

Other Stakeholders

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Name of Organisation	Sport England	Therfield Regulation Trust and Conservators of Therfield Heath
How does your funding request process work?	Contributions are sought by NHDC in accordance with NHDC's Planning Obligations SPD for the majority of planning applications. Sport England is only consulted on applications for large residential developments (usually 300+ dwellings) and provides advice on the demand generated by residential development and the priorities for meeting sports facility needs. NHDC has been using Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator and Sports Facility Calculator in recent years to calculate contributions as this is more robust than FIT standards for sports facilities.	As part of the Therfield Heath Mitigation Strategy, we are (or should be) contacted by NHDC planning to comment and request S106 funding for any development within 5.8 km of Therfield Heath.
Name of Organisation	Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator and Sports Facility Calculator https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport/our-planning-role-guidance-and-tools identifies the demand generated by residential developments (based on estimated population) and the current capital cost of meeting the demand which is then used as a starting point for identifying financial contributions	We use the precedent of Ivy Farm 2 of £1000 per house for revenue costs to mitigate the impact of the extra population (plus a contribution to capital costs) in 2019 for developments within 1.9 km and inflate it by RPI. For developments between 1.9 km and 5.8km we reduce this by the ratio of visitors from the outer zone to those of the inner zone. This means that the outer zone pays a lesser sum of 4/7 that of the inner zone.
What is the internal process for allocating contributions?	This is decided by NHDC but Sport England advises that the Council's latest Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) and Built Facility Strategy (BFS) is used for informing priority projects. In the interim of NHDC updating the previous PPS and BFS, Sport England provided advice on local priorities based on sports governing body feedback but this was only a temporary solution until the new strategies were completed.	At the monthly Conservator meetings we consider if a piece of expenditure falls within the scope of the S106 funding and therefore can be reclaimed. If thought needed, we will engage with Compliance Monitoring at NHC.
How much community engagement is carried out before making a request?	The PPS and BFS have built in engagement with sports clubs, schools, parish councils etc to identify needs and priorities so further consultation is not undertaken when contributions are considered other than occasional engagement with sports governing bodies through Sport England if required.	As part of the development of the Therfield Heath Mitigation Strategy surveys and consultation was undertaken by Footprint Ecology (2019). This included 397 face to face interviews to understand why people were accessing the Heath. The Conservators also hold open meetings at least annually and engage with Natural England at regular intervals. Our mitigation aims are well set out, and supported by evidence, within the agreed Strategy.
How are the priorities for allocation identified?	NHDC decides this but Sport England's advice is to use the PPS and BFS to inform this.	The Therfield Heath Mitigation Strategy was developed between NHDC, Natural England and the Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens. This lays out the scope for spending the S106 money.
How is the spend of funding communicated back to North Herts Council?	NHDC to advise.	We make claims of expenditure every 6 months. By agreement this is the actual spend on Conservation Staff (Ranger, Conservation Officer) plus 15% for the costs of equipment etc used by the staff. We can also claim for specific projects such as new signage or leafletting new houses with information about the Heath.
What do you do with the money once you receive it?	N/A	It is used to offset expenses already incurred.
What is your experience with communicating and dealing with North Herts Council?	N/A as not a recipient of funding. Sport England is happy to provide NHDC with further advice on how to secure sports facility provision/contributions in new development to support the review of planning obligations.	Responses from the team paying out the S106 money are good. Interactions with the planning officers are variable.