

Playing Field Tables

2019–20

Table 1 – Planning applications affecting playing fields by outcome

	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Total number of applications	1583		1223		1273		1318		1281		1235		1274		1209		1160	
Number of approved applications by the LPA	1275	80	1023	84	1089	86	1112	84	1114	87	1060	86	1100	86	1005	84	973	84
Rejected or withdrawn by LPA	185	12	137	11	147	12	160	12	140	11	140	11	130	11	139	11	120	10
Applications yet to be decided by LPA	123	8	63	5	37	2	46	4	27	2	35	3	44	3	65	5	67	6
Total	1583	100	1223	100	1273	100	1318	100	1281	100	1235	100	1274	100	1209	100	1160	100

Table 2 – Approved applications by category–Most applications continue to be approved under Exception E3

	2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
E5	237	21%	257	24%	237	23%	253	23%	246	24%	203	21%
E4	178	16%	114	11%	115	11%	108	10%	76	8%	75	8%
E3	387	35%	430	41%	415	39%	421	38%	349	35%	328	34%
E2	189	17%	186	18%	192	18%	239	22%	258	26%	296	30%
E1	8	1%	11	1%	10	1%	5	1%	10	1%	6	1%
Maintained Objection 1	106	9%	49	4%	68	6%	58	5%	55	5%	44	4%
Maintained Objection on Private Sites 2	9	1%	13	1%	17	2%	16	1%	11	1%	21	2%
Total	1114	100	1060	100	1054	100	1100	100%	1005	100%	973	100%

Notes

E5 = Number of sites where approved applications will involve redevelopment to provide new or improved sports facilities

E4 = Playing fields provided as like for like replacements

E3 = Cases where the site was too small or wrong shape to accommodate a playing pitch

E2 = Applications that will improve the use of playing fields through new or refurbished changing rooms, added floodlighting or improved access to the site

E1= Cases where a careful assessment of supply and demand against a playing pitch strategy showed that there was a strong case for releasing the land for a different use

¹Cases where Sport England maintain an objection, and where Circular 02/2009 applies, but following referral the Department for Communities and Local Government concluded that call in by the Secretary of State was not necessary and the application was subsequently approved

²Applications where Sport England maintained its objection but where the provisions of Circular 09/2009 do not apply (privately owned fields) and the application was subsequently approved