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### ABBREVIATIONS

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
ANOG	Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance
BC	Bowls Club
BE	Bowls England
CC	Cricket Club
CFA	County Football Association
CFS	County Facilities Strategy
DCMS	Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
GMA	Grounds Management Association
HC	Hockey Club
JFC	Junior Football Club
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LTC	Lawn Tennis Club
MES	Match Equivalent Sessions
NFFS	National Football Facilities Strategy
NGB	National Governing Body
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NTP	Non turf pitch
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PPOSS	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy

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PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RLFC	Rugby League Football Club
RUFC	Rugby Union Football Club
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
TC	Tennis Club
U	Under

### PART 1: INTRODUCTION

Knight, Kavanagh & Page Ltd (KKP) has been appointed by Newark & Sherwood Council (NSDC) to deliver a Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) covering all formal playing pitch and outdoor sport facilities across the authority to assist it to strategically plan for the future.

Building upon the preceding Assessment Report, this Strategy and Action Plan provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing playing pitch and accompanying ancillary facilities up to 2033 (in line with the Local Plan review). It has been developed to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities.
- ◀ A number of aims to help deliver the recommendations and actions.
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch and outdoor sport facility stock.
- ◀ A series of sport-by-sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area Action Plan to address key issues on a site-by-site basis.

The Strategy is delivered in accordance with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Guidance (for playing pitch sports) and Sport England's Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide (for "non-pitch" sports). Sport England's PPS Guidance details a stepped approach, separated into five distinct sections:

- ◀ Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach.
- ◀ Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision.
- ◀ Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views.
- ◀ Stage D: Develop the Strategy.
- ◀ Stage E: Deliver the Strategy and keep it robust and up-to-date.

This report represents Stage D of the process, with stages A-C covered in the preceding Assessment Report and Stage E ongoing once the study is complete. The lifespan of a PPOSS is considered to be three years, although this can be increased if it updated.

A PPOSS delivers the evidence required to ensure that sufficient land is available to meet existing and projected future outdoor sport requirements. Its robust evidence base should inform and be implemented into planning policy and other relevant corporate strategies to enable local policies, planning and sport development criteria to work efficiently and effectively. It is capable of:

- ◀ Providing a clear framework for all playing pitch and outdoor sport providers, including the public, private and third sectors.
- ◀ Clearly addressing the needs of all identified sports within the area, highlighting particular local demand issues.
- ◀ Addressing issues of population growth and major growth/regeneration areas.
- ◀ Addressing issues of cross boundary facility provision.
- ◀ Addressing issues of accessibility, quality and management with regard to facility provision.
- ◀ Standing up to scrutiny at a public inquiry as a robust study.
- ◀ Supporting funding applications.
- ◀ Providing realistic aspirations which are implementable within the local authority's budgetary position and procurement regime.

The Strategy and Action Plan (Part 6) recommends a number of priority projects relating to sports provision which should be realised over the remainder of the Local Plan period 2023-2033. It provides a framework for improvement and, although resources may not currently be in place to implement it, potential partners and possible sources of external funding.

Partner organisations in Newark & Sherwood have a vested interest in ensuring that existing playing pitches, outdoor sports facilities and ancillary provision are protected and enhanced. As such, many of the objectives and actions within this document need to be delivered and implemented by a wide range of bodies such as national governing bodies of sport (NGBs), sports organisations, education establishments and parish/town councils. In many instances, Newark & Sherwood District Council will not be the organisation which delivers these actions or recommendations as the PPOSS is not solely just for the Council to act upon. It applies to/for all the stakeholders and partners involved.

### Scope

Most sports facilities within Newark & Sherwood are owned by town/parish councils or sports clubs/organisations. Therefore, NSDC's role in the delivery of new/improved sports facilities is to provide a robust evidence and policy to support the securing of new on-site facilities or S106 contributions from housing development.

The PPOSS includes all outdoor sports facilities owned and operated by public, private and third sector organisations are within the scope:

- ◀ Football
- ◀ Rugby union
- ◀ Rugby league
- ◀ Hockey
- ◀ Tennis
- ◀ Cricket

- ◀ Lawn bowls
- ◀ Netball
- ◀ Artificial grass pitches (AGP)
- ◀ Athletics

### Study area

The study area comprises the whole of NSDC's administrative area which has been broken into smaller subsections known as analysis areas. Current population figures are based on ONS 2018 mid-year estimates as follows:

- ◀ Mansfield Fringe (17,176 total population)
- ◀ Newark (60,929 total population)
- ◀ Nottingham Fringe (7,400 total population)
- ◀ Sherwood (24,200 total population)
- ◀ Southwell (13,422 total population)

Cross boundary issues have also been explored to determine the level of imported and exported demand, recognising, for example, that people travel to and make use of strategic facilities irrespective of administrative boundaries.

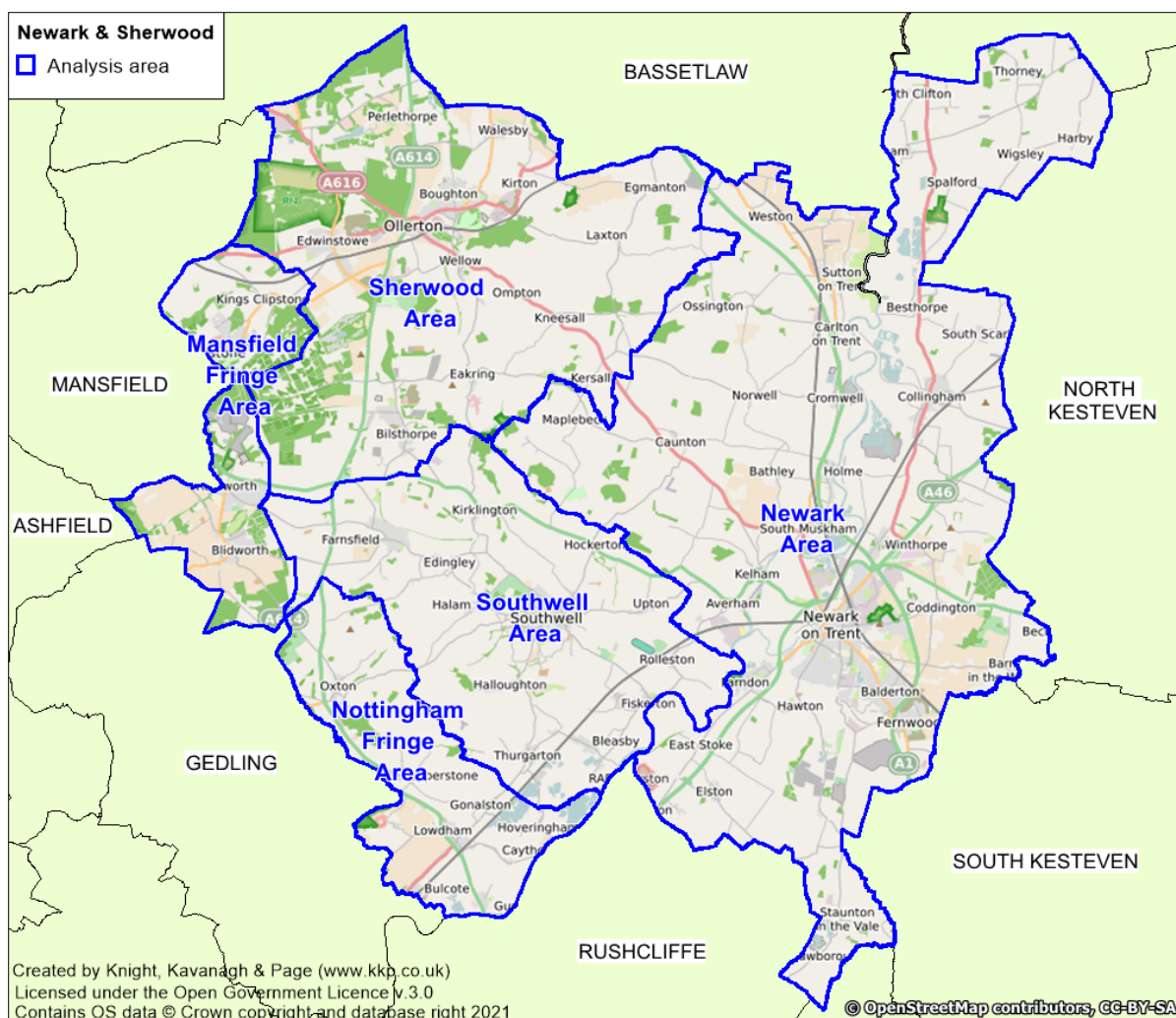
The analysis areas and population density are shown in Figure 1.1.



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Figure 1.1: Analysis areas



### Local context

The Council’s Development Plan comprises of the Amended Core Strategy (2019), the Allocations & Development Management DPD (2013), a number of Supplementary Planning Documents and, in some parishes, Neighbourhood Plans. These documents set out proposals for the use of land and policies to guide future development to help to deliver sustainable growth in Newark & Sherwood for the period up to 2033. Newark & Sherwood District Council is currently undertaking a Plan Review. This will:

- ◀ Allow for the consideration of updated information on development needs within the District;
- ◀ Reflect changes to national policy and local strategies. Provide a plan which will help to support growth and maintain local control over planning decisions during the period to 2033.

Maintaining an up-to-date Local Plan, will ensure that the allocations and policies in the Core Strategy and Allocations and Development Management DPD continue to be appropriate, up-to-date and effective.

The PPOSS will be an evidence base document for the Development Plan and will ensure that existing facilities are the most appropriate in terms of quantity, quality and location, consider how best to address any shortfalls and meet the additional needs generated by the planned housing and economic growth. Infrastructure priorities for the Development Plan are identified through the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).

The Development Plan for Newark & Sherwood, which alongside a vision to safeguard and enhance the natural environment and the objective to secure a better quality of life, also contains Spatial Policy 8 which protects and promotes leisure and community facilities.

### *Spatial Policy 8: Protecting and Promoting Leisure and Community Facilities*

The policy is contained within the Allocations and Development Management DPD and sets out that new and enhanced community and leisure facilities (including open space) will be encouraged. This is particularly the case where they address a deficiency in current provision and where they meet an identified community need.

It also states that the loss of existing community and leisure facilities through new development requiring planning permission will not be permitted unless it can be clearly demonstrated that:

- Its continued use as a community facility or service is no longer feasible, having had regard to appropriate marketing (over an appropriate period of time and at a price which reflects its use, condition and local market values), the demand for the use of the site or premises, its usability and the identification of a potential future occupier; or
- There is sufficient provision of such facilities in the area; or
- That sufficient alternative provision has been, or will be, made elsewhere which is equally accessible and of the same quality or better as the facility being lost.

