

Appendix 2 – Supply and Demand

Assessment of Individual Facility Types

Sports Halls and Activity Halls

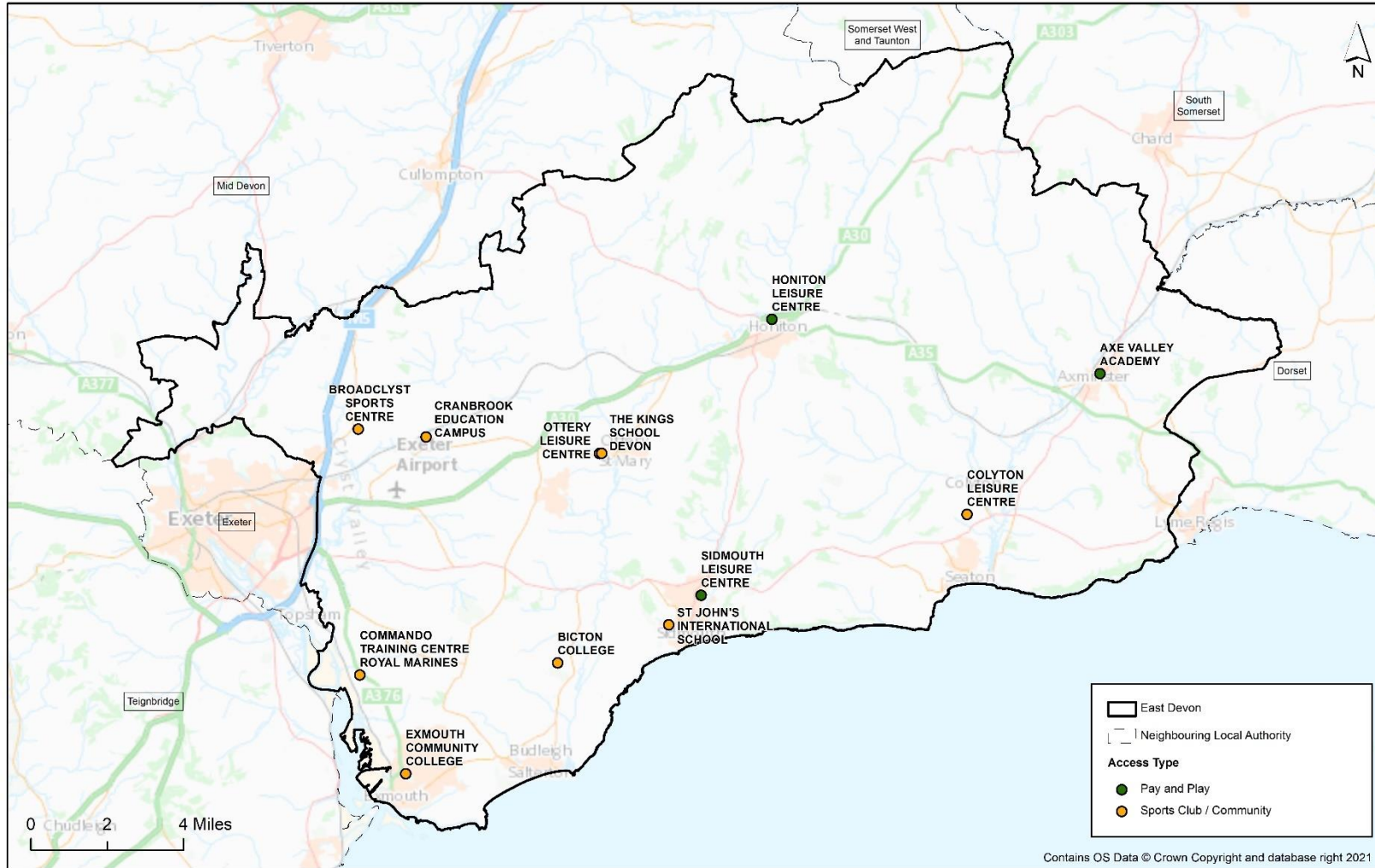
Quantity

- 1.1 Sports halls are identified as 3 court badminton halls and above and provide facilities for team sports such as netball, volleyball, basketball etc. Activity halls are smaller halls normally of 1 badminton court size but may not be marked out for badminton but can cater for some sports and physical activity.
- 1.2 The supply analysis identifies that East Devon has a total of 27 sports hall/activity halls across 23 sites (refer to Map 1). Table 1 details all sports halls and activity halls in the District.
- 1.3 There are
 - A total of 13 sports halls and 14 activity halls across 23 sites
 - 13 main sports halls in total (all strategic size i.e. 3 courts +)
 - 3 community pay and play sports halls (strategic size 3+ courts)
 - 10 community accessible sports halls i.e. available for sports club use
- 1.4 5 of the sports halls are managed by schools or colleges, 6 sports halls are managed by LED Community Leisure (trust) on behalf of EDDC, 1 sports hall is managed by a commercial operator and 1 sports hall is owned and managed by the MOD. Although the MOD sports hall offers community use for clubs/organisation, this is normally only if the hirer has a military sponsor and is therefore quite restrictive in terms of community use.
- 1.5 Strategic size sports halls and activity halls are detailed in Appendix A and Table 1. Table 1 also highlights strategic size sports halls and activity halls available for pay and play community use.

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Map 1: Sports Halls/Activity Halls by access type in East Devon



Sports Halls by community use availability in East Devon



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Table 1: Supply of Sports Halls and Activity Halls in East Devon

Site Name	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Number Badminton Courts	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay and Play	Strategic Size Sports Hall i.e. 3+ courts pay and Play	Year Built	Year Refurbished
Axe Valley Academy	EX13 5EA	Sports Hall	Main	4	Pay and Play	Academy	Trust	✓	✓	1988	2006
Axe Valley Academy	EX13 5EA	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	0	Pay and Play	Academy	Trust	✓		1988	
Bicton College	EX9 7BY	Sports Hall	Main	4	Sports Club/Community Association	Further Education	Commercial management		✓	2015	
Brixington Academy Primary	EX8 4JQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	2	Sports Club/Community Association	Academy	School/college			2000	
Broadclyst Sports Centre	EX5 3AL	Sports Hall	Main	4	Sports Club/Community Association	Community School	Trust		✓	1988	
Clyst St Mary Village Hall	EX5 1AA	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club/Community Association	Other	Trust			1992	
Clyst Vale Community College	EX5 3AJ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	1	Private	Community School	School/college			1960	

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Colyton Leisure Centre	EX24 6GB	Sports Hall	Main	4	Sports Club/Community Association	Foundation School	Trust			2003	2007
Commando Centre	Training EX8 5AR	Sports Hall	Main	8	Sports Club/Community Association	MOD	MOD			1973	
Cranbrook Campus	Education EX5 7EE	Sports Hall	Main	3	Sports Club/Community Association	Academy	School/college			2016	
Cranford Sports Club	EX8 2EQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	2	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management			2001	
Exmouth College	Community EX8 3AF	Sports Hall	Main	4	Sports Club/Community Association	Academy	School/College			1960	1999
Exmouth College	Community EX8 3AF	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club/Community Association	Academy	School/College			1960	
Exmouth College	community EX8 3AF	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club/Community Association	Academy	School/College			1960	
Exmouth College	Community EX8 3AF	Sports Hall	Main	4	Sports Club/Community Association	Academy	School/College			1976	

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Exmouth Leisure Centre	EX8 1EN	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	2	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	✓		1982	
Honiton Community College	EX14 1QT	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club/Community Association	Academy	School/College			2017	
Honiton Leisure Centre	EX14 1QW	Sports Hall	Main	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	✓	✓	1980	
Ottery Leisure Centre	EX11 1QZ	Sports Hall	Main	4	Sports Club/Community Association	Local Authority	Trust			1986	2008
Sidmouth College	EX10 9LG	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club/Community Association	Community School	School/College			2020	
Sidmouth Leisure Centre	EX10 9LH	Sports Hall	Main	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	✓	✓	1981	1998
St John's International School	EX10 8RG	Sports Hall	Main	5	Sports Club/Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College			1988	
St Peters School	EX8 5AU	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	1	Private	Other Independent School	School/College			1949	2007

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The Institute	EX11 1HD	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club/Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation			1999	
The Kings School	EX11 1RA	Sports Hall	Main	4	Sports Club/Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College			1965	1986
West Hill Village Hall	EX11 1UQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club/Community association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation			1986	
Woodbury Village Hall	EX5 1LX	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club/Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation			1944	2002

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- 1.6 A total of 3 out of the 13 strategic sized sports halls (3+ badminton courts) are available for pay and play community use and 10 are available for sports club/community association use. A total of 9 out of the 13 strategic sized sports halls are located on school/college owned sites and 1 is located on an MOD owned site (8 court sports hall).
- 1.7 As well as the identified activity halls, there are a range of other community halls/centres, churches, association e.g. The Beehive, Liverton Copse Community Centre etc. These are available for community use sessions, usually for groups, associations, and privately run classes, but provide for far more than sport and physical activity. Typically community halls will also be hired for dance classes, arts/crafts, events and programmes, meetings and social gatherings.
- 1.8 The education sports halls will have different hours of access for community use, outside of education use. Some schools and colleges proactively manage venues for wider community use, predominantly by sports clubs and community groups. Other schools and colleges let their sports halls on a responsive basis to sports clubs or community groups, for a term or even shorter lettings.
- 1.9 Schools with community access were consulted with as part of this study and the following key information was provided relating to access arrangements and programmes of use.

Table 2: Summary of School Sports Facilities – Community Use

School	Access arrangements and Programme of Use
Axe Valley Academy (Axminster LC)	Pre-Covid the centre was open 7am – 10pm Monday to Friday and weekends. Post-covid, the centre opens 7am – 12.30pm and from 4pm – 9.30pm Monday to Friday and reduced hours at the weekend. This withdraws LED from community use during some of the busier school times which presents safeguarding issues. LED has introduced a separate public access to the gym to avoid safeguarding issues where possible.
Bicton College	Bicton College is a careers college and part of Cornwall College Group. There is no pay and play public access. The facilities operate on a registered membership basis and are operated by a commercial operator called Evolve Fitness.
Brixington Primary Academy	The school has 2 activity halls available to hire by local sports clubs and associations weekday evenings and weekends. One of the halls is used during the day for school assemblies, school lunches etc.
Clyst Vale Community College (Broadclyst LC)	The leisure centre is open in the evenings and weekends only. The site is open from 5pm – 10pm Monday to Friday, 9am – 6pm Saturdays and 10am – 10pm Sundays. The site closed during Covid and now operates on a coach led/self-access operation i.e. no reception but hirer given keys and responsibility for unlocking/locking of site.

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School	Access arrangements and Programme of Use
Colyton Grammar School (Colyton LC)	Available for community use from 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 1pm Saturday.
Cranbrook Campus Education	<p>At the start of 2016, the Education Campus took out a 3 year agreement with Exeter City FC Community Trust to manage the lettings. This agreement has now ended and the Campus has been able to take over this function and run in-house. There is still, however, a strong tie with the football club.</p> <p>Available for community use 5.30pm – 10pm Monday to Friday (9am – 5pm during school holidays), 9am – 6pm Saturdays and only bespoke bookings are available on Sundays. There is no formal Community Use Agreement in place.</p>
Exmouth College Community	The sports Hall and artificial turf pitch (floodlit) is available for local sports clubs/community organisations to hire weekday evenings and weekends.
Honiton College (Honiton LC) Community	<p>Pre-covid the centre was open from 6.30am – 10pm Mon – Fri and operated all weekend. Post-covid the centre opens 6.30am – 9pm and reduced hours at the weekend.</p> <p>The school has use of the main sports hall Mon – Fri 8.30am – 5pm and have allocated 14 hours of squash court use per week. The rest of the facility is open 6.30am – 9pm weekdays and 8.30am – 3pm weekends. LED have a 60/40 split in dual use costs in favour of the school as per other EDDC dual use agreements. The school hire the gym and large studio from LED as these do not form part of the dual use arrangement.</p>
The Kings School (Ottery LC)	<p>Pre-Covid the centre was open 7am – 9.30pm Mon – Fri and 9am – 5pm weekends. Post Covid, opening hours have been reduced to 7am – 1pm, 3pm – 8.30pm weekdays and 9am – 5pm Sat and 9am – 2pm Sundays. Due to Covid restrictions, LED's primary group exercise space has become condemned. This combined with the school's allocated leisure centre space has severely limited what LED can deliver to the community during the day. Morning/early afternoon group exercise made up a considerable percentage of centre use.</p>
Sidmouth College (Sidmouth LC)	Sidmouth college has unlimited access to the main sports hall and 3G pitch during term time from 9am – 5.30pm Mon – Friday. They also have up to 12 hours per week use of the gym and squash courts. This makes it difficult for LED to programme community use of these spaces. The public has to check availability before turning up on site.
St Johns International School	TBC

- 1.10 This overall range of provision within the district means that activities/sports can be separated. Big space sports such as badminton and basketball can be accommodated in the main halls. The smaller activity halls can accommodate small space activities such as Pilates, yoga and martial arts.

