bank Road, Barrow, LA14 3YF	Junior Toddler
8	Biggar Bank Village	Biggar Bank Road, Barrow, LA14 3YG	Junior
9	Church Street	Church Street, Barrow, LA14 2HJ	Junior Toddler
10	Dalton – Buttermere Drive	Buttermere Drive, Dalton, LA15 8QW	Junior
11	Dalton – High Bank	William Close, Dalton, LA15 8JB	Junior Toddler
12	Dalton – Leisure Centre	Chapel Street, Dalton, LA15 8BY	Junior Toddler MUGA Concrete skate bowl
13	Dalton – Storey Square	Victoria Street, Dalton, LA15 8HJ	Junior Toddler
14	Dalton – Tantabank	Rusland Drive, Dalton, LA15 8UJ	Toddler
15	Dock Museum	North Road, Barrow, LA14 2PW	Junior Toddler
16	Farm Street	Farm Street, Barrow, LA14 2RX	Junior Toddler MUGA
17	Hawcoat Community Centre	Skelwith Drive, Barrow, LA14 4SA	Junior Toddler
18	Holbeck Park Avenue	Holbeck Park Ave, Barrow, LA13 0SB	Junior

	Site	Address	Play Category
19	Lawson Street	Lawson Street, Barrow, LA14 2NU	Junior Toddler Steel skate ramps
20	Lakeland Avenue	Lakeland Avenue, Barrow, LA13 0AY	Junior Toddler
21	Lindal	Pit Lane, Lindal, LA12 0LZ	Junior Toddler
22	Litchfield Close	Lichfield Close, Barrow, LA14 5LX	Junior
23	Lodge Green	Lodge Green, Barrow, LA14 4TJ	Junior
24	Marsh Sidings	Talisman Close, Barrow, LA14 2UT	Junior
25	Marton	Fair View, Marton, LA12 0NH	Junior
26	Newton	Newton Cross Road, Newton, LA13 0NB	Junior Toddler
27	Rating Lane	Rating Lane, Barrow, LA13 9LG	Junior Toddler
28	Roosegate Community Centre	Longway, Barrow, LA13 0DR	Junior Toddler
29	Stanley Road	Stanley Road, Barrow, LA14 2PT	Junior
30	Vickerstown	The Promenade, Barrow, LA14 3PE	Junior Toddler Steel skate ramps
31	Vulcan Road	Vulcan Road, Barrow, LA14 2BQ	Junior Toddler
32	Hindpool Urban Park	Hood Street, Barrow, LA14 1NR	Junior Toddler MUGA
33	Mill Lane	Mill Lane, Barrow, LA14 3XY	Steel skate ramps MUGA
34	Ormsgill Lane	Millstone Avenue, Barrow, LA14 4BP	Concrete skate bowl MUGA

Appendix B - Responses received from Survey

Groups

Barrow Playing Field Users Association

Facilities

Cavendish Park

Dalton Leisure Centre

Park Leisure Centre

Hawcoat Park

Hoops Basketball Centre

Ironwerx Gym

Clubs

Basketball Clubs

Barrow Thorns Junior Basketball Club

Bridge Clubs

Barrow Bridge Club

Boating Clubs

Barrow Sailing Club

Roa Island Boating Club Ltd

Bowling Clubs

Askam and Ireleth Crown Green Bowling Club

Co-op Sports and Social Club

Hawcoat Park Bowling Club

West Mount Tennis and Bowling Club

Boxing Club

Barrow Amateur Boxing Club

Furness Catholic Amateur Boxing Club

Cricket Clubs

Barrow Cricket Club

Furness Cricket Club

Lindal Moor Cricket Club

Football Clubs

Barrow Celtic Junior FC

Barrow Island Junior Football Club

Barrow Wanderers Junior Football Club

Crooklands Casuals

Dalton United Football Club

Dalton Junior Football Club
Vickerstown Football Club
Walney Island FC

Golf Clubs

Barrow Golf Club
Furness Golf Club

Gymnastics Clubs

Furness Gymnastics Club
Infinity Gymnastics Club

Martial Arts Clubs

Christopher Shaw: Tai Chi

Netball Clubs

Lindal Netball Club
Phoenix Ladies Netball Club

Riding Clubs

Sea View Riding School

Roller Derby Clubs

Furness Fire Crackers

Rugby Clubs

Askam Rugby Club
Barrow Island ARLFC
Furness Rugby Union Football Club
Walney Central Rugby League Club

