

# WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION ASSESSMENT: DRAFT FINAL REPORT

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Borough of Weymouth and Portland is predominantly urban, bounded to the north by the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and to the south by the coast. The countryside and coastline are key components in (what is considered locally to be) a good quality of life. The natural environment is also the basis of the Borough's tourism industry and plays a significant role in attracting business investment. The area is a world class sailing destination with sailing waters that are considered to be the best in northern Europe. All sailing events for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will be held in Weymouth and Portland.

The Planning, Policy Guidance (PPG) 17 assessment for open space, sport and recreation facilities will help to set out a vision over the next ten years for Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (W&PBC) and its partners in relation to the provision and improvement of open space, sport and recreation provision within Weymouth and Portland.

## Background

A PPG17 assessment is a technical study. It is essentially a supply and demand analysis for (in this case) open spaces and sport and recreation facilities, which is based on an audit of existing open space sites and sport and recreation facilities and identification of whether there is a 'need' for the provision through research and consultation. This work (i.e., site visits, visitor and resident surveys and consultation) happened during summer 2006 and provides a 'snap shot' of the local situation. Information (e.g., Boscawen Leisure Centre changed hands in April 2007) has subsequently been updated to ease reference.

The assessment provides advice to W&PBC on appropriate levels of provision and assesses current provision against agreed standards to identify areas of deficiency/surplus. It will also result in recommendations relating to potential linkages between open spaces and their management as well as management of sport and recreation facilities.



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## Methodology

This study has three categories (i.e., open spaces, indoor sport and recreation facilities and outdoor sport and recreation facilities) and 25 different typologies. All typologies are assessed even if a site comprises more than one typology. The typologies covered are:

Open spaces	Indoor sport and recreation facilities	Outdoor sport and recreation facilities
Parks and gardens	Sports halls	Football pitches
Semi-natural greenspaces	Multi-use halls	Cricket pitches
Green corridors	Swimming pools	Rugby union pitches
Amenity greenspace	Fitness facilities	Hockey sites
Provision for children and young people	Squash courts	Outdoor bowling greens
Allotments, community gardens and city farms	Indoor tennis courts	Outdoor tennis courts
Cemeteries, disused churchyards and burial grounds	Indoor bowls facilities	Golf courses
Civic space	-	Athletics facilities
Beaches	-	Watersports

The methodology for each category of the study is slightly different to reflect the nature of the typologies and national guidance. However, the main techniques used for each comprise:

- ❑ A review of existing documentation.
- ❑ Face-to-face consultation with stakeholders, partners and key local agencies/organisations.
- ❑ Residents and visitors surveys.
- ❑ Site visits to assess the quality, value and accessibility of open spaces, sport and recreation facilities.
- ❑ Development of a database for data analysis and to facilitate GIS mapping in relation to catchment areas.
- ❑ Development of standards.
- ❑ Identification of strategic options.

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The assessment of existing provision is quantified through a standardised qualitative scoring mechanism. This is based on relevant/bespoke, appropriate and clearly defined criteria for each facility type relating to facility/site management, operation, condition, accessibility and maintenance and which translate to numeric values (i.e., good = 5, poor = 1). These are applied during non-technical, visual inspections of each facility and contribute to the development and application of standards. Data collected in this way covers quantity (extent of provision), quality, effective catchment area (utilising any available usage data), accessibility, value and levels and types of use.

In order to determine sites as high or low quality and value, (as suggested by PPG17) each site visited is assessed against a threshold agreed with W&PBC. Sites that score lower than the set value threshold are identified for further consideration.