Quality

1.11 Detailed quality assessments were undertaken of all the EDDC indoor sports facilities (November – December 2021) by way of a site visit and visual assessment of the facilities. These are provided in Appendix B and are summarised in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Summary of the Quality Assessment of East Devon Sports Halls and Activity Halls

Facility Name	Quality Score	Commentary
Axe Valley Academy (Axminster LC)	39%	<p>Axminster LC was built in the early 1980's by EDDC on Devon CC owned land as a dual use facility with the then Axminster School, before becoming an academy. There is a formal community use agreement in place. The 4 court sports hall and activity hall were built in 1988. The sports hall was refurbished in 2006.</p> <p>Facility managed by LED Community Leisure (trust).</p> <p>Registered membership and pay and play use. Main users are Axe Valley Academy, Leisure Leagues, Axminster Netball Club. Well used site but weekend use is quiet.</p> <p>The onsite pool (Flamingo Pool) is managed separately by a small trust and volunteers.</p> <p>Facilities look tired and in need of refurbishment, particularly the changing rooms. Partial disability access and poor directional signage, particularly in the town centre. Difficult to navigate to reception from car park.</p> <p>There is good parking in place. Pay and Play car park owned by Flamingo Pool. Customers pay and get a part refund at pool on production of receipt from LED.</p> <p>Query whether membership price represents value for money for range of facilities offered, particularly without pool included in the offer.</p>
Bicton College	64%	<p>Bicton College is a careers college and part of the Cornwall College Group.</p> <p>Indoor facilities include a 4 court sports hall built in 2015, climbing tower and fitness suite. All facilities are in good condition. The college also has a large number of outdoor grass pitches, an artificial turf pitch, lake for watersports, golf putting green, swing studio and low ropes course.</p> <p>The facility has extensive grounds but is situated in a remote location in the Devon countryside so the facility does not lend itself to pay and play use.</p> <p>There is good levels of car parking and full disability access. Not served by public transport due to rural location.</p>

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Facility Name		Quality Score	Commentary
Brixington Academy	Primary	64%	<p>Access to the site not permitted. Includes 2 halls built 2000, both in good condition, with full disability access. Available for hire by local sports clubs/community organisations. It is not clear whether changing room provision is included. The site is very tight as it fronts immediately onto the main road. There is some car parking provision and the site is served well by public transport.</p> <p>Signposting to the facility is poor.</p>
Broadclyst Centre	Leisure	29%	<p>Built by EDDC on Devon CC land in 1988. Serves as a dual use facility with the adjacent Clyst Vale Community College. Indoor facilities comprise of a 4 court sports hall. There are also 3 outdoor tennis courts available to hire.</p> <p>Popular with indoor 5-a-side teams and junior clubs e.g. trampolining.</p> <p>Location is good as it is close to Cranbrook where there is significant population growth. However, the building is in very poor condition. There has been no significant investment in the site since it was opened in 1988.</p> <p>The building is not DDA compliant.</p> <p>The facility has a formal community use agreement in place.</p>
Clyst St Mary Village Hall		68%	<p>Provides an activity hall built in 1992 and in good condition. Managed by a trust with volunteers.</p> <p>Available for hire by the community 7 days a week. Used by local residents but also groups from Exeter, Plymouth and surrounding area.</p> <p>Small access road and not easily visible from main road.</p>
Colyton Leisure Centre		75%	<p>Colyton LC is a relatively modern facility built by EDDC in 2003 with the 4 court sports hall refurbished in 2007. The site is shared with Colyton Grammar School. There is a formal Community Use Agreement in place.</p> <p>A 3G pitch was built in 1991 and refurbished in 2004. The 3G pitch is not within the red line of LED's leased area so access to the pitch is at the school's gift and could be withdrawn at any stage. There is also 1 studio and 3 grass pitches. No gym so limited offer to make membership attractive.</p> <p>The Council is in the process of reviewing the existing CUA to incorporate the 3G pitch and a 50/50 split in the cost of utilities, cleaning, insurance, maintenance etc. of the sports hall, studio and 3G pitch. In return, as long as the pitch remains available for community use, both parties contribute an amount into an annual sinking fund for the pitch replacement.</p>

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Facility Name	Quality Score	Commentary
		<p>The School recently built additional changing rooms and offices for school use.</p> <p>There is full disability access and a small amount of car parking.</p>
Commando Training Centre	MOD site – unable to access	
Cranbrook Education Campus	86%	<p>Modern dual use facility built in 2016. Facilities include 3 court sports hall, 2 studios and 3G pitch. All facilities are in excellent condition.</p> <p>The campus is a Regional Development Centre for Exeter City FC.</p> <p>Hired out to local clubs and organisations but mainly adult based clubs. However, Cranbrook has a very high proportion of young families/young people so current provision and hire arrangements does not address local needs.</p> <p>Poor public transport locally. Car parking on site is poor/difficult as secure gate access only.</p>
Cranford Sports Club	61%	<p>Cranford Sports Club is a not for profit private members club (run by members with volunteer board of directors).</p> <p>Lots of charitable work with reduced cost external hires for other charities such as Help for Hero's.</p> <p>Indoor sports facilities built in 2001 and include a 65 station gym, sauna, a 2 court activity hall, 2x studios, 25m x 6m pool. The oldest facility is the lido which was originally built 1970 and refurbished 2010. The 6 outdoor tennis courts were built in 2000, the sports hall 2001, and gym 2005.</p> <p>Sport England funding was used to refurbish the hard courts and multi-use carpeted courts a number of years ago.</p> <p>The pool was originally a lido and covered in 2015 and extended from 20 to 25m. Swim lessons are provided by a private hirer (Swim Devon). The studios are quite well equipped although the floors are not sprung.</p> <p>The Club is struggling financially and is looking to sell some of its land to help secure the future of the Club. LED is also in discussion with the Club with a view to running some of their back of house services.</p> <p>The site has good car parking, is served well by public transport and has plenty of development potential.</p>
Exmouth College	50%	<p>The college has a 4 court sports hall which it hires out to local sports clubs and community organisations. The sports hall is in good condition and benefits from full disability access and good public transport links. There is some car parking available. There is no development potential for the site due to current layout/design.</p>

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Exmouth Leisure Centre	71%	<p>The centre opened in 1982 with the pools added 3 years later. Includes 70 station gym, Shapemasters Toning Studio, 2x glass backed squash courts, 2 court sports hall, 5 studios, 25m x 6 lane main pool, 12m x 7m learner pool, and climbing wall.</p> <p>Benefits from central location but the site is very constricted with various buildings linked together. Has a good swim schools, and is used by a number of local schools and sports clubs. Car parking on site is good although there is no dedicated parking for customers. Road directional signage needs improving but on site signposting is good. Building entrance could be improved and made more welcoming. Reception is not at the centre of the building and prevents ease of access/flow.</p> <p>The sports hall is in good condition but unlike the other areas of the building, the sports hall has not been refurbished. Maintenance costs are high for the site due to the age of the buildings.</p>
Honiton Community College	65%	<p>Facilities include an activity halls, studio and 20 station gym. The college currently only lets the activity hall out to 1 external dance group. There are no other community lets on the site and no formal dual use agreement in place. However, they are looking to increase the number of lets in future to help generate income.</p> <p>The activity hall and studio are in excellent condition. Limited parking directly on the school site but the assumption is that hirers would use the adjacent leisure centre car park.</p>
Honiton Leisure Centre	71%	<p>Built by EDDC in 1980 as a dual use facility with the adjacent Honiton Community College.</p> <p>Facilities include a 4 court sports hall, 45 station gym, studio and 2x squash courts. A 25m x 5 lane swimming pool and changing facility is located in a stand-alone building on the opposite side of the car park. There are also 2 outdoor tennis courts. The upstairs sports hall viewing gallery is used as a second studio.</p> <p>The sports hall is used by a number of clubs e.g. Honiton Badminton Club and Honiton Trampoline Club.</p> <p>In 1998 the site benefitted from an extension of the gym and studio 1. There was a further extension of the gym in 2014. The tennis courts were built in 2000. The squash courts were refurbished in 2007. The swimming pool changing rooms are in the process of being refurbished.</p> <p>The facilities are in good condition but the pool changing/showers is in need of refurbishment.</p> <p>Car parking is restricted in the evenings as used by other adjacent organisations e.g. Honiton Rugby Club, MUGA users.</p> <p>The access road to the site is very poor and narrow.</p>

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Facility Name	Quality Score	Commentary
Ottery Leisure Centre	56%	<p>Built by EDDC in 1986, serving as a dual use facility with Kings School which sits adjacent to the site. Facilities include an 18 station gym, 4 court sports hall and 2 studios. There is also 1 outdoor sand dressed floodlit 3G pitch.</p> <p>The sports hall was refurbished in 2006. A larger studio space was added to the rear of the building in 2012.</p> <p>The gym was refurbished in 2018. However, it is very small. The existing pitch was upgraded to a synthetic pitch in 2017.</p> <p>Overall the facilities are in average condition. The sports hall roof needs replacing. Refurbishment is needed of communal spaces, changing rooms and toilets.</p> <p>Due to Covid restrictions, LED's primary group exercise space has become condemned. This combined with the school's allocated leisure centre space has severely limited what LED can deliver to the community during the day.</p> <p>There is limited car parking during the day and partial disabled access around the building.</p> <p>The offer on site is limited compared to local competition and therefore difficult to justify membership pricing.</p>
Sidmouth College	86%	<p>New college adjacent to existing Sidmouth LC.</p> <p>Activity hall is available for hire to the community weekday evenings. The facility is in excellent condition as only approximately 12 months old. Good car parking as only hired out in the evenings when school not in use. The hall is currently only hired out to a dance school. The School does not feel that it is competing with the neighbouring sports centre.</p>
Sidmouth Leisure Centre	61%	<p>Sidmouth LC was opened in 1981 and is located on the Sidmouth College Campus.</p> <p>Facilities include a 19 station gym, 4 court sports hall, 2 squash courts and a sand dressed 3G pitch (no floodlights).</p> <p>The gym was added in 1989 and the sand dressed artificial turf pitch was added in 2004. The sports hall was refurbished in 1998, the gym in 2010, the squash courts in 2001 and the gym in 2010.</p> <p>The facilities are in good overall condition. However, the changing facilities are in need of refurbishment. There are also no floodlights to the 3G pitch which restricts usage and income generation opportunities. The gym is also small and has limited availability during the day and is often at capacity at peak times. Sports hall balcony is used for group exercise space.</p> <p>Daytime community parking is difficult because the school have priority use of the main car park.</p>

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Facility Name	Quality Score	Commentary
St John's International School	68%	<p>An independent school which makes its sports facilities available for hire by local sports clubs/association. Sports facilities include a 5 court sports hall and 4 lane teaching pool as well as outdoor facilities (rugby pitches, football pitches, 2 tennis courts and 2 netball courts).</p> <p>The facilities are in good condition. The pool has a telescopic roof which can open in summer. The pool is located some distance from the main building and has its own changing rooms adjacent to the pool. The location means that the community does not need to walk through the main building to access the pool. There is no disability access.</p> <p>There is a small amount of parking on site and poor signposting.</p>
St Peters School	68%	<p>This is a private prep school, set in 28 acres of beautiful countryside. The school is in a rural location. Good quality facilities which include an activity hall outdoor heated pool, activity hall, squash court and outdoor grass pitches and tennis courts. There is full disability access, good car parking and signposting on site.</p> <p>The facilities are very spread out on site and would therefore be difficult to manage if made available for community use.</p>
The Institute	39%	<p>Located directly on one of the main streets in Ottery Town Centre, this activity hall is run by a management committee as a registered charity and is available for hire by local clubs and organisations. The hall is available to hire 7 days a week and is used for a variety of activities from yoga, hand bell ringing, short mat bowls, table tennis, aerobics and a community market. The facility is well used by the local community. The facility has a stage for performances.</p> <p>The building is old (late Victorian?) but well maintained. However there is no parking, only partial disability access throughout and poor signposting to the facility.</p>
The Kings School	64%	<p>School 4 court sports hall built 1965 and refurbished 1986. Although advertised on the school website as available for hire by local clubs/organisations, the sports hall has very few booking e.g. local church group, fitness class pre-Covid etc. The ceiling height might restrict use for competitive badminton and volleyball. The sports hall is older than the neighbouring Ottery LC sports hall which may account for the small number of lets. Charges are £25 per hour for the sports hall. There is parking shared with the neighbouring leisure centre.</p>
West Hill Village Hall	82%	<p>Built in 1992 and located adjacent to the primary school in the centre of the village, this modern hall is used regularly by a range of local clubs and groups e.g. yoga, dance, badminton, keep fit and short mat bowls. The hall is a registered charity and run by a management committee. The hall is available for hire 7 days a week.</p> <p>The hall is 21m x 8.5m. There are also 3 meeting rooms, 2 kitchens and toilets.</p> <p>There is full disabled access, good parking and signposting on site and served well by public transport.</p>

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Facility Name	Quality Score	Commentary
Woodbury Village Hall	75%	<p>A well maintained hall with 1 badminton court and stage for performances. The Village hall also has 2 meeting rooms, a kitchen and toilets. Built in 1944 and refurbished in 2002. The facility moved from Topsham to Woodbury a number of years ago. Available for hire by the community 7 days a week. Used by local residents but also people from Exeter, Exmouth and surrounding area. Activities include, badminton, exercise classes, short mat bowls, history society, garden club, arts and crafts groups etc.</p> <p>Excellent disability access (recently received grant to provide) and disabled toilet.</p> <p>Managed by board of directors (both a charity and a company limited by guarantee). Any surpluses are re-invested in the facility.</p>

- 1.12 EDDC owns 5 sports halls within the district; all are 4 court sports halls located at Axminster, Broadclyst, Honiton, Ottery and Sidmouth Leisure Centres. These leisure centres are all situated on land adjacent to a school/college and are 'dual use' in nature, meaning that usage of the facilities is shared between the school/college and the community. These arrangements were created in the 1980's where EDDC built leisure centres on Devon County Council land, with ongoing running costs shared between the two parties, formalised by 'Dual Use agreements.' EDDC's operational roles in these agreements were subsequently formally novated to LED. Colyton Leisure Centre has a slightly different tenure arrangement, being built more recently (2003), where the Grammar School constructed the building, and then leased to EDDC. The principles of the usage arrangements are similar though to the other five dual use centres.
- 1.13 Sport England and National Governing Bodies of Sport recommend that a 4 badminton court sports hall for community participation should be 690 sq. m in size. This space provides additional space between courts, run off space and space for coaching and teaching school PE. Only Sidmouth Leisure Centre sports hall is 690 sq. m. This means that the sports hall can provide for all the indoor hall sports at the community level of participation and accommodated club sport programmes.
- 1.14 Interestingly, the remaining 5 sports halls all vary in size. Ottery and Broadclyst sports halls are 594 sq. m, Axminster 486 sq. m, and Colyton 619 sq. m. Sports Halls on educational sites often have smaller size sports halls since education authorities consider this acceptable for curriculum use.
- 1.15 There are no sports halls in the district larger than 4 badminton courts, other than the 5 court sports hall at St Johns International School and the MOD 8 court sports hall at the Commando Training Centre at Lympstone. Although the MOD sports hall is available to for hire by local community sports clubs/associations, the hirer normally has to obtain a military sponsor in order to access the facilities and this can be quite restrictive in terms of community access.

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- 1.16 Unusually, Exmouth Community College has 2 sports halls. The first sports hall is the oldest sports hall in East Devon, built in 1960, and is 594 sq. m in size. The second sports hall was built in 1976 and is also a 4 court hall but 690 sq. m in size, therefore providing additional space between the courts, run off space and space for coaching and teaching.
- 1.17 The average age of sports halls in East Devon is 36 years and they vary in condition. The average age span of a sports hall is normally 35 – 40 years. East Devon therefore has an ageing stock of sports halls with the majority of these located on school sites. In the case of EDDC's dual use facilities, the sports halls were refurbished at Axminster, Colyton, Ottery and Sidmouth approximately 15 to 25 years ago. However there has been no investment in the sports halls at Honiton and Broadclyst and all sites are now in need of further investment. The Council recently undertook a stock condition survey review (2020) of buildings managed under the LED contract and identified approximately £1.5 million of capital works required over the next 5 years which included repairs to the sports hall roof at Broadclyst and Ottery Leisure Centres, the replacement of the sports hall floor at Axminster Leisure Centre and the replacement of storeroom doors to the sports halls across all sites.
- 1.18 The activity halls across the district vary in age. The oldest activity hall is located Woodbury Village Hall which was refurbished in 2002. The most recent activity hall was built in 2020 and is located at Sidmouth College. Both activity halls have dimensions of 10m x 18m which is common for this type of facility. It is worth noting that the average age of an activity hall in East Devon is 39 years and 10 out of the 14 activity halls are over 30 years old. This again reflects an ageing stock of facilities.
- 1.19 This overall range of provision in the district means that the activities/sports can be separated. Big space sports such as badminton, basketball, and trampolining can be accommodated in the main halls. The smaller activity halls can accommodate small space sports and activities such as palates, yoga and martial arts.

