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Northampton ftao Diane Farrell (Assistant
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Dear Diane,

Planning Permission NO/04/1686C, The Duston School; Condition No.10 (Community Use Agreement)

I refer to your memorandum dated 6th November 2006 and accompanying documents (i.e. (i) NTPL Community Use (Sports) of School Playing Fields, and (ii) Agreement and arrangements for the use of all sporting facilities in Northampton PFI Schools) comprising a community use agreement submitted in accordance with the requirements of the above planning condition and can confirm that the submission is acceptable and, subject to its implementation and maintenance, the condition is therefore discharged

Yours sincerely

For the Head of Sustainable Development

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Watson Development Control Manager

FROM: Diane Farrell

DATE: 6 November 2006

Cc Peter Burrell

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT

**Northampton PFI Schools
Planning Condition – Community Use Agreement**

As agreed at our meeting on the 2 November 2006, I enclose the documents we discussed:

1. NTLP Community Use (Sports) of School Playing Fields
2. Agreement & arrangements for the use of all sporting facilities in Northampton PFI Schools

The NTLP Community Use document was produced and agreed in consultation with:

Sport England

Head teachers

NBC Planning Officers

NBC Sports Development Officers

NCC Sports Development Manager

NCC PFI Project Officers

The Agreement & arrangement for use of sporting facilities in Northampton PFI schools was produced and agreed in consultation with:

SPV (PFI Contractor)

Head teachers

NCC Sports Development Manager

NCC PFI Project Officers

Both documents were developed to take into account the commitment of the County Council to ensure the continuing use of school sporting facilities by the community.

The following schools have a condition as part of the planning permission that a Community Use Agreements is entered into:

Bridgewater Primary
Duston School
Green Oaks Primary
Kingsthorpe Community College
Mereway Community College
Northampton School for Girls
St Luke's Primary
Weston Favell School

I would be grateful if you could consider the points discussed at the meeting of the 2nd November, the documents enclosed and confirm that sufficient work has been undertaken to discharge the Community Use Agreement condition on each of the above schools.





Northamptonshire County Council

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Date : 17/10/06

To all Heads, Chair of Governors and Bursars of PFI
Schools in Northampton

Dear Colleagues

Third Party Use

Thank you for your patience and forbearance as we develop our new procedures and charging policy.

As you know NCC's Third Party recommended charges documentation runs to 24 pages and so our meagre 9, which also includes a new category of reduced 'community' rate, is not too bad!

Inevitably as we begin to put our system into practice there will be a number of inconsistencies and inaccuracies with which we need to deal with. I am grateful to a number of schools who have raised such points and I have included the answers in this letter.

(1) Additional Hours (AH)

If there is another letting on in the school, at the same time as Additional Hours (AH), i.e. a Governors meeting coincides with another third party letting then the AH will not be counted against the school's allocation of AH. Completed forms are still required to notify Amey of the AH use.

(2) Letting Charges

The lettings charges, as quoted, will be the rates that will be used to recharge schools. These should be the minimum rates used. If schools wish to charge hirers more because the school will be providing services e.g. use of curriculum equipment, time to help to arrange weddings etc then the additional costs should be added to the minimum rates. NCC will only invoice the school for the sums indicated on the charge sheets. Governors should agree to these charges and the charges should be included in the school's income or/and community policy, if they exist.

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(5) Swimming Pools

After further consideration it seems sensible to simply charge for swimming pools in the same way as all other use and therefore the charges are as on the appropriate sheets.

(6) Playing Field Use – Primary Schools for school matches

If the school only requires the school pitches to be available, the charges will be at the agreed rate of £13.10 to simply lock and unlock the school gate to allow access to the pitches. If access to the buildings is required then it will be necessary to use either additional hours or the community rate charge.

For all other users the normal charge rates should apply.

(7) Playing Field Use – Secondary Schools for school matches

For school use only, the school should use either additional hours (which will not be included within the schools AH allocation if point (1) applies) or the school could pay the Community rate.

For all other users the normal charge rates should apply.

