

Chesterfield Borough Council Staveley and Rother Valley Area Action Plan Consultation Response Form

PLEASE RETURN RESPONSES TO CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL BY 5PM FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2013

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Consultation Response(s)

Please fill in a separate form for each objective you are responding to.

Which objective are you responding to?

Please provide comments below.

Regeneration of this area is clearly welcome along with the environmental improvements and informal green infrastructure it will deliver to provide opportunities for physical activity such as walking and cycling.

However, a significant missing element is the provision for formal sport, indoor and outdoor, to meet the growing needs of the proposed new population. The strategic landscaping and green infrastructure proposed appears to have no function for formal outdoor sports provision such as playing pitches, tennis, bowls, MUGAs etc. and no contributions/provision is mentioned as regards meeting the additional needs for indoor sports facilities such as sports halls and swimming pools.

Unfortunately the Council has not prepared a sports strategy or playing pitch strategy (as recommended by Par 73 of NPPF) to inform policy therefore it is not possible to refer to a robust evidence base to illustrate whether current facilities have sufficient capacity to absorb the additional demand or whether new facilities need to be provided to ensure the development is sustainable (or indeed for the other 5,600 homes proposed in the Core Strategy across the Borough).

Sport England has made similar comments in relation to the Core Strategy and would recommend the masterplan is amended to ensure sufficient formal sports provision is made within the Action Plan area to accommodate the needs of the new residents and that a contribution towards indoor community sports facilities is made in line with the need identified using the Sports Facility Calculator (SFC) (see link and information at the end of the form).

The SFC indicates that 2000 new homes generate the need for an additional 25m lane of a swimming pool, over 1 court of a sports hall and 0.1 of a an Artificial Grass Pitch at a total cost of some £1.5M.

It is recommended that the needs and opportunity assessments are undertaken to assess the scale of additional provision required to meet this new demand over and above current provision to determine the scale of contributions where the investment should most sustainably be spent to meet the growth in this SUE and other areas of housing growth across the Borough.

Signature:	Date:	
		17 January 2013

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