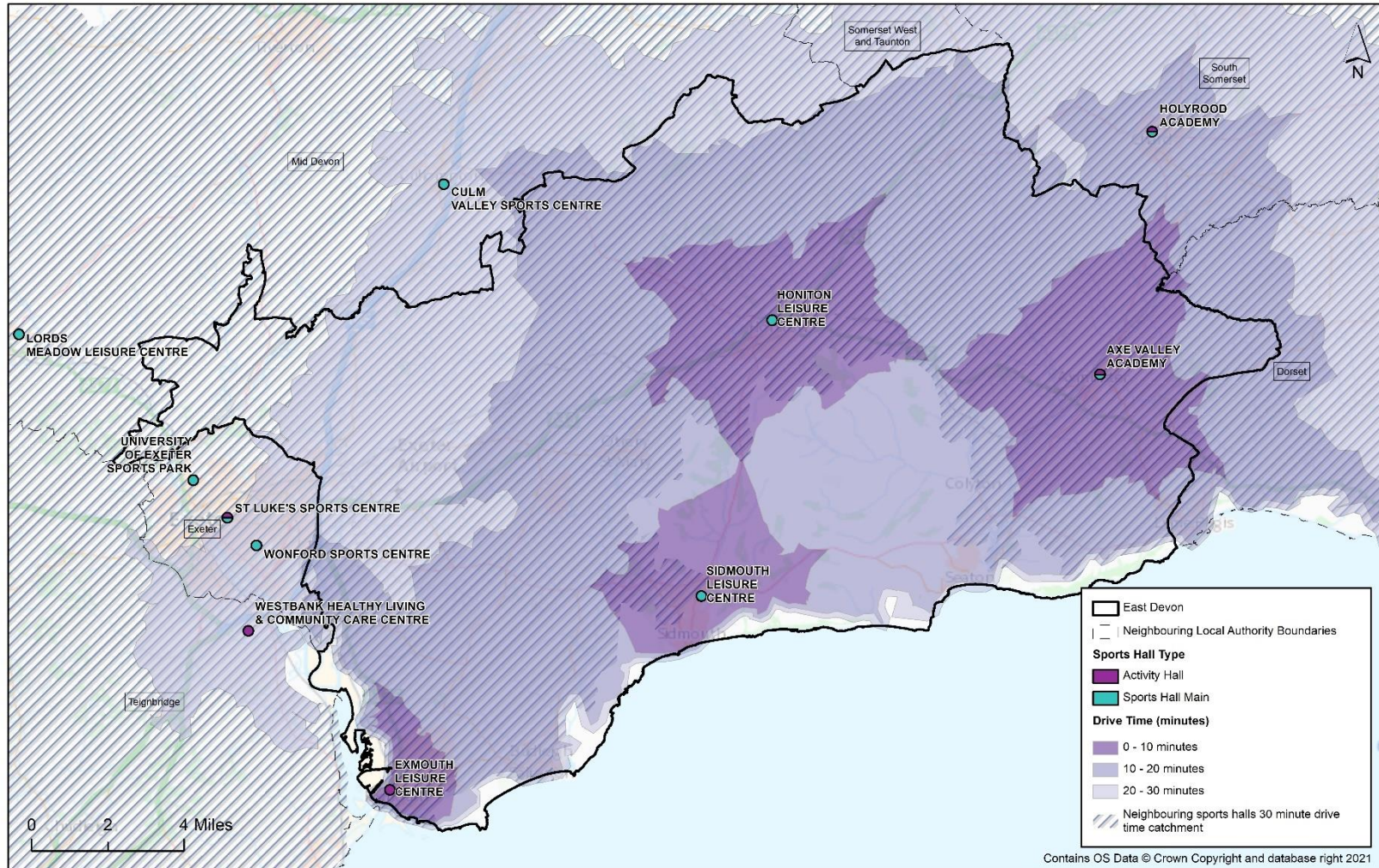
Accessibility

- 1.20 In East Devon, 15.1% of the population do not have access to a car which is lower than national (24.9%) and regional (18%) figures. The percentage of the population without access to a car is important because it influences travel patterns to sports halls. If there is a higher percentage of the population without a car, then a network of local accessible sports halls for residents who either walk or use public transport to travel to a sports hall becomes much more important.
- 1.21 The findings for East Devon are that 88% of visits to sports halls are by car which is higher than national and regional figures. This means that only 12% are travelling by foot or using public transport, both of which are below national and regional levels. Map 2 below shows the geographical distribution of the strategic size pay and play community accessible sports halls and activity halls in East Devon with a 20 minute and 30 minute drive catchment. The catchment areas of the existing pay and play community accessible sports halls cover the East Devon area and beyond into neighbouring local authority areas. The catchment areas overlap in some places as they are within the same 20 minute or 30 minute drive time. The geographical spread of sports hall sites within East Devon and neighbouring areas also highlights that there are potentially parts of the local authority, particularly in the northern parts, that have limited access to a sports hall at the current time.

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Map 2: Sports Halls/Activity Halls with pay and play community access catchments in East Devon (20 min and 30 min drive)



Sports Halls and Activity Halls with pay and play access catchment areas in East Devon (up to 30 minute drive time)



Availability

- 1.22 Table 1, together with Map 1 and 1.2 highlight that there is a high level of accessible sports hall and activity hall provision in East Devon. However, the majority are on education sites and only provide for sports club/association use. Whilst a community accessible sports hall would typically be open from 7am – 10pm weekdays and 9am – 6pm weekends, a facility on an education site, if open to community use will be open from 5pm – 9pm weekdays and 9am – 5pm weekends as demonstrated in Table 2 above. Opening hours for village/community halls vary significantly depending on how they are operated but they would typically not be open for as many hours as a community accessible sports hall. There are 4 sports halls in East Devon with community pay and play access but 3 of these are on education sites with dual use agreements in place. This means that pay and play access is normally restricted to weekday evenings and weekends.
- 1.23 The total supply of sports halls in badminton courts, is 61 courts, of which 39.8 are available in the weekly peak period for community use (known as effective supply). The Facility Planning Model (FPM) includes the sports hall at the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre and the level of community access at this site can be limited. The FPM also excludes sports halls and activity halls deemed to be private, too small or there is a lack of information relating to hours of use. In effect, there is an aggregate total of 21.2 badminton courts, across the education sites, which are unavailable for community use; this represents 35% of the total supply of badminton courts in East Devon. The peak period is weekday evenings (up to 5 hours per day) and weekend days (up to 7 hours per weekend day). The reason for the difference between the total supply of badminton courts and the effective supply, is because of the variable hours of access for community use at the sports halls located on education sites.
- 1.24 Based on a measure of the number of badminton courts available for community use per 10,000 population, East Devon has 4.1 courts which is slightly lower than both regional (4.5) and national (4.2) figures.

National Governing Bodies (NGB's)

- 1.25 Consultation was undertaken with National Governing Bodies (NGB's) to identify their views on the need for sports hall provision in East Devon. The views of NGB's (representing sports hall sports) who responded are included in Appendix C. There were no responses received from NGB's representing **Athletics**.
1. **Athletics** – **chased up**
 2. **Badminton** – In the East Devon area there are a higher than average number of badminton clubs and members. However, there are a below average number of sites and courts. Total unmet demand is worse than the national average and predicted to worsen by 2030. Participation rates are very low, although there are 9 clubs with approximately 170 affiliated members. Less than half (45.1%) the badminton courts available meet Badminton England quality threshold. There is a need for 85.34% of the 645 good quality peak time court hours available each week, to service the current and latent badminton demand. Key facilities (those which host a club and those rated good/excellent) are: Cranford Sports Club, Axminster, Broadclyst, Exmouth, Honiton, Ottery, Sidmouth and Colyton Leisure Centres, Bicton College and St John's International School.

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3. **Football** - Our priority for indoor facilities is to enable Futsal to be played by youth and adult teams as well as recreationally. We would therefore want sports halls to have Futsal markings and goals to help grow the game. The Exeter & District Youth League is our key provider of Futsal along with ourselves as deliverers. Our long term plan is for Futsal to be used as a recreational adult game as well as being used in youth football leagues during the winter periods of their seasons.
4. **Gymnastics** – There are 2 main gymnastics clubs in the East Devon area: Honiton Gymnastics Club and Axminster Gymnastics Club. There are also links with Ivybridge Gym Academy in Plymouth in that one of the Head Coaches at Honiton is also the Head of PE at Ivybridge Community College. The British Gymnastics National Strategy and Facilities Strategy both highlight 10% growth year on year in participation levels and long waiting lists. A key priority therefore is to 'identify and then remove bottleneck so that demand can be met, starting with addressing coaches and space limitations.' British Gymnastics supports clubs moving into dedicated facilities in order to increase their membership and diversify their range of activities which includes working with the community to provide physical activity opportunities. British Gymnastics target was to have over half of clubs in their own facilities by 2021. Both Honiton and Axminster Gymnastics Clubs rent their own facilities. Honiton Gymnastics Club had previously used Honiton Leisure Centre back in 2007 but the club became too large and needed its own facilities. Axminster Gymnastics Club used Axminster Leisure Centre in 2017 but again became too large and moved out in 2018.
5. **Netball** – In East Devon there are 2 leagues: Honiton Netball League who play at Honiton Sports Centre (2 outdoor courts) and Colyton Leisure Centre (1 indoor court) on Monday evenings and has 21 teams, which is a reduction of 3 teams from 2019/20. Exmouth Netball League plays at Bicton College (1 indoor court) on Thursday evenings and currently has 6 teams. This is a reduction of 4 teams since 2019/20. The priority is to grow these leagues back to pre-pandemic levels and more.

There are 20 registered clubs in East Devon. Most of these are small or medium adult clubs of less than 20 members who don't train regularly. There are 4 Extra Large clubs: (1) Axe Vale Netball Club train at Axminster Leisure Centre. They have 90 members and run sessions and teams for players from aged 9 upwards. They play in local and regional competition. They also run adult pay and play sessions and were running Walking Netball sessions but the venue Colyton Sports Centre is no longer available when they require. (2) Honiton Netball Club train at Honiton Sports Centre and have 111 members from age 7 upwards. They play in local and regional competition. (3) Sidmouth Netball Club train at St John's International School in Sidmouth. They have 92 members aged 9 upwards and play in local competition. (4) Exmouth Netball Club train at Exmouth Tennis Centre and have 73 members aged 9 upwards and play in local competition. All these clubs deliver Bee Netball to under 11's and have seen a slight reduction in membership post pandemic.

Access to suitable facilities is an issue for all clubs. This is particularly the case in Sidmouth where there are no outdoor courts. Although both Axe Vale and Honiton are competing in Regional U16 competition this season, the courts used at Honiton and Colyton Leisure Centres do not actually meet the runoff requirements. One of the biggest barriers in East Devon to programme delivery is the sports centres being linked to the schools so that the community cannot use them until after 5pm. Then they are heavily over-subscribed by regular bookings. With an ageing population in East Devon, Walking Netball could be really successful in most of the main towns but there are no suitable daytime facilities available. Only Honiton Leisure Centre offers suitable floodlit outdoor courts. Many of the indoor courts at LED sites need updating and need good run offs.

6. **Tennis** – The focus nationally is on parks tennis, improving pay and play community access and improving infrastructure/facilities. Pre-Covid, the LTA was looking to invest in facilities but not in East Devon due to the existing Exmouth Tennis Centre. The LTA has done a lot with Exmouth Tennis Centre, focussing on increasing numbers in their Youth Tennis Programme. They also funded a coach to go into schools to provide tennis coaching and an exit route into Exmouth Tennis Club. They are pleased with the performance of Exmouth Tennis Centre.

There is also Clubspark installed at Phear Park and Seafield. They would like this extending to Coburg in future.

There is no requirement for new indoor tennis provision. There are 12 tennis clubs in East Devon, mainly small clubs. Exmouth Tennis Club and Budleigh Salterton Tennis Club are two of the larger clubs. Budleigh would like to have their existing court floodlit. Paddle Tennis is being promoted by the LTA as a steppingstone into mainstream tennis. There are currently no paddle tennis courts in Devon.

7. **Volleyball** – Volleyball is currently running at capacity in the Exeter area with all club sessions and adult/junior sessions fully booked with waiting lists in some cases. The sport is currently restricted due to the lack of available venues and suitable hours. In recent times we have lost access to the following venues: Clifton Hill, Wonford, West Exe, Priory, Exeter College, Exeter University, St Peters, St Luke's and Broadclyst. These have all been venues previously used by the sport but are now unable to support the sports requirements. With respect to school venues, these are unavailable to us due to access (term time limits, exam use, match availability), cost and a booking system that does not appear to work for us. Changes in the sports hall facilities has also been an issue for us, this includes the down grading of volleyball equipment from category 1B to 1C (cheaper but its nonadjustable) hence these venues can no longer be used for the sport of volleyball. In East Devon, the sport of volleyball is currently played at Exmouth and Ottery St Mary, clubs have also existed at Cullompton and Honiton, but these have since folded. All players, adults and juniors in East Devon currently travel to Exeter, where the sport is the main customer of the Exeter Riverside LC with three clubs using this facility.

The City of Exeter may not be in the EDDC area, but following the recent East of Exeter development, large parts of Greater Exeter are now located in the EDDC area of Cranbrook, Rockbear, Whimble etc with 54,000 home being built over a 20-year period. This area currently has no leisure centre and hence no double or four court facility that can supports the sport of volleyball.

Our wish list would be to have a four-court volleyball venue in the East of Exeter area, which would give easy access to the community from Exeter, the greater Exeter area, Exmouth, Sidmouth, Honiton, Cullompton etc. This could be a single hall venue (as in the LeAF centre, Bournemouth) or the more practical solution would be two connected double court venues (as in the Kitto Centre or Life Centre in Plymouth).

With regards to Beach Volleyball, this is provided by Exmouth Beach Volleyball Club who used to operate beach courts in Exmouth until 2014. Many sea front areas around the country now have a managed sand area on their promenade. These are multi use for Beach Volleyball, Beach Tennis, Beach Netball, etc with members of the public hiring the appropriate equipment from the nearby Café or beach kiosk.

Sport England Facility Planning Model (FPM)

- 1.26 Strategic Leisure was provided with Sport England's Facilities Planning Model National Run Report (November 2021, based on Sport England 2020 National Run data) for sports hall provision in East Devon. Please note that no national run data was made available in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. The Sport England FPM report sets out an assessment of the current situation regarding sports hall supply, based on 15 sports halls located on 11 sites and includes strategic size (3+ badminton courts) and 1 badminton court sports halls (activity halls) that are on the same site. The FPM report includes the Royal Marines MOD Commando Training Centre at Lypstone but excludes halls that are deemed to be for private use, too small, closed or there is lack of information, particularly relating to hours of use.
- 1.27 The population of East Devon in 2020 is 148,493 and this population generates a sports hall demand of 11,101 visits in the weekly peak period. The peak period is weekday evenings (up to 5 hours per day) and weekend days (up to 7 hours per weekend day). The demand in the weekly peak period including a 'comfort' factor equates to 38.10 badminton courts. This compares to a supply of 39.80 badminton courts which are available for community use in the weekly period. Therefore, in East Devon supply exceeds demand by 1.7 badminton courts. This supply/demand balance is low when compared to neighbouring authorities. However, the total supply of sports halls in the district is 61 courts, and so the total supply of East Devon's badminton courts exceeds the district's demand by 22.9 badminton courts, in the weekly period.
- 1.28 The full and detailed FPM report is included at Appendix D.