(8) All Weather Pitches

The Commercial Use rate for these will be as originally stated as £45 per hour for the whole pitch which includes lighting and changing rooms. For a match the cost would be £56 for 1.5 hours unless changing rooms are required in which case the cost would have to be £76 for 2 hours.

Many users only require a 1/3rd of a pitch; however, this will be for schools to manage so that the overall cost of recovery by NCC will remain at £45 per hour.

Community Use rate is only applicable to Junior sections of sporting clubs and when this is applicable the rate should be as on the Secondary Community rate charge sheet.

(9) Amey Form – FAX/Memo for Hire of Educational Premises

With regards to entering All Weather Pitches/Swimming Pool/Playing Field use on the above form, the user category code will need to be entered as appropriate but please identify underneath the code All Weather Pitches, Swimming Pools, Playing Fields.

The Third Party user category code that needs to be entered on the form is the appropriate charge rate code that relates to the letting.

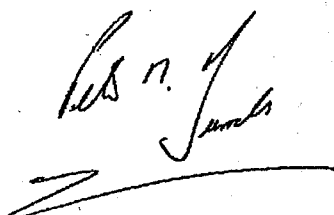
The Community Use – Directed code is CUD which replaces the code DU mentioned in another paper sent to schools.

I have also discussed with Amey, that although schools were asked to start the new system as from 01/10/06, there will be a need for some settling in time. I should be grateful however, if you would make every possible effort to use the systems we have set up and give Amey colleagues the notification requested as soon as possible.

Please see attached a new version of four sheets, which have been updated as a result of this letter. Can you please destroy the earlier versions and replace them with the attached.

Best Wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Burrell', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Peter Burrell
Head of Buildings & Capital Development / NTL

NORTHAMPTON PFI SCHOOLS

Use of School Premises V4 17.10.06

ADDITIONAL HOURS

- Additional Hours should be identified on the form by the Code AH
- Additional Hours are intended to cover School use such as Governors Meetings, Parents Evenings, Concerts, Plays, PTA meetings & functions, School Fete, School sporting activities.
- These hours cannot be 'passed on' to Third Party users.

COMMUNITY USE – DIRECTED

- Each group that wishes to qualify for free use of school premises must be registered with Children & Young People Services
- Each registered group is issued with a unique registration number that must be used each time a school is used
- All groups are required to re-register each year
- The registration Number plus the Code CUD should be entered on all forms
- Adult Education Classes should be identified on all forms by the Code AE – They will not be issued with a registration number but schools should add any additional information e.g. Course No.

For details & queries on registered groups contact:
jmulhall@northamptonshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY USE NON-DIRECTED

Further advice has been included in Peter Burrell's letter to schools on 17 October 2006.

All sporting activities will need to have gained or be "working towards" the nationally recognised 'Clubmark' award. On qualification, each group will be issued with a Registration No.

For further information contact:
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NORTHAMPTON PFI SCHOOLS

Procedure for hire of school premises & Additional Use by Schools

Third Party Use / Community Use-Directed/Community Use-Non-Directed

Third Party Use

1. School accepts booking
2. Hirer completes NCC form : (copy attached)
 - **APPLICATION FOR THE PRIVATE HIRE OF EDUCATION PREMISES**
(refer to Notes on Completion of Hiring Forms point 1.)
3. School completes Amey form (parts B & C) : (copy attached)
 - **Fax/Memo for Hire of Education Premises (H.E.P.)**
(refer to Notes on Completion of Hiring Forms point 2.)
4. Additional cleaning

If the hiring requires additional cleaning please complete the Amey form:

Hire of Educational Premises – Request for Facilities Services
(refer to Notes on Completion of Hiring Forms point 3.)
5. Request for Catering
(refer to Notes on Completion of Hiring Forms point 4)
6. School passes all forms to the Amey Site Manager giving at least seven clear days notice prior to the proposed date of use.

