

Copeland Local Plan 2021-2038

Updated Statement of Common Ground between Cumberland Council and Sport England.

Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared jointly between Cumberland Council (CC) and Sport England (SE). SE is the statutory consultee responsible for providing guidance on the provision of sports facilities in England.

The purpose of a Statement of Common Ground is to set out the confirmed agreements and disagreements with regard to strategic and cross- boundary issues surrounding the Copeland Local Plan. This is the result of early, meaningful and continuous engagement between the Local Planning Authority and statutory consultees and key stakeholders in the Local Plan process.

The statement is intended to assist the Inspector during the Examination of the Copeland Local Plan to show where effective co-operation and agreement on key issues has taken place, in regards to issues raised within the hearing sessions. For more information on how Copeland Borough Council¹ has engaged with key stakeholders throughout the Local Plan preparation process, please see the Duty to Co-operate statement.

Cumberland Council and Sports England agree the following:

- 1) The Playing Pitch Strategy has been endorsed by both Cumberland Council and Sport England.
- 2) Cumberland Council and Sport England have agreed to wording regarding developer contributions, for both SC2 and SC3:
 - *Policy SC2: "New Facilities*

The Council will support proposals, in principle, for new sports and leisure facilities that help residents sustain and lead healthy lives and meet needs identified in the most up to date evidence.

The Council will expect major developments to provide a financial contribution towards new or improved sports provision where the Built Facilities Study identifies that existing local provision does not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand generated by the development. The level of contribution required will be calculated using Sport England's Sports Facilities Calculator in discussion with Sport England where appropriate."

¹ On April 1st Cumberland Council was formed out of Copeland Borough Council, Allerdale Borough Council, and Carlisle City Council.

- ~~Policy SC3: "Proposals that provide new playing fields or ancillary facilities will be supported in principle, particularly those which help address deficits identified within the Playing Pitch Strategy.~~

The Council will expect major developments to provide a financial contribution towards new or improved playing fields, pitches, and ancillary facilities where the Playing Pitch Strategy identifies that existing local provision does not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand generated by the development. The level of contribution required will be calculated using Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator in discussion with Sport England.


Contributions should include provision for maintenance of the pitch/facility over a 30 year period.

Existing playing fields, pitches and ancillary facilities

Proposals affecting playing fields..."

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