Sports Halls

- 1.29 The key findings from the Sport England FPM report are as follows:
- 1. There are 12 strategic size sports halls (3+ badminton courts) and 3 activity halls (1 badminton court) located across 11 sites;**
 - 2. The total supply of sports halls with badminton courts is 61 courts of which 39.8 are available in the weekly peak period for community use (known as the effective supply);**
 - 3. The difference in supply and available supply of badminton courts is because the education sports hall sites have variable hours of access for community use;**
 - 4. The model suggests that 91% of the demand generated by the population of East Devon is being met. This is slightly lower than national and regional figures and is also lower than 3 of the neighbouring authority areas;**
 - 5. 12.5% of the satisfied demand is forecast as being exported out of East Devon in order to be met by sports hall provision in neighbouring authority areas;**

6. **Approximately 88% of the satisfied demand is modelled as those that travel by car, which is higher than the national and regional figures. This means that only 12% are travelling by foot or using public transport, both of which are lower than national and regional levels.**
7. **13% of unmet demand is forecast to be as a result of lack of capacity at current facilities, which is comparatively high when compared to neighbouring authorities and the SW Regional figure;**
8. **The model forecasts that a number of the individual sites are likely to be busy, if not full during the weekly peak periods. This means that there may well be limited opportunities to increase levels of usage at a number of publicly accessible sites;**
9. **East Devon has an ageing stock of publicly accessible sports halls. For example, key local authority facilities are now 41 years old (Honiton Leisure Centre), 40 years old (Sidmouth Leisure Centre) and 35 years old (Ottery Leisure Centre) respectively.**

Supply and Demand Analysis

1.30 Table 4 summarises the overall supply and demand analysis for sports halls and activity halls in East Devon.

Table 4:

Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Sports Halls	
Quantity	<p>There are currently 13 Sports Halls (3+ badminton courts and above) and 14 activity halls in East Devon.</p> <p>3 strategic sized sports halls offer pay and play community access and 10 offer community use for sports clubs/organisations.</p> <p>The variable education policy and hours of community use at school/college venues is the reason why the total supply of sports halls is 61 badminton courts, and the supply available for community use is 39.8 badminton courts, in the weekly peak period. In effect, there is an aggregate total of 21.2 badminton courts, mainly across the education sites, which is unavailable for community use. This represents 35% of the total supply of badminton courts in East Devon.</p> <p>13% of unmet demand is as a result of lack of capacity at current facilities which is a comparatively high figure when compared to neighbouring authorities and the SW region. Used capacity in the peak periods in East Devon is modelled as being at 66%. However there are a number of individual sites that are forecast to be busy with Colyton, Honiton and Ottery Leisure Centres operating at 100% capacity, Axminster Leisure Centre 88% and Sidmouth 79% capacity. As a guide, 80% for halls is viewed as the facility being busy. Overall used capacity is at 66% because other sports halls have got much smaller used capacity figures.</p>

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Facility Type	Assessment Findings						
Sports Halls	Future Demand						
	Housing development and population growth in East Devon will increase demand for sports hall provision. Using the SFC it is possible to estimate overall future demand for provision of sports halls, based on different population growth scenarios.						
	Population 2020 (2018 Subnational Population Projections)	ONS	Local Plan 2013 – 2031 Housing still due to be completed	Total number of additional new dwellings for period 2020 – 2040	New Local Plan 2020 – 2040 Revised number of new dwellings	Additional dwellings x 2.3 (national average population per dwelling)	Total Population by 2040
	148,493		11,499	6,861	18,360	42,228	190,721
	<i>Local Plan 2020 – 2040 totals 6,861 new dwellings within East Devon administrative boundaries and a population growth of 15,780</i>						
	(A) Current over-supply of Badminton Courts 2020	(B) Unmet demand for Badminton Courts 2020	(C) Future Demand for Additional Badminton Courts by 2040	(D) Total over-supply /under-supply (-) of Badminton Courts by 2040			
	1.7	3.4	11.09	-12.79			
	N.B. Calculation uses 2020 population of 148,493 for East Devon as used by Sport England in their Facility Planning Model for Sports Halls. This ensures that future demand/supply calculations directly correlate to the baseline calculations for current supply/demand and population figure used for these.						
	The calculation shows that there will be need for an additional 12.79 badminton courts by 2040.						
	Unmet demand as a percentage of total demand is 8.9% (equivalent of 3.4 badminton courts) with 984 weekly visits in the peak period not being met across the East Devon district. 87% of this unmet demand is due to people living outside the catchment of a facility as opposed to there being a lack of capacity at existing sports halls. 74% of this is forecast as being from people who do not have a car. However, approximately 13% is forecast to be as a result of lack of capacity at current facilities which is relatively high compared to neighbouring authorities and the SW regional figure. Colyton, Honiton and Ottery Leisure Centre sports halls are operating at 100% capacity peak time, Axe Valley Academy 88% capacity and Sidmouth Leisure Centre 79% capacity. There are much smaller used capacity figures across the other sports hall sites.						
	On the basis that there are existing formal dual use agreements in place across those sites operating at peak time capacity, it is important that as a minimum, these community access arrangements are maintained. EDDC should seek to engage with those organisations currently operating with much smaller used capacity figures to encourage greater access to their sports halls during peak hours, securing this use where possible, through a Community Use Agreement (CUA) e.g. Bicton College, Cranbrook Education Campus, Exmouth College.						

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Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Sports Halls	<p>A large number of dwellings are still due to be built as part of the Cranbrook development and are included in the current Local Plan. To address future demand, EDDC should consider the provision of a 4 court sports hall as part of the planned development of a new Leisure Centre in Cranbrook.</p> <p>Any new sports halls developed on education sites should provide community access via a planning condition, allowing for access to both individuals and clubs/groups.</p> <p>NGBs and local sports clubs' highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badminton England – need for more peak time hours available for badminton use. There are a below average number of sites and courts and very low participation rates despite 9 clubs i.e. lack of pay and play badminton. • Football – sports halls to have Futsal markings and goals to enable the game to grow. • Gymnastics – support clubs moving into dedicated facilities to increase membership and diversify range of activities available including working with the community to increase physical activity opportunities. • Netball – Need to improve access to suitable facilities for all clubs. Many of the facilities need updating and do not meet the current runoff requirements (e.g. Honiton and Colyton Leisure Centres). Dual use facilities limits opportunities for daytime walking netball and evening peak time use due to capacity/demand issues. • Tennis – would like to see Clubspark extended to include Coburg outdoor courts. • Volleyball – need for improved access for clubs, particularly at dual use venues. Would like to have a four-court volleyball venue in the East of Exeter area, which would give easy access to the community from Exeter, the greater Exeter area, Exmouth, Sidmouth, Honiton, Cullompton etc. This could be a single hall venue or the more practical solution would be two connected double court venues. With regards to beach volleyball, they would ideally like the provision of a new managed sand area on the sea front in East Devon for use by beach volleyball, beach tennis, beach netball. The public would hire equipment from a neighbouring café/beach hut.
Quality	There are a high proportion of dual use sports halls in East Devon. The average age of the sports halls is 36 years. The quality of current provision is varied with a number of Council owned sports halls in need of refurbishment/investment over the next 5 years.
Accessibility	Unmet demand is 8.9% (3.4 badminton courts) and is in line with regional and national figures. 87% of this unmet demand is caused by people living outside the catchment area of a facility with 74% of this forecast as being from people who do not have access to a car. However, approximately 13% of unmet demand is as a result of a lack of capacity at current facilities which is comparatively high when compared to neighbouring authorities and the SW regional figure.
Availability	There is a high level of sports hall and activity hall provision in East Devon. However, the majority of sports halls are on education sites, providing for sports club/association use (usually outside school hours). Axe Valley Academy, Honiton Leisure Centre and Sidmouth Leisure Centre have strategic size sports halls offering pay and play access.

Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Sports Halls	Of the 13 strategic size sports halls, there are no sports halls available for weekday daytime use. There are a number of individual sites that are operating at 100% used capacity during the weekly peak periods (weekday evenings and weekend days) i.e. Colyton, Honiton and Ottery Leisure Centres. 100% is where the facility is theoretically totally full all the time in peak. Axe Valley Academy (88%) and Sidmouth Leisure Centre (79%) are also very busy. This reflects the number of sports halls on education sites and the limited hours available for community use. Other sports hall sites included in the analysis have got much smaller used capacity figures and there may be an opportunity to re-distribute some usage and unmet demand to these facilities.

Swimming Pools

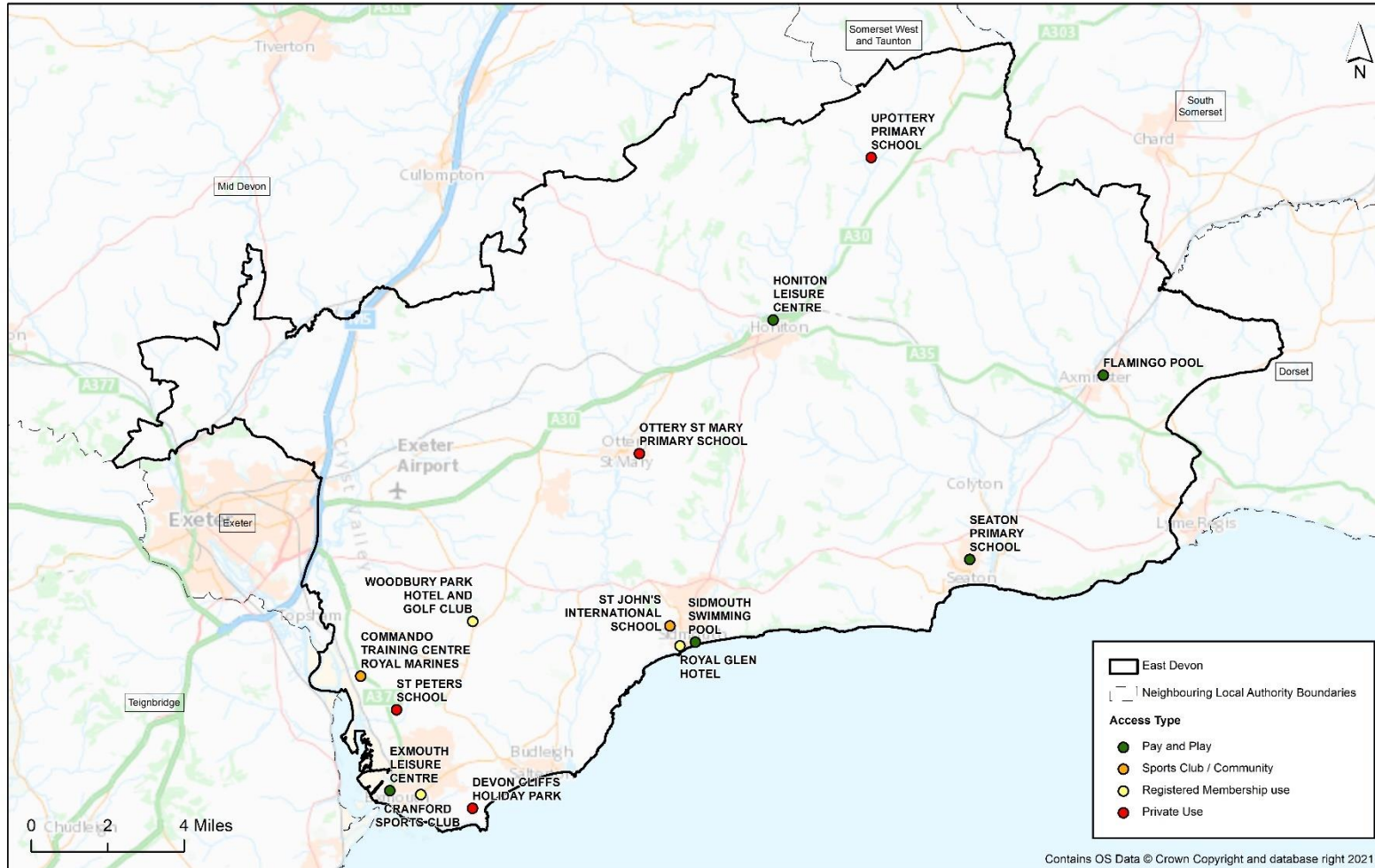
Quantity

- 1.31 The supply analysis identifies that East Devon has a total of 19 pools across 14 sites. Appendix A details the overall pool supply in East Devon. These pools are show in Table 5 and Map 3 below. Strategic sized pools are those of 160 sqm plus; there are 6 of these in East Devon and 3 of these are owned by the Council and operated by LED Community Leisure.
- 1.32 The total supply of water space for community use in the weekly period is 1,517 sqm (note: for context, a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 and 250 sqm of water, depending on individual lane width). East Devon has a supply of 14 sqm of water space per 1,000 population in 2020 which is higher than all but one of its neighbouring authority areas and higher than the South West and England average. It should be noted however that the analysis includes a large 8 lane pool at the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre at Lympstone and the level of community use at this site will be limited or is restricted.
- 1.33 There are a total of 7 community pay and play swimming pools; 4 of these are owned by the local authority and are not located on school sites; 2 are owned by a community organisation (Flamingo Pool) and located on a school site adjacent to Axminster Leisure Centre; and 1 is a small outdoor pool, located on a primary school site and owned/operated by the school.
- 1.34 It should be noted that East Devon has an ageing stock of publicly accessible swimming pools. Key strategic sized local authority pools are now 40 years old (Exmouth Leisure Centre), 36 years old (Honiton Leisure Centre) and 31 years of (Sidmouth Leisure Centre) which could potentially make them less attractive to users. Exmouth Leisure Centre is the only Council owned site offering a 6 lane 25m main pool and separate learner pool. Both Sidmouth Pool and Honiton Pools are 25m x 5 lanes. There are no 8 lane competition pools in the district other than at the Commando Training Centre in Lympstone which has limited access.