### *Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations SPD (2013)*

The Council expects new development to contribute to site related and wider infrastructure needs through a combination of mechanisms including Planning Conditions, Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy. The SPD sets out the Council's approach to seeing obligations relating to:

- Affordable housing
- Community facilities
- Education provision
- Health

- Libraries
- Open space (incl. SANGs)
- Transport

Chapter 10 and 14 details the approach, triggers and forms of contributions that may be required for outdoor sport provision.

The SPD, in respect of outdoor sports provision, will be updated in due course based on the recommendations of this report.

### ***National context***

Paragraphs 102 of the NPPF states that Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate as relevant.

Paragraph 103 of the NPPF discusses assessments and the protection of “existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields”. Paragraphs 105 and 106 also promote the identification of important green spaces by local communities and the protection of these facilities. Such spaces may include playing fields.

An up-to-date PPOSS will form a key element of the Council’s evidence base to support its emerging health and well-being policies and the Local Plan as a whole.

This may provide opportunities to develop new playing pitches or improve the quality of existing playing pitches in Newark & Sherwood in response to housing developments that create additional demand for pitches (as well as the accompanying ancillary offer). Any requirement would be calculated by using the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator<sup>1</sup>. Where possible, this will be aligned to existing community sport clubs in Newark & Sherwood which already play an integral part in providing sport and physical activities to the local community.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport/playing-pitch-calculator>

### Headline findings

Table 1.1 below highlights the quantitative headline findings identified for all pitch and outdoor sports included within the scope of the preceding Assessment Report. MES stands for match equivalent sessions and has been used as the comparable unit for natural grass pitches. Converting both the amount of play a site can accommodate (its carrying capacity) and how much play takes place there (its current use) into the same unit of demand enables a comparison to be undertaken.

The position on future demand is established through ONS projections (2033) and information provided by the relevant national governing bodies of sport. Full details of this can be found in the preceding Assessment Report.

Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions.

Based on how they tend to be played, this unit for football and rugby union pitches relates to a typical week within the season for each sport. For cricket pitches it is appropriate to look at the number of match equivalent sessions over the course of a season. How much play a cricket pitch can accommodate is primarily determined by the number and quality of wickets on a pitch. Only one match is generally played per pitch per day.

However, play is rotated across the wickets to reduce wear and allow for repair. Each wicket is able to accommodate a certain amount of play per season as opposed to a week.

The Sport England PPS guidance does not advocate the conversion of MES to pitches as there is not always a case for providing pitches to meet the demand/shortfalls expressed.

For example, improving the quality of pitches can also increase the capacity of existing pitches to accommodate such demand. For qualitative findings and site-specific findings, please see Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios, and Part 6: Action Plan.

For artificial surfaces (AGPs/3G pitches), how much play can be accommodated is primarily determined by availability, rather than how much play it can accommodate before its quality is adversely affected as with natural grass pitches. Therefore, whole pitches are used as the comparable unit. Similarly, for the other non-pitch sports (i.e., tennis, netball bowls etc) where it is not as easy to determine carrying capacity, whole facilities are used as the comparable unit.

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Future demand in the Assessment report has been determined by using Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator which looks at population change over a predetermined period. For Newark & Sherwood this has been set to forecasted population rates in 2033 in line with the NSDC Local Plan. As the Playing Pitch Calculator does not allow for population change to be broken down by analysis areas, future demand has been applied to the entirety of Newark & Sherwood throughout.

Table 1.1: Quantitative headline findings (pitch sports)

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions <sup>2</sup> )	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions) as at 2033
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Adult	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Youth 11v11	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Youth 9v9	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Newark	Adult	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>
Football (grass)	Newark	Youth 11v11	<b>Shortfall of 2</b>	<b>Shortfall of 2</b>
Football (grass)	Newark	Youth 9v9	<b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>
Football (grass)	Newark	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 4	Spare capacity of 4
Football (grass)	Newark	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Adult	<b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Youth 11v11	Spare capacity of 1.5	Spare capacity of 1.5

<sup>2</sup> Per week for rugby and football, per season for cricket

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions <sup>2</sup> )	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions) as at 2033
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Youth 9v9	<b>Shortfall of 1</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1</b>
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Adult	Spare capacity of 1	Spare capacity of 1
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Youth 11v11	<b>Shortfall of 3</b>	<b>Shortfall of 3</b>
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Southwell	Adult	<b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>
Football (grass)	Southwell	Youth 11v11	<b>Shortfall of 1</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1</b>
Football (grass)	Southwell	Youth 9v9	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>
Football (grass)	Southwell	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Southwell	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Adult	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 4</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 11v11	<b>Shortfall of 4.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 6.5</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 9v9	<b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 4.5	Spare capacity of 3.5

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions <sup>2</sup> )	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions) as at 2033
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 1	At capacity
Football (3G) <sup>3</sup>	Mansfield Fringe	Full size <sup>4</sup>	At capacity	At capacity
Football (3G)	Newark	Full size	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>
Football (3G)	Nottingham Fringe	Full size	<b>Shortfall of 0.75</b>	<b>Shortfall of 0.75</b>
Football (3G)	Sherwood	Full size	<b>Shortfall of 1.25</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1.25</b>
Football (3G)	Southwell	Full size	<b>Shortfall of 1.25</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1.25</b>
Football (3G)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size	<b>Shortfall of 4.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 4.75</b>
Cricket <sup>5</sup>	Mansfield Fringe	Saturday	At capacity	At capacity
Cricket	Mansfield Fringe	Sunday	Spare capacity of 12	Spare capacity of 12
Cricket	Mansfield Fringe	Midweek	Spare capacity of 24	Spare capacity of 24
Cricket	Newark	Saturday	Spare capacity of 7	Spare capacity of 7
Cricket	Newark	Sunday	Spare capacity of 19	Spare capacity of 19
Cricket	Newark	Midweek	Spare capacity of 43	Spare capacity of 43

<sup>3</sup>Based on accommodating 38 teams on one full size pitch.

<sup>4</sup> Sport England view minimum dimensions for a full size pitch to be 100 x 64m, however, for the purposes of this report, full size pitches refer to 91 x 55m due to meeting minimum dimensions for adult football.

<sup>5</sup>Future demand for cricket has been applied on a district wide level and is not allocated to specific analysis areas.. It anticipates a growth of seven senior men's cricket teams putting additional pressure on the Saturday peak time period.

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions <sup>2</sup> )	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions) as at 2033
Cricket	Nottingham Fringe	Saturday	<b>Shortfall of 38</b>	<b>Shortfall of 38</b>
Cricket	Nottingham Fringe	Sunday	<b>Shortfall of 14</b>	<b>Shortfall of 14</b>
Cricket	Nottingham Fringe	Midweek	<b>Shortfall of 8</b>	<b>Shortfall of 8</b>
Cricket	Sherwood	Saturday	Spare capacity of 12	Spare capacity of 12
Cricket	Sherwood	Sunday	Spare capacity of 24	Spare capacity of 24
Cricket	Sherwood	Midweek	Spare capacity of 42	Spare capacity of 42
Cricket	Southwell	Saturday	Spare capacity of 3	Spare capacity of 3
Cricket	Southwell	Sunday	Spare capacity of 27	Spare capacity of 27
Cricket	Southwell	Midweek	Spare capacity of 45	Spare capacity of 45
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Saturday	<b>Shortfall of 16</b>	<b>Shortfall of 52</b>
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Sunday	Spare capacity of 68	Spare capacity of 68
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Midweek	Spare capacity of 146	Spare capacity of 134
Rugby union	Mansfield Fringe	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby union	Newark	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 1</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>



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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions <sup>2</sup> )	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions) as at 2033
Rugby union	Nottingham	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby union	Sherwood	Senior	At capacity	<b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>
Rugby union	Southwell	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 4</b>	<b>Shortfall of 5</b>
Rugby union	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 7</b>
Rugby league	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	No demand so no provision required	No demand so no provision required
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School

Table 1.2: Quantitative headline findings (non-pitch sports)

Sport	Current picture	Future picture to 2033
<b>Tennis</b>	Overall, current demand is being met, with no shortfalls identified at any club sites. There is also a need to improve the recreational tennis offer at recreational sites such as Sherwood Avenue Park, Winthorpe Community Centre and Fernwood Village Hall.	Newark TC shall be operating at capacity if future demand ambitions are realised. Caunton TC states it cannot increase in members before installing additional provision at its site.
<b>Netball</b>	Whilst there is a large quantity of netball courts provided in Newark & Sherwood, the majority serve curricular and extra-curricular demand, with a lack of community accessible courts and sports lit courts. Demand for netball is exported into Lincolnshire and Nottingham with both regions providing well established leagues.	There is a future need to improve quality and community availability in order to encourage an increase in demand through delivery of England Netball initiatives.
<b>Lawn Bowls</b>	Overall demand is being met; however, Southwell Town Bowls Club is operating above the recommended capacity threshold and Newark Northern BC is operating at capacity. Newark Northern BC's current lease agreement is scheduled to expire in 2026.	If future demand through club ambitions is achieved Balderton BC and Newark Northern BC will also operate above capacity guidelines. ONS projections identify that the number of persons aged 65 and over living in Newark & Sherwood is forecasted to increase by 33.4%.

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<b>Athletics</b>	Demand is currently being met at the YMCA (Newark) track.	Demand met by the existing track. Dukeries Academy is outlined to be re-built, with the future layout of the site and its 400m cinder track unknown.
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### **Conclusions**

The existing position for most sports is that there is a mixture of shortfalls, spare capacity and sufficient capacity. The future position shows the exacerbation of current shortfalls and the creation of shortfalls for some sports and in some areas where demand is currently being met.

3G pitch shortfalls will remain in four of the five analysis areas, with shortfalls most apparent in the Newark Analysis Area. As such efforts should be made to increase the number of 3G pitches as to better support football demand.

Rugby union has shortfalls apparent at two of the three club-based sites, whilst Ollerton RFC is looking to agree security of tenure for its site. Shortfalls at Newark RFC are minimal with the Club's large site able to accommodate lots of demand, whilst Southwell RFC requires support to reduce its heavily overplayed pitches.

Hockey demand within Newark & Sherwood is currently adequately catered for. However, the existing pitch at Minster School is due to fall out of use over the lifespan of the PPOSS and will require a surface replacement.

