

Response to Simon Davis for BR/267/21/PL
Former Westside Supplies 17/18 Durban Road
(24 flats)

The Arun Local Plan 2018 Chapter 14: Health, Recreation and Leisure and the Open Space, Playing Pitches, Indoor and Built Sports Facilities SPD (January 2020) set out the Council's approach, priorities and policies relating to open space, sport and recreation provision.

In particular, Policy OSR DM1 'Open space, sport & recreation' requires that new developments contribute appropriate forms of provision and or enhancement as identified via the Open Spaces, Playing Pitches and Indoor Sport & Built Facilities Strategies. These evidence-based studies identify the need for all developments of 10 or more dwellings to make provision towards and/or contribute to recreation and leisure facilities.

The provision of high-quality open space, playing pitches, indoor and built sports facilities is a vital element of where people live, work and visit. New development creates additional demand for such facilities. It is therefore essential that new areas of population provide and make adequate and appropriate contributions towards open space, playing pitches, indoor and built sports facilities.

A number of strategic priorities for leisure and recreation facilities have been developed and are set out under Policy HWB SP1 'Health & Wellbeing' of the adopted Arun Local Plan (2018). These are based on the identified needs and opportunities for health, recreation and leisure facilities from the relevant strategies and studies.

The Local Plan states that there may be occasions when it is not appropriate to provide facilities on-site. In these cases, the Council will collect financial contributions from developers and allocate those contributions to specific projects which deliver the Strategic Priorities identified in the Local Plan and within Arun District Council strategies and studies which inform the Policy. The strategic nature of the projects means that they will benefit residents across Arun District, not just the occupants of the development which has made the financial contribution (Paragraph 14.1.11).

Based on the evidence within the Council's suite of studies and strategies the development below will be required to make the following off-site financial contributions in order to mitigate the impact of development.

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Sports halls/flexible activity space - £9,569 towards provision of additional multi use sports hall/flexible activity/studio space and dry changing to increase capacity and overall customer experience at Arun Leisure Centre and/or towards provision of additional multi use sports hall/flexible activity/studio space in the West of the District.

Health & Fitness - £3,200 towards additional provision of health & fitness facilities for the West of the District.

Swimming pools - £10,584 towards the expansion and reconfiguration of wet side changing rooms at Arun Leisure Centre and/or towards provision of wet side changing rooms as part of a new leisure centre for the West of the District.