

## neighbourhood plans

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Please note the following points regarding each of the towns proposed Neighbourhood Plans.

### **Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan**

Each of the following points relates to section 11. Sport and Leisure (S&L)

11.1 – this statement should be embedded in all 3 of the plans as it relates to all 3 of the towns. Both the Torbay Playing pitch and Sports Facilities strategy support the need for improved facilities for sport and leisure.

11.2 – this statement is incorrect, no tennis courts have been lost at St Marys Park in Brixham, only the payment for the courts has been removed. I believe they have recently received funding to improve them.

S&L 1.1 – Although I agree that additional better quality greenspace is required, both formal and informal spaces are required but also require maintenance programmes which come at a cost.

S&L 1.2 – Flood lighting continues to improve and therefore doesn't necessarily interfere with 'dark areas'. Each development should be judged on its own merits. Flood lighting can mean the difference between a facility being used until 9 pm or having to close early at 5.30 (making it not financially viable or useful to most adult sports clubs).

No mention of protecting and developing Brokenbury as Leisure/sport land or possible Brixham Rugby Club development.

### **Paignton Neighbourhood Plan**

Very little mention of sport.

No mention of South Devon College and the surrounding land.

Does Brokenbury come under Paignton or Brixham?

Need to protect the tennis courts at Oldway Mansion.

Support development of Queenspark and Paignton Rugby Club as they have out grown current facilities that they have available.

### **Torquay Neighbourhood Plan**

Tennis – Why has only one suitable location been identified? Courts are available in Torquay at a number of sites including , Carey Park, Upton Park, Torre Abbey Green (in front of RIC) and all are equally important to tennis development in the town. All of the courts are used either by clubs, members of the public, schools and visitors to the area.

Water sports – strongly support that they should be part of Torbay's tourism provision as the 'Bay' is our best asset and what makes TorBay special.

Protection of existing sports grounds and leisure facilities – Are netball courts supported at Upton Park?

Planning Policy SL4 – this policy should be embedded in all 3 towns Neighbourhood Plans.

Thank you for taking these points into consideration.

I would appreciate being notified of the Examination Hearing.

Kind regards

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