

LEISURE COMMENTS OF THE VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN PART 2. (CARRIED OUT BY NORTOFT)

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2.50	Development at Dalton Barracks will provide for new infrastructure (such as new schools / local centre / open space)	Development at Dalton Barracks will provide for new infrastructure (such as new schools / local centre / open space and sports facilities)
2.57	... a highly sustainable mix-used development, incorporating Garden Village principles and including new services and facilities, new schools, opportunities for local employment and a substantial Country Park of at least 80 hectares.	... a highly sustainable mix-used development, incorporating Garden Village principles and including new services and facilities, new schools, opportunities for local employment and a substantial Country Park of at least 80 hectares, providing additional opportunities for sport, leisure and recreational activities.
2.62	...the western side of Dalton Barracks should be retained as open space, in the form of a country park, which will also provide recreational open space to residents of the site.	...the western side of Dalton Barracks should be retained as open space, in the form of a country park, which will also provide recreational open space and sports facilities for residents of the site.
2.123	... and will include substantial areas of formal and informal open space and green infrastructure.	... and will include substantial areas of formal and informal open space, sports facilities and green infrastructure.
3.48	The Council will continue to support the protection of existing community services and facilities.	The Council will continue to support the protection of existing community services and facilities. Community facilities include village halls, sports pitches and ancillary clubhouses, as well as open spaces.
3.258	...by identifying opportunities for improvements to the network.	...by identifying opportunities for improvements to the network. Where possible, major residential developments should improve linkages with existing rights of way and other forms of green infrastructure to improve opportunities for active travel and sustainable transport.

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3.267	...contributing to the local economy, promoting sustainable transport, including for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, and providing an important element of the strategic GI network in the district	<i>Noted – Important to keep this in.</i>
3.278	...The policy is based on a sequential test approach, which aims to locate these types of development within the town centre boundaries wherever possible.	...The policy is based on a sequential test approach, which aims to locate these types of development within the town centre boundaries wherever possible. Often, major commercial leisure facilities will require space for artificial and grass sports pitches, hard surfaced courts as well as floodlighting. These requirements might make such developments unsuited to town centres; see Development Policy 13c.
3.279	...Full definitions of the types of open space provision within the vale are contained within Appendix K.	...Full definitions Details of the types of open space provision within the Vale are contained within Appendix K. Full definitions for the types of open space within the Vale can be found in the Vale of White Horse Open Spaces Report¹³².
3.281	...Their primary purpose is to improve and enhance the appearance of the local environment and to enhance the well-being of residents.	...Their primary purpose is to improve and enhance the appearance of the local environment and to enhance the well-being of residents. The Vale of White Horse Open Spaces Report¹³² only includes Amenity Green Space sites larger than 0.2ha
3.282	...and provides an assessment of the quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces, and identifies and future requirements.	...and provides an assessment of the quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces, and identifies and future requirements for the provision of children’s play and youth provision, and allotments. <i>Note – This could not be done for public open space as this is a % of residential area and therefore requires detailed plans for each of the new housing sites.</i>

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3.285	...contribute towards public open space that is safe, accessible, and of high quality, in accordance with the standards set out in Appendix L. 15% of the proposed residential area should be provided as public open space.	...contribute towards public open space that is safe, accessible, attractive, useable and of high quality, in accordance with the standards set out in Appendix L Appendix K. The open space area required from each development, is calculated by multiplying the residential area by 115%. 15% of the proposed residential area should be provided as public open space. Public open space should normally exclude Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS), structural landscaping and small areas of open space, less than 0.2ha that are unlikely to function as useable spaces. Playing fields, Children’s play and teenage facilities can typically be co-located within larger areas of open space.
Development Policy 33b.i.	When assessed against the Open Spaces Report, it is clearly shown that the open space is surplus to requirements;	When assessed against the Open Spaces Report, it is clearly shown that the open space is surplus to requirements of the current population as well as the additional population arising from the development;
3.287	...allow local communities and residents to participate in sporting activities and contribute towards their health and well-being.	...allow local communities and residents to participate in sporting activities and play a vital role in contributing towards their good health and well-being. Additionally, there is a significant economic value in both spectating and participating in sporting activities See Sport England document – https://www.sportengland.org/media/3465/economic-value-of-sport.pdf
3.287	Outdoor sports facilities can include: natural or artificial playing pitches; bowling greens; and tennis courts	Outdoor sports facilities can include: natural or artificial playing pitches; bowling greens; and tennis courts and Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs), some of these facilities will require fencing and floodlights.

