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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above document. Sport England supports the development of a framework to collect Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), provided sport and recreation facilities are included within the type of facilities to benefit from such payments and priorities are identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).

With regard to the documents published by Suffolk Coastal District Council, Sport England would like to make the following representations:

- Sport England supports the proposal by SCDC not to charge on CIL on developments outside residential and retail proposals. This means that new community sports facilities (both indoor and outdoor) will be exempt from CIL payments.
- We support the proposed review of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) once the current needs assessments for indoor and outdoor sport have been completed. This will mean that the priority facility provision identified in the IDP will be fully up to date in relation to sport.
- We note that the IDP does not currently contain any priorities for community indoor sport (e.g. for new sports halls and/or swimming pools). However, we would hope that this will change once the evidence base for indoor sports facilities has been updated through the current studies.
- Sport England is disappointed to see that the provision of sports facilities/playing fields has only been identified as 'desirable' infrastructure within the IDP. We consider that ranking infrastructure provision in this way severely compromises the opportunity to deliver sports facilities through CIL, as priority will be given to infrastructure identified as 'critical' or 'essential'. It is considered that all infrastructure needs identified within the IDP should be seen as either critical or essential as planning policy requires them to be delivered to support new housing developments.

I hope these comments are helpful in the development of the CIL guidance for SCDC, and we would welcome further consultation in due course.

Kind Regards,

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