Additional Hours

School completes NCC form:

- **APPLICATION FOR THE PRIVATE HIRE OF EDUCATION PREMISES**
(refer to Notes on Completion of Hiring Forms point 1.)
7. School completes Amey form (parts B & C) :
 - **Fax/Memo for Hire of Education Premises (H.E.P.)**
(refer to Notes on Completion of Hiring Forms point School completes

The code for all Additional Hours must be entered as AH
School passes form to Amey Site Manager
(refer to Notes on Additional Hours)

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1. It is essential that all Non School users complete the NCC form:

- 'APPLICATION FOR THE PRIVATE HIRE OF EDUCATION PREMISES'

The completion and signing of this form is the confirmation by the user that they have appropriate Insurance.

Schools also are required to complete this form for all Additional Hours & NCC Adult Education classes.

2. Each NCC form 'APPLICATION FOR THE PRIVATE OF EDUCATION PREMISES' must be accompanied by the Amey form :

- 'Fax/ Memo for Hire of School Premises'

Schools also are required to complete this form for all Additional Hours & NCC Adult Education classes.

The completion of this form confirms the arrangements that Amey need to make to accommodate the use.

Notes on completion of Amey form:

(i). The details on this form are used by both the SPV and NCC to ensure the system of appropriate charging is used for all parties i.e. Hirer, Schools, NCC and SPV.

(ii) A code must be entered for each type of use (including Additional Hours) The Code to be used for each hiring is detailed on the forms :

- NORTHAMPTON PFI SCHOOLS
Procedure for Hire of School Premises
Codes and Hourly Rate

(iii) A Code & Registration number or AE for Adult Education use must be entered for all 'Community Use-Directed'
Please refer to form :

- NORTHAMPTON PFI SCHOOLS
Use of School Premises
Community Use Directed

(iv) A Community Use-Non-Directed User must be deemed to qualify for the Community Use rate of charge for hiring the premises.
Please refer to form:

- Northampton PFI SCHOOLS
Use of School Premises
Community Use Non-Directed

3. If the hiring requires additional cleaning to be carried out or the proposed use could result in the need for additional cleaning, the Hirer should be advised of this additional charge, and agree to the cost. (Refer to Schedule of Charges for the hourly cleaning rate).

Please note that should any use of the premises by a Third Party result in additional cleaning having to be carried out to ensure the premises are fit for school use, the school would be required to recover the additional costs from the Hirer.

4. If the Hirer requests that catering is provided by Scholarest, the School can obtain a form from the Amey Site Manager. The Hirer submits the form directly to Scholarest and all further transactions, including invoicing, are between the Hirer and Scholarest.

NORTHAMPTON PFI SCHOOLS DIRECTED COMMUNITY USE
Directed Community use Codes
Secondary & Primary Schools V3 2.10.06

CODE At all times in Term Time & Outside Term Time NO Cost

AH Additional Hours
AE NCC Adult Education Classes
CUD Community Use Directed
NCC MCL NCC Multi Cultural Language Schools
NCC MS NCC Music School

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NORTHAMPTON PFI SCHOOL NON DIRECTED COMMUNITY USE
Procedure for Hire of School Premises
Codes and Hourly Rate

Primary School Community Rate Charge

<u>CODE</u>	<u>Term Time</u>	<u>£ Per Hour</u>
A	Monday to Saturday Any time from 8am for maximum of 3 hours use	13.10
B	Monday to Saturday Cost per hour after first 3 hours use	20.80
E	Sunday Any time from 8am for a maximum of 3 hours use	19.10
F	Sunday Cost per hour after first 3 hours use	26.70

<u>CODE</u>	<u>Outside Term Time</u>	<u>£ Per Hour</u>
NC	Monday to Friday From 8am to 6pm NB. This can only be provided when the caretaker is on the premises as part of his required hours	FREE
A	Monday to Friday & all day Saturday From 6pm for a maximum of 3 hours use	13.10
B	Monday to Friday & all day Saturday Cost per hour after first 3 hours use	20.80
E	Sunday Any time from 8am for a maximum of 3 hours use	19.10
F	Sunday Cost per hour after first 3 hours use	26.70

