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Table 1: Planning Applications Relating to Playing Fields

	2001/02		2002/03		2003/04		2004/05		2005/06	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Total Number of Applications	985		1297		1413		1271		1306	
Number of approved applications	695	71	807	62	959	68	910	72	986	75
Rejected or withdrawn	161	16	148	11	122	9	177	14	230	18
Applications yet to be decided	129	13	342	26	332	23	184	14	90	7
Total	985	100	1297	100	1413	100	1271	100	1306	100

Table 2: Approved Applications involving Redevelopment

	2001 /02		2002 /03		2003 /04		2004 /05		2005/06	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Number of Sites where approved applications will involve redevelopment to provide new or improved facilities (REF E5)	188	27	212	26	310	32	318	35	313	32
Applications that will improve the use of playing fields through new or refurbished changing rooms, added floodlighting or improved access to the site (REF E2)	134	19	153	19	148	15	146	16	167	17
Playing fields provided as like for like replacements (REF E4)	113	16	107	13	132	14	149	16	151	15
Cases where the site was too small or wrong shape to accommodate a playing pitch (REF E3)	201	29	257	31	314	33	245	27	314	32
Cases where a careful assessment of supply and demand against a playing pitch strategy showed that there was a strong case for releasing the land for a different use (REF E1)	7	1	2	1	3	0	5	1	1	0
Cases where Sport England maintained an objection, but where CLG concluded that national planning considerations had not been overlooked	25	4	36	5	31	3	16	2	25	3
Applications where Sport England is a statutory consultee but where the provisions of the 1998 Direction do not apply (privately owned fields)	27	4	40	5	21	2	31	3	15	2
Total	695	100	807	100	959	100	910	100	986	100

Table 3: Breakdown of Sport England’s objections to planning applications

Total Number of planning applications 2005/06	1306		
Total Number of applications originally objected to	262	20%	
Negotiated objections leading to benefit	<u>153</u>	58%	
sustained objections	<u>109</u>	42%	
sustained objections (of which)			
withdrawn		31	28%
refused		23	21%
non-determined		15	14%
objection over-ruled (considered detriment to sport)		40	37%