Running Clubs

Parkside Panthers

Swimming Clubs

Barrow Long Distance Swimming Club

Education

Colleges

Furness College
Barrow Sixth Form College

Senior Schools

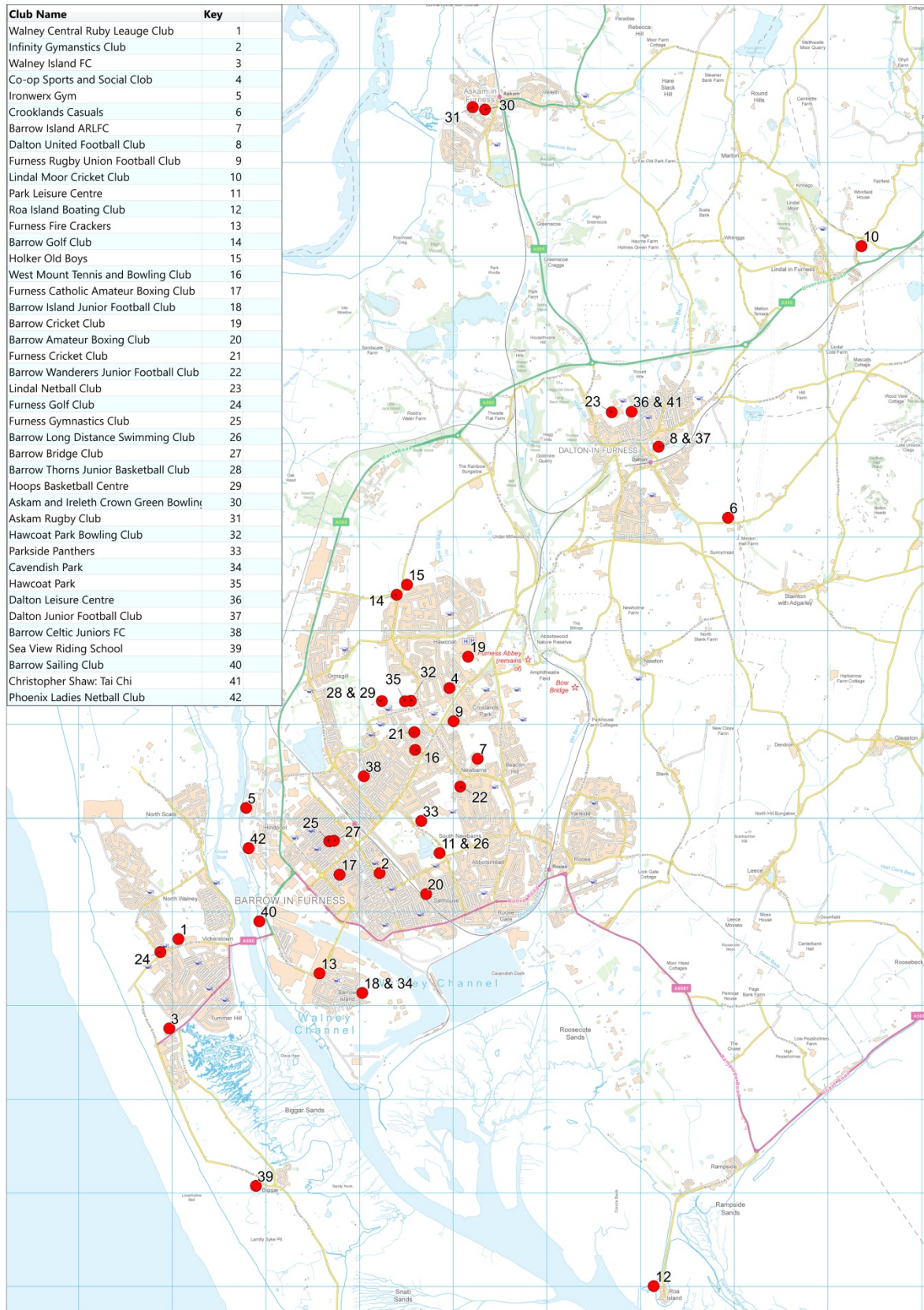
Furness Academy

Walney School
Chetwynde School
Dowdales School
St Bernard's High School

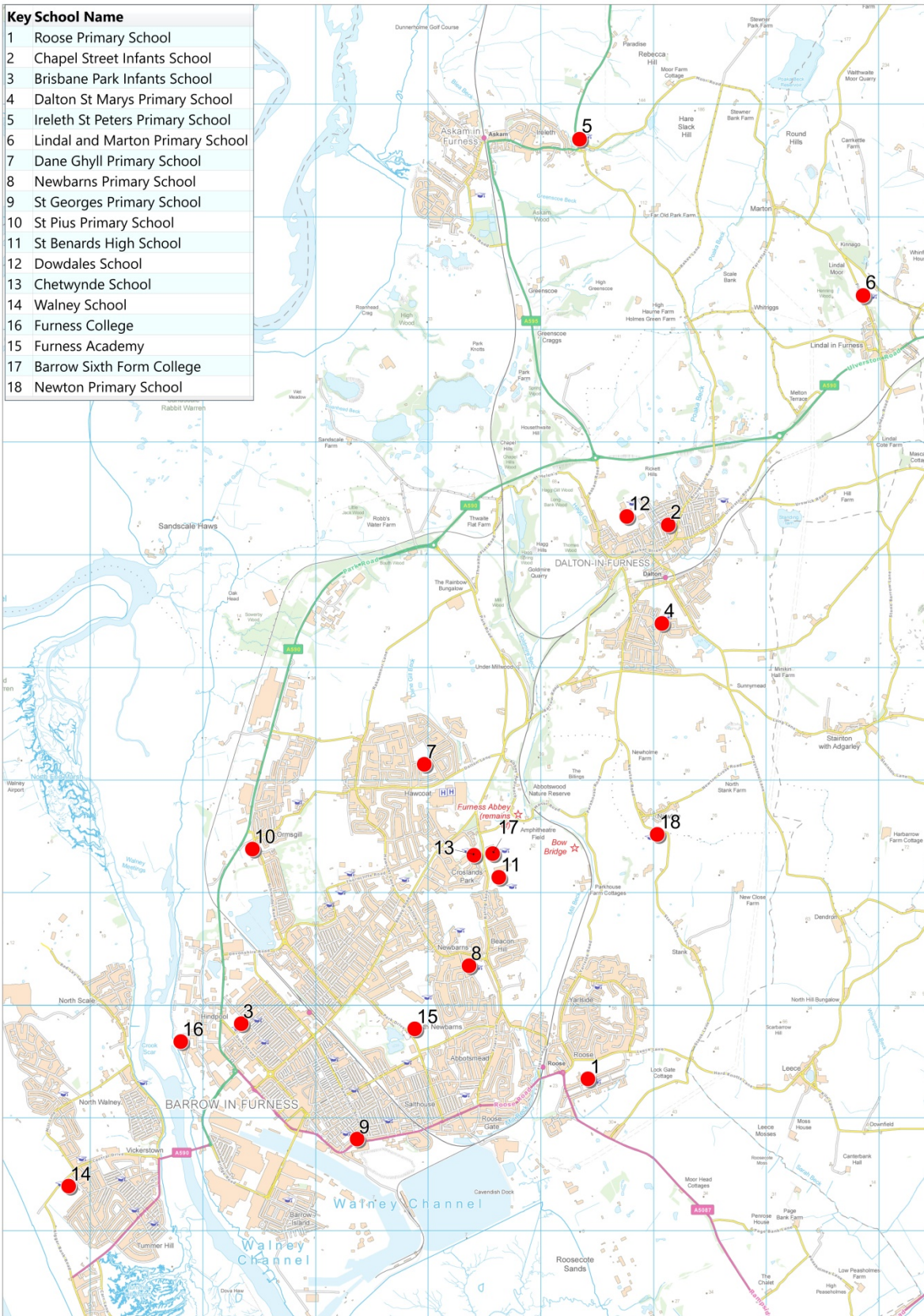
Primary Schools

St Pius X Primary School
St Georges School
Newbarns Primary School
Dane Ghyll Primary School
Brisbane Park Infant School
Roose Primary School
Chapel Street Infant School
Dalton St Mary's Primary School
Newton Primary School
Lindal and Marton Primary School
Ireleth St Peter's Primary School