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NORTHAMPTON PFI SCHOOL
Procedure for Hire of School Premises
Codes and Hourly Rate

COMMERCIAL USE

Primary School **Commercial Rate**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>Term Time</u>	<u>£ Per Hour</u>
J	Monday to Saturday Any time from 8am	23.50
L	Sunday Any time from 8am	29.80
<u>CODE</u>	<u>Outside Term Time</u>	<u>£ Per Hour</u>
R	Monday to Saturday Any time from 8am	23.50
T	Sunday Any time from 8am	29.80

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NORTHAMPTON PFI SCHOOL NON DIRECTED COMMUNITY USE
Procedure for Hire of School Premises
Codes and Hourly Rate

Secondary School Community Rate Charge

<u>CODE</u>	<u>Term Time</u>	<u>£ Per Hour</u>
C	Monday to Saturday Any time from 8am for maximum of 3 hours use	14.90
D	Monday to Saturday Cost per hour after first 3 hours use	25.70
G	Sunday Any time from 8am for a maximum of 3 hours use	21.20
H	Sunday Cost per hour after first 3 hours use	34.40

<u>CODE</u>	<u>Outside Term Time</u>	<u>£ Per Hour</u>
NC	Monday to Friday From 8am to 6pm NB. This can only be provided when the caretaker is on the premises as part of his required hours	FREE
C	Monday to Friday & all day Saturday From 6pm for a maximum of 3 hours use	14.90
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COMMERCIAL USE

Secondary School **Commercial Rate**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>Term Time</u>	<u>£ Per Hour</u>
K	Monday to Saturday Any time from 8am	29.90

M	Sunday Any time from 8am	37.60
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<u>CODE</u>	<u>Outside Term Time</u>	<u>£ Per Hour</u>
S	Monday to Saturday Any time from 8am	29.90

T	Sunday Any time from 8am	37.60
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Charges and Codes for Special Areas of Use

ALL WEATHER PITCHES Charge £45 per hour whole pitch, match fee £56 for 1.5 hours and £76 for 2 hours to include changing rooms.

SWIMMING POOLS Charge as Commercial or Community rates as appropriate

PLAYING FIELD USE – special rate for primary school use for school matches only £13.10 for locking and unlocking the gates to the site, no access to the buildings.

NCC MULTI CULTURAL LANGUAGE SCHOOLS this is Directed Use, Mark on Form NCC MCL

NCC MUSIC SCHOOL this is Directed Use, Mark on Form NCC MS

NORTHAMPTON TOWN LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Community Use (Sports) of School Playing Fields

1. INTRODUCTION

Background

Northamptonshire County Council is engaged in a review of the education system within the town of Northampton, changing the current three tier structure of lower, middle and upper schools to a two tier structure of primary and secondary. The principle aim of the change is intended to raise the educational achievement of students. All of the refurbishment and new building work will be completed by Autumn 2006, however, redeployment of staff and integration of pupils will be complete by September 2004.

New Schools

The Learning Partnership will result in the number of schools in the town being reduced from 75 to 59, with most of the remaining schools in the new structure benefiting from enhanced facilities - new classrooms, libraries and science laboratories, etc. Sport will specifically benefit from the building programme, with a significant number of new and refurbished facilities;

- 47 junior football pitches at primary schools;
- 5 multi-use games areas at primary schools (including the provision of a primary sports facility for use by 3 inner town primary schools that have insufficient grounds for team games);
- 9 all weather pitches at secondary schools;
- 20 football pitches and 11 rugby pitches at secondary schools;
- 3 new 4-court sports halls and 1 2-court hall extended to 4 court at secondary schools;
- 3 new gymnasiums at secondary schools;
- primary school halls being extended or provided to enable delivery of the KS2 physical education curriculum; and
- provision of the youth and sports facility on the Bective site.

