

UPDATED JANUARY 2026 SECTION E AND ANNEX C - Totnes Town Council Open Space, Sport, Recreation and Wellbeing Plan 2024-29 [adopted 2nd September 2024 and reviewed for SDHC comments 25th November 2024]

1. Aim

The Totnes Town Council Open Space, Sport, Recreation and Wellbeing (OSSRW) Plan aims to set out the priorities and ambitions for the five-year period 2023/24 – 2028/29 to protect and enhance open space, sport, recreation and wellbeing facilities within Totnes. This OSSRW Plan has been produced by Totnes Town Council and informed by evidence initially collected for the Totnes Neighbourhood Plan. It includes an audit of the existing OSSRW provision within the Parish, to identify deficiencies, inform the development of projects, assist the targeting of existing funding and resources and to identify projects and requirements which will result from increased development, consulting with existing clubs and community groups.

Vision:

To support the enhancement and development of natural heritage and other assets, and provide people of all ages and abilities with access to appropriate play, sports, recreation spaces and amenities which are inspiring, creative, improve wellbeing of residents and visitors to the town and encourage universal participation by all.

The Open Space, Sport, Recreation and Wellbeing Plan aims to direct OSSRW provision and connectivity via footpaths and cycle paths in our community and beyond to connect neighbouring parishes, creating a healthy town which will be integral to the life of the community and wider area.

2. Introduction

South Hams District Council (SHDC) request contributions from new development towards new and improved OSSR facilities where it is considered that a development will have significant impacts on the local area. These contributions are secured through Section 106 (s106) legal agreements between Local Planning Authorities and developers and linked to planning permissions, and are based on policy requirements set out within the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (JLP) policies DEV 4 and DEV27 and the JLP Developer Contributions Evidence Base.

The collection and use of s106 funds are dictated by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended). The purposes to which the funds are applied must be:

- Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
- Directly related to the development; and
- Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

The Totnes Town Council OSSRW Plan is a clear method of reflecting evidence of need and community aspirations when pulling together into one place the project/facility requirements of a community. A link to the SHDC website showing current OSSR S106 contributions for Totnes can be found in Annex A.

3. Existing evidence base and review/listing of existing policies, projects, and priorities

Relevant information, and projects which have already been identified, have been included in the Totnes OSSRW Plan from the following reports (which can be accessed at www.southhams.gov.uk):

- a. **South Hams Open Space, Sport & Recreation (OSSR) Study 2017** (JLP Evidence Base Document). SHDC has prepared an OSSR study for the district which sets out a clear vision and objectives for the provision and management of public space in the South Hams. The study establishes and sets standards for the quantity, quality and accessibility of public spaces. Descriptions of Public Space types can be found at Annex B.
- b. **South Hams & West Devon Playing Pitch Strategy 2022**. SHDC & West Devon Borough Council commissioned a joint Playing Pitch Needs Assessment & Strategy (PPS) which was linked to a similar report produced for Plymouth City Council to ensure cross-boundary issues and demands to be fully considered. The SH&WD PPS aims to fulfil the Councils' strategic development plans including the following themes:
 - ensuring adequate access to recreation and open spaces;
 - enabling healthy and active lifestyles; and
 - improving the overall health and well-being of our communities.

The vision is: “for South Hams & West Devon to have an appropriate range of grass and artificial playing pitches to meet current and projected future need which are capable of enabling greater participation and better standards of play in the pitch sports and which are able to be maintained to a high standard and are sustainable in the long term”. The latest strategy was adopted in March 2022.

- c. **South Devon Green Infrastructure Framework 2015 (SHGIF)**. Green Infrastructure (GI) is defined in the National Planning Policy Framework as: “a network of multi-functional green space, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities”. The SHGIF is a partnership document co-ordinated by SHDC to help guide green infrastructure development across the district. It provides an important evidence base for the JLP and informs local Neighbourhood Plans. It provides a basis for partnership working and support for future funding bids.
- d. **South Devon National Landscape Management Plan 2019-2024**. The South Devon National Landscape (SDNL) (previously Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) gives statutory protection to the community's coastline, estuary and countryside. Totnes is on the edge of the designated SDNL area. The adopted Management Plan gives guidance on conserving and enhancing the special qualities and key features of this nationally important protected landscape and can be viewed at www.southdevon-nl.org.uk. A delivery plan sets out a series of priority actions.

- e. **Totnes Neighbourhood Plan 2023.** Neighbourhood development plans can help local communities to influence and shape the planning of their area and create a shared vision for the neighbourhood. The Neighbourhood Plan was made in December 2023 and links with the above JLP to plan for OSSRW provision in Totnes.

4. Identify current OSSR provision including existing quantity, quality and access shortfalls

The shortfalls and project ideas for improvement to facilities identified in the OSSRW have come from: representations made by members of the public to the Council through emails or in person; through the Totnes Town Council Community Conversation carried out in 2023; through the inputs of sports groups who attend the Borough Park Users Group; and from the local knowledge of Councillors.

For a glossary and definition of the categories listed below, please see annex B.

B = location in Bridgetown

T = location in Totnes Town

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
A. Allotments				
<p>Purpose: Provide opportunities for people who wish to grow their own produce. The provision of allotments has increased in Totnes over the last 8 years. At a time of increased interest in sustainability, healthy eating and locally produced food, increasing the number of allotments is an important issue. Allotments falls into three separate categories: Statutory; Temporary; and Private. Their status reflects the degree of protection from development for other purposes. Statutory allotments fall under Section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925, being best protected in that a local authority must seek permission from the Secretary of State before selling or changing the use of such sites. Temporary and private sites have protection against change of use provided by the normal planning procedures. As of November 2024, there were 85 people on the waiting list of the Totnes Allotment Association.</p>				
A1. Bridgetown – Rowsell’s Lane (B)	Duke of Somerset		These allotments are liable to flooding given their proximity to the river. Occasional tidal flooding causing salinity.	Better signage and information.
A2. Camomile Lawn (B)	Totnes Allotment Association managed (but do they own?)	4 x full plots and 2 x half plots.		
A3. Smithfields (T)	SHDC	0.15 hectares	Poor – subject of complaint from residents. Weeds, untidy, untilled. Soil survey has shown the site as	Better information signage required at entrance.

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			unsuitable for formalising as a food growing area.	
Allotments A4. Castle Meadow (T)	Totnes Town Council managed by Totnes Allotment Association	3 x full plots, 11 x half plots and 4 x quarter plots. 0.20 hectares		Some signage improvements needed at road entrance for orientation.
A5. Kingsbridge Hill (T)	Totnes Allotment Association	0.65 hectares		Better signage and information at entrance.
Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes: Copland Field (Dartington and under the control of the Totnes Allotment Association); Great Court Farm development (Berry Pomeroy).				
B. Amenity Green Space				
Purpose: Open grassland providing opportunities for informal activities close to home or work and enhancement of residential or other areas. Amenity Greenspace rarely has formal equipment, facilities or even seating. These areas often provide open space within residential areas but frequently lack a clear use and are often used for informal recreation activities. When new Amenity Greenspace is brought forward it should be easily accessible to as many users as possible. All development designs should include meaningful Amenity Greenspace, which serves a positive function and contribute to the quality of the public realm.				
B1/F2. Elm Walk/Weston Lane (B) (‘The Chicken Run’)	SHDC	0.18 hectares	Overgrown paths at certain times of the year - routine hedge and verge maintenance required.	- Requires better tree care and maintenance; hedge maintenance. - Potential facility improvements – seating.
B2. Westonfields (B)	SHDC			
B3. Higher Westonfields (B)	SHDC			
B4. Follaton Community Centre (T)	SHDC			
B5. Smithfields (T)	SHDC		Green space behind properties adjacent to the cemetery.	Access is between two houses. Integrate the area into a longer green pedestrian route [see Greenways section].
B6/F3. Parkers Way (B)	SHDC	0.43 hectares	The proposed adjacent development should maintain public access to the site and new planting should be	Sort out drainage. Preservation of a public access footpath to the south side of the green space

