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**Description**

Sparsholt is a dispersed village, with a defined policy boundary in the Local Plan Review. The older part of the village (to the north) is low density, with a variety of character, whereas the southern part is newer, and developed at a higher density. The College of Agriculture lies to the north-west of the village within the countryside, but, for the purposes of this Strategy, the Parish population excludes the student population resident at the College.

**Existing Recreational Areas (Hectares)**

Play:			Local Sports:	
A	The Green, Woodman Close*	0.4	B	Cricket Ground (P)
				1.5
			District Sports:	
				-
General Use:				
In the developed areas:			In the adjacent countryside:	
			Farley Mount Country Park	
			Ham Green Common	

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

0.3

**Adequacy of Land for Play and Sports (Hectares)**

	Local Plan Requirement	District Provision	Remaining Requirement	Existing Area	Current Adequacy
Play	0.3	-	0.3	0.4	+0.1
Sports	0.7	0.3	0.4	1.5	+1.1

**Assessment of Play Areas**

The village has sufficient land for play provision and the existing play area at Woodman Close is adequate but requires additional play equipment.

Deficiencies: Quality, distribution, standard.

Improvements Proposed: Additional play equipment at Woodman Close. Provision of facilities for teenagers on additional land.

**Assessment of Sports Grounds**

Both the cricket ground and the football pitch are privately owned. They are located beyond the village itself, but this would be difficult to rectify given the form of the settlement and its Conservation Area status. The football pitch however is not fit for purpose and no longer used due to the state of the pitch and has been removed therefore from this schedule. The cricket pavilion is in need of refurbishment.

Deficiencies: None.

Improvements Proposed: None.

**Contribution Scale**

For Play Areas: B For Sports Grounds: no contribution