

Reference Matter 12 – 2 MIQ's Item 3

Matter 12 High quality, well designed places and living well Issue: Would the Plan's approach to achieving high quality design in the Plan's three spatial areas and the individual policies be clear, justified, and consistent with national policy and would they be effective? Strategic policy D1 High quality, well designed and inclusive places

Item 3 – The table on page 73 sets out the ten characteristics of successful places, considerations and sources of evidence. Should it refer to places for active play and sport and evidence sources?

Statement

Sport Winchester believes the Table on Page 73, and the wider Local Plan should include specific metrics and requirement for land allocation and planning for sports facilities, including sports fields and other supporting facilities which are needed.

The Council has already submitted and included its own analysis of Open Spaces (2022 report already submitted) which identifies a 18 Hectare shortfall of sports grounds within the current Winchester city ward and surrounding parish council areas, and any future local plan should have specific objectives and allocations to both recover this identified shortfall and to cover the increased demand needed from both new houses and the growing population.

This should be stipulated and included within policy D1, and become a requirement for all planning considerations in the area covered within the local plan.

Please note – the shortfall in space identified above is specific to the wider Winchester city area, and should be noted that the remaining wider Winchester council area would appear to be semi adequately covered.