

## **Technical Assessment of Community Facilities by SSDC**

### **Introduction**

Using the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF - previously PPG17), SSDC has completed, or is in the process of updating needs assessments for:

Local Facilities - Equipped Play Areas, Youth Facilities, Playing Pitches, Changing rooms and Community Halls

Strategic Facilities - Swimming Pools, Sports halls, Artificial Grass Pitches, Indoor Tennis Centres, Theatres and Arts Centres

These assessments follow the original PPG17 guidance by:

- identifying local needs;
- auditing existing provision;
- setting local standards (quantitative, qualitative, accessibility and catchment areas);
- applying the standards to identify local deficiencies; and
- producing strategies to meet deficiencies.

The Council's current standards were approved at District Executive in March, 2012.

Each of these assessments summarise the current position by parish/town or SSDC area, and by applying the various standards to current and future populations, identify where there are shortfalls in provision and hence inform the priorities for parish/town and the district.

The following information identifies the various facilities in Queen Camel and how they meet the standards for size, quality and accessibility. Catchment mapping has not been carried out for Queen Camel.

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## **A Summary of the Needs Assessments and Audits for local facilities in Queen Camel**

### **Equipped Play Areas**

The equipped play area at Playing Field is of a good standard (with good accessibility/average quality), but is the only play area to serve the village. The village has a shortfall in 2014 of 206 sq m of play space, increasing to 348 sq m in 2029.

### **Youth Facilities**

There is a small basketball area at the Playing Field, and there is a shortfall in 2014 of 249 sq m, increasing to 285 sq m in 2029.

### **Playing Pitches and Changing Rooms**

The assessment for playing pitches and changing rooms are in the process of being updated. The latest audit information shows that the football and cricket pitches at the Playing Field are good quality, however the changing facilities are only average in quality, and could be a larger size. There is no shortfall in the number of pitches for the village. Information on teams show 3 footballs teams based at the playing field but no cricket team.

### **Community Halls**

The village hall is of a good standard, however there is a shortfall in 2014 in the amount of space required (83 sq m) to serve the village, increasing to 108 sq m in 2029.

### **Other Facilities**

Needs assessments have not been completed for either outdoor tennis courts or bowls, so no information is available on either the quantity or quality of these.

### **Use of Information from Needs Assessments**

The information from the local and strategic needs assessments can be used for 4 main purposes:

1. To inform the council's response to planning consultations, in order to seek planning obligations from Section 106 agreements.
2. To inform the council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) – part of the Local Plan.
3. To support parish plans and other strategies.
4. To support funding bids for new or improved facilities.