From a non-pitch perspective (Tennis/Netball/Bowls and Athletics) in general, current and future demand is being met across Newark & Sherwood, however, on a site-by-site basis there are shortfalls identified.

“Where demand is being met, this does not equate to a surplus of provision, with any spare capacity instead considered a potential solution to overcoming shortfalls. As such, there is a clear need to protect existing provision until all demand is met, or there is a requirement to replace provision to an equal or better quantity and quality before it is lost, in line with NPPF and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy. In addition, there remain some area and site specific issues that need resolving despite no overall capacity issues, such as those relating to quality and security of tenure.”

Where shortfalls are present, for the most part, they can be met by better utilising current provision, such as through improving quality, installing additional sports lighting, improving ancillary facilities, and enabling access to existing unused provision, such as at unavailable school sites. However, there is an overall shortfall of full size 3G pitches identified across Newark & Sherwood, and these shortfalls cannot be addressed unless this type of pitch is approved and constructed.

### PART 2: VISION

#### Vision

A vision has been set out to provide a clear focus with desired outcomes for the PPOSS.

*"To ensure that there are enough playing pitch and outdoor sport facilities in Newark & Sherwood of the right type, the right quality to help its residents to increase their physical activity levels and support their mental and physical health and wellbeing now and in the future."*

To achieve this vision the PPOSS will deliver the following objectives:

- ◀ Ensure that all valuable facilities are protected for the long-term benefit of sport through the Planning System.
- ◀ Promote a sustainable approach to the provision of playing pitches and management of sports clubs and their facilities.
- ◀ Ensure that there are enough facilities in the right place to meet current and projected future demand.
- ◀ Ensure that all clubs have access to facilities of appropriate quality to meet current needs and longer-term aspirations.

### PART 3: AIMS

The following overarching aims are based on the three Sport England planning objectives. It is recommended that they are adopted by the Council and partners to enable delivery of the overall PPOSS vision and Sport England planning objectives.

#### AIM 1

To **protect** the existing supply of outdoor sport facilities where it is needed to meet current and future needs.

#### AIM 2

To **enhance** outdoor sport facilities and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites.

#### AIM 3

To **provide** new outdoor sport facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.

Figure 3.1: Sport England planning objectives



Source: Sport England, Planning for Sport Guidance (June 2019)

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### PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In this section, in order to help develop recommendations and actions for each sport, and to understand their potential impact, a number of relevant scenario questions are tested against the key issues identified in the preceding Assessment Report for each sport. This then informs sport specific recommendations.

#### 4.1: Football – grass pitches

##### *Assessment Report summary*

###### **Football – grass pitch summary**

- ◀ The current supply of football provision is broadly sufficient in accommodating football demand on mini pitches.
- ◀ Comparatively, adult, youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches are showing a combined shortfall of 10.5 MES.
- ◀ Future demand through team generation rates creates a further 5.5 MES of demand which exacerbates existing shortfalls on adult, youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches whilst making mini 5v5 pitches used at capacity.

###### **Grass football pitch supply:**

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 125 grass football pitches across 62 sites. Of these, 96 are available, at some level, for community use across 40 sites. All unavailable pitches are located at education sites including the provision at Dukeries Academy.

###### **Grass football pitch quality:**

- ◀ Of the 96 pitches which offer community use, 7 pitches are assessed as good quality, 55 as standard quality and 34 as poor quality. The identified good quality pitches are located at five sites, those being Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre, Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground, Sherwood Fields (Robin Hood Colts FC), Walesby Village Sports Association and Clipstone FC (Lido Ground).

###### **Affiliated football demand:**

- ◀ Through the audit and assessment, 283 teams from 46 clubs are identified as playing in Newark & Sherwood. This consists of 70 adult men's, three adult women's, 117 youth boys', 19 youth girls and 74 mini mixed teams.
- ◀ Future demand equates to the growth of one adult, six youth boys' teams and four mini mixed teams based on team generation rates. Club growth ambitions of 31 teams have been discounted.
- ◀ The PPS Strategy & Action Plan will contain a housing growth scenario that will estimate the additional demand for football arising from housing development.

###### **Supply vs demand analysis conclusions:**

- ◀ There is broadly a sufficient supply of provision in Newark & Sherwood to accommodate demand on mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitch types.
- ◀ There are existing shortfalls on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches.
- ◀ Future demand exacerbates shortfalls on adult, youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches and makes mini 5v5 pitches played at capacity, to give an overall picture of 14 MES of overplay for the District.
- ◀ There is spare capacity for mini 7v7 pitches both now and in the future.

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#### *Alleviating overplay/improving pitch quality*

In total there are 16 pitches overplayed in Newark & Sherwood across 11 sites, equating to 18.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Improving quality of these pitches (i.e., through increased maintenance or improved drainage) will increase capacity at the sites and consequently reduce both current and future shortfalls.

To illustrate the above, Table 4.1 highlights the current levels of overplay that would be alleviated if quality improved to good at each site. As a reminder, the capacity rating for each type and quality rating as detailed in the table below:

Adult pitch quality	Adult matches per week	Youth pitch quality	Youth matches per week	Mini pitch quality	Mini matches per week
Good	3	Good	4	Good	6
Standard	2	Standard	2	Standard	4
Poor	1	Poor	1	Poor	2

*Table 4.1: Overplay if all pitches were good quality (match equivalent sessions)*

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Current quality	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (MES)	Good quality rating (MES)
2	Balderton Village Hall Playing Field	Newark	Standard	Adult	1	1	-
13	Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground	Southwell	Good	Adult	1	0.5	0.5
13	Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground	Southwell	Good	Youth 11v11	1	1	1
16	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Nottingham Fringe	Standard	Youth 9v9	1	1	1
24	Collingham Football Club	Newark	Standard	Adult	1	1	-
24	Collingham Football Club	Newark	Standard	Youth 11v11	1	1	1
28	David Sillery Pavilion	Newark	Standard	Adult	1	0.5	0.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Current quality	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (MES)	Good quality rating (MES)
29	Devon Park	Newark	Poor	Adult	1	2	-
29	Devon Park	Newark	Poor	Youth 11v11	1	2	1
29	Devon Park	Newark	Poor	Youth 9v9	1	1.5	1.5
29	Devon Park	Newark	Poor	Mini 7v7	1	0.5	3.5
64	Magna Meadows Playing Field	Nottingham Fringe	Standard	Adult	1	0.5	0.5
65	Magnus Sports Centre	Newark	Poor	Youth 9v9	1	0.5	2.5
71	Newark Academy	Newark	Poor	Youth 11v11	1	1	2
89	Sherwood Fields (Robin Hood Colts FC)	Sherwood	Poor	Youth 11v11	1	3	-
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Southwell	Poor	Youth 9v9	1	1.5	1.5

The impact of improving overplayed pitches to good quality is shown in the table above. In the main, overplay would be alleviated at all but one site, Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground which would still have a 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week of overplay remaining across two pitches. This is because the quality at the site is already good and improvements won't provide a theoretical benefit to capacity. The overall impact of this results in overplay being reduced from 18.5 match equivalent sessions per week to 1.5.

Table 4.2: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall supply and demand

Pitch type	Current actual spare capacity	Current overplay	Current total	Potential overplay	Potential total if improvements are undertaken
Adult	2	5.5	3.5	0.5	1.5
Youth 11v11	3.5	8	4.5	1	2.5
Youth 9v9	2	4.5	2.5	-	2
Mini 7v7	5	0.5	4.5	-	5
Mini 5v5	1	0	1	-	1



The remaining overplay at Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground would remain, but spare capacity at other sites across the District would balance out the overall position. As is seen in Table 4.2, all pitch formats would be showing actual spare capacity if the above 16 pitches were improved to good quality.

Table 4.3 below analyses how the future demand capacity balance would be impacted if all overplayed pitches were to be improved to good quality.

Future demand from population projections equates to 5.5 match equivalent sessions per week across all pitch types. As can be seen, if all overplayed pitches improved to good quality, shortfalls would be removed for all pitch types and there would be 7.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity present per week. Mini 5v5 pitches would remain played to capacity.

*Table 4.3: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall future supply and demand*

Pitch type	Current capacity balance	Future demand	Future demand capacity balance	Potential overplay	Potential total if improvements are undertaken
Adult	3.5	0.5	4	0.5	1
Youth 11v11	4.5	2	6.5	1	0.5
Youth 9v9	2.5	1	3.5	-	2
Mini 7v7	4.5	1	3.5	-	4
Mini 5v5	1	1	0	-	0

### *Future demand*

This scenario considers the impact that future demand derived from club ambitions which have been identified via consultation with clubs throughout the District. Please note that the Assessment Report only considered future demand derived from population projection growth.

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Table 4.4: Summary of participation growth by analysis area

Analysis area	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Totals
Mansfield Fringe	0.5	-	-	1.5	1.5	3.5
Newark	2	-	1.5	1.5	4	9
Nottingham Fringe	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sherwood	1	-	-	-	-	1
Southwell	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15.5</b>

Future demand from club ambitions totals 31 teams from nine clubs and the table below shows the potential impact on the supply/demand balance by analysis area.

Table 4.5: Impact of future demand from clubs

Pitch type	Current supply/demand balance	Potential future demand (club aspirations)	Potential future supply/demand balance
Adult	3.5	3.5	7
Youth 11v11	4.5	-	4.5
Youth 9v9	2.5	1.5	4
Mini 7v7	4.5	3.5	1
Mini 5v5	1	7	6

The impact of growth, via club aspiration, equates to exacerbated shortfalls on adult and youth 11v11 pitches. Spare capacity on mini 7v7 pitches is reduced and a high shortfall emerges for mini 5v5 pitches.

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### Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP)<sup>6</sup>

As improving the quality of all overplayed sites may not be feasible from an investment point of view, an alternative approach is to focus on improving specific strategic sites. To that end, the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) identifies five sites for grass pitch improvements that need investment and that are key to the development of football across Newark & Sherwood. This improvement is led by the County FA and FF with local clubs playing a role in the activation of projects.

The Newark & Sherwood LFFP (2019) identified five sites for pitch improvements. The impact of improving these is shown in the below.