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Map 3: Swimming Pools by Access Type in East Devon



Swimming Pools by community use availability in East Devon



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Table 5: Swimming Pools in East Devon

Site name	Post Code	Facility Type	Lanes	Length	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay and Play	Year Built	Year Refurbished
Commando Training Centre Lypstone	EX8 5AR	Main Pool	8		Sports Club/Community Association	MOD	MOD		1973	
Cranford Sports Club	EX8 2EQ	Main Pool	3		Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		1970	2010
Devon Cliffs Holiday Park	EX8 5BT	Leisure Pool	0		Private Use	Commercial	Commercial Management		1990	
Devon Cliffs Holiday Park	EX8 5BT	Lido	0		Private Use	Commercial	Commercial Management		1990	
Devon Cliffs Holiday Park	EX8 5BT	Lido	0		Private Use	Commercial	Commercial Management		1990	
Devon Cliffs Holiday Park	EX8 5BT	Lido	0		Private Use	Commercial	Commercial Management		1990	
Exmouth Leisure Centre	EX8 1EN	Main Pool	6		Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	1982	2008

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Site name	Post Code	Facility Type	Lanes	Length	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay and Play	Year Built	Year Refurbished
Exmouth Leisure Centre	EX8 1EN	Learner/Teaching	0		Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	1982	2008
Flamingo Pool	EX13 1EN	Main Pool	5		Pay and Play	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	√	1998	
Flamingo Pool	EX13 1EN	Leisure Pool	0		Pay and Play	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	√	1998	
Honiton Leisure Centre	EX14 1QW	Main Pool	5		Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	1986	
Ottery St Mary Primary School	EX11 1HY	Lido	0		Private Use	Community School	School/college/university		2013	
Royal Glen Hotel	EX10 8RW	Learner/Teaching	0		Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		1982	2008
Seaton Primary School	EX12 2HF	Lido	0		Pay and Play	Community School	School/college/university	√	1980	2012

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Site name	Post Code	Facility Type	Lanes	Length	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay and Play	Year Built	Year Refurbished
Sidmouth Swimming Pool	EX10 8XR	Main Pool	5		Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	1991	
St John's International Pool	EX10 8RG	Learner/Teaching	4		Sports Club/community association	Other School Independent	School/college/university		2000	2016
St Peters School	EX8 5AU	Lido	0		Private Use	Other School Independent	School/college/university		1949	
Upottery Primary School	EX14 9QT	Lido	0		Private Use	Community School	School/college/university		1959	
Woodbury Park Hotel and Golf Club	EX5 1JJ	Main Pool	1		Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		1995	2005

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1.35 The analysis of the overall swimming pool supply in East Devon is as follows:

Table 6: Analysis of Swimming Pool Supply in East Devon

	No of Pools	No of sites
Total Number of Pools	19	14
Community Use Swimming Pools (pay and play and sports clubs/community associations)	9	7
Main Pools	7	7
Learner Pools	3	3
Diving Pools	0	0
Leisure pools	1	1
Education Sector (Sports Clubs and Associations)	1	1
Private Sector	7	4
Registered Membership Use	3	3

Quality

1.36 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken on all EDDC pools in the district, plus a number of other key facilities where it has been possible to access the sites. These are summarised in Appendix B And Table 7.

Table 7: Summary of Qualitative Assessments – Swimming Pools

Facility	Overall Quantitative Score for Facility %	Qualitative Score for Swimming Pool	Need for Investment-Overall Facility
Cranford Sports Club	61%	The swimming pool is in good condition. It was refurbished in 2015, covered and extended into a 3 lane 25m pool. There is only partial disabled access and the Club would like to refurbish the changing accommodation. Their swim lesson programme is provided by an external hirer (Swim Devon). The facilities are available to members only. They do have a few community lets. However the Club is looking to be more inclusive and open up the facilities to more external community groups, offering a charity hire rate where applicable.	Outdoor pool covered in 2015 (polytunnel) Tired facility needing investment in changing rooms

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Facility	Overall Quantitative Score for Facility %	Qualitative Score for Swimming Pool	Need for Investment-Overall Facility
Exmouth Centre Leisure	71%	<p>Main Pool (25m x 6 lanes) and learner pool (12m x 7m) in good condition. Both pools refurbished in 2008. Used by Exmouth Swimming and Lifesaving Club, Exeter City Swimming Club, East Devon Disabled Group, Exmouth divers and Exeter Triathlon club. There is a good school swimming programme (approx. 11 schools) and Learn to Swim programme. Located relatively close to Cranford Sports Club so regarded as main competitor.</p> <p>The pool village changing was redeveloped in 2016 – the scheme cost £800k with £300k provided by National Lottery funding.</p> <p>This is the best performing leisure centre in the Council's portfolio. Although improvements have been made to the site, the building is beginning to look tired and maintenance costs are increasing.</p>	Some
Flamingo Pool	71%	<p>5 lane x 20m main pool and leisure/hydro pool, both in good condition. Built in 1998. Full disability access to pools (hoist) and changing. Changing rooms in good condition and refurbished in 2015.</p> <p>The main pool has a balanced programme of general swimming, lane swimming, swim lessons, school hire and swim club hire.</p> <p>The hydro pool is used for GP Referral sessions, baby swimming, general swimming and lessons.</p>	Some
Honiton Centre Leisure	71%	<p>5 lane 25m pool located in stand-alone building on opposite side of the main leisure centre car park. The pool itself is in good condition although reaching the end of its useful life (built 1986). The pool changing rooms are in poor condition and are in the process of being refurbished. The pool has not been used by schools due to the state of the changing rooms. There is partial disabled access. There is a disabled hoist into the main pool. There is no formal spectator seating but benches/chairs around perimeter of pool.</p> <p>The swimming pool does not form part of the dual use arrangement with Honiton Community College. LED has full operational hours at the pool.</p>	Some. Pool changing refurbished in April

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Facility	Overall Quantitative Score for Facility %	Qualitative Score for Swimming Pool	Need for Investment-Overall Facility
		Balanced swim programme available with majority of activities pre-booked e.g. lane swimming.	
Seaton School Primary	30%	<p>This school has a covered outdoor pool used by the school during summer term time. Available for public pay and play use during the summer holidays. Not used during the winter months because there is too much condensation.</p> <p>The pool is located some distance from the main building but does not require walking through the main building to access. It has its own changing rooms adjacent to the pool. Heat exchange unit, dehumidifier and lighting required. Solar thermal panels adjacent to the pool installed but not connected to the pool plant.</p>	Urgent. High levels of condensation2022.
Sidmouth Swimming Pool	68%	<p>Facilities include a stand-alone 25m x 5 lane main pool and changing rooms located in Sidmouth Town Centre. The facility was built in 1991 and is in relatively good condition. There is full disabled access. However, the changing rooms/showers are in need of refurbishment. There is a small female change yet 63% of the pool users are female. LED would like to swap the male change with the female change. There are a lack of family change rooms.</p> <p>The facility is limited by not having a learner pool which would allow more swim lessons. At present, an area of the main pool is cordoned off for swim lessons. There are limited opportunities to extend the site other than upwards due to neighbouring buildings and valuable car parking space. LED would like to move the gym from Sidmouth LC to above the ground floor changing accommodation to improve daytime access to the gym and improve overall offer.</p> <p>The facility is used by the local community and clubs such as Sid Vale Sharks Swimming Club, Sidmouth Surf Lifesaving Club and local schools. The facility also benefits from seasonal tourist use.</p> <p>Car parking adjacent to the pool is chargeable and is at a premium in the summer months. However, a seasonal car park pass can be purchased. People working in the town tend to take up parking spaces early morning.</p>	<p>Small changing rooms not able to cope with some sessions.</p> <p>Refurbishment of changing rooms required</p>

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Facility	Overall Quantitative Score for Facility %	Qualitative Score for Swimming Pool	Need for Investment-Overall Facility
St Johns International School	68%	<p>The school has a covered outdoor heated 4 lane 20m pool. The pool is located some distance from the main building and has its own changing rooms adjacent to the pool. There is separate access to the pool without having to walk through the main building.</p> <p>The original pool was built in 2000 and refurbished in 2016 along with the changing rooms.</p> <p>The swimming pool is available for hire by local sports clubs/associations.</p>	Minimal

1.37 EDDC's has an ageing stock of publicly accessible swimming pools. Key local authority facilities are now 40 years old (Exmouth Leisure Centre), 36 years old (Honiton Leisure Centre) and 31 years old (Sidmouth Swimming Pool). Despite their age the Swimming pools in East Devon are of reasonable quality. A number of refurbishments have been carried out across the sites within the last 15 – 20 years. However, when looking specifically at strategic size pools with community pay and play access, these facilities are ageing and in need of investment. Both Sidmouth and Honiton pools have never been refurbished, and although Exmouth Leisure Centre pool was refurbished in 2008, this investment is now 14 years old and further work will be required in the next 5 years. Any refurbishment of Sidmouth Pool should incorporate the pool changing facilities.

Accessibility

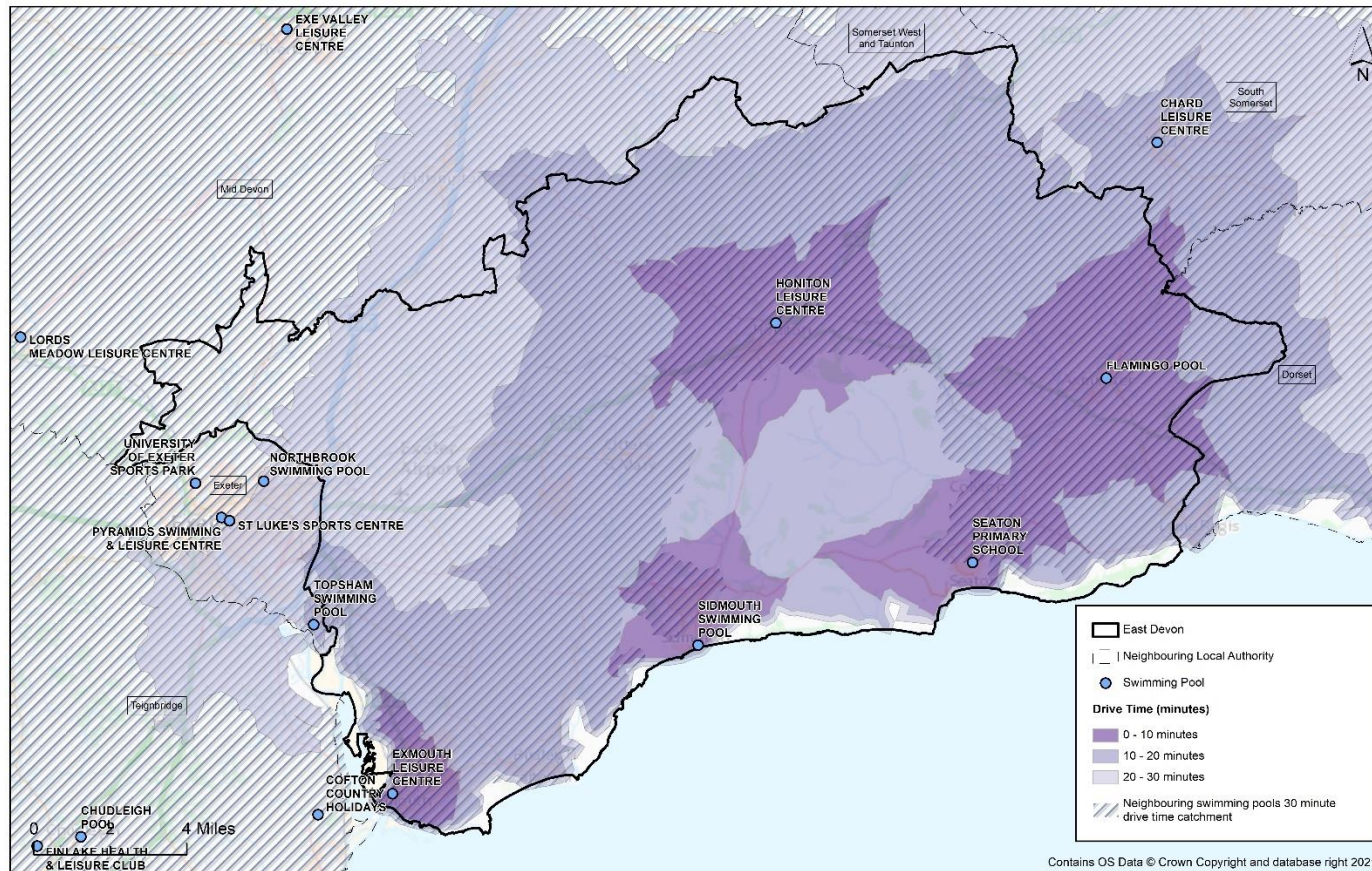
- 1.38 The drive time catchment area is 20 minutes travel time or 30 minutes in more rural areas. It is also important to ensure that pools are as accessible as possible to those walking or using public transport. As a guide, Sport England recommend that catchment areas should be 10-minute walk time, and/or a 20-minute drivetime (private car). Clearly it is not possible to provide a swimming pool within 10 minutes' walk time of all residents.
- 1.39 15.1% of East Devon's population do not have access to a car which is lower than national and regional figures. This does suggest that the demand generated within the authority area could be generally mobile. 86% of satisfied demand in East Devon are by those who travel by car; this is not dissimilar to other neighbouring authorities with only 14% travelling by foot or public transport, both of which are lower than national and regional levels.
- 1.40 Map 4 shows the location of swimming pool sites in East Devon with pay and play community access and a 20 minute and 30 minute drive catchment. Map 4 shows that there is an extensive land area within a 10 – 20 minute drive of a pay and play community access pool with only a relatively small area to the northwest of the district excluded. The map also shows that all areas of the district are within a 20 – 30 minute drive of a pay and play community access pool, when pools in neighbouring local authorities are taken into consideration. Map 5 shows local authority owned swimming pools with pay and play community access catchment area of up to 30 minutes.

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1.41 Accessibility to the existing pay and play access pools site is challenging for those who live outside of the principal towns in East Devon i.e. those living in the more rural areas of the district. There are therefore time, cost and travel barriers for some people living in the district in terms of access to swimming. Given swimming is a life skill, learning to swim is important.