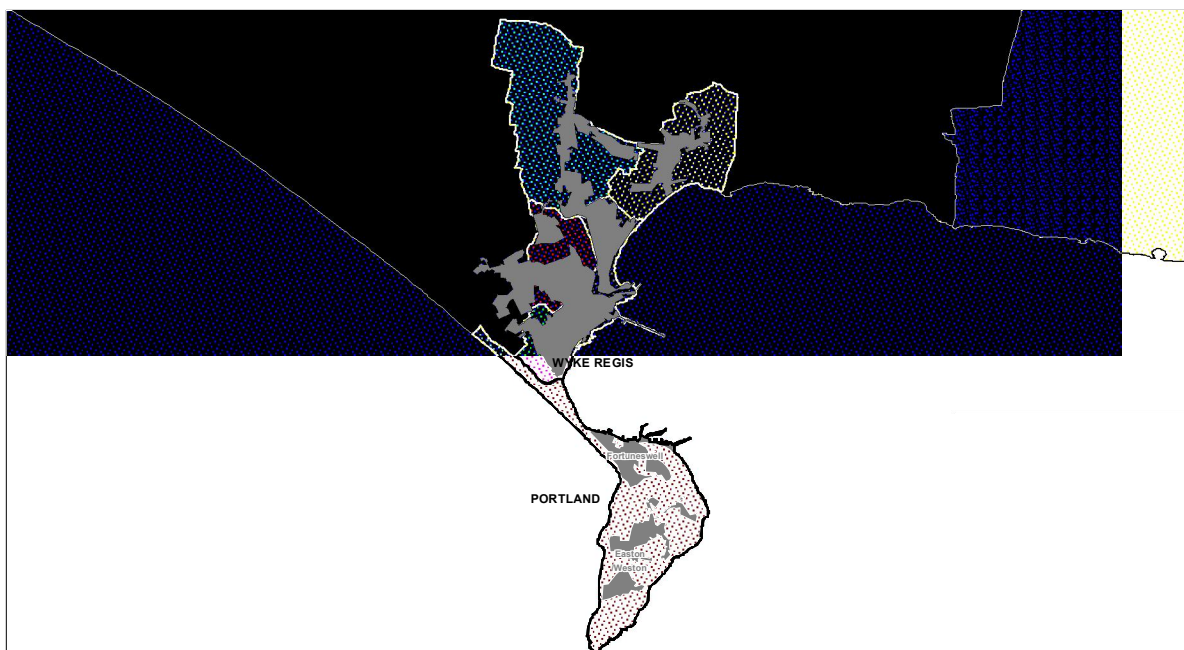
Weymouth and Portland has been divided into analysis areas. These are used to create a more localised assessment of provision and for examination of open space/facility surplus and deficiencies at a local level. The use of analysis areas allows local circumstances and issues to be taken into account. The analysis areas are:

- Central
- Portland
- North Weymouth
- Wyke Regis
- Westham
- Preston

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*Map of Weymouth and Portland analysis areas*



## **Key influences**

The implications of the key policies and documents that influence open space, indoor and outdoor sport and recreation facility provision in Weymouth and Portland are taken into consideration. The most significant of these are:

- A Regional Spatial Strategy that advocates development of sustainable communities.
- Identification in the Regional Spatial Strategy of a requirement for about 250 dwellings per annum for 20 years, to 2026.
- A national, regional and local aspiration to increase levels of physical activity.
- The Borough's Community Plan, which has a vision to improve the quality of life of local residents.
- The retention of 'tourism facilities' and development of new and complimentary facilities to continue to attract visitors to the area.

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## Assessment of open space

Sites classified as 'open space' have been assessed using information derived from an audit, resident and visitor surveys and consultation with W&PBC officers, partners and stakeholders. The current situation is summarised as:

Typology	Summary of current situation
Parks and gardens	There are 14 sites classified as parks and gardens totalling 44ha. Of these, ten sites are identified as low quality and four sites identified as high quality. In terms of value, only one site is identified as low value, Chapelhay Gardens. Significant provision gaps are identified in North Weymouth, Preston and in Portland analysis areas.
Semi-natural greenspaces	There are only four open spaces classified as natural and semi-natural greenspaces in the Borough, totalling 38 hectares. Of those, two sites are identified as low quality and two sites identified as high quality. In terms of value, all sites are identified as high value, reinforcing the importance of these sites. There are significant provision gaps in all analysis areas.
Green corridors	There are 12 defined green corridors in Weymouth and Portland equating to 28 hectares. Of those, six sites are identified as low quality and six sites identified as high quality. In terms of value, three sites are identified as high value and nine sites are identified as low value. There is an identified shortfall of bridleway provision across Weymouth and Portland.
Amenity greenspace	There are 92 amenity greenspace sites totalling 51ha in Weymouth and Portland. They are mainly identified as high quality sites. Weymouth is adequately covered by amenity greenspace provision, although here are some small pockets of deficiencies. Portland has some larger gaps that may need addressing. The majority of low value sites are grass verges in comparison to the large recreation grounds that scored high value.
Provision for children and young people	In total, there are 39 play areas in the Borough, totalling 5 hectares. Of these, 17 are identified as high quality and 22 as low quality. There are five sites recorded as having no equipment and one site is unclassified. In terms of value, only six sites are identified as low value and 33 as high value. There are catchment gaps for the provision of children and young people facilities in all the analysis areas. However, the most significant provision gap (i.e., area of under provision) is in the densely populated area of Westham, covering Westham, Central and Wyke Regis analysis areas.
Allotments, community gardens and city farms	There are nine sites classified as allotment sites in Weymouth and Portland equating to 10 hectares. Of these, five sites are identified as low quality and four sites identified as high quality. In terms of value, all nine sites are identified as high value. There is a waiting list for allotments in Weymouth and Portland and several over grown allotments.

