

<b>Whom</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Park</b>	<b>Town / Parish</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Themes</b>	<b>FHDC Comment</b>
Individual	Places for Homes LTD	Pine Way LEAP NSPA Transfer to FTC or close	Folkestone Town Council	The park next to Harcourt primary school would very much appreciate some funding. Currently it is used so much by the local community but there is hardly anything for the kids to play on. As long as it is dry then children leaving Harcourt school use this every day. I previously asked for a bench and this was granted. Sadly this was vandalised overnight. It's a small park but if you were to come to see it on a dry day the local community are using it so much. Any new equipment or facilities given would be so gratefully received.	Play Provision	This park is close to Harcourt Primary school and is in a convenient location for children before and after school. It is also close to Firs Lane Play Area and contains a larger array of equipment. This area is within the catchment area of Cheriton Recreation Ground, which is the designated PPA. Folkestone Town Council have agreed to adopt this park.
Burmarsh Parish Council	Burmarsh Children Fund	Burmarsh Recreation Ground NEAP SIPA	Burmarsh	Thank you for the opportunity to see this Play Area Strategy document. I am writing to correct the reference to the Burmarsh Recreation Ground Play Area in Appendix 2. The ownership and management of the play area is the responsibility of the Burmarsh Children's Fund, which is an independent charity separate from the parish council. I hope this is helpful and that the information can be corrected in the final document.	Ownership	FHDC will update the strategy as necessary.

Roger De Haan Charitable Trust	N/A	N/A	Charity	<p>I represent The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust and wish to respond to the consultation on the play area strategy. By way of context this charity has donated £1,757,294 to playparks in this district since 2008. With this in mind it is felt that the strategy does not place sufficient emphasis on the role of the charitable sector in assisting the council in this task. There are a couple of mentions but more could be made of this.</p> <p>We remain open to further bids providing a maintenance body and strategy is in place. We are pleased to note that the ones we have funded remain in the plans for district, town or parish maintenance. One major point to note is that this charity along with the Shepway Sports Trust will be opening the £16m Urban Sports Park in Tontine Street this coming summer – to be known as F51. Accommodating skate boarding, scooting, cycling, climbing, bouldering and boxing this will be a centre of national significance. The core facilities will be available to local school children at only £1 per month.</p> <p>This will address managed risk, healthy pursuits and facilities for teenagers and young adults like no other district in the land. This impact has clearly not yet been understood. We were also the major donors to Payers Park which is the best example in the district of teenage and young adult play. Unfortunately the aspirations for embracing the risk benefit approach are not embraced by other parts of the council with a role in this. Both of</p>	Charitable Sector contributions	FHDC understands the importance of the charitable sector in funding and maintaining parks. The Roger De Haan Trust has provided great and considerable support to play within the District and will continue to be a strategic partner in the future. However FHDC is unable to include F51 as part of this strategy as it is not a free to use park.
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				these facilities are in the heart of the district's most deprived ward. Subject to these comments the strategy adequately explains the council's approach to managing resources and expectations going forward.		
Individual	FHDC Housing	Densole Way LEAP SIPA	Folkestone Town Council	Please could you consider updating the park in Densole Way as it's dilapidated & boring! I heard that it was going to be done in 2018 but was halted due to residence objecting as they were concerned Teenagers might hang out there? Ridiculous! Any how we have more under 13 year olds on the estate now so they need it.	Play Provision	Densole Way is a SIPA and is the only play area identified within Densole. Folkestone Town Council have agreed to adopt this park.
Hythe Town Council	N/A	N/A	Hythe Town Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. P&amp;W expresses concern over the possible outcomes for "non-strategic play areas" that are not adopted within 12 months and seeks reassurance that processes will be put in place to ensure that there is no sudden abandonment of such areas.</li> <li>2. P&amp;W expresses approval that St George's Place is designated as a strategic play area but queries why Oakland's Park playground is not similarly designated.</li> <li>3. Otherwise, P&amp;W expresses no objection to the Play Area Strategy.</li> </ol>	Closure Designation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NSPA play areas that are not adopted will be shut as per that strategy, however FHDC seeks to avoid this.</li> <li>2. St Georges place is identified as a SIPA because it is the largest and most equipped park in that area. Oakland's park is found within the catchment areas of both The Green which is a PPA and Hythe Skate park which is a SIPA</li> </ol>

Hawkinge Town Council	HTC	N/A	Hawkinge Town Council	<p>1. Are we as a Town Council eligible to secure external funding?</p> <p>2. How was the community funding for Radnor Park Play Area achieved?</p> <p>3. Is it possible to request Blenheim Drive and Kettle Drive to become Priority Play Areas, with a special interest in creating a skate park?</p>	Funding Designation	<p>1. Parish and Town Councils are free and eligible to secure external funding to support play area improvement.</p> <p>2. Radnor park funding was achieved through collaboration with the community group who sought external funding, the Roger De Haan charitable trust, FTC and a s106 contribution.</p> <p>3. There is currently no PPA within Hawkinge, because of the abundance of other play areas locally. It may be that future funding is designated to certain parks and the need for a PPA is identified. FHDC will continue to work with HTC with regards to play area improvements, transfers and designation.</p>
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Labour Party	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Folkestone and Hythe Labour party would much rather have seen a strategy which seeks to improve and extend play provision as well as working towards making the existing provision consistent in quantity, quality, repair and appearance; at the same time working towards the District's Corporate Plan to improve and maintain the health of residents, including children and young adults.</p> <p>Instead the strategy reads as a cost cutting exercise, by transferring responsibility onto Town and Parish Councils without meaningful funds from the District, reducing any opportunities to improve health through physical exertion /exercise.</p> <p>If some play areas are cleared and possibly sold then it will be even harder to achieve the Field in Trust benchmark of 0.25 hectares per 1000 head of population for equipped/ designated play areas which is something the Council should be seeking to achieve. The District seem to be retaining the best and well maintained play areas going forward, this is unfair. The previous report (2017) undertaken by LUC, highlighted ALL the play areas needing remediation work (because every play area was visited and reported on) and this proposed strategy is a poor response.</p> <p>Unless the consultation period is extended beyond 31st January 2020 it is unlikely the Council will receive many responses to it, as much of the consultation window has been during the holiday</p>	Funding / Designation of Parks	<p>The play strategy has been designed to ensure there is suitable play provision considering the demography of the district. Such is the demand on the budget, play parks must be aligned with the demand and the funding requirements to make all parks the same quality as the PPA's would be unviable. By focusing on the PPA sites FHDC can ensure quality and standards of play. It can then work with the Parish and Town Councils to deliver the SIPA and NSPA sites that are suitably provisioned considering the catchment areas. FHDC is proposing a dowry to be provided with each park to support the Parishes and Towns with the adoption.</p>
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				<p>period, therefore reducing time for people to thoroughly read and respond at all.</p>		
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Individual				<p>The strategy outlines the Council's explanation as to why it is taking this approach, to save money by devolving responsibility to local TCs and PCs in a very short time frame i.e. to start this year April 2020.</p> <p>The approach set out seems to be rushed leaving little time for PCs and TCs to fully understand the implications at a local level, let alone the residents impacted. This consultation may have started December 19th 2019 but realistically 2 weeks of that was a holiday period, so not a lot of time for people to respond. I must have missed the challenging circumstances identified at a national level.</p> <p>The idea to transfer responsibility for play areas to the local town council or parish council could be seen as a double edged sword, they can and will do a good job but they'll need the funds from the DC budget. There is no mention of any monies attached to any transfer. The DISTRICT Council has neglected many play areas, which seem to be located in the most deprived area of the district, over many years. This is only highlighted in the report as a problem resulting from extremely low overall SUCCESS. Will there be a central maintenance issue/s reporting facility as TCs and PCs TCS are not as available as District. It seems the 106 funding stream will be controlled by District with no say by the TCs I do not understand why capital has not been set aside for play areas as the District has spent millions on other projects.....so the play area strategy is where exactly on the list of priorities? Will the TCs and PCs own the grounds</p>	Funding	Discussion with Town and Parish Councils have been on going and remain positive. Dowries will be included in any transfer. Land will be leased.
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				<p>once transferred? In conclusion on the surface the strategy seems clear but on further reading there are many unanswered questions so I would hope the strategy is rejected at this stage. It cannot be morally right to potentially remove/lose 50 play areas.</p>		
Individual				<p>What would be good accessibility for all within the final park, the wheelchair swing in Radnor park is great but to the side of everyone else playing and not anything else really. New Romney's swing is alongside the other swings and is a seat with harness also can just about get a small wheelchair on the roundabout but that's about it.</p>	<p>Accessibility</p>	<p>As per the strategy - before any large refurbishment or investment takes place a full equalities assessment will take place.</p>