Appendix C – Map Showing Responses to Survey from Clubs/Facilities



Appendix D – Map Showing Responses to Survey from Schools/Colleges



Appendix E – Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey – Form sent to Clubs/Facilities

Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete this survey. The information collected will assist the Council in producing a new Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Study. The aim of this study is to identify the supply of sport and recreation provision in the Borough by undertaking an audit of current provision. It will also look at the standards of facilities and provide evidence to inform local planning policies. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.



Please complete as much of this form as you are able, not all questions may be relevant to your organisation. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Planning Policy Team on 01229 876398, where a member of staff will be happy to assist you. Please ensure that your contact details are provided in Question 2, therefore if the Council require any additional information, we are able to get back in touch.

Please return this form to the Planning Policy Team using the pre-paid envelope provided by 20th December 2016. **All survey forms returned by this date will be entered into a prize draw to win £50 cash for your club/group/facility.**

Thank you.

1. Please state the full name of your sports club/facility:													
<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>													
2. Please provide your contact details:													
Name	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>				Email Address	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>							
Telephone Number	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>												
3. Which physical activities are available in your club / facility:													
Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Badminton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rugby Union	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheelchair Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rugby League	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cricket	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aerobics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boxing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>								
4. Are there any restrictions on who can use your facilities (e.g. members only)?													
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please provide details:								<input style="width: 100%; height: 80px;" type="text"/>			
No	<input type="checkbox"/>												

5. Approximately many members/users does your club have (if applicable)?

	Under 11	Ages 11-17	Ages 18-50	Over 50	Non Playing
Male	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Female	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

6. In which town / village do the majority of your players / members reside?

7. Over the past five years has membership/participation...

Increased Decreased Remained Static

8. How many teams does your club have (if applicable)?

	Under 11	Ages 11-17	Ages 18-50	Over 50
Male	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Female	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mixed	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. Which leagues / competitions do your teams / members participate in?

11. Does your club / facility currently have a written development plan (e.g. to achieve Charter Standard)?

Yes (If yes, please enclose a copy)
 No

12. Which of these issues are currently problematic for your club / facility?

Lack of internal funding (Subs/fund raising)

Lack of external funding (governing bodies)

Lack of appropriate local facilities

Access difficulties for members/users (public transport, cost)

Lack of information about local facilities and services

Poor / no relationship with local clubs

Lack of voluntary assistance (committee members/coaches)

Recruitment / retention of members/users

Other (please specify)

13. Does your club/group run throughout the year or is use seasonal? Please give details.

14. Please complete the table below, listing the venues that your members use for events (excluding 'away' games) and training or attach a timetable if available (if applicable):

Event Venues

Name and Address	Postcode	Leased/ owned	If leased, from who and how long remains	Days / times when used

Outdoor Training Venues

Name and Address	Postcode	Leased/ owned	If leased, from who and how long remains	Days / times when used

Indoor Training Venues

Name and Address	Postcode	Leased/ owned	If leased, from who and how long remains	Days / times when used

15. Are the event locations listed above in your preferred area to host events?

Yes

No If no, please state your preferred location (site address)

16. How many matches do you play/host on your main pitch / hall each season (if applicable)?

17. How many games were cancelled due to surface condition last season (external venues)?

18. What recurring issues with the pitch/hall have you encountered (if any)?

19. Does your club train on your main match pitch / hall?

Yes

No If no, please state your preferred location (site address)

20. Please rate the following applicable aspects of the facilities on your site:

	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
Overall quality of venue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of playing surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of playing equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line markings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting of playing area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free from litter, dog fouling etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separate changing facilities / WC's	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showers – clean, plenty of hot water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to Public Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value for money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Has the level of provision changed over the last 5 years (e.g. more pitches/courts)?