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			sympathetic to the naturalistic green space.	behind the current housing provision.
Amenity Green Space B7. Coronation Road (T)	TTC, maintained in part by Totnes Gardens		Town Council regularly maintains the grass area next to the pavement. Benches recently replaced.	
B8. Station Road/Borough Park Road (T)	SHDC?		Flower bed maintained by volunteer gardeners. Memorial stone worn and unable to withstand being relocated.	2 x benches under the mature trees would be welcomed.
B9. Station Road corner next to Petrol Station (T)	?		This green space next to a busy road helps to offset pollution and aid cooling with grass and mature trees.	
B10. Castle Street/Station Road Junction near railway bridge (T)	?		Flower bed maintained by volunteer gardener.	Bench missing. Area required for potential underpass link to the railway station.
B11. Marsh Quay (New Walk, along river opposite Steam Packet Inn) (T)	Throgmorton House Management		Maintained by the management company.	Good accessibility and provides riverside access.
B12. Town Marsh (New Walk Riverside Community Garden) (T)	Environment Agency (planters provided by EA in 2018)		Planters maintained by volunteer gardeners. Planters may need replacing.	Good accessibility and provides riverside access.
B13. Camomile Lawn - Paths from Steamer Quay to Sparkhayes Drive (via Quayside) and Home Reach.	Camomile Lawn Management Company Ltd		Trees planted very close together but there is a good selection of fruit and nut trees.	Public access to the green space and paths to be maintained.
B14. Follaton Oak 'village green'	Follaton Oak Management Company		None – small grassed area towards the front of the housing development. Concerns about who has the responsibility for long term	None – flat area.

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			maintenance of paths and benches on the development.	
<p>Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes: Increased partnership working with neighbouring parish councils needed on areas which are relied upon by town residents/workers in view of the lack of green space in town such as: Longmarsh (recreational grass area) and Elm Park (Berry Pomeroy PC); and access to Dartington Trust Land (Dartington PC).</p>				
C. Cemeteries and Churchyards				
<p>Purpose: Burial, remembrance and quiet contemplation. Churchyards are primarily the responsibility of the individual churches or the diocese. The cemetery is managed and maintained by the Town Council who also maintain St Mary's closed churchyard.</p>				
<p>C1. St John's Churchyard (B) Provides a green Space in Bridgetown. Positive attributes of the churchyard include: welcome to all users as a green space; nature trail to spot 10 minibeasts; two composting bins; and Commonwealth War Graves. Positive access provisions in the churchyard include: three wooden benches affording good views; and grant obtained to fund a Woodland Trust Tree Information Noticeboard.</p>	<p>Exeter Diocese</p>	<p>The churchyard is reaching capacity – there is limited space for full burials but more space for ashes burials which are popular. once full the other local option for burial will be Totnes Cemetery.</p>	<p>The principal structural tree (Cedar Deodar) has died and its removal will be extremely expensive and a great loss. A replacement has been planted.</p>	<p>The pathways are simply mown, not surfaced. However, the ground drains readily and wheel chair access is possible with effort.</p>
<p>C2. St Mary's Churchyard (T) Provides a green space in the centre of town with visual amenity.</p>	<p>Exeter Diocese managed by Totnes Town Council</p>	<p>This is a closed churchyard, no future interments are routinely possible.</p>	<p>The grounds of the churchyard are maintained by the Totnes Council including regular grass cutting, pruning of trees and shrubs alongside safety checks of the trees and paths. The listed wall has undergone recent repairs to improve structural integrity.</p>	<p>There is a level access to the tarmac path around the churchyard from High Street and three stepped access points, including into Guildhall Yard.</p> <p>Tarmac paths will require re-topping in time.</p>

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C3. Totnes Cemetery (T) Provides a green space with visual amenity onto open spaces. Positive attributes of the cemetery include: grass left long on encourage wildflowers and wildlife on the circle, around the chapel and the margins of the site (where appropriate); fruit and nut trees planted and maintained by Incredible Edibles; and Commonwealth War Graves.	Totnes Town Council	The cemetery has several hundred full burial plots, a Roman Catholic section, Garden of Rest area (and a future area identified) and an area for the scattering of ashes to meet resident need for some years to come.	Continual monitoring of grounds maintenance – whether of the regularly maintained areas or the areas left for wildlife is required.	There is a network of tarmac paths around the cemetery and a number of benches. Regular maintenance helps to ensure mourners, funeral directors and those visiting graves can gain access with reduced trip hazards on uneven grassy surfaces.
Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes: Churchyards in Dartington, Berry Pomeroy, Harberton. Sharpham natural burial ground.				
D. Civic Spaces				
Purpose: Providing a setting for civic buildings, public activities and community events. Civic spaces are important and the character and quality of them say a great deal about the town itself.				
D1. Civic Square (T)	SHDC	0.22 hectares	Design improvements to the square are an agreed priority for the town. Needs: resurfacing; seating; planters; bins for recycling waste; appropriate commercial waste storage. CCTV required – anti-social behaviour issues.	Existing shared space model with through road causes concerns. Street furniture causes trip hazards for the visually impaired.
D2. Rotherfold (T)	SHDC	0.06 hectares	Wooden elements may need replacing/ adding to. Green/growing creepers up walls to stop graffiti. Layout difficult – needs to enable	Regular maintenance of shrubbery required.

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			community events and so that seating is in the sun.	
Civic Spaces D3. The Plains (T)	SHDC	0.22 hectares	CCTV required – anti-social behaviour issues.	Better maintenance of furniture needed, and bases of plane trees. Safety of crossing points – install tactile paving. Promote accessible route from Victoria Street car park via The Plains into town.
D4. Steamer Quay Café Area (B)	SHDC	0.2 hectares	Unsafe – lack of barriers near the play area and where the river boat docks. Effect of lighting on the river surface from properties on the other side. Berthing for visiting boats and lack of facilities (showers, toilets, fresh water). Pavers, planters and benches are poorly designed and benches create a trip hazard in poor lighting conditions and do not provide any useful amenity.	Better maintain furniture, benches, paths, etc. Access from Totnes town via the old bridge isn't safe (traffic & pollution).
D5. Steamer Quay Business Units (B)	SHDC	0.39 hectares		Need link signage between Steamer Quay and Longmarsh. Need better maintenance of furniture.
D6. Shady Garden (T)	SHDC		Wooden elements may need replacing. Additional planting welcome.	
Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes:				

