

## ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 128
2.	Policy Name	Ards and North Down Borough Council – Potential decision to proceed with a 3G Pitch at Comber Parkway
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Finance and Performance
5.	Description of policy to be screened	Council has agreed to progress an Outline Business Case for a potential 3G pitch at Comber Parkway. This screening is to consider and inform the potential decision to proceed with a 3G pitch in the Comber area. A Council decision is to be made based on a range of criteria. This screening document will enable qualitative and quantitative data in relation to Section 75 to inform this decision.
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	To progress towards achievement of the Council's Sports Pitch Strategy 2014 – 2020. Recommended Action, Football (2) states 'Redesign of Parkway, Comber with a 3G pitch and one grass pitch'.
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 categories have the potential to benefit from this provision as there is currently no full sized 3G pitch provision in the Comber area.
7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	If the development does not proceed as intended due to financial constraints or no community or Council buy in.
8.	The main stakeholders on whom the policy will impact. For example, Employees, Potential Service Users and Community Groups Consider the internal and external impacts (either actual	The Council, Council employees, residents of the Borough, local sports clubs from Comber and within the Ards peninsula and surrounding area, visiting clubs, Sports NI, Sport England, AECOM, Strategic Leisure, Irish Football Association, English Football Association, Ulster GAA, Ulster Hockey, Local schools and visiting schools for matches and community groups

	or potential) and comment, or list, information where appropriate
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9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	<p><b>Policies:</b>  E 15 Ards and North Down Borough Council - Corporate Plan  E 16 Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan  E 33 Ards and North Down Borough Council Sports Forum Grants  E 34 Sports Development Capital Grants Scheme  E 97 Ards and North Down Borough Council Sports Facility Strategy 2016-2026  E 98 Sports Pitch Strategic Review 2014-2020  E 100 Feasibility to provide Greenways in three locations within the Borough  E 127 Ards and North Down Borough Council – Potential decision to proceed with a 3G Pitches in Portavogie and Portaferry.</p>	<p><b>Owned by :</b>  Ards and North Down Borough Council</p>

10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to :																									
Religious Belief	<p>The Northern Ireland Census 2011 (NISRA) statistics for the Borough area showed that 75% are or have been brought up in Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related) religions. This varies across the borough from 17% in Portaferry ward to 87% in Carrowdore ward. See table below for Comber settlement data.</p> <p><b>Data:</b>  <b>Religion or Religion Brought up in (Numbers with % in brackets)</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>All usual residents</th> <th>Catholic</th> <th>Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)</th> <th>Other Religions</th> <th>None</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1,810,863 (100%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">817,385 (45%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">875,717 (48%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16,592 (1%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">101,169 (6%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td style="text-align: center;">156,672 (100%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20,550 (13%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">117,589 (75%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1,729 (1%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16,804 (11%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comber Settlement</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9,071 (100%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">422 (5%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7,718 (85%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">86 (1%)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">845 (9%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)	Other Religions	None	Northern Ireland	1,810,863 (100%)	817,385 (45%)	875,717 (48%)	16,592 (1%)	101,169 (6%)	Ards and North Down Borough Council	156,672 (100%)	20,550 (13%)	117,589 (75%)	1,729 (1%)	16,804 (11%)	Comber Settlement	9,071 (100%)	422 (5%)	7,718 (85%)	86 (1%)	845 (9%)
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Political Opinion	<p>Electoral Office data from recent Local Government elections detail the political representation on Ards and North Down Council, The Stormont Executive for this electoral area and Westminster election. This data is an approximate measure of political opinion of the voting electorate within the Borough. Turnout to vote in North Down and Strangford constituencies tend to be lower than the rest of NI suggesting less strong political opinions. Of those who do turn out, the results show preferences for voting Unionist parties.  Comber election results are represented within the Comber (DEA)  See table below  <b>Data:</b>  <b>Council Election results</b>  The most recent local council election (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015) showed:</p>											
			<b>Elected Candidate</b>									
	Eligible Electorate	Votes Polled (% Turnout)	DUP	Sinn Féin	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Independent	TUV	Green		
Northern Ireland	1,243,649	638,332 (51.3%)	130	105	88	66	32	15	13	4		
Ards and North Down Borough Council	112,077	47,161 (42.1%)	17		9	1	7	2	1	3		
Ards Peninsula (DEA)	16,656	7,369 (44.2%)	3		1	1	1					
Bangor Central (DEA)	17,194	6,678 (38.8%)	2		2		1			1		
Bangor East and Donaghadee (DEA)	16,956	6,915 (40.8%)	3		1		1	1				

Bangor West (DEA)	13,479	5,448 (40.4%)	2	1	1	1	1
Comber (DEA)	13,681	6,272 (45.8%)	2	1	1	1	1
Hollywood and Clondeboye (DEA)	14,158	6,229 (44.0%)	2	1	1		1
Newtownards (DEA)	19,953	8,250 (41.4%)	3	2	1	1	

