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Description

A relatively compact parish containing the principal town of New Alresford. This historic settlement on the River Arle has grown considerably in size in recent years, and has a Conservation Area covering its historic core. The town has a defined policy boundary in the District Local Plan Review.

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Arlebury Park*	1.0	A	Arlebury Park	3.0
B	Stratton Bates Recreation Ground*	0.1	B	Stratton Bates Recreation Ground	1.4
			D	Alresford Bowling Club(P)	0.2
C	Sun Hill Recreation Ground*	1.1			
H	Benenden Green	0.4	District Sports:		
			E	Perins School (E)	4.5
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
A	Arlebury Park	4.8	Wayfarers Walk		
F	Langton Memorial	0.3			

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

2.3

Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	4.2	-	4.2	2.6	-1.6
Sports	8.4	2.3	6.1	4.6	-1.5

Assessment of Play Areas

There are two NEAP's within the town, one at Arlebury Park, and one at the Sun Hill Recreation Ground. The Stratton Bates Recreation Ground accommodates a LEAP. Overall the town remains short of land for children's play however, and this could most appropriately be provided by an extension to the existing NEAP at Arlebury Park. An additional LEAP could also be positioned to serve the eastern side of the village.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Additional play space and facilities at Arlebury Park in the form of an extension to and improvements to the existing play area

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The parishes of New Alresford, Bishops Sutton and Bighton are served by sports grounds in New Alresford and Bighton. The sports grounds at Arlebury Park and the Stratton Bates Recreation Ground are of a good standard, but the pitch at Bighton, which is privately owned and provides temporary rugby facilities, is unsuitable as it lacks changing facilities and is some distance from changing facilities in New Alresford. A new rugby pitch should be provided and Alresford is the only sensible location. A site is proposed adjacent to Arlebury Park, in area 'G' on the map, as allocated in the Local Plan Review.

Deficiencies: None in the combined parishes (Deficiencies in standard and quality when aggregated with Bighton and Bishops Sutton).

Improvements Proposed: The sports grounds in New Alresford are generally in good condition, but a rugby pitch should be provided in the parish within Area G. Arlebury Park tennis courts will be brought up to LTA standard with surfacing and a pavilion this year. Stratton Bates pavilion requires refurbishment. The facilities at Bighton, which also serve the parish, are unsuitable for improvement and should be relocated adjacent to Arlebury Park, Alresford.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: B