

Planning Pagham Response

As mentioned in my email dated 25th April 2017 and using the Sport England Facilities Calculator the council would be looking for the following contributions for the development in Pagham:

1. Hook Lane Pagham

Based on 300 homes and 2.5 per house population would be 750 and the contributions would be:

Pools - £150,864

Sports halls - £123,252

3G - £15,228

2. Summer Lane Pagham

Based on 400 homes and 2.5 per house population would be 1,000

Pools - £201,152

Sports halls - £164,336

3G - £20,304

3. Sefter Road Pagham

Based on 250 homes and 2.5 per house population would be 625

Pools- £125,720

Sports halls - £102,710

3G - £12,690

4. Church Barton House Pagham

Based on 89 homes and 2.5 per house population would be 223

Pools - £44,683

Sports halls - £37,144

3G - £5,728

Arun District Council Leisure and Cultural Strategy 2013 – 2028, produced by Colliers International UK PLC, identified one of the Strategic Priorities as:

‘Reconfiguration and refurbishment of the Arun Leisure Centre, particularly new reception/café area, new changing rooms, bigger and better gym, new spa area and improved children’s play and crèche facilities.’

The Arun District Council Indoor Sports and Leisure Facilities Strategy 2016 was produced by Knight, Kavanagh and Page Ltd (KKP). It sets out the indoor facility infrastructure requirements needed within Arun District based on current and future population increases. The Strategy identifies that the Arun population of 154,414 (2014 estimate) is anticipated to increase to 187,221 by 2037 with a significant increase of 65.1% of people aged 65+ and a projected 11.1% increase in 0 -15 year olds. The Strategy is available on the council’s website.

Key Findings within the Strategy include:

1. The changing facilities at both Arun Leisure Centre and Littlehampton Swimming & Sports Centre were assessed as below average quality which can lead to a negative user experience. Both facilities require investment to improve their quality.
2. There will be a need for additional community accessible water space of between 3 and 9 lanes by 2036 dependant on housing growth figures.
3. Pools are generally only servicing Arun residents with almost 95% of currently used capacity from within Arun. However, 18% of demand is exported to other local authorities, suggesting that there is insufficient capacity within Arun to satisfy all of the demand.
4. Sports halls are operating near to capacity, offering little scope to expand. There will be a need for additional sports hall space of between 4 and 12 courts by 2036 dependant on housing growth figures.
5. Demand is not currently being met for health and fitness suites and should penetration rates continue to increase, alongside population increases, there will be significant shortfalls in the future. Current shortfall of 250 stations increasing to 440 in 2026.

Under Strategic Recommendation 1

Swimming Pools Ancillary Facilities the Strategy states:

‘As part of the user experience for swimmers the condition of ancillary facilities such as changing rooms can impact on the overall propensity to swim. The changing rooms at Arun Leisure Centre were assessed as below average and in need of investment. Consideration should be given to the fact that new or refurbished facilities are likely to lead to increases in demand for that facility, particularly from the 65 and older population.’

Health & Fitness:

‘Using UK penetration rates for health & fitness suites it is estimated that Arun has a shortfall of over 250 stations, rising to 440 in 2026. Consideration should be given to increasing the number of stations currently available, particularly at Arun Leisure Centre. Alongside improvements to the changing rooms, increasing the size and scale of the health & fitness offer will enhance the overall customer experience.’

In addressing the issue of developer contributions the emerging Local Plan for Arun and the Indoor Sports and Leisure Facilities Strategy 2016 use the Sport England Facilities Calculator (using local weightings for Arun District Council and West Sussex) to generate a cost figure for any housing development. The Sport England calculator takes the additional population generated by the new housing development (e.g. at Hook Lane Pagham 300 houses x 2.5 = 750) it estimates the additional demand for key sports facilities and what the cost would be to meet this new demand at today’s values. The emerging Local Plan states that all new housing and, where viable, commercial development is required to contribute to the provision of additional indoor sport, arts and cultural facilities to a level at least commensurate with the additional population generated by that development . Based on the evidence provided the contributions required as stated above are to go towards the following projects at Arun Leisure Centre the catchment leisure centre for the new housing developments:

- Pools contributions – Expansion and reconfiguration of wet side changing rooms, including conversion to village change to increase capacity and overall customer experience.

- Sports halls contributions – Expansion and reconfiguration of health & fitness changing rooms to increase capacity and overall customer experience. Expansion and reconfiguration of dry side main public changing rooms to increase capacity and overall customer experience.

The Arun District Council Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy and Action Plan produced by KKP includes findings and recommendations for 3G pitch provision. The Strategy states that all 3G pitches are operating at or close to capacity during the peak period. Of football clubs that responded to the consultation that informed the Strategy, 37% report that they require additional training facilities, of which, 90% specifically mention demand for 3G pitches.

In order to satisfy current and future training demand, there is a need for five full size 3G pitches (three in the West Analysis Area and two in the East Analysis Area). This means a current shortfall of one full size pitch within both analysis areas, therefore a need for one new 3G pitch in the West Area and one new 3G pitch in the East area.

Based on the evidence provided the contributions required for 3G pitches as stated above are to go towards the following:

- 3G contributions – Provision of new 3G pitch facility in the West Analysis Area.