Table 4.6: Impact of LFFP quality improvements

Site ID	Site name	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Quality	Current capacity rating	Good quality capacity rating
13	Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground	Adult	1	Good	0.5	0.5
13	Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground	Youth 11v11	1	Good	1	1
13	Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground	Youth 9v9	1	Good	3	3
29	Devon Park	Adult	1	Poor	2	-
29	Devon Park	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	2	1
29	Devon Park	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
29	Devon Park	Mini 7v7	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
29	Devon Park	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	0.5	4.5
62	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
62	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	2	6
71	Newark Academy	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1	2
71	Newark Academy	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
71	Newark Academy	Mini 7v7	1	Poor	1.5	4.5
71	Newark Academy	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	1	4
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Mini 7v7	1	Poor	-	4
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Mini 7v7	1	Poor	0.5	4.5
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	0.5	4.5
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	-	4

<sup>6</sup><https://localplans.footballfoundation.org.uk/local-authorities-index/newark-and-sherwood/newark-and-sherwood-local-football-facility-plan-2/#tab-section-improved-grass-pitches>

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Improving quality as set out in the table above would create 36.5 match equivalent sessions of additional capacity per week.

In addition, only Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground would continue to show overplay equating to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week as the provision is already of a good quality.

Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields) is also included in the LFFP but does not feature in the table above due to the site now being disused.

The impact the improvements would have on the overall supply and demand balance is shown in the following table. Note the table below is presented on a peak time model, and therefore, improving sites in the table above, may not generate capacity within the peak periods, albeit it will create an improved match day experience for users.

Based on improvements, shortfalls for adult and youth 11v11 pitches would be decreased, whilst the actual spare capacity of youth 9v9 pitches would be created. Mini 7v7 pitches would see spare capacity increase and mini 5v5 pitches would remain unchanged.

*Table 4.7: Impact on current supply and demand if quality improved at LFFP sites*

Pitch type	Current capacity	Potential capacity with improvements
Adult	3.5	1.5
Youth 11v11	4.5	2.5
Youth 9v9	2.5	2
Mini 7v7	4.5	5
Mini 5v5	1	1

The impact is similar when factoring in future demand as can be seen in the table below.

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Table 4.8: Impact on future supply and demand if quality improved at LFFP sites

Pitch type	Future capacity	Potential capacity with improvements
Adult	4	2
Youth 11v11	6.5	4.5
Youth 9v9	3.5	0.5
Mini 7v7	3.5	4
Mini 5v5	0	0

As the LFFP is a live document to be informed by an up-to-date PPOSS, it is recommended that the priority list is updated on the back of this study to account for changes in demand since the project was completed. To help guide this process, the table below comments on whether the PPOSS provides evidence to support the inclusion of the sites currently featured.

As seen, it is recommended that three of the five sites are retained within the LFFP due to the impact the projects could achieve.

Table 4.9: Assessing LFFP priority list (grass pitch improvements)

Site ID	Site name	Comments	LFFP update recommendation
13	Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground	Site heavily accessed by Southwell City FC that has since improved its pitches to good quality.	<b>Project has been delivered and quality has improved. As such it is no longer a priority</b>
29	Devon Park	The most overplayed site in the local authority that is accessed by Newark Town FC which has ambitions of a further five teams.	<b>Retain for improvement</b>
62	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Site that is poor quality that would create actual spare capacity if improved.	<b>Retain for improvement</b>
71	Newark Academy	Large site that is frequently accessed and is showing actual spare capacity and is also listed in the LFFP for a full sized 3G pitch	<b>Retain for improvement</b>
73	Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields)	Disused site that formerly hosted Newark & Sherwood Utd FC	<b>Remove project as the owner of the site has indicated a desire to re-develop the land.</b>
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Large site with poor quality provision that is frequently accessed by Southwell City FC.	<b>Retain for improvement</b>

In addition to the projects already within the LFFP, there is scope to add further projects based on the findings of the PPOSS.

Most overplay originates on single pitches; however, the sites listed below are multi pitch sites and including them within the LFFP update will work to reduce pitch specific overplay but also benefit the surrounding pitches via capacity improvements. Suggested sites based on PPOSS findings are as follows:

- ◀ Joseph Whitaker School
- ◀ Sherwood Fields (Robin Hood Colts)

### *Loss of tenure at education sites*

Table 4.10 outlines the following six education sites in Newark & Sherwood are accessed by community clubs.

*Table 4.10: Demand taking place on grass pitches at education sites*

School	Club	Teams
John Blow Primary School	Collingham FC	Four teams
Joseph Whittaker School	Rainworth JFC Blidworth Bengals FC Annesley FC	11 teams
Magnus Sports Centre	Newark Brazil FC Rose & Crown FC	Four teams
Minster School	Nottingham Trent University FC (Men's 5 <sup>th</sup> team)	One team
Newark Academy	AFC Warriors	Four teams
Suthers Academy, Fernwood	Newark Brazil FC Newark Town FC	Three teams

In instances where clubs do not have formal tenure agreements in place, clubs could theoretically be asked to vacate at any time which would result in each requiring alternate provision to service existing levels of demand.

There are 27 teams from nine clubs accessing six education sites. The impact on removal of these six sites for community access is highlighted in the table below. Please note the total does not include the three teams accessing 3G pitches at education sites.

As can be seen, if all access to education sites was to be lost, significant shortfalls would be created on all pitch formats. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure the grass pitches at education sites continue to stay open to community use, given the reliance upon school sites across Newark & Sherwood. Clubs should also be encouraged and supported to formalise longer term lease agreements with providers to further secure long-term access.

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Table 4.11: Impact of loss of access to sites without secure tenure on supply and demand balance

Pitch format	Actual spare capacity <sup>7</sup>	Overplay	Current total	Current total if education sites become unavailable
Adult	2	5.5	3.5	6.5
Youth 11v11	3.5	8	4.5	7.5
Youth 9v9	2	4.5	2.5	5
Mini 7v7	5	0.5	4.5	0.5
Mini 5v5	1	0	1	1.5

### *Newark & Sherwood United FC (New site)*

Newark & Sherwood FC currently access Collingham FC on a ground share agreement following the lease of its former site expiring and the landowner looking to use the site for alternative purposes (Newark Flowserve S&SC Lowfield's). Both parties have signed a two-year deal to enable Newark & Sherwood FC to use the site and meet Step 5 ground grading requirements<sup>8</sup>. It has been made clear to Collingham FC that the Newark & Sherwood FC does not want to permanently ground share a site.

Newark & Sherwood FC is therefore actively searching for the development of a minimum Step 5 compliant site. The Club is currently looking to identify a suitable site in the Newark area. Its ambition is to have a small-scale stadia site situated closer to the town centre and to meet improved ground grading requirements if it gains promotion in the future.

Given the unsecure nature of the current tenure agreement with Collingham FC, members of the PPOSS Steering Group and other partners as appropriate should be encouraged to work towards developing an options appraisal to determine the appropriateness of developing the potential site in and around Newark.

If the Club is unable to secure its long term future, there is a chance that its nomadic position may damage the club's long term sustainability which could put it at risk of folding.

<sup>7</sup> In match equivalent sessions

<sup>8</sup> <https://premierleaguestadiumfund.co.uk/stadium-accreditation-programme>

### *Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields)*

Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields) is the former home to Newark and Sherwood Utd FC. The site provided two adult football pitches, two bowling greens and a large clubhouse and changing room which provided for both sports. The owner of the site has indicated their desire to re-develop the site, subject to planning approval.

As the PPOSS has identified shortfalls for grass pitches (for several sports) it is determined that the playing field is not surplus to requirements. On this basis, suitable mitigation for the site should be sought, if plans progress for the site to be lost. This should be in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 103, Spatial Policy 8 of the Amended Core Strategy and Sport England Playing Field Policy.



### ***Recommendations***

- ◀ Protect the existing quantity of pitches (unless replacement provision meets NPPF and Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements and is agreed upon and provided).
- ◀ Where pitches are overplayed and assessed as poor or standard quality, prioritise investment and review maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain use and improve quality.
- ◀ Utilise the Football Foundation's PitchPower app to assist in the improvement and ongoing maintenance of provision.
- ◀ Work to accommodate future demand at sites which are not operating at capacity.
- ◀ Seek to gain access to sites not currently available for community use, particularly where large quantities of pitches are provided, such as Dukeries Academy and John Hunt Primary and Nursery School.
- ◀ Seek to regain access to sites not currently available for community use, particularly where large quantities of pitches are provided, such as Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields) and where this is not possible seek to secure adequate and equivalent alternative provision.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer, such as Sherwood Fields (Robin Hood Colts FC) and The Acres Playing Field.
- ◀ Where appropriate, help to facilitate partnerships and/or lease arrangements with large, sustainable, development-minded clubs to manage their own sites.
- ◀ Work with the necessary stakeholders to source a suitable site for Newark & Sherwood United FC to support the growth of the Step 5 club.
- ◀ Work with Nottinghamshire FA and the Football Foundation to update the current LFFP as to have a more up-to-date picture for the future of football in Newark & Sherwood.

### 4.2: Third Generation turf (3G) pitches

#### *Assessment Report summary*

##### **3G summary**

##### **Supply:**

- ◀ There are three full size 3G pitch within Newark & Sherwood, located at Newark YMCA and Joseph Whittaker School. All three pitches are serviced by floodlights and open to community use. There is an additional full size 3G pitch located at HMP Lowdham Grange that is not open to community use.
- ◀ There are also six small sided 3G pitches, three of which are open to community use.
- ◀ The full size 3G pitches at YMCA Newark are on the FIFA register meaning it can accommodate competitive matches. The site accommodates Step 6 Newark Town FC and is capable of reaching Step 5 ground grading stipulations. The site is scheduled to have one of its pitches assessed in order to retain its FIFA accreditation in June 2023.
- ◀ Joseph Whittaker School has an FA accreditation that is also scheduled to be assessed as to retain its certification in June 2023.
- ◀ There are no World Rugby compliant 3G pitches in Newark & Sherwood.

##### **Quality:**

- ◀ All three full-size pitches located within Newark & Sherwood are of a good quality, with Joseph Whittaker receiving a replacement surface in 2019. In the case of YMCA Newark, despite having been installed in 2018 and having the same surface, the site has a thorough maintenance regime of its provision thus resulting in a good quality rating. Of the six small sided pitches, two are good quality, one is standard and three are poor quality.
- ◀ The ancillary provision provided at YMCA Newark is of a good quality and accessible to members of the public accessing outdoor provision. The site provides two good quality changing rooms, a café, a large car park and public meeting rooms. Joseph Whittaker School has two good quality and two poor quality changing rooms provided at the site.

