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Description

The parish contains the main settlement of Wickham, and the smaller settlement of Knowle, which is currently being developed as a new village on the site of the former hospital. Both settlements have defined policy boundaries in the Local Plan Review. Wickham also has a Conservation Area covering its historic core.

Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)

Play:			Local Sports:		
A	Recreation Ground*	0.6	A	Recreation Ground	1.1
B	Adjacent Community Centre*	0.1	C	Wickham Cricket Club (P)	1.0
D	The Circle*	0.3			
	At Knowle:				
F	Greater Horseshoe Way, Knowle*	0.1	District Sports:		
H	Victoria Mews, Knowle*	0.1	-		
G	Recreation Ground, Knowle	1.0			
I	Knowle Avenue	0.3			
J	Phase 6 Knowle*	0.1			
K	Phase 5 Knowle*	0.1			
General Use:					
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:		
Phases 3, 5 and 7 Knowle			Former Railway Line		
			Land to east of Railway and West of River Meon		

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

1.3

Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	3.4	-	3.4	2.7	-0.7
Sports	6.8	1.3	5.5	2.1	-3.4

Assessment of Play Areas

There are currently three play areas in Wickham town, at the Recreation Ground, adjacent to the Community Centre off Mill Lane and at the Circle. The play area at the Recreation Ground is equipped to NEAP standard. The play area adjacent to the Community Centre is equipped to LEAP standard and some skatepark equipment for teenagers has also been provided there but further improvements will be required. New play areas have also been provided at Knowle Village. Further new facilities will be provided by the developers within Knowle Village in future phases alongside areas for casual play and general open space. A new LEAP is needed to cater for the needs of the north-western part of Wickham town and additional play facilities will also need to be provided on land to the east of Mill Lane, Wickham, which is reserved for recreation use in the Local Plan Review.

Deficiencies: Land, quality, standard, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: Provision of a new play facility to serve the north western part of Wickham town, to LEAP status, together with an area for casual play. Provision of additional facilities for teenagers at the Mill Lane play area. Provision of new changing pavilion and a MUGA at the Recreation Ground.

Assessment of Sports Grounds

The parish has a substantial shortfall of land for sports. New sports grounds need to be provided on land east of Mill Lane, Wickham (Area E), which is reserved for recreation use in the Local Plan Review. The new village at Knowle is to provide most of the sports grounds required as part of the development including a new pavilion, MUGA and skatepark (Area G). The pavilion at Wickham Cricket Club (Area C) is in need of replacement. New changing pavilion and a MUGA are required at the main Recreation Ground.

Deficiencies: Land, standard, quality, distribution.

Improvements Proposed: A new area of sports ground should be provided on land east of Mill Lane, Wickham (Area E). The cricket club pavilion at Wickham should be replaced. New pavilion and new tennis courts/MUGA at the Recreation Ground. A new pavilion is required at Knowle in association with new football and cricket pitches and teenage facilities.

Contribution Scale

For Play Areas: A For Sports Grounds: A