

OBJECTIVE 4: CULTURE AND LEISURE

To ensure the town's range of leisure and recreation facilities are enhanced and protected with a particular focus on health, wellbeing and meeting the needs of young people.

Policy 8 Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

The following sport and recreation facilities, also identified on the **Policies Maps, Map A, pages 127 - 138**, will be protected in accordance with Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 Policy COM2 Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities:

- C1 Carleton Heights Play Area (the remaining part not already covered by COM2)
- C2 Part of C2 Penrith RUFC not covered under COM2
- C4 Hunter Hall School Playing Field
- C5 Frenchfield Sports Centre including Penrith Football Club
- PE7 Scaws Play Area
- PE10 FriarsBowling Club
- PE11 Beaconside School Playing Field
- PN16 Milton Street Play Area
- PN19 Penrith Golf Course (the early holes not covered in COM2)
- PN21 Fairhill Playing Field
- PN22 St Catherine's School Field
- PN41 Bowscar Play Area
- PW51 Castletown Recreation Area (some already designated under COM2)
- PS54 The Crescent Playing Fields
- PS55 In part – Ullswater CC Playing Fields (the area to the south is already designated in COM2, the field between the cricket ground and Bridge Lane is not)
- PS56 Penrith Cricket Ground
- PS57 Playing Field at southern gateway to town between A66 and Clifford Road
- PS58 Clifford Road Play Area
- PS59 North Lakes School Playing Field
- PS60 Land between Wetheriggs Lane and Astro turf at Leisure Centre
- PS62 QEGS Playing Field (some already designated under COM2)
- PS64 Castle Park
- PP68 Pategill Play Area and recreation ground

The car park of Penrith Leisure Centre to ensure it can be used (the Leisure Centre is already designated under COM2)

Proposals for a new youth facility providing indoor and outdoor space will be supported where they would not lead to significant adverse impacts on the amenity of adjacent users and occupiers.

Background/Justification

- 6.34 Policy 8 identifies and seeks to protect the key sport, leisure and recreation facilities in the town. These include, in the main, the town's key outdoor sport and recreation facilities that support football, cricket, golf and other outdoor sports and Penrith Leisure Centre, the town's main indoor sport and recreation facility.
- 6.35 By protecting, enhancing and supporting improvements to sport and recreation facilities, Policy 8 supports ELP 2014-2032 Policy COM2 Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities
- 6.36 The approach set out in Policy 8 is in line with NPPF, para.97 which states:
"Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:
a. an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
b. the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
c. the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use."
- 6.37 The policy also seeks to support the provision of better leisure and recreation facilities for young people, specifically by creation of a place based youth facility, with indoor and outdoor facilities, such as the Youth Zone in Carlisle.

Relevant District Planning Policies:

Eden Local Plan 2014-2032:

COM2 Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities.

Penrith Town Council Strategic Priorities:

Health and Wellbeing.