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<p style="text-align: center;">E. Greenways</p> <p>Purpose: Walking, cycling or horse riding routes, whether for leisure purposes or commuting. Taken to include Public Rights of Way and permissive paths. Can also provide corridors for wildlife migration. Adopted pathways within towns and settlements and Public Rights of Way are the responsibility of the Highways Authority (Devon County Council, DCC) although landowners are required to keep them free of obstructions.</p> <p>General comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Totnes is not well served with a network of greenways, bridleways, footpaths and cycle ways, many are poorly connected and all require regular maintenance. Figures shared recently by The Ramblers that we rank 318th out of 448 constituencies in England for accessible green rights of way) : https://www.totnes-today.co.uk/news/around-a-mile-of-green-footpaths-within-walking-distance-in-totnes-681420. Please see Public Rights of Way map link https://www.devon.gov.uk/prow/interactive-map/ - Many greenways are isolated and opportunities should be sought to link these into existing networks making them more accessible for the wider community. Where opportunities exist to provide “missing links” to improve public safety or to provide attractive circular routes around the town and to outlying parishes and places these should be pursued. See the TTC Traffic, Transport and Pedestrian Policy which includes proposals for establishing new links to address this. The following table lists some missing links which TTC would identify as a priority for action. - Pathways within towns and settlements are maintained by the Highways Authority, and Public Rights of Ways are required to be kept accessible by relevant landowners. - Both voluntary and others supported by statutory bodies have sprung up in recent years and the Ramblers Association has played a lead role in monitoring public footpaths. - Opportunity exists to improve the standard of some routes to encourage access for those with disabilities and are recuperating from illness and using activity as an aid in medical treatment. 				
<p>E1. There are numerous in-town pathways of varying ownership, status and responsibility for maintenance, these allow pedestrian travel away from roads and many provide accessible links and safe pollution-free walking routes through town: These are shown on the map at annex X as blue and pink lines (delete following detail) these include (list not exhaustive):</p>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leechwell pathway from Leechwell Street to Heath Way & Heath Way car park via the Leechwell - Maudlin Rd to St Katherine's Way connecting to Moorashes Moorashes Lane Orchard Terrace pathway to Maudlin Road Chicken Run – Elmhirst Park to Weston Lane, and Weston Lane to Parker's Way Steamer Quay to Parkers Close Denys Road to Westward Close Heath Court to Maudlin Road Camomile Lawn Measured Mile – Home Reach Avenue to Steamer Quay Coronation Road to the New Bridge Baltic Wharf Path [note – this is part of Footpath no 2] 				
E2. Footpath 2 – Moat Hill to Sharpham				TTPP 2e – convert permissive path to PROW between Ashprington Footpath 8 and Sharpham Drive.
E3. Footpath 3 – Totnes Down Hill to Eagle Wood				
E4. Footpath 4 – A385 to Bridgetown				
E5. Footpath 5 – Dartington Lane to Coronation Road				

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Greenways E6. Bridleway 6 – Fishchowter’s Lane				
E7. Bridleway 7 – Harper’s Hill to Tristford Cross			TTPP 2b -Reduce speed on A381 from 60mph to 40mph. ITTP 2c - improvements to surface for users.	TTPP 2c – improve surface would enable safer route to Harberton for less able walkers and cyclists
E8. Footpath 1 and 8 – Bridgetown to Longmarsh				
E9. Footpath 9 – Steamer Quay Road to the River (between Dartside and Driftwood Cottages)				
E10. Footpath 10 – The Plains to Mill Tail (via Symond’s Passage)				
E11. Footpath 11 – The Plains to Mill Tail (along Waterside House)				
E12. Footpath 12 – New Walk				
E13. Footpath 13 – New walk to Mill Tail				
E14. Footpath 14 – Warland to New Walk				
E15. Footpath 15 – Chapel Lane to Bridgetown				
E16. Footpath 16 – The Plains to Mill Tail (between The Chapel and Apple Wharf)				
E17. Footpath 17 – Totnes Weir to Totnes Bridge (riverside route)		TTPP 2f – bridge access required to cross river.	The pedestrian only bridge was repaired Summer 2025.	TTPP 2f – no direct off road route between Totnes and Littlehempston.

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Greenways E18. National Cycle Route 28 – Dartington to Ashprington via Totnes			TTPP 2e - Poor surface. Gates mean cyclists have to dismount, replace with cattle grids. TTPP 3b – markings for cycle lanes poor and need widening.	
E19. Footpath 20 – Marsh Quay along Mill Tail				
E20. Byway 20 – Totnes Down Hill (top) to Bowden Lodge				
E21. Bridlepath 21 Bowden Bungalow to A381				
E22. Byway 22 – Jackman’s Lane to Follaton Cross			TTPP 2b -Reduce speed on A381 from 60mph to 40mph.	
E23. South Hams District Council has worked in partnership with the County to support the development of recreational routes for pedestrians and cyclists – cross reference with the LCWIP. Public Rights of Way Routes in Totnes:		The Totnes Traffic, Transport and Pedestrian Policy Appendix B should be referred to for physical measures to support walking and cycling (references below).	The Totnes Traffic, Transport and Pedestrian Policy Appendix B should be referred to for physical measures to support walking and cycling (references below).	The Totnes Traffic, Transport and Pedestrian Policy Appendix B should be referred to for physical measures to support walking and cycling (references below).
<p>Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes: A number of paths start at the boundary of the town and then run through neighbouring parishes which the community use. These include: the 6 mile Franklin Totnes Trail; 35 mile John Musgrave Heritage Trail; and 100 mile South Hams Way Circular Walk some of which have specific signage and information boards which are important for identification. Footpath 8 (Longmarsh) is situated in the Berry Pomeroy Parish and is an extension of footpath 1’s route.</p>				
F. Accessible Natural Spaces				
<p>Purpose: Areas for wildlife, quiet enjoyment and environmental awareness, including woodland, meadows, heath, moor land and coastal areas. There is no overall shortage of available countryside, wildlife sites and woodland surrounding Totnes but most of this is not publicly accessible or where access could be excluded in future] opportunities exist to look for further natural open spaces and woodlands</p>				

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F1. Follaton Arboretum (T) Largest accessible natural space in Totnes, highly valued by local residents for its specimen trees and natural views.	SHDC	6.31 hectares	Plans for management of the area overtaken by rhododendron and bamboo are required.	Track recently upgraded.
F2. Elm Walk/Chicken Run (B) Important natural corridor in built up area with path running up the valley adjacent to a brook.	SHDC	0.91 hectares	Path resurfaced in early 2022 to provide step-free access throughout. Top of the path is vulnerable to fly tipping and anti-social behaviour problems.	Monitoring of path condition, including management of vegetation (including removal of invasive and toxic plants). Conservation work in woodland. Better maintenance of furniture.
F3. Pathfield Close (Parkers Way Natural Space) (B) Important natural corridor link to upper section of the Chicken Run in built up area.	SHDC	0.23 hectares	Site is prone to flooding. Opportunity to improve biodiversity on the site.	Path is important link to the Chicken Run (to Weston Lane).
F4. Colwell Wood (T) Small natural woodland and orchard.	The Woodland Trust lease land from adjacent housing association	0.95 hectares		Needs to be better signed from Western bypass, and more welcoming at entrance.
F5. Castle Meadow (T) Historic open meadow with important views.	Totnes Town Council	0.95 hectares	Enhance biodiversity of meadow.	Accessible gates required.
F6. Malt Mill Woodland (T)	SHDC	1.15 hectares	Area under railway and in the woodland is liable to flooding.	Very poor access via low under-railway tunnel, no signing, dangerous/broken steps – cannot promote as usable public space. See TTPP 2d.