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Typology	Summary of current situation
Cemeteries, disused churchyards and burial grounds	There are eight sites classified under this typology equating to 17 hectares of provision in Weymouth and Portland. Of these, four sites are identified as low quality and four as high quality. In terms of value, four sites are identified as low value and four as high value. Significant catchment gaps are identified across Weymouth. The next five years will create pressure on burial space leading to the need for cemetery space expansion or the identification of new provision.
Civic space	There are currently no civic spaces identified in Weymouth and Portland. There is demand for more formalised spaces for events within Weymouth Town Centre and in particular an outdoor presentation space.
Beaches	The assessment included ten 'beaches' identified by W&PBC officers. Beaches are primarily managed for either tourism or conservation. The quality of Church Ope, Castle Cove and Sandsfoot beaches is considerably lower than the quality of Weymouth, Greenhill, Preston and Overcombe beaches. Beaches are considered by residents and visitors to be in good condition.

## Assessment of indoor sport and recreation facilities

Indoor sport and recreation facilities have been assessed using information derived from an audit, resident and visitor surveys and consultation with W&PBC officers, partners and stakeholders. The current situation is summarised as:

Typology	Summary of current situation
Sports halls	There are six 4-badminton court sports hall in the Weymouth and Portland conurbation (including Budmouth Technology College, Chickerell). All local residents live within a 15-minute drive time of a 4-badminton court sports hall and no over supply is identified. The majority of sports halls are school facilities and opportunities for day-time community use of 4-badminton court sports halls is limited. The quality of 4-badminton court sports halls on Portland is poor.
Multi-use halls	With the notable exception of Portland Bill, virtually all local residents live within a 5-minute drive of a village, church or community hall. Over four-fifths of primary schools questioned do not have a specific indoor sports hall/gymnasium. They use a generic/main hall for sports activity. Community use of indoor facilities is reported by almost two-thirds of the primary schools surveyed.
Swimming pools	There is one full size, 25m swimming pool (i.e., Weymouth Swimming Pool) available for public swimming in Weymouth and Portland, one 25m swimming pool at Osprey Leisure Centre that is used for club and group activities and 15 swimming pools of various descriptions and sizes in hotels and holiday parks. All local residents potentially live within a 15-minute drive of a full size, 25m swimming pool available for casual swimming if community use if the swimming pool at Osprey Leisure Centre is increased/widened.



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Typology	Summary of current situation
Fitness facilities	Few areas of the Borough are outwith a 10-minute drive time of fitness facilities, indicating that there is an adequate supply of fitness facilities in the Borough. The majority of fitness facilities are provided by the private and education sectors and access to many of them is restricted, although they are in at least adequate condition.
Squash courts	There are four squash courts available at Weymouth Squash and Fitness Club and three disused, glass back courts (with spectator seating) at Osprey Leisure Centre. Demand is reported to be fairly constant. A 15-minute drive time usually associated with this type of facility indicates that parts of Portland are outwith the catchment area for Weymouth Squash and Fitness Club, but within the potential catchment of Osprey Leisure Centre.
Indoor tennis	There are no bespoke, indoor tennis courts in Weymouth and Portland.
Indoor bowls	There are two indoor bowls facilities in Weymouth and Portland borough and levels of demand vary seasonally. There is no identified deficit in provision.

