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Thank you for consulting Sport England.

Incidental open space

Sport England does not have a statutory planning remit to protect open space but we are concerned that the loss of incidental open space within residential areas. (eg sites LAA 0685 and LAA 1049) Sport England's strategy (Towards and Active Nation) seeks to move the inactive to active. Our evidence suggests that access to open space near to where people live is a strong factor to moving people from inactive to active particularly in areas of deprivation.

<https://www.sportengland.org/active-nation/our-strategy/>

Playing field areas

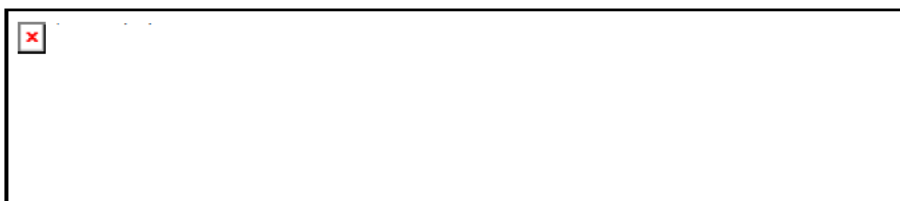
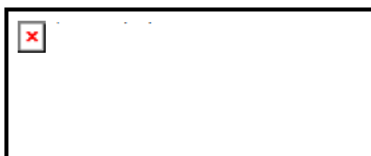
Sport England would expect that the emerging Playing Pitch strategy would be the **key evidence base** to understand the priority of each playing field site, the assessment is being carried out to provide evidence in accordance with para 73 of NPPF

How does the emerging Playing Field Strategy deal with the following sites?

LAA0205 – Former Parlkands Middle School
LAA1024 - Great Houghton Independent School

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