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Description

Soberton Parish contains the three villages of Soberton, Soberton Heath and Newtown, which lie in a dispersed linear pattern stretching north to south along the Meon Valley. All three villages have a countryside status in the Local Plan Review. Soberton village itself lies within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

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|-------|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| Play: | | | Local Sports: | | |
| A | Soberton Heath Recreation Ground* | 0.6 | A | Soberton Heath Recreation Ground | 1.0 |

District Sports:

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General Use:

In the developed areas:

In the adjacent countryside:

West Walk, Forestry Commission

Meon Valley Bridleway

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

0.7

Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

| | Local Plan Requirement | District Provision | Remaining Requirement | Existing Area | Current Adequacy |
|--------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Play | 1.3 | - | 1.3 | 0.6 | -0.7 |
| Sports | 2.5 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.0 | -0.8 |

Assessment of Play Areas

The Recreation Ground at Soberton Heath provides a small toddler play area with play equipment. This is, however, the only public play facility in the Parish and is in poor condition. This facility is therefore being upgraded to a NEAP with the assistance of the Open Space Fund, possibly in a better location. A LEAP should be provided in each of the other settlements if possible. This should go some way towards addressing the land deficit with regard to public play areas in the Parish.

Deficiencies: Land, area, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Upgrading of existing play area to NEAP standard, provision of new LEAPs at Soberton and Newtown. Extension of the Recreation ground and improvements to the car park.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The only provision within the Parish is a football pitch at Soberton Heath, and as a consequence there is a substantial shortfall. The pavilion is dilapidated and need replacing. Additional land may become available this year adjacent to the recreation ground.

Deficiencies: Land, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Additional land is due to be acquired as an extension to the existing recreation ground. The pavilion will be refurbished.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A

For Sports Grounds: A