**Source:**

The Electoral Office, NI

Racial Group	<p>NISRA, NINIS and Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership data provide up to date data. The 2011 census showed that 32,000 (1.8%) of the usually resident population in Northern Ireland is from a minority ethnic background. Within the borough, the 2011 Census showed that 1.5% (2,300) were from a minority ethnic background. Across the borough this ranged from 5.2% in Loughview ward to 0.3% in Lisbane ward.</p> <p>While Comber had very small numbers of mixed or other ethnic groups, 99% of the population claimed to be of white ethnicity.</p> <p>See table below</p> <p><b>Data:</b></p> <p><b>Ethnic Group (Numbers with % in brackets)</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>All usual residents</th> <th>White</th> <th>Chinese</th> <th>Indian</th> <th>Bangladeshi</th> <th>Other Asian</th> <th>Black African</th> <th>Black Other</th> <th>Mixed</th> <th>Other</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>1,810,863 (100%)</td> <td>1,778,449 (98%)</td> <td>6,303 (0%)</td> <td>6,198 (0%)</td> <td>540 (0%)</td> <td>6,089 (0%)</td> <td>2,345 (0%)</td> <td>1271 (0%)</td> <td>6,014 (0%)</td> <td>3,654 (0%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>156,672 (100%)</td> <td>154,365 (99%)</td> <td>406 (0%)</td> <td>283 (0%)</td> <td>177 (0%)</td> <td>415 (0%)</td> <td>139 (0%)</td> <td>132 (0%)</td> <td>556 (0%)</td> <td>199 (0%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comber Settlement</td> <td>9,071 (100%)</td> <td>8,977 (99%)</td> <td>17 (0%)</td> <td>6 (0%)</td> <td>8 (0%)</td> <td>19 (0%)</td> <td>1 (0%)</td> <td>0 (0%)</td> <td>30 (0%)</td> <td>8 (0%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><u>Ethnic Group, Census 2011, NISRA</u></p> <p><u>Review of statistical classification and delineation of settlements, NISRA</u></p>		All usual residents	White	Chinese	Indian	Bangladeshi	Other Asian	Black African	Black Other	Mixed	Other	Northern Ireland	1,810,863 (100%)	1,778,449 (98%)	6,303 (0%)	6,198 (0%)	540 (0%)	6,089 (0%)	2,345 (0%)	1271 (0%)	6,014 (0%)	3,654 (0%)	Ards and North Down Borough Council	156,672 (100%)	154,365 (99%)	406 (0%)	283 (0%)	177 (0%)	415 (0%)	139 (0%)	132 (0%)	556 (0%)	199 (0%)	Comber Settlement	9,071 (100%)	8,977 (99%)	17 (0%)	6 (0%)	8 (0%)	19 (0%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	30 (0%)	8 (0%)
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Men & Women generally	<p>According to census (NISRA) almost half of the population of Northern Ireland were male (49%) and this was similar throughout Ards and North Down Borough Council (48%). Comber settlement showed the same as the borough as a whole (48% males and 52% females). See table below</p> <p><b>Data:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Males</th> <th>Females</th> <th>All</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>887,323 (49%)</td> <td>923,540 (51%)</td> <td>1,810,863 (100%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>75,920 (48%)</td> <td>80,752 (52%)</td> <td>156,672(100%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comber Settlement</td> <td>4,337 (48%)</td> <td>4,734 (52%)</td> <td>9,071 (100%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Source:</b> <u>Age Structure, Census 2011, NISRA</u> <u>Review of statistical classification and delineation of settlements, NISRA</u></p>		Males	Females	All	Northern Ireland	887,323 (49%)	923,540 (51%)	1,810,863 (100%)	Ards and North Down Borough Council	75,920 (48%)	80,752 (52%)	156,672(100%)	Comber Settlement	4,337 (48%)	4,734 (52%)	9,071 (100%)								
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Disability	<p>The 2011 Census (NISRA) showed that 20% of the population in Ards and North Down area had a health issue or disability (including those related to old age) which has lasted or expected to last at least 12 months. (This was similar to the Northern Ireland figure of 21%.) The equivalent figure for Comber Settlement was 20%. See tables below</p> <p><b>Data:</b> <b>Type of Long-term Condition (self-defined -Census 2011) (Numbers with % in brackets)</b></p>																								

		Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down Borough Council	Comber Settlement
	All usual residents	1,810,863 (100%)	156,672 (100%)	9,071 (100%)
	Deafness or partial hearing loss	93,091 (5%)	9,894 (6%)	627 (7%)
	Blindness or partial sight loss	30,862 (2%)	2,840 (2%)	175 (2%)
	Communication difficulty	29,871 (2%)	2,314 (1%)	105 (1%)
	A mobility or dexterity difficulty	207,173 (11%)	18,082 (12%)	1,082 (12%)
	A learning, intellectual, social or behavioural difficulty	40,177 (2%)	3,000 (2%)	125 (1%)
	An emotional, psychological or mental health condition	105,528 (6%)	7,696 (5%)	411 (5%)
	Long-term pain or discomfort	182,820 (10%)	16,298 (10%)	1,030 (11%)
	Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	157,890 (9%)	13,327 (9%)	805 (9%)
	Frequent periods of confusion or memory loss	35,616 (2%)	3,092 (2%)	183 (2%)
	A chronic illness	118,554 (7%)	11,157 (7%)	677 (7%)
	Other condition	94,617 (5%)	8,154 (5%)	447 (5%)
	No condition	1,241,785 (69%)	105,765 (68%)	6,062 (67%)
	This data demonstrates that there is a need to provide facilities that are accessible for a range of individuals and to encourage sport and recreation for all.			
Dependents	The data is available from NINIS and NISRA based on the 2011 census. The data indicates that some users will require the support of carers – however this is not relevant in the provision of this facility.			

11.	Based on data previously provided what are the needs, experiences and priorities for each of the following categories, in relation to this policy/decision?	
	Religious Belief	The qualitative and quantitative data within the feasibility study and Borough statistics demonstrate that there is a need for a full sized 3G pitch provision in the Comber area.
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	
	Age	
	Marital Status	
	The profile of the Borough and the Comber settlement support	

	Sexual orientation	this recommendation and ensure through the Council's provision and booking arrangements the facility will be accessible to the broad range of sports played in the area and encourage participation by as broad a range of individuals and teams locally and from outside the area.
	Men & Women generally	
	Disability	
	Dependents	

**Does this Policy require an Equality Impact Assessment?**

1.	What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for each of the Section 75 categories?		
		Detail of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
	Religious Belief	The provision of the facility will enable local individuals and teams to participate in sport closer to their homes, schools and sport club locations thus will enable equality of opportunity to these facilities, individuals and teams to increase participation and build community links.	Minor positive impact
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
	Marital Status		
	Sexual orientation		
	Men & Women generally		
	Disability		
	Dependents		

2.	Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?		
		If "Yes", provide details	If "No", provide details
	Religious Belief	No as the facility will encourage increased participation in all levels of sport, increase sports available in the area and enable greater access for all dimensions who wish to participate, organise or spectate.	
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
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3.	To what extent is the Policy likely to impact on Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?		
		Details of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
	Religious Belief	Participation in sport encourages good relations within and between communities. This provision should help improve good relations in the area.	
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		

4.	Are there opportunities to better promote Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?		
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	If "Yes" provide details	If "No" provide details
Religious Belief	No as participation in sport encourages good relations within and between communities and this new provision will facilitate this aim.	
Political Opinion		
Racial Group		

### Additional Considerations

Multiple Identity Considerations	Details of Impact or potential impact (Positive/Negative)
<p>Are there any potential impacts of the policy decision on people with multiple identities? (e.g. disabled minority ethnic persons)</p> <p>Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities.</p> <p>Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.</p>	<p>The provision of this playing facility will encourage usage by a broad range of participants and spectators in sport that includes many multidimensional identities both locally and from other areas when competitions etc are taking place.</p>

### Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

Does this proposed policy provide an opportunity to:	Yes / No	Explain your reasoning:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>better promote positive attitudes</u> towards disabled people</li> <li>- <u>increase participation</u> by disabled people in public life</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>The pitch provision will ensure those with a disability may access facilities and sports where possible and reasonable adjustments will be provided for, where identified.</p> <p>Relevant guidance from the range of groups who support individuals with a disability will be used in the development of this playing surface.</p>

### Monitoring Arrangements

Section 75 places a requirement on the Council to have equality monitoring arrangements in place in order to assess the impact of policies and services, help identify barriers to fair participation and to better promote equality of opportunity.

Outline what data you could collect in the future in order to monitor the impact of this policy / decision on <u>equality, good relations and disability duties</u>	<p>Complaints and comments received from users and potential users.</p> <p>Comments from public consultations.</p> <p>Usage of the facility when completed.</p>
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I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision have been screened for:-

x	Equality of opportunity and good relations
x	Disabilities duties

On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy / decision is:-

x	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened In – Necessary to conduct a full EQIA
	Please detail actions to be taken:

Screening assessment completed by:-

Name: Bridget MacSorley  
 Title: Corporate Project Officer  
 Date: 6 November 2017  
 Signature: 

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Andrew Scott  
 Title: Head of Performance and Projects  
 Date: 6 November 2017  
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If an Equality Impact Assessment is required

	Priority Rating for Timetabling an Equality Impact Assessment. (1-3)	Priority Criterion	Rating
		Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	
		Social need	
		Effect on people's daily lives	
		Relevance to a public authority's functions	

<b>Is this Policy Affected by Timetables established by other relevant Public Authorities?</b>	
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	Monitoring Recommendation	
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	Approval and Authorisation		
	Screened by :	Position/Job Title:	Date:
	[Redacted]	Corporate Project Officer	6 November 2017
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