Yes If yes, please provide details:

No

22. Have you ever had to travel out of the Borough to train due to facilities being inadequate or unavailable?

Yes If yes, please provide details:

No

23. Do you have a clubhouse on site?

Yes No

24. Is the site/facility accessible to disabled people (e.g. ramps, hearing loop etc.)?

Yes If yes, please provide details:

No

25. Do you have any other facilities on site, which have not previously been mentioned?

26. Would you describe any of your facilities as disused or underused?

Yes If yes, please provide details:
No

27. Is demand ever greater than the capacity available in your facility?

Yes If yes, please provide details:
No

28. Do you feel you could accommodate a wider range of sports or training on site than you do at the present time?

Yes If yes, please provide details:
No

29. Do you have any capacity for community use or room hire?

Yes If yes, please provide details:
No

30. Do you have any future plans to maintain or enhance provision at your facility? If yes, please provide details, with costs if possible.

31. If you have further comments or views concerning playing pitch or sports facility provision within Barrow Borough, please use the space provided below:

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Completed by:		Date	
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Please return this questionnaire either by email to developmentplans@barrowbc.gov.uk or in the pre-paid envelope provided, by no later than 20th December 2016.

Should you have any queries regarding this questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Policy Team on 01229 876398.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Working together to support sustainable development within the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness



Appendix F – Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey – Form sent to Schools and Colleges

Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Survey

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete this survey. The information collected will assist the Council in producing a new Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Study. The aim of this study is to identify the supply of sport and recreation provision in the Borough by undertaking an audit of current provision. It will also look at the standards of facilities and provide evidence to inform local planning policies. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.



Please complete as much of this form as you are able, not all questions may be relevant to your school. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Planning Policy Team on 01229 876398, where a member of staff will be happy to assist you. Please ensure that your contact details are provided in Question 2, therefore if the Council require any additional information, we are able to get back in touch.

Please return this form to the Planning Policy Team using the pre-paid envelope provided by 20th December 2016. **All survey forms returned by this date will be entered into a prize draw to win £50 cash for your club/group/facility.**

Thank you.

1. Please state the full name of your school:		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>		
2. Please provide your contact details:		
Name	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Email Address
Telephone Number	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
3. How many pupils does your school have?		
Boys	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Girls <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
4. What is the age range of the pupils at your school?		
<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>		
5. Which of the following facilities does your school have on site (please state number)?		
Football pitch	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Cricket Pitch <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Rugby Pitch	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Netball Court <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Hockey Pitch	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Artificial Turf Pitch <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Multi Use Area	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Other <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
		Running Track <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
		Sports Hall <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
		Tennis Court <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

6. Which (if any) of your sports facilities are available for community use or hire?

7. What times and dates are your sports facilities used for community use or hire (if applicable)?

8. Please list the teams/clubs/groups that use your facilities (if applicable)?

9. If your facilities are not currently available for community use or hire, is this something you would consider in the future?

Yes

No

If no, please give details:

**10. Does your school use any other pitches/facilities that you do not own?
If yes, please complete the table below:**

Name and Address	Owner	Sports Played	Days / times when used

11. Please rate the following aspects of the sports facilities at your school.

	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
Overall quality of venue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of playing surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of playing equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line markings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting of playing area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free from litter, dog fouling etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separate changing facilities / WC's	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showers – clean, plenty of hot water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to Public Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value for money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Have you encountered any recurring issues with the sports facilities at your school?

Yes If yes, please give details:

No

13. Have you ever had to travel out of the Borough to train due to facilities being inadequate or unavailable?

Yes If yes, please give details:

No

14. Would you describe any of your facilities as disused or underused?

Yes If yes, please give details:

No

15. Is demand for sports facilities ever greater than capacity available in your school?

Yes If yes, please give details:

No

16. Are the sports facilities accessible to disabled people in your school (e.g. ramps, hearing loop etc.)?

Yes If yes, please give details:

No

17. Do you feel you could accommodate a wider range of sports or training on site than you do at the present time?

Yes If yes, please give details:

No

18. Do you have any future plans to maintain or enhance sports facilities at your school? If yes, please provide details, with costs if possible.

19. If you have any further comments or views concerning playing pitch or sports facility provision with Barrow Borough, please use the space provided below:

Completed by:		Date	
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Please return this questionnaire either by email to developmentplans@barrowbc.gov.uk or in the pre-paid envelope provided, by no later than 20th December 2016.

Should you have any queries regarding this questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Policy Team on 01229 876398.

Many thanks for your assistance.

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