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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** on **Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 7.00pm** at the Assembly Rooms when the under mentioned business will be transacted.

There is a pre-meeting briefing for town councillors only at 6.30pm with Westbournes regarding the new care home on the former Brewery Site.

Yours faithfully

Tom Horwood
Town Clerk

To: All Town Councillors

Councillor Matthew Bayliss
Councillor Chris Botten
Councillor Mark Boyce-Churn
Councillor Annette Eyre
Councillor Don Hammond
Councillor Graham Hill
Councillor Matthew Kellermann
Councillor Roger Lamb
Councillor Richard Moore
Councillor Nick O'Brien
Councillor John Quincey
Councillor Barbara Tansey
Councillor Janice Treacher

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2025
ASSEMBLY ROOMS, ALTON – AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Town Mayor's announcements
3. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3rd September 2025 for approval.
4. Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensations - Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of or vote on any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest. You must withdraw when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter
5. Correspondence received and Questions to the Council
6. District and County Councillor Updates
7. Sports Strategy and proposed 3G pitch in Alton
8. Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2024-2025
9. Statement of Accounts from 1st – 30th September 2025
10. Cycle Stands in the Town
11. Will Hall Meadow Management Plan
12. Update to Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Policy
13. Co-option procedure
14. Citizens Advice Lease
15. To exclude the press and members of the public in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1, subsection 2, and to be clear, as per subsection 3A, where the public are excluded from a meeting of a relevant local government body under subsection (2), the body may also prevent any person from reporting on the meeting using methods-
 - (a) which can be used without that person's presence at the meeting, and
 - (b) which enable persons not present at the meeting to see or hear the proceedings at the meeting as it takes place or later.

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ITEM 5: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

1. The following correspondence was received on 18th September 2025:

Dear councils/councillors,

Please find attached an email sent to regional MPs today regarding Farnborough Airport's expansion proposal submitted last week. This is to double the number of weekend flights and operate larger aircraft. There is a five-week statutory consultation process for this and a week has passed already. If you need further information, please contact Farnborough Noise Group.

Further information will be included on the group's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/farnboroughnoise>) and website (<https://www.farnboroughnoise.org>).

Best regards,

Farnborough Noise Group.

"Dear Honourable Members of Parliament,

As anticipated, Farnborough Airport has started the next stage of its process to expand its airport operations (double the number of weekend flights and operate larger aircraft). Over the past six years, Farnborough Noise Group (FNG) had devoted considerable time and effort to provide factual information to MPs, councils and the public regarding Farnborough Airport and private jets. We have even invested in noise monitoring equipment as the airport has refused to provide it, despite it being required to do so. Recent noise assessments of some of Farnborough's aircraft have now started but fall woefully short of what is needed. All the work undertaken to date by FNG has been done on a voluntary basis at considerable personal cost and time to us.

The airport has engaged with Farnborough Noise Group in the past, but more in the capacity of closing down and silencing our endeavours rather than answering questions and acting on residents' concerns. Although we agree there should be a fair balance between economic growth and environmental needs in our local community, we do not have the capacity to compete with the airport and their professional advisors, particularly if the organisations that are in place to represent the public's concerns, such as local councils, the FACC and the CAA, have policies that create an uneven playing field.

Further, our attempts to engage with members of the public is now proving difficult as most of the social media tools we use to communicate (Facebook, Nextdoor) have been blocked. The FACC and Rushmoor Borough Council should be holding the airport to account but they aren't. We, and the wider public therefore request your help in representing your constituents' concerns.

The airport has submitted a request to Rushmoor Borough Council for advice on an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) before submitting a formal planning application to double flights at the weekends and operate larger aircraft[1]. You may remember that we and the public believed that this was their original intention in the previous application and the proposed increase to 70,000 flight was a smokescreen to detract from what they really wanted – to operate more leisure flights at weekends.

The EIA submission is 300 pages. We have worked through this document quickly and have initial observations but our main concern is how the public can respond to it as it is technically complex and a statutory five-week process started last Wednesday (10th September). If this is accepted without challenge, it effectively gives the airport a free pass through the next stage which would be a formal planning application they intend to submit in Autumn. Legislation, MPs and many organisations have stated that there must be full and effective public consultation on the proposals.

There will be a lot of discussion about this amongst and from your constituents. We hope this information helps you respond to points raised and we would be happy to meet with you and/or your teams to discuss the situation.

*Best regards,
Farnborough Noise Group*

1. - <https://publicaccess.rushmoor.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=T2D594NM0HX00> ”

ITEM 6: DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES

FOR NOTING

The following report was received from Councillor Ginny Boxall of East Hampshire District Council on 26 September 2025:

This quarter Councillors have mainly been concerned and focused on the LGR timetable and we have had many briefings on the proposals being prepared by EHDC and HCC who have been working together in partnership with the advice of PWC consultants.

(EHDC) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) preferred option is a proposal to replace the existing 15 County and District councils in the Hampshire and Solent area with four new Unitary councils. A Unitary council would deliver all local public services in its area, such as social care, education, waste collection, and planning.

The preferred model, developed in partnership with Hampshire County Council, would create the following unitary authorities:

- **North and Mid Hampshire:** Consisting of the current areas of Basingstoke and Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor, and Winchester.
- **South-West Hampshire and Solent:** Composed of Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton, and Test Valley.
- **South-East Hampshire and Solent:** Made up of Fareham, Gosport, Havant, and Portsmouth.
- **Isle of Wight:** This would remain a standalone unitary council.

This change is being driven by a central government requirement for two-tier council areas to transition to single-tier authorities. Key aims of the EHDC's preferred option include:

- **Improved efficiency and value for money:** The model aims to streamline services and save around £50 million annually.
- **Stronger local leadership:** It seeks to create councils large enough to be efficient but small enough to remain connected to local communities.
- **Enhanced service delivery:** By integrating services like social care, education, and housing under a single authority, the plan aims to make services simpler, more joined-up, and sustainable.

- **Stable transition:** *It is designed to minimise disruption to existing services, especially critical areas like social services.*

The case for this preferred option was debated at Full Council on 26th Sept and a majority of 25 Councillors voted for it ensuring this preferred option will be presented to the Minister today. The Lib Dem opposition voted against, preferring the proposal (not put forward to Council) of 5 unitaries which they consider will be a better option for our residents.

On Other news, EHDC have also written again to the housing minister Matthew Pennycook asking him to look again on how we can have a fair and equitable way of calculating our local housing need given that 57% of the District lies within the SDNP we will continue a watching brief on how this develops.

Finally a new round of Climate grants are up for grabs from local organisations £129,000 has been made available. The early bird catches the worm so local organisations and groups need to apply now to ensure success.

ITEM 7: SPORTS STRATEGY AND 3G PITCH IN ALTON

FOR DECISION

On 3rd September 2025 at the Full Council meeting, Council resolved to carry out public consultation on whether to take forward assessment of one of the three ATC sites identified by ATC, EHDC and the FA as the preferred site for the new facility, starting with a public meeting on 17th September in the Alton Assembly Rooms. The deadline for responses was 29th September, and 412 responses were received, of which 22 were on paper and 390 submitted online. Of the 412 responses, 404 were in favour of the new facility being at Anstey Park and 8 were not in favour. Main considerations raised for the site were parking and drainage. Full survey results are included for information.

RECOMMENDATION: To take forward assessment of Anstey Park as the potential/preferred site for a new 3G Pitch.

ITEM 8: NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

FOR NOTING

BDO, the External Auditor, have completed their review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2025. The AGAR and Notice of Conclusion of Audit are attached.

Attention is drawn to section 2 which states:

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

To be in line with best practice we recommend that when minuting the appointment of the internal auditor, the council record they have considered the independence of the appointed auditor on an annual basis

There are no other matters arising.

ITEM 9: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

FOR DECISION

Members are requested to scrutinise the accounts and accompanying documents and reports to 30th September 2025.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2025: The balance sheet will be presented for sign off by the Chairman of the Council and the RFO (Responsible Financial Officer, Tom Horwood – Town Clerk).

Income & Expenditure: The Statutory Income and Expenditure Report for the period 1st – 30th September 2025 is attached.

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th September 2025: The Bank Reconciliation Statements for September 2025 are attached. This requires signing off on behalf of the council that the figures presented reconcile with the original bank statement which will be given to the Chairman on the night.

Payments over £500: The report which includes all payments over £500, issued between 1st – 30th September 2025 in respect of invoices and grant cheques are attached.

RECOMMENDATION: To confirm approval of:

1. The balance sheet dated 30th September 2025;
2. The Income and Expenditure account to 30th September 2025;
3. The bank reconciliations for the Unity Account and the CCLA Deposit & Property Fund Accounts;
4. The Payments over £500 covering 1st – 30th September 2025.

ITEM 10: CYCLE STANDS IN ALTON

FOR DECISION

The Cycle Planters were installed during the pandemic as a quick and easy solution to encourage residents to cycle into town and be able to secure their bicycle. The planters are not secured to the ground and so did not required permission from Hampshire Highways to install on pavements in the town.

Cycle Alton has been awarded a grant to install cycle hoops in the Town and has identified 7 locations where there are currently cycle planters. The first three photographs are locations owned by the Town Council whilst the others are the responsibility of Hampshire Highways.

Councillors are asked if they support the change from Cycle Planter to Cycle Hoops at the Public Gardens and Flood Meadows. Councillors are also asked if the Grounds Team can be asked to install the hoops at these sites with no charge to Cycle Alton for the labour.

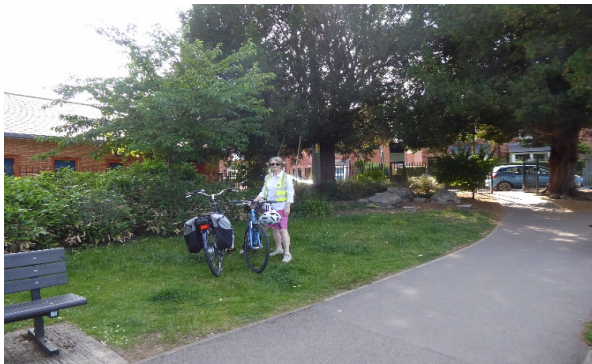


Existing Cycle Planters



Cycle hoops

Proposed positions for cycle stands



Westbrooke Road entrance to Public Gardens



Public Gardens



Flood Meadows



Normandy Street



Costa Coffee, High Street



Old Bank, High Street



The Assembly Rooms

RECOMMENDATION: To install the hoops purchased by Cycle Alton at the Public Gardens and Flood Meadows with no labour charge passed on.

ITEM 11: WILL HALL MEADOW MANAGEMENT PLAN

FOR DECISION

Following concerns raised by Alton and Villages Local Action for Nature (AVLAN) about the cutting of Will Hall Meadow whilst certain moths were in the meadow, the Deputy Clerk and Head Groundsman met with Gareth Hurd, land manager responsible for similar sites along the River Wey for Guildford Borough Council, to discuss the best way forward. Gareth was advising in a personal and voluntary capacity. He has previously worked for ATC, so is aware of the situation and the capabilities of the Grounds Team and other sites they manage.

There are three constraints on ATC regards managing Will Hall Meadow according to the management plan (produced by Aquamaintain and signed off by full council in 2022)

1. This is a floodplain site and will often have years where wet ground will be inaccessible to machinery capable of cutting and collecting half or all of that field either side of Mar-Sep as per plan. In dry years it could be accessible between Apr-Oct and the pattern will be that in some years you can't do any habitat management on site whilst in others you have to go hard to make up for the fallow years. This is a problem with mowing wet sites as opposed to say grazing or afforesting.
2. ATC do not have the correct equipment to cut and collect a field of long grass. Their collector flail is designed to mow sports pitches and will clogg every couple of minutes if asked to collect long or wet grass. The thin, dry grass we have this year before the rains return (usually around Aug-Sep) and fresh grass grows are about the most ATC can cope with without using an external contractor. Tractor contractors average £450 ex VAT per day. A hay cut and collect would take 3-5 days to implement. Owing to litter and dog mess in the sward the crop probably can't be sold to recoup costs.
3. ATC staff have to maintain the sports pitches. Cricket pitch maintenance dominates staff time May-Jul and then the pitches get repaired and re-purposed for rugby and football in late Aug-Sep so their own resources aren't necessarily available except in a Jul-Aug window with all the aforementioned constraints.

Regrettably, these constraints mean that Will Hall Meadow is planned to be cut and collected (although we will see how the collecting pans out) in the next couple of weeks whilst the sun shines. Fundamentally, it could be argued that the ATC plan to manage these fields was sub-optimal from the outset and requires more money be spent on Will Hall Meadows upkeep via expensive cut and collect management or a switch to more affordable management e.g. amenity mowing of dry areas and irregular cut and collection of seasonally wet areas. Or turning the field to summer grazing, similar to Greenfields, which has been done successfully there since the 1990s.

Gareth's opinion is that when the current management plan lapses in 2026, the site could be converted to grazing. From the perspective of maintaining the historical landscape, enhancing the site for wildlife and people and taxpayer expense this would have many benefits. This could be managed through special collars for the cattle, which are used elsewhere in neighbouring boroughs.

RECOMMENDATION: To agree to trial grazing in Will Hall Meadow from Spring 2027, subject to all necessary arrangements being in place.

ITEM 12: UPDATE TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ALLOCATION POLICY

FOR DECISION

The policy has been updated to add in paragraphs 11, 12, 13 and 14 to clarify the position on awarding money to educational settings.

RECOMMENDATION: To adopt the updated policy as tabled.

ITEM 13: CO-OPTION PROCEDURE

FOR DECISION

Four councillors have requested that the following motion be debated and voted on:

That the co-option form be amended to add a box inviting candidates to indicate their party-political affiliation.

The current co-option form and policy is attached for reference.

ITEM 13: CITIZENS ADVICE LEASE

Alton Town Council has not grant-funded Citizens Advice (CA) for some years. However, the current arrangement whereby CA benefits from £1/year occupation of units on the ground floor of the Town Hall is worth over £13,000 in commercial rent, making ATC a significant supporter of Citizens Advice, which serves many residents who are vulnerable and/or in hardship. CA holds a lease for Unit 17 and a licence for three days/week for Unit 16. In March 2025, the Council agreed to extend the current arrangement for two years from November 2025. Citizens Advice has asked to extend for three years from November 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Clerk finalise and agree arrangements to extend the current lease and licence with Citizens Advice East Hampshire for three years to 30 November 2028.

ITEM 14: TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

FOR DECISION

The following item is of a confidential nature as with all leases because it contains information that is likely to be commercially sensitive for both the council and the lessee.

RECOMMENDATION: To exclude the press and members of the public in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1, subsection 2, and to be clear, as per subsection 3A, where the public are excluded from a meeting of a relevant local government body under subsection (2), the body may also prevent any person from reporting on the meeting using methods-

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QUESTION 1	COMMENTS	QUESTION 2	COMMENTS	QUESTION 3
Are you supportive of a 3G pitch in Alton?	WHY OR WHY NOT?	If you are supportive, would you favour Anstey Park?	Any comments on why or why not, and whether you would prefer another of Alton Town Council's sites (Diggers or Jubilee Fields):	Do you have any concerns that should be considered?
YES	Yes Yes Yes We need an all year round pitch	YES	Anstey will work very well for parking and the extra space. more going on at Anstey - will get more use.	Concerns if its at Diggers that parking will be an issue. Space at diggers is short, especially with the cricket during the summer.
YES	Much better facilities for kids and adults to train and play in all weathers	YES	Close to parking and clubhouse and changing facilities	No
YES	All weather pitch available to increase access to good sporting facilities for all ages.	YES	Central location Close to to facilities and car parking	No
YES		YES		No
YES	To give all year round playing facilities.	YES	Sporting Hub for the area	
YES	To give all year playing facilities.	YES	To provide a sporting hub for the area and create a great sporting community.	
YES	Extra sports facilities for young people Free funding	YES	Preference is for Anstey Park	No
YES		NO	For Jubilee: Jubilee fields does not have a dedicated pitch (Anstey Park currently does). This would be good resource for the other end of the town. Infrastructure in terms of the Sports Centre is already in Jubilee Fields area which would compliment a pitch.	There is inadequate parking for an additional pitch at Anstey Park. Anstey park is a primary area for community events/rugby/ other recreational activities. Building on the land would reduce space for these alternative activities.
YES	There is evidence to show that there are sufficient requirements. For this project to be a a commercial project.	YES	The current facility at Anstey Park can be used to cover some the cost of additional modifications.	The new facility should be available to hire for as many sporting events possible.
YES	Great facilities for youth	YES		No
YES	Absolutely. It means that rugby can be played even when the pitch is unusable.	YES	Diggers, because that is where the rugby is and where there is more space	No
YES		YES		Parking
YES	Cause it's needed for training during wet weather	YES	Yes cause it is my rugby club and it is need down this end of Alton	No
YES	Because it represents a very progressive step for sporting facilities at the Ansty end of town and is necessary to take the rugby and football club positively forward into the future, as well as Alton sports in general.	YES	Prefer Anstey Park rugby on a sloping pitch is something from the 70s.	No
YES	I presume there has been an established need, although there are pitches at Eggars school and Amery school which are not fully utilised.	NO	Diggers seems to be totally inappropriate for such use. There are no nearby parking spaces nor facilities. There are homes very close and the noise disturbance and possible lights would be unreasonable for inhabitants. It would be unsafe for youngsters to use the area. Jubilee fields however, have the infrastructure for sports and so if it is really necessary to have a new all weather pitch, this would be the most obvious place.	The times and days the pitch would be used. Nearby residents should be considered, unlike the football pitches along Anstey Road, where floodlights were installed which shine directly into houses. Alton is a small market town, not part of some 24/7 metropolis. Safety for the users should also be considered very carefully.
YES	No brainer!	YES		The parking is WOEFUL at this site. At least half the spaces needed for current activities. Just not good enough.
YES	Encourages fitness and gives youngsters a place to be	NO	Anstey Lane is very busy now. There isn't enough parking on a Sunday or tournament days. If Anstey was chosen, more parking would be required	As above
YES	Desperately needed. I have three children who would have all benefited from this.	YES	No brainer	No