## Assessment of outdoor sport and recreation facilities

Outdoor sport and recreation facilities have been assessed using information derived from an audit, resident and visitors surveys and consultation with W&PBC officers, partners and stakeholders. The current situation is summarised as:

Typology	Summary of current situation
Football pitches	The assessment covers 28 senior, five junior and four mini football pitches on 12 sites. There are three multi pitch sites, which are currently all overplayed and three analysis areas do not have any football pitch provision. There are, however, low levels of latent demand (i.e., unfulfilled demand) and a surplus of senior football pitches. There are currently 51 games per week and an potentially an additional 14.5 games per week in the future. There is significant a shortfall in junior and mini pitches.
Cricket grounds	There are two cricket clubs in Weymouth and Portland (there is also a cricket pitch at Wey Valley School). There is currently no overplay of cricket pitches in the Borough. There are no women's and girls' cricket teams currently playing in the Borough, but there is little latent demand across Weymouth and Portland.
Rugby union pitches	There is one rugby union club in the Borough with three pitches (one of which is over played and two are of variable/poor quality). There are also pitches at Wye Valley School and Budmouth Technical College, which is outwith the Borough. Team generation rates are low and future demand for senior pitches is low.



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Typology	Summary of current situation
Hockey	There is one hockey club (Weymouth Hockey Club) in Weymouth and Portland, which is based at the only publicly accessible, full-size, floodlit synthetic turf pitch (STP) in the Borough. The STP is in good condition and it has little or no weekday use. It is operating under capacity, which supports the assessment finding of no demand for additional pitches in the Borough. The team generation rates are low for senior hockey and non-existent for junior hockey. There are also two multi-use games areas (MUGAs).
Outdoor bowls	There are four outdoor flat bowling greens the Borough that are accessible for community use and a members only, recreational outdoor bowls club and green at HMYOI, Portland. There are, however, no bowling greens available for 'community use' in North Weymouth, Portland or Westham analysis areas. The facilities are generally in good condition and justification for additional outdoor bowling facilities is limited
Outdoor tennis	There are two tennis clubs in the Borough, 29 tennis courts and five venues with courts available for community use. There are no outdoor tennis courts in Preston and Westham analysis areas. There is no identified unmet demand for tennis courts or evidence of over supply.
Golf courses	There is an 18-hole golf facility at Weymouth Golf Club and a 'pitch and put' facility at Lodmoor. Consultation did not identify the demand for a local municipal golf course.
Athletics facilities	There is one an all-weather, 400-metre athletics track and field facility at the Marsh Sports Field, Weymouth. The facilities are in very poor condition. There is also a redgra all-weather training facility at Wey Valley School, which is in poor condition.
Watersports	<p>There is a good network of (public, voluntary and private sector) watersports providers and a good range of opportunities at a variety of competition/recreational levels, based in Weymouth and Portland harbours. Assessment of informal activities (e.g., canoeing, kayaking, fishing) is beyond the scope of this study. Identification of additional quantitative information is required to identify whether there is over or under supply of informal activities.</p> <p>Access and car parking arrangements for some watersports is poor. There is, however, a good supply of good quality public slipways in both harbours and no evidence of under supply. Sailing facilities are also in at least adequate condition.</p> <p>There is expressed demand for additional moorings. If demand for moorings increases as projected, an increase in public slipway provision, adjacent car parking and boat maintenance facilities will also be required. Changes in local demographics (e.g., an older population) could increase demand for improved comfort and accessibility of harbour facilities, although there is no demand identified for additional pontoons.</p>



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## Minimum provision standards

Minimum provisions standards (where setting minimum provision standards is appropriate) are derived from assessment data. Where appropriate, they are expressed as number of hectares per 1,000 population. The minimum provision standards for Weymouth and Portland are:

### *Open spaces*

Minimum provision standards for open spaces also take local aspirations for the following typologies into consideration:

- Parks and gardens: improve quality as a priority rather than meet catchment gaps. Catchment gaps will be met by long term investment in other typologies fulfilling the same recreational function.
- Children and young people: facilities satisfying the 'LEAP' category (i.e., formal play equipment that is ideally located within ten minutes safe walking time of the homes they are designed to serve and provide opportunities for unsupervised play mainly for children of early school age) should be provided as a minimum standard of play provision for all new sites. Where 'LAPs' are to be upgraded to the 'LEAP' classification, sites should be a minimum of 0.01 ha.
- Allotments: meet the population not served by current catchments. Taking into account occupied plots, vacant plots and waiting lists helps to derive the standard for allotments. In order to meet demand, a minimum plot size is identified as 0.025 ha.