##### **Supply vs demand analysis:**

- ◀ With 283 football teams currently affiliated to Newark & Sherwood, there is a need for 7.5 full size pitch equivalents to service current levels of demand. Future demand from ONS projections increases this requirement to 7.75 pitches.
- ◀ With three full size pitches within Newark & Sherwood, there is the need for a further 4.5 of such pitch equivalents to be built. This shortfall does not include the small sided provision within the District.
- ◀ When studying demand by Analysis Area, shortfalls are apparent in four of the five PPS analysis areas, with the Mansfield Fringe Analysis Area adequately catered for. Both the Sherwood and Southwell analysis areas have shortfalls of 1.25 pitches, whilst the Newark Analysis Area has a theoretical shortfall of 1.5 pitches despite already providing two pitches. At YMCA Newark.

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#### *Accommodating football training demand*

In order to satisfy current football training demand (based on the FA's scenario of one full size 3G pitch equivalent being able to cater for 38 community football teams) there is a need for 7.5 full size equivalent 3G pitches to accommodate all training demand in Newark & Sherwood as seen below.

*Table 4.12: Current demand for full size 3G pitches by analysis area*

Analysis area	Current number of teams	Full size 3G requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Theoretical shortfall
Mansfield Fringe	37	1	1	-
Newark	127	3.5	2	1.5
Nottingham Fringe	28	0.75	-	0.75
Sherwood	47	1.25	-	1.25
Southwell	44	1.25	-	1.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.5</b>

With 283 teams currently accessing pitches in Newark and Sherwood there is the need for 7.5 full sized 3G pitches. With three pitches currently provided this leaves a shortfall of 4.5 3G pitches. The highest need for 3G provision is in the Newark Analysis Area where there is a shortfall of 1.5 full sized pitches.

When considering future demand of 11 additional teams (defined by population projections to 2033) the shortfall increases by 0.25 to give a total shortfall of 7.75 full size pitches. As population growth has been used, need cannot be broken down by analysis areas.

The Newark & Sherwood LFFP (2019<sup>9</sup>) identifies projects to provide four full size 3G pitches and three smaller 5v5 format 3G pitches as follows:

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<sup>9</sup><https://localplans.footballfoundation.org.uk/local-authorities-index/newark-and-sherwood/newark-and-sherwood-local-football-facility-plan-2/#tab-section-3g-football-turf-pitches-fps>

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- ◆ Dukeries Academy (Sherwood) – One full size 3G pitch.
- ◆ Joseph Whittaker School (Mansfield Fringe) – One full size 3G pitch.
- ◆ Newark Academy (Newark) – One full size 3G pitch.
- ◆ Minster School<sup>10</sup> (Southwell) - One full size 3G pitch (with a World Rugby compliant shock pad and midweek use to Southwell RFC)
- ◆ YMCA Newark & Sherwood Sports Community and Activity Village (Newark) - Three 5v5 3G pitches and two MUGAs.

Of the projects listed above, the Joseph Whittaker development has been delivered and is included in the current supply in the Assessment Report. Further to this, YMCA Newark is in the process of installing three small sided 3G pitches on the site.

As the LFFP is a live document to be informed by an up-to-date PPS, the priority project list should be revisited following this study and updated/amended based on the findings. As such, the aforementioned project list has been matched against the table below to see how it services against existing shortfalls.

Table 4.13: Impact of delivering current LFFP 3G projects on PPS shortfalls

Analysis area	Potential 3G requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Potential shortfall	No. of proposed pitches	Remaining shortfall
Mansfield Fringe	1	1	-	-	-
Newark	3.5	2	1.5	1.5	-
Nottingham Fringe	0.75	-	0.75	-	0.75
Sherwood	1.25	-	1.25	1	0.25
Southwell	1.25	-	1.25	0.75	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>1.25</b>

Based on the existing portfolio of projects identified in the LFFP, if all four remaining projects were to be delivered there would be a theoretical shortfall of one full size 3G pitch remaining. This shortfall increases to 1.5 3G pitches when broken down by analysis area. The Southwell pitch development has been accounted as contributing 0.75 pitches towards reducing shortfalls as midweek use shall be granted to Southwell RFC rather than supporting football training demand.

<sup>10</sup>LFFP identifies Southwell Leisure Centre for a development. This has been changed to Minster School due to a lack of sufficient space at the leisure centre site. Development is accounted as contributing 0.75 of a pitch towards 3G shortfalls due to potential midweek use from Southwell RFC.

### *New site options*

The table below identifies potential sites which could, in theory, may be suitable for future development to meet known shortfalls for 3G pitches. Each of these sites will require a full feasibility to be undertaken to determine if they are suitable in meeting known need. Such a full feasibility would include a range of matters including site characteristics, sports, financial, planning and other issues. This should be done in consultation with Nottinghamshire FA, RFU and the Football Foundation as well as Sport England and other relevant NGBs. It is crucial to recognise that this list is a starting point for discussion and should be updated as part of the Stage – E process.

For the development of any 3G pitch at the sites below (and any other suggested sites in the future) there is a need to ensure that Sport England’s Playing Field Policy is adhered to.

*Table 4.14: Potential site options for new 3G pitches*

Analysis area	Current shortfall	Site ID	Site name	Included in LFFP?
Mansfield Fringe	-	10	Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre	No
Mansfield Fringe	-	119	Clipstone FC (Lido Ground)	No
Newark	1.5	71	Newark Academy	Yes
Newark	1.5	104	Suthers School	No
Newark	1.5	-	<i>Newark &amp; Sherwood FC (No Site)</i>	No
Nottingham Fringe	0.75	61	Lowdham Primary School	No
Sherwood	1.25	30	Dukeries Academy	Yes
Sherwood	1.25	110	Walesby C of E Primary School	No
Southwell	1.25	13	Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground	No
Southwell	1.25	68	Minster School	No

The recommended dimensions for a full size 3G artificial grass pitch for football are 100 x 64 metres. This extends to an area of 106 x 70 metres with the recommended minimum three metre run off area included. These dimensions allow for all age group match play to take place including adults, youth under 17/18 and younger age groups via overmarked pitches, e.g., the marking out of two 9v9 pitches for under 11/12s.

If a new pitch is proposed to measure below the recommended dimensions, then justification must be provided for this in relation to the identified needs it will provide for and/or site constraints. In doing so, the impacts of a reduced pitch size in meeting current and future needs must be considered, e.g., a pitch not providing the recommended dimensions for adult match play and/or only being able to accommodate one rather than two overmarked 9v9 pitches. This justification needs to be included in the planning application details submitted to the relevant Local Planning Authority for the new pitch.

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Unless otherwise stated and justified for an individual pitch, proposals in this PPS for any new 3G artificial grass pitches are based on providing them to the recommended dimensions.

*Moving football mini match play demand to 3G pitches (based on minimum dimension of 91 x 55m)*

To further the use of 3G pitches for matches, the FA is particularly keen to work with local authorities and providers within local authorities to understand the potential demand for full size floodlit 3G pitches to cater for different formats of match play.

The FA has an ambition to transfer 50% of mini play on to 3G pitches nationally. Thus, a programme of play has been created for Newark & Sherwood to determine how many 3G pitches would be required to accommodate this, given that peak time for both mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 football is Sunday mornings.

*Table 4.15: Moving all mini matches to 3G pitches*

Time	AGP	Total games/teams
9.30am – 10.30am	4 x 5v5	4/8
10.30am – 11.30am	2 x 7v7	2/4
11.30am – 12.30pm	2 x 7v7	2/4
12.30pm – 1.30pm	2 x 7v7	2/4

Based on the above programming and separate start times for mini 5v5 and mini 7v7 matches, the overall need is for two full size 3G pitches to accommodate all current mini match play demand. This is calculated based on 19 teams playing 5v5 football and 17 teams playing 7v7 football at peak time.

Therefore, with three full size pitches in Newark & Sherwood, this scenario can be achieved if programming to enable this can be agreed.

Below tests a similar scenario for youth 9v9 football.

*Table 4.16: Moving all 9v9 matches to 3G pitches*

Time	AGP	Total games/teams
10am – Noon	1 x 9v9	1/2
Noon – 2pm	1 x 9v9	1/2
2pm – 4pm	1 x 9v9	1/2

This demand could be accommodated on 1.5 full size pitches based on 17 teams currently playing this format within Newark & Sherwood at peak time. As such, it is also worth noting that if all youth 9v9 football were to be moved to a Saturday and all mini football remained on a Sunday (or vice versa), all current demand for mini and youth 9v9 football could be accommodated on the existing stock of provision once the small sided provision at YMCA Newark is finished.

Based on the local landscape of football and its more traditional home vs away format, it is unlikely the above approach is viable and the development of 3G pitches provide more so to aid the need for recreational play and training requirements.

### *Future demand through club ambitions*

The Assessment Report explores the impact of future demand through team generation rates upon the future need for 3G pitches. Population projections create a further 11 teams which increases the shortfall from 4.5 full size pitches to 4.75.

Future demand ambitions expressed by nine clubs equates to the growth of 31 teams. Combining both population and club growth gives a total potential future demand of 42 teams. If both are to be achieved there would be a total of 325 teams within Newark & Sherwood. This would lead to a theoretical shortfall of 5.5 full size 3G pitches.

When accounting for the YMCA Newark project which is expected to deliver three 5v5 3G pitches, this shortfall would reduce to five pitches on a district-wide basis.

*Table 4.17: Future demand for 3G pitches in Newark & Sherwood (based on 38 teams per pitch)*

Newark & Sherwood	Future number of teams <sup>11</sup>	Full size 3G requirement <sup>12</sup>	Current number of 3G pitches	Theoretical shortfall
Total	325	8.5	3	5.5

### *World Rugby (WR) compliant 3G pitches*

WR produced the 'performance specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby union.

The RFU generally support the development of 3G pitches which support rugby union where grass rugby pitches are over capacity and where a pitch would support the growth of the game at the host site and for the local rugby partnership, including local clubs and education establishments.

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<sup>11</sup> Future demand based on participation increases and TGRs as per the football section of the report.

<sup>12</sup> Figure rounded up to the nearest whole number.

Locally, shortfalls are identified for rugby union pitches. These are, however, localised at heavily accessed club sites due to concentrated training demand.

Newark & Sherwood does not provide a WR Compliant 3G pitch. Southwell RFC is the most heavily overplayed of the three rugby clubs, with its two pitches showing current overplay of four match equivalent sessions per week. The Club has two sports lit pitches at its site which it accesses for midweek training. It also accesses one senior pitch at Minster School for fixtures. Consultation with the Club stresses a need for either a WR 3G pitch for training access or providing sports lighting and midweek access to the pitch at Minster School as a means of reducing overplay.

Southwell City FC is one of the largest clubs in Newark & Sherwood and stresses the need for more access to 3G pitches. The Southwell Analysis Area has a theoretical shortfall of 1.25 full size 3G pitches, and the Southwell Leisure Centre 3G pitch project identified in the LFFP can contribute towards reducing this shortfall.