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Accessible Natural Spaces F7. Riverside Weir Area (T) Pebbled beach area, natural access point to the river for paddling and swimming. Wet woodland.	SHDC	1.21 hectares		Potential educational value – refurbish pond/dipping platform. Conservation management of woodland required and biodiversity enhancement.
F8. Riverside (Babbage Industrial Estate) (T) Woodland along river.	SHDC	1.27 hectares		Better signage needed for orientation along path.
F9. Riverside by KEVICC Fields (T) Natural access point for the river		0.39 hectares		Potential educational value – refurbish pond/dipping platform. Conservation management of woodland required and biodiversity enhancement.
F10. Moorashes Meadow (T) Creates a link between Leechwell Gardens and the back gardens at Moorashes to form an ecological corridor. High biodiversity value.	SHDC	0.05 hectares	Bench needs to be repaired. Needs better grounds/property maintenance.	
F11. Camomile Lawn (B) Good views towards town centre and the Dart, link to Longmarsh via footpath.	Camomile Lawn Management Company Ltd		Trees planted very close together but there is a good selection of fruit and nut trees.	Public access to the green space and paths to be maintained.
F12. Baltic Wharf Meadow (T)	Baltic Wharf Management Company Ltd	Phase 1 provision of the naturalistic play area and public footpaths through the green space should be maintained. No encroachment of this natural space should be permitted for additional	The green space behind Phase 1 of the development should be retained as a meadow, hosting a play area and two footpaths. The view from the river and Bridgetown should see this	Ensure public access is maintained to both the footpaths in the meadow (one is steep and is not suitable for those with limited mobility). There are benches in the meadow/field area.

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		activities/facilities which should be provided within the Phase 2 area.	green space remain as part of the hillside.	
Accessible Natural Spaces F13. Follaton Oak (T) Good view towards Dartmoor from top of path and links to the Arboretum and Jackman's Lane.	Follaton Oak Management Company Ltd		Concerns about who has the responsibility for long term maintenance of paths and benches on the development, and ensuring that necessary works are carried out.	Signage in Follaton Arboretum to link to this space. The condition of the path needs to be kept under review. Seating at the top of the path is difficult to get to.
F14. Bowden Pillars Farm Atlantic Rainforest Project	Bowden Pillars Future	75 acres		Access will be restricted until the Devon Wildlife tree planting project is more established. The land is in private ownership.
Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes: Berry Pomeroy - Longmarsh provides an important saltmarsh, hay meadow habitats with a new board walk. Dartington - Dartington Estate including the Queen's Marsh; Malt Mill lake field.				
G. Parks and Gardens				
Purpose: Accessible, formal, high-quality sites designed for recreation and community events.				
G1. Borough Park (T) The town park for recreation. The existing National Cycle Network Route 28 goes along the side of the park. Light and landing space for Air Ambulance. Accessible community garden near the tennis club, including a table accessible to wheelchair users.	SHDC	There is insufficient space allocated to formal park setting and not enough seating. There should be aspirations for the park to function more widely as a town park in addition to providing space for sports facilities.	Park needs open space provision for flowers and for people to be able to sit. Drainage problem is hampering use of paths and certain areas of the park for a number of facilities. Improvements to pathways and entrances, potential changes to management regime to leave some longer areas of grass/wildflower areas. A coherent design is	Condition of the paths – some are very uneven in places and flood in some sections causing hazards for those with mobility issues.

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			required to help tie everything together.	
Parks and Gardens G2. Leechwell Garden (T) Well designed space that caters for all ages with exceptionally high quality hard landscaping elements and art.	SHDC (managed by Leechwell Garden Association)	0.27 hectares	Feeder from the well needs repair. Pergola joints are opening up and in need of repair/repegging. Ground near the play area is compacted and needs re-seeding.	Woodchip and gravel surface paths make some areas slightly harder to access and timber edged steps require regular maintenance to ensure useability.
G3. Vire Island (T) Important facility that needs a new vision to maximise use and be an attraction in the town.	SHDC	1.49 hectares	Maintenance of existing shrubbery is required to deter the anti-social behaviour problems experienced in this area. Area susceptible to tidal flooding. Hemlock – rapid spread of toxic plant species and control of the spread.	Path surfaces needs regular maintenance. Needs work on ‘accessible’ path.
G4. Heath Gardens (T)	SHDC	0.07 hectares	More attractive planting is required. Low level lighting is insufficient given the drop from the path into the garden.	- Needs better maintenance to protect £100K community investment. Fence is insufficient to prevent children falling into the area and not sympathetically designed.
G5. The Lamb Garden (T) High quality planting with many flowers and ornamentals.	SHDC	0.03 hectares	Area is prone to anti-social behaviour problems. Additional seating is required.	
G6. Bellchambers Garden, Totnes Castle/North St (T)	SHDC	0.01 hectares	Maintenance is down to a single private volunteer.	

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Well maintained area thanks to a volunteer.				
Parks and Gardens G7. Follaton House Formal Gardens at rear (T)	SHDC	0.76 hectares	This feels like a private garden and is inaccessible to the wider public.	- Not welcoming – signage? Feels private. - Poor maintenance of benches and features. - Poor grounds maintenance.
G8. Museum Garden (T) Contemplative walled garden planted with medicinal herbs.	TTC, maintained by Totnes Gardens.			
G9. Castle Grounds (T) Lower moats areas with mature trees.	English Heritage			Admission only permitted through payment to enter the site which is not an all year round facility.
H. Play/Activity Facilities				
Purpose: Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.				
H1. Meadow Park, Parkers Way (B) Age range: 3-12 Local neighbourhood play area	SHDC	None.	The new play area opened in 2017 and no substantial quality issues expected for foreseeable future. The site is wet and mitigation may be required to allow year round use.	Access into the site could be improved (e.g. for the less able) from the adjacent path. The site itself is uneven and with numerous mounds and equipment atop of mounds. There is some inclusive play potential with a nest swing and ground level of the tower structure (although the surface around the tower is pea gravel).
H2. Westonfields Park (B) Age range: 3-12 Local neighbourhood play area	SHDC	None	None. New play equipment was opened early 2023 with addition of a multi goal (for football and basketball)	Site contains a spinner bowl and springer (usable to varying degree by children with range of disabilities)

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
Play/Activity Facilities H3. Galleon, Steamer Quay (B) Age range: 4-12. Includes much appreciated local landmark galleon structure of high value to children across town.	SHDC	The existing galleon is bespoke. Maximise opportunities and learning experience through play on the Galleon	Refurbishment of the galleon in Spring 2025.	Level access into the middle of the galleon from the rubberised surface.
H4. Collapark (T) Age range: 3-12 Local neighbourhood play area	SHDC	None.	None. New play equipment was opened late 2022.	Site contains a spinner bowl and springer (usable to varying degree by children with range of disabilities). Access to the site is poor for wheelchairs and those with physical disability, with just one access route up a narrow and steep path with a gate at the top. There is no option for alternative access.
H5. Follaton (T)				Site okay – some improvements made by residents association.
H6. Borough Park Play (T) Age range: 3-12 Co-located adjacent to numerous OSSR facilities so is of greater importance than other similar small areas.	SHDC	Play area is generally used by younger age children with limited equipment for older children. Although there is limited space to expand, additional equipment would encourage greater use.	Underwhelming – should be more exciting/innovative for this strategic location. Some items look shabby – a refresh of a small number of play items would enhance the area. + Wood chip surface replaced winter 2024.	There is good access to the site. Within the site there is a spinner bowl and nest swing (usable to varying degree by children with range of disabilities)

