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Description

A large downland parish in the north of the District, containing the two main villages of Micheldever and Micheldever Station, and smaller villages of East Stratton and Northbrook. The parish also includes the hamlets of Weston Colley, West Stratton and Woodmancott. Micheldever and East Stratton have Conservation Areas. In the Local Plan Review, Micheldever and Micheldever Station have policy boundaries, but the remainder of the parish is subject to countryside policies.

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	The Warren Playing Field, Micheldever Station*	0.5	A	The Warren Playing Field, Micheldever Station	1.5
B	Lord Rank Playing Field, Micheldever*	0.5	B	Lord Rank Playing Field, Micheldever	1.4
E	East Stratton Village Hall	0.1	C	The Cricket Field, Micheldever (P)	1.3
			District Sports:		
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General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
D	The Green, East Stratton		Black Wood		
			Micheldever Wood and the Archaeological Trail		

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

0.5

Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.9	-	0.9	1.1	+0.2
Sports	1.9	0.5	1.4	4.2	+2.8

Assessment of Play Areas

There are two main play areas. The one at the Lord Rank Playing Field at Micheldever is a NEAP which has recently been refurbished using o/s funds but requires further drainage and a LEAP has recently been installed at the Warren Playing Field at Micheldever Station. Land has also been laid out at East Stratton for a play area, adjacent to the Church Hall, but this will need to wait until the Hall is refurbished. In the meantime efforts are being made to equip Area D, the Green at East Stratton, to LEAP standard. Open space needs in connection with a possible relocation of the Primary School away from the village centre in the near/mid-term should be considered.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of play equipment to LEAP standard at East Stratton. Drainage to rear of play area at Lord Rank Field. Improvements to Warren Field play area.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The two main public sports ground areas are at the Warren Playing Field, Micheldever Station, and at the Lord Rank Playing Field, Micheldever. Both have their own pavilions, but that at the Warren Playing Field requires refurbishment, while that at the Lord Rank requires purchase and modification. Both sports grounds require some levelling work. The cricket field at Micheldever provides a potential additional sports facility, although this is in private hands and not easily available for use at present. Facilities are needed to enable a local cricket team to play in Micheldever. There is a local demand for tennis facilities and a suitable location is being sought.

Deficiencies: Standard, quality.

Improvements Proposed: Refurbishment of the pavilion at the Warren Playing Field. Purchase and modification of the pavilion at the Lord Rank Playing Field. Vehicle deterrent posts on both sites.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas:	B	For Sports Grounds:	B
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