

## **OBJECTIVE 4: CULTURE AND LEISURE**

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

6.45 **Policy 9 Protecting and enhancing sport, leisure and recreation facilities**

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

C1	Carleton Heights Play Area
C2	Penrith RFU
PE4	Scaws Play Area
PE7	Friars Bowling Club
PE8	Beaconside School Playing Fields
PN12	Milton Street Play Area
PN15	Penrith Golf Course
PN16	Penrith Golf Course Practice Ground
PN17	Fairhill Playing Field
PN18	St. Catherine's School Field
PW32	Castletown Recreation Area
PS36	Ullswater CC Playing Fields
PS37	Penrith Cricket Ground
PS38	North Lakes School Playing Field
PS39	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Playing Field
PS41	Castle Park
PS43	Clifford Road Play Area
PS44	Land between Wetheriggs Lane and Astro Turf
PS45	The Crescent Playing Fields
PP49	Pategill Play Area and Recreation Ground
PP50	Land to the South of Eden Housing Association
PP51	Land to the North of Eden Housing Association
PP52	Land to the North of Greengarth

Proposals for a place-based youth facility (such as the Youth Zone, Carlisle) will be supported where they would not lead to significant adverse impacts on the amenity of other users and occupiers.

## Background/Justification

- 6.46 Draft Policy 9 identifies and seeks to protect the key sport, leisure and recreation facilities in the town. These include, in the main, the town's key outdoor sport and recreation facilities that support football, cricket, golf and other outdoor sports and the town's main indoor sport and recreation facility Penrith Leisure Centre.
- 6.47 By protecting, enhancing and supporting improvements to sport and recreation facilities Draft Policy 9 supports Core Strategy Policy CS21 that seeks to meet the formal and informal sport and recreation needs of the District and the implementation of emerging Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 COM2 Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities
- 6.48 The approach set out in Draft Policy 9 is in line with national planning policy that states:

*"Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:*

- an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or*
- the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or*
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss."* (NPPF, para. 74).

- 6.49 The policy also seeks to support the provision of better leisure and recreation facilities for young people, specifically by creation of a place based facility e.g. a Youth Zone type facility.

## Relevant District Planning Policies:

### Core Strategy:

CS1 Sustainable Development Principles

CS21 Principles for Services, Facilities, Sport and Informal Recreation

CS24 Open Space and Recreation Land

## **Eden Local Plan 2014-2032**

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

**Penrith Town Council Strategic Priorities:** Health and Wellbeing.