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
			There is a need to replace part of a balancing piece of equipment	
Play/Activity Facilities H7. Baltic Wharf (T) High quality naturalistic play area on open hillside.	Housing Developer/Mgt Company	Sufficient play facilities required as part of the Phase 2 build to accommodate a further 194 dwellings. Suggest more traditional play equipment is installed, to be located within the Phase 2 area.	10-year lifespan on wooden play equipment installed as part of Phase 1 – there could be rot in the wood in the future.	Existing hillside area too steep, with gravel paths and uneven ground. Additional facility to be provided within the Phase 2 site with good access for all.
H8. Leechwell Gardens (B) Semi-naturalistic equipment integrated into high quality small community garden setting, with co-located community run sand pit.	SHDC	None	The equipment installed in 2016 is made from larch (not robinia as became the standard soon after). There is some surface rot (not within the heart wood) and some ongoing maintenance is likely to ensure the structure remains safe.	The play equipment installed provides some inclusive play, with a spinner bowl, willow arches, wobbly bridge (usable to varying degree by children with range of disabilities)
H9. Vire Island Play Area (T) Wooden balance structure	SHDC	None	10-year lifespan on wooden play equipment installed in 2019.	The play equipment installed provides little/no accessible play opportunity.
H10. Skate Park, Borough Park (T)	SHDC	None. The new modern concrete skate park was opened in Sep 2025, with rails and kerbs installed on previous skate site. These obstacles may be suitable for Parkour use.	None.	The new facility is fully accessible.
H11. Multi Use Games Area, Borough Park (T)	SHDC		New nets and power wash required as part of ongoing maintenance.	Site good but path improvements required.

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
			Surface is prone to puddling of water.	
Play/Activity Facilities H12. Heath Garden (T) Wooden balance beam/bench	SHDC	Additional play equipment to balance bench, provide additional benches for seating.	Puddling on the surface from rain makes the surface unusable.	
H13. Follaton Oak Trim Trail (T)	Follaton Oak Management Company			
H14. Weston Lane/Chicken Run Static Exercise Equipment	SHDC			
Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes: Elm Park/Rush Way (top of the Chicken Run in Berry Pomeroy Parish): play area for younger and older children at separate ends of the park (installed 2010-12). An upgrade of the toddler play area will be undertaken in 2024/25 using both SHDC capital and s106 funds. Nellie's Wood in Dartington.				
I. Outdoor Sports Facilities				
Purpose: Formal facilities for participation in outdoor sports, such as pitch sports, tennis and bowls.				
I1. Borough Park: 2 x grass rugby pitches (T) + 200 members: juniors from under 7s to seniors, men's and women's teams.	SHDC (existing ground lease for club house)	2.86 hectares Rugby clubhouse also provides post-match facilities to the Hockey Club and the men's and women's skittles league.	Playing Pitch Strategy identifies extension to clubhouse for changing, improved pitch maintenance and drainage, and provision of portable lights for training. Club has also identified levelling of second pitch, new goal posts and path maintenance as potential projects.	Ongoing discussions with SHDC for a lease on the pitches. Hope to offer walking rugby in 2024.
I2. Borough Park: 4 x tennis courts (T) 160 adults and 140 junior members as well as a public pay to play facility.	SHDC (existing lease with club)	Insufficient club house space – rely on the bowls club.	Insufficient club house space – only 1 toilet, no separate male and female changing areas, no storage. Planning permission received for an	The path to the tennis court used by wheelchair tennis players is unsafe and needs to be re-laid/levelled – someone has tipped out of a chair.

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
			extension to address these needs. + Has resurfaced its courts and upgraded floodlights in the last 4 years.	+ The club provides wheelchair tennis facilities and has links with Bidwell Brook and Lifeworks to provide accessible tennis.
Outdoor Sports Facilities I3. Borough Park: bowling green (T) Looking to increase membership and encourage younger players into the game – currently around 70 members.	SHDC (existing lease with club)	Help tennis club in providing space for meetings.	Conservatory roof needs upgrading.	
I4. KEVICC Elmhirst Site (T): 1 x adult rugby pitch, 1 x NTW (non turf wicket) (redundant) The 'Governors' Field' grass pitches are used by Totnes and Dartington Football Club for junior football training and matches, and senior training.	Education South West	Although legally not publicly accessible, potential loss of this site would result in inadequate playing field provision in the town.	Drainage problems. The use of the 'Governors' Field' for junior training and matches is limited in winter for this reason.	This is the school playing field, there is no public access for use.
I5. KEVICC Elmhirst Site (T): All Weather Pitch (hockey first surface) All weather pitch, Hockey: over 400 players from juniors through to seniors. Ashmoor Hockey Club also uses the pitch. Pitch is used by Totnes and Dartington Football Club	Education South West		No changing facilities on site. Portaloos for players. The rugby clubhouse is used for hockey post-match socials. This is not acceptable for a hockey team in a national league using the pitch.	There is community use of the All Weather Pitch.

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
for training only (surface not suitable for matches).				
Outdoor Sports Facilities 16. KEVICC Redworth Site (T): 1 x adult football/rugby pitch, 1 x junior football, 1 x NTW	Education South West		Poor drainage recorded at both pitches and both pitches rated poor. No community use recorded on either pitch since 2018 1 x NTW – condition not known; think usable. Playing Pitch Strategy identifies the improvement of the grass pitches for football and rugby and the need to maintain the non-turf cricket wicket.	
17. KEVICC Kennicott Site (T): 1 x junior football pitch used by Totnes and Dartington Football Club (T&DFC)	Education South West		Not currently in use. There have been historic issues with rabbit damage to the playing pitch surface. However, TDFC believe this has improved, so a cut back around the area and regular grass maintenance will bring the pitch back into use for the 2027 season	
18. Vire Island Boule/Petanque Pit (T)	SHDC	None.	May require periodic resurfacing and edging.	Ramp access onto Vire Island and flat access from a tarmac path over grass to the edge of the boule pit.
19. Landing Stage for Canoe Club (T)	Dartington Estate	Landing stage used by Totnes Canoe Club as well as paddle boarders and swimmers.	Erosion around the landing stage. Temporary repairs in 2023 have reduced the width	

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
			by half. A replacement landing stage is required.	
<p>Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes: Dartington - Football pitch (grass) and club with boys under 5 to 10s, girls 5-11, age group U11-U18, mens team; cricket pitch and club with Juniors 5-8, 8-11 and 11+ and 2 x adult teams. Total membership of the football and cricket clubs (players and non-players) 600 plus (including over 60 volunteers) and clubhouse shared by both the clubs. The FA have identified Totnes as a high priority for a new 3G/4G AWP and as such some Grant funding could be available. Padel court on the Dartington Estate.</p>				
J. Indoor Sports Facilities				
Purpose: Formal facilities for participation in indoor sports, health and wellbeing such as swimming, cardio and weights gym, sports hall and exercise class studios.				
<p>J1. Pavilion Leisure Centre (T)</p> <p>1 x 25m swimming pool, 1 x full sized sports hall (4 badminton courts), gym (over two levels), health suite, 1 x exercise studio, changing facilities, 1 x sauna, meeting room.</p> <p>+900 members, 350 junior swim school and 35 clubs using the facility.</p> <p>+15 classes offered every week – strength, conditioning, flexibility.</p>	SHDC/TADPool		<p>Internal refurbishment planned which will:</p> <p>Relocate health suite and extend ground floor and upper floor gym.</p> <p>New sauna/steam facilities accessed poolside.</p> <p>Dedicated 1st floor studio.</p> <p>Provide community/training room.</p> <p>Refurbish existing changing rooms and toilets throughout.</p> <p>Improvements to exercise studio including removal of external stairs.</p> <p>Reception and office changes.</p> <p>Focus also needs to be paid to the external fabric of the building and its repair. There are no plans for external refurbishment to address roof/gutter problems.</p>	<p>The swimming pool has a hoist. There is a lift in the main sports hall.</p>
J2. Rowing Club (B)	SHDC		Condition of facilities – essential repairs required to	