<b>Parks and gardens</b>			
<b>Analysis area</b>	<b>Component</b>		
	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>
Central	1.90	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment.	All settlement areas within 400m of a local park and/or 1,200m of Borough park and/or 3,200m of a borough park.
Portland	0.29		
North Weymouth	0.22		
Wyke Regis	0.19		
Westham	0.11		
Preston	0.65		



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<b>Provision for children and young people</b>			
<b>Analysis area</b>	<b>Component</b>		
	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>
Central	0.03	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment	All settlement areas within 400m of a LEAP (pedestrian route) and/or 1,000m of a NEAP (pedestrian route) and/or 1,000 or a site greater than a SEAP (Straight line distance)
Portland	0.11		
North Weymouth	0.08		
Wyke Regis	0.07		
Westham	0.08		
Preston	0.06		

<b>Allotments</b>			
<b>Analysis area</b>	<b>Component</b>		
	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>
Central	0.19	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment	To keep the waiting lists to a minimum
Portland	-		
North Weymouth	0.17		
Wyke Regis	-		
Westham	0.40		
Preston	0.77		

***Indoor sport and recreation facilities***

Minimum provision standards for indoor sport and recreation typologies are aspirational and based on consultation, identification of current and future demand and premised on the calculation of catchment areas. They do not necessarily apply to a single site and are applicable throughout the Borough.

<b>Typology</b>	<b>Component</b>			
	<b>Quantity/Drive time catchment</b>	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>Minimum acceptable size</b>
Sports halls	15 minutes	Site quality rating of at least adequate condition	Adequate day-time community use	33m x 18m x 7.6m
Multi-use halls	5 minutes			No recognised standard
Swimming pools	15 minutes			No more than 8-lanes wide and 25m long plus adequate accommodation.
Fitness facilities	10 minutes			No recognised standard



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Typology	Component			
	Quantity/Drive time catchment	Quality	Accessibility	Minimum acceptable size
Squash courts	15 minutes			Length: 9.75m. Width: 6.4m
Indoor tennis courts	No indoor tennis courts			One court – 17.07m x 34.75m Two courts – 31.70m x 34.75m (+ runback – 5.49m, side run – 3.05m, in between courts – 3.66m)
Indoor bowls facilities	20 minutes			Length = 36.5m. Width = 4.6m

***Outdoor sport and recreation facilities***

Local authorities have previously used the NPFA ‘Six Acre Standard’ to define local minimum standards for provision of outdoor sports facilities. It is now recognised that this standard does not take into account the quality and accessibility of facilities or indeed any local expressions of unmet demand. Within this report local minimum provision standards or ‘local aspirations targets for provision’ in hectares per 1,000 population are derived as follows:

Existing provision (within this a recognition of ‘poor quality’ provision)	+	Additional provision to meet current unmet demand	+	Additional provision to meet future demand	=	Local aspirational target for provision
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The minimum provision standards for outdoor sport and recreation facilities are:

Outdoor sport and recreation facilities			
Analysis area	Component		
	Quantity	Quality	Accessibility
Central	0.79	Site quality rating of good.	Teams to have access to appropriate site at relevant time.
Portland	1.10		
North Weymouth	2.84		
Wyke Regis	0.04		
Westham	0.01		
Preston	0.73		

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## Recommendations

A ten-year Action Plan is derived from assessment findings and the following recommendations.

### Open spaces

Typology	Recommendation(s)
Parks and gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement recommendations noted in the 2006 Access and DDA audits carried out for Greenhill Gardens, Easton Gardens and Nothe Gardens.</li> <li>• Monitor success of the signage project to be piloted at Greenhill Gardens. If successful roll out to key parks and gardens to create more accessible sites.</li> <li>• Identify sites capable of achieving Green Flag and develop rolling programme of securing award, with a minimum of one per annum.</li> <li>• Develop and keep up to date management plans for all the major parks, focused on maintaining site quality and encouraging use.</li> <li>• Work to improve perceived safety of the Borough's parks. Identify ways of decreasing anti-social behaviour and vandalism.</li> <li>• Continue to encourage and support community involvement in the management of the Borough's parks. Increase community ownership through support of community-organised events.</li> <li>• Continue to improve access to provision.</li> </ul>
Semi-natural greenspaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work in partnership with the Portland quarry firms and Crown Estates to identify potential of protecting quarry sites for future open space resource for local residents and visitors.</li> <li>• Support work towards local nature reserve (LNR) designation of Verne Yeates.</li> <li>• Through increased partnership working between landowners, improve management of private and common land to increase amenity and recreational value.</li> <li>• Support work to increase environmental education and school involvement within sites (e.g. Radipole Lake and Verne Yeates).</li> <li>• Increase use and awareness of common land, particularly on Portland.</li> <li>• Identify resources to enhance interpretation and environmental education, particularly at designated local nature reserves (LNRs).</li> <li>• Enhance access where appropriate.</li> <li>• Continue to encourage community involvement in the improvement and management of semi-natural natural greenspaces, particularly to develop disused open spaces.</li> </ul>