With the current shortfall of 3G pitches and the overplay present at Southwell RFC there is the justification for a WR 3G pitch in the Southwell Analysis Area to reduce the shortfalls presented. The development of this should also not come at the loss of the AGP at Minster School which is needed to accommodate hockey in Newark & Sherwood.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ◀ Work with relevant partners to deliver additional 3G pitches in the district to cater for football training demand.
- ◀ Work with partners such as the FA, FF, the RFU, Sport England and other NGBs as applicable to identify the most suitable locations to build new 3G pitches to alleviate known shortfalls.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches have community use agreements in place.
- ◀ Ensure that all other full size and larger smaller sized pitches remain on the FA register and are re-tested every three years to sustain certification.
- ◀ Ensure all current and future providers have in place a sinking fund to ensure long-term sustainability.
- ◀ Ensure that all new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA recommended dimensions and quality performance standards.
- ◀ Look to increase the number of 3G pitches within Newark & Sherwood at relevant sites by using the findings from the PPOSS and the 2019 LFFP, with priority sites such as Newark Academy and one of the grass pitches and Minster School.
- ◀ Look to install new full size 3G provision in the Southwell Analysis Area as the reduce shortfalls, with a priority placed on a multisport offering with a WR 3G pitch as to reduce football and rugby union shortfalls.
- ◀ Look to transfer mini demand from grass pitches to 3G in line with the FA ambition for 50% of all mini match play to take place on 3G pitches.
- ◀ Work with Nottinghamshire FA and the Football Foundation to update the current LFFP as to have a more up-to-date picture for the future of football in Newark & Sherwood.



### 4.3: Cricket pitches

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Cricket – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ The broad position in Newark & Sherwood is there is an insufficient stock of supply for peak time senior men's cricket, with all remaining formats also able to be accommodated.
- ◀ Overplay of 16 match equivalent sessions per season is present on a Saturday. This is exacerbated to 52 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity per season when taking into account future demand from population growth.
- ◀ Sunday and Midweek demand continues to display actual spare capacity once future demand is accounted for.
- ◀ Eight squares across seven sites are overplayed: Caythorpe CC, Coddington and Winthorpe CC, Edingley CC, Farndon Recreation Ground, Newark Ransome and Marles, Oxton Playing Fields and The Priory Ground. Total overplay equates to 76 match equivalent sessions per season.

##### **Cricket – supply summary**

- ◀ In total, there are 25 active grass wicket squares in Newark & Sherwood all of which are open to community use other than the square at Wellow House School (Wellow Dam).
- ◀ There are NTPs accompanying grass wicket squares at six sites, as well as three standalone NTP's identified, all of which are at school sites and are not available for community use.
- ◀ Five clubs in Newark & Sherwood have freehold ownership of its sites, eight have lease agreements in place and two rent sites. The remaining clubs either have verbal agreements or are merely on good terms with the landowners. The tenure position of the four unresponsive clubs is unknown.
- ◀ The audit of community available grass wicket cricket squares found eight to be good quality, 14 to be standard quality and three to be poor quality, located at Edingley CC, Oxton CC and Wellow House School (Wellow Dam).
- ◀ Both Coddington and Winthorpe CC and Farnsfield CC (Edingley CC) access poor quality ancillary facilities.
- ◀ Coddington and Winthorpe CC, Thoresby Colliery CC, Newark Ransome and Marles CC, Edwinstowe CC, Caythorpe CC and Farnsfield CC have all expressed a desire to develop its ancillary provision offering.
- ◀ Four clubs identify demand for additional training facilities at its home sites.
- ◀ There are four disused squares (former grass pitch) within Newark & Sherwood, those being Wellow House School, Walesby Village Sports Association, Norwell CC and Weston CC.

##### **Cricket – demand summary**

- ◀ There are 19 clubs in Newark & Sherwood which collectively provide 56 senior men's, nine senior women's, 39 junior boys' and one junior girls' team.
- ◀ Seven clubs within Newark & Sherwood currently offer the All Stars program, whilst five clubs deliver Dynamos sessions.
- ◀ Eight clubs confirm delivering women's and girls' softball sessions which bring total participation figures of 187.
- ◀ Through population growth, future demand equating to the growth of three senior men's and two junior boys' teams is identified by 2033.
- ◀ Club aspirations equate to the potential growth of five senior men's, four senior women's, four junior boys' and one junior girls' team.
- ◀ Caythorpe CC is the only Club that exports demand outside of the District when accessing Woodborough Village Playing Field (Gedling) for home fixtures, whilst Caunton CC accommodates imported demand from Nottingham Tigers CC, and Edwinstowe CC who host Madni CC.

### *Scenarios*

#### *Addressing overplay*

Although a regular, sufficient maintenance regime can sustain sites with minimal levels of overplay a reduction in play is recommended to ensure there is no detrimental effect on quality of cricket squares over time.

In Newark & Sherwood, overplay is identified at seven sites across eight squares. The scenario below looks at the impacts of quality improvements as a solution to reducing or alleviating overplay. As a reminder, for good quality squares, capacity is five matches per grass wicket per season, whilst for a standard quality square, capacity is four matches per wicket per season. For poor quality squares, no capacity is considered to exist as such provision is not deemed safe for play.

Of the overplayed squares, two are also poor quality. The impact of improving quality at all these sites, to good, where each wicket has a theoretical capacity of five match equivalent session per season is considered in the table below.

*Table 4.18: Impact on overplay if all overplayed squares were improved to good quality*

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Site ID	Site name	Club	No. of squares	Square quality	No. of wickets	Current overplay (matches per season)	Potential position (matches per season)
16	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Caythorpe CC	1	Good	15	6	6
16	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Caythorpe CC	1	Good	11	12	12
22	Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	Coddington and Winthorpe CC	1	Standard	8	13	5
31	Edingley Cricket Club	Farnsfield CC	1	Poor	8	15	25
36	Farndon Recreation Ground	Farndon CC	1	Standard	12	3	9
74	Newark Ransome and Marles	Newark Ransome and Marles CC	1	Standard	11	1	10
82	Oxton Playing Fields	Oxton CC	1	Poor	7	20	15
101	The Priory Ground	Fiskerton & Thurgarton CC	1	Standard	11	6	5

As seen in the table above, the squares provided at Caythorpe Cricket Club and Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club would continue to be overplayed if quality were to be improved to good. This is due to Caythorpe CC already being good quality, and Coddington and Winthorpe CC being too overplayed for the shortfall to be addressed.

Poor quality squares across Newark & Sherwood are contributing towards 35 match equivalent sessions of overplay per season, which would be removed if quality was improved, even to standard. As this is a more achievable recommendation for Farnsfield CC (Edingley Cricket Club) and Fiskerton and Thurgarton CC (The Priory Ground), it should be prioritised.

Cricket squares can be accompanied by non-turf pitches (NTPs), made of a synthetic material that allows users to play on a usable wicket all year round whilst not contributing towards playing demand on natural turf wickets (grass wickets). By the nature of its design, an NTP is able to accommodate significantly more demand than a natural cricket wicket, meaning it can contribute towards addressing overplay issues on grass cricket squares.

Neither of Caythorpe CC's squares are serviced by an NTP and could both theoretically benefit from such provision as a way of reducing identified overplay. In the case of Coddington and Winthorpe CC, the site has an accompanying NTP provided, meaning the Club should look to increase the use of its existing NTP for junior teams as to reduce overplay.

The ECB highlights that non-turf pitches which follow its TS6 guidance<sup>13</sup> on performance standards are suitable for high level, senior play and are considered able to take 60 matches per season, although this may include training sessions via the use of mobile nets. Typically, however, play would be more suited to junior teams as senior leagues typically stipulate the use of natural turf wickets.

### *Hybrid wickets*

Although not readily available within grassroots cricket, there may be potential in the future to address overplay through the installation of hybrid wicket/s on competitive senior squares. The ECB has been working with SIS Pitches on the installation of hybrid cricket wickets at county cricket clubs (2019) and more recently recreational squares such as Perry Hall Park in Birmingham (2021) and Didsbury Cricket Club in Manchester (2022). Due to already good standing provision at Caythorpe Cricket Club there is scope to potentially explore the opportunity to install hybrid wickets in the future.

A hybrid wicket combines natural turf grass with less the 5% of uniquely engineered, soft polyethylene yarn, which has already been used to improve golf tees, tennis courts and pitch surrounds. These wickets are to offer a greater capacity in addition to reducing time on repair works with a faster recovery time. Reports found that hybrid wickets improve surface stability, reduced wear, reduced bowler foot holes and significantly extended hours of playing time.

Ideally, once these become more readily available for community cricket clubs and have gone through the required testing, they could act as a way to increase levels of playing capacity on overplayed squares. This would be particularly beneficial for those sites which are limited on space and cannot create additional wickets due to restrictions things such as boundary length or ball strike.

Although it is difficult at this stage to understand what impact hybrid wickets could have on each site's capacity, it is suggested that it could potentially alleviate all the overplay at Caythorpe CC and Coddington and Winthorpe CC in Newark & Sherwood. This assumes that more senior demand can take place on the hybrid wickets allowing for the outer senior wickets to be used/converted for junior demand. It should also be noted that this approach is currently a rather expensive means of reducing overplay.

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<sup>13</sup> <http://www.cag.org.uk/docs/ecb-non-turf-pitches-ts6-final-328.pdf>

### *Accommodating future demand*

Population growth over the Local Plan period to 2033 is expected to see the population of the District rise from 123,127 to 133,194. This will lead to the creation of three senior men's teams and two junior boys' teams.

This future demand cannot be attributed to any one analysis area or club but is important to understand how this can be accommodated across Newark & Sherwood.

The preceding Assessment Report shows that for men's Sunday cricket, senior women's and all formats of junior cricket there is sufficient capacity (notwithstanding specific club overplay issues).

For senior men's cricket on Saturdays, however, there is a current shortfall of 16 match equivalent sessions. This will be exacerbated to a shortfall of 52 match equivalent sessions per season if all future demand is realised. However, dependent on where demand aligns itself to (i.e. club specific and analysis area specific) they may well be instances of pressure at certain clubs which have high levels of existing demand (i.e. Caythorpe CC).