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
<p>36 boats and storage (internal and outdoor); dedicated training room with 20 Concept 2 ergo machines, one on slides, 8 static bikes, and a dynamic cross trainer; a separate weights area; and lighter free weights and exercise bands/balls for use in circuits, pilates, etc, in the main club room. + 200 members (60 juniors and 140 seniors)</p>			<p>riverside cladding, fuse board, sliding doors to front and side balcony; desirable works to paint clubhouse externally, PIR sensors, club room flooring, and replacement of single glazed windows. Upgrade of some boats due to age also required.</p>	
<p>Information on facilities in neighbouring parishes: Dartington Estate has: a gym; squash, racketball and padel courts; and digital golf.</p>				
<p>K. River</p>				
<p>Purpose: River Dart, flowing through Totnes providing amenity and sporting facility for the town and encouraging Wildlife and Tourism/Employment.</p>				
<p>K1. River Dart</p>	<p>Various - Dart Harbour Authority Duchy of Cornwall Environment Agency Landowners</p>		<p>Water quality - pollution in the river is a concern, particularly above the weir. Support Friends of the Dart efforts with South West Water to clean up the river and in its application for bathing water status and other water-related leisure activities.</p> <p>Lack of provision on Steamer Quay for visiting boats and overnight motor home use of Longmarsh car park - no fresh water, shower or toilet-emptying facilities</p>	<p>The condition of the riverside path behind the industrial estate and soil erosion on this section has raised concern about its longer-term use.</p> <p>Ensure access to the riverside is maintained on Steamer Quay and along the town side riverside path, and enhanced as part of the Baltic Wharf Phase 2 development.</p> <p>Ensure access paths are provided along the river where development occurs and engage with farmers to</p>

Type of open space and policy standard	Owners	Quantity shortfalls/deficiencies	Quality shortfalls	Access shortfalls
			<p>Inadequate provision of buoyancy aids.</p> <p>Invasive Species - concerns about the potential spread of Himalayan Balsam from up river in Dartington.</p> <p>Hemlock – rapid spread of toxic plant species and control of the spread.</p>	provide paths via farm payments.
<p>River K2. The Leat (T) Provides important biodiversity value and semi wild dark space</p>	Various		<p>Suffers from litter near the Morrisons stretch.</p> <p>Development adjacent to Leat can result in pollution (light, fly tipping, toxic materials).</p>	Footpath and cycleway on some sections.

5. Identify existing organised activities/teams

Local sports clubs have been engaged in this work through the Borough Park Users Group and outside of the meeting. These include: Bowls Club, Hockey Club, Rugby Club, Totnes Community Tennis Club, Skatepark Group, as well as TADPOOL and Fusion based in The Pavilions. Other organisations consulted include Totnes Rowing Club and Totnes Ramblers through the Totnes and District Traffic and Transport Forum. Other organised activities in the town include (but not all): Walking for Health; Sharpham Park Run; U3A (Pétanque); canoe club; skittles league.

6. What improved and/or new facilities are needed to meet existing quantity/quality/accessibility shortfalls, and anticipated future demand from additional housing development

The table in section 4 includes details of the requirements for individual geographical areas, facilities and sporting groups to improve/enhance their facilities.

Shortfall/ Issue	Site/location/facility name	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Site/facility owner, project lead and partners	Perceived obstacles	Target for completion
Civic Square surface and appearance (ref D1)	Civic Square	Design improvements which address: uneven surface and drainage; seating; planters; bins for recycling waste; appropriate commercial waste storage. CCTV required – anti-social behaviour issues.	Design improvements to the square are an agreed priority for the town, as the area adds to the vibrancy of the town and its economy. Sustained public complaints about the uneven surface and general appearance of the square for over 5 years.	SHDC	Sufficient funding for a long-term solution guided by a holistic design vision.	URGENT SHDC have plans to repair the road section in autumn/winter 2025.
Vision for Borough Park (ref G1)	Borough Park	Bringing municipal park elements into Borough Park through an integrated design and planting enhancement.	Borough Park is predominantly used for sporting activities which limits public use when in progress. This has been a request through the community conversation and public interactions with Cllrs.	SHDC	Leadership to make sure that the Borough Park Users Group is regularly convened.	
Multi Use Games Area (ref H11)	Borough Park	Resurface to provide level space	Puddling on the existing surface which prevents use by younger children.	SHDC	Levelling and resurfacing of the MUGA surface.	
Path condition (ref G1)	Borough Park	Levelling and resurfacing of paths to improve accessibility and prevent flooding	Drainage issues and surface water puddling hampers use/safe usage, particularly for those with accessibility needs.	SHDC	Tree roots – maybe paths need relocating within an integrated design.	
Static gym stations (ref I)	Borough Park/Vire Island	Measured trim trail utilising existing park and recreational area for fitness and wellbeing.	Members of the public have requested.	SHDC		
Play facilities (ref H6)	Borough Park	Renewal/replacement of equipment to improve offer.		SHDC		
Rugby Club facilities (ref I1)	Borough Park	Extension to clubhouse for changing, improved pitch maintenance and drainage, provision of portable lights for training	Representations made at the Borough Park Users Group meeting by the club rep.	SHDC/Rugby Club		

Shortfall/ Issue	Site/location/facility name	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Site/facility owner, project lead and partners	Perceived obstacles	Target for completion
Tennis Club facilities (ref I2)	Borough Park	Need for clubhouse and suitable changing facilities.	Representations made at the Borough Park Users Group meeting by the club rep.	SHDC/Tennis Club	Drainage/SUDs on the site is posing an issue.	
Bowls Club facilities (ref I3)	Borough Park	Conservatory roof needs replacing	Representations made at the Borough Park Users Group meeting by the club rep.	SHDC/Bowls Club		
Lack of Football Pitches (ref I)		Informal football pitch with goal posts.	There is no public football pitch provision in Totnes. An informal facility is required.		Lack of suitable space accessible to the town.	
KEVICC Elmhirst Site all weather pitch facilities (ref I5)	KEVICC	Clubhouse/changing facilities required. Future resurfacing will be required.	Much used facility by hockey and football club. Very limited on-site facilities for club use. Representations made at the Borough Park Users Group meeting by the club rep.	KEVICC/Dartington Hall Trust	Site ownership	
Pavilions Leisure Centre (ref J1)	The Pavilions	Internal refurbishment required.	Public representations to Town and District Council by the community.	SHDC/Fusion	Funding	
River landing Stage (ref I8)	River near Swallowfields	Platform is rotting and replacement needed.	Widely used by all ages in the local community for swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, etc.	Dartington Trust	Geographical location – Totnes or Dartington - and ownership.	
Path condition (ref E18)	Riverside Path, rear of Industrial Estate	To find a long-term solution to mitigate the effects of soil erosion/tidal river impact on this section of the path.	Previous site visit by town council, Totnes Ramblers and DCC Public Rights of Way officer.			
Outdoor Table Tennis (ref H)	Central town location	Permanent outdoor table tennis (e.g. the concrete style)	Identification of project has come from local residents	Community to lead, SHDC would own	Funding	