Southern Housing Group	Southern Housing Group	Daglish Close NSPA	New Romney	<p>The play area in Daglish Close, New Romney Kent is actually owned by Southern Housing Group.</p> <p>The play area was built before I took over management for the area and the land was purchased by us from yourselves I believe in order for us to create affordable housing. It would appear that at some stage during us purchasing the land from yourselves that an agreement was made for you to maintain the park, the park does have signs on stating that you are responsible however a land registry search has shown the land to be ours. We have not been able to find a management agreement and nor have yourselves as to why or how it was agreed the LA would manage this park.</p> <p>Obviously this has been deemed a NSPA. However as the land belongs to us we would look to take this back to our management.</p>	Ownership	The strategy will be updated to reflect this. We are working with Southern Housing Group to ensure future maintenance.
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<p>St Mary's in the Marsh Parish Council</p>				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The draft strategy is vague on finance.</li> <li>2. Two play areas in the parish, both the responsibility of the district council, have been taken out of use over the last 3 years as they have both been neglected and allowed to fall into disrepair. Consequently the district council's vision for play provision 'Play experiences are fundamental to the health and development of children and young people. District Council will therefore seek to ensure all residents are able to access a high quality and high value play area' would appear to be contradictory to its actions.</li> <li>3. For this reason this parish council would like to be guaranteed its fair share of the budget to ensure the play parks are repaired and put back into use.</li> <li>4. The district council must acknowledge its responsibilities and provide adequate budget provision for maintaining its responsibilities and any form of devolvement to the parish council will be resisted as this will be considered double taxation.</li> <li>5. With regard to new development, put in place a long-term solution for the upkeep of any play park provision that forms part of a planning development. As time moves on, these companies who are responsible for maintenance are no longer operational and consequently the play areas are left to deteriorate.</li> </ol>	<p>Budget Developers long term managemen t</p>	<p>A budget has been designated for dowry payment, which includes 5 years' worth of maintenance payments. Two play areas have been have been closed due to a lack of funding to support the parks, the strategy aims to stop this happening in the future. The strategy will put in place funding mechanisms to ensure it is directed to the appropriate areas. It is aimed that there are secure mechanisms in place to ensure the longevity of any parks.</p>
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MOD	MOD	Mackenzie Drive	N/A	It has been brought to my attention that the council have attached a notice to our MOD owned play park on Mackenzie Drive stating that the play park is to be asset-stripped, closed and sold. This play park is owned by the MOD and as such you have no right to close it. I have read through your play park strategy 2020-2030 and it clearly states that this play park is owned by the MOD. I would appreciate a call back asap and in the mean time I will endeavour to contact you by phone.	Ownership	The sign mentioned in this response was not attached by FHDC and stated incorrect facts. A response has been sent to the MOD.
Individual	FHDC Housing	Oakham Drive NSPA	Lydd	My children have just found out that their local park may be closing. They are so disappointed and question why anyone would take a park away from children - it's hard to explain to a child that it's because money is more important than them - so they wanted to try and help save their park!	Closure	Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of The Rype which is a PPA.
Individual	N/A	N/A	Hawkinge	Why is this happening its wrong once again Hawkinge gets the dirty end of the stick don't tell me it's not just Hawkinge I'm not worried about them just where I live so a response please.	Closure	FHDC is working closely with Hawkinge Town Council to ensure the asset transfers are efficiently and effectively achieved.

Individual	FHDC Housing	Brabner Park	Folkestone Town Council	<p>I have just seen a sign for the closure of this park to be sold I personally feel this would be a terrible mistake this park is a good size for plenty of children to play safely at once and also encourage children who don't know each other play together many times I have popped to this park and the children don't want to leave because they enjoy the children who got to this park it has the fence all the way round Radnor Park don't. I can't let my young children run at Radnor is why we choose this park if u take away the parks you have more n more children getting into trouble with nowhere to go more n more children are being told they are overweight yet u take away places that can help maintain a healthy weight I don't have the money to go to fancy days out I will not take my children to the coastal park because it's a perfect place for ppl to use drugs easy to disappear to beach I can't watch all the children at once time at this park again y we use the park at bottom of Capel hill I feel a toilet block and cafe or something all in one would be better use of this park better maintained park makes it more attractive to all please reconsider closing this park.</p>	Closure	<p>The sign mentioned in this response was not attached by FHDC and stated incorrect facts. There is no plan to close or sell Brabner Park. It is a designated Public Open Space a SIPA and a PPA</p>
Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Campbell Road Park, LEAP NSPA	Hawkinge	<p>I see a sign today stating that the park will be removed but it's a massive asset to this part of Hawkinge. I don't agree with the fact it should close What else will local kids do except vandalise? Massive way to crush the community.</p>	Closure	<p>The sign mentioned in this response was not attached by FHDC and stated incorrect facts. The play area is within the catchment area of the SIPA Kettle Drive. Both are managed by Hawkinge Town Council and therefore FHDC</p>

						has no plans to shut them as part of this strategy.
Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Atkinson Road, LAP	Hawkinge	<p>I have just seen on Hawkinge Residents page on Facebook that plans are afoot to close the play area located in Page Road. A lot of residents are understandably upset at this as there are not enough play areas in a vastly populated place such as Hawkinge as it is, especially for under 5's. Whilst my grandchildren, that visit regularly, are not able to use that facility as they are under 5 and the equipment is not suitable, there will come a time shortly that we would have visited it to let them play there. We are now most concerned that removing an existing, albeit very small play area is a total contravention to your stated policy that we have looked at online. Please reassure me that the facilities in Hawkinge will improve rather than disappear.</p>	Closure	<p>The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area. The play park referred to is Atkinson road which is managed by Hawkinge Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.</p>

Individual	N/A	N/A	Hawkinge	<p>I live with my family in Hawkinge. We have two small children one is one the other is three. Both love outdoor play. What made Hawkinge an appealing area to live in was the variety of parks it has to offer. My daughter loves to choose where to play and explore. It means we have activities on our doorstep which are free, promote exercise and do not require a car to travel to. We often see her nursery friends at the parks which promotes social inclusion, boosts emotional wellbeing and adds to the wonderful community spirit. Hawkinge is a more expensive area to live in but we did not mind as Hawkinge is family friendly with parks for children to play and a children's centre for structured activities. We, along with our friends in Hawkinge cannot see any positive outcome to closing our parks. My daughter would be so upset if I had to tell her much loved parks had gone. I sincerely hope this will not happen. Where else can we walk to exploring wildlife on the way? This decision has a big impact on all family members. Please advise on what we can do to keep our parks which add so much to our children's happiness.</p>	Play Provision	<p>Hawkinge has an array of parks, many of which are already managed by Hawkinge Town Council. Discussions have been ongoing with Hawkinge Town Council and remain positive.</p>
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Individual	N/A	N/A	Hawkinge	<p>As a resident of Hawkinge with small children, I want to voice my concern about the plans to transfer the Hawkinge play parks over to HTC and have the prospect of these being asset striped and closed if no committee/group takes over the running of these. Play parks are an essential part of the community. In Hawkinge we are lucky enough to have a few small local parks - there are very few which are suitable for under 6s. My 2 daughters love going to the park, and being able to walk to the park means it more accessible and easy for us to go when we want for 20-30 mins. It's easy to meet other local kids there and they are a vital part of our community.</p> <p>Going to the larger parks in Folkestone means driving there, finding parking. These parks are often busy which makes supervising smaller kids more difficult and they tend to get pushed and knocked out of the way by the bigger kids - not a great experience. It is not possible for kids to play safely outside most houses on Hawkinge -. Cars are parked on pavements, it is unsafe - as a parent I am happier knowing that there are safe play spaces available - why close them?</p> <p>In an age where we are trying to get kids out, playing and away from screens, the parks should be excluded from any cuts. If you want to cut costs, try removing the outside gym from the corner of Page Road - on 5 years living here I've never seen anyone use it.</p>	Play Provision	<p>Asset stripping formed part of the blanket signs attached to play areas by an unknown individual or group that stated incorrect facts. Hawkinge has a large quantity of parks and discussions with Hawkinge Town Council regarding transfer have been positive. The play strategy also highlights the importance of local play areas, and we are working with Towns and Parishes to deliver these.</p>
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Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Atkinson Road, LAP	Hawkinge	<p>I have been made aware of the below sign on the children's playground off page road in Hawkinge. I am absolutely appalled that this park is being considered for removal. We take our two young children to this park regularly, despite living near the Pannell Drive park. The page road park is ideal for smaller children and is well equipped with number of apparatus (the Pannell Drive park just has a net and slide and is not great fir a 5 year old).</p> <p>Being at the end of a long path cycle path it's also perfect for children to cycle to....a great incentive for children just starting to cycle independently. The cycle path connects the park and the primary school, so a number of school children use this. Considering the amount of houses and children there are in Hawkinge, it is shocking that children's playgrounds are being considered for removal. If anything I would have thought there was need for more parks / better equipped parks suitable for all ages and not just for older children. I sincerely hope you reconsider.</p>	Closure	<p>The sign mentioned in this response was not attached by FHDC and stated incorrect facts. The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area. The play park referred to is Atkinson road which is managed by Hawkinge Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.</p>
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Individual	FHDC	Pine Way LEAP NSPA	Folkestone Town Council	<p>My name is xxx and I am a resident on Pine Way. I am disclosing this immediately as I appreciate I do have a specific area of local knowledge. I am concerned that looking at the plans it appears that the Pine Way park is not included. I appreciate that everyone would like a park very close by and that actually a 15 minute walk to reach one is reasonable. However, this 15 minute walk is straight line and does not look at the demographic/ safe walk etc. from house to park. I think that the Pine Way park should be kept. It is immediately next door to Harcourt Primary school and it is used before school and after school EVERY dry school day, and actually a number of wet school day too. With the increase in childhood obesity this is one of those parks that directly impacts on a large number of local children. This park is also designated as dog free which on a personal level has been excellent for my child who is quite timid around dogs. As a busy working parent having somewhere so close to school means that the 30 or so minutes running around after school is practical and convenient, as someone is picking up the child and is able to immediately access the space- so it only adds 30 minutes for a 30 minute run around. In a housing area with very small or limited gardens this may be the only time on a weekday the children have.</p> <p>On a practical “parent “level we also used this park for the children to learn to ride their bikes and scooters. It has the long path through it which is perfect. Cheriton park does not have such a good</p>	Play Provision	<p>This park is close to Harcourt Primary school and is in a convenient location for children before and after school. It is also close to Firs Lane Play Area and contains a larger array of equipment. This area is within the catchment area of Cheriton Recreation Ground, which is the designated PPA. Folkestone Town Council have agreed to adopt this park.</p>
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				<p>area for this as the concrete area is mostly used by older ball players, and the paths are less straight. A number of people also use Cheriton park as a cut through / walk through to the dog exercise area which is again off putting when teaching a child to ride. We use the Pine Way park several times a week for bike riding. Sadly I am not an expert in policy making nor statistics. However, I do believe that this parks location would make it a sad loss to the local residential community and also the school user community. I would also be concerned as to what would happen to the land in the event of losing the park facilities. Thank you for taking the time to read this. It is the first time I've ever taken the time to respond to this type of consultation or to email my local councillor. So hopefully it all makes sense.</p>		
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Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	<p>I would like to express my disappointment that you have chosen to close down the play park in Lydd in the Oakham Drive, Romney Marsh, Kent. I have friends in this area who I spend a lot of time in the area, the freedom this gives to their children and in a world where we are no unsafe to let our children play this is a huge disappointment and means now her children with have nowhere to go.</p> <p>With the population of children being branded as obese and unhealthy the council is no longer supporting parents as you are taking away activities that get the kids out playing with their friends rather than sitting in on the computer. I appreciate the funding however with council tax keep going up! And what for. Areas like this need to be for our kids of the future, the wildlife as well in this area will be disturbed all for it to become nothing. Come on surely this can be changed!!</p>	Closure	<p>Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of the Rype which is a PPA.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with Lydd Town Council over the potential transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.</p>
Individual	(Country's field) Orbit Housing Association / (Wraights wright play area) FHDC	Country's Field. LAP SIPA / Wraightswright Play Area. LEAP SIPA	Dymchurch Parish Council	<p>Having just been made aware of a consultation on your Play Area Strategy 2020-2030 I am very concerned that the window of consultation included Christmas and New Year leaving little time for me to properly consider the strategy and respond in full. I hope you will extend this period. However, with my brief understanding I am concerned that many play areas for children will be closed reducing opportunity for the benefits of outside play and exercise. In Dymchurch the playgrounds which may be under threat are the ones in Countries Field by Dymchurch School and Salbris Close near Wraightsfield. This goes against one of your strategic objectives in your corporate</p>	Consultation duration Closure Budget	<p>The consultation period was of a suitable timeframe. As part of the strategy FHDC will work with Parishes and Towns to provide suitable and quality play. Dowries will be discussed with the appropriate bodies. Both Country's field and Wraightsfield are SIPA parks and FHDC will be working closely with Dymchurch Parish Council to support the adoption of these.</p>