Private Finance Initiative

The resulting structure of schools in the town will largely be managed through a Private Finance Initiative. The selected company (to be decided) will have a responsibility to maintain, manage and operate 47 out of the 59 school capital assets within the Learning Partnership, within any policy or guidance that the Northamptonshire County Council writes into the contract. Although details are to be finalised, it is assumed that the PFI contractor will seek to maximise third party income from hiring out the facilities. The Northamptonshire County Council is working to ensure an equitable pricing policy to allow a balanced programme of sports development activity and 'income generators'.

Community Approach

In line with the Governments desire to see more schools adopting the 'Extended Schools' ethos, becoming centres for a range of different community services, the Learning Partnership will provide schools with the facilities and the opportunity to do this. It is a core principle of the Learning Partnership that the schools will take on a much wider role than delivering the National Curriculum, for example, providing childcare services, lifelong learning opportunities, cultural and sporting activities, youth services, connexions and other services required locally. The PFI contract will specify the nature and extent of this community approach and the contractor's performance will be measured against how well they meet these requirements.

2. PLAYING FIELDS

Surplus Sites

The re-organisation will result in a number of school sites being declared surplus to requirements. These surplus sites offer the Northamptonshire County Council a significant opportunity to work in close partnership with Northampton Borough Council to plug any gaps in the provision of pitches accessible to the public, and thus ensure that all people living in Northampton have somewhere within easy reach to play sport.

School Building on Playing Fields

In certain cases new school buildings shall be located on existing playing fields. This policy seeks to address any loss thus incurred.

Northampton Borough Playing Field Strategy

Northampton Borough Council recently undertook an assessment of the current and predicted level of playing field provision within the town. Using Sport England's nationally recognised methodology (matching supply against demand for 2002 and 2016 population estimates), the study set out a list of recommendations for playing fields in the town, covering;

- Protection of existing pitches
- Improving the quality of existing pitches
- Creating new pitches
- Building appropriate ancillary facilities

The resulting strategy is due to go to the NBC Executive during Autumn 2003 and will be adopted formally as part of the Local Plan, providing a robust assessment against which planning decisions will be made. Officers from the Northamptonshire County Council have played a part in shaping that strategy.

Working on population estimates for 2016 the general picture for Northampton is that the town will be short of approximately 21 pitches (football, cricket, rugby and hockey). Certain areas of the town will be worse off than others, in particular Duston, St.James, and Delapre, whereas Parklands and Kingsley are predicted to have a surplus. See table 1 below.

Table 1 – Northampton Playing Fields (2016)

PPM Summary 2016	Shortfall/ surplus of adult football pitches	Shortfall/ surplus of junior football pitches	Shortfall/ surplus of cricket pitches	Shortfall/ surplus of rugby pitches	Shortfall/ surplus of STPs for hockey	TOTAL SHORTFALL/ SURPLUS
Area 1 : Castle, St Crispin, Abington	2.2	0.1	-3.9	-2.0	-1.1	-4.8
Area 2 : Thorplands, Lumbertubs, Ectonbrook, Billing	7.9	-3.8	-1.2	-4.2	-1.4	-2.7
Area 3 : Boughton Green, St David, Kingsthorpe	5.3	-6.1	0.8	-0.6	-1.4	-2.1
Area 4 :Delapre, Spencer, St James	-3.9	-4.0	2.7	-4.7	0.7	-9.2
Area 5 : Eastfield, Headland, Weston	3.5	-0.4	1.1	-3.3	-1.2	-0.3
Area 6 : West Hunsbury, East Hunsbury, Nene Valley	3.4	-1.0	0.9	-1.9	-0.9	0.5
Area 7 : Parklands, Kingsley	5.3	-7.0	9.6	-1.1	-0.8	5.9
Area 8 : New Duston, Old Duston.	-1.7	-3.3	-1.6	-1.3	-0.7	-8.6
TOTAL	22	-25.5	8.4	-19.1	-6.8	-21.3

Many school playing fields are used by local football, cricket, rugby and hockey clubs for training and competitions. However, no school sites were taken into account in the assessment's methodology due to the fact that no education site is 'secured' for that community use - the Governors of a school could remove permission for any community sports club to use their fields' at any point. To find a way by which sports clubs could gain 'secured' access to the remaining school playing fields would go a long way to meeting the deficit in certain areas of the town.