				I am deeply worried that the world is now moving to plastic pitches - there is almost no discussion here of the disposal issues. With a ten year life expectancy a pitch like this would have been replaced five times in the time I have been in Alton. I fear the world has given up on the future sometimes. But I certainly don't want the young people of Alton to be disadvantaged compared with neighbouring areas.
YES	I think Alton should have its fair share of modern facilities	YES	Best of the three options.	
YES	There is not enough provision for football pitches in Alton for the amount of people who want to play football. Football in Alton now encompasses a wide range of participants from 5 year olds to 75 year olds. There is ample provision for other sports including cricket, rugby and hockey.	YES	Anstey Park could become a football Hub for the town. An additional 3G pitch would allow the two clubs within the town to play and train in the same place, Jubilee Fields has traditionally been more cricket bias, if you take football away from Jubilee and replace it with mini rugby it would allow the field to be better suited for cricket.	Although it might seem sensible to allow football and rugby to utilise an additional 3G pitch the cost to provide a 3G surface to accommodate rugby might be prohibitive when you look at the number of participants who play football compared to rugby. Anstey Park and Diggers has ample space for rugby to play and train.
YES		NO	Like the fact that the park is a great green space. Diggers would get my vote as it is hidden away but still close to car park and other club facilities	Adequate car parking
YES	It would be a fantastic addition to the town providing a great facility for the local and wider area to use and would build on the fantastic local clubs and amenities the town provides.	YES	Seems to make most sense and would create a hub of facilities with the football, scouts and rugby in the immediate area	
YES	Population growth and lack of sufficiently modern facilities.	YES	This simply is the best site.	No
YES	More pitch availability is required and a 3G pitch will enable maximum utilisation of such a facility as will not be subjected to prevailing weather conditions. However, a robust maintenance schedule will need to be incorporated into the pricing of such a facility to ensure longevity of the facility	NO	Jubilee would provide better access, parking and utilisation of such a facility as would also provide better safeguarding being incorporated into a sporting complex given its close proximity to the Sports Centre.	Safe environment for users of the facility, especially youth. Parking and access. Floodlighting. Security of facility and being part of a sports hub.
YES	The provision of the original Anstey Park Enclosure 3G pitch and accompanying buildings has been a huge stimulus not only for the club itself, but also the wider community. The increase in the number of players of all categories - male, female, walking football, disability sport, supporters and local business involvement prove the credentials of the club's leadership and capacity to encompass additional facilities. The life of the original playing surface also shows the ability of volunteer staff and their equipment to manage such a surface to ensure its life is maximised before a replacement is needed. Any facilities that continue to develop and grow the club and the manifold benefits that permeate through the town need to be encouraged and supported. As the Chairman of Alton United and then the 'new' Alton FC at the time, I am really proud of all the hard work, time and effort that went into the Enclosure upgrade and the legacy it has created; to see this additional pitch being considered is proof that our original plans, motivations and vision for the future were seen, supported and realised.	YES	I believe the best location for an additional pitch should be Anstey Park, specifically between The Enclosure and the Skate Park. This location identifies that area of the park as a hub for sport and physical activity, using the road to delineate from the grassed open space (Anstey Park pitches & Diggers), which I believe will maximise the impact and effect of the facilities as a whole(the club, its facilities + the proposed extra pitch) whilst keeping the changes to the character of Anstey Park to a minimum. Jubilee has well established cricket facilities that take a lot of effort to look after, and a 3g pitch would look out of place, as well as being isolated from the Anstey park 'hub'. The original planning precedent for not allowing the original Alton Town move from the Bass Ground to Diggers centred largely on maintaining separation between Alton and Holybourne. Access to Diggers for large amounts of traffic to the site would affect a much larger percentage of Anstey Park than 'just' a pitch because of the access & car parking needed for a pitch Diggers site.	
YES	There are more and more junior boys and girls teams being formed each new season	YES	Jubilee fields are for the towns cricket teams.	Place the new 3G pitch below the now 3G pitch between that and the tennis courts. There's plenty of room there.
YES		YES	Diggers, access would be the problem.	
YES		YES	Anstey is clearly the best option as a player of all sports	I am concerned that lone voices may stop this excellent plan
YES	The pitch would dramatically increase provision for sports in the town. Big advocate for multi-sports hub in the town.	YES	As above	Parking provision

YES	Alton is a growing town and it is essential that we invest in facilities to support and encourage sports participation	YES	It makes sense to create a sporting hub at the Anstey park end of town, given the sports centre, cricket and football pitches already available in Jubilee Fields.	n/a
YES	The town is lacking a quality, full size 3G surface which is accessible to all.	NO	Jubilee Fields (Pitch 1) is clearly the best location. It adjoins other sporting and changing facilities, has existing access and parking alongside and is in an existing floodlit area. There is ample space remaining for two cricket pitches and it will not impinge on other footballing facilities. It will geographically balance access to full size 3G, being on the opposite side of town from the Alton FC pitch. Anstey/Diggers has poor accessibility to the suggested pitch location, has regular parking capacity issues and benefits from an existing 3G at Alton FC.	Floodlight glare needs to be minimised using a shielded and focused lighting system.
YES	To enable sports to continue in adverse weather conditions, pitch and player safety, a great incentive to promote growth of the game	YES	Anstey Park has well established facilities that can be further enhanced and would offer the best environment.	Impact of current playability - when build is in motion how will rugby/football be able to continue with minimal disruption
YES	As a coach of Alton FC we need more time slots.	YES	Anstey is a perfect location.	Maybe the single track road would need to be made wider as twice as many cars would be in the area.
YES	As a parent of two children who play for Alton Town the current facility is overloaded with teams and an additional facility is required to enable children and adults to pursue their love of football/rugby as people are being turned away.	YES	Perfect location, near the current site and easy to get to.	No
YES		YES		No
YES	Essential facility for increase population and interest in field sport.	YES	Development as a field sport area but better free car parking is essential.	Already not in presentation.
YES	I agree that Alton needs another 3G pitch, but without losing valuable public amenity space	NO	I do not agree with any of the identified sites - this is open space for all of the community to enjoy and at weekends, the land is already given open to organised sport, limiting its use. The need for another 3G pitch isn't new and consideration should have been given to the pitch at the sports centre. Or buy the land that the convent used own which is an enclosed football pitch. There is already a lack of parking on site meaning cars park in nearby residential streets and I assume this new pitch will be floodlit too, further impacting on the quiet enjoyment of nearby homes	Lack of amenity space for all. Leave Anstey park alone. Once you build on it, it's gone forever.
YES	Will be a great addition to Anstey park providing playable pitches all year round and will mitigate the poor weather and flooding the rugby pitches get	YES	Anstey park is the most sensible choice due to its location and surrounding space	None
YES	Sports is important for all, it brings people together from all walks of life and all age ranges. The 3G pitch means more fixtures can take place. It shows a growth within our town.	YES	Anstey park seems the most realistic option. However I would be supportive of any area in Alton.	Just ensuring better parking facilities.
YES	I did coach football for years with a girls team, I went from under 10's right through to under 18's and I have seen the importance of a team sport for these now young ladies. I also know how hard it is to get appropriate training slots, training on quarter of a pitch is hopeless and cramped and causes chaos. Any player with autism can find this too much a sensory overload, having the opportunity to train with less people at the enclosure will have a huge impact on all players. The figures show how much demand there is for football and it is growing, I hate to see players being turned away due to not having enough space to have another team to train, and this does happen.	YES	I think Anstey is a viable option to make the area into a sports hub, you have changing rooms toilet facilities already there which could be updated with some of the funding. The rugby club could potentially make profit out of it if they open up their kitchen during Saturday and Sunday mornings for spectators for food and drink. Jubilee has always given cricket the priority so this will be too much of a conflict although again the infrastructure is in place. Diggers is tucked away so access roads would need to be added for emergency vehicles etc, toilets would need to be built closer to pitches, defibrillators etc would need to be closer, so I think this option unless a major investment is not great.	As highlighted parking is the biggest issues, already on Sundays if rugby and football matches are being played in the morning the parking is difficult. Also I would hope that Manor Colts would be allocated game times on the new hub as they are also important to the town football and they do not have an option of an all weather pitch at the moment.
YES	It's the best football facilities for the most amount of people, and encouraging more sport is always a positive.	YES	Close to the football club and doesn't disrupt other sports.	
YES	There is a severe lack of sporting facilities in Alton.,	YES		Parking

YES	Football is enjoyed by many children- we need to encourage physical activity, team sports, etc. Many games are cancelled due to waterlogged pitches at Diggers.	YES	There are numerous facilities already at this park and this would be a good addition.	None.
YES	Great idea, really good	NO	I think Jubilee Fields would be perfect , I'm sure a lot of games are called off there and also help Manor Colts	No
YES	Not enough all weather facilities especially for football and rugby. My son plays for Manor Colts and do many games cancelled over winter due to weather/ waterlogged pitches and can sometimes be weeks without a game.	YES	I'm happy with Anstey Park although my concern would be lack of parking as it would be right next to Alton United ground and know that is already difficult to get parking if both teams playing. Think that extra parking would definitely be needed. Id also want to make sure AstroTurf is kept for Manor Colts purely football wise as Alton United already have a pitch.	
YES	Need to take pressure off grass pitches as town expands	YES	Anstey Park makes most sense as creates least disruption and easiest for planning permission	No
YES		YES		
YES	Desperately needed.	YES	For lack of a better option, sure.	
YES	There are local teams that don't have a home pitch. It means games are cancelled a lot due to bad weather when they have home games or the pressure is on opposing teams to find a pitch where they're from. It's an invaluable resource for so many in the community.	NO	Anstey park is already commandeered by Alton Fc and there are other teams.	Who would be in control of the proposed pitches?
YES	Too many cancelled games due to poor weather	YES	Jubilee should be maintained for cricket. Diggers or Anstey would be best for location and already used for football/rugby	
YES		YES		
YES	Encourage more teams	YES		
YES	An extra 3G pitch gives more opportunity for the people of Alton to take part in physical activity and enjoy all the health and lifestyle benefits that brings. The 3G surface would also mean fewer matches being postponed due to poor weather. Several of the football club's sides currently are unable to play on a 3G surface due to lack of availability.	YES	Anstey Park is the best place for the new pitch as it is close to existing facilities for both the football and rugby clubs. Creating a sports hub in Anstey Park would only be a positive for the town and increase interest in our sports clubs from residents.	Car parking options and access in and out of the park for traffic will need to be improved.
YES	An increase in sporting facilities for the Alton area to ensure those wishing to play whether a child or an adult should be encouraged.	YES		
YES		NO		
YES	Important to encourage exercise and team sports throughout the year to improve physical and mental health	YES	Proximity to existing facilities but additional parking would be needed	Ensure access road from Anstey Lane past play park is improved
YES		YES		
YES	Alton is in desperate need of a 3G pitch in Anstey Park as part of the anticipated Sports Hub to be based there. Both Rugby and football will need this proposed facility to allow for the already huge demand from both sports, let alone the need to cater for the increased housing and resulting population increase in the immediate area and outlying villages. Hockey would seem to be adequately catered for as is cricket. The only artificial surface available for football at Alton FC is already at more than capacity.	YES	Yes, absolutely! Jubilee Fields is the only cricket facility in the town and would not support a 3G pitch and the supporting infrastructure required. Diggers would have no access or main services and is some way from the existing facilities in Anstey Park, namely the Finnemore Pavilion and the Alton RFC clubhouse. Anstey Park is deliverable within the budgetary constraints. Alton town and its population need this proposed pitch.	Parking is already a consideration. Last Sunday saw all the parking spaces in use and many cars were parked on the grass. The congestion could be a real issue if emergency services were needed. Perhaps a two story car park, adequately screened might be considered.
YES		YES		
YES	Many games are called off at both diggers and jubilee grounds, a new 3g will help to improve this	YES		Parking would need to be improved
YES	More opportunities for everyone to participate	YES		
YES		YES	Up the diggers is a prime location do that more matches can be played in bad weather. Jubilee is good for cricket.	

YES	Great facility that means the kids can play rugby through out the year no matter what the weather without the fear of destroying the ground as well as reduce chance of injuries.	YES	Already a great sporting set up at Anstey	Just how to protect the pitch from vandalism which seems to be a growing issue in Alton
YES	It allows for clubs to use up to date facilities all year round. It'll mean less football matches postponed. It'll provide more area for training for not just football, but Rugby, Hockey etc.	YES	Ideal location would be on the sports grounds where Alton School was previously. Otherwise at the back of the diggers would provide the perfect location	
YES	the current pitch is not good enough and i beleive that an upgraded artificial pitch would boost not just population envolvment but also the productivity of the training ect.	YES	all the facilities are already based here aswell as giving the established clubs the ability to grow and develop	no
YES	To allow access to sport	YES	Ansty is a community hub	Na
YES	Very much needed as there are not enough pitches in Alton. Especially in winter.	YES		
YES		YES		
YES		YES		
YES	The increasing numbers playing sport means increasing use of the present grass pitches which are very susceptible to the weather.	YES	With 2 major clubs already resident in Anstey Park it makes sense to improve the facilities.	The use of the AGP must be centrally managed
YES		YES		
YES	My son plays football in Alton, normally up at Diggers. Due to its location the pitch regularly becomes water logged and frozen, so games sadly get cancelled. He also likes to play with his friends on a daily basis, so if the pitch could be made publicly bookable, that would just be brilliant.	YES	Diggers is basically Anstey, as a parent collecting our children, Anstey would be better. It's also more publicly visible. Jubilee is also a good location, however there is already a smaller pitch at the sports centre.	No, thank you.
YES	It reduces the chances of a cancelled game. The pitch maintains condition longer which enhances the game	YES	Anstey park is already set up for a sports hub	No
YES	Grass roots football needs more support with fewer green spaces .. pitches like this will be vital	YES		
YES	Like seeing the boys play football and have fun.	YES		
YES	Pitch at Alton FC is oversubscribed, be good if all children can play/train on a 3g pitch.	YES	Large park and close to existing 3g pitch.	None.
YES	Currently there is not enough availability of the current 3G pitch for training across all the teams in Alton. Cancellation of matches can be high in the winter months due to unsuitability of pitches to play. Another 3G pitch would reduce this and be good for Alton as a whole, more visitors to town could be good for local retailers and the hospitality sector. Availability of more 3G pitches would have huge benefits for the younger generation of Alton.	NO	Parking could be an issue if another pitch was at Antey Park, there is not enough parking already. The roadway leading to the enclosure is unsuitable for heavy traffic as it is too narrow. If access could be improved with a different entrance and exit to the site and a larger car park provided it possibly would work. Diggers is a good option but again access is difficult unless a roadway and parking could be made off the estate at the back. Jubilee has good access and parking at the leisure centre but an overflow may be required depending on the the number of users.	Parking is the main concern and access for increase flow of traffic. The car park is used for school / nursery drop off and pick ups, cubs and scouts so safety for children attending would have to be a priority. More disabled spaces would need to be considered and access to diggers if using that site.
YES	Kids need places to train & socialise so they dont just sit on electronics all day	YES	Anywhere will do	No
YES	To keep as many kids as possible playing football all year round	YES	Diggers would be an ideal location but may have to consider increasing the parking in the area	
YES	"Diggers" has a lot of history for many, but these pitches are not particularly safe due to uneven areas (running through a pitch) and being very very hard ground when dry.			
	The 3g offering would be a welcome addition both for aiding training schedules (times) for the local Alton Teams and others.		I cannot see any other location other than the Ansty park diggers / Old Convent fenced-off pitch.	
	Plus, if available for hire would also be another offering other than the Sports Centre and Astro Turf of Eggers.	YES	The only concern would be accessing this.. without affecting nearby residents.	
YES		YES	Consideration of an access road could be looked into.	none
YES		YES		

YES	Having a child that uses the current 3G pitch for football, it's a great way to make sure games are able to proceed in poor weather. There are too many teams that use the 3G pitch meaning matches have to be played on grass at either Anstey Park or jubilee Sadly more matches are cancelled in winter months than played due to inadequate draining on grass pitches	YES	I don't believe Jubilee is an option due to parking	
YES	Many games are cancelled on Diggers and Jubilee due to the weather so it would be great to have another all weather pitch to use especially has Alton now has lots of youth teams.	YES	I think the area next to the current 4G would be preferable	
YES	This would be great as a way to provide more all weather sporting facilities.	NO	I also think It would be better to use Diggers which gets very waterlogged. It's often used by dog walkers who let their dogs defecate everywhere and don't clear up so a 3G pitch there would be more hygienic.	
YES	I used to live near Ealing Trailfinders Rugby in London who had two artificial pitches. They had something like 5000 kids using it every weekend which is clearly a benefit to anyone living locally. The current Alton pitch is very booked up and with the town set to expand anyway further facilities will be well used.	YES	It makes sense to centralise the rugby and football offerings in one place particularly if parking can be expanded.	Yes. Don't spend so long consulting that the opportunity is lost.
YES	Alton FC have the only 3G pitch. The club has something like 50 teams including adult men, women and boys and girls teams. My understanding is they cannot take anymore children as there is no more capacity with just one pitch. As such it isn't possible for other clubs to have any use of the pitch. Manor Colts also have football teams but no access to 3G pitches and consequently in bad weather games have to be postponed if the council seeks to avoid damage to grass pitches. Alton Rugby Club has grass pitches but no access to 3G to train on or play on. Quite apart from current demand the need for an all weather pitch is also driven by the need to attract children to participate in organised community sport for health and social well being. Secondly, this demand will only grow with increasing housing development in Alton.	YES	Alton, Manor Colts Fc and Alton Rfc are all based in Anstey Park. Frankly it's a no brainer!	None
YES		YES		
YES	is a great facility for all ages football is at the heart of Alton and has played from young children to (like me) in my 65 year.	YES	it's an all weather pitch full size it's well maintained and history of football in Alton but the main advantage is it's almost a 24 hour facility whereas grass sites have a limited playing surface and limited playing time due to light.	Yes, I think council should encourage fitness by making facilities like Anstey Park 3G pitch affordable I fear is council sports facilities are exclusive due to the price renting the venues plus also I think the council could do a better job encouraging fitness by better advertising and management.
YES	The full size 3G pitch is vital for the area and health of the community.	YES		
YES		YES		
YES	It will be an asset to the town brilliant opportunity for young people	YES	It's extremely accessible a large site near the football club think it would be fantastic	No
YES	As a supporter, member & coaches at Alton Football & Rugby clubs, I think this is a great idea provided we can ensure there will be thought put into additional parking and facilities for it. We have a number of games postponed each year due to the worsening weather and this would help to avoid disappointing our players & fans alike.	YES	I believe the community is more central to Anstey and there is more space to build additional parking for training & matchdays.	Parking is a huge issue for me, more spaces would need to be created.
YES		YES		

YES	I think this would be a great facility for all the children that play football and rugby.	YES	Anstey is currently used for these sports so it seems a great place to have the pitch.	To make sure it is used fairly across different sports and genders so as many people can benefit as possible.
YES	Alton has so many youth teams for a number of sports which teaches the children important life skills as well as improving their fitness and mental health. Unfortunately over the last few years the local pitches have been waterlogged and a lot of games have been cancelled. Another 3G pitch would provide year round matches for the local area.	YES	Logistically this is the best site. Jubilee has top quality cricket pitches that should not be built on and diggers is probably too far away for a pitch.	Parking is an issue and would this be looked at?
YES	More opportunity to play football and easier to schedule games	YES	More accessible	
YES	There are not enough reliable sports fields within Alton and the surrounds that are either available or properly usable in the wettest winter periods for the amount of teams (football and rugby). Football and Rugby as well as school and community use areas are so susceptible to poor weather that many miss out on regular access to exercise because the playing fields are unplayable or overly congested because of poor weather backlog. A new pitch will benefit a variety of sports and different community users.	YES	I believe Anstey is the best place for a new pitch to complement the existing pitch and Rugby playing fields. I think that at Anstey it will minimise development and environmental impact, whilst maximising benefit as it will enhance this existing community hub. This has the potential, along with future enhancements for all community groups (play park, exercise park) to become a gem in Hampshire of community use, exercise and enjoyment of the outdoor spaces for all age groups.	My concerns specific to Anstey are that an improved access road (or 1 way system) would be required along with additional parking, as the existing facilities are tested at busy times. That being said, improving the existing will be easier and less environmentally impacting than having to make standalone arrangements at a different site. My general concern is that this has immense potential to benefit multiple user groups in addition to football, but if the facility is not fairly and reliably shared, the true benefit will be lost. Anstey suffers from extremely poor drainage and I have regularly seen the Rugby matches or training cancelled whilst our football can continue (existing artificial pitch) so access for Alton RFC to share a new pitch, would be delivering sport and exercise to various age groups when it is regularly denied as things stand.
YES	Between Alton and Manor Caults there's not enough training pitches in the winter 3G is something both my boys and hundreds of kids are desperate for. Helps with match allocation and for the future of our local clubs.	YES	Anstey where for the clubs it all began. Better parking	Maybe more parking would be great.
YES	I believe there is great need for further sports pitch facilities in the area with so many sports clubs needing pitches on a regular basis	NO	I think Jubilee Fields would be a good venue. The issue for all venues is the increase in parking needed	Lack of parking, like any venue needs to be considered
YES	The growth in housing in Alton means more families and more people wanting to play football or sport in general.	YES	No preference	
YES	More facilities are needed.	YES		Parking
YES	More facilities for children's games to go ahead - many are called off due to water logged pitches when scheduled to be played on diggers in winter months.	YES	Sensible option to have alongside existing facilities	Parking should be provided alongside additional 3G pitches as anstey park gets very full and overflows into nearby roads on weekend - this would be applicable to where ever the pitch is located
YES		YES		Car parking needs increased as it is currently packed out on football matches and training days. There are not many other options to park.
YES	Need more all weather pitches due to the amount of teams there are and how many games are lost to the weather	YES	Anstey park or diggers would be preferable. More room than jubilee	Whether there would be adequate parking. Can already get busy when football and rugby on
YES	Be a great asset to Alton providing more training and availability for games	YES		No
YES	If at Anstey park, Close to the other pitch, still leaves diggers untouched which i feel is important as a multi use space for all to enjoy.	YES	I think diggers should be protected as a lovely open space that so many families enjoy	Parking and the effect on the rugby club
YES	It will enable sport to continue even in when the grass pitch is unplayable	YES	I played rugby at alton for 20years, and my children now play. In the depths of winter the pitches become unplayable, The 3g pitch will allow the real pitches a break and chance to recover therefore allowing more people to enjoy sport.	No