				<p>plan for “health matters”. Secondly as a council you have declared a climate crisis and yet the closure of local play facilities will surely mean that families will have to drive to ‘destination’ play areas. Finally, there is no mention of funding being transferred with the parks to the Town and Parish Councils so how will they be maintained?</p>		
Individual	FHDC	George Gurr LEAP NSPA	Folkestone Town Council	<p>We as a family of 6 regularly use this park as do so many other children/families from this area. It would be a great shame to remove this where else are the children to play? On the streets?</p>	Closure	<p>George Gurr is a NSPA because it is within the catchment area of the PPA Brabner Park. Folkestone Town Council have agreed to adopt this park.</p>
Individual	FHDC	George Gurr LEAP NSPA	Folkestone Town Council	<p>Please see attached letter opposing the closure of George Gurr park. One from my 9yr old daughter Eden and another from her 8yr old friend and neighbour Sky. They regularly use this park and were so upset to read the notice on the gate. It would be amazing if you could reply to them personally as they are very passionate about the matter and have said to myself that they’ll even clean the apparatus and keep the park tidy if it was to stay! Thank you for your time</p>	Closure	<p>George Gurr is a NSPA because it is within the catchment area of the PPA Brabner Park. Folkestone Town Council have agreed to adopt this park.</p>

Individual	FHDC	George Gurr LEAP NSPA	Folkestone Town Council	<p>I am writing to oppose the pending closure of George Gurr Park. This is a well-used park by not only myself and my family but many residents of George Gurr Crescent. It would have a serious detrimental effect if it were to close. Many residents of George Gurr are not in the wealthy financial bracket and this park offers the children of this neighbourhood the opportunity to physically and mentally stimulate their children through play without a cost. It's a great social area for all and I know is well respected and looked after.</p> <p>Those without children use this park regularly to exercise their dogs and for some of the elderly their only way to see someone friendly all day.</p> <p>My children have hugely benefited from the park being such a close distance from their home and have formed firm friendships from this. They love the surrounding area and have learnt so much about the amazing wildlife we experience there also. This park is used all year round and in the summer we come together as a community for neighbourhood picnics whilst the children are safe playing on the apparatus. If anything we would like to see the swings reinstated and definitely not the park stripped. My 9yr old is so passionate about keeping this park that she has organised with her friend to write a letter herself which I will be forwarding on to yourselves. We as a community are deeply saddened at this proposal to close our park and hope that now you see how important it is to us that you will withdraw to proceed.</p>	Closure	George Gurr is a NSPA because it is within the catchment area of the PPA Brabner Park. Folkestone Town Council have agreed to adopt this park.
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Individual	FHDC	George Gurr LEAP NSPA	Folkestone Town Council	<p>I am writing to express my concern of the closure of George Gurr Park. At the top of George Gurr Crescent is a park which is well used (everyday twice a day for myself and my family). It needs to stay. Anyone who knows George Gurr Crescent and the surrounding roads will know it is very hilly and a lot of the gardens in George Gurr are not usable as a play area for the families they serve. Play is important for children as is physical activity. You state in your own strategy about the importance of play. It is beneficial to children to have an accessible outside space for their mental as well as their physical health. In a world where children are leading more sedentary lifestyles it is important that we do not deprive them of the outside space they need to grow and learn. Children develop gross motor skills if they have the space to run skip (or roll down a hill). This in turn allows children to burn calories and develop better sleep patterns as well as developing a better attitude towards a healthy lifestyle as they grow into adults.</p> <p>There are sights, such as the horse who likes to walk along the footpath at the top, smells, as well as the sound of birdsong. The area is also rich in wildlife. There are squirrels, foxes, mice as well as numerous species of birds a hawk and tits included. There are daisies which cover the grass in spring and summer as well as blackberry bushes and a footpath for walks up in the hills. My daughter is a lot more aware of wildlife since moving here and enjoys putting the bird feeder out to watch them.</p>	Closure	George Gurr is a NSPA because it is within the catchment area of the PPA Brabner Park. Folkestone Town Council have agreed to adopt this park.
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				<p>Neighbours meet each other in the park and children play together. I trust my daughter to go out with a friend to George Gurr park because it is yards from my house. I would not allow her to go to the next nearest park (Brabner) a 4 minute walk because it feels too far.</p> <p>Another worry is what will happen to the land? Who will buy it? And what will they do with it? More houses is definitely not a way forward because we already have too many cars parked on the road for the amount of room there is to park as well as the disruption it would cause to those that already reside here.</p> <p>George Gurr park needs to stay.</p>		
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Individual	Places for Homes LTD	Pine Way LEAP NSPA Transfer to FTC or close	Folkestone Town Council	<p>I am really concerned about the proposal to consider Harcourt park on Bigginswood road one of the parks that may potentially have its play equipment removed. I do understand what it who an interested party is or means...however your term of an asset transfer sound dubious. My family and my 3 children use this park every day. We are already really upset that play equipment has been removed and downgraded over the years.2 of my 3 children have autism, we rely heavily on parks with play equipment that are able to meet their needs. Although an adapted the new play area in Radnor Park is noisy and populated for them.</p> <p>Removing Harcourt park would remove the possibility of my children walking to the park, due to their disability. I would have to drive them to even our closest park in Stanley road. I find this very upsetting. This park is so important to my community and our primary school, I see no value or gain to our community to have this vital play area removed. I use the park most days for sensory de-escalation when my youngest finishes school, just as many of the other parents do to. When will I be informed of the outcome of your decision? If anything Harcourt park requires more investment not less</p>	Closure	This park is close to Harcourt Primary school and is in a convenient location for children before and after school. It is also close to Firs Lane Play Area. This play area has more equipment than FIR's lane. This area is within the catchment area of Cheriton Recreation Ground, which is the designated PPA. Folkestone Town Council have agreed to adopt this park.
Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	I want to save Hawkinge parks! My children are young and I want to be able to take them to their local parks!	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.

Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	It's come to my attention that you plan to close the majority of parks in Hawkinge. I just cannot understand your reasoning for doing so. In a day and age where children are morbidly obese from a young age, where children sit indoors on devices you are encouraging these very things. It's incredibly sad that the vast amount of children in this area will now not be able to access any sort of outdoor play activity within walking distance. The population of Hawkinge has increased so much with a huge percentage being families and yet you plan to take away one of the most simple free pleasures in life which is the moment as a parent you say to your child 'shall we walk to the park today' and the joy on their faces when they get so excited to do so. What a shame for the children who live around here. You are going to devastate so many of them.	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.
Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	Can you please advise me on how to object to the parks in Hawkinge being taken down? I and my family strongly object to this as my two small children use them all the time, I can't understand what benefit there possibly is to removing them!!	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.
Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	Just an email regarding the closures of the parks in Hawkinge. This simply can't happen. The majority of Hawkinge is family based being ideal for young and growing families. The parks are so important to Hawkinge and the community even if it doesn't look like they are taken care of. A clean and upgrade only needs to take place once every 5-10 years. These parks must remain in Hawkinge. They must. Absolutely ridiculous to close them.	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.

Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	We have lived in Hawkinge for 18 years and have seen the development of Hawkinge and have welcomed each of the play areas. We now have grandchildren so we often walk to the play areas for the children to play, get fresh air, socialise with other children and get some exercise. We have seen more and more houses being built and more families moving in so we need these facilities to remain and indeed ideally be updated and renewed for our community. Please review and think about how important these areas are for the amount of people, families and children that live in Hawkinge. We all pay enough council tax to ensure these facilities remain for us to use.	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.
Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	I have learnt today that you plan to close most of the play parks in Hawkinge. I am both disappointed and find it difficult to understand how such drastic decisions have been made with little consultation with local residents. From reading your play area strategy I understand that no priority play areas are planned for Hawkinge. One of the only parks to be saved in Pannell Drive is unsuitable for young children meaning that that the only alternative is Kettle Drive which for young children is a long walk from West Hawkinge. Do you intend to develop Pannell Drive so that it is suitable for toddlers and young children? Corbett Road and Atkinson Road parks are a valuable place for toddlers and young children to play, they do however require maintenance and upgrading with a toddler swing. I would strongly encourage you to reconsider closing so many parks in Hawkinge and ensure there is ample social space for families to enjoy.	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive. There are no PPA sites within Hawkinge as there is a large quantity of alternative sites available, covering use by various age groups.

Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	<p>I am very disappointed to read your play area strategy and am sending this email to formally notify you of my strong objection. The plans state that the number of play areas in the Hawkinge area will potentially be reduced to 2 which is completely unacceptable for an area with so much housing and so many families. I live opposite the Heron Forstal Avenue Park and see how much the park is used, especially in the summer. This is despite the poor condition of it and lack of repairs and maintenance. It is so important nowadays more than ever that children are given ample areas to play outside and to encourage activity.</p>	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.
Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	<p>I have today heard the news that you are planning to close most of the parks in Hawkinge and I'm struggling to understand how this decision was made with little consultation from local residents. I have read your Play Area Strategy and quite frankly appalled that Hawkinge has no Priority Play Areas planned. In fact, one of the only parks to be 'saved' is in Pannell Drive and it is totally unsuitable for those under 7. Your document suggests that there should be a park in walkable distance for ages 0-25 and this will not be the case if Pannell is kept the same.</p> <p>Generally speaking, the parks in Hawkinge have not been maintained well and there needs to be serious investment into a large communal space that is suitable from ages 0+ (similar to the Radnor Park development), however I would argue that a few small parks are beneficial for those with younger children who are intimidated by large</p>	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive. There are no PPA sites within Hawkinge as there is a large quantity of alternative sites available, covering use by various age groups.

				<p>crowds and older children. The park at Corbett Road is the perfect place for this, although the equipment does need updating with a baby swing and a smaller climbing frame for toddlers. In a world where many children spend hours on tablet computers and in front of the TV, please do not take away such a valuable resource that is within walking distance, encouraging people to get outside with their children. I would implore you to reconsider closing so many parks in Hawkinge and include one large play area in Hawkinge as a Priority Park Area, making a social space for all ages to enjoy together.</p>		
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Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	<p>It is completely unacceptable or acceptable that you are proposing to decommission the playgrounds in Hawkinge. These are used by children of all ages throughout the year and provide them with exercise and stimulation. Not only that but for many of the mums and dads these provide a reason to take the kids outside and get valuable fresh air and exercise. If they are to be taken away it will have a negative impact on the local commas a whole. Not only that but these are social meeting places for parents, some of who one have mental health problems and find these areas provide friendships, support and escape from the rigors of daily life.</p> <p>There is no justified argument for the selling and dismantling of these play grounds as their cost to maintain and up keep is minimal. The main cost is their construction in the first place but as this is not a factor why are they to be torn down? The cost to dismantle would pay for their upkeep for several years anyway. We all pay our taxes and as a tax pay I do not consent my contributions not going towards their upkeep anymore! I object on behalf of all the local residents with children in the town of Hawkinge unconditionally!</p>	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.
Individual	Hythe Town Council	Oakland's LEAP NSPA	Hythe Town Council	I'm writing to you reference Oakland's Play Park, to ensure I express how important this area is for the young children and parents of Hythe, the park is always busy and an essential area needed for this area which is local to the people of Hythe other parks would otherwise be in Folkestone that are suitable for toddlers.	Closure	Oakland's Play area is maintained by Hythe Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.

				I have been unaware of these plans until today, the day before the consultation ends and I'm sure lots of others will be too, but this park really is so important to the town.		
Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	<p>Please do not close &amp; sell off this playground which is used by the locals. There are few playgrounds and greenery left. Plus, The Rype in Lydd can get very busy and means Oakham drive residents have to walkover a busy road to get to it.</p> <p>Why does every bit of green land have to be sold off? There will be nothing left soon bar roads &amp; houses.</p>	Closure	<p>Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of the Rype which is a PPA.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.</p>
Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	<p>Hi my name is xx and lived in Lydd nearly my whole life. this park was built when I was a small child and was the only park I was allowed to go to on my own with my friends, as the other parks were As my mum would say "too far away" and this park was literally 1 minute walk from my house... why would you want to close a park!!! there's not a lot of places for kids to go as it is this is just going to encourage children/teenagers to walk the streets and possibly get into trouble...so unless you're going to close it to build a centre where all kids of all ages can go to meet other children and stay off the streets then please don't close the park! The park is a good place for people to let their children burn off some energy (encouraging exercise!)</p>	Closure	<p>Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of the Rype which is a PPA.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.</p>

Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	<p>We need to have this play area on this small estate as there are two major roads to cross to get to any other play area in Lydd. The children and parents from Harden Road and the roads off of this use this play area also, so we have a reasonably large catchment area. If the drainage of the area was sorted out has been promised and arranged with F&amp;H this is due to be started within two months from now, there would be more children able to visit this area and actually use it during the wet winter months.</p> <p>Unless you can guarantee two sets of pedestrian pelican crossings to allow a safe crossing point it would put children in dangerous situations trying to cross the mentioned roads. These roads are used by very large lorries coming from Brett's Quarries / Dungeness Power Stations and the Robin Hood Road area industries. I have spoken to Councillors Tony Hills / Clive Godden and David Wimble who seemed to know nothing of this strategy. We do not see on your strategy many parks under threat in the Folkestone and Hythe areas, I wonder why this is!! So please leave things alone, Us Marsh Peasants know our place and make do with what we have, and what we will fight very hard to keep. We know we are long way from Folkestone and are a forgotten part of your district, but what we have we would like to keep in place thank you. We will wait and see what decisions are made before we contact the HSE for their advice and proposed action.</p>	Closure	<p>Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of The Rype which is a PPA. There has been no promise to relieve the drainage due to the lack of possible methods to do this.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.</p>
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Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	<p>Please accept this email as a rejection to the proposed selling of the park at Oakham Drive, Lydd. We are outraged that this notice has only just appeared on a late Friday evening when no one is in the office to answer concerned residents questions. Leaving only 5 working days' notice to raise an objection to something so vital to many Lydd residents is beyond me. We would like to raise our disgust in this proposal. Our children, aged 5 and 7 use this park and playing field on a regular basis. We live not too far away and find this park and location a must safer area to play than The Rype in Lydd that is near numerous busy roads and is not sectioned off for child safety. Although our children at present do not go to this park without an adult, in years to come my son will definitely have the freedom to go and meet his friends there for a game of football. There is no way he will be able to go further afield for a park and a game of football unattended. Removing parks in residential scheme is removing a lot of freedom our children desperately need to grow and thrive.</p> <p>It is essential that we encourage our children to get out in fresh air and enjoy the playgrounds close to their homes, not ripping them down for the sake of a few pounds in someone else's pockets. For some in Lydd, these parks are essentially the only outside safe space they have outside of school.</p> <p>We are in an extremely deprived area, with many children and families below the poverty line. Our</p>	Closure Play Provision	<p>Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of The Rype which is a PPA.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.</p>
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Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	<p>Could you please send me the minutes of the consultation meeting regard the closure of are park. Also can you please help me in finding the deeds of Oakham drive as I would like to see if the park area is covered in them? I can truthfully say that every child in the close use this park on a daily bases. If you remove this park we you fit better vehicle management I.e. pedestrian traffic lights, speed humps to slow vehicles down on Harden road so the children can cross the road safely to enter the park on The Type. Also why was these signs only put up on the 24th January when it all started on the 20th December that has only left 1week to stress their feelings. Looking forward to your quick response.</p>	Closure	<p>Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of The Rype which is a PPA.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.</p>
Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	<p>With regards to the impending closure of Oakham Drive Park in Lydd I'd like to contest this. I live in lydd approx. 5 -10min walk away from this park I choose to walk to this one with my children mainly because there is just enough there to keep my children amused and most importantly it is fenced in for safety, I feel secure with my children in this park whereas the other most local park to me on lydd Rype, is open without a gated fence so often puts me on edge with cars driving past. I feel.it would be such a shame if this little community park were to close for our young children.</p>	Closure Play Provision	<p>Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of The Rype which is a PPA.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.</p>

Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	I am utterly disgusted with the plans to close down our park. I have an autistic child who plays here as we live on the estate. He is capable of getting to this park but can't imagine letting him off the estate to get to another park. You will be limiting his outside time. We have at least 15 children on the estate that use this park, a lot of them are not old enough to take themselves to the ripe. In essence you're ruining the community we have. It's so nice to see kids outside when we are all so obsessed with technology. I urge you to reconsider.	Closure	Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of The Rype which is a PPA.  Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.
Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	L think it is absolutely disgusting that you are even considering asset striping this play park to sell the land. This is Public land, where do you think the children of today are going to play. The park is used by so many youngsters & babies. L suppose this is another ploy for the council to accuse cutbacks & enjoy money. L believe you will get a fight on this the people of Lydd need some recreational ground. I am disgusted & I only visit the area.	Closure	Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of The Rype which is a PPA.  Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.
Individual	Hythe Town Council	Oakland's LEAP NSPA	Hythe Town Council	I find it very disheartening to find out today that you wish to close the park at Oakland's. I regularly take my son here (he's 2) as it's the perfect equipment for his age in comparison to other parks. Every time we go there are always other parents and children there, it's a great spot for the community as its right by Age UK so the elderly also get to benefit from engaging with the children. This will help all round with different aspects of development! This park is at the heart of a community and it	Closure	Oakland's Play area is maintained by Hythe Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.

				would be very sad to see it close, I hope you will reconsider		
Individual	Hythe Town Council	Oakland's LEAP NSPA	Hythe Town Council	<p>I am opposed to the proposed, possible closure of Oakland's Park, Hythe, and feel that it should be protected. Having not long moved to Hythe with a young toddler, I found Oakland's to be the perfect park. Although Hythe is listed as having 4 parks, the others are not suitable for young children. Oakland's is the perfect size for toddlers and would be a great loss for mums of young children who are looking for a safe, enclosed area to play with their children. Also I feel that it's worth noting that the location encourages families to access the library, which can only be a good thing, and also being in such close proximity to the canal opens up great opportunities for nature and exploration in the early years. I cannot count the times I've taken my son for walks to the park, and ended up feeding the ducks and looking at the different leaves and plants along the canal path.</p>	Closure Play provision	Oakland's Play area is maintained by Hythe Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.
Individual	Hythe Town Council	Oakland's LEAP NSPA	Hythe Town Council	<p>What can do to assist in keeping Oakland's park kids play area open? I use the park frequently with my 2 children. I also think the parks link to the age UK centre is good for the community.</p>	Closure	Oakland's Play area is maintained by Hythe Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.

Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Atkinson Road, LAP	Hawkinge	<p>I understand that there is a plan to close the large Page Road park and I must be honest this concerns me considering this is one of only 2 parks close to our home. There are many families with small children in this area and this park is a firm favourite of my 8 and 3-year-old alone. I am confused as to why you choose to close a park that caters for this large area of housing, are there plans to enhance the park along Pannell Drive? If so I would fully support closing this park on the basis a larger more varied park for many age groups was in your plans.</p> <p>Children need a place to go where they are safe and can be 'young', please do not take away one of the only places they can do this without being a 'nuisance' to the residence around them. I hear both sides of the story and I'm told there are older children/teens that maybe being unruly for not having use of a better word. Maybe CCTV would assist or at least signs to say they were in place to deter them?</p> <p>Houses there would spoil one of the only places the children can enjoy the outdoors, I beg you to rethink and help us raise children who are able to play outside rather than be cooped up in their bedrooms playing computer games and detaching from society because there is nowhere safe they can go. I vote no to the closure....unless you expand</p>	Closure	<p>The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area. The play park referred to is Atkinson road which is managed by Hawkinge Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.</p>
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Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Atkinson Road, LAP	Hawkinge	<p>I've just discovered that it's your intention to remove at least one of the two children's playgrounds in Hawkinge West. I've skimmed through the play area strategy 2020-2030 which infers that your strategy is "F&amp;HDC acknowledges the importance of play to the health and well-being of its residents. F&amp;HDC is therefore committed to ensuring all residents are able to access high quality and high value play provision. Subsequently F&amp;HDC's vision for play provision is as follows:</p> <p>Play experiences are fundamental to the health and development of children and young people. Folkestone &amp; Hythe District Council will therefore seek to ensure all residents are able to access a high quality and high value play area. We will work with town and parish councils, together with other providers, to create play spaces which offer challenging and exciting environments for children and young people of all ages and abilities."</p> <p>Removing either of the existing, albeit very small, play areas is a total contravention to your stated strategy. You may have conducted a limited public consultation but I have so far not found a single resident likely to be impacted by this decision who was aware of any such consultation. Surely part of a consultation process is to ask the tax payers in the immediate areas that could be affected by your decisions.</p> <p>Many of the families in the area are those with young children, or like my wife &amp; I, grandparents with young children to care for. Unless you are</p>	Closure	<p>The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area. The play park referred to is Atkinson road which is managed by Hawkinge Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.</p>
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Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Atkinson Road, LAP	Hawkinge	<p>To it may concern I just seen the notification that the playground is at risk of closer. I am a local resident with three children one of which is autistic and Regularly use the playground. I would strongly object to this play ground being sold off there needs to be areas for kids to play. If a site needs to</p>	Closure	<p>The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area. The play park referred to is</p>



				go why not look at the small play ground near Atkinson road.		Atkinson road which is managed by Hawkinge Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.
Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Atkinson Road, LAP	Hawkinge	I am deeply concerned by the apparent closure of the park on Page Road in Hawkinge and very much hope it will be a temporary measure. There are not enough decent areas for children in Hawkinge to play; certainly not in ratio to the number of houses built. There need to be more improved play parks and facilities, certainly not fewer. Judging by the comments on the Hawkinge Facebook page this is a very shared by many people up here. I hope you will consider my view as part of the consultation.	Play provision Closure	The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area. The play park referred to is Atkinson road which is managed by Hawkinge Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.

Individual	FHDC	Oakham Drive. LEAP NSPA	Lydd Town Council	<p>I am emailing you regarding the possible closure of the play park that is situated at Oakham Drive, Lydd. I would like to express my deepest concerns about this subject as I believe a play park is imperative for children's health and development. Having access to a gated play park is a necessity, it provides children with a safe place to play, gives them access to develop physically, provides them with opportunities to take risks that are crucial to becoming a more resilient adult and could possibly provide them with a safe environment when home life could be challenging. Taking away the play park could potentially have catastrophic effects on children's health and wellbeing, especially in today's society where technology seems to be an overpowering issue which leads to children become disengaged from a variety of daily activities.</p> <p>If the play park at Oakham Drive is to be taken away it will mean that the children who live there will no longer be able to socialise as easy as they do when the park is open, parents who arrange group activities for their little children will no longer be able to access a gated park and coordinate play dates and the children will have less reason to venture outside causing a variety of development and social issues. I hope this park can remain open, it is in the children's best interest. I am emailing you regarding the possible closure of the play park that is situated at Oakham Drive, Lydd. I would like to express my deepest concerns about this subject as I believe a play park is imperative for children's health and development.</p>	Closure Play provision	<p>Oakham Drive is a NSPA site and is found within the catchment area of The Rype which is a PPA.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place with Lydd Town Council over the transfer of this and the other play areas in Lydd.</p>
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Individual	FHDC	Heron Forstal LEAP NSPA	Hawkinge Town Council	<p>I have just been made aware that my local park is on the list to be closed. (Heron Forstal Avenue, Hawkinge)</p> <p>The planned closure of all but 2 Hawkinge parks is unacceptable. This would leave 1 park on the east of Hawkinge and 1 on the West for thousands of children! Living opposite the Heron Forstal park I see the volume of people using this throughout the weeks in all weathers and use this every weekend with my children. During the lighter evenings we use the park after school several times a week too. How can you justify keeping just 2 parks in the town open? They will be seriously overcrowded not to mention quite a trek to get to for many. There has been no communication on the intention of Hawkinge Town council so I do not know if they intend to take over any of the parks but I strongly object to these planned closures. Please register this email as a formal objection to the plans.</p>	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.
Individual	N/A	Lyminge	Lyminge Parish Council	<p>I saw this email address to voice an opinion on the closure of the local parks. I live in Lyminge and frequently use at least 2 of the 3 parks on your list, as well as many other families. For what it is worth I think closure of any (let alone all) of the parks in Lyminge would be very sad indeed! Having said that I am in no doubt that the park in mount pleasant close is long overdue an upgrade and would probably be used more if invested in!</p>	Closure	FHDC will undertake talks with Lyminge Parish Council about potential asset transfer.

Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Atkinson Road, LAP	Hawkinge	I have been advised that you are due to close a park in Hawkinge on Corbett Road/Page road. Please don't close this park. My 2 children play in here on a regular basis and it seems so unfair to take it away from the nice families who use it properly.	Closure	The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area. The play park referred to is Atkinson road which is managed by Hawkinge Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.
Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Having just been made aware of a consultation on your Play Area Strategy 2020-2030, I am very concerned that the window of consultation including Christmas and New Year has left little time for me to properly consider the strategy and respond in full. I hope you will extend this period.</p> <p>My understanding of your strategy so far makes me concerned that many play areas for children will be closed, reducing opportunity for the benefits of outside play and exercise. This goes against one of your strategic objectives in your corporate plan for "health matters". In addition, as a council you have declared a climate crisis and yet the closure of local play facilities will surely mean that families will have to drive to 'destination' play areas. Finally, there is no mention of funding for the parks being transferred to the Town and Parish Councils so how will they be maintained?</p>	Closure	FHDC will work closely with Parish and Town Councils to transfer assets.

Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	Think it's disgusting that you are closing a lot of parks in the area not everyone can take their kids to busy parks in the holidays especially those with Autism or other disabilities also not everyone drives or can afford the fuel. Plus it's good to get the kids out walking if the park is in walking distance. Now people will have nowhere to go.	Closure	FHDC will work closely with Parish and Town Councils to transfer assets.
Individual	MOD	Mackenzie Drive LEAP NSPA		<p>I am highly disappointed to see the list of parks to be possibly demolished for open spaces within the coming years. I do not often comment on plans but with 2 young children and many friends who have children too, the parks we have locally are so important for the community and a free and fun place for children and families to visit. I used to work in the NHS and now in KCC and have seen many examples of children who do not get the outdoor space and fun they should be experiencing, therefore leading to mental health and weight problems. Shutting down 24 parks is only going to increase this for the future. I thought we were trying to cut obesity in children not worsen it?</p> <p>I am aware of all these parks, and the one that upsets me the most is the McKenzie drive one. We visit here 1-2 times a week (when the weather is well) and the park is used regularly by the Nepalese families who live in the surrounding houses, these families are here to support us and have very little activities they can join in, why remove one of them which they can use? For free! Please re think this, it's so important the parks stay for the children and families.</p>	Closure	FHDC will work closely with Parish and Town Councils to transfer assets. Mackenzie drive is owned and managed by the MOD, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.

Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	N/A	Please do not close any of our children's parks in Hawkinge or Folkestone. They are much loved resources and one of the reasons why we love living here!	Closure	FHDC is in talks with Hawkinge Town Council regarding adopting the parks and talks have been positive.
Individual	Places for Homes LTD	Pine Way LEAP NSPA Transfer to FTC or close	Folkestone Town Council	<p>I've seen that the play park on Bigginswood road, next to Harcourt school, is on the list of closures. This really surprises me and is quite concerning that you want to close this park, considering it is right next to a primary school. This park is used every day by a lot of the children from the school, even in bad weather.</p> <p>As I'm sure you are aware Harcourt has a high number of disadvantaged family's that belong to the school, and this park is a place for children to play, who might not have gardens or have parents/guardians that take them to another park further away. As this park is literally on the way out of school.</p> <p>It also serves as a great way for the school community to grow as it gives a chance for parents to chat whilst the children play. If anything this park needs updating with more facilities as in the summer you can have over 100 children using it! If you sent your counsellors out to the park on any school day from 3.30 pm you will see for yourselves how much this is used. I look forward to your response</p>	Closure	This park is close to Harcourt Primary school and is in a convenient location for children before and after school. It is also close to Firs Lane Play Area. This play area has more equipment than FIR's lane. This area is within the catchment area of Cheriton Recreation Ground, which is the designated PPA.

Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>As made clear on p20 in the document the key issue to address through the pay strategy is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient budget to support the ongoing management and maintenance of play areas which has resulted in a backlog of repairs. The impact of continued reduction in play space will exacerbate the decline in play value and quality in Folkestone &amp; Hythe District.</li> </ul> <p>These proposals address the insufficient budget by reducing expenditure on play space. It is a cut in provision because there is less money available from central government due to the cut in local government budgets. This should be challenged by the council especially through their MP as the country recently elected a government that promised increased expenditure on public services. As part of the consultation the reason for this cut in services should be explained to the communities who use the play areas through a programme of engagement and ask them if they would prefer the council to increase the budget spent on play areas and how that would best be paid for. There appears to be no attempt to have surveyed use of play areas, run community fun days to engage people in the management of the spaces. More worryingly this consultation does not seem to be valid in that there has been no attempt to ask the users of the play areas what they think about the proposals. This would be a perfect opportunity for the council to show community leadership and work with parish councils and local nurseries/school and community groups to respond to the challenges of the budget.</p>	Closure	FHDC will work closely with Parish and Town Councils to transfer assets.
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				<p>I also think the lack of response to this consultation – sorry an assumption but it would be surprising due to the window available, the lack of awareness in communities and the time of year (eg over Christmas New Year) if there were many responses to this – should reinforce the need to properly involve communities in these decisions. People do not know that these proposals are being made about their local play parks so this consultation can in no way be seen as representative of the views of local residents. A programme of community consultation should be carried out before a decision is made</p>		
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Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	N/A	<p>I have only just learnt about the notices put up on most of the children's play areas around Hawkinge. Are we all understanding correctly that these areas could be shut down and removed? Hawkinge residents are mainly families with children. It seems absolutely absurd to remove play areas when there is little else for children to do and when we are all aware the children should be encouraged to get outdoors and play more. We originally bought off plan and as we had children it was important that the building plans included play areas. We now have grandchildren that we take to most of the play parks in Hawkinge.</p> <p>Where else can we take small children that is safe and fun to play that is also walking distance from home so we do not have to use the car?</p> <p>Hawkinge is still growing, there is still more housing being built so we need more facilities for children NOT LESS!! This is shameful!!! I can only say that myself, my family and the majority of Hawkinge residents OBJECT STRONGLY to any play area being closed and shut down. If money needs to be saved then perhaps removing our Town Mayor and the costs involved with that position should be considered instead!!</p>	Closure	<p>The sign mentioned in this response was not attached by FHDC and stated incorrect facts. FHDC will work closely with Parish and Town Councils to transfer assets. As areas continue to grow funding will be directed accordingly.</p>
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Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Having just been made aware of a consultation on the your Play Area Strategy 2020-2030 I am very concerned that the window of consultation included Christmas and New Year leaving little time for me to properly consider the strategy and respond in full. I hope you will extend this period. However with my brief understanding I am concerned that many play areas for children will be closed reducing opportunity for the benefits of outside play and exercise. This goes against one of your strategic objectives in your corporate plan for "health matters". Secondly as a council you have declared a climate crisis and yet the closure of local play facilities will surely mean that families will have to drive to 'destination' play areas. Finally there is no mention of funding being transferred with the parks to the Town and Parish Councils so how will they be maintained? "</p>	Closure Play provision Budget	<p>The consultation period was of a suitable timeframe. As part of the strategy FHDC will work with Parishes and Towns to provide suitable and quality play, both through PPA but locally through the SIPA and NSPA network. Funding dowries will be discussed with the appropriate bodies.</p>
Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Having been made aware of a consultation on your Play Area Strategy 2020-2030, I am very concerned that the window of consultation included Christmas and New Year leaving little time for me to properly consider the strategy and respond in full. I sincerely hope that you will extend this period. However, with my brief understanding, I am concerned that many play areas for children will be closed, therefore reducing their opportunities to reap the numerous benefits of outside play and exercise. This goes against one of your strategic objectives in your corporate plan for "health matters". Secondly, as a council you have declared a climate crisis, yet the closure of local</p>	Closure Play provision Budget	<p>The consultation period was of a suitable timeframe. As part of the strategy FHDC will work with Parishes and Towns to provide suitable and quality play, both through PPA but locally through the SIPA and NSPA network. Funding dowries will be discussed with the appropriate bodies.</p>