Map 4: Swimming pools with community pay and play catchment areas (20 min and 30 min drive)

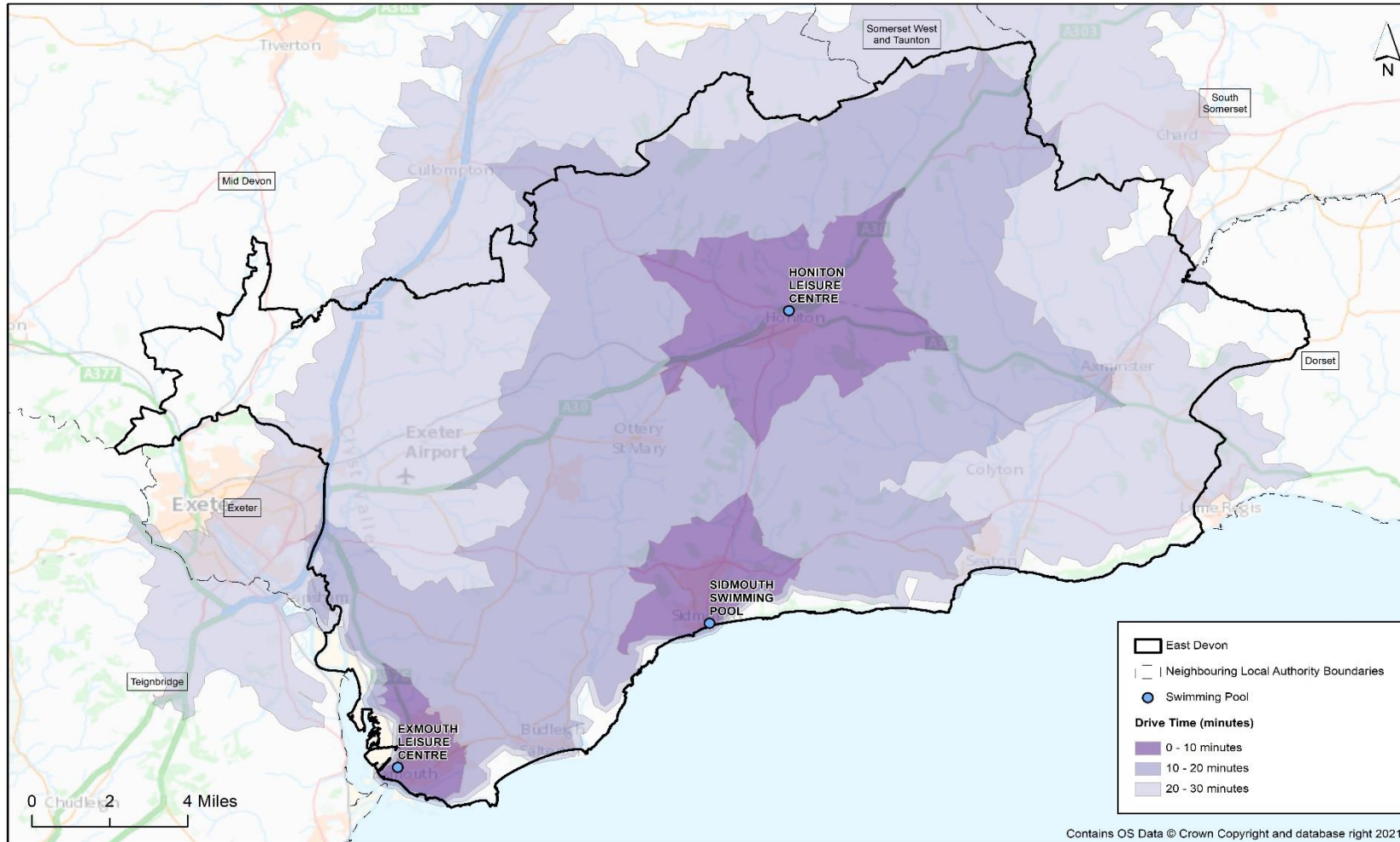


Swimming Pools with pay and play access catchment areas in East Devon (up to 30 minute drive time)



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Map 5: Local Authority owned swimming pools with community pay and play catchment area (20 min and 30 min drive



Local authority swimming Pools with pay and play access catchment areas in East Devon (up to 30 minute drive time)



Availability

- 1.42 In 2020, the East Devon resident population is estimated to generate a demand for a minimum of 1,432 sqm of water space. This compares to a current available supply of 1,517 sqm of water space, giving a surplus of 85 sqm of water space. Three of the neighbouring local authorities are forecast to have a negative supply/demand balance.
- 1.43 Approximately 89.9% of total demand for swimming from East Devon residents is satisfied/met. This is the level of total demand for swimming located inside the catchment area of a swimming pool (pools located both inside and outside East Devon boundaries). 82% of the satisfied demand is being retained within East Devon and met by swimming pools within the local authority area. This means that 18% is forecast as being exported out of East Devon to be met by pool provision in neighbouring local authority areas.
- 1.44 The community pay and play pools provided by EDDC can accommodate a full range of swimming activities including learn to swim, public recreational swimming, lane swimming, fitness swimming and swimming development through clubs. Only Exmouth Leisure Centre has both a main pool and teaching pool, which provides greater opportunities for developing the learn to swim programme, freeing up the main pool for other activities. However, the used capacity in the peak periods within East Devon is modelled at being at approximately 55% which is in line with the regional figure but lower than the national figure and levels found in all but one of the neighbouring authorities. This data suggests that there is potentially the opportunity for increased levels of usage of existing swimming pools in East Devon, particularly Exmouth, Honiton and Sidmouth Pools.

National Governing Bodies

- 1.45 Consultation was undertaken with Swim England, to identify their views on the need for swimming pool provision in East Devon. The views of Swim England are provided in Appendix C and below.
- **A key priority is to plan for the future stock of aquatic facilities within the district and maintain sufficient water provision for the area.**
 - **Other priorities include maintaining and growing members across each discipline, supporting the transition from Learn to Swim programmes into club development and supporting clubs to become more financially sustainable.**
 - **There are 13 key clubs in the area including Exmouth Swimming and Lifesaving Society (281 members) Honiton Swimming Club (50 members) and Exeter based clubs who use East Devon facilities. There are a number of clubs that also offer master's Swimming and Waterpolo.**

Sports England Facility Planning Model (FPM)

- 1.46 Strategic Leisure was provided with Sport England's Facility Planning Model National Run Report (November 2021, based on the 2020 National Run data) for swimming pool provision in East Devon. The FPM analysis is based on 9 individual pool facilities on 7 sites across East Devon in 2020. The analysis excludes lidos, private facilities, closed facilities and facilities classed as too small.

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- 1.47 The analysis provides an evidence base for the supply, demand, and access to swimming pools in East Devon in 2020. It includes the findings for the neighbouring districts to East Devon. This is because the assessment is catchment area based and the catchment areas extend across local authority boundaries. A copy of the FPM for swimming pools in East Devon can be found at Appendix E.
- 1.48 The total supply of water space available for community use in the weekly period is 1,517 sqm of water. (Note: for context, a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 and 250 sqm of water, depending on individual lane width). Based on a measure of water space per 1,000 population, the East Devon supply is 14 sqm of water space per 1,000 population in 2020. This is higher than Exeter, Mid Devon, South Somerset and Teignbridge but in line with both national and regional figures. The highest supply is in West Dorset with 23 sqm of water per 1,000 population.
- 1.49 The total population of East Devon in 2020 is 148,493 persons. The population generates a total demand for swimming of 8,626 visits in the weekly peak period of weekday lunchtimes (1 hour), weekday evenings (up to 5 hours per day) and weekends (up to 7 hours per weekend day). This equates to a total demand for 1,432 sqm of water space. (Again, for context, a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 – 250 sqm of water, depending on individual lane width). There is therefore a balance of supply exceeding demand by 85 sqm of water in 2020. Mid Devon, South Somerset and Teignbridge are all forecast to have a negative supply/demand balance.
- 1.50 Satisfied demand represents the proportion of total demand that is met by the capacity at the swimming pools from residents who live within the car, walking or public transport catchment area of a swimming pool. In 2020, some 89.9% of the total demand for swimming from East Devon residents was satisfied/met. This equates to 7,758 visits per week. This is in line with national (91.6%) and regional figures (90.3%) and is also similar to most of the neighbouring authority areas.
- 1.51 Some 82% of the total 89.4% of East Devon demand for swimming which is satisfied/met, is retained within the local authority. This means that 18% is forecast as being exported out of East Devon in order to be met by pool provision within neighbouring authority areas. 85.8% of satisfied demand is forecast as those that travel by car with only 14.2% travelling by foot or by public transport, both of which are below national and regional levels.
- 1.52 The 2020 finding is that 18% of the East Devon satisfied demand for swimming is met outside the authority. This is based on residents travelling to use the nearest pool to where they live, and is a pool located outside the authority. East Devon's retained demand is 6,362 visits per week and exported demand is 1,396 visits per week.
- 1.53 Unmet demand equates to 10.1% of total demand. This is the equivalent of 869 visits per week or 144 sqm of water space. Of this percentage, 99.1% is caused by people living outside the catchment of a pool as opposed to there being a lack of capacity at existing pools, and 63% of this is forecast as being from people that do not have access to cars. Overall, there is not a sufficient cluster of unmet demand in any one location to consider increasing swimming pool provision, to improve accessibility to residents.
- 1.54 Used capacity measures the usage and throughput at swimming pools and estimates how well used/full facilities are. Anything over 70% of capacity used in the weekly period is busy and the pool is operating at an uncomfortable level above that percentage. Used capacity in the peak periods within East Devon is forecast as being 55.6%.

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- 1.55 This is in line with the regional figure (55.4%) but lower than the national figure (63.2%) and all but one of the neighbouring authorities included in the analysis. This data suggests that there is the opportunity for greater levels of usage at existing swimming pool facilities in East Devon. It should be noted that relatively low used capacity figures have been identified at Exmouth Leisure Centre (57%), Honiton Leisure Centre (65%) and Sidmouth Leisure Centre (48%) and these findings should be reviewed with the operator and compare actual usage levels at the centre at peak times to determine whether they are consistent with the findings.
- 1.56 Local share is the available capacity that can be reached by the residents of an area divided by the demand for that capacity in the area. A value of 1 means that available capacity matches demand. In East Devon the local demand is 1.1 which suggests that the supplied capacity of water space is greater than demand.
- 1.57 Table 8 summarises the overall supply and demand analysis for swimming pools in East Devon.

Table 8: Summary Analysis – Swimming Pool Supply and Demand

Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Swimming Pools	
Quantity	<p>There are 19 swimming pools in East Devon across 14 sites. Strategic sized pools are those of 160 sqm plus; there are 6 of these in East Devon and 3 of these are owned by the Council and operated by LED Community Leisure. There are a total of 7 community pay and play swimming pools; 4 of these are owned by the local authority and are not located on school sites; 2 are owned by a community organisation (Flamingo Pool) and located on a school site adjacent to Axminster Leisure Centre; and 1 is a small outdoor pool, located on a primary school site and owned/operated by the school.</p> <p>The FPM analysis shows that in East Devon, there is an over-supply of 85 sqm of water space in 2020.</p> <p>Used capacity in swimming pools during the peak periods within East Devon is forecast as being 55.6%. The Sport England comfort level is 70%. The used capacity calculation includes the Commando Training Centre at Lympstone where used capacity is only 21% and reflects the restricted access arrangements on site. It should be noted that relatively low used capacity figures have been identified at Exmouth Leisure Centre (57%), Honiton Leisure Centre (65%) and Sidmouth Leisure Centre (48%) and these findings should be reviewed with the operator and compare actual usage levels at the centre at peak times to determine whether they are consistent with the findings.</p> <p>In East Devon the local demand is 1.1 which suggests that the supplied capacity of water space is greater than demand.</p> <p>The FPM shows that there are insufficient clusters of unmet demand in any one location of the district to consider increasing swimming pool provision to improve accessibility to residents.</p>

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Swimming Pools	
Quality	<p>East Devon has an ageing stock of publicly accessible swimming pools. Key local authority facility are now 40 years old (Exmouth Leisure Centre), 36 years old (Honiton Leisure Centre) and 31 years old (Sidmouth Swimming Pool). The quality of the facilities could be having a greater influence on levels of usage over and above the provision/availability of a balanced programme of swim activities.</p> <p>Despite their age, the swimming pools in East Devon are of reasonable quality. A number of refurbishments have been carried out across the sites within the last 15 – 20 years. However, when looking specifically at strategic size pools with community pay and play access, these facilities are ageing and in need of investment. Both Sidmouth and Honiton pools have never been refurbished, and although Exmouth Leisure Centre pool was refurbished in 2008, this investment is now 14 years old and further work will be required in the next 5 years. Any refurbishment of Sidmouth Pool should incorporate the changing room facilities.</p>
Accessibility	<p>15.1% of East Devon’s population do not have access to a car which is lower than national and regional figures. This does suggest that the demand generated within the authority area could be generally mobile. 86% of satisfied demand in East Devon are by those who travel by car; this is not dissimilar to other neighbouring authorities with only 14% travelling by foot or public transport, both of which are lower than national and regional levels.</p> <p>All areas of the district are within a 20 – 30 minute drive of a pay and play community access pool, when pools in neighbouring local authorities are also taken into consideration.</p>
Availability	<p>There are a total of 7 community pay and play swimming pools; 4 of these are owned by the local authority and can accommodate a full range of swimming activities including learn to swim, public recreational swimming, lane swimming, fitness swimming and swimming development through clubs. Only Exmouth Leisure Centre has both a main pool and teaching pool, which provides greater opportunities for developing the learn to swim programme, freeing up the main pool for other activities. However, the used capacity in the peak periods within East Devon is modelled at being at approximately 55% which is in line with the regional figure but lower than the national figure and levels found in all but one of the neighbouring authorities. This data suggests that there is potentially the opportunity for increased levels of usage of existing swimming pools in East Devon, particularly Exmouth, Honiton and Sidmouth Pools.</p>

Health and Fitness Facilities

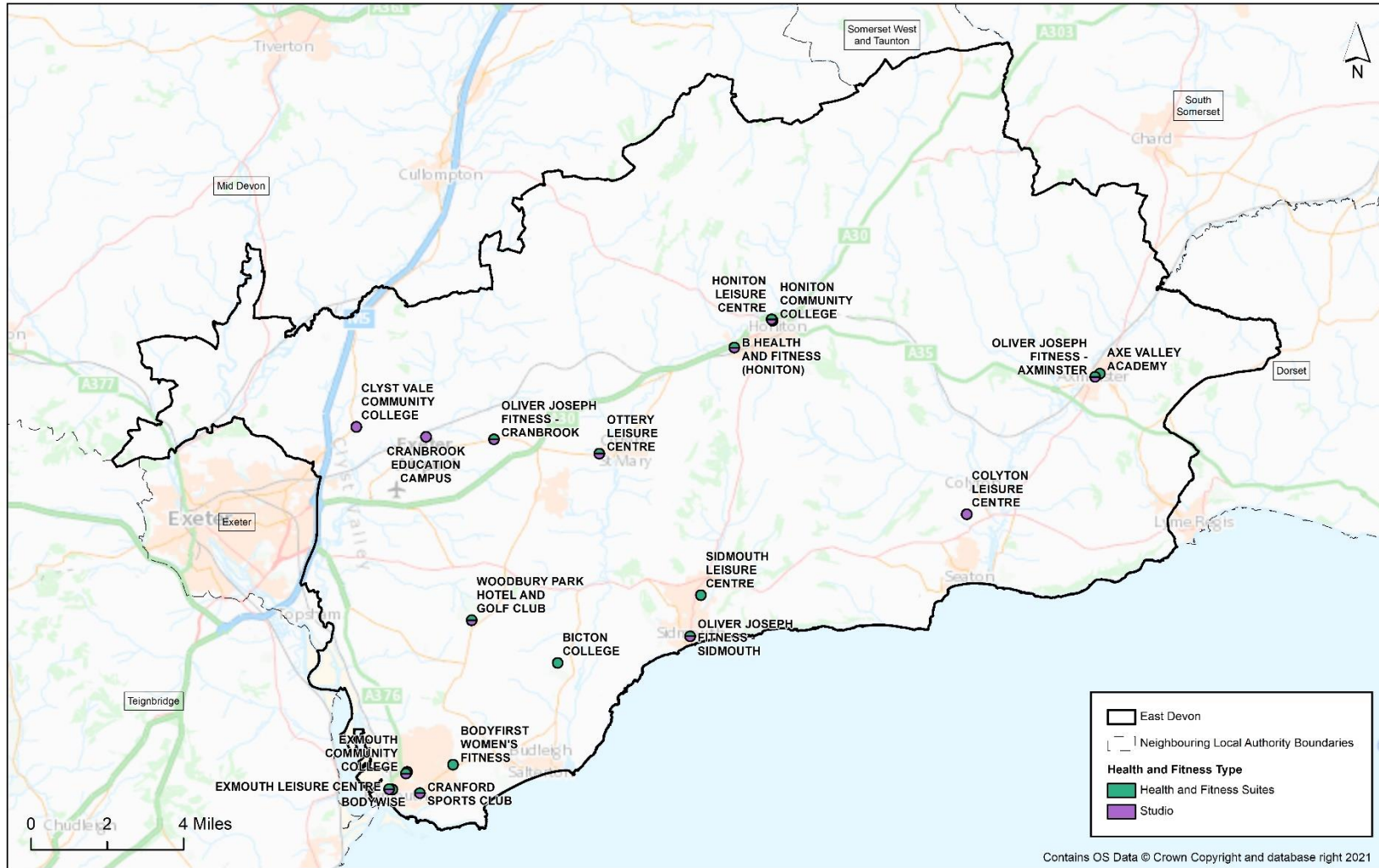
Quantity

- 1.58 A station is a piece of static fitness equipment. Health and fitness centres, with over 20 stations are generally able to make a more attractive offer to both members and pay and play users.
- 1.59 The 2022 (?) state of the UK Fitness Industry report reveals that the membership penetration rate is 22.6% so one in every xx people over the age of 16 in the K is a member of a gym.
- 1.60 The supply analysis (Appendix A) identifies that overall, there are 17 health and fitness suites and 20 studios in East Devon. In total, there are 448 fitness stations provided by Fitness Suites that are open for public use and have 20 or more fitness stations. All fitness suite facilities require some form of payment/membership payment before use, and an induction is required.
- 1.61 Appendix xx presents a supply and demand analysis of fitness suites in East Devon and shows a current under supply of 359 fitness stations based on 2020 population estimates. Appendix xx presents a supply and demand analysis of fitness suites in East Devon based on the projected population in 2040 (end year for East Devon Local Plan). This shows an under supply of 566 fitness stations.
- 1.62 All fitness suite facilities in the district are shown in Table 9 and illustrated in Map 5.