Shortfall/ Issue	Site/location/facility name	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Site/facility owner, project lead and partners	Perceived obstacles	Target for completion
Lack of facilities for visiting boats and motorhomes (ref K1)	River/Steamer Quay	Provision of water, shower and toilet emptying facilities near Longmarsh Car Park or on Steamer Quay.	Public complaints about motorhome users emptying toilets into the hedges at Longmarsh or into the river.	SHDC	Funding	
Older children play facility (ref H)		Facility provision for 10-16 year olds	Facilities for this age group is under provisioned.			
Natural Spaces (ref F)		Seek opportunities for additional land purchase Deficiency of natural space/town parkland within the town.			Deficiency of natural space/town parkland within the town.	
Use of Castle Meadow (ref F5)	Castle Meadow	Investigation of better use of the Castle Meadow space.	Maximising accessible green spaces in the town.	Totnes Town Council	Access, scheduled ancient monument status of part of the site	
Insufficient allotments to meet demand (ref A)		Seek opportunities for additional land purchase for allotments.	Size of the Totnes Allotment Association waiting list for plots.			
Effective use of ground which is unsuitable for food cultivation (ref A4)	Smithfields Garden Plots	Community Gardens (non-growing space unless in raised beds, may include wildlife and tree planting)	Public complaints about tidiness of the site, weeds, unauthorised extension of residential gardens into the area.	SHDC	Clearance of ground; Appropriate reinstatement of boundary fencing; Community support for scheme.	
Safer pedestrian	New footpath between Harpers	Existing permissive Field entry at Colwell Community Orchard	Rolling countryside and avoids busy Plymouth Road	Within Totnes		

Shortfall/ Issue	Site/location/facility name	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Site/facility owner, project lead and partners	Perceived obstacles	Target for completion
and cycle links within Totnes (ref E and E23)	Hill and Follaton Arboretum	SX7972 6021, cross Broomborough Drive and then fields to SX7893 6041				
Safer pedestrian and cycle links within Totnes (ref E and E23)	A385 between Gerston Cross and Ashprington turn	Reduce speed limit from 60mph to 40 mph to reduce risk to those coming from Jackman's Lane or Harpers Hill via Green Lane to Bowden Pillars and on to Fishchowter's lane	Improves safety at the Gerston Cross road crossing	Within Totnes		
Safer pedestrian and cycle links within Totnes (ref E7)	Harpers Hill - Totnes bridleway 7	Improve surface to enable access for less able walkers and cyclists from SX7981 6021 to SX7922 5967	Provides a safer route to Harberton for cyclists	Within Totnes. Work with P3 rep		
Safer pedestrian and cycle links within Totnes (ref E and E23)	New footpath between Smithfield and Lower Copland Lane	Improve the existing path under the railway line and on to Mill stream. A new bridge is required over the stream. The current path to Copeland Lane has a good surface	Improves access to green space and provides a new route from Follaton towards the station	Totnes and Dartington		
Safer pedestrian and cycle links between Totnes and neighbouring parishes (ref E2 and E18)	Improvements to the round trip route to Ashprington via NCR and footpath 2/8	A – NCR. Replace poor surface near Ashprington and convert gates to cattle grids to avoid the need for cyclists to dismount B – Ashprington footpath 8, replace stiles with gaps or gates C – Convert the permissive path to a PROW between	Makes it easier to cycle and walk to Ashprington and back by separate footpaths and cycle routes	Totnes and Ashprington. Work with Ramblers on item C. FP2/8 is part of JMH and Dart Valley Trails		

Shortfall/ Issue	Site/location/facility name	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Site/facility owner, project lead and partners	Perceived obstacles	Target for completion
		Footpath 8 and the drive to Sharpham house (SX8196 5813 to SX8214 5757 via SX8248 5788) PROW between Footpath 8 and the drive to Sharpham house (SX8196 5813 to SX8214 5757 via SX8248 5788)				
Safer pedestrian and cycle links between Totnes and neighbouring parishes (ref E and E23)	Create a new bridleway to Littlehempston using the SDR bridge	Secure access to the SDR bridge. Create a new path from SX8033 6114 to the bend in the private road at SX8026 6151 and then along the private road towards Gratton's Farm at SX8086 6238	There is currently no direct, off road route from Totnes to Littlehempston and on to Newton Abbott	Totnes and Littlehempston. Work with Totnes Ramblers.		
Safer pedestrian and cycle links between Totnes and neighbouring parishes (ref E and E23)	Improve the surface of the path from Bourton to Littlehempston	Improve the surface of UUCR305 from SX8109 6099 towards Coombe Park, taking the left fork at SX8109 6099 and on to A381	Provides a cycle route from Totnes to Littlehempston	Totnes, Berry Pomeroy and Littlehempston. Part of JMH Trail		
Safer pedestrian and cycle links between	Create a new bridleway through the Dartington Estate	The proposed route, based on historic evidence is from the gates at SX7989 6147, along Park Road and Warren Avenue then a track to SX7939 6345, a	This route is regularly used, but is not a PROW. Potential new cycle route to Buckfastleigh	Totnes, Dartington and Totnes Ramblers		

Shortfall/ Issue	Site/location/facility name	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Site/facility owner, project lead and partners	Perceived obstacles	Target for completion
Totnes and neighbouring parishes (ref E and E23)		path to SX7910 6361 and a track to the road at SX7848 6356				
Safer pedestrian and cycle links between Totnes and neighbouring parishes (ref E and E23)	Create a new footpath along the river Dart within the Dartington Estate	The river path currently exists between SX7999 6191 and SX7941 6344. These 2 points link with the above project 8	This scenic route is regularly used, but is not a PROW	Totnes, Dartington and Totnes Ramblers		
Safer pedestrian and cycle links between Totnes and neighbouring parishes (ref E and E23)	Improve the current track from Bridgetown to Aish	Improve the surface of UUCR307, perhaps by creating a new zig zag path down from Bridgetown to Fleet Mill and then up to Aish	Provides a cycle route from Totnes to Stoke Gabriel and on to Torbay	Totnes, Berry Pomeroy and SG Cycle group		

7. Projects priority list

Projects have not been prioritised. This is due to an acknowledgment of the complexity around the request/allocation of S106 from developments and the proximity of the project that may attract contributions.

8. Method/frequency of review of Parish OSSR Plan

There will be a standing item on the Town Matter Agenda for any updates to the plan or its projects, with a full review on an annual basis.

Annex A –South Hams District Council Website: OSSR – Section 106 contributions by Parish

For up to date information on the status of Section 106 contributions by Parish see <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/communities/community-grants-and-funding/section-106-funding-open-space-sport-and-recreation>

Annex B Glossary and Definition of Terms use in this Policy

General terms

Green infrastructure – refers to the full range of open spaces and the linkages between them. These spaces provide many multiple benefits for residents and visitors plus additional environmental benefits – in particular for biodiversity, landscape and flood alleviation.

Sport and Recreation – applies to a wide range of physical activities both indoor and outdoor and the facilities where they are carried out including Open Space.

Wellbeing – refers to a good or satisfactory state of existence characterised by health and happiness. It is included in this policy to draw attention to the importance of appropriate and sufficient areas for amenities, recreation and sport for all ages to the development of state of wellbeing within individuals and communities.