YES	It will be great to have this for rugby training and winter matches. Our 5 yr old daughter has just joined the club and this would be a wonderful addition	YES		
YES		YES	Close to the current 3G makes the most sense.	
YES		YES		
YES	More opportunities for sport in general is a good thing	YES	It would be good at a step.	Parking is an issue already, needs development
YES	Yes. Will allow for more training and games.	YES		
YES	Because football is this nation's passion, for both women and men of all ages	YES	The location would be perfect for my Man v Fat team	No
YES		YES		No
YES	Im very supportive of this pitch. Alton is growing and there is never enough football pitch space, especially if fields are water logged. Football games are cancelled due to this reason. To have another 3G pitch would allow more football to be played	YES	Diggers or Anstey would be good, not sure if the cricket players will want it up, Jubilee	Would be a great addition to Alton, no concerns at all.
YES		YES		
YES	Very very supportive of this as we live backing onto Ansty fields i belive that people families kids who don't have a garden ghose who live in flats maisonettes would love to use this in winter wet weather instead of getting filthy and muddy in a field it's about time we got this as some families also cant drive so walking distance would be perfect for them would also be great for birthday party hire local clubs to hire would also bring more people to spend in our local community aswell	YES	I think either diggers or a ansty is a perfect place.	No concerns do something right by the locals and get this built and approved.
YES	It good.	YES		
YES	Like looking at the boys playing their football and have lots of fun.	YES		
YES	My children both play football at anstey park and would really benefit for extra facilities in alton	YES	Much easier for access and parking	Wider access into the facilities and more car parking required
YES	Yes as a parent of children that play for both Manor Colts amd Alton FC, there is a distinct lack of options for the kids that play for Manor Colts.	NO	Jubilee.	Jubilee is the obvious place to put it, not sure why the entire field needs to be used for cricket, and why it cannot be shared throughout the year.
YES	Alton FC is such a big club and so additive to the surrounding community. To keep the Club competitive, the players need space to train and play. At the moment, Diggers is unplayable for much of the season and therefore the only space to train is the stadium pitch. This puts enormous pressure on the pitch for training for the number of teams. An extra pitch would allow the club to continue to compete with other large clubs such as Farnham, offering much needed capacity at Anstey	YES		
YES	So that the football club can have the best facilities	YES		
YES	It will encourage more children and youth to get into the sport.	YES	Anstey Park is generally accessible to everyone.	There's just a limited parking area that results into some spectators parking on Anstey Lane during matches causing traffic.
YES	There is a huge need for it and it would enable many more football matches to go ahead rather than being rained off .	NO	Diggers would seem ideal as anstey park already has one . Jubilee is used by cricketers so not great for them . Jubilee is also much more free draining than the boggy pitches at diggers .	Please support youth engagement with sport - it is important for both physical and mental health as well as giving these young people an outlet rather than hanging around on the streets or sitting at home on social media or gaming .
YES	Would like more football pitch space but not at the expense of sorting kings pond which is in a dreadful state	YES	Better to have together so it becomes a hub. Diggers is too far from parking	

	There is insufficient availability of all weather pitches in Alton to support the demand. Alton FC have grown their youth football over the years, and now are growing the girls and ladies game as well, and there is not sufficient time and space for further growth. Already teams are having to train on Fridays (which is not helpful in preparing for a Saturday match) and at inconvenient times. The council are struggling to provide sufficient pitches on Saturdays during the winter months when poor weather conditions make them unusable. An additional 3G pitch would allow more games to be completed, many teams are having to curtail the season because of fixture congestion.			
YES		YES	It is already a sporting hub. There is space to add additional parking. It would have minimal impact on the huge area of open space that makes up Anstey park and Diggers.	Might need some additional parking
YES	Great opportunity for sports and Alton and hopefully more encouragement for people to get involved in sports	YES		Nope
YES	Having 2 children playing for Alton fc there is over demand for the pitch. Having all year round playability on a quality surface, will keep people / children active. The positive impact on our town to have an extra facility will definitely justify having an extra pitch	YES	Yes, it is the sporting hub of the community and will only improve current facilities and capacity for our growing population.	Car parking could be seen as an issue as it gets busy, but I don't think it will be a big issue.
YES	With two children in Alton who enjoy playing football and it ruins their weekend when it's called off because the pitch is too waterlogged I really back the funding of a new 3G pitch. Especially with the ever growing population of families in the area.	YES		
YES	There have been a number of football matches cancelled in recent seasons due to weather / pitch conditions. With the number of youth teams in Alton, this adds up to a large number of disappointments for children, as well as paying parents. Having an additional facility that is unaffected by the weather, and less demanding on the groundskeepers' abilities to keep every pitch suitable all year round, will have a huge impact on the sporting development of the young people in our town. It would also somewhat negate the ongoing health risk to children of dog walkers who allow fouling on the existing pitches without picking it up.	YES	Like it or not, there is an ongoing battle of ill feeling between cricket and football facilities, particularly in April and September when the football teams can find it difficult to host a match in Alton while the cricket pitches are reserved. Jubilee fields would be the perfect venue for this 3G pitch from a football point of view, however it is understandable that this would not be compatible with cricket. As a result, Anstey park is the next best solution. Although there is a lot of space and potential at Diggers, it is also understood that this would require further infrastructure to make happen, and would need to be part of a larger future scheme. If ambitions are reasonably limited to one 3G pitch, then the main Anstey field with existing flood lights and facilities makes the most sense. It must be considered however that some additional parking solutions will be needed, given the somewhat chaotic scenes we have some Saturday mornings for matches (and even Wednesday nights for training); I think we can do better particularly with consideration of hosting visitors from other towns (most of whom struggle to find Diggers and have equipment to carry). I believe the main Anstey field is large enough to continue to accommodate all other existing events that use the area throughout the year.	- We need to be careful of depleting green spaces in Alton, however I believe a sporting facility is a better use of the space than more housing developments. - All of the teams will be vying for use of the new 3G pitch. There needs to be a system in place whereby priority is given to teams who cannot otherwise fulfil their fixtures i.e. on days where weather is affecting traditional pitches or in April and September when Jubilee reservations prevent the town from being able to host and start asking the away team to host instead (which I personally find rather embarrassing when representing my home town). - Many away locations for matches also have hot food and drink availability on Saturday mornings. We are missing a trick (and disappointing visitors to our town) by not offering similar near to our facilities, even if it is just a van. Similarly, the toilet facilities are also disappointing - last Saturday the pavilion toilets were locked and one of our players had to ask to use Alton FC's, something I'm not sure a visitor from another town would know to do, especially if we are up at Diggers. - Parking, as mentioned above.
YES	Able to be used all year round. Less cost for up keep. Close to schools, bus routes, railway. .	YES	Already a community hub. Ample parking Other facilities around, cafe etc.	
YES	Football seems to be cancelled so much because the grass pitches on Anstey are too wet.	YES	Anstey is a hub for sport already so it makes sense to be there. It's a large green space so there will still be plenty of grass for other leisure activities.	Floodlight for training in the evenings would be wonderful.
YES	For young people to enjoy playing football especially during winter	YES		
YES	This is exactly what the town needs to support grass roots and social sport.	YES	Anstey Park makes sense	No.

YES	It would be great for the community! Would be nice too see less matches cancelled at weekends due to water logged pitches too!	YES	Its close to alton town enclosure so makes the most sense.	
YES	The facilities need continuous improvement to be competitive to other club facilities continue to attract kids to the club and town along with all the obvious reasons about fitness mental health etc.	YES	Alton park is the centre of sport, thus will support both clubs, making it an attractive option for people considering a move to the town, it is easy to get to avoiding traffic going through the town it would enshance the existing parks facilities.	None
YES	Good for football training, no mud	YES	This is where Alton football club is...	
YES	More opeetunitys for sports training and games	YES	Local	
YES	Lots of sports teams that facilities to train on.	YES	Need to consider infrastructure and parking.	Parking
YES		YES		None
YES	Yes. A great addition to an already well used football club	YES	It would make sense with regards to an already established facility with parking on site	No
YES	Brings another pitch to bring more people to Alton to play football.	YES		
YES	With a growing population at Alton, its important to provide ample leisure facilities, and equally important that these facilities function in all weather's when they are outdoor. The more pitches like this that are available, the more people can use them (the ones im aware of are mostly fully booked indicating demand), and the less wear and tear grass surfaces will then take, raising the bar in terms of overall sports facilities in Alton.	YES	The most important aspect is to increase the number of 3G pitch facilities - the location within Alton is secondary. However, Anstey Park (combined with Diggers) is the largest available expanse of space and could accommodate easiest, and assuming a new facility would have floodlights, keeping these localised to Anstey Park, means minimal additional disruption to other Alton residents - whether it be light pollution, noise, busy roads etc.	Only the usual concerns - the facility is properly secured, administered, availability, affordable etc.
YES	It will give the young people of the town better sporting opportunities	YES	Diggers would be great to be better looked after as well!	No
YES		YES		
YES	Improve facilities for the town	YES		
YES	There is a lot of sport played out of Schools but Alton only has two 3G pitches one at the Football Club and the other in Sports Centre which are constantly used? It makes sense to have another in this expanding Town for the use other Clubs i.e., Rugby Club and other Football Clubs.	YES	Anstey Park is used by several Sport Clubs and is the only Facility at the opposite side of the town from the Sports Centre and Jubilee Fields so an all weather surface would be a great asset.	The Management of the Times allocated to the various Clubs both for training and Matches?
YES		YES		
YES		YES		Parking
YES	This would be a great addition to the local community, encouraging fitness and team participation.	YES		
YES	The town needs more all weather sports facilities for children due to huge amount of new homes being built in the area	YES	The rugby pitches are very uneven which can and has caused injuries being able to play sport on flat surfaces will reduce potential injuries drastically. Furthermore the rugby club has consistently been over looked by local council for investment and the club is such an important part of the community due to the amount of children who play rugby	No concerns at all this types of facility is long overdue for the town and rugby club
YES	Sport is growing in Alton and there is a shortage of places for existing teams to train, particularly in the winter, so the addition of a 3 G pitch would hugely benefit the town.	YES	Anstey already has floodlights, access to parking and other amenities so seems the most logical place for a 3G pitch to go in the town.	
YES	There is a distinct lack of grassroots football pitches available in the area. The existing grass pitches notoriously flood or are always booked. A 3G pitch will generate revenue for the town and provides people of all ages to have the opportunity to participate in team sports	YES	Anstey is centrally located and has the space to accommodate such a facility	No

YES	There is a huge demand for an all weather football facility accessible for all youth ages - both boys and girls - in Alton. With two youth football clubs in the town as well as many children playing football in the surrounding villages - it would be constantly in use and the enjoyed. Great for the health and well-being of the young people of Alton.	YES	Anstey appears to be the best solution given the existing parking and flood lights	Adequate parking
YES	Our town of some 19, 500 inhabitants will grow and already the available pitches are well used. The demand for sports pitches will grow with the population so it is important that Alton gets a 3G all weather pitch to meet that demand no matter what the weather brings	YES	Jubilee fields is now the established home to Alton cricket rather than have some cricket in Anstey park and some at Jubilee fields as it used to be. This makes good sense and it works well. There are 4 pitches already on Anstey park close by the Finimore Pavilion, Rugby club and Football club. So it would make sense to convert one of these to 3G. Diggers fields are a lot further away from the changing and club facilities and historically have had problems with flints and drainage. It would also cost much more money to provide floodlights at Diggers compared to Anstey Park where there are already floodlights and triple phase electricity supplies.	
YES	Fantastic option to bring the community together.	YES	Anstey is centralised and has good parking. This seems like a good site.	No.
YES	Without artificial pitches I strongly believe that as a country we are going to be able to provide the training opportunity that our youth need to develop into future sportsman/sportswomen. I run the fixtures for Binsted FC and last season it was truly frustrating organising so many matches that had to be cancelled due to waterlogged or frozen pitches.		Diggers would be optional as it is the most waterlogged pitch and becomes unusable during a wet season	
YES	General lack of football and multi-use pitches within the town that can be used over the winter months in particular. Gives all sports the opportunity to continue activities during inclement weather. The pitches at Jubilee are great but all too commonly can not be used after inclement weather. Also more provision means more clubs and activities can be run through the year.	YES	Anstey park is already a hub for football and Rugby and sensible to keep and share as many facilities as possible. Also unused area that can be developed. Diggers is would need additional parking nearer to the location as otherwise not very accessible. Jubilee is great but a 3G would reduce the number of current pitches.	No concerns
YES	It will bring more opportunities for activities all year round. It will also provide facilities for local sports teams and schools	YES		Would need flood lights
YES	It would be a great all-weather pitch for the community to train and play on. Especially the local youth football teams.			
YES	3G pitches help to avoid games and training being called off in the winter months due to water-logging and bad conditions and are safer and more reliable surfaces for training and avoiding injury.	YES	Jubilee fields is great for cricket and grass pitches and should be kept that way. Anstey seems like the logical choice.	Please ensure that spectator areas are carefully considered and look at the examples of 3G pitches at Stoneham 3G pitches Places Leisure in Eastleigh and The Mountbatten School in Romsey. Cheers!
YES		YES		
YES	Will be fully utilised by a variety of sports and keep kids and adults fit and active	YES	Best to have a hub of sports facilities in one place and great for Alton football and rugby clubs	The pitch should be of the quality for rugby to be played safely, ie RFU approved, as the rugby club would be the single biggest beneficiary, not having an all weather pitch to use at the moment, unlike the football club.
YES		YES	Problem with diggers is power for flood lights. Issue with anstey is parking and lack of given how busy it is at the moment	Problem with diggers is power for flood lights. Issue with anstey is parking and lack of given how busy it is at the moment
YES	All weather pitch would be great for sports, reduce cancelled games	YES	Lots of space, so little impact on other usage. Sports clubs already on site. However, car parking needs to be increased.	Needs to be shared between sports clubs, single club shouldn't be able to dominate. Cost per use can't be too high.
YES	Not enough	YES		
YES	We need more training facilities for the youth of Alton	YES	Any location as long as an agreement can be reached	None
YES	Great way to get exercise for young people and adults. Also good for socialising for new people to Alton	YES		No
YES		YES		

YES	The benefits for grass roots football in particular are huge. I've played since 1979 and the eventual quality of the footballer when coached on a proper surface is huge, not to mention the benefits to the wider community.	YES		
YES	Some many games get cancelled due to waterlogged pitches	YES	Great location, good parking	No
YES	My son's play football and we are always struggling to find a 3G pitch to play on during winter when the grass pitches are too wet or frozen.	YES		
YES	Because the football club could really use the pitch, for all the families who want to play football!! There are so many children/adults playing and wanting to play, they need they need extra space especially in the winter !!!	YES		
YES	Yes we need more but drainage, replacement planting to support lost green spaces and parking are all important parts of a good proposal.	NO	There is not enough parking in the area to cope with the demand at weekends for existing facilities there	Parking Removal of grass or woodland should see replacement woodland and gardens to compensate
YES	There are no enough pitches available for local teams which means often have to cancel or travel	NO	No unless more parking is provided. It is a nightmare in the area at weekends already due to lack of parking. Roads are already blocked and chaos on a Saturday morning	As above-parking!
YES		YES		
YES	It's needed to support youth sports.	YES		
YES		YES		
YES	The pitch becomes unusable in Winter when the weather is bad	YES	We support our children playing every week at rugby. It becomes incredibly muddy and dangerous to walk on in the bad weather	
YES	Its well needed	YES		
YES		YES		
YES	A 3G pitch will allow for many members of the community from adults to children to be able to play sports in all weather as many pitches in and around Alton become sodden and water logged during the winter months.	YES		
YES	We are desperately short of pitches for the local teams. Every season is blighted by poor weather and many matches are cancelled or postponed due to either wet weather or fear of damage to pitches for the rest of the season. A 3G pitch would be fully utilised by local clubs (I have children at Alton FC and Binsted FC).	NO	I honestly would be happy to go to any of the locations if it meant that there was support and funding for a 3G pitch.	None whatsoever - this is a desperately needed public facility.
YES	We are in urgent need of another 3G pitch in the area due to the amount of teams we have.	YES	It's the only logical choice, next to Alton FC, it's centrally located and easy to find for away teams with parking next to it.	
YES	Looks sensible for provision for multiple clubs and age groups in the wider area	YES	Sort of (oh no). It's a shame that some form of agreement could not be reached to use the ex-convent Hockey Pitches enclosed by the council land at Diggers, and to provide access through the convent lands. We suspect that cost and difficulty knocks this on the head. Otherwise it'll have to be the park.	A significant part of the park is on a slope so unless significant earth moving is considered the actual footprint of a pitch and attendant facilities will be "interesting" to fit in. The most likely area is the lower part (Southern) and the best position might well be next to the current football pitch, in the South West of the park, but it's not clear this is big enough, or that access for the public footpath could be preserved. Failing that the South Eastern part is an option but note that this floods quite regularly in heavy rain, water pools outside the Finimore Pavilion and runs downhill pooling again on one of the lower pitches, before running into Anstey Road. You have highlighted parking, and more needs to be provided, especially as the facility will draw people from across the area, and indeed their opposition teams. Perhaps some form of overflow parking with a pervious surface?