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Map 6: Health and Fitness Suites in East Devon



Health and Fitness facilities by type in East Devon



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Table 9: Fitness Facilities (Fitness Suites) in East Devon

Site Name	Post Code	Facility Type	Number of Stations	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay and Play Community Access facilities	Year Built	Year Refurbished
Axe Valley Academy	EX13 5EA	Health and Fitness Suite	26	Pay and Play	Academies	Trust	√	1988	2007
B! Health and fitness (Honiton)	EX14 1ST	Health and Fitness Suite	50	Registered Membership	Sports Club	Sports Club		2018	
Bicton College	EX9 7BY	Health and Fitness Suite	11	Registered Membership	Further Education	School/college/university		2007	2011
Bodyfirst Women's Fitness	EX8 2NX	Health and Fitness Suite	16	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		2016	
Bodywise	EX8 1RS	Health and Fitness Suite	25	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		2003	2014
Cranford Sports Club	EX8 2EQ	Health and Fitness Suite	65	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		2001	2015
Exmouth Community College	EX8 3AF	Health and Fitness Suite	30	Private	Academies	School/college/University		2006	2021
Exmouth Leisure Centre	EX8 1EN	Health and fitness Suite	50	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	2006	2016
Exmouth Tennis and Fitness Centre	EX8 3AE	Health and Fitness Suite	23	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	2008	
Honiton Community College	EX14 1QT	Health and Fitness Suite	20	Sports Club/Community Association	Academies	School/college/university		2017	
Honiton Leisure Centre	EX14 1QW	Health and Fitness Suite	45	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	1997	2017

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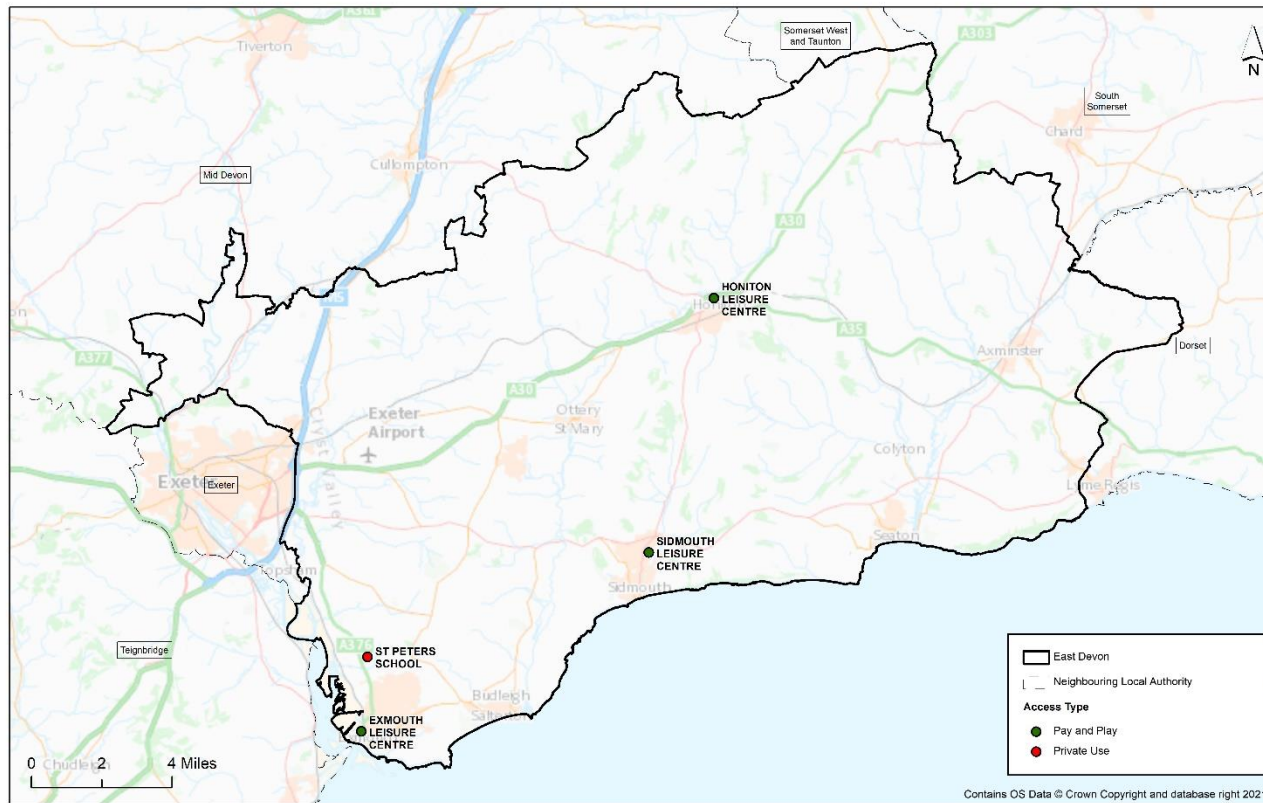
Site Name	Post Code	Facility Type	Number of Stations	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay and Play Community Access facilities	Year Built	Year Refurbished
Oliver Joseph Fitness	EX13 5AT	Health and Fitness Suite	41	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		2021	
Oliver Joseph Fitness	EX5 2QB	Health and Fitness Suite	38	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		2018	
Oliver Joseph Fitness	EX10 8LA	Health and Fitness Suite	35	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		2019	
Ottery Leisure Centre	EX11 1QZ	Health and Fitness Suite	18	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	1986	2018
Sidmouth Leisure Centre	EX10 9LH	Health and Fitness Suite	19	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	√	1989	2010
Woodbury Park Hotel and Golf Club	EX5 1JJ	Health and Fitness Suite	30	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management		1995	2017

Squash

Squash: Quantity

- 1.63 There are 7 squash courts in total. 6 public pay and play accessible squash courts at Exmouth Leisure Centre (x 2), Honiton Leisure Centre (x 2) and Sidmouth Leisure Centre (x 2). 1 court is run for private use only at St Peters School. These are shown on Map 7.

Map 7: Squash Courts in East Devon District



Squash Courts by community use availability in East Devon



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1.64 The overall supply of squash courts is summarised in Table 10.

Table 10: Squash Courts in East Devon

Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	No of courts	Facility Sub Type	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay & Play Community use (✓)	Year Built	Refurbished
Exmouth Leisure Centre	Exmouth	EX8 1EN	2	Glass-backed	Pay Play and	Local Authority	Trust	✓	1982	Yes
Honiton Leisure Centre	Honiton	EX14 1QW	2	Normal	Pay Play and	Local Authority	Trust	✓	1980	Yes
Sidmouth Leisure Centre	Sidmouth	EX10 9LH	2	Normal	Pay Play and	Local Authority	Trust	✓	1981	Yes
St Peters School	Exmouth	EX8 5AU	1	Normal	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)		1949	No

Squash: Quality

1.65 A quality assessment was undertaken on following facilities.

Table 11: Summary of Quality Assessments Squash Courts in East Devon

	Overall Quantitative Score for Facility %	Qualitative Score for Squash Courts	Need for Investment- Overall Facility
Exmouth Leisure Centre	71%	Good	Recently refurbished changing rooms
Honiton Leisure Centre	71%	Good	Moderate. Dual use facility.
Sidmouth Leisure Centre	61%	Good	Moderate. Dual use facility.
St Peters School	68%	Good	Independent prep school. Facilities spread out difficult to manage community access

Squash: Accessibility

1.66 Squash courts are more specialist facilities, so there are generally fewer of them in any one area. 6 of the 7 courts in East Devon are provided at 3 of the leisure centres. Most squash courts nationally tend to be provided through clubs (not leisure centres) such as the Devon and Exeter Squash Club.

1.67 Geographical distribution of squash courts in East Devon is illustrated in Map 8 with 20 minute drive time inserted.

Map 8: Pay and Play Community Use Squash courts with a 20-minute drivetime catchment

Squash: Availability

- 1.68 East Devon is generally well provided in terms of facilities for squash, with the 3 leisure centres having 2 courts at each site. There are 6 courts which are available for pay and play for the general public.
- 1.69 East Devon has a population of approximately 149k and, with 4 squash venues and 7 courts in total. There is however an under supply of courts using the NGB requirement of 1 court per 10,000 people (Currently 1:1 approximately). Furthermore, one venue with 1 court is owned by a school, which is not accessible by the public.

Squash: NGB Consultation - England Squash

- 1.70 England Squash has identified that, in comparison to other counties, the need for investment and required impact on deliverers makes Est Devon a key area for future delivery and squash participation. There is a poor spread of facilities across the area. The large population means that there needs to be a large spread of courts to meet the needs of the local populations. As such, it is imperative that the existing courts are well maintained. East Devon does not meet the national requirement of 1 court per 10,000 people. It should be noted that more investment is required into new and existing facilities to ensure this figure is maintained. Any 3 court venue is capable of delivering festivals, team squash, junior coaching an ‘Copper’ events (local junior competitions that form the fist level of the England Squash Talent pathway). The expansion in the number of courts in the existing and new sites would play a significant role in hosting more large scale events.

Squash: Summary of Supply and Demand

Table 12: Summary Analysis – Squash Courts Supply and Demand

Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Squash Courts	
Quantity	<p>There is a total of 7 courts in East Devon with 2 of these glass-backed squash courts.</p> <p>England Squash method for assessing current supply requires 1 court per 10,000 people. This would require East Devon to have approximately 15 courts. The East Devon District is therefore considered to have a shortfall in provision.</p> <p>Future Demand</p> <p>There is no specific methodology for assessing the future need for squash courts. Overall participation in squash is increasing at national level, and this is now being seen at a local level. Competitive squash across the country is predominantly now played in clubs, within a club facility; demand for community access squash courts has reduced in recent years. Participation is still growing however, but through the club base where juniors can be supported and coached from an early age.</p>

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Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Quality	The quality of existing squash courts is generally of a good standard. The walls and wooden floors of the courts were in good condition, although all seven courts would benefit from having the walls repainted, floors sanded and lighting upgraded to LED.
Accessibility	The existing squash courts are provided at Exmouth Leisure Centre (pay and play), Sidmouth Leisure Centre (pay and play), Honiton Leisure Centre (pay and play) and St Peters School (no pay and play access because it is an independent prep school).
Availability	There are 7 squash courts in East Devon, 2 of which are glass-back. 6 courts are available for community access and the remaining 1 court is only available for club members (1 court).

Indoor Bowls

Indoor Bowls: Quantity

- 1.71 An indoor bowls facility comprises a number of indoor rinks (usually a minimum of 3 rinks). Indoor Bowls is a more specialist sport and tends to be participated in by bowlers who play outside in the summer, to practise and compete during the winter months. Indoor bowls is attractive to the older population and those with disabilities (wheelchair and visually impaired).
- 1.72 There are four indoor bowls facilities in East Devon with all four of the clubs affiliated to the England Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA): Budleigh Salterton Bowls Club, Axminster Bowls Club, Honiton Bowls Club, Madeira Bowls Club and Sidmouth Bowls Club. Please note that, until recently, there were 3 indoor rinks at Cloakham Lawn Sports Club. This facility was used by Axminster Bowls Club. Due to a significant fall in membership numbers (500 down to less than 100), the facility was closed and the Bowls Club use the outdoor synthetic surface rinks for approximately 9 months of the year, or use neighbouring Honiton Indoor Bowls facility.

Table 13:

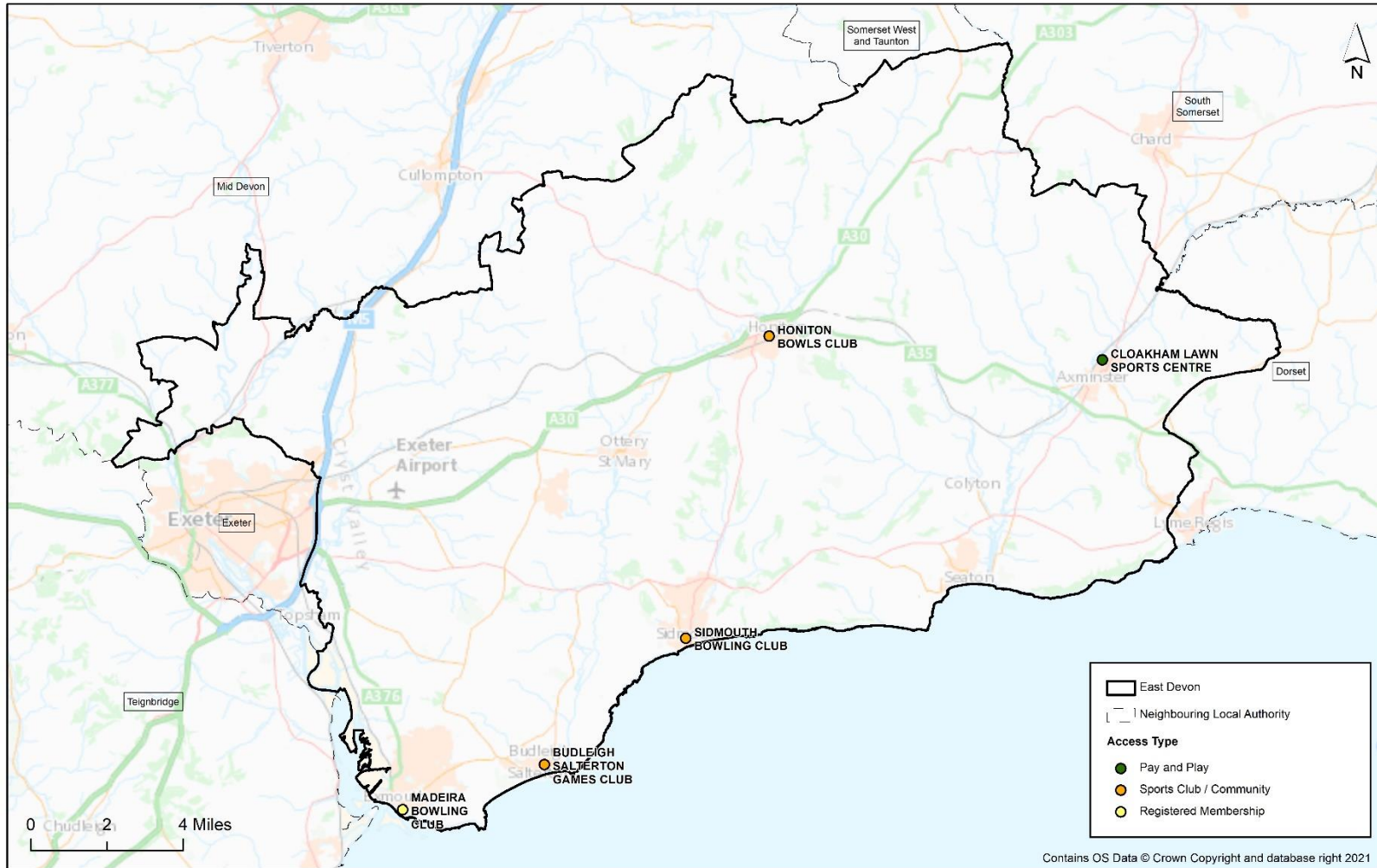
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay & Play Community use (✓)	Year Built	Refurbished
Budleigh Salterton Games Club	Budleigh Salterton	EX9 6SY	2 rinks Indoor Bowls	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	✓	1960	Yes 1998
Honiton Bowling Club	Honiton	EX14 2DP	4 rinks Indoor Bowls	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Community Organisation	✓	1989	Yes 2006