Of the sites deemed surplus to education requirements, the Northamptonshire County Council will work with Northampton Borough Council and the other statutory planning authorities to ensure that sport benefits from the disposals.

Sport England

As a statutory consultee on proposals for development that affecting playing fields, Sport England opposes such development in all but exceptional cases, whether the land is in public, private or education use. Those exceptions are listed thus;

- **E1** : A carefully quantified and documented **assessment of current and future needs** has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the English Sports Council that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport.
- **E2** : The proposed development is **ancillary to the principal use of the site as a playing field or playing fields**, and does not affect the quantity or quality of pitches or adversely affect their use.
- **E3** : The proposed development affects only land **incapable of forming, or forming part of, a playing pitch**, and does not result in: the loss of, or inability to make use of, any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins); a reduction in the size of the playing area of any playing pitch; the loss of any other sports/ancillary facilities on the site.
- **E4** : The playing field or playing fields which would be lost as a result of the proposed development would be **replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality**, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development.
- **E5** : The proposed development is for an **indoor or outdoor sports facility**, the provision of which would be of **sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment** caused by the loss of the playing field or playing fields.

The Learning Partnership team has worked very closely with officers from Sport England and the Borough Council on the site-by-site implications of the Learning Partnership proposals, in order to achieve a balance between what is being lost, and what is being gained. It might well be that the disposal of one pitch on one site does not specifically meet any of Sport England's exceptions. However, the big picture of new / improved facilities (as previously outlined), alongside a Policy that secures community access to school playing fields, will ensure that the five exceptions are met and indeed exceeded.

3. MANAGED COMMUNITY ACCESS TO SCHOOL FACILITIES

Policy

As previously mentioned, a fundamental vision of the Learning Partnership is the development of closer links with community organisations. Local sport clubs and teams form one such group. In order to achieve this goal, the Learning Partnership will adopt a 'Managed Community Access' policy concerning sports use of school playing fields.

By formalising the 'security' of school playing fields for the community's use, the Learning Partnership will make a very significant contribution to the public leisure provision town-wide. Indeed, secured community access to school playing fields across the town will result in over 90 more pitches being available for use, creating in the year 2016 a surplus of over 70 pitches.

Why have a policy ?

A formal policy will outline the parameters by which a community user could gain access to the outdoor grass pitches on school sites. It will;

- Determine the way by which an organised club or user-group can arrange access to the school playing fields – opening / locking up, booking, paying, maintaining, storing kit, etc.
- Outline the opportunities for quality sports development to be established between the school and the club / user-group.
- Set out a pricing policy consistent with the surrounding area and that includes incentives to build stronger sports development partnerships between the school and the club (ie. reduced rates for junior sections).

Why can't it be a completely open access policy ?

The great majority of school sites are surrounded by security fencing, to try and prevent burglary and vandalism outside of school-hours, and to cover issues concerning Child Protection of the pupils during the school day. In addition, public use of playing fields by dog walkers, etc, render them unsuitable for school use.

Schools that have erected fencing around their site have seen criminal incidences drop significantly. For this reason schools, as would any business with extensive property to protect, will always have to control the access of members of the local community onto their site.

Who is it for ?

The Policy potentially covers two parties; firstly, the 59 schools within Northampton following completion of the necessary school development works (9 secondary, 50 primary); secondly, any potential user of those fields, including;

- Senior teams in the main four pitch sports (football, hockey, cricket and rugby)
- Junior age-group teams in the main four pitch sports (football, hockey, cricket and rugby)
- Other sports clubs needing access to grass (non-pitch) areas (ie. archery, athletics, softball, orienteering, lacrosse, rounders).
- Non-sporting organisations wishing to play informal sport (ie. Youth Clubs, Black and Ethnic Minority Associations, Uniformed Organisations, Disability Clubs, etc).

What facilities does the Policy cover ?