YES	The town only has two currently, meaning many matches cancelled in the winter months. It seems so short sighted to me that there weren't more built with the new sports centre. Some sports centres in Hampshire have several. There are many football teams in Alton.	NO	I think it's most important another one is built in the area. However, what about Four marks, which is also used for matches? Otherwise I don't have a preference of the Alton sites.	
YES		YES		
YES	The provision of a year-rounds facility will boost young people's ability to play sport in inclement weather.	YES	Anstey is the most logical proposal, based on the existing usage & infrastructure of the 3 sites.	None
YES	We do not have enough space to accommodate the amount of teams within Alton. With Jubilee fields unusable whenever it rains, too many games are being called off.	YES	Jubilee fields is primarily used for cricket and there are no other grounds suitable for this and jubilee already has the sports centre pitch here.	We just want the boys games to stop being called off. Every time it rains jubilee fields matches are cancelled.
YES	To many games get called off due to the drainage so pitches hold water	YES	Ansty park is good location as would the jubilee fields	The parking at ansty park is terrible on game days and makes the Maine road dangerous the jubilee fields again is not great for parking but better than ansty park but could be resolved with multi car parks being installed
YES		YES		
YES	This would be a great provision for the town.	YES	Local to us and central to town	No
YES	I believe a 3G pitch would be a fantastic asset for the town, providing year-round, all-weather facilities for a wide range of clubs, schools, and community groups. It would help encourage more participation in sport, support youth development, and reduce cancellations due to poor weather or ground conditions. The last point is particular relevant where football fields at Diggers currently suffer.	YES	Anstey Park is the most suitable and logical location for a 3G pitch. It is already a central hub for sport in Alton, with good access, parking, and established facilities. Locating the pitch here would maximise usage, benefit the widest number of teams and groups, and build on the park's role as the heart of sporting activity in the town. While Diggers and Jubilee Fields are important community spaces, they do not offer the same accessibility, infrastructure, or visibility as Anstey Park. Consolidating sports facilities at Anstey Park would ensure the best value and the greatest impact. If Diggers were considered the pitch location, additional facilities may be needed to support it.	My main considerations would be: Ensuring fair and affordable access for all local teams, schools, and community groups, not just a select few. Making sure the design balances the new pitch with the existing open green space, so that Anstey Park remains welcoming to the wider community. Careful management of noise, lighting, and scheduling to minimise disruption for nearby residents. Overall, I strongly support the development of a 3G pitch at Anstey Park as the best option for Alton.
YES	Lots of young people have shown interest in football but we don't have enough pitches for the young team. Most games have been cancelled due to bad weather, water logging and poor drainage. This will be a noble idea to build more 3G for our youth and adults too. This is great for their wellbeing, health and will keep them outdoors.	YES	I would support all of these places to have 3G. People are happy to pay for facilities are good and we have a generation that is exercising more than playing computer games.	
YES	My son plays for Manor Colts and I feel like they definitely need a 3G pitch! We currently have to move around during the seasons to find suitable training due to darkness etc.	YES	Anstey would be a great as it is local but I think the parking would need to be looked at.	
YES	Lots of games called off in winter due to waterlogged or frozen pitches. Lots of new teams are growing and needing pitch space to train	YES		Parking
YES	It will improve facilities and training opportunities for the Town.	YES	Anstey Park is well located, large and well positioned for new pitches. It is in a central town location and it has good parking facilities.	N/A -
YES	There are too many youth football and rugby teams and needs to support existing infrastructure. This is vital to health and wellbeing and all weather capability is very important.	YES	Anstey is the most practical option, but will need additional car parking availability.	Additional pitches from old Alton college bordering diggers should be considered. The surrounding public footpaths prevent or limit housing development and they are ready made pitches, that could be converted to 3G.
YES	Played football at Anstey park since I was 6, now I'm 40. I have said since the age of 10 and above that Alton need an all season pitch.	YES	Enough area for locals to still enjoy dog walking, picnics. Football pitch(es) would fit easily	nah – Get building
YES	so boys can play and train throughout the winter. So many games are cancelled denying the chance to play for weeks at a time if we are in a bad weather patch.	YES		

YES	These facilities are becoming a norm in the sporting world. They can be used multiple times each day, unlike a grass surface. They are available in all weathers and do not become unplayable during long spells of poor weather. The similar facilities already available in the town are at full capacity. The fabulous growth of girls and women's participation in football and rugby, and other sports, means demand for playing space outstrips availability. The current scale of facilities in the town evolved to provide pitches for men playing sport. No single sport or group should have exclusive access, but I would support prioritising use for girls and women's teams to support their development and growth.	YES	There are existing, under utilised, changing facilities, two sports clubs already located at Anstey Park, car parking, walking distance for the town centre, rail station and probably 1/2 the population of Alton. Locating at Jubilee Fields would not make sense and would result in a net loss of playing surfaces and not increase or improve sports facilities in the town - that area already works really well as it is. Access to Diggers would probably be problematic, and as it is out of site could end up being an easy target for vandalism.	Artificial pitches need ongoing maintenance which comes at a cost - a revenue stream will be needed to ensure the pitch remains high quality and safe. The flip side of the cost-coin is that use of the pitch should be priced appropriately/low as possible, to encourage participation of sport and utilisation of the area. Approaching sponsors to support the pitch would be worth investigating. My final concern is that there will be cases made about the loss of green space and losing part of Anstey Park. Whether dog walking or watching rugby I seldom see more than a handful of people there at a time. The space will encourage more use of Anstey Park, just differently. The town is growing, the facility is needed and will be used fully. This is an opportunity to make our town better.
YES	It would provide a year-round facility for schools and community groups. It will benefit all people across many sports. It will allow sport to continue in poor weather, reducing the huge number of cancellations that we currently endure.	YES	It is the natural hub for sport in Alton, already home to both football, rugby and with hockey next door.	Yes, the access and parking needs to be massively improved, the multiple users of the current site would need to work together to achieve this.
YES	There are two vibrant, growing grass roots football clubs in Alton, but club officials are constantly battling with a key constraint: the absence of available training/playing facilities. Particularly the case in winter when floodlights are essential. New facilities are urgently needed to allow our youngsters to embrace the healthy, positive development they should get from Club football.	YES	All 3 sites have strong applications but Anstey is perhaps the best balance for the wider community.	Consideration should be given to the provision of parking, but that should not delay approval of this urgently needed facility.
YES	A 3G pitch would allow more games to continue despite poor weather. This is especially important for players and families who consider the club as the place they feel they belong.	YES	Already an established sports location for rugby and football, with parking, club house etc.	It would be great to share access equally between all field sports,
YES		YES		
YES	I would help with training through the winter and make sure the other pitches get less muddy!	YES	Seems to be the best place	No
YES	Great to have a pitch that can be played on all year round. Beneficial for Alton and its sports clubs.	YES	At Anstey there's already all the facilities for sports. Better to keep it all together in 1 location.	No
YES	As a member of the senior womens rugby team at Alton RFC I feel gaining a new 3G pitch would benefit the club on a massive scale especially during the game season. This means we will still be able to host games and train at the Alton club when the pitches are deemed not fit for use. It will also save the long drive and financial drain when having to train at another location on a 3g pitch at a private school miles away from Alton.	YES	I am a member of the Alton Womens Rugby team so would prefer the location at the club site at Anstey Park	
YES	Need additional all weather pitch to cater for all the youth and adult football teams in the area	YES	We'll need additional parking perhaps, but it is a good central location with easy access.	Parking capacity
YES	Sport all year round no matter the weather	YES		Injuries

	I am in support of a 3G pitch. However... this needs to be planned properly. Consider parking. As on Saturdays and Sundays when it would likely to be used. Parking is already a massive issue with Alton RFC and Alton town FC. No enough spaces and then people are parking on the main road causing issues for other predestinations and road users. Especially when they both play on the same day at the same time. Or morning games for juniors with home and away teams arriving. Also I think it needs to be made clear it wouldn't be owned by Alton FC and the council should take responsibility for it. Therefore other local football clubs and hockey clubs and even cricket clubs can use it when they need as more of a priority as Alton town football clubs already have a 4G.			
YES		NO	Because like above the parking isn't great there at the busiest of times. Whereas jubilee have more parking available and is less busy than anstey on football and rugby days. So I would go jubilee.	Also I think it needs to be made clear it wouldn't be owned by Alton FC and the council should take responsibility for it. Therefore other local football clubs and hockey clubs and even cricket clubs can use it when they need as more of a priority as Alton town football clubs already have a 4G.
YES	Great asset for the community.	YES	Location is preferable.	NA
	This would be a brilliant addition for Alton. There is already a lack of venues to cater for the current clubs with just one pitch for AltonFC to share between c50 teams and the sports centre offering for Manor Colts to use. The cost at the sports centre is continually increasing and it seems so unfair with limited options available. A new 3G pitch would bring a much needed boost to the area. This would positively impact so many lives.			The only concern would be if it wasn't awarded to Alton. What happens then? How would the council facilitate the increase in population with no extra training and match facilities?
YES		YES	Anstey Park is an excellent location as well as Jubilee Fields. Both easily accessible and on the bus route for people who do not drive.	This would also provide a clean space for teams to use...currently lots of dog fouling!
	I am supportive of the introduction of a 3G pitch in Alton as it would provide a much-needed, all-weather facility that can be used throughout the year. At present, grass pitches are often unplayable during the winter months due to heavy rainfall and poor ground conditions, which leads to frequent cancellations and disrupts local teams and community groups. A 3G pitch would ensure that players of all ages and abilities have consistent access to a safe and reliable surface. This type of facility would not only benefit local football clubs but also schools, youth groups, and wider community organisations, creating opportunities for sport and physical activity that might otherwise be limited. It would support the development of young players by providing a dependable environment for training and matches, while also promoting health, wellbeing, and inclusivity within the community. Most importantly, a 3G pitch would act as a central hub for the town, encouraging greater community involvement and giving people a modern, sustainable facility that can be enjoyed for years to come.			
YES		NO	I believe that Jubilee Fields would be the most suitable location for such a facility. It is already established as a central hub for local football and community activity, and the introduction of a 3G pitch here would strengthen its role as the main sporting ground for the town. By comparison, the Diggers site already has similar facilities, so focusing investment at Jubilee Fields would provide greater balance across the town and maximise the benefit to the widest range of community users.	I have no concerns with the proposal, and I believe Alton would really benefit from having this facility.
YES		YES		
YES	It would mean we can continue to train through the winter and if we have any cancellations.	YES	There's changing room facilities, toilets and parking.	Being shared with other sports, prices, booking system, maintaining it
	This would be great for a lot of people who enjoy playing football and it will help when the weather is bad to keep these games going ahead when playing in the league This will be a massive hit in Alton with the amount of football clubs that are around from kids to adults			
YES		YES		
YES	To relieve pressure on the current 3G pitch and enable more people to play, particularly in winter months when the grass pitches are often unplayable	YES	Anstey has lots of space, particularly on diggers.	Interested to know why the sports pitches at the former Alton school not considered
YES		YES		
YES		YES		

YES	- a 3G pitch will allow sport to continue in poor weather, reducing cancellations. - It will benefit young people and adults across many sports. - It will provide a year-round facility for schools and community groups.	YES	- it is the natural hub for sport in Alton, already home to both rugby and football. - It has the infrastructure (parking, changing rooms, clubhouses). - It makes sense to co-locate facilities rather than spread them thinly across different sites. - Anstey Park offers the best chance of success as a genuine multi-sport facility.	- Access must be shared fairly between sports (not just football). - Costs and booking systems should remain affordable for local clubs and schools.
YES	We need another pitch as the enclosure is fully booked and well the English weather means more youngsters and adults can get out at night especially in the evening!!	YES	Anywhere really but Anstey makes perfect sense	No
YES		YES		
YES	More all weather pitches are needed.	YES	It seems sensible to build on the football hub already present at Anstey Park.	Car parking provision needs to be significantly increased already. More car parking should not remove grassed parts of the park (multi-storey?). The requirements for Biodiversity Net Gain of developing grassed areas of the park should ideally be addressed in Anstey Park, or within Alton, as opposed to through offsetting elsewhere. Floodlighting should be designed to avoid light spill outside the playing area and especially to avoid lighting up trees in and on the boundary of the park.
YES	I feel that we currently dont have enough pitches in Alton to cater for all the football teams. This would really benefit us.	YES		
YES	Less cancellations when the pitches flood in winter	YES	Already the main space for rugby and football so makes sense to add it here	Make sure it is shared evenly between football and rugby
YES	Will be a brilliant facility for all sports groups that can use it	YES	It is a close hub for all sports	None that I can think of. Potentially that it will be used more by football than rugby, though I'm sure there will be agreements in place
YES	This will be an amazing facility for our children, young people and the community as a whole.	YES	Good location	None
YES		YES		
YES	3G pitches enhance the community and its ability to engage groups of all ages in sport all year round.	YES		Minimal, there are often concerns about lighting but this can be managed with a strict curfew.
YES	•It keeps sport going through bad weather and reduces cancellations. •It benefits young people and adults across a range of sports.	YES	•It's already the hub for sport in Alton, with rugby and football based there. •The infrastructure is in place — parking, changing rooms, clubhouses. •It makes sense to build on one strong site rather than spread facilities thin. •Anstey Park gives the best chance of a true multi-sport community facility.	•Access needs to be shared fairly between sports, not just football. •Costs and booking systems must stay affordable for local clubs and schools.
YES	•It gives schools and community groups a year-round facility.	YES		
YES	All year round training by facility developing the ability and talent of local individuals in a range of sports.	YES	No	No

YES	The playing spaces review highlighted the need for additional 3/4G pitch space for Alton Rugby Club and Manor Colts. This is especially so over winter, given the drainage at Anstey. The top part of Anstey park seems the most logical place for this installation. The installation will secure the long term futures of the two clubs, increase sports participation for both genders, and create the sport hub the council are looking for.	YES	Brilliant locations. Existing infrastructure and locality of clubhouses. Could even sort the parking. Again, no brainer.	No. Just make sure we allow dog walkers Access to diggers and walking spots beyond. And a screw for Anstey Road residents. Would be good to liaise with Alton Manor school too over use of their facilities.
YES	The various sports clubs and community in Alton need these pitches to ensure year round activity	YES	Better use of the space. Diggers is already level and useable with ok drainage whereas the site at Anstey is very muddy in winter and is not level. Also there is sufficient space that it will not change the use of Anstey	Making the most of it, if there is the ability to add a stand/seating then consideration for this to work for the rugby pitch next to it would be clever and worthwhile exploring
YES	As the population grows it is becoming harder and harder to find sporting facilities that you can book through the winter months. This is for adults and also for children in the community.	YES	Either jubilee or diggers. Jubilee would be preferred if it goes in with no facilities as the leisure centre and bus routes are nearby. Given the amount of demand in the area a short term fix is one pitch, but longer term is 2 or 3 that can be managed and offer facilities either as new or add on to Alton FC or Everyone Active.	Parking or public routes for accessibility should be considered. Parking at anstey with rugby and football spills over into the streets.
YES		YES	I do not know why the area between the existing 3G pitch and the tennis/netball courts is not being considered? keeps the artifical facilities together and the trim trail is condemned	
YES	I am strongly supportive. A new 3G pitch would provide significant benefits for the whole town, including: - More opportunities for young people and adults to stay active all year round. - A facility that can be shared by multiple sports, including rugby, football, schools, and community groups. - A solution to the weather-related disruption that currently affects local sport during the winter months. This is a once-in-a-generation investment that will benefit Alton for decades.	YES	Anstey Park is clearly the most suitable site because: - It is already the central sporting hub for the town, with both rugby and football clubs based there. - Infrastructure already exists: parking, changing rooms, clubhouses, and well-established pathways for community use. - Co-location with the existing football 3G will ensure maximum community use, cross-sport cooperation, and cost-effective management. - The RFU and Football Foundation both support a genuine multi-sport approach, which is best achieved at Anstey Park where rugby and football already work side by side. Diggers is less suitable, not least because access is more difficult, and light pollution issues are likely to be more of a problem given the closer proximity to housing. Jubilee is used predominantly for cricket and it seems to me that it would be impossible to site a 3G pitch there without significantly impacting the cricket facilities.	My only concern is ensuring that: - The new 3G is genuinely multi-sport, with fair access for rugby, schools, and community groups as well as football. - This means, amongst other things, ensuring that booking and pricing structures remain accessible to all sections of the community. If these are addressed, the project will be a huge asset to Alton.
YES	It will offer a playable sports pitch all year round.	YES		It would need to be gated to ensure it is not incorrectly used
YES	Anstey park is notoriously muddy in the winter which can impact activities that are able to take place there. A 3G pitch would help take some of the pressure off the grass pitches, ensuring maximum use year round.	YES	Anstey or Diggers. Not Jubilee.	No
YES	Save water logged fields during wet months.	YES		

YES	I coach rugby at Alton RFC and a 3G pitch would benefit youth activities throughout the year. Anstey park is a hive of activities all week long often resulting in over worked playing areas in the winter months however a 3G pitch would support year round training, offset the impact on other areas and provide a cleaner training area free from dog feaces. Anstey park is an area for activity and anything that supports this is an asset to our town.	YES	I support the pitch wherever it is located but Anstey/Diggers offers easiest access and parking whilst being between the towns senior schools.	I'm concerned dog walkers will object when they can still walk their dogs past a 3G pitch!
YES		YES		
YES	I'm a coach for manor colts under 9s warriors and it would be a great idea for an all weather pitch so we don't keep having games and training called off due to conditions of grass.	YES		
YES	Open ups more development for young children, you can play in all weathers, fantastic opportunity for Alton,promotes grass route games, something the town needs	YES		
YES	Initiatives to promote sport in Alton should be encouraged. Modern facilities are crucial.	YES	Proximity to other sporting facilities and current location of Alton FC	No
YES	As a coach of Alton fc under 11s we really need somewhere to play in the bad weather because to many games get called of.	YES		
YES	Can be used by the community.	YES	Sport in a central location.	Parking
YES	The Alton Football Stadium is fantastic. However it is too small and limited to cater for the community. Certain age groups don't get to use it as cannot fit them all ok over a weekend, this includes matches that have to be played on the fields which are always waterlogged. Alton Rugby pitches have been crying out for a better maintained pitch. Each morning have to do a dog poo walk..no other rugby club in Hampshire have to do this, and Alton have huge success in Hampshire which doesn't match their facilities available to them. A 3G pitch, even to be able to train on would be a huge bonus for both football and Rugby community.	YES	Anstey Park needs it given the state of the current waterlogged/uneven/dog poo infested state it's currently in. However having it at Jubilee Fields is also another good idea.	PARKING!!! Parking is already an absolute nightmare when matches or especially tournaments are held at Anstey. It's not like there is not enough room around there to make more use of parking.
YES	it will be good for the children and adults alike to continue their matches and training even when it rains. and will bring more foot fall to the town	YES	anstey park is a hub of activity for sports and another pitch would be amazing	
YES	3G pitches are common place across Hampshire and Alton should not fall behind other areas in what it can provide its citizens for recreation.	YES	Anstey park is widely renowned as having some of the worst rugby pitches in the county, which makes it very difficult to retain top talent. The rugby club has always been a great source of joy and community in Alton, and a 3G pitch will ensure it continues to do so, when the sport, at large, is struggling at the grass roots level.	I think the wider development of the pitch needs to be considered. How will it interact with changing rooms, clubhouses etc. How can we maximise the use of the 3G pitch, Monday to Sunday for 52 weeks of the year?
YES	More people are out exercising the better. The current Alton FC pitch is heavily used so another one will help.	YES	Diggers is too far from the car park. Keeping it in Anstey Park with the other pitch will be much more helpful.	Possibly more parking should be provided.