Where increases in demand are causing capacity issues for Saturday cricket, the PPOSS Assessment Report identifies that the sites listed below can accommodate for an increase in demand within the peak period and if ground sharing agreements can be fostered then demand could be accommodated for at these sites on Saturday afternoons (based on 2023 season data):

- ◀ Arthur Radford Sports Ground (Fiskerton and Thurgarton CC)
- ◀ Dale Field (one square)
- ◀ Cauntton Cricket Club
- ◀ Thoresby Hall Hotel Leisure Spa (Thoresby Park CC)
- ◀ Upton Cricket Club

That being said, it is not always realistic for clubs to access other club sites as secondary venues due either increases in demand changing the availability of provision, clubs wishing to protect the quality of provision for their existing teams, or not wanting to permit access altogether. On this basis, it is important to note the role disused provision can play in accommodating demand for cricket in the future.

Nottinghamshire Cricket Board has since confirmed that Arthur Radford Sports Ground shall no longer be accessed by Fiskerton and Thurgarton CC and instead will be accessed by Wollaton CC (Nottingham City Council) as of the 2024 season. Wollaton CC shall have two Saturday teams at the site, meaning it can be discounted from the above list.

### *Un-used sites*

There are six unused cricket squares in Newark & Sherwood located at the following sites:

- ◀ Beckitt Field
- ◀ Bilsthorpe Sports Ground
- ◀ South Clifton Sports Field
- ◀ Walesby Village Sports Association
- ◀ Walesby Lane
- ◀ Wellow House School

Of these sites, provision at Beckitt Field, South Clifton Sports Field, Walesby Village Sports Association, Bilsthorpe Sports Ground and Walesby Lane are most akin for cricket usage as all five sites still accommodate football.

Wellow House School also continues to accommodate football demand. However, as it is a school site that isn't open to community use, it is less appropriate to be re-instated for the community use of cricket clubs.

As there are current and future shortfalls identified for cricket in Newark & Sherwood, where possible, a minimum of one of these sites should be retained for the benefit of cricket. Sites nearest to prominent clubs exhibiting high levels of demand are likely the best and could, in theory, serve as secondary home venues as long as suitable partnerships and access arrangements can be made.

As an example, Coddington and Winthorpe CC is an overplayed site located six miles from the unused pitch at Beckitt Field. Re-introducing this square and granting access to the Club could provide a possible solution to resolving its capacity issues.

A final option after re-introducing the un-used squares listed above is the four bringing any of the four disused squares back into use. Disused squares are provided at the British Sugar Site and Weston Cricket Club. Both sites present viable options of being re-introduced as to better support cricket demand.

### *Improving ancillary provision*

The table below outlines three club sites which are serviced by poor quality ancillary provision. As can be seen, only two currently accommodate any demand, with Wellow House School (Wellow Dam) currently not accessed.

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Both Coddington and Winthorpe CC and Farnsfield CC are large clubs with established senior and junior sections. Coddington and Winthorpe CC has submitted planning permission to extend the storage space at the clubhouse which it shall use to purchase and store maintenance equipment. Farnsfield CC access Edingley Cricket Club as its second ground, and the Club is in the process of installing more changing rooms to its home site. Following this, consideration should be made to enhance the poor quality ancillary provision at Edingley Cricket Club.

If funding is to be invested into ancillary provision, improvements to poor quality sites such as Coddington and Winthorpe CC could be viewed as a priority project given the site accommodates a greater demand.

*Table 4.19: Poor quality ancillary provision within Newark & Sherwood*

Site ID	Site	Club	Analysis area	Ancillary provision quality
22	Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	Coddington & Winthorpe CC	Newark	Poor
31	Edingley Cricket Club	Farnsfield CC	Southwell	Poor
126	Wellow House School (Wellow Dam)	-	Sherwood	Poor

Club consultations raised several ancillary provision development plans as seen in table 4.20. The most notable development is at Newark Ransome and Marles CC. The Club provides two changing rooms for its two squares and five senior mens, two senior women’s and four junior teams. The sites second changing block requires a lot of investment and work before being usable to the Club.

*Table 4.20: Ancillary provision development plans*

Site ID	Site name	Club	Consultation findings
2	Balderton Village Hall Playing Field	Balderton CC	Balderton CC states the toilet facilities are of a poor quality and would like to enhance the space.
10	Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre	Blidworth Colliery Welfare CC	The Club is looking to upgrade its sight screens in 2024.
16	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Caythorpe CC	Caythorpe CC has a long-term aspiration to knock down the function room, bar and garage and develop a large two-storey brand new clubhouse that can sit between both squares at the site. It is also looking to replace its front electronic scoreboard in the future, as well as putting solar panels onto the changing block.
22	Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	Coddington & Winthorpe CC	The Club has submitted planning permission to extend the storage space of the pavilion as to allow it to purchase and store its own maintenance equipment at the site. It is also looking to purchase a second set of sight screens.

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Site ID	Site name	Club	Consultation findings
31	Edingley Cricket Club	Farnsfield CC	Farnsfield CC is looking to enhance the poor-quality ancillary provision on site.
32	Edwinstowe Cricket Club	Edwinstowe Community CC	The Club has ambitions to slightly extend the clubhouse to have more storage, build a small outdoor bar area and convert some showers into urinals in the changing rooms.
36	Farndon Recreation Ground	Farndon CC	The Club will demolish its old clubhouse on the site in 2024 following the completion of its new building. It is also waiting for a roller shutter to finish installing its new electronic scoreboard.
38	Farnsfield Cricket Club	Farnsfield CC	Farnsfield CC is looking to install two additional changing rooms to the building as to better accommodate women's demand within the Club.
74	Newark Ransome and Marles	Newark Ransome and Marles CC	The Club has a second changing block that was built in 2021 and has four changing rooms. It confirms the electrics, utilities, flooring, showers and furniture is all yet to be completed as the funding initially agreed as part of the development has been invested in project delivery to date. It has an old scoreboard that is currently out of use and needs repairing.
107	Thoresby Sporting Trust	Thoresby Colliery CC	The Club has plans to convert its garage into two additional changing rooms as well as installing solar panels onto its clubhouse and buying new sight screens.

### Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of cricket squares.
- ◀ Retain a supply of disused sites to serve as a strategic reserve for future demand.
- ◀ Improve quality at sites assessed as poor and standard quality and ensure quality is sustained at sites assessed as good through partnership working with NCCC.
- ◀ Address overplay via quality improvements, NTP installation and consideration of hybrid wickets in the future.
- ◀ Pursue improved security of tenure for clubs without ownership or a long-term lease arrangement in place, particularly those engaging in lease renewals.
- ◀ Improve the changing and ancillary facilities where there is a need to do so, with priorities placed at Newark Ransome and Marles CC, Coddington and Winthorpe CC and Edingley CC.
- ◀ Consider options to increase and improve stock of suitable practice facilities, as four clubs raise the need for additional training facilities at its home sites. Support should be provided to Farndon CC to install fixed lane practice nets to the former bowling green at Farndon Recreation Ground.
- ◀ Continue to support ECB initiatives such as All Stars and Dynamos and ensure unaffiliated demand and recreational cricket is provided for.



### 4.4: Rugby union - grass pitches

#### *Assessment Report summary*

##### **Rugby union summary**

- There is insufficient level of senior rugby union provision in Newark & Sherwood to accommodate current and future demand.

##### **Pitch supply:**

- There is a total of 16 rugby union pitches in the Newark & Sherwood s across nine sites. This consists of 14 senior pitches and two junior pitches. Of these, four pitches are located at education sites and are unavailable for community use.
- There are no WR compliant 3G pitches located within Newark & Sherwood.
- Southwell RFC has an ambition of develop new provision to the South of its site. Newark RFC is also hoping to increase its total supply of pitches, however for both clubs this is a long term ambition.

##### **Pitch quality:**

- In terms of quality of senior pitches, there are two good quality, six standard quality and three poor quality pitches which are available for community use. There is also one standard quality junior pitch at Newark RFC that is also available for community use.
- From a community club perspective, poor quality pitch provision is an issue for Ollerton RFC.

##### **Ancillary provision quality:**

- Of the three clubs in the District, Newark RFC hosts a combination of good and standard quality pitches. Southwell RFC has two standard quality pitches, whilst Ollerton RFC hosts poor quality pitches.
- Ollerton RFC has plans to improve its ancillary offer but requires security of tenure to its site as to access external funding opportunities. The Club would like to extend both changing rooms, improve the social space offering and replace its outdated boiler.
- Both Newark RFC and Southwell RFC have recently improved its ancillary provisions and provide good quality clubhouses.

##### **Demand:**

- There are three rugby union clubs in Newark & Sherwood which in total generate demand equating to 35 teams. As a breakdown, this consists of eight senior men's, two boy's colts, eight junior boys, two junior girls and 15 mixed age grade teams.
- Future demand from Club ambitions equates to two senior ladies', one senior mens and one colt boys' team.

##### **Supply and demand analysis:**

- There is an overall insufficient supply of provision to cater for both current and future demand.

#### **Scenarios**

##### *Improving pitch maintenance and drainage*

Maintenance and drainage solutions are an integral method in improving pitch quality at rugby union sites, ensuring that pitches can accommodate demand throughout the season. Locally, there are two sites which are identified as being overplayed and the following scenario explores what impact improving both the level of maintenance and installation of drainage solutions would have on the capacity of provision. It is worth noting that Ollerton RFC (Boughton Sports Field) is not overplayed and therefore does not feature in the tables below.

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The table below illustrates the RFU pitch quality scoring methodology which ascertains the capacity of pitches based on the scoring criteria.

*Table 4.20: Pitch capacity (matches per week) based on quality assessments*

<b>Drainage</b>	<b>Maintenance Poor (M0)</b>	<b>Maintenance Adequate (M1)</b>	<b>Maintenance Good (M2)</b>
Natural Inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
Natural Adequate or Pipe Drained (D1)	1.5	2	3
Pipe Drained (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	2	3	3.5

The table below looks at what capacity benefits would be ascertained through improvement of both maintenance and drainage solutions in one increment on the above technical criteria. It further looks at the benefit of maximum improvements to both drainage and maintenance to explore maximum benefits.

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Table 4.21: Improving maintenance on all sites/senior pitches by one increment (based on RFU technical criteria)

Site ID	Site name	Number of senior pitches	Current technical score	Quality*	Sports lighting?	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Pitch Capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Improved technical score	Improved quality score	Improved capacity rating
75	Newark Rugby Football Club	1	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	4	2	2	M2/D1	Good	1
94	Southwell Rugby Club	2	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	8	4	4	M2/D1	Good	2

Improving the maintenance of senior pitches at all sites accessed by community clubs would have a theoretical capacity benefit for Newark RFC and Southwell RFC. For Newark & Sherwood, the improvement of the maintenance by one increment would reduce total overplay from six match equivalent sessions per week to three. It would also reduce overplay at Newark RFC to just one match equivalent session per week.