This Policy covers all the outdoor playing fields that form part of the school site;

- Formal marked out grass pitches for football (senior and junior), cricket, rugby and hockey
- Practice areas (grids, small sided games areas)
- Surrounding grass areas not marked out with pitches but capable of being used for sports not requiring formal markings (ie. archery).
- Synthetic turf pitches
- Multi-use Games Areas
- Hardcourt (tennis / netball) areas

Currently it does not cover the following school sports facilities, although the scope might be extended in the future;

- Indoor sports facilities

4. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

PR NO.	POLICY RECOMMENDATION	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	SECONDARY RESPONSIBILITY
1	Northamptonshire County Council to encourage all schools within the town to operate their playing fields for community use.	Northamptonshire County Council	Schools PFI Provider
2	Northamptonshire County Council to provide guidance to schools seeking ways and means of operating their playing fields for community access.	Northamptonshire County Council	
3	Northamptonshire County Council to include a policy / statement / condition within the PFI contract that specifies that the school playing fields should be available for community clubs and organisations to use, in a managed and controlled arrangement.	Northamptonshire County Council	
4	Northamptonshire County Council to ensure that the PFI contract covers combined maintenance	Northamptonshire County Council	

	due to both curriculum and community use.		
5	Northamptonshire County Council to provide a pricing structure (including rates of reduction for particular target user groups) to ensure consistency of hire costs across the Learning Partnership.	Northamptonshire County Council	
6	The PFI provider, in conjunction with Northamptonshire County Council, to provide a planned marketing programme to ensure that community users are aware of the potential of using school playing fields.	PFI Provider	Northamptonshire County Council
7	Northamptonshire County Council to seek ways of using local / regional / national programmes and initiatives (ie. School Sports Co-ordinator Programmes) to support the establishment of links between schools and sports clubs.	Northamptonshire County Council	
8	Northamptonshire County Council to work with Northampton Borough Council to ensure that playing field provision across the town is both co-ordinated and of a sufficiently high standard.	Northamptonshire County Council	Northampton Borough Council
9	School Governors and senior management teams to seek with the PFI provider operational ways of allowing local sports clubs and groups to use their playing fields.	Schools	PFI Provider
10	School Governors and senior management teams to establish formal, documented, time-limited community use agreements with user groups, as per the template provided.	Schools	Sports Clubs / Users
11	School Governors and senior management teams to work with the user groups and clubs to build sports development pathways for their school children to progress from curricular PE lessons to club-based junior sections.	Schools	Sports Clubs / Users
12	PFI provider to maintain school pitches at a standard appropriate for school usage and community access.	PFI Provider	
13	Sports clubs to seek to extend their relationship with the school to be more than an operator / user arrangement, but a proactive sharing of resources and expertise.	Sports Clubs	Schools
14	Sports Clubs to seek to establish high quality opportunities for young people within the schools to participate and perform in their chosen sport.	Sports Clubs	Schools
15	Sports Clubs to commit to the formal community use agreements with the school and pay the agreed hire charge.	Sports Clubs	Schools
16	Northampton Borough Council to work with the Northamptonshire County Council on an ongoing basis to co-ordinate playing field provision to the public across the town.	Northampton Borough Council	Northamptonshire County Council

17	Northampton Borough Council to work with the Northamptonshire County Council to find an agreed solution with regard to retained and surplus school sites.	Northampton Borough Council	Northamptonshire County Council
18	Northampton Borough Council, in recognition of the contribution that Northamptonshire County Council is making to sports provision across Northampton, to provide an agreed annual sum for the maintenance of sports facilities and/or Sports Development.	Northampton Borough Council	

5. SUMMARY

The Northampton Town Learning Partnership offers sport in the town a real opportunity to set itself up with the right standard of facilities that a town of its size should have. On top of that is the prospect of extending the links between schools and clubs to be more than 'client / provider', taking them on to include junior coaching sessions, shared coaching expertise (club coaches and PE staff) and the creation of pathways from PE lesson, perhaps right through to representative honours.