YES	A 3G pitch on Anstey Park would be a huge benefit for Alton Rugby Club, providing a high-quality, all-weather playing surface that could be used year-round. Unlike grass pitches, which have historically become unplayable during wet conditions, a 3G pitch would ensure training sessions and matches can go ahead consistently, reducing cancellations and disruption to the season. This reliability would not only support player development across all age groups but also help the club grow by attracting new members who value dependable facilities. In addition, the improved surface would create opportunities for hosting community events, school partnerships, and even regional fixtures, strengthening Alton Rugby Club's role at the heart of the local community. Ultimately, a 3G pitch would be an investment in the future of the club and the wider sporting life of Alton and ultimately developing Anstey Park towards a sporting hub that benefits Alton as the town expands.	YES	Diggers is too far away from car parks and roads and changing facilities and Jubilee should be kept as is for cricket club.	It should be ensured that any 3G pitch can be used by both rugby and football clubs in a fair manner. I don't think it should replace the current floodlit area on Anstey Park and if required these should be moved to another area so that there is a floodlit 3G pitch and grass pitches to maximise training opportunities.
YES	A multi use pitch for all to use no matter what the weather	YES	The pitches at Anstey Park can either be very muddy/water logged/boggy or hard and solid ground which is not always usable.	Maintenance and being looked after; who is responsible, ensuring it isn't vandalised.
	Alton needs a second 3G pitch. At present it has one at Alton FC. As another sports club within the town, this is something we have no access to. With 18 teams and often poor weather within football season. Games are often cancelled and we have nowhere to go. Sports within Alton is very prevalent and with the new builds it is growing. Manor Colts YFC are seeing an increase in player interest and we are having to turn children away as are at full capacity with pitch spaces already filled weekly. An additional 3G Pitch at a sports hub already in place (Anstey) would benefit Alton and the youth in particular. Mental and physical health is pivotal and research has shown this promotes positive mental health, whilst also boosting confidence and communication skills. Allowing youth to be physically active within a secure 3G area. Alton needs this and I feel it is a great opportunity one in which should not be opposed especially given the understanding the funding is not coming from Public money. Rugby and Football are growing as are the population. Let's get the 3G in place and watch the youth of Alton and	YES	It adds to Anstey Park being the sports hub for the town.	None
YES		YES	Anstey is already in a well-facilitated area. Floodlit, close to parking. Close to amenities like toilets etc and close to the Alton Rugby Club. Clubhouse.	None
YES	Cos you need one	YES	Best location	No
YES		YES		
YES	Alton needs to have top rate facilities to keep families in the area. The facilities it has currently are not enough. The rugby club is an ideal location for this type of facility, it offers family sports and club community which bring much needed physical and mental health well-being for over a 1000 people. There are no planning issues with building at Anstey Park. So why would this not be the best place to site this facility	YES	Digger and Jubilee sites are too far from changing facilities. Too far from easy monitoring of the proposed pitch. Meaning a higher risk of damage and antisocial behaviour	There are already light rigs in place so new lighting should be fine but it may be that similar standard of lighting are designed as those used in the national parks dark sky area.

YES	Diggers and Jubilee are so often flooded during the season so games have to be cancelled or postponed	YES	As mentioned above, Diggers and Jubilee seem to have drainage problems. If these could be cleared up by having a 3G pitch, then it would make sense to have it on Diggers, close to Alton FC, but not infringe on the rugby pitches	
YES	Would be amazing to have this in Alton to help our teams out and also other teams from around the county	YES		
YES	It's a great investment into the towns sports and leisure, it will make all year round training for all sports more accessible and enjoyable to help foster the future generations of sportspeople	YES	Anstey park will be great placement for this given its location and space to the town and schools	No concerns
YES	Although the investment in drainage on Anstey Park has been successful there are still issues to be addressed. Since we constructed the soakaways and added the tons of sand there has been a marked improvement but this will always be a temporary fix. As a dog walker I welcome the all weather pitch as the ground elsewhere will be rested. I walk my dog daily in the mornings my wife does afternoons. We mostly use the Park and Diggers but because of the nature of the soil the paths over the Downs to the North and East are very popular most of the year. St Swithun's way is well used although poorly signed, we frequently give pilgrims guidance to the right path. When Diggers was levelled in the eighties much of the earth was moved from North to South, although it was rumoured that top soil was imported from a dubious source but I believe flints were exposed from the lower level causing lacerations to those playing sport. However things seem to have settled and it was good to see the whole of Diggers being used for Football last Saturday.	YES	I favour Anstey Park because although when the training lights were first erected I thought it would change the Park atmosphere. Last Sunday the Rugby Club had training and age grade games, the whole of the Park was in use. The atmosphere was fantastic, totally different and I got used to the lights.	I used to play Rugby for Alton and Farnham RFC. I joined in 1963/64 season, encouraged by my PE teacher Ray Haines at what is now Amery Hill School. There was no Colts or Mini Rugby, no Club house (we met at the Alton House Hotel and the Bush Hotel at Farnham). Where the Pavilion is now was an implement shed and a shack between the football enclosure and the tennis/netball courts where we got changed. During the 1970s the changing rooms were built incorporating a clubroom followed by the Clubhouse. The Colts were formed and were soon to go undefeated for two years. We were the envy of the County. I became fixture secretary, the League system developed and we went strait into the London Area leapfrogging Hampshire. Sadly other clubs: Farnham, Petersfield, Winchester, Havant, Basingstoke who we had been beating all improved there facilities and had level playing fields. My concern is that the Club is not retaining players once they become of senior age.
YES	For the local community, we need more pitches that can be played on all year round. One currently is nowhere near enough.	YES	Either site would be good, but I think Jubilee is out of the question because of the two cricket pitches. Unless a hybrid grass and 3G pitch could be used at Jubilee. As these pitches always get called off due to the weather.	None at all. There is plenty of countryside and Woodlands in the local area for dog walkers to walk their dogs.
YES	We need more training and match venues in the area as this is very limited. The sports centre charge extortionate fees. There is an appetite for children and adults to play sport in Alton which is great for a number of reasons including mental health and mental wellbeing. More venues needed to accommodate this especially with the growing community with new houses in the area. This is a fantastic investment for Alton that would benefit so many residents.	YES	This is a great location with ample parking facilities. Jubilee would be another great location but with the favour to cricket this would never happen.	The only concern currently is the amount of dog mess being left. More signage is needed to encourage dog owners to pick up their dog mess. We witnessed a football coach picking up piles of dog mess before a youth match could start. With a 3G pitch this would not be a problem going forward.
YES	To help rugby club to carry out matches on wet weather days	YES	There are already rugby pitches there and more space to fit a 3g pitch, its also not hidden if its on anstey instead of diggers You can use sports center if your at jubilee fields	No
YES	Alton is growing and needs sport facilities that will be able to meet some of those needs. A hybrid AGP that will help to meet those needs for both Rugby and Football.	YES	Anstey Park already has floodlights and sport in place and an AGP that will allow training and games in all weather and available for use by both football and rugby would be ideal. Jubilee is a first class cricket facility and an AGP would endanger that. Diggers is used for events in addition to football and rugby (eg flyball) and is also less accessible with no infrastructure	My only concern is that the decision is delayed by procrastination and lack of action from the Town Council. This should be jumped on and the process put into place as soon as possible.
YES	There is demand for more 3G facilities in Alton. During winter, rugby training has been cancelled due to ground conditions.	YES	Anstey is a good place, there is already a good hub for sports in place and easily accessible.	No concerns as long as parking is reviewed as part of the project.
YES	Because there are a lot of teams in and around Alton that struggle to find a pitch to play on. And more houses are being built all the time.	YES	It's a good location for the pitch to be built.	Just that the parking there is sufficient

YES	Definitely needed. Both our children play football for Alton at Anstey so I know there is very high demand for the existing pitch.	YES	If Anstey is deemed the best place, I will support it.	I believe it would require additional carparking spaces, and upgrading the link road and junctions to make it viable.
YES		YES	I think Jubilee will also benefit. It will give the children more opportunities	No
YES	Makes sense to enable more sport to be played when there is bad weather and grass cannot be kept in good order	YES		
YES	There is 100s of football teams across all ages and very limited football pitches. Especially in the winter with jubilee fields constantly called off due to waterlogged fields. The 3G in alton is fully booked all the time.	YES	Anstey park is big enough to hold another pitch. I would say an increase of car parking would be beneficial to the park.	No
YES	Yes, having an all weather pitch is great for a community which has so many grass pitches and clearly a solid sporting presence	NO	Anstey park already has an existing artificial pitch at alton town enclosure, a full size 3g pitch at Jubilee makes far more sense and is better located next to the sports centre for both convenience and advertising	
YES	I am very supportive of a 3G pitch being added to Alton as it allows more teams for a chance to play matches during all weathers as well as training, rather than than having to find alternative grass pitches elsewhere that may be in poor condition or out of town, and with games having to be cancelled because the grass pitches aren't suitable enough due to weather.	NO	I think jubilee fields would be a good alternative. I'm not entirely against anstey park but I do think the area struggles with parking and could do with an additional car park. Having said that I would rather it at anstey park than having no additional 3G pitch at all.	No.
YES	Both my children have played with AFC since they were 7 so we have been part of the club for many years. The existing pitch deals with a lot of traffic and the pitch is constantly booked out and in use. In the years where we are able to use the existing 3G pitch for our home games, we use the Diggers however this is often flooded or unusable diesel to the condition of the field so in many occasions our games have had to be called off. I would welcome the opportunity for an additional 3G pitch to be built- this will enable many more children to join the club and have space to play.	YES	Anstey park seeks to be the most logic place. The infrastructure and facilities are already there.	No concerns
YES	There are plenty of clubs and private groups who are in need of a pitch. I myself am currently in two such groups looking for midweek pitches.		There is ample space in Anstsey Park and Jubilee for another pitch. Both are excellently situated: Jubilee via the A31 and Antsey for those on foot.	Absolutely none. This is a great idea.
YES	This could also raise plenty of money. It is a win-win situation.	YES	Diggers gets very muddy in Winter. Jubilee fields is used for cricket so I don't think a pitch would work well there.	Parking in Anstey Park could become a problem.
YES	We have quite a few Alton football teams and only one pitch which is very busy.	YES		No
YES	Good for the community and good to keep the kids entertained and busy	YES		
YES	Football on grass pitches frequently has to be cancelled during the winter. 3G will mean more football for the kids of Alton	NO	Jubilee would be good. Alton FC already has 3G at Anstey. But anywhere for the new pitch is fine.	
YES	There is a real need for another, if not two more, 3G pitches in Alton, the number of people, young and old, who enjoy playing sport is on the increase but unfortunately these opportunities are restricted due to lack of facilities. I believe a new multi-sport surface that will allow these people to enjoy outdoor activity throughout the whole year regardless of the weather would greatly enhance the reputation of the town of Alton in providing and encouraging sport for all.	YES	I believe that basing a new 3G surface within Anstey Park is the best place due to the already in place logistics, power for lights, close to council depot. It would give easy access and would allow many more people to walk or cycle to the facility. This may also provide a great opportunity to upgrade and encourage more use of the existing changing facility within the park	None at all, this really should happen as soon as possible
YES	There's only one rentable pitch for us in Alton and not easy to get a booking!	YES		

YES	It's an excellent facility for youth and senior footballers. Existing provision of grass pitches is inadequate, especially for Alton FC - the largest junior club in the region.	YES	Good central site with adequate parking	No
YES		YES		Parking
YES	So many youth and adult teams can't play through the winter or in the dark that they are missing out on physical well being. We don't have enough pitches for the population and the weather effectively stops games for months	YES		Please do it! Superb investment in the community
	1. All-Year-Round Use: Preventing Youth Drop-Off Due to Weather Cancellations One of the most significant benefits of a 3G pitch is its resilience to adverse weather, which ensures consistent availability. In the UK, extreme weather events—especially heavy rainfall—are increasingly disrupting grassroots sports. Waterlogged pitches and storm damage have led to frequent cancellations, frustrating young athletes and contributing to a decline in participation. Research shows that game cancellations due to weather are a major factor in youth disengagement from sport. When training and matches are repeatedly postponed, children lose momentum, motivation, and connection with their teams. A 3G pitch mitigates this by offering a durable, weather-resistant surface that remains playable even in poor conditions, helping to retain young players and foster long-term engagement. 2. Economic Benefit: Boosting Local Economy and Community Engagement The installation of a full-sized FA-registered 3G pitch can have a transformative economic impact on Alton: A case study of Maidstone United FC found that their 3G pitch allowed for up to 80 hours of weekly use, supporting 45 teams and attracting external bookings 2. The Football Foundation estimates that every £1 invested in grassroots facilities generates £2.50 for the UK economy, through increased employment, volunteer opportunities, and health improvements. Such facilities attract visitors from surrounding areas, especially for tournaments and league matches, which boosts local hospitality, retail, and transport sectors. In short, a 3G pitch is not just a sports asset—it's a community hub and economic engine. 3. Floodlighting: Extending the Playing Day and Increasing Accessibility Floodlighting dramatically extends the usability of sports facilities, allowing play to continue into the evening and during winter months when daylight is limited: It enables after-school and post-work sessions, making sport more accessible to children, working adults, and community groups. Extended hours mean more bookings, better utilisation, and increased revenue for the facility. Floodlit venues also enhance safety and visibility, improving the experience for players and spectators alike. This flexibility is especially valuable in a town like Alton, where demand for pitch time may exceed daylight availability.			

YES	4. Tackling the Obesity Crisis Through Sport Sport and physical activity are critical tools in combating obesity, which is a growing public health challenge in the UK: According to Sport England, inactivity causes one in six deaths and costs the NHS around £1 billion annually. Regular participation in sport is linked to lower obesity rates, improved mental health, and reduced risk of chronic diseases. A 3G pitch provides a safe, inclusive space for people of all ages and abilities to engage in physical activity, supporting national health goals. By investing in this facility, Alton is not just promoting football—it's investing in the health and wellbeing of its residents.	YES	Building next to similar facilities introduces cost savings through shared services. i.e. a 3 phase power supply is already in place, the machine to maintain the surface is already there. the clubhouse can be shared.	
YES	For Alton FC, and indeed Alton as a community, this project is essential. With 50 teams, Alton FC struggle to fit training sessions for all of our teams on the single 3G pitch each week. Weekend matches cannot all be accommodated on one 3G pitch. Weekend matches are often cancelled due to waterlogged grass pitches. Alton FC have waiting lists for juniors across multiple age groups.	YES	Anstey Park is the most logical and beneficial site, being in close proximity to existing club and facilities.	Parking
YES	Much need to keep every one playing outside through the winter and wet period.	YES	Diggers is a good Location. Maybe a little more parking needs to be created.	No
YES	Additional sports facilities for an ever growing population, such facilities are for the social good.	YES	Good location with easy access and parking	No
YES		YES		
YES	Because our children need more space to play and learn how to improve their game!!	YES	Because facilities are already there and it would make more sense to use that area.	Just the car parking is an issue for me but as said in the meeting this is already being looked at.
YES	Due to the condition of pitches at jubilee park in winter months	YES	Na	Na
YES	It would benefit many people.mentally and physically also socially.	NO	Diggers	No
YES	It would provide excellent training facilities and match opportunities.	YES	It's local training ground for my son and his football team.	None
YES	The multitude of sports teams that Alton support could do with another all weather option to run games, training or charity events. Currently with only Eggars AWP, Alton FC and Sports Centre 3G's the cost of time at these facilities is prohibitive, but also due to the fact that time is in demand there is no incentive to reduce the costs.	YES	Anstey is well placed to support the 3G though it's current parking situation would clearly need to be reviewed. With Diggers and Anstey being on the same site parking for Saturday's in the area is horrendous, it is no better at Jubilee, though the Sports Centre parking does take the bulk of the strain on Saturday's and Sunday's.	As in my previous answer, parking facilities will need to be considered. Whilst it would be ideal to have users not drive to the location to partake in sport this is pie in the sky thinking. Most users will be needing to bring kit items with them, such as turf boots, shin pads, socks, shorts, top, maybe bibs, cones, balls, goals etc.... It is unrealistic to believe the majority of this can be ferried any other way than private transport. The introduction of a second facility at Anstey would need to support the user volume in parking, though with Diggers supporting so many youth sports of a weekend this will be impacted too.
YES	Would allow for more training/games for clubs around the community to find somewhere to play.	YES		Parking
YES	The existing ground at Anstey can become boggy in winter and levels aren't great for football games. It would further enhance sporting opportunities and additional training income/opportunities for various clubs/sports, all year round.	YES	I believe the level ground at Jubilee already provides a good standard or sports pitches.	No concerns and think a great addition to the community

YES	Having more facilities to use and play on will offer more ability to get people playing sport. At the moment it is a struggle to find adequate facilities to regularly use and play on with over booking of clubs and activities	YES	I do support Anstey park as it is easy to get to and accessible however I would support any location in Alton.	I would strongly recommend that Amy location has an upgrade to their parking as Anstey but any sports location in Alton is often congested with cars parked along the main road creating chaos for residents on busy tournament days.
YES		YES		
YES	means more available pitches in poor winter weather for all age groups and sporting teams and clubs in the area	YES	Diggers would be best positioned, but would need massive infrastructure work to allow travel to site	
YES	We need more teams to play and attract others fellow sportsmen to Alton	YES	Easy access off the main road.	
YES		YES		
YES	This would be great for the community and be great for the kids to play football instead of ruining the grass. Would defo need more parking to.	YES		More parking
YES	The opportunities this pitch would give to grassroots teams of various sports would be invaluable.	YES	Jubilee would be another good option but the cricket is considered too precious and it wouldn't get approved there. Therefore, Anstey is the better venue option.	None!
YES	With lots of games being called especially at the younger (development age) having another Astro turf would mean that players development wouldn't be hampered	YES	None	Extra parking would be needed
YES	Not enough pitches for kids especially in the winter when 50% of games get called off due to waterlogged pitches	YES	Agree with ansty due to location and better parking facilities	
YES	Too many matches are postponed due to the weather, and a 3G pitch would help alleviate that to some degree.	YES	Diggers seems to be a logical location for a 3G pitch	None
YES		YES		Parking is already an issue at Anstey on match day, are there plans to improve the current parking facilities?
YES	Great for the community. More scope to build on the current football in Alton. More options for training and matches to save previous years of cancellations	YES		
YES	Very much supportive of a new additional pitch. There are so many boys and girls, as well as adults looking for a space to play sport at the moment. A new pitch would help massively with this.	YES	Grass pitches at Anstey park are not great so a new pitch there would be better. The pitches for both football and cricket at jubilee are well maintained and usable nearly all year so it would be stupid to build over good pitches rather than the poorer ones.	None
YES	Another sports facility is much needed with the amount of houses currently being built in this Area	YES		
YES	Significant demand for another pitch for adults and children in the area	YES	Perfect location away from the sports centre	No
YES	It means more year round football which is much needed as there is not enough pitches for the amount of teams in the town	YES	Diggers could also work as long as there was vehicle access and parking.	No
YES	There is a massive demand for this for use by both adults and children alike	YES	Perfect location and away from the sports centre which already has a pitch	No
YES	With the growing amount of young people very keen to play and enjoy football, I think it's definitely needed as its not feasible to play on grass pitches as matches get cancelled frequently when pitch conditions are bad.	YES		
YES	It would help the development of all young children to continue to play football throughout the winter months. It would also allow more children to start playing/training and building the skills they can build one.	YES	Ansty Park is the "home" of Alton FC so for all teams to be able to play in the same area will be a sense of togetherness	No
YES	The football club is a hugely important part of the local community and the success of the youth and young people teams in particular means that additional high quality facilities will be incredibly helpful to meet the needs of the teams.	YES		

YES	Better pitch and guarantee to play	YES		
YES		YES	Developing the Anstey park site would greatly enhance and benefit a well established rugby club which supports all ages.	
YES	It's need because of the amount of people trying to play/ train with and the council keep calling of games on grass as soon as it rains or even rain in the forecast. Especially up at jubilee fields . More all weather playing and training would improve the quality of sports levels in our town. Which also improves the name of the town .	YES		The car parking is already not great especially when football and rugby are on . So a larger/new parking facility would be needed.
YES		YES		
YES		YES		
YES	These facilities would be hugely useful to the population of Alton - particularly the children who would make great use of extended facilities to play football through the winter.	YES	Anstey has the space for these facilities, and with the football club and rugby club, it would become a really strong sports hub for Alton.	None
YES	Sport in alton is extremely important and the development at youth level is fundamental to a healthy town.	YES	Anstey has the space and parking that the other two site listed do not. It makes viable sense to increase the facilities at anstey for this reason. Maximum benefit with minimal disruption and building costs	Very aware there is an under utilised hockey pitch formerly part of the convent grounds that would be worth looking into. It's never in use and not sure who owns it since the sale of the grounds. Someone should investigate the opportunity to use this facility and or improve it for modern day use.
YES	Because it would mean more chances for the young people in our town to get themselves into clubs that benefit them and means there's more space for them to train while also letting children and adult use it when there are no clubs on. This would be an amazing addition to our town!	YES		
YES	Sports need more space in Alton as the town is growing year on year	YES	Ideal place for it out of the way from most housing	Access to diggers for dog walkers round the 3G pitch
YES	Another 3g pitch is needed with a growing community. There are so many boys and girls that want to play football but currently can't as the club don't have space to accommodate them.	YES	Would tie in well with the current 3g pitch at the club. Toilet facilities etc already there so a good option	Yes, parking. Parking is already a nightmare on Saturday mornings and Sundays when rugby is played. If Anstey is chosen or in fact the diggers, extra parking must be made available otherwise it won't work with the extra volume of cars that it would bring. The turning going into Anstey part is also very tight and traffic can build up from the main road causing issues. To go ahead with this at Anstey park or the diggers without parking provisions would be ridiculous and an accident waiting to happen. I would hope the 3g pitch would benefit from floodlights. If not I don't see the point. There are plenty of grass pitches around the area and although games can be called off due to the weather, the main issue I see is the facilities in the town during the week for clubs and kids to train.
YES	Grass pitches are great but so many games get cancelled due to the weather.	YES		
YES	Need more facilities for the local population.	YES		
YES	Would be a good income generator and help boost the community.	YES		
YES	Cause it benefits everyone in the community and can also benefit in winter times when weather isn't great.	YES	Anstey park would be the more suitable destination of the 3G.	Access routes, toilet facilities parking as parking up anstey park is a struggle most times.
YES	More training space for the kids in the community	YES	Ansty or diggers would be ideal. I would leave jubilee as it is just rebuild the decaying changing rooms	Nope
YES	To allow more all-weather pitches for the winter time . This is to allow sprting fixtures/training to continue in the winter months where otherwise these may be cancelled due to waterlogged pitches etc...	YES	Either Ansley Park or Diggers would be good for me as both of these provide lots of space for this to happen.	

