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Description

A large rural parish containing the larger village of Itchen Abbas and the smaller Conservation Area villages of Easton, Chilland, Martyr Worthy and Avington. In the Local Plan Review, Itchen Abbas has a defined policy boundary, but the rest of the parish has a countryside status.

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Couch Green Play Area*	0.9	B	King George V Memorial Playing Field Couch Green	2.0
D	Old School Field, Easton*	0.4	C	Easton and Martyr Worthy Cricket Ground (P)	1.0
E	Itchen Abbas Village Hall*	0.1	E	Itchen Abbas Village Hall Boules Piste	0.1

District Sports

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General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

Avington Park

The Pilgrim's Way

Proportion of District Sports Provision attributed to the Parish (Hectares)

0.6

Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	1.1	-	1.1	1.4	+0.3
Sports	2.2	0.6	1.6	3.1	+1.5

Assessment of Play Areas

The play area at Couch Green is well placed to serve as the main central play area for the parish and has been upgraded recently but would still benefit from further upgrading to NEAP status. Avington has no play facilities and should have a LEAP available for local use. Easton has recently installed some equipment at Old School Field, but additional items are required to upgrade it to LEAP standard. Play equipment has been installed at Itchen Abbas Village Hall but additional items are required to bring it to LEAP standard.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Further upgrading and renovation of the main play area at Couch Green to NEAP status. Provision of a new LEAP at Avington. Upgrading the play areas at Old School Field, Easton and Itchen Abbas Village Hall to LEAP standard. Fencing and hedging at Old School Field to be completed.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The King George V Memorial Playing Field accommodates a pitch which needs to be enlarged to league standard and requires the provision of improved changing facilities. The cricket ground at Easton has been upgraded to Southern League standard.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: The King George V Memorial Playing Field requires improvements to bring the pitch up to league standard, together with a new pavilion. The car park will be resurfaced this year.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: B

For Sports Grounds: B