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Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay & Play Community use (✓)	Year Built	Refurbished
Madeira Bowling Club	Exmouth	EX8 2AY	3 rinks Indoor Bowls	Registered Membership use	Sports Club	Sport Club		1981	Yes 2006
Sidmouth Bowling Club	Sidmouth	EX10 8NH	3 rinks Indoor Bowls	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	✓	1972	Yes 2003

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Map 9: Indoor Bowls in East Devon



Indoor Bowls by community use availability in East Devon



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1.73 As a guide, demand is calculated as one rink per 14,000-17,000 of total population. A 9-11 rink bowling area, therefore, is required for a population of 148,493 (2020) although this will be dependent upon the population profile of the area. The number of rinks required can be related to the estimated number of members: assume 80-100 members per rink¹. With the potential for the older population in East Devon to increase and the current supply of bowling of 12 rinks, these should be maintained. Analysis of future demand using ONS census prediction of a population of 190,721 by 2040, this suggests an additional 2 rinks could be considered (11-14 rinks).

Indoor Bowls: Summary of Supply and Demand

Table 14: Summary Analysis – Indoor Bowling Supply and Demand

Facility Type		
Quantity	There are four indoor bowls facilities in East Devon each having its own club. All four clubs are affiliated to the England Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA).	
Quality	All four indoor bowling facilities have either good or excellent rinks. The quality assessment scores range from 64% at Sidmouth Bowls Club to 82% at the Madeira Bowls Club. Whilst the playing surface (rinks) at Sidmouth Bowls Club are excellent, the indoor bowls area was built partially on the existing car park, which means there is now a shortage of parking spaces.	
Accessibility	The various bowls clubs have good access and excellent parking facilities (with the exception of Sidmouth). At Sidmouth Bowls Club improved disabled access and changing is required.	
Availability	There is an indoor bowling facility at each of the main towns within East Devon, with the exception of Axminster, where the indoor facility has recently closed due to shortfall in membership.	
Future Demand	Scenario	Future Demand for Additional Indoor Bowls Rinks By 2040
	Scenario population increase to 190,721	11 to 14 (current supply 12)

¹ Source: General Statement from EIBA.

NGB England Bowls Consultation

1.74 The indoor bowls national governing body - EIBA explained how the EIBA plan covers the following areas:

- Recruit and Retain 45+; Recruit and Retain 70+ - two different markets which requires us to find a way to grow both specific groups. The 45+ requiring new versions/formats – the 70+ wishing to keep the current formats.
- Facilities – Build, Improve, Retain
- Youth and the Family
- Women – increased participation and retention
- Disability
- Competitions
- Internationals
- Promotion of our Sport
- Commercial partnerships

1.75 EIBA Objectives

- A growth in participation across the adult population in local Communities. Targeted work to increase Female participation
- A growth in participation in the 12-18 age range as part of the “EIBA Development Pathway”
- The provision of an excellent sporting experience for new and existing participants
- A growth in Indoor Bowls participation by people who have disabilities

1.76 Running alongside our work is the Sport England Funded Development work provided jointly by the Indoor NGB (EIBA); Outdoor NGB (Bowls England) and the “Bowls Development Alliance” (BDA). Each NGB has two Directors on the Board of BDA.

1.77 The Sport England funding for the 2017-2021 period, focused on the delivery of:

- Club Development Programme: supports clubs across the country where they have identified greatest need.
- Play Bowls Package Scheme: supports clubs with their recruitment.
- Coach Bowls: providing qualifications for coaches and developing the best tutor workforce to deliver these qualifications across the whole sport including BE, EIBA, British Crown Green BA and English Short Mat BA
- Facilities: providing funding support for BE and EIBA to research the facility requirements of their clubs.

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1.78 Alongside these core objectives the BDA worked with key partners on the following:

- Safeguarding Club Development Programme: supports clubs across the country where they have identified greatest need.
- Disability Scheme: supports clubs with their recruitment.
- Women Can

1.79 The BDA are currently awaiting Sport England feedback in respect of their “Funding Submission for the 2022-2025 period.

1.80 It is likely this will include:

- Club Hubs – encourage growth of membership and retention of facilities
- Communities
- Health
- Inclusion

1.81 All of the Four Clubs in the East Devon area have a modest good level of membership and have the capacity to accommodate additional members.

Indoor Tennis

1.82 Indoor tennis courts are considered because they are a completely different facility from outdoor tennis courts, which, unless they are club courts, tend to be used for recreational tennis. Indoor courts are significantly more expensive to use, and therefore tend to provide for those who are already tennis participants, or who wish to learn to play tennis and can afford private or group coaching.

1.83 It is a requirement of the ANOG methodology that indoor tennis courts are covered by an Indoor Facility Strategy to complement the findings of a playing pitch study which assesses needs for outdoor courts.

1.84 The East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) considers all outdoor tennis courts in the borough. There is currently one indoor tennis court site which hosts 9 indoor courts (4 x indoor carpet, 2 x acrylic and 3 x tarmac in air dome) at Exmouth Tennis and Fitness Centre.

1.85 Based on the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) figure of 12,500 population for 1 indoor court there is a need for 12 indoor courts, and therefore there is a current shortfall of 3 courts. Any indoor tennis court provision should be led by the LTA and Tennis Clubs. By 2040, this shortfall will increase to 6 courts.

1.86 Consultation with the LTA as part of the NGB consultation, the following was shared: the focus nationally is on parks tennis, improving pay and play community access and improving infrastructure/facilities. Pre-Covid, the LTA was looking to invest in facilities but not in East Devon due to the existing Exmouth Tennis Centre. The LTA has done a lot with Exmouth Tennis Centre, focussing on increasing numbers in their Youth Tennis Programme.

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- 1.87 They also funded a coach to go into schools to provide tennis coaching and an exit route into Exmouth Tennis Club. They are pleased with the performance of Exmouth Tennis Centre.
- 1.88 There is also Clubspark installed at Phear Park and Seafield. They would like this extending to Coburg in future.
- 1.89 The LTA suggested there is no requirement for new indoor tennis provision. There are 12 tennis clubs in East Devon, mainly small clubs. Exmouth Tennis Club and Budleigh Salterton Tennis Club are two of the larger clubs. Budleigh would like to have their existing court floodlit. Paddle Tennis is being promoted by the LTA as a steppingstone into mainstream tennis. There are currently no paddle tennis courts in Devon.

Table 15: Indoor Tennis court facilities in East Devon

Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay & Play Community use (✓)	Year Built	Refurbished
Exmouth Tennis and Fitness Centre	Exmouth	EX8 3AE	Indoor Tennis Centre – 2 indoor courts	Pay and play	Local authority	Trust	(✓)	2003	
Exmouth Tennis and Fitness Centre	Exmouth	EX8 3AE	Indoor Tennis Centre – 4 indoor courts	Pay and play	Local authority	Trust	(✓)	1995	2003
Exmouth Tennis and Fitness Centre	Exmouth	EX8 3AE	Indoor Tennis Centre – 3 indoor courts (air dome)	Pay and play	Local authority	Trust	(✓)		

Indoor Tennis: Summary of Supply and Demand

Table 16: Summary Analysis – Indoor Tennis Supply and Demand

Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Quantity	There is currently one indoor tennis site which hosts 9 indoor courts in East Devon at the Exmouth Tennis and Fitness Centre. Based on the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) figure of 12,500 population for 1 indoor court there is a need for 12 indoor courts, and therefore there is a shortfall of 3 courts, increasing to a shortfall of 6 courts by 2040.
Quality	The 6 indoor tennis courts (carpet and acrylic surface) are in good condition, although the tarmac courts in the air dome are rated as average. Indoor tennis is part of a wider health and fitness offer.
Accessibility	All of the indoor courts are accessible for pay and play use.

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Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Availability	As above

Gymnastics Centres

Gymnastics Centres: Quantity

1.90 There are two British Gymnastics affiliated clubs in East Devon:

- Honiton Gymnastics Club founded nearly 40 years ago was previously based at Honiton Leisure Centre now has its own dedicated facility at Heathpark Way, Heath Retail Park. There are approximately 480 affiliated members of the club.
- Axminster Gymnastics Club was founded in 2017 at Axminster Leisure Centre and now also has its own dedicated facility at Woodmead Road with 432 affiliated members of the club.

Table 17: Summary of Gymnastics Clubs in East Devon

Club name	Number of Participants		Type of facility
	2020	2022	
Honiton Gymnastics Club	280*	480	Dedicated Facility
Axminster Gymnastics Club	TBC	432	Dedicated Facility

*lost membership during covid

Gymnastics Centres: NGB Consultation

1.91 The NGB consultation with British Gymnastics is summarised below:

1.92 British Gymnastics Strategies are outlined in the [Strategic Framework \(2017 - 2021\)](#) and British Gymnastics Priorities (for the period 2017 - 2021) are:

- **Diversify sources of revenue to develop and grow the provision of gymnastics**
- **Build the capacity and grow the demand in gymnastics**
- **Raise the profile and increase the appeal of gymnastics**

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1.93 There is no geographic focus to the British Gymnastics Facility Strategy. Focus is based on need, suitability and partners' ability to support a project to successful completion.

1.94 British Gymnastics Facility Development Priorities (for the period 2017 - 2021) outlined are:

- **Support increased capacity within gymnastics through clubs, leisure providers and other delivery providers**
- **Guide funding investment through the United Kingdom from British Gymnastics, Home Country Sports Councils, Local Authorities and other potential funders.**
- **Maintain and improve the quality of facilities and equipment within existing delivery partners.**
- **Develop insight, understanding and direction of how Facility Developments can contribute towards other BG Strategic Priorities**

Athletics

1.95 There is one athletics track in the East Devon district. It was built in 1963. It is a 400m 7 lane oval cinder track.

Table 18:

Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pay & Play Community use (✓)	Year Built	Refurbished
Imperial Recreation Ground	Exmouth	EX8 1DG	Athletics – 7 lane oval rack	Pay and play Sports Club/Community Association	Local Authority	Sports Club	(✓)	1963	No

Athletics: Summary of Supply and Demand

Analysis – Athletics Supply and Demand

Table 19:

Facility Type	Assessment Findings
Quantity	There is one athletics track within East Devon – a 7 lane 400m oval cinder track at Imperial Road Recreational Ground, Exmouth.
Quality	The cinder track includes an infield of grass used as a rugby pitch of Exmouth RFC but is in poor condition. Exmouth Harriers AAC rent the track for a peppercorn rent but are required to keep it maintained. The track is only given lane markings for a short period in the summer to facilitate the local school's sports day but even in winter there are faint markings. There used to be jumping pits and a steeplechase water jump but they have been grassed over.
Accessibility	Changing: Toilets for both sexes and one changing room and set of showers which are used by either men or women depending on need (in Exmouth AAC clubhouse). The changing rooms were refurbished in 1994. The Harriers clubhouse is located on the opposite side to the main grandstand and there is parking for 100 cars. Charges: None for casual use but regular users are expected to be club members. Non-members wishing to use the track on an occasional basis at club times may be asked to make a nominal contribution. The Imperial Road Recreation Ground is shared with Exmouth Rugby Club, who have their own clubhouse adjacent to the 300-spectator grandstand. Floodlights: There are lights on top of the stand and down the back straight but are only used for rugby purposes.
Availability	Opening Times: There are no official public opening times but nobody is likely to object to casual use as long as runners remain on the track, and do not conduct themselves in a manner likely to upset any rugby players or users of the rugby club. Is track locked/unavailable for casual use at other times: No

- 1.96 A site audit identified several issues with the current track including • The track needs investment (maintenance) • There is no control over access to the track facilities, meaning anyone can access the facilities and potentially damage them • The clubhouse and buildings located next to the track require some modernisation
- 1.97 Honiton Running Club said Exmouth was too far for them to travel to use a cinder track. And Axe Vale Running Club were unaware of an athletics track in East Devon.;

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1.98 Other Athletic Tracks in Devon:

1.99 There are a total of five athletic tracks in Devon, one in East Devon, one in North Devon, one in West Devon and one in South Devon:

Table 20:

Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Track & Field	Year Built	Refurbished
Imperial Recreation Ground	Exmouth	EX8 1DG	Athletics – 7 lane cinder oval track	Pay and play Sports Club/Community Association	Local Authority	Sports Club	Track only	1963	No
Exeter Arena	Exeter	EX4 8NT	Athletics – 8 lane synthetic oval track	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority	Track & Field	1992	
North Devon Athletics	Braunton	EX33 2HP	Athletics – 6 lane synthetic oval track	Pay and Play Club/Community Association	Local Authority	Commercial	Track & Field	1989	
Tavistock College	Tavistock	PL19 8DD	Athletics – 6 lane synthetic oval track	Sports Club/Community Association	Community School	Edn Authority	Track & Field	2009	
Brickfields	Devonport	PL1 4NQ	Athletics – 6 lane synthetic oval track	Pay and Play	*Local Authority (Royal Navy)	Commercial	Track & Field	1984 converted to all-weather track	2021

*Taken over by City Council

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- 1.100 The Exmouth Harriers are primarily a recreational road and cross-country running club. They meet and use the Imperial Road Recreation Ground for training, but with no specific athletic events or meetings taking place.
- 1.101 The proximity of the Exeter Arena regional facility attracts NGB funding as per England Athletics' national facility strategy, to maintain key hub tracks.
- 1.102 The recreation ground at Imperial Road is a shared with Exmouth Rugby Club. In the summer months, the grass infield is used by non-sporting hirers such as caravan and motorhome rallies to raise income for the respective clubs.