YES	We have lots of teams currently playing for Alton fc and would be great to have extra space to support the players in learning and improving in football. Also we know there is issues with diggers pitches through winter where the pitch is unplayable at times.	YES	Diggers is unreliable but is a big space and I don't believe would impact normal day usage with dog walkers, picnic etc.	No
YES	There are not enough all weather surfaces in the area and getting a booking is difficult. I've got two young kids who are interested in sport so the creation of more sites that they have access to is a great idea	YES	Easily accessible from Alton amd surrounding villages and has parking	No
YES	Allows all weather play. The council pitches are often withdrawn from use when it has rained and the priority seems to be to protect the cricket pitches, even outside of the cricket season. An all weather pitch allows continuous use and is a revenue stream for the local area.	YES	I am supportive of anstey park due to more parking being available. I would also be supportive of a 3G pitch at the jubilee but only if steps are taken to improve parking.	Parking must be available and changing facilities would be welcome. Nets and gates must be part of the plan to protect the pitch and also ensure that rogue footballs aren't a danger to public or traffic.
YES	It would be transformative for sport in Alton. The ability to play whatever the weather, and the ability to have continual use will enable more people to play sport at a higher level, and will attract greater numbers of people and other opportunities to Alton by making it a destination for sport in the area. I have seen the impact it has had at Havant RFC and it is hard to over-estimate...	YES	Diggers is too far away from the clubhouse, makes spectating harder and reduces the number of "passer-by" spectators. Jubilee Fields is even further away which provides logistical challenges for post-match functions which are an integral part of the rugby experience. It would seem to me that the right question is "why not Anstey Park?" because there would need to be significant reasons to put the pitch elsewhere...	Yes, it's taken too long already, and it will take even longer if we don't get on with it. Why would anyone object ?
YES	Because Alton fc is growing rapidly and needs more space for all sections of the club to train and play.	YES	I think Diggers would be best as it's closer to the existing club and facilities.	No
YES	Anstey is a huge used area for rugby and football, the pitches are not up to the standards obviously the current 3G pitch has been amazing and changed the club completely not all teams get to use this so an extra one would be amazing, Alton football and Rugby are both huge high-level clubs, they should have the pitches to show that, the rugby club is real need of a good pitch, lots of the other rugby clubs are much better than Alton's when it comes to the clubhouse and the pitch. Personally, my son plays football and the rugby, I am a full-time wheelchair user, during the wet winter months it is impossible for me to use anstey I often miss out on watching my son, a new 3G pitch would mean being able to watch him throughout the whole season in both sports. This really means a lot to me.	YES		
YES	It will allow more children to train and play their games on a safe and secure environment, rather than on grass pitches which could be of poor quality and/or unsafe.	YES	The cost of altering the other two suggested sites would likely be higher than Anstey Park.	Additional parking should be considered as part of the plan.
YES	There's more and more children joining football and a new pitch would better accommodate this.	YES	Anstey makes sense as it is already home of football.	No
YES	Football matches are regularly cancelled by the council on Diggers due to being waterlogged, some seasons almost half the matches are written off as a result. Having access to a 3G pitch would enable all clubs and the local community to have somewhere to exercise even when the weather is bad and the grass pitches are closed. Exercise and team sports are critical for all ages but specifically beneficial for the mental and physical wellbeing of young people and gives a focus to draw their attention away from less desirable behaviours.	YES	Diggers is less accessible than Anstey and surrounded by muddy, waterlogged land. It would be impossible to maintain the pitch and expect players not to walk in with muddy footwear which would ruin the resource for the community. Jubilee does not get affected by the poor weather too the same degree as Anstey or Diggers.	Increased use of the site would further strain the limited parking. On days with multiple football and or rugby matches, the parking is already massively oversubscribed so it would be a good opportunity to add additional parking to cater for the increase of traffic using the new pitch.

YES	I think a new 3g pitch is very much needed in Alton and will be well used by the community. There is a high demand for 3g pitches and the ones already in situ are very well used. It would mean more football games can be played in the winter months when the grass pitches are water logged/frozen. It would also give the ability to be able to run more events.	YES	I think Anstey Park is a great location for a new pitch. There is enough space & has good access for people travelling from elsewhere. Jubilee is too restricted on space and diggers is not easy to find/get to.	Parking is a big issue at Anstey. The road to access is not wide enough as it is and there is not enough space to park with the current facilities there. This forces cars to park along Anstey Road which causes congestion, hazards & inconvenience to local residents where people do not park in a considerate manor. More parking would need to be available. Either in way of the grass being used as overflow or a proper tarmacked parking area.
YES	I run a local veterans football team and pitches are at a premium as it is, especially with the British weather so an additional 3 or 4G pitch would be very useful	YES	Whilst both other sites would be useful, Anstey Park remains the best and most sensible option.	If proceeded with, I would hope the cost to hire the 3G pitch would not be too excessive. Grass pitches are under £100 per hire but we have been quoted almost double this for 3G pitch hire in and around the local area, which is just not sustainable for grassroot sports teams. Whilst I would expect a higher cost compared to grass, it should not be anywhere near double.
YES	More accessible football at grassroots level at all times throughout the year	YES		None
YES	I'm a coach at Alton FC and we desperately need another pitch for training and games. Over 50 teams trying to use one facility just does not work! The twin is ever growing too.	YES	It's most logical to place it as close to the the existing 3G pitch as possible. Diggers would require so much extra infrastructure. jubilee is restricted by the overlapping Cricket season.	None
YES	With the lack of pitches in the area it would be a brilliant asset to the town	YES		
YES	The town is crying out for a second 3G/4G series of pitches / 11 aside pitch due to cancelled games and all weather football being able to be played.	NO	Anstey would be too close to the current facility, where parking is generally painful at the best of times, so unless serious consideration is given to parking and extending it, I would say another site is preferable.	Only the parking, for both home and away teams
YES	Increase capacity and capability. I currently coach the Alton u9 and u10 girls team. We have access to a quarter of the existing 3G pitch to train on once a week, we share the pitch with 3 older boys teams which can be intimidating to the girls. Having a mere quarter pitch is not enough to provide adequate training and support to our girls.	YES	Building on Anstey would support the growth of Alton FC and enable existing teams/players with adequate facilities	Parking in and around Antsey on Sunday's when there are football and rugby matches is a significant issue
YES	More space for kids to play and have activities. Our town is growing and this is definitely needed. We see a massive demand for the 3g pitch and more and more young footballers joining football clubs in alton	YES	Great location, parking and access wise is great	No concerns
YES		YES		
YES	Great facilities, available all year round. With a growing population we need to support people to be active, belong to teams and enjoy participating together. This facility will really help deliver the opportunity for that for more people.	YES	It makes natural sense, given the proximity of existing sports clubs, schools and available space	Some parking, although encouraging people to walk or travel by bike - by installing lanes and secure bike parking should help
YES	Several sports games are cancelled due to water logged porches. Encouraging our young people into sports has a range of benefits for their future and also the community	YES	Jubilee would also work well.	
YES	A good step forward for sport, health and wellbeing in Alton. With the current climate fluctuations this will put less pressure on the remaining grounds and council staff to help ensure playing areas remain of useable quality without need for mass cancellations.	YES	Anstey Park seems the logical answer with close proximity to the Rugby and Football clubs and their large youth sections	Control and management of the area.

YES	This facility would unlock opportunities for schools, youth groups, and community teams who currently struggle with limited access to safe, reliable playing surfaces. It would enable inclusive sport, rain or shine, and help foster healthier lifestyles, stronger social bonds, and a sense of pride in our town.	YES	A new 3G pitch at Anstey Park would be a game-changer for Alton. Its close proximity to the football club makes it ideal for year-round training and matches, while also opening up access for schools, grassroots teams, and community groups. It's not just a pitch—it's a hub for health, inclusion, and local pride.	For coaches and volunteers, it means better planning, fewer cancellations, and more time focused on mentoring and growth. For families, it's a safe, welcoming space where children can thrive. And for Alton as a whole, it's a chance to invest in something that brings people together—sport, community, and opportunity under one roof.
YES	To continue to improve the sports facilities for Alton	YES	Seems the most logical location as there are already floodlights there and would not cause a reduction in facilities for other sports	
YES	There is a desperate shortage of pitches that can be used in all weathers. For a growing town, sport is key to supporting positive mental health and physical wellbeing too.	YES		
YES		YES		
YES		YES		
YES	More all weather pitches are needed to provide more opportunities for youngsters to play sport	YES		No
YES	Anstey would make a lot more sense to have it due to the fact that there is a rugby club there. As of the moment the ground is not level and could do with an incentive to bring Alton back to what it used to be in terms of sports as we have seen players over the years leave whether it be hockey, rugby, football, etc. purely due to the fact of the declining up keep or the lack of upgrade which clubs around Hampshire seem to be getting. It would drive more people to come watch games due to the nature of the facility, reduce the likely of injury due to uneven grounds and lastly it would be a pulling factor to keep any talent Alton may have in the present and the future	YES	Anstey would make a lot more sense to have it due to the fact that there is a rugby club there. As of the moment the ground is not level and could do with an incentive to bring Alton back to what it used to be in terms of sports as we have seen players over the years leave whether it be hockey, rugby, football, etc. purely due to the fact of the declining up keep or the lack of upgrade which clubs around Hampshire seem to be getting. It would drive more people to come watch games due to the nature of the facility, reduce the likely of injury due to uneven grounds and lastly it would be a pulling factor to keep any talent Alton may have in the present and the future.	
YES	Alton desperately needs it	YES		
YES	It's the way forward for Sports pitches and sport is so important these days in helping with mental health	YES	Seems the most logical place	None
YES		YES		
YES	Too many grass pitches cancelled because of the weather during winter	YES		Na
YES	I spend time at Alton FC watching the first team and have had three children play football and rugby. The new Alton FC 3G is always being used and now over 500 boys and girls are members; it is bursting at the seams and how wonderful is that to see youth enjoying sport So many girls now want to follow in the Lionesses and also after the rugby world cup it will be the same for Alton RFC.	YES	It makes sense as the football and rugby club is already based there and it is a big enough space to accommodate it.	I would hate Alton to loose out to another local town, we have so many new housing developments and so many more children, sport is important to keep them health and involved in the community.
YES	We have an active sporting community in Alton. My family is actively involved with the rugby club. There is current demand and with a 3G pitch, training for rugby could accommodate all weather capabilities and would alleviate recreational pressure on the adjacent grass pitches (whilst reducing conflict between dog walkers and sports use).	YES	Supportive of Anstey Park. I am a landscape planner by profession. Siting a 3G pitch would result in minimum landscape and visual harm in this location. Jubilee Fields is more open in character, with associated cricket use, of which there would be a clear conflict. Diggers is situated at the rural interface on the northern edge of the town - this location is likely visible from the South Downs National Park to the south, with potential implications for lighting and setting to a designated landscape.	Specification of 3G pitch to be agreed with the rugby club to meet RFU requirements. Maintenance costs and logistics regarding who organises access to be considered. Lighting - replacement of existing floodlighting to directional LEDs would be cheaper to run and would result in less light spill (not a concern per se, but certainly a consideration / benefit for adjacent residents).
YES	Suitable area for football in an ever growing community	YES	Home of Alton FC	No

YES	With the increasing popularity of girls football together with the increasing popularity of Alton Football Club the club is desperately in need of more facilities and pitches It would be wonderful to see the development of future sporting talent being supported	YES	The club already has its base at Anstey Park and Diggars so it would make sense to keep the sense of community plus it helps parents who have children who play for different teams within the club	Just that parking should also be considered- as it can be at a premium especially when the rugby club is also running an event
YES	I'm not sure what a 3G pitch is exactly but anything that encourages people to be active and develops a sense of togetherness and community I'm definitely in favour of.	YES	I think it being close to the existing football club facilities is the right place for it as long as it doesn't impinge on the rugby club's facilities.	Car parking can already be an issue at Anstey Park on busy days. Would this make matters worse? Or would extra car parking be part of the plan?
YES	I am [removed] and our main hockey pitch (also suitable for Netball) is at Eggars school where we have parking, changing facilities and showers but nowhere to put a clubhouse on site. If Anstey Park can meet the requirements of the football and rugby clubs plus other sports clubs such as running, cycling, archery etc then we can have a true multi-sports club with all the existing clubs working under a single umbrella management that manages the facilities and handles the investment required to continue to meet the rising demand for sport in the Town & surrounding villages.. We are all interested in participation levels particularly amongst the young and particularly encouraging a better balance between the sexes. We all want to make sport accessible and affordable for all. Eggars has a large sports hall used by many indoor sports clubs such as trampolining and gymnastics. Cricket, tennis and bowls has the needs met on the other end of the Town. All we envisage is a gate from Eggars to wherever the new clubhouse is sited. I am sure that this will be supported across our 500 members (and the parents of our junior members) of which 50% are female.	YES	I do not know Digger. Nor do I know what the plans are for the site occupied previously by Alton School.. I umpire Southern League Cricket, Hampshire league Division 1, Hampshire County junior cricket and at all the private schools in the area. Cricket clubs are struggling to survive due to falling membership. The greatest help that Alton Cricket club requires on Jubilee fields is a complete revamp of the pavilions to support both male and female members. Ladies cricket is getting as strong as men's cricket but it is embarrassing when I see the facilities they have compared with the men's teams.	My biggest concern is the management of open spaces across the District. By amalgamating football clubs, especially at the junior level, parish Councils could well be left with grass pitches requiring maintenance but standing idle whilst all the demand for pitches moves into the Town of Alton. Getting the numerous football clubs to work together and manage the local leagues, use and maintenance of the pitches would both mean that in the short -term no child who wants to play is turned away and the games played provide a fair and sporting environment. Clubs competing for the best talent is not good for participation levels in the game.
YES		YES	Anstey or Jubilee Fields would be adequate	None
YES	Sports facilities that enable people to be physically active are really important for people of Alton. 3G pitches can be used in all weathers and if floodlit throughout the year		No preference	Need to be mindful of loss to green space and biodiversity
YES		YES		
YES	There are number of football games taking place in and around Alton at the weekends. If the weather is poor then this means a number are postponed! A new all weather 3g pitch would be a great asset for the town and the community, particularly given all the new housing in the area.	YES		Alongside the pitch the provision of parking should be considered too.
YES	The need for additional pitch space is obvious. With the positive benefit of addition teams in both the girls and boys ages, to be able to schedule matches routinely is desperately needed. The effect of constant cancellations due to waterlogged pitches is disheartening and disruptive to everyone's seasons.	YES	Current amenities in place which would be the most cost effective option.	If in place, the opportunity to both girls and boys matches must be taken into account during the scheduling process.
YES		YES	Central location.	
YES		YES		None
YES	The existing grass football pitches are often unplayable during the wetter parts of the year. The existing pitch is available all year round and can play one game after another and supports multiple training sessions all year, in all weather. An additional 3g pitch would cater for all the other children and adults that the existing pitch cannot take because it is now completely booked out.	YES	Anstey would be the best location, due to easy access. Diggers would work but access and parking would be more difficult. Jubilee already supports four high quality football pitches and two cricket pitches. It would be a real shame to lose any of this high quality facility.	