				<p>play facilities will mean that families will have to drive to 'destination' play areas. Finally there is no mention of funding being transferred with the parks to the Town and Parish Councils so could you please explain how they will be maintained?</p>		
Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Having looked in detail at your proposals I believe they are flawed. Where existing play areas are well maintained/financed by those with respective responsibility there is not a problem. Likewise where Town and parish councils are clearly able to accept a managed, properly financed take over there should be little difficulty. The problems will arise where the handover is unwanted and/or poorly financed. This is most likely to occur in the least advantaged areas of the district. Think twice about handing a valuable asset over to developers using the review as the vehicle.</p>	<p>Closure Play provision Budget</p>	<p>The consultation period was of a suitable timeframe. As part of the strategy FHDC will work with Parishes and Towns to provide suitable and quality play, both through PPA but locally through the SIPA and NSPA network. Funding dowries will be discussed with the appropriate bodies.</p>

Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>having just been made aware of a consultation on the your Play Area Strategy 2020-2030 I am very concerned that the window of consultation included Christmas and New Year leaving little time for me to properly consider the strategy and respond in full. I hope you will extend this period. However with my brief understanding I am concerned that many play areas for children will be closed reducing opportunity for the benefits of outside play and exercise. This goes against one of your strategic objectives in your corporate plan for "health matters". Secondly as a council you have declared a climate crisis and yet the closure of local play facilities will surely mean that families will have to drive to 'destination' play areas. Finally there is no mention of funding being transferred with the parks to the Town and Parish Councils so how will they be maintained? Any dowry being offered clearly does not meet the cost of maintenance, replacement of play equipment, cutting of grass, painting and repairing fences etc. yet alone the inspection fees.</p>	Closure Play provision Budget	<p>The consultation period was of a suitable timeframe. As part of the strategy FHDC will work with Parishes and Towns to provide suitable and quality play, both through PPA but locally through the SIPA and NSPA network. Funding dowries will be discussed with the appropriate bodies.</p>
Individual	N/A	Hawkinge	Hawkinge Town Council	<p>It would appear from your very confusing policy documents regarding the future of play areas in the District that many/most of the play areas in Hawkinge will have their play equipment removed and no maintenance will be carried out. This presumably will include mowing, rubbish removal, perimeter fencing as well as H&amp;S responsibilities. I find this ridiculous if this is the intention - there are innumerable children of all ages in Hawkinge and none of the houses have sufficient garden space</p>	Closure	<p>Sites that are not transferred will be maintained as open spaces, this will mean all other activities will continue.</p>

				for young children to play. Please could you let me know whether my understanding is correct?		
Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Having just been made aware of a consultation of your Play area Strategy 2020-2030, I am very concerned that the window of consultation included a Christmas and New Year, leaving little time to properly consider the strategy and respond accordingly in full. I am hopeful that you will extend this period, however with my brief understanding I am concerned that many play areas for children will be closed reducing opportunity for the benefits of outside play and exercise. This goes against one of your strategic objectives in your corporate plan for 'health matters'. Secondly, as a council, you have declared a climate crisis and yet the closure of local play facilities will surely mean that families will have to drive to a 'designated play area'.</p> <p>Finally there is no mention of funding being transferred with the parks and the Town and Parish Councils, so how will they be maintained</p>	Closure Play provision Budget	The consultation period was of a suitable timeframe. As part of the strategy FHDC will work with Parishes and Towns to provide suitable and quality play, both through PPA but locally through the SIPA and NSPA network. Funding dowries will be discussed with the appropriate bodies.

Lyminge Youth Action	N/A	Lyminge	Lyminge Parish Council	<p>Having read through your strategic document we can see that three of the four play parks we have in Lyminge are in line for closure if no transfer to a local partner can be found. This is obviously disappointing, especially with Lyminge having a thriving pre-school and primary school, meaning that the village has over 300 under 11s visiting it each week day (most of whom live in or within walking distance of the village, and also use the current parks on the weekend &amp; in school holidays). Whilst it is understandable (given how outdated &amp; unsafe against modern standards the other three are) why the one has been selected to remain under F&amp;H Council management, this park only has equipment for very small children (under 5) &amp; a skate park for more older children (mostly used by children 10+). This leaves a significant gap in provision for the 200+ primary school aged children we have in the village each weekday. We, therefore, wonder what provision will be made available in the village for these children if no one takes up management of the other three parks in the village that do cater for this age group? We also wondered, where Parish councils or partners are willing to take on the future management of these parks (which will mean a significant long-term financial commitment for insurance &amp; on-going upkeep), whether F&amp;H Council will provide some one-off funding or make a pot of money available for application should the park equipment be damaged or require some one-off improvements to remain safe &amp; useable?</p>	Closure	Discussions with the Parish council will be undertaken to asset transfer the parks this will include a dowry payment.
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				<p>With this in mind, as you may be aware, Lyminge Youth Action (in partnership with Lyminge Parish Council) have applied to rebuild one of the play parks in Tayne Field. Making it a play park for all children regardless of age, as well as a community space. Given F&amp;H Council's desire to transfer management of this; Lyminge Parish Council's agreement to do so on conclusion of the rebuild (as they then have the security of the installers lengthy warranty); &amp; our desire to ensure at least one park for children aged 5+ remains in the village, would F&amp;H Council be willing to support our rebuild with some one-off funding? We certainly feel such support will go a significant way to compensate for the potential loss of the other two parks - something we know a large proportion of the village are unhappy about. It may be, as part of our rebuild, we can look at removing the equipment of the other two parks &amp; making them in to open spaces, as per the strategy you have. Making the situation a win for all parties concerned. We would be more than happy to discuss this matter further. We look forward to your response.</p>		
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Individual	Places for Homes LTD (Pine Way) / FHDC (George Gurr)	Pine Way LEAP NSPA / George Gurr LEAP NSPA	Folkestone Town Council	<p>I write with comments and questions on the play strategy proposed.</p> <p>Whilst it is a fantastic strategy in principle, myself and my children directly benefiting from the development of jocks pitch. I do find some of the parks 'going' will impact others negatively far greater than myself positively.</p> <p>The play park on pine way/Biggins wood road. This park is used daily, before and after school by children that attend Harcourt primary school. This school has a higher than average percentage of disadvantaged children. These children need the outside space to play! Parents are unlikely to travel the extra distance to Cheriton Park, many driving to school from work, as the convenience of before and after school is what works for them. The preschool children who attend Playbox nursery also visit this park daily, and siblings of all these children spend much time in the park.</p> <p>The benefits of outside play and learning are crucial for the development into healthy independent adults. This park also falls in the middle of an under privileged area. Many of these children need that park in the school holidays, as their only form of outside entertainment.</p> <p>This park forms an integral part of the school community, with children given the opportunity to play together outside of the school environment. For the same reasons above the park in George Gurr should also stay. There is nowhere safe to walk in 15 minutes from there for the children, without having to cross the busy bypass, at least 30 minutes to Canterbury road/Radnor park, and back</p>	Closure	Pine Way is close to Harcourt Primary school and is in a convenient location for children before and after school. It is also close to Firs Lane Play Area. This play area has more equipment than FIR's lane. This area is within the catchment area of Cheriton Recreation Ground, which is the designated PPA.
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				<p>up the hill even longer! Unfortunately, money will not come from out of thin air, and the parks being sold onto developers in return for investment into the strategic play parks should be better 'advertised' People naively believe they will just remain, unmaintained.</p> <p>What parks do developers have interest in, all the non-strategic areas of play? What can we expect to be built? Housing?</p>		
Individual	MOD	Mackenzie Drive LEAP NSPA		<p>I'm emailing regarding the children's play park at McKenzie Drive, Shorncliffe, and Folkestone. I don't understand why it's down for closure. It's very popular with locals, especially the Gurkha community. It's had a fantastic revamp in the last year too. Please save it!</p>	Closure	<p>FHDC will work closely with Parish and Town Councils to transfer assets. Mackenzie drive is owned and managed by the MOD, therefore FHDC</p>

						has no plans to close this park.
Individual	Hythe Town Council	Oakland's LEAP NSPA	Hythe Town Council	<p>Am writing to add my voice to those asking your team to find an alternative funding solution so that you can avoid closing playgrounds in and around Folkestone and Hythe. The health and development benefits of outdoor play for young children are undisputed, as well as the benefits to community cohesion that shared spaces can bring: the playground by Age UK in Hythe is a particularly lovely example of this, as it sees young children playing next to the cafe and meeting hub for elderly care, helping to remove barriers between the generations.</p> <p>I appreciate that budgets are becoming more and more restricted, and that many of the grants focusing on recreational spaces that would have previously been available for the council to apply for will no longer be an option when we leave the EU, but letting such vital community asset disappear due to an administrative paper-shuffle about 'asset transfer' is nothing short of negligence. I apologise that I have not been able to include links to research supporting my points- I only learned of the plans today, and I am writing this while clearing up breakfast for my 3 year olds! I'm also sorry if this email is just the latest in the line of 'disgruntled of Hythe' responses you are fielding, but frankly it seemed the only recourse available at 8am the morning the consultation</p>	Closure	Oakland's Play area is maintained by Hythe Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park.

