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Title of proposal:										Description of potential mitigation
<p>Gateshead Council Playing Pitch Strategy 2024-2030</p> <p>The PPS provides evidence on the supply and demand for sports pitches within the Borough, to ensure that suitable provision is made for both the existing population and any future demand. The PPS assesses the adequacy of pitch provision within the Borough for the period 2024- 2030, in line with the duration of the current Local Plan. The information contained within the PPS will provide an evidence base to protect existing provision and ensure that future demand can also be catered for. It will also help to inform planning decisions and developer contributions where appropriate.</p>	Age	Race	Sex	Gender reassignment	Disability	Religion or Belief	Pregnancy and Maternity	Sexual Orientation	Marriage and Civil Partnership	
<p>Equality impact: (✓ all that apply. The assessment should also consider impact on council employees and carers where applicable)</p> <p>Description of impact:</p>										



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<p>The strategy will have implications on users of playing pitches across Gateshead, this will include both Gateshead residents and non-residents, sport organisations, and organisations supporting local grassroots sports.</p> <p>We are not aware of the protected characteristics of all the individual users of the playing fields and pitches within Gateshead. It is considered they are likely to be in with our whole population profile.</p>											
<p>Health impact: (eg physical, mental health, wellbeing, substance misuse)</p> <p>The proposal recognises the positive health impact that being physically active can provide. The Playing Pitch Strategy supports the overall vision for Making Gateshead a Place where People Thrive and contributes to the delivery of many policy commitments within the Corporate Plan, Thrive and</p>											



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<p>the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, in particular the policy objective to create and develop healthy and sustainable places.</p> <p>A vision for the PPS has been developed by the project team and sets out what is trying to be achieved and why. 'For there to be accessible, high quality and sustainable network of playing pitches that provides an opportunity for residents of Gateshead to play pitch sports. The network will cater for all standards of play from grassroots to elite. This will enable the inactive to become active, increase participation levels and help improve the health and well-being of all of our residents. It will also set out aspirations and potential opportunities to help shape longer-term plans and provisions in order to work towards the Borough's strategic vision: "Making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives.'</p>	
<p>Socio Economic impact: (eg neighbourhood, ward, area of deprivation, household group, income, wealth)</p> <p>The proposal relates to all wards within Gateshead, and the strategy is a borough wide strategy which will cover areas which vary in terms of IMD but the specific recommendations and opportunities for improvements to playing pitches will have a positive impact in terms of improving facilities, access to facilities and wider health benefits.</p> <p>The PPS identifies the known location of our playing pitches, providing summaries for the overall sports. There are references made to highlight that borough wide, there are current shortfalls on youth football 11v11 pitches and youth football 9v9 pitches, in addition there are opportunities to reconfigure some adult pitches were there is spare capacity to remark them for youth football provision.</p>	



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<p>Environmental impact: (does the proposal impact on climate change and the Council's /commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030? Is the proposal in line with the Council's Environmental Policy? Does the proposal increase natural resource use? Does the proposal increase waste? Does the proposal increase pollution? Does the proposal impact on wildlife? Does the proposal increase car use? Does the proposal increase energy use?)</p> <p>Playing pitches provide areas of outdoor green space and in some cases contribute to the green infrastructure network. The new PPS will ensure decisions impacting on pitches and the wider environment are made on the basis of an up to date assessment of provision and needs.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Cumulative impact: (consider impact based on successive budgetary decisions relating to the proposal or is the proposal part of wider budgetary considerations that may collectively have an impact on service users, and is potentially at odds with the Thrive agenda)</p> <p>The proposal highlights that Gateshead has faced increasing pressures on much needed services and that as part of the 2019/20 budget setting process the council has ceased to maintain sport pitches in the borough. The proposal recognises the need for collaboration with local stakeholders to identify opportunities to address the issues identified and for the council to support local sports clubs to take on the management of council sites and attract external funding to deliver enhancements.</p>	<p>The PPS identifies recommendations and actions to allow the council to implement their findings through collaborative work with local sports clubs, facilities, providers and sports national governing bodies.</p> <p>Such mechanisms for the provision and maintenance of sites and facilities will include developing partnerships, lease agreements and asset transfer arrangements with sustainable, development-minded clubs and organisations to manage their own sites and / or facilities.</p>



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Summary of consultation/data/research undertaken to inform the assessment:

(eg feedback and engagement with service users, trade unions, employees, partners, public, benchmarking, case studies)

FMG Consulting who were commissioned on behalf of Gateshead Council to prepare a Playing Pitch Strategy undertook consultation with local sports clubs and stakeholders to inform the assessment and action plan.

It is expected that engagement with local clubs will take place as part of any community asset transfer. Communities and stakeholder will be consulted during key stages of the preparation of the Local Plan, of which the Playing pitch strategy will form part of the Local Plans evidence base. Any specific planning application relating to the change of use or relevant planning applications relating to playing pitch provision will be consulted on in accordance with local planning regulations.

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Date: 1st Oct 2024

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