YES	As a coach for girls football which has seen participation grow year on year, we now have too many girls and boys teams and not enough quality pitches With the inclement weather and cricket from May on Jubilee there is a desperate need to ensure youth football has another quality venue to support player development through reduced match cancellations	YES	It's easy to get to for away teams, Diggers only has 2 11 aside pitches and more and more players are continuing grassroots football all the way to youth and first team. Having another pitch at Anstey Park would be the best option, although any new venue needs additional parking	No concerns
YES	Because all our community need the opportunity to play football or rugby at any age	YES	Anstey is the obvious choice. A 3G pitch requires a lot of maintenance and equipment to maintain (ride on tractor plus brushes plus spare crumb). The Anstey Park venue is close to potential storage for this. Parking would be close by. Existing amenities could be used also at the Finimore Pavillion. The management of the facility (pitch maintenance / booking and invoicing) could be under the control of a shared mgt co. between the various parties	no
YES		YES		
YES		YES		
YES	We oy have 1 3 g pitch l. The area the grass pitched are very often unplayable for weeks on end during the winter months which means loads of cancelled matches.	YES	Diggers would also be a good alternative	No
YES	It's an excellent facility providing space for team sports, encouraging both physical and mental good health.	YES	I've ticked yes, as this seems the best option, but has there been a 'don't mind' I would have ticked this.	
YES	As grass roots football grows it can only benefit all that use it	YES	As there is already a 3G pitch located at Anstey and this is the Hub of football in Alton, it makes sense that a new pitch be located in the same place.	The only concern I would have, is that traffic can get extremely busy at Anstey especially on weekends. Would the exit/entrance roads get widened that lead onto Anstey Rd
YES		YES	Anstey has good parking	
YES	We have way more children wanting to play sport than we can accommodate.	YES	Anstey has the central location and supporting infrastructure. Diggers would be a good option but would need road/paved access.	
YES	With the increase in youth football especially around girls football additional 3G facilities would be highly beneficial for the area.	YES		
YES	So many young people male and female play football for Alton Fc On matchdays (Saturday&Sunday) there is not enough pitches to accommodate all the matches required. On wet days it's even more disruptive to everyone as the pitches we have are not in a playable order. The one 3G pitch we have is used everyday and is already fully subscribed for training with sometimes 4 teams using it at the same time	YES	It would be in a location near the current 3G pitch and easier to be used in conjunction with the current pitch	The only concern I have is that parking is already stretched and probably not adequate for the current pitch so this would need to be considered
YES	We need a second pitch. Alton Town Council regularly prioritises preserving the pitches at Jubilee for cricket and that has a problematic knock on effect for youth football. There are 2 clubs in alton it makes sense to have 2 pitches or even 3.	YES	If it could be multi use (rugby under lay) that would mean more opportunities for club play and training	That the inherent nimbyism in alton and worry about alienating dog walkers will stop it happening.
YES		YES		
YES	3G pitch is the way forward for rugby as it can be played on all the time around the clock	YES	It is the home for rugby and football on Alton.	We will need an increase in parking spaces.
YES	Local sports needs to keep up with modern trends. It will be a good thing for the local sports and recreational groups that will use this area.	YES		The drainage in this area would beed to be addressed and addressed adequately
YES	Great for the clubs	YES	Anstey park	Access for dog walkers

YES	Great for local sports. Great for youth sports	YES	Diggers or the Rugby training pitch. Multi use for Football and rugby	Drainage issues Water Way??
YES	Good for all sports and development in Alton	YES	Less disturbance to other areas and great for Alton Rugby Club	No
YES		YES		
	Alton needs more sports facilities to support a growing population and ensure sports people stay with Alton Clubs rather than ? Due to lack of. A 3G pitch would be the start of a sports hub and center of excellence for use by many.		Site ideal for sports hub development as services clubs and changing rooms already insitue making Anstey Park a sports hub and COE will ensure sports development for the next 50 years and stop developers targeting for house builds.	
YES		YES		Shared facility with affordable costs for local clubs and schools.
YES	Good sports facilities for the future.	YES	Jubilee Fields better for Cricket. Diggers not accessible easily	No
YES	Better sports facilities good for the town and surrounding area	YES	Facilities and infrastructure in place to use as a bases	No
YES	Additional leisure and sporting venue	YES	I don't believe there is a more suitable location	Water run off / Dog waste

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

We acknowledge as the members of:

Alton Town Council

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, that:

	Agreed		‘Yes’ means that this authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority’s accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			✓

***Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each ‘No’ response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.**

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

07/05/2025

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair

Clerk

[Signature of Chair]
[Signature of Clerk: Faric L. Han]

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 for

Alton Town Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2025 £	
1. Balances brought forward	1,049,931	1,587,852	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	826,979	851,976	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	1,099,126	726,160	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	505,927	513,500	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	9,411	9,411	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	872,846	849,213	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash-book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	1,587,852	1,793,864	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	1,588,383	1,906,735	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	3,092,603	3,088,953	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	182,280	176,904	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)		✓		The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			✓	The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2025 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

Patricia R. Ham

Date

07/05/2025

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

07/05/2025

as recorded in minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

Anna

Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2024/25

In respect of

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY
Alton Town Council

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02 as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/> .

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2025; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2024/25

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

To be in line with best practice we recommend that when minuting the appointment of the internal auditor, the council record they have considered the independence of the appointed auditor on an annual basis.

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

3 External auditor certificate 2024/25

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

External Auditor Name

ENTER NAME OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR
BDO LLP - Southampton

External Auditor Signature

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BDO LLP
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SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

01 September 2025 YY

Alton Town Council
Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2025

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

	Notes
1. The audit of accounts for Alton Town Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 has been completed and the accounts have been published.	This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website. The smaller authority must decide how long to publish the Notice for; the AGAR and external auditor report must be publicly available for 5 years.
2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Alton Town Council on application to:	
(a) Tom Horwood, Town Clerk Alton Town Council The Town Hall Market Square Market Street Alton GU34 1HD	(a) Insert the names, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR.
(b) Monday to Friday between 9am and 4:30pm	(b) Insert the hours during which the inspection rights may be exercised.
3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £1.00 for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.	(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs.
(d) Announcement made: 5 th September 2025	(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice.
(e) Date of announcement: 5 th September 2025	(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice.

01/10/2025

Alton Town Council

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Balance Sheet as at 30/09/2025

31/03/2024

31/03/2025

Current Assets

22,525	Debtors	6,766
25,122	Vat Control	25,173
1,738,733	CCLA Deposit Fund	1,922,337
181	Petty Cash	684
167,821	Unity Trust Bank : Current A/c	440,317

1,954,381

2,395,278

1,954,381

Total Assets

2,395,278

Current Liabilities

2,681	Creditors control ac	67,055
151,020	Accruals	0
6,816	Receipts in Advance	0

160,517

67,055

1,793,864

Total Assets Less Current Liabilities

2,328,223

Represented By

27,406	Working Capital	608,160
211,304	EMR Open Spaces (inc King Pond	211,304
222,673	EMR 3G Interest	222,673
28,179	Economic Development Reserve	28,179
243,862	EMR Capital Reserve	243,862
600	EMR Complin Homeless Trust	600
129,491	General Reserves	129,491
46,471	EMR Barley Fields	40,971
35,050	Pump Track Flood Lighting	35,050
248,970	EMR Neighbourhood CIL	138,960
9,296	EMR Weywalk	9,296
36,346	EMR Treloar Heights	31,346
90,000	EMR Crownby Estate	90,000
880	EMR David Whitmarsh Award	880
40,000	EMR Pension	40,000
90,197	EMR Will Hall Meadow	84,697
10,073	Climate Change Grant Fund	10,073
152,039	EMR CALA Community Build (CIL)	152,039
2,905	EMR PTMC	2,905
148,125	EMR Jubilee Pavilion project	148,125
20,000	EMR Assembly Rooms	20,000

Balance Sheet as at 30/09/2025

31/03/2024		31/03/2025
	0 EMR Alton Gateway	79,422
	0 EMR Yoga in the Park	194
	<u>1,793,864</u>	<u>2,328,223</u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 30/09/2025 and reflects its Income and Expenditure during the year.

Signed :
Chairman

Date : _____

Signed :
Responsible
Financial

Date : _____

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>101 Corporate Management</u>								
1010 Other Income	0	82,612	60	(82,552)			137686.	79,422
Corporate Management :- Income	0	82,612	60	(82,552)			137686.	79,422
4088 Newsletter	75	1,214	6,440	5,226	2,019	3,207	50.2%	
4101 Bank Charges	43	380	566	186		186	67.2%	
4111 Professional Fees	192	24,625	18,540	(6,085)	8,834	(14,919)	180.5%	
4112 Audit Fees	2,100	2,581	4,410	1,829		1,829	58.5%	
4117 David Whitmarsh Award	0	0	60	60		60	0.0%	
Corporate Management :- Indirect Expenditure	2,410	28,800	30,016	1,216	10,853	(9,637)	132.1%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(2,410)	53,812	(29,956)	(83,768)				
6001 less Transfer to EMR	0	79,422	0	(79,422)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(2,410)	(25,610)	(29,956)	(4,346)				
<u>102 Democratic Representation</u>								
1010 Other Income	0	100	0	(100)			0.0%	
Democratic Representation :- Income	0	100	0	(100)				0
4121 Mayors Allowance	0	186	4,000	3,814		3,814	4.7%	
4122 Election costs	292	292	7,000	6,708		6,708	4.2%	
4124 Public Consultations	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
4125 Councillor Expenses	321	701	1,000	299		299	70.1%	
Democratic Representation :- Indirect Expenditure	613	1,179	14,000	12,821	0	12,821	8.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(613)	(1,079)	(14,000)	(12,921)				
<u>105 Central Support-Admin Costs</u>								
1009 Insurance income	2,797	5,035	0	(5,035)			0.0%	
1010 Other Income	0	363	0	(363)			0.0%	
Central Support-Admin Costs :- Income	2,797	5,398	0	(5,398)				0
4001 Salaries	20,239	123,857	308,940	185,083		185,083	40.1%	
4002 Employers NI	2,661	16,203	38,309	22,106		22,106	42.3%	
4003 Employers Pension	4,036	24,732	66,113	41,382		41,382	37.4%	
4005 Pension Enhancements	611	611	1,260	649		649	48.5%	
4008 Staff Training	0	15	2,730	2,715		2,715	0.5%	
4009 Staff Travel & Welfare	7	2,907	4,000	1,093		1,093	72.7%	
4026 Other Expenditure	35	1,320	2,756	1,436		1,436	47.9%	
4071 Telephone and IT	1,211	8,962	16,152	7,190		7,190	55.5%	
4072 Mobile Phones	236	1,417	2,817	1,400		1,400	50.3%	

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4075 Stationery & Printing	0	1,404	2,212	808		808	63.5%	
4076 Postage	0	24	1,216	1,192		1,192	1.9%	
4080 Subscriptions & Publications	500	500	3,473	2,973		2,973	14.4%	
4085 Insurance	497	27,209	25,272	(1,937)		(1,937)	107.7%	
4087 Advertising	0	0	717	717		717	0.0%	
4155 Equipment	65	65	12,205	12,140		12,140	0.5%	
4157 Furniture	0	31	1,103	1,072		1,072	2.8%	
Central Support-Admin Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	30,097	209,256	489,275	280,019	0	280,019	42.8%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(27,301)	(203,858)	(489,275)	(285,417)				
106 Central Support-Town Hall								
1002 Shop Rents	330	1,981	3,960	1,979			50.0%	
1010 Other Income	0	101	0	(101)			0.0%	
Central Support-Town Hall :- Income	330	2,082	3,960	1,878			52.6%	0
4021 Rates	634	3,806	7,988	4,182		4,182	47.6%	
4022 Water Charges	37	435	785	350		350	55.5%	
4024 Gas	9	632	2,558	1,926		1,926	24.7%	
4025 Electricity	156	2,200	3,470	1,270		1,270	63.4%	
4030 Cleaning	400	1,060	2,217	1,157		1,157	47.8%	
4140 Building Maintenance	51,193	97,309	75,000	(22,309)	6,119	(28,428)	137.9%	74,500
Central Support-Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	52,429	105,442	92,018	(13,424)	6,119	(19,543)	121.2%	74,500
Net Income over Expenditure	(52,099)	(103,360)	(88,058)	15,302				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	74,500	0	(74,500)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(52,099)	(28,860)	(88,058)	(59,198)				
107 Operating Income & Exp.								
1005 Market Income	0	5,000	14,000	9,000			35.7%	
1176 Precept	390,180	890,180	890,180	0			100.0%	
1190 Interest Received	6,877	41,207	60,000	18,793			68.7%	
Operating Income & Exp. :- Income	397,057	936,387	964,180	27,793			97.1%	0
4504 Neighbourhood CIL Grants	11,450	39,821	0	(39,821)	7,140	(46,961)	0.0%	35,511
Operating Income & Exp. :- Indirect Expenditure	11,450	39,821	0	(39,821)	7,140	(46,961)		35,511
Net Income over Expenditure	385,607	896,566	964,180	67,614				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	35,511	0	(35,511)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	385,607	932,077	964,180	32,103				

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>108 Other Properties</u>								
1001 Rents	0	6,000	12,000	6,000			50.0%	
Other Properties :- Income	0	6,000	12,000	6,000			50.0%	0
4411 Buildings Maintenance Tannery	0	28	2,205	2,177		2,177	1.3%	
4412 Public Works Loan Board repay	0	4,705	9,411	4,706		4,706	50.0%	
Other Properties :- Indirect Expenditure	0	4,734	11,616	6,882	0	6,882	40.8%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	1,266	384	(882)				
<u>201 Anstey Park</u>								
1000 Fees and Charges	1,008	8,932	20,747	11,815			43.1%	
1001 Rents	6,240	30,152	55,445	25,293			54.4%	
1010 Other Income	0	290	0	(290)			0.0%	
1016 Alton FC Holding Funds	0	0	22,116	22,116			0.0%	
Anstey Park :- Income	7,248	39,373	98,308	58,935			40.1%	0
4021 Rates	148	886	1,860	974		974	47.7%	
4022 Water Charges	73	376	2,107	1,731		1,731	17.8%	
4024 Gas	0	690	2,880	2,190		2,190	24.0%	
4025 Electricity	556	4,112	10,639	6,527		6,527	38.6%	
4030 Cleaning	841	5,112	11,298	6,186		6,186	45.2%	
4071 Telephone and IT	62	248	681	433		433	36.4%	
4140 Building Maintenance	1,106	6,731	8,820	2,089		2,089	76.3%	
4141 Grounds Maintenance	0	6,284	7,350	1,066		1,066	85.5%	
Anstey Park :- Indirect Expenditure	2,786	24,439	45,635	21,196	0	21,196	53.6%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	4,462	14,934	52,673	37,739				
<u>202 Jubilee Playing Fields</u>								
1000 Fees and Charges	195	8,693	18,126	9,434			48.0%	
1001 Rents	2,062	14,039	22,504	8,465			62.4%	
Jubilee Playing Fields :- Income	2,257	22,731	40,630	17,899			55.9%	0
4021 Rates	174	1,042	2,187	1,145		1,145	47.7%	
4022 Water Charges	44	210	2,778	2,568		2,568	7.6%	
4025 Electricity	468	2,103	5,122	3,019		3,019	41.1%	
4030 Cleaning	0	0	400	400		400	0.0%	
4071 Telephone and IT	18	73	198	125		125	36.8%	
4140 Building Maintenance	193	4,460	2,205	(2,255)		(2,255)	202.3%	
4141 Grounds Maintenance	2,980	10,093	8,942	(1,151)	914	(2,065)	123.1%	
4143 Skatepark Maintenance	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4150 Fuel Costs	0	0	1,638	1,638		1,638	0.0%	
Jubilee Playing Fields :- Indirect Expenditure	3,877	17,981	23,970	5,989	914	5,076	78.8%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,619)	4,750	16,660	11,910				
<u>301 Grounds Maintenance Team</u>								
1010 Other Income	0	600	0	(600)			0.0%	
Grounds Maintenance Team :- Income	0	600	0	(600)				0
4001 Salaries	12,917	77,520	171,276	93,756		93,756	45.3%	
4002 Employers NI	1,161	7,029	21,238	14,209		14,209	33.1%	
4003 Employers Pension	2,055	9,854	34,172	24,318		24,318	28.8%	
4010 Uniforms	0	112	1,551	1,439		1,439	7.2%	
4031 Refuse Collection	1,982	10,052	20,132	10,080		10,080	49.9%	
4139 Pot holes/Roadway resurfacing	0	(15,050)	7,500	22,550		22,550	(200.7%)	
4141 Grounds Maintenance	7,590	14,512	6,795	(7,717)	2,526	(10,243)	250.7%	
4144 Play Equipment Inspections	1,675	6,210	15,443	9,233	5,140	4,093	73.5%	
4145 Tree Maintenance	420	19,334	42,000	22,667		22,667	46.0%	
4146 Bedding Plants	0	657	1,050	393		393	62.5%	
4147 Dog Bins	370	993	1,764	771		771	56.3%	
4148 Play Equipment Maintenance	72	9,139	12,128	2,989		2,989	75.4%	
4149 Vehicle Costs	0	5,129	7,053	1,924		1,924	72.7%	
4150 Fuel Costs	410	3,223	9,861	6,638		6,638	32.7%	
4153 Locking & Unlocking	1,280	1,280	12,039	10,759		10,759	10.6%	
4155 Equipment	314	24,422	30,000	5,578	1,471	4,108	86.3%	16,000
Grounds Maintenance Team :- Indirect Expenditure	30,247	174,413	394,002	219,589	9,136	210,452	46.6%	16,000
Net Income over Expenditure	(30,247)	(173,813)	(394,002)	(220,189)				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	16,000	0	(16,000)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(30,247)	(157,813)	(394,002)	(236,189)				
<u>310 The Butts</u>								
1000 Fees and Charges	0	1,550	2,200	650			70.5%	
The Butts :- Income	0	1,550	2,200	650			70.5%	0
4022 Water Charges	0	5	59	54		54	8.5%	
4141 Grounds Maintenance	0	105	0	(105)		(105)	0.0%	
The Butts :- Indirect Expenditure	0	110	59	(51)	0	(51)	186.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	1,440	2,141	701				

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>311 Public Gardens</u>								
1000 Fees and Charges	0	20	0	(20)			0.0%	
1001 Rents	699	8,752	16,397	7,645			53.4%	
1010 Other Income	194	194	0	(194)			0.0%	194
Public Gardens :- Income	893	8,966	16,397	7,431			54.7%	194
4022 Water Charges	7	39	573	534		534	6.8%	
4025 Electricity	39	1,610	3,252	1,642	216	1,426	56.1%	
4140 Building Maintenance	0	0	1,389	1,389		1,389	0.0%	
4141 Grounds Maintenance	0	130	3,183	3,053	10,805	(7,752)	343.5%	
Public Gardens :- Indirect Expenditure	45	1,779	8,397	6,618	11,021	(4,402)	152.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	848	7,187	8,000	813				
6001 less Transfer to EMR	194	194	0	(194)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	654	6,994	8,000	1,006				
<u>312 Windmill Hill</u>								
1001 Rents	0	1,588	3,500	1,912			45.4%	
Windmill Hill :- Income	0	1,588	3,500	1,912			45.4%	0
Net Income	0	1,588	3,500	1,912				
<u>313 Kings Pond</u>								
1001 Rents	646	3,531	7,200	3,669			49.0%	
Kings Pond :- Income	646	3,531	7,200	3,669			49.0%	0
4140 Building Maintenance	0	80	0	(80)		(80)	0.0%	
4141 Grounds Maintenance	7	159	12,000	11,841	3,772	8,069	32.8%	
Kings Pond :- Indirect Expenditure	7	239	12,000	11,761	3,772	7,989	33.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	639	3,291	(4,800)	(8,091)				
<u>314 Holybourne Play Area</u>								
4200 Ground Rent	0	0	265	265		265	0.0%	
Holybourne Play Area :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	265	265	0	265	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure	0	0	(265)	(265)				
<u>315 Chawton Park Road</u>								
1001 Rents	1,500	9,838	27,150	17,313			36.2%	
Chawton Park Road :- Income	1,500	9,838	27,150	17,313			36.2%	0
Net Income	1,500	9,838	27,150	17,313				

