

## 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 wellbeing and meeting the needs of young people.

### Policy 9 Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

The following sport and recreation facilities, also identified on the **Policies Map, Map A, page 134**, 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
C2	Part of C2 Penrith RUFC (the rugby pitches are already designated as public open space in the Local Plan although the field between the pitches and the houses on Carleton Road is not)
C4	Hunter Hall School Playing Field
C5	Frenchfield Sports Centre incorporating Penrith Football Club
PE7	Scaws play area
PE10	Friars Bowling Club
PE11	Beaconside School Playing Fields
PN16	Milton Street Play Area
PN19	Penrith Golf Course
PN21	Fairhill playing field
PN22	St. Catherine's School Field
PN41	Bowscar play area
PP68	Pategill play area and recreation ground
PS54	The Crescent playing fields
PS55	In part PS55 Ullswater CC playing fields (the area to the south of the cricket ground is already designated as public open space in the Local Plan although 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
PS62	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Playing Field
PS64	Castle Park
PW51	Castletown recreation area Penrith Leisure Centre

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**

- 6.39 Policy 9 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.
- 6.40 By protecting, enhancing and supporting improvements to sport and recreation facilities, Policy 9 supports ELP 2014-2032 Policy COM2 Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities
- 6.41 The approach set out in Policy 9 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."
- 6.42 The policy also seeks to support the provision of better leisure and recreation facilities for young people, specifically by creation of a placebased 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.