				closed. Please could you let me know how I might stay up to date on the progress of this issue?		
Individual	N/A	N/A	N/A	I live at xxxxx, this piece of land is at the back of my property and have I been trying to get in contact the owner since I bought the property as we are very interested in purchasing the land. We have recently had a baby and would love to have the land to extend our garden. It would mean we could live in this house and extend our family before moving anytime soon. Please could someone call me as I am very interested?	N/A	N/A

Individual	N/A	N/A	Hawkinge	I live at xx Heron Forstal Avenue, Hawkinge and write in the strongest opposition to the removal of any of the play equipment in Hawkinge. I regularly take my granddaughter to all play areas in Hawkinge and have been disgusted at the lack of suitable play equipment for babies and young children! Hawkinge needs more equipment not less for the many families in the area and all my family feel upset that this is possibly to be removed. Why are families and children not catered for? Totally wrong and mean decision.	Closure / play provision	The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area.
Individual	Hawkinge Town Council	Atkinson Road, LAP	Hawkinge	I am emailing to express my concern over the decision to potentially close a number of the children's recreation areas in Hawkinge. In particular as a resident of Trunley Way I am very sad to learn that the Atkinson Road site is one of those due to be removed .Since we moved to the area 5 years ago we have used this park often but in particularly over the last 3 years, since our youngest son was born, we have used this area almost daily. There are no other parks suitable for this age group on this side of Hawkinge. I feel it is a real shame to be removing amenities from such young children. My front door directly faces the park and my son asks every day without fail to "slide" when he sees the park. I find the decision to close both Atkinson and Corbett road sites strange as the most troublesome park would almost certainly be the one on Pannell Drive. This park attracts hordes of teenagers (well out of the suitable age range) who sit there using foul language, vandalising and leaving broken glass etc. everywhere. This has meant for myself and others	Closure	The sign mentioned in this response was not attached by FHDC and stated incorrect facts. The strategy has been put in place considering the fact that the towns and Parishes can deliver the local requirements of the area. The play park referred to is Atkinson road which is managed by Hawkinge Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park. With regards to the other parks we are working closely with Hawkinge Town Council regarding asset transfer and the collaboration remains positive.

				<p>this park is unusable as it is both intimidating and at times dangerous! Can I please ask how the decision has been reached to keep this park yet remove others on the area? I note the other nearby suitable park (located at the end of Uphill) is also war marked for closure. Where are you proposing we take our toddlers when you are leaving absolutely no facilities for them in this area? I really hope you receive enough objections to these proposals to rethink your plans. These areas are one of the reasons we chose to move to Hawkinge and it will be a great shame for the community to lose them. Thank you for your time. I welcome any comments you may have.</p>		
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Individual	Hythe Town Council	Oakland's LEAP NSPA	Hythe Town Council	<p>I wish to comment on the reasons why I do not agree with the committee's "non-strategic" evaluation of No. 55, Oakland's play park. This toddler park is extensively used throughout the winter and summer. If the evaluation has been undertaken through questionnaires from few streets surrounding the park then this is not a true representation of the many users of this park. The houses directly adjacent the park are mainly retirement. However, we and many other parents live walking distance from the park and frequently walk to the park after a visit to the library. Then in the summer we and so many other families have picnicked in Oakland's and the play park has been so full you had to wait to use the equipment; on many occasions.</p> <p>The only other play park in walking distance to us is number 27 The Green, but this is for mixed ages and the toddler area is in the middle of the gated area and therefore not as comfortable for the younger children who constantly use Oakland's. Has the "non-strategic" evaluation taken into consideration that this play park has been sited adjacent age concern, presumably for intergenerational reasons?</p> <p>Surely, a measure of the requirement for a play park would be to assess its use over a period of set time? This play park is used too frequently to be judged "non-strategic". It is unclear in the councils strategy how this play park has been determined "non-strategic" and I strongly disagree with this determination</p>	Designation	Oakland's Play area is maintained by Hythe Town Council, therefore FHDC has no plans to close this park. It is also found within the catchment area of the Green PPA and Hythe Skate Park SIPA.
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KCC	FHDC (Peregrine Close) / FHDC Housing (Reachfields)	Peregrine Close LAP NSPA / Reachfields LEAP NSPA	Hythe Town Council	<p>I am writing as the KCC member for Hythe West in response to the FHDC Play Area Strategy 2020-2030.</p> <p>I am concerned about the designation of both the Peregrine Close and Reachfields play areas in Hythe as Non-Strategic. Both are heavily used and important facilities for their local communities. While the Reachfields play area is relatively close to the play facilities on the Green in Hythe, it is located within an estate with relatively high levels of deprivation and many of the facilities, particularly the enclosed pitch, are much more suitable to older age group children than is the case with the Green play facilities.</p> <p>As such, I would request that the NSPA designation of both is revised to Strategically Important, thereby removing the threat of potential loss of equipment if the town council declines to take over the assets.</p> <p>Overall, I am concerned about the potential loss of facilities across the district. The physical and mental health benefits of outside play are well understood and there is a dearth of activities and facilities for young people.</p>	Designation	Designations are reached considering locations, other facilities, and requirements.
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Individual	FHDC	Heron Forstal LEAP NSPA	Hawkinge Town Council	<p>I want to express my disappointment in the council wishing to close down and sell all the assets in Uphill Park Hawkinge!! I strongly disagree with this and cannot understand the stupidity of doing such a thing!</p> <p>When childhood obesity is high and continuing to rise why you would take away outdoor spaces for children to play in! As a resident of a house that overlooks the park I am very concerned about antisocial behaviour of an empty park that will attract teenagers and travellers again! Yet again you don't care about residents!!!</p> <p>It's the reason we moved to Hawkinge for the beautiful spaces and parks you have for our children!!! I will protest this and save our park!!!!!! I want an available reason as to why you are closing our parks</p>	Closure	<p>Discussions have been going on with Hawkinge Town Council over the asset transfer of this park and they remain positive.</p>
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Individual	FHDC	Southern Way LEAP NSPA	Folkestone Town Council	<p>I have read the Council's proposals for play areas in the FHDS District and would make the following comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The response time of 20 December to 31 January, which includes Christmas and New Year, and of which I have not heard until now - near the end of that time - is too short, and typical of other public consultations the Council has organised. I hope this will be extended and the public properly informed.</li> <li>• Most of the section on the value of play is commendable, though it is interesting that the value of "natural play" sites coincides with the financial advantage to the Council. Which of those advantages have particularly driven this strategy?</li> <li>• There is no mention of the status of funding where PAs are to be transferred to town and rural councils.</li> <li>• The "non-strategically important" play areas are to be transferred as assets or revert of open spaces. In other words closed. These more local areas have the advantage of being more likely to attract walking to them. Closing them would make use of cars more likely to reach the nearest play area remaining open. This goes against the Council's environmental and health policies. Specifically, the Southern Way play area was, as you acknowledge, an initiative of local schoolchildren. The map suggests this is classified as NSPA. Shouldn't the Council be maintaining its positive response to such public initiatives? Incidentally, I don't see this site in the final list of ownership, management responsibilities and classifications.</li> </ul>	Closure Play provision Budget	<p>The consultation period was of a suitable timeframe. As part of the strategy FHDC will work with Parishes and Towns to provide suitable and quality play, both through PPA but locally through the SIPA and NSPA network. Funding dowries will be discussed with the appropriate bodies. The review completed by LUC has discussed the importance of natural play, and the huge benefits this has. Southern Way park is also known as the Danni James Community Park and it written as this in the strategy.</p>
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Individual	Jefferstone Lane (St Mary's in the Marsh Parish Council ) Meads Way & Oak Drive (FHDC)	Jefferstone Lane LEAP SIPA / Meads Way LAP SIPA / Oak Drive LEAP SIPA		<p>I write further to you publication regarding your plans on redeveloping play parks and would like to draw your attention to 3 areas within Romney marsh, St Mary's bay that has been neglected for years. My children regularly play there as there is literally nowhere else for them to play as of late they have been abandoned had fencing around them and are completely cut off from use. I have emailed this address several times.</p> <p>Area 1 mead way, TN29 0hb. A small play park on our estate that is always full of children.</p> <p>Area 2 St Mary's bay village hall. A busy little play park been out of proper use for over a year</p> <p>Area 3 Jefferstone lane recreational ground again neglected now fenced off. A place where children can play enclosed with very bad maintenance. Always used by locals and the tourists in the summer.</p> <p>Can you advise what is going to happen to these areas? As I noted on your report it says</p> <p>Dymchurch parish council are responsible for 1 New Romney responsible for 1 (there is 2 one inside the medical Centre opposite the marsh academy) St Mary's in the marsh 1 area.</p> <p>None of the above appear to be included.</p>	Closure	Jefferstone Lane is managed by St Mary's in the Marsh Parish Council, Meads Way and Oak Drive are both SIPA and FHDC understands the importance of these. It will work collaboratively with St Marys in the Marsh Parish Council to ensure a smooth transition.
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