

Playing Field Tables

2020-21

Table 1 – Planning applications affecting playing fields by outcome

	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Total number of applications	1273	100	1318	100	1281	100	1235	100	1219	100	1274	100	1209	100	1160	100	1038	100
Number of approved applications	1089	86	1112	84	1114	87	1060	86	1054	86	1100	86	1005	84	973	84	839	81
Refused or withdrawn	147	12	160	12	140	11	140	11	133	11	130	11	139	11	120	10	139	13
Applications yet to be decided by LPA	37	2	46	4	27	2	35	3	32	3	44	3	65	5	67	6	60	6

Table 2 – Approved applications by category

	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
E5	257	24%	237	23%	253	23%	246	24%	203	21%	199	24%
E4	114	11%	115	11%	108	10%	76	8%	75	8%	61	7%
E3	430	41%	415	39%	421	38%	349	35%	328	34%	313	37%
E2	186	18%	192	18%	239	22%	258	26%	296	30%	214	25%
E1	11	1%	10	1%	5	1%	10	1%	6	1%	4	1%
Maintained Objection 1	49	4%	68	6%	58	5%	55	5%	44	4%	30	4%
Maintained Objection 2	13	1%	17	2%	16	1%	11	1%	21	2%	18	2%
Total	1060	100	1054	100	1100	100%	1005	100%	973	100%	839	100%

Notes

E5 = New/improved sports facilities with overall benefit to sport

E4 = Replacement playing field provision incorporated as part of proposals

E3 = Development involving playing field land but where usable playing field not materially affected

E2 = Ancillary facilities such as changing rooms and sports lighting that support use of playing field

E1 = Development where a robust assessment of need and playing pitch strategy showed a strong case for releasing the land from playing field use

¹Applications where Sport England maintained an objection and following referral to the National Planning Casework Unit the application was subsequently approved

²Applications where Sport England maintained an objection but referral to the National Planning Casework Unit was not required and the application was subsequently approved