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3.287	Indoor sports facilities can include: sports halls; swimming pools; athletics tracks; and gyms. Full definitions of the types of sports and leisure facilities within the Vale are provided in Appendix K.	Indoor sports facilities can include: sports halls; swimming pools; athletics tracks; and gyms and studios . Full definitions Details of the types of sports and leisure facilities within the Vale are provided in Appendix K. Full definition of the types of sports and leisure facilities within the Vale are provided in the Vale of White Horse Playing Pitch Study¹³³ and the Vale of White Horse Leisure Facilities Study¹³³
3.289	The provision of leisure and sports facilities will be determined in accordance with Development Policy 34: Leisure and Sports Facilities and the application of the local standards contained in Appendix L.	The provision of leisure and sports facilities will be determined in accordance with Development Policy 34: Leisure and Sports Facilities, any proposals arising from the study's highlighted in para. 3.288 and the application of the local standards contained in Appendix L Appendix K .
3.291	Where more than one development is taking place on adjoining sites, the Council will expect developers to consider how the provision of sports and leisure facilities can be coordinated locally.	Where more than one development is taking place on adjoining sites, the Council will expect developers to consider how the provision of sports and leisure facilities can be coordinated locally . should be coordinated and masterplanned at the earliest possible stage, to ensure facilities are successfully delivered.
3.295	The Council will support proposals for small scale recreational facilities in the countryside that may include the provision of small picnic sites, roadside parking areas, viewing points and interpretation facilities.	The Council will support proposals for small scale recreational facilities in the countryside that for example may include the provision of small picnic sites, roadside parking areas, viewing points and interpretation facilities.

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Development Policy 34	New housing developments will be required to provide or contribute towards indoor and outdoor leisure and sports facilities in accordance with the local standards as set out in Appendix K.	New housing developments will be required to provide or contribute towards indoor and outdoor leisure and sports facilities in accordance with the local standards as set out in Appendix K. Where development generates a demand for the majority (66% or more) of a facility, then it needs to be provided on site, with the necessary land provided by the developer at no cost. This provision will be in addition to the population related proportion of the cost of the facility.
Development Policy 34.b.i	When assessed against the Leisure Facilities Study, Local Leisure Facilities Study and / or Playing Pitch Study,	When assessed against the latest Leisure Facilities Study, latest Local Leisure Facilities Study and / or latest Playing Pitch Study,
Development Policy 34.b.i	<p>i. when assessed against the Leisure Facilities Study, Local Leisure Facilities Study and / or Playing Pitch Study, it is clearly shown that the leisure and / sport facility is surplus to requirements; or</p> <p>ii. the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of scale, quantity and quality in a suitable and accessible location; or</p> <p>iii. the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss; or</p> <p>iv. the proposed development is ancillary to the main use of the site and strengthens its function.</p>	<p>1. when assessed against the Leisure Facilities Study, Local Leisure Facilities Study and / or Playing Pitch Study, it is clearly shown that the leisure and / sport facility is surplus to requirements; or</p> <p>2. the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of scale, quantity and quality in a suitable and accessible location; or</p> <p>3. the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss; or</p> <p>4. the proposed development is ancillary to the main use of the site and strengthens its function.</p>

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Appendix A (2) General Requirements for Housing sites	Contribute towards health care, leisure provision, and other community services and facilities where appropriate, in accordance with the requirement of the IDP.	Contribute towards health care, leisure provision, and other community services and facilities where appropriate, in accordance with the requirement of the IDP and the standards set out in the Vale of White Horse Reports on; Open Spaces, Playing Pitches, Leisure Facilities Study and Local Leisure Facilities Study.
Appendix K Quantity standards for open space table	Public Open Space All areas of public open space that have a recreational function but do not fall in the above categories e.g. parks and gardens and amenity green space.	Public Open Space All areas of public open space that have a recreational function but do not fall in the above categories e.g. parks and gardens and amenity green space. <i>Note – There is no mention of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space.</i>