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Typology	Recommendation(s)
Green corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In partnership with Natural England and Dorset County Council continue to improve pedestrian links and informal routes to Wey Valley.</li> <li>• Continue to support Dorset County Council in the development of a quarry trail, linking Verne Yeates and the nearby quarries.</li> <li>• Where appropriate and feasible, work to upgrade PROW status to provide for a range of different users.</li> <li>• Work to gain funding for additional PROW officer resource. If successful, use partly in a supervisory capacity to allow interest group involvement in the maintenance and improvement of the PROW.</li> <li>• Become more active in the Local Access Forum.</li> <li>• Develop a programme to enhance signage of PROWs.</li> <li>• Protect 'open gaps' in order to continue to provide aesthetic and wildlife value and to link open areas that extend from the open countryside into the urban area.</li> <li>• In the main, catchment gaps identified in the typology of green corridors can be met by connecting provision within the green belt.</li> </ul>
Amenity greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise awareness of current provision and work to meet current catchment gaps.</li> <li>• Work to create more functional amenity greenspaces and offer greater community value.</li> <li>• Review grounds maintenance regimes of amenity greenspace to ensure grass mowing programme is appropriate.</li> <li>• Encourage and support greater community involvement in and management of amenity greenspace.</li> <li>• Ensure that new housing developments provide sufficient allowances for amenity greenspaces, where appropriate.</li> <li>• Work to decrease unofficial motorbike use.</li> </ul>
Provision for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The findings of this study should be used to inform the Borough-wide Play Strategy.</li> <li>• Meet identified deficiencies in the provision.</li> <li>• Enhance the accessibility and inclusivity of play provision.</li> <li>• Develop greater range of informal play and youth provision.</li> <li>• Working in partnership with transport providers work towards regular and affordable transport links to provision.</li> <li>• Use developer contributions to address quality of current stock and achieve better contributions for continued maintenance of new provision.</li> <li>• Provide events targeted at young people in open spaces throughout the Borough.</li> <li>• Involve users in the design and location of future provision to create greater ownership of sites and ensure that users needs are being met.</li> <li>• Ensure perimeter fencing and safety surfacing is evident at all new and existing play areas.</li> </ul>



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Typology	Recommendation(s)
Allotments, community gardens and city farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•□ Increase awareness of allotment provision and their value.</li> <li>•□ Re-consider the term of lease offered to allotment associations to encourage investment in the improvement of sites.</li> <li>•□ Encourage and support allotment societies to move towards self-management.</li> <li>•□ Improve the management of vacant plots and waiting lists to ensure that vacant plots are utilised to meet the waiting list demand where possible.</li> <li>•□ Invest in site quality and security</li> <li>•□ Develop a programme to provide electricity and toilet facilities.</li> <li>•□ Actively encourage use of allotments by schools and community groups.</li> </ul>
Cemeteries, disused churchyards and burial grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•□ Review grounds maintenance responsibilities for closed churchyards improve their appearance.</li> <li>•□ Tackle the problem of dog fouling.</li> <li>•□ Develop a programme for internal footpath improvements.</li> <li>•□ Encourage community involvement in the management and maintenance of cemeteries and disused churchyards.</li> <li>•□ Encourage greater use of cemeteries for informal recreation.</li> <li>•□ Encourage greater use of cemeteries as an educational resource, both in terms of their heritage and environmental values.</li> <li>•□ Undertake an asset review of all buildings within cemeteries.</li> </ul>
Civic space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•□ Formally identify civic spaces.</li> <li>•□ Increase seating provision throughout the Town Centre, excluding the sea front.</li> <li>•□ Make greater use of civic spaces for events.</li> <li>•□ Explore opportunities for public art to enhance civic spaces.</li> </ul>
Beaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•□ Continue to operate and develop Weymouth Beach as the principal tourist beach in the area, plus continued operation of Greenhill, Preston and Overcombe beaches as significant tourist attractions.</li> <li>•□ Improve pedestrian management between Chesil Beach car park and Ham Beach (particularly pedestrian safety).</li> <li>•□ Improve the condition of ancillary facilities at Chesil Beach car park.</li> <li>•□ Sustain (and improve where appropriate) the condition and availability of beaches used by residents and visitors, particularly Church Ope, Castle Cove and Sandsfoot beaches.</li> </ul>

