

Appendix D - The standards for Sports and Recreation (Policy I2)

D.1 This appendix identifies the standards of provision for sports and recreation facilities and how they are to be applied to proposals for new development as required by Policy I2 of the VALP.

D.2 The starting point for calculating the requirement are the standards set out in the table below. The precise type of on-site provision that is required will depend on the nature and location of the proposal, the existing facilities in the surrounding area and the quantity/type of sports and recreation facilities needed in the area. This should be the subject of discussion/negotiation at the pre-application stage.

D.3 If either of the following apply

(a) the proposed residential development site would be of insufficient size in itself to make the appropriate provision in accordance with the standards below;

or (b) taking into account the accessibility/capacity of existing sport and recreation facilities and the circumstances of the surrounding area, the sports and recreation needs of the proposed residential development can be met more appropriately by providing either new or enhanced provision off-site,

then proposals will be acceptable if the developer has first entered into a planning obligation to make a financial or in-kind contribution towards meeting the identified sport and recreation needs of the proposed residential development off-site. The precise contribution/obligation will be negotiated on a case by case basis, a formula for calculation will be set out in the Open Space, Sports, Leisure and Public Realm SPD.

D.4 Where appropriate, the council will seek to enter into a Section 106 agreement with the developer for the future management and maintenance of the sports and recreation facility provision, before granting planning permission.

D.5 To apply the standards the population figure is the existing population of the closest settlement plus the number of people living on the proposed development.

D.6 If development proposals are considered to be unviable when complying with the above requirements, open book financial analysis of proposed development will be expected. In accepted circumstances, a reduced provision can be made.

Typology	Accessibility Standard	Quantitative Standard	Qualitative Standard
Sports Halls	No part of the district should be outside of a 20 minute travel time.	0.28 badminton courts per 1,000 population; facilities should be delivered in four court units with ancillary hall of no less than 1,500sqm and relevant support facilities.	The minimum acceptable quality standard for indoor sports halls and their associated facilities will be to meet the most <i>current (at time of provision) Sport England Design Guidance - Sports Halls Design and Layouts recommendations for a public use facility.</i>
Swimming Pools	No part of the district should be outside of a 20 minute travel time.	0.2 pool lanes per 1,000 population. Provision should be accompanied by the necessary support facilities (changing, plant, reception etc.)	The minimum acceptable quality standard for indoor swimming pools and their associated facilities will be to meet the most <i>current (at time of provision) Sport England Design Guidance Swimming Pool Design recommendations for a public use facility.</i>
Community Centres and Village Halls	No provision required at Hamlet or Rural Parish 1 level; At Rural Parish 2 level a small community centre with main hall up to 100m ² with foyer, small meeting room, adequate storage, kitchen, toilet facilities and parking; At Rural Parish 3 level a medium sized community centre up to 250m ² , as above with addition of meeting room(s), and stage; At cluster and Larger Sustainable Settlement level a minimum 18m x 10m main hall and ancillary facilities suitable for sporting activities to standards set in Sport England Design Guidance Note <i>Village and Community Halls</i> plus small fitness room to relevant Sport England guidance; and a minimum 18m x 10m main hall with fixed or demountable stage and ancillary facilities suitable for arts and performance activities to standards set in Sport England Design Guidance Note <i>Village</i>		The minimum acceptable quality standard for community centres will be to meet the most <i>current (at time of provision) Sport England Design Guidance recommendations for these facilities</i> , accepting that the facility mix may not be directly the same as the Guidance, together with such environmental standards relating to sustainability, energy consumption and recycling, and building construction as required by the Council at the time of provision.

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	<p><i>and Community Halls.</i> These two halls may in practice be the same if either meets the other's specification.</p> <p>For the Aylesbury and Buckingham Strategic Settlements, and in proximity to Milton Keynes (North East Aylesbury Vale), no part of the settlement should be further than one mile from a community centre. The quantitative standard is one centre per 5,300 population, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall 18m x 10m • Hall/Meeting Room 10m x 10m • Meeting Room 5m x 3.5m approx • Kitchen with server • Toilets • Storage for chairs, cleaning equipment, kitchen requirements, refuse • Parking to meet the full requirements of the range of uses. 		
Artificial Grass Pitches	No part of the district should be outside of a 6 mile radius of an AGP.	0.03 AGP's per 1,000 population. Delivery should be as a minimum a full size floodlit AGP to the dimensions appropriate for the sport(s) it is being used for and as set out in the Sport England Design Guidance Notes <i>Selecting the Right Artificial Surface</i> and any specific sports National Governing Body requirements appertaining at the time of delivery. Provision should be accompanied by the necessary support facilities (changing, plant etc.) as set out in the qualitative standards.	The minimum acceptable quality standard for AGP's and their associated facilities will be to meet the most current (at time of provision) Sport England Design Guidance Notes) Sport England Design Guidance on Artificial Surfaces for Outdoor Sport and its associated documents, or such replacement or updated guidance, and any specific sports National Governing Body requirements.
Grass Playing Pitches	A variety of accessibility standards for grass pitches have been used, depending on the specific sport but overall a minimum accessibility standard would be for pitch provision within a 15 minute drivetime of each settlement area.	<p>Aylesbury Strategic Settlement – 0.49 adult size grass pitch per 1,000 population, 0.03 cricket wickets per 1,000 population;</p> <p>Aylesbury Vale (other than Aylesbury) - 0.73 adult size grass pitch equivalent per 1,000 population, 0.28 cricket wickets per 1,000 population</p> <p>In terms of provision, delivery should be as a minimum equate to a full adult size football pitch to the maximum recommended dimensions (including run offs) of the Football Association. Provision should be accompanied by the necessary support facilities (changing, showers plant etc.) as set out in the qualitative standards.</p>	The minimum acceptable quality standard for grass pitches and their associated facilities will be to meet the most <i>current (at time of provision) Sport England Design Guidance Notes on Natural Turf Pitches</i> and any specific sports National Governing Body requirements. Pavilion standards shall be as set out in the Sports England Design Guidance Note <i>Pavilions and Clubhouses</i> and any specific sports National Governing Body requirements.
Outdoor Tennis	The accessibility standard used is access to floodlit courts within a 10 minute drivetime.	<p>Aylesbury Strategic Settlement – 0.4 floodlit outdoor tennis courts per 1,000 population;</p> <p>Aylesbury Vale (everywhere other than Aylesbury) - 0.7 floodlit outdoor tennis courts per 1,000 population.</p> <p>In terms of provision, delivery should be to Lawn Tennis Association recommended dimensions for the number of courts concerned, and provision should be located in four court blocks and floodlit. Realistically it should be possible to encompass other sports within the facility (e.g. as a</p>	The minimum acceptable quality standard for outdoor tennis courts and their associated facilities will be to meet the most <i>current (at time of provision) Lawn Tennis Association Technical Guidance</i> . Facilities in four court blocks should be suitable for other sporting uses if required.

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		MUGA), to maximise the options for usage throughout the year, and this should be considered if there is to be no formal tennis club based on the site and its predominant focus is casual use.	