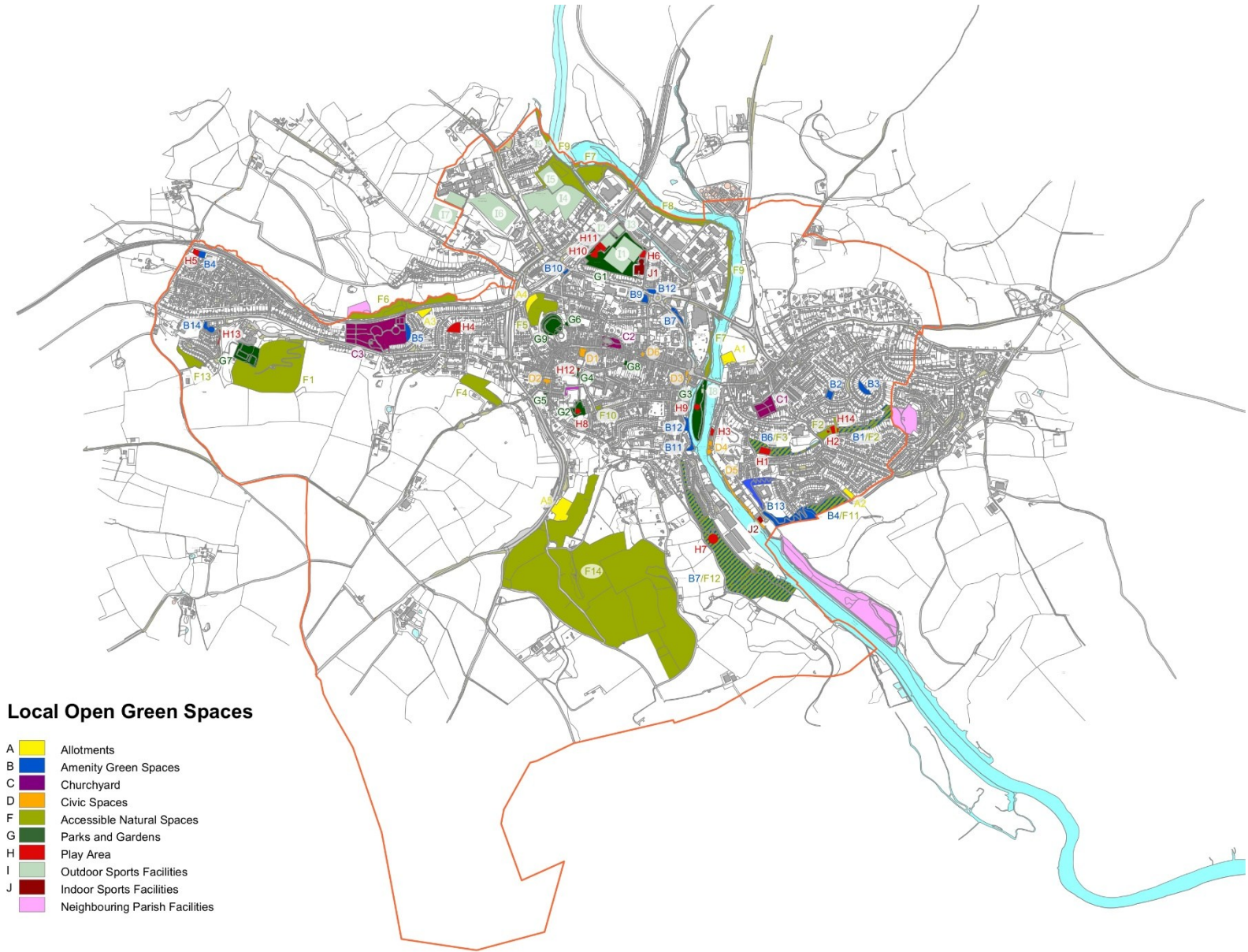
Healthy High Street – is a key indicator in health terms and includes green spaces.

Category Type	Purpose
Allotments	<p>These provide opportunities for those people who wish to grow their own produce. The provision of allotments has increased in Totnes over the last 10 years. At a time of increased interest in sustainability, healthy eating, food security and locally produced food, increasing the number of allotments is an important issue. Allotments fall into three separate categories: Statutory / Temporary / Private. The categories reflect varying degrees of protection from development for other purposes.</p> <p>Statutory allotments fall under Section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925, being best protected in that a local authority must seek permission from the Secretary of State before selling or changing the use of such sites.</p> <p>Temporary and private sites have protection against change of use provided by the normal planning procedures.</p>

Amenity Greenspace	Open grassland which provides opportunities for informal activities close to home or work and enhancement of residential or other areas. Amenity Greenspace rarely has formal equipment, facilities or even seating. It is within the newer housing estates such as Bridgetown. These areas often provide open space within residential areas but frequently lack a clear use and are often used for informal recreation activities.
Cemeteries and Churchyards	Burial, remembrance and quiet contemplation. Churchyards are primarily the responsibility of the individual churches or the diocese, and the cemetery is managed by the Town Council. St Mary's Churchyard is maintained by Totnes Town Council.
Civic Spaces	Providing a setting for civic buildings, public activities and community events. Civic spaces are important and the character and quality of them say a great deal about the town itself.
Greenways	Walking, cycling or horse riding routes, whether for leisure purposes or commuting. Taken to include Public Rights of Way and permissive paths. Can also provide corridors for wildlife migration. Adopted pathways within towns and settlements and Public Rights of Way are the responsibility of the Highways Authority (Devon County Council) although landowners are required to keep them free of obstructions.
Natural Spaces	Areas for wildlife, quiet enjoyment and environmental awareness, including woodland, meadows, heath, moorland and coastal areas
Parks and Gardens	Accessible, formal, sites designed for recreation and community events.
Play/Activity Space	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters. The opportunity for free exploratory play is fundamental to a child's ability to develop their physical and social skills. The opportunity for children over the last thirty to forty years to enjoy free unhindered open play has been curtailed and play has tended to be seen as a formalised activity within "play areas".
Outdoor Sports Facilities	Formal facilities for participation in outdoor sports, such as pitch sports, tennis and bowls.
Indoor Sport Facilities	Formal and semi formal facilities for the provision of sport and recreation facilities indoors eg Leisure Centre, School facilities in dual use provision and hall/rooms etc. adapted for use.

River/amenity usage	River Dart, flowing through Totnes providing an amenity, community and sporting facility for the town. It encourages wildlife into the town, and it aids the tourism/employment and casual social/amenity usage on its banks with access from the footpaths and cycle paths.
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ANNEX C – MAP SHOWING LOCATIONS OF IDENTIFIED OSSRW PROVISION



Proposed In Town Footpaths TBC

Local Footpaths

- E1 In Town Footpaths
- - - E2 Footpath Moat Hill to Sharpham
- - - E3 Footpath Totnes Down Hill to Eagle Wood
- - - E4 Footpath A385 to Bridgetown
- - - E5 Footpath Dartington Lane to Coronation Road
- - - E6 Bridleway Fishchowter's Lane
- - - E7 Bridleway Harper's Hill to Tristford Cross
- - - E8 Footpath Bridgetown to Longmarsh (inc. footpath 8)
- - - E9 Footpath Steamer Quay to River Dart
- E10 Footpath The Plains to Mill Tail
- E11 Footpath The Plains to Mill Tail
- E12 Footpath New Walk
- E13 Footpath New Walk to Mill Tail
- E14 Footpath Warland to New Walk
- - - E15 Footpath Chapel Lane to Bridgetown
- E16 Footpath The Plains to Mill Tail
- - - E17 Footpath Totnes Weir to Totnes Bridge
- E18 Footpath Marsh Quay along Mill Tail
- - - E20 Byway Totnes Down Hill to Bowden Lodge
- - - E21 Bridleway Bowden Bungalow to A381
- - - E22 Byway Jackman's Lane to Follaton Cross
- - - E23 National Cycle route 28 Dartington to Ashprington