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## *Indoor sport and recreation facilities*

Typology	Recommendation(s)
Sports halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safeguard community-use of (and develop day-time access to) sports halls on education sites.</li> <li>▪ Improve quality and availability of 4-badminton court halls available for community-use on Portland.</li> <li>▪ Strengthen the partnership between Weymouth Sports Club and W&amp;BPC.</li> </ul>
Multi-use halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve accessibility to and condition of village, church or community and primary school halls for sport and recreation, particularly on Portland Bill.</li> </ul>
Swimming pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that all local residents live within a 15 minute drive of a fully size, 25m swimming pool available for casual swimming by improving community use of the swimming pool at Osprey Leisure Centre.</li> <li>▪ Ensure that there is sufficient swimming pool time for swimming clubs based at both Weymouth Swimming Pool and Osprey Leisure Centre.</li> </ul>
Fitness facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve community use of fitness facilities, particularly at secondary schools.</li> </ul>
Squash courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve access to squash courts by Portland residents by using the squash courts at Osprey Leisure Centre.</li> </ul>
Indoor tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase local awareness of new indoor courts in Poundbury, West Dorset.</li> </ul>
Indoor bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase opportunities for 'casual play' at indoor bowls centres by negotiating (and promoting) specific sessions, particularly during the winter.</li> </ul>

## *Outdoor sport and recreation facilities*

Typology	Recommendation(s)
Football pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase the supply/number of grass pitches (particularly mini and junior grass pitches – by 10 and 16 pitches respectively) throughout the Borough and potentially by addressing recommendations below.</li> <li>▪ Increase the availability and use of secondary school pitches by local clubs.</li> <li>▪ Coordinate use of <u>all</u> playing pitches.</li> <li>▪ Improve the quality of existing multi pitch sites.</li> <li>▪ Create an additional multi pitch site.</li> <li>▪ Develop facilities for youth, girls and women's football.</li> <li>▪ Increase supply of all-weather training facilities.</li> <li>▪ Improve partnership arrangements with facility owners and managers of football pitches in West Dorset that are regularly used by Weymouth and Portland borough residents .</li> <li>▪ Reinstate pitches in Preston, Westham and Wyke Regis analysis areas.</li> </ul>

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<b>Typology</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
Cricket grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safeguard/ensure the long term sustainability and continued access to existing, good quality cricket facilities.</li> <li>▪ Develop additional (and suitable) facilities for projected growth in demand for mini and junior cricket associated with existing clubs.</li> </ul>
Rugby union pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Upgrade/reinstate Weymouth Rugby Clubs' 'second' and 'third' pitches.</li> </ul>
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase daytime use of the synthetic turf pitch at Redlands Playing Fields.</li> </ul>
Outdoor bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sustain condition and accessibility of existing outdoor bowls facilities.</li> </ul>
Outdoor tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve the quality of (public) tennis courts in parks and gardens.</li> </ul>
Golf courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No recommendations for golf identified.</li> </ul>
Athletics facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Redevelop athletic (i.e., track and field) and ancillary facilities at the Marsh Sports Field.</li> </ul>
Watersports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sustain a good range of opportunities to participate in watersports at a variety of competition/recreational levels.</li> <li>▪ Reverse a locally held perception that water sports (and sailing in particular) are exclusive by increasing the number and effectiveness of inclusion initiatives.</li> <li>▪ Relocate WOEC to a waterside venue.</li> <li>▪ Generate quantitative information for informal watersports activities.</li> <li>▪ Sustain a good supply of good quality public slipways in both harbours.</li> <li>▪ Increase public slipway provision, adjacent car parking and boat maintenance facilities if/as demand for (and use of) moorings increases.</li> <li>▪ Improve access and car parking arrangements for watersports users.</li> <li>▪ Sustain (and where possible improve) condition of sailing ancillary facilities.</li> <li>▪ Update (and increase where necessary/possible) harbour 'support' facilities to meet changes in demand (e.g., improved comfort for more older users).</li> <li>▪ Develop/upgrade marinas in accordance with the Yacht Harbour Association's Code of Practice.</li> </ul>

*Note: the assessment action plan is presented by analysis area in the final report.*