

Torbay Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies 2014 consultation:

In 2013 it was identified that the then current Torbay Plan for Sport and Torbay Playing Pitch Strategies were coming to their natural end and needed refreshing in order for Torbay to focus its plans for Sports Development in Torbay in the future and take ownership. Therefore a tender process to commission the development of new strategies was planned in partnership with Sport England using their 10 step methodology and approved providers. Sport England granted Torbay Council £10,000 to contribute to the costs of the process. Neil Allen Associates were successful in winning the tender and therefore commissioned to develop Torbay's Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies.

Meetings began in late 2013 between Neil Allen Associates and various Torbay Council Officers and Sport England.

Two key stakeholder groups were formed to help develop the strategies, including Council Officers, National Governing Bodies, Sport England, Education, Public Health and other key partners such as Torbay Sports Council and Active Devon.

In September 2013 all sports clubs in Torbay were sent questionnaires relating to the strategies and invited to a club evening at Torquay United. The questionnaires were also put onto the Torbay Council website in order for everyone to have the opportunity to be consulted. Local press were also included and printed various articles encouraging people to take part in the consultation during September and November 2013.

During the following months Neil Allen Associates visited and interviewed most local sports facilities and providers including neighbouring authorities, South Devon College, all secondary schools and various primary schools etc.

Sport England's set 10 step methodology was followed and key documents such as Torbay's Local Neighbourhood Plans, Sport England's Active People, Sport England's Active Places database and Sport England's Facility Planning module were also incorporated.

Date	Action	Who?	Deadline
08/08/13	Sport Facility Strategy(SFS) partners intro meeting	Officers, Clubs and National Governing Bodies	
16/09/13	SFS questionnaire sent to all clubs & invited to consultation event	All Sports Clubs	End of Sept 2013
09/13	Questionnaire put on Torbay Council website for consultation.	All	05/14
10/13	SFS context and background document produced	SFS key stakeholder group	
08/10/13	Meeting for all sports clubs and Councillors	All sports clubs and Councillors	09/05/14
08/10/13	Club consultation event regarding strategies	All sports clubs	09/05/14
04/11/13	SFS key stakeholder group meeting	Councillors, Public Health, Officers, NGBs, Tourism Company, Planning and TDA	04/11/13
26/11/13	PPS 2 nd working group meeting	Councillors, Public Health, Officers, NGBs, Tourism Company, Planning and TDA	26/11/13

Date	Action	Who?	Deadline
12/13	SFS report on supply & demand information and views	Councillors, Public Health, Officers, NGBs, Tourism Company, Planning and TDA	12/13
16/12/13	SFS review meeting	Torbay Council Officers, Cllr Excel & Sport England	16/12/13
21/01/14	PPS 3 rd working group meeting	Councillors, Public Health, Officers, NGBs, Tourism Company, Planning and TDA	
02/14	SFS 2 nd working group meeting	Councillors, Public Health, Officers, NGBs, Tourism Company, Planning and TDA	
02/14	SFS draft needs assessment produced	Key stake holders	
03/14	PPS pre consultation draft document produced	Key stake holders	
04/04/14	SFS and PPS sent to consultation team to be put on line	Consultation team	09/05/14
09/04/14	All clubs sent draft SFS	All sports clubs	02/05/14
01/05/14	Final draft (amended following public consultation) SFS and PPSs sent to Parkwood Leisure's new centre manager	Parkwood Leisure	
19/08/14	Final draft strategies (amended following public consultation) sent to Cllr Pountney, Cllr Cowell and Torbay Sports Council	Cllr Pountney, Cllr Cowell and Torbay Sports Council	
26/08/14	Conservative group meeting	Conservative Group Councillors	
19/09/14	Policy Development Group		
04/11/14	Final drafts of PPS and SFS sent to all sports clubs, NGBs and partners for final sign off	All partners	14/11/14
18/11/14	IEG Group		

* SFS = Torbay Sports Facilities Strategy

* PPS = Torbay Playing Pitch Strategy

The Playing Pitch consultation was distributed to the 65 local sports clubs who use Torbay facilities plus organisations such as Torbay Sports Council, Neighbourhood forums, Governing bodies of Sport etc.

The Sport Facilities consultation was distributed to over 129 local sports clubs and organisations, 37 replies were received.

As well as the Sports Club evening in October 2013, Torbay Sports Council also held an extra meeting for member clubs with Neil Allan Associates.

The consultation documents were also Torbay Council website deadline of May 2014

The attached table shows which groups replied to the original consultation:

Strategy	Replies received:	Strategy	Replies received:
Playing Pitch Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Devon College 	Sports Facilities Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Devon College
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brixham Villa Ladies FC 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Hockey Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Athletics Club
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paignton Community & Sports Academy 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riviera International Conference Centre
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Sports Council 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grenville House
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England Hockey 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paignton Community & Sports Academy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devon Football Association 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Council 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Table Tennis Association
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brixham Community College 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Devon Cycling Club
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Council planning 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paignton Neighbourhood Plan
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barton Cricket Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torquay Cricket Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Athletic & Tri Club
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Sports Council 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paignton Neighbourhood Forum 		

The final draft was sent to National Governing Bodies of Sport, local sports clubs and partners on 4th November, once all of the feedback was received and added to the strategies, for final approval. The following organisations responded:

- Torbay Olympic Gymnastics Club
- English Cricket Board
- Football Association
- Rugby Football Union
- Sport England
- Paignton Rugby Club
- Paignton Community & Sports College
- Torbay Sports Council
- Natural Environment Team – Torbay Council

What next?

The final draft strategies will be presented to Full Council on 5th February 2015.

Further work will then be undertaken to develop individual site and pitch action plans, in partnership with the National Governing Bodies of Sport, especially the FA, RFU, ECB and English Hockey Association. It is hoped that authority be delegated to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport and the Executive Head of Residents & Visitor Services to approve the agreed action plans.

Further work will be done to engage with clubs, organisations and agencies across the sports sector and develop funding options for the implementation of the aims and objectives.