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
316 Greenfields								
1001 Rents	508	508	500	(8)			101.6%	
Greenfields :- Income	508	508	500	(8)			101.6%	0
Net Income	508	508	500	(8)				
317 Flood Meadows								
4025 Electricity	0	304	529	225		225	57.5%	
4141 Grounds Maintenance	0	(56,225)	12,000	68,225		68,225	(468.5%)	
Flood Meadows :- Indirect Expenditure	0	(55,921)	12,529	68,450	0	68,450	(446.3%)	0
Net Expenditure	0	55,921	(12,529)	(68,450)				
318 Other Open Spaces								
4156 Parish Paths	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4315 Wey Walk	0	500	0	(500)		(500)	0.0%	
4319 Alton Gateway	0	32	0	(32)		(32)	0.0%	
Other Open Spaces :- Indirect Expenditure	0	532	500	(32)	0	(32)	106.4%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(532)	(500)	32				
320 Allotments								
1001 Rents	90	5,556	7,403	1,847			75.1%	
1003 Allotment affiliation fees	0	6	200	194			3.0%	
1004 Key Deposits	0	10	0	(10)			0.0%	
Allotments :- Income	90	5,572	7,603	2,031			73.3%	0
4022 Water Charges	130	1,017	1,323	306		306	76.9%	
4033 Allotment affiliation fees	0	1,026	0	(1,026)		(1,026)	0.0%	
4141 Grounds Maintenance	0	117	2,756	2,639		2,639	4.3%	
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	130	2,160	4,079	1,919	0	1,919	53.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(40)	3,412	3,524	112				
321 Barley Fields								
1010 Other Income	0	930	1,300	370			71.5%	
Barley Fields :- Income	0	930	1,300	370			71.5%	0
4141 Grounds Maintenance	0	280	0	(280)		(280)	0.0%	
Barley Fields :- Indirect Expenditure	0	280	0	(280)	0	(280)		0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	650	1,300	650				

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>401</u>	<u>Community</u>								
1014	Events Income	195	200	3,000	2,800			6.7%	
1072	Donations/Sponsorship Received	50	2,480	3,000	520			82.7%	
1075	Town Crier Donations	0	25	0	(25)			0.0%	
1080	Grant Income	0	0	1,000	1,000			0.0%	
	Community :- Income	245	2,705	7,000	4,295			38.6%	0
4001	Salaries	0	0	1,721	1,721		1,721	0.0%	
4002	Employers NI	0	0	164	164		164	0.0%	
4003	Employers Pension	0	0	338	338		338	0.0%	
4304	Town Crier	0	1,200	1,200	0		0	100.0%	
4305	3rd Party Event Costs	100	310	2,205	1,896		1,896	14.0%	
4306	Tourism	0	2,907	12,100	9,193		9,193	24.0%	
4307	Town Centre Events	3,947	7,471	19,845	12,374	7,680	4,694	76.3%	
4308	Youth Expenditure	0	10,000	20,000	10,000		10,000	50.0%	
4312	Events Grants	0	2,250	4,000	1,750		1,750	56.3%	
4314	CCTV	0	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%	
4317	Climate Change Actions/Strateg	0	5,100	15,750	10,650		10,650	32.4%	
	Community :- Indirect Expenditure	4,047	29,237	81,323	52,086	7,680	44,406	45.4%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(3,802)	(26,532)	(74,323)	(47,791)				
<u>403</u>	<u>Christmas Lights</u>								
4300	Christmas Lights	0	932	22,000	21,068		21,068	4.2%	
	Christmas Lights :- Indirect Expenditure	0	932	22,000	21,068	0	21,068	4.2%	0
	Net Expenditure	0	(932)	(22,000)	(21,068)				
<u>404</u>	<u>Alton in Bloom</u>								
4302	Alton in Bloom Expenditure	0	0	1,575	1,575		1,575	0.0%	
	Alton in Bloom :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	1,575	1,575	0	1,575	0.0%	0
	Net Expenditure	0	0	(1,575)	(1,575)				
<u>420</u>	<u>Grants</u>								
4500	Grants-Empowered	0	17,076	30,000	12,924		12,924	56.9%	
	Grants :- Indirect Expenditure	0	17,076	30,000	12,924	0	12,924	56.9%	0
	Net Expenditure	0	(17,076)	(30,000)	(12,924)				

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>503 Assembly Rooms</u>								
1000 Fees and Charges	356	4,708	6,112	1,404			77.0%	
1001 Rents	1,060	6,360	13,714	7,354			46.4%	
Assembly Rooms :- Income	1,416	11,068	19,826	8,758			55.8%	0
4006 Management contract	0	0	8,000	8,000		8,000	0.0%	
4022 Water Charges	0	464	1,401	937		937	33.1%	
4024 Gas	8	841	833	(8)		(8)	101.0%	
4025 Electricity	346	4,033	3,203	(830)		(830)	125.9%	
4031 Refuse Collection	78	451	686	235		235	65.7%	
4140 Building Maintenance	0	8,279	1,439	(6,840)		(6,840)	575.3%	
Assembly Rooms :- Indirect Expenditure	432	14,068	15,562	1,494	0	1,494	90.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	984	(3,001)	4,264	7,265				
<u>601 Street Furniture</u>								
1008 Bus shelter adverts income	610	3,010	5,000	1,990			60.2%	
1072 Donations/Sponsorship Received	0	0	3,528	3,528			0.0%	
Street Furniture :- Income	610	3,010	8,528	5,518			35.3%	0
4021 Rates	91	552	1,387	835		835	39.8%	
4600 Public Seats/Bins	0	30	4,000	3,970		3,970	0.8%	
4601 Bus Shelters	0	840	1,905	1,065		1,065	44.1%	
4602 Notice Boards/street furniture	0	0	2,250	2,250		2,250	0.0%	
Street Furniture :- Indirect Expenditure	91	1,422	9,542	8,120	0	8,120	14.9%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	519	1,588	(1,014)	(2,602)				
<u>602 Neighbourhood Plan</u>								
4026 Other Expenditure	0	(18,750)	10,000	28,750		28,750	(187.5%)	
Neighbourhood Plan :- Indirect Expenditure	0	(18,750)	10,000	28,750	0	28,750	(187.5%)	0
Net Expenditure	0	18,750	(10,000)	(28,750)				
<u>702 Projects</u>								
1080 Grant Income	500	500	0	(500)			0.0%	
1085 Developer Contributions/S106	0	0	288,000	288,000			0.0%	
Projects :- Income	500	500	288,000	287,500			0.2%	0
4401 Jubilee Playing Fields	3,269	3,269	288,000	284,731	6,000	278,731	3.2%	
4402 Anstey Park	0	0	40,000	40,000		40,000	0.0%	
4415 Jane Austen Garden	0	9,979	0	(9,979)		(9,979)	0.0%	

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4417 Kings Pond Project	0	(1,787)	0	1,787	11,420	(9,633)	0.0%	
Projects :- Indirect Expenditure	3,269	11,461	328,000	316,539	17,420	299,119	8.8%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(2,769)	(10,961)	(40,000)	(29,039)				
Grand Totals:- Income	416,096	1,145,049	1,508,342	363,293			75.9%	
Expenditure	141,929	610,689	1,636,363	1,025,674	74,054	951,619	41.8%	
Net Income over Expenditure	274,167	534,359	(128,021)	(662,380)				
plus Transfer from EMR	0	126,010	0	(126,010)				
less Transfer to EMR	194	79,616	0	(79,616)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	273,973	580,754	(128,021)	(708,775)				

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Unity Trust Bank: Current A/C	30/09/2025		440,317.04
			<u>440,317.04</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			440,317.04
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			440,317.04
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	440,317.04
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/09/2025
for Cashbook 2 - CCLA Deposit Fund

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
CCLA Deposit Fund	30/09/2025		1,922,337.46
			<u>1,922,337.46</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			1,922,337.46
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			1,922,337.46
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	1,922,337.46
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/09/2025
for Cashbook 4 - Petty Cash

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Petty Cash	30/09/2025		684.47
			<u>684.47</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			684.47
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			684.47
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	684.47
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Statement of Account

Mrs Patricia M Harris
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5 September 2025

Account name: **ALTON TOWN COUNCIL**
Account number: **PS3078535-001**
Statement period: **31/07/2025 to 31/08/2025**

Account summary

Total valuation as at 31 August 2025 **£1,922,337.46**
Total valuation as at last statement at 31 July 2025 **£1,915,460.82**

Holdings as at 31 August 2025

Fund name	Unit/share holdings	Price per unit/share	Value
Public Sector Deposit Fund SC4 - Public Sector GB00B3LDFH01	1,922,337.4600	£1.00	£1,922,337.46
			Total value
			£1,922,337.46

Transactions for the period from 31 July 2025 to 31 August 2025

Public Sector Deposit Fund SC4 - Public Sector

Transaction date	Transaction type	Unit/shares	Price per unit/share	Amount (GBP)
04/08/2025	Income Reinvestment	6,876.6400	£1.0000	£6,876.64

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The average Fund yield for this period was 4.11% p.a.

Income for the period is as follows:

Month	Date paid	Method	Amount (£)	Destination
Aug 2025	02/09/2025	Reinvestment	£6,695.10	PS3078535-001

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Balance	Available
£ 436,160.04	£ 436,160.04

Balances are correct as of 10:59 on 01 Oct 2025.

↓ Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
30/09/25	Service Charge		-23.70	440,317.04
30/09/25	Manual Credit - Handling Charge		-0.30	440,340.74
30/09/25	Credit • 541	8.00		440,341.04

01/10/2025

Alton Town Council

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Cashbook transactions totalling £500.00 or more
for the period 01/09/2025 to 30/09/2025

Payments

<u>Cb No</u>	<u>Bank Account Name</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payment Ref</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	01/09/2025	1100016689	East Hampshire District Council	634.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	09/09/2025	DD	Lloyds Credit Card	503.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	DD	Livepay	25,717.23
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS021	Smith of Derby Limited (John S	1,794.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS016	Lowena Yoga	500.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACA015	Liftmaster Ltd	859.95
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS013	HM Revenue & Customs	9,410.04
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS012	Hampshire Pension Fund	7,941.43
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS011	Hampshire County Council	2,904.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS009	Ellack Cleaning Contractors Lt	1,024.64
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS006	Chalvington Communications Lim	1,473.05
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS004	Biffa Waste Services	1,436.26
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS003	Bespoke Garden Projects Limite	690.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS002	BDO LLP	2,520.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	15/09/2025	BACS001	Alton College Foundation	5,160.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	30/09/2025	BACS012	Rossair Limited	1,327.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	30/09/2025	BACS013	The Stall Hire Company	2,797.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	30/09/2025	BACS011	Mitchell and Dickinson	18,167.57
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	30/09/2025	BACS009	Hampshire County Council	848.70
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	30/09/2025	BACS003	Bespoke Garden Projects Limite	564.00

Receipts

<u>Cb No</u>	<u>Bank Account Name</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Date Banked</u>	<u>Amount Banked</u>
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	01/09/2025	1,240.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	01/09/2025	1,000.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	02/09/2025	1,105.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	03/09/2025	2,600.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	03/09/2025	660.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	05/09/2025	966.45
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	12/09/2025	975.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	18/09/2025	2,796.66
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	18/09/2025	500.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	26/09/2025	500.00
1	Unity Trust Bank : Current	6	29/09/2025	390,180.00



Alton Town Council

Community Infrastructure Levy Allocation Policy

October 2025

Introduction

1. This document details the governance arrangements in place at Alton Town Council for the allocation and spending of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
2. Developers pay this levy to the Charging Authority (East Hampshire District Council) who pass 25% of CIL receipts to the Town Council; this is known as the Neighbourhood Portion. This needs to be spent on locally determined infrastructure in areas where development takes place.

Background

3. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. It came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010.
4. CIL is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money should be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want.
5. For background information as to how CIL works please read the Planning Practice Guidance on CIL at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy>
6. CIL is just one funding stream that can be used, in conjunction with others, to fund projects. Alongside CIL, S106 obligations will still exist, but generally as one-off agreements to mitigate the impacts of larger developments and to secure on-site developer requirements, such as the provision of affordable housing.

What can ATC fund with its portion of CIL?

7. CIL can only be spent on funding infrastructure in the Town Council's local area, and allocations must demonstrate consultation with the local community. The Town Council must use CIL money to support the development of the local council's area, by funding:
 - the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
 - anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.
8. The Town Council must be able to demonstrate that it is using CIL to develop projects that contribute to the infrastructure priorities in the area.

9. Typically, there are three broad categories of infrastructure:
 - Social infrastructure: e.g. art and culture, sports halls, education, health, social care, emergency services, community centres,
 - Physical infrastructure: e.g. pavements, cycleways, flood defenses, highways, transport links
 - Green infrastructure: e.g. play areas, public open space, woodlands
10. Solar Panels by themselves do not meet the requirements set out by ATC and the CIL Regulations to enable an increased capacity and usage of infrastructure. As such, while Solar Panels are considered infrastructure, it is likely that applications solely for their provision will not be successful in the process and are likely to be considered on a case-by-case basis, dependent on the information provided with any application. Applications that include solar panels as part of a larger project that meets the requirements of improving the usage or capacity of a facility may be considered.
11. Applications to deliver improvements within educational settings will be considered by the Town Council on a case-by-case basis. The key factors for any schools applying for Neighbourhood CIL funding is whether the funding is covered by an existing educational budget and the evidence provided as to how any project will increase the capacity and/or usage of the Education setting and/or areas within the Education setting(s). Consideration will also be given to the scale, in that whether the scheme relates to key infrastructure and/or its use/capacity is being restricted. Applications for maintenance of any existing educational structures will not be supported unless it is clearly demonstrated that the usage is severely impacted.
12. Education settings outside of Alton TC's boundary should provide evidence with any submissions demonstrating how the residents of Alton TC will be supported. This should include a scatter map of pupil numbers to demonstrate this. Education settings should also demonstrate any match funding and provide justification as to why other funding cannot be used.
13. For projects relating to playground improvements for sole use by the Education setting(s) only (i.e no wider community benefit is demonstrated) then a maximum of 50% funding for any project would be awarded.
14. Whilst the above gives some guidance, it is not possible to fully set out what will and will not be considered suitable for funding in relation to educational settings.
15. The Town Council is legally required to spend its local CIL monies within five years of receipt. Where money is not used to support the development of the area within five years of receipt, or is used for other purposes, the CIL Regulations give the Local Authority (EHDC) the power to recover those funds. This is to ensure that money is spent effectively to the benefit of the local community.
16. The Town Council is required to produce a publicly available annual report on how much CIL money we have received and how much has been spent. This will include a list of all the projects funded through CIL and an itemised cost for each one.

How ATC will allocate CIL

17. Community Groups can request CIL funding using the 'Neighbourhood CIL spending – Funding Application Form' available on the website or by request

from the Town Hall. Groups are requested to speak with the Town Clerk prior to submitting the form for guidance and assistance.

18. Councillors and/or officers of ATC may also request CIL funding using the same application process.
19. Applications will be accepted between 1st April and 1st May and 1st November to 1st December each year. The funding available at each round is dependent upon the CIL receipts passed to ATC from EHDC.
20. Completed forms will go through to an appointed panel consisting of at least one officer of ATC and one officer of EHDC, who will independently score and evaluate the applications for recommendation to Full Council who will make a determination.
21. Any officer completing a CIL application on behalf of ATC shall be excluded from the independent panel.
22. This process will be reviewed every two years to consider its ongoing effectiveness for distributing Alton Neighbourhood CIL monies.

Date Policy agreed: Full Council, 8th October 2025 (TBC)

Date for review: October 2027



Alton Town Council Procedure for the Co-option of a Councillor

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This procedure is based on the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Legal Briefing L15-08 – Good practice for selection of candidates for co-option to local Councils.
- 1.2 Parish Councils are permitted to exercise the power to co-opt a person on to the Council to fill a casual vacancy when the requirements to hold an election have not been met (i.e. the vacancy was the subject of a public notice and less than 10 registered electors requested a by-election by the published deadline).

2. Advertisements

- 2.1 NALC recommends that Councils always give public notice of vacancies because this makes the process of co-option open and transparent and should attract more potential candidates.
- 2.2 Alton Town Council will advertise a vacancy for four weeks on its noticeboards, on its website (www.alton.gov.uk), through social media and in the Alton Herald, with an application form and closing date for applications.

3. Application Process

- 3.1 All potential candidates should put their application in writing (an application form is published on the website or available by other means on request) and provide the following information to assist Council in making its decision:
 - i. Name, address and contact details;
 - ii. Reason for wishing to be co-opted as a Councillor;
 - iii. Confirmation of eligibility to become a Councillor.
- 3.2 Prior to the next available Full Council meeting:
 - i) The Town Clerk will check that each candidate is qualified to become a Councillor and is not disqualified from being a Councillor as set out in the Local Government Act 1972 s79 and s80;
 - ii) The completed application forms will be circulated to Councillors with the agenda for the meeting. All such documents will be treated by the Clerk and Councillors as strictly private and confidential apart from the name of the candidate and the accompanying reason for wishing to be co-opted.
- 3.3 At the next Full Council meeting:
 - i. The election of the councillor will be an agenda item on the public part of the agenda. Candidates will be invited to speak for three minutes in support of their statement of

why they would like to be co-opted. Councillors may ask questions of each candidate for a further three minutes.

ii. If a Councillor is a relative of or has business connections with any candidate which may be perceived as prejudicial, that Councillor should declare an interest and withdraw from the meeting and will not be allowed to vote.

iii. Voting is in accordance with Standing Orders and will be in public. A voting form may be produced depending on the number of candidates.

iv. The successful candidate should receive an absolute majority vote of those present and voting. If there are more than two candidates for the vacancy and none of them at the first count has an overall majority, the candidate with the fewest votes should be eliminated and the remainder put to the vote again. The process should be repeated as necessary until one candidate has an overall majority. The Mayor has a second and casting vote in the event of a tie.

v. The successfully co-opted candidate will become a Councillor in his/her own right, with immediate effect once the Declaration of Acceptance of Office has been signed. The successful candidate will also need confirm that they will comply with and abide by the Town Council's Code of Conduct. The Registration of Interests Form must be completed within 28 calendar days of appointment.

vi. The co-opted Councillor is no different to any other Councillor and will serve until the next normal election.

4. Date of Adoption

4.1 This Procedure for the Co-option of a Councillor was adopted by Council on 9th July 2025.

4.2 Review Date: April 2026.



Co-opted of a Town Councillor the _____ Ward

Application Form

Please say why you would like to be co-opted as the Town Councillor for the _____ ward and include any relevant skills, knowledge or experience (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Signed:

Dated:

Please return your completed application form, together with the co-option eligibility form to the Town Clerk by email to town.clerk@alton.gov.uk or by post to Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, Hants. GU34 1HD

Applicants will be invited to the Council meeting on _____ to make a statement in support of their application when the co-opted councillor will be elected.

Please complete and sign this eligibility form.



Alton Town Council

Co-option Eligibility Form

To qualify as a Parish or Town Councillor, and to hold this position, an applicant must be:

- A British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union and on the relevant day (the day of nomination or election) have reached 18 years of age or over.
- They must also meet at least one of these four qualifications:
 - on the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for Alton
 - during the whole of the twelve months before that day, they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish of Alton
 - during the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the parish of Alton
 - during the whole of the twelve months before that day, they have lived in the Alton Town Council area or within 4.8km (3 miles) of the Town boundary.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, an applicant may be disqualified from standing (or being co-opted), if they are employed by the council, have had bankruptcy restriction orders made against them or they have a previous criminal conviction with a prison sentence of three months or more or are otherwise disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices. If you are in any doubt whether you would be able to stand for election please contact East Hampshire District Council Electoral Services on Electoral Services T: 01730 234350 or see the Electoral Commission website <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>

I (insert full name)
hereby confirm that I am eligible to apply for the vacancy of Alton Town Councillor and that the information provided on this form is a true and accurate record of my circumstances.

SignedDated

All completed applications must be received by the Town Clerk by _____

Please note it is a condition of being a Councillor that a means of contact by telephone and/or e-mail will be published as public information. A declaration of interests form will also need to be completed.