Table 4.22: Improving drainage on all sites/senior pitches by 1 increment (based on RFU technical criteria)

Site ID	Site name	Number of senior pitches	Current technical score	Quality*	Sports lighting?	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Pitch Capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Improved technical score	Improved quality score	Improved capacity rating
75	Newark Rugby Football Club	1	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	4	2	2	M1/D2	Standard	1.5
94	Southwell Rugby Club	2	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	8	4	4	M1/D2	Standard	3.5

A similar approach to improving maintenance has been undertaken in the table above for drainage installation (through improvement to pitches by one increment on the RFU technical criteria). Installing pipe drainage to senior pitches at all sites accessed by community clubs would have a theoretical capacity benefit by reducing total overplay from six to five match equivalent sessions per week. Both sites would continue to experience overplay and this would remain higher than when compared to improving the maintenance of pitches.

Table 4.23: Improving both maintenance and drainage to M2/D3 at all sites/senior pitches (based on RFU technical criteria)

Site ID	Site name	Number of senior pitches	Current technical score	Quality*	Floodlit?	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Pitch Capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Improved technical score	Improved quality score	Improved capacity rating
75	Newark Rugby Football Club	1	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	4	2	2	M2/D3	Good	0.5
94	Southwell Rugby Club	2	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	8	4	4	M2/D3	Good	1

This table above illustrates the position if all overplayed senior pitches in Newark & Sherwood, which are accessed by community clubs, were improved to an M2/D3 quality. This is the highest threshold a pitch can score based on the RFU technical criteria. As can be seen, overplay would be noticeably reduced but would remain at both sites, to varying scales.

The table below illustrates how such improvements would impact the current supply analysis. Overplay would be reduced but still present at both sites if improvements took place. The Newark Analysis Area would show actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the Southwell Analysis Area would see overplay reduce from four match equivalent sessions per week to one. Overall, Newark & Sherwood would remain overplayed; however, shortfalls would be reduced to 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.

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Table 4.24: Impact of rugby union pitch improvements on overall supply and demand balance (senior pitches) in match equivalent sessions per week

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Current overplay	Current capacity balance	Overplay after maximum maintenance and drainage improvements	Capacity balance after pitch improvements
Mansfield Fringe	-	-	-	-	-
Newark	1	2	1	0.5	0.5
Nottingham Fringe	-	-	-	-	-
Sherwood	-	-	-	-	-
Southwell	-	4	4	1	1
<b>Newark &amp; Sherwood</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>

### *Providing additional sports lighting*

An alternative method of addressing capacity issues is through increasing the number of sports lit pitches. Southwell RFC has an ambition to install sports lights to the senior pitch at Minster School which it would then use for midweek training. Its two pitches are currently overplayed by four match equivalent sessions per week, and its training demand accounts for four match equivalent sessions per week. As such if the pitch at Minster School were to be sports lit and granted access, it would allow the Club transfer midweek demand to the Minster School pitch, thus notably reducing overplay.

Newark RFC is currently overplayed by two match equivalent sessions per week. The site has two fully sports lit and two partially sports lit pitches. Consultation with the Club confirms it is looking to convert its second pitch sports lights to LED and to make its third and fourth pitches fully sports lit rather than partially. If achieved, this would give the Club four fully sports lit pitches to balance its training demand which will allow it to evenly distribute its training sessions across the site.

Ollerton RFC formerly had a dedicated sports lit training area. It has relocated some of the sports lights from its sports lit training area to the side of the senior pitch meaning training sessions take place on its playing pitch. The Club could consider re-installing more sports lights to the former sports lit training area as a means of improving its capacity balance.

### *World Rugby (WR) 3G pitches in Newark & Sherwood*

There are no WR 3G pitches in Newark & Sherwood. Consultations held with all three rugby clubs confirms that none of the three access any artificial pitches for training or matches. In the case of each club this is due to having a preference towards utilising their respective home pitches for training sessions due to the associated financial and social benefits in doing so (and associated travel distances between sites). Furthermore, as there is not a WR 3G pitch within Newark & Sherwood it would require exporting demand outside of the Local Authority.

There are currently six match equivalent sessions per week of overplay identified for rugby pitches in Newark & Sherwood, four of which are located at Southwell RFC. As seen in the earlier presented, the scenario of maximum level pitch improvements and drainage solutions showed that overplay of one match equivalent sessions per week would remain at Southwell RFC if both overplayed pitches were to be improved to a M2/D3 quality rating. It is worth stressing that an M2/D3 quality rating is very difficult for a community club to achieve and rarely seen nationally. Therefore, there is the justification for an alternative approach to reduce overplay at the site.

The third generation turf (3G) pitches section identifies the Southwell Analysis Area as having a shortfall of 1.25 3G pitches. Given the scale of both clubs, Southwell City FC and Southwell RFC would be ideal choices as the two partner clubs for a multisport 3G pitch.

As such, the evidence is in place to warrant the development of a WR 3G pitch for Southwell RFC to access as a means of reducing overplay within Newark & Sherwood. A full feasibility assessment would be required to determine the most suitable position for the development of a WR compliant 3G pitch, however, as a starting point, the senior rugby pitch at Minster School is already accessed by Southwell RFC, and the site already takes lettings for midweek and weekend access on the AGP.

The RFU have stressed that a preference would be towards installing sports lights on the senior pitch at Minster School and granting the Club midweek access, as a more affordable means of reducing shortfalls for rugby.

However, as the demand from Southwell City FC is so great, and the shortfalls at Southwell RFC are so large that even if its two pitches were an M2/D3 rating the site would still be overplayed, a WR compliant 3G pitch should be developed on the grass pitch at Minster School.

Following the consultation process informing the assessment and strategy reports, Newark RFC has expressed an interest in accessing WR22 3G provision due to the flooding issues caused by its site sitting on a flood plain. Given the number of pitches at Newark RFC, the amount of unposted grass space, the site hosting only one overplayed pitch, the land sitting on a flood plain and the associated costs of developing a 3G pitch it is not recommended to develop a WR22 3G pitch at the club's site. Alternatively, any new 3G provision within the Newark Analysis Area should consider having a WR22 shock pad to support the club's issues associated to flooding.

### *Use of provision at education sites*

The PPOSS Assessment Report identifies Newark Academy as providing community accessible senior rugby provision. As shortfalls are apparent in the Newark Analysis Area the site may provide a possible solution to reducing the identified shortfalls for rugby.

However, as both Southwell RFC and Ollerton RFC is 15.7 miles from Newark Academy and Southwell RFC is 10 miles from the site, access to the site for either club to use it for mini and junior demand would not be recommended. Newark RFC is only 2.7 miles from the site, however, as the Club has five senior pitches, one posted junior pitch and several unposted junior and mini pitches, it does not need to access a second site as a means of reducing overplay.

Southwell RFC accesses the senior pitch at Minster School on weekends. As previously stated, the Club would like to install sports lights to the site and be granted midweek access to allow it to better distribute its training demand across three pitches. This should be prioritised as a recommendation to improve rugby in Newark & Sherwood, unless a full sized 3G multisport project is progressed.



### *Ancillary provision improvements*

Both Newark RFC and Southwell RFC provide good quality ancillary provision. However, Ollerton RFC accesses the poor-quality ancillary provision at Boughton Sports Field. The site has two small changing rooms with one communal shower space, a small kitchen and an outdated boiler.

The Club would like to develop RFU specification changing rooms, increase the size and improve the social space provided, replace its boiler and install CCTV to the building. It currently rents its access to the site from Boughton Village Hall on a weekly basis and as such has unsecure tenure. This means it struggles with securing grant funding.

A priority should be placed on formalising a longer-term security of tenure to the Club and enhancing the ancillary provision provided.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect the existing quantity of rugby union pitches including those used for curricular and extra-curricular demand.
- ◀ Support clubs in taking part in the GMA pitch advisory service to explore technical requirements to improve pitch quality to address overplay.
- ◀ Work with clubs to improve their ancillary offer where this a need to do so, such as the poor quality provision at Boughton Sports Field accessed by Ollerton RFC.
- ◀ Look to increase the number of sports lit pitches or install dedicated sports lit training areas at sites where it would be beneficial for clubs to do so, with priority places on the senior pitch at Minster School for the use of Southwell RFC.
- ◀ Ensure that any residential development considers potential increases in demand for the sport and that new provision or contributions are properly sought through utilisation of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator.
- ◀ Consider the feasibility of the development of a WR compliant 3G pitch, with the senior pitch at Minster School the most appropriate choice with Southwell RFC and Southwell City FC as partner clubs.
- ◀ Any new 3G provision within the Newark Analysis Area should consider having a WR22 shock pad to support Newark Rugby Club's issues associated to flooding.
- ◀ Work with Ollerton RFC to agree a long term tenure agreement for Boughton Sports Field to ensure the clubs long term sustainability.

### 4.5: Hockey pitches (sand/water-based AGPs)

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Hockey summary**

- ◀ There is sufficient supply of hockey suitable pitches in Newark & Sherwood from a programming perspective to accommodate current levels of peak time demand.
- ◀ Future demand of one senior mens team at Newark HC can be accommodated with current provision from a programming and quality perspective.
- ◀ With the AGPs provided at the Minster School nearing end of life, there is the need to provide a pitch replacement at the site in order to accommodate existing and future hockey demand of Southwell Brincliffe HC.

##### **Pitch supply:**

- ◀ There are three full size hockey suitable AGPs in Newark & Sherwood located across as many sites. Two of these pitches are open to community use on weekends with the AGP at Dukeries Academy only operating during the week, and therefore has no partnered hockey club.

##### **Pitch quality:**

- ◀ The full-size pitch at Magnus Sports Centre resembles the only good quality playing provision within the District, with the AGP receiving a carpet replacement in 2022.
- ◀ Provision found at Minster School is of a poor quality with the provision being the same surface as in 2008. The condition of the pitch is now at a point where a replacement surface shall be required during the lifespan of the PPS.
- ◀ Finally, the pitch at Dukeries Academy is of a standard quality despite being the same surface since installed in 2003. The thorough maintenance contract which included a week long rejuvenation of the pitch in April 2021.

##### **Affiliated demand:**

- ◀ There are two hockey clubs within Newark & Sherwood, those being Newark HC and Southwell Brincliffe HC.
- ◀ Newark HC has three senior mens teams, four ladies teams and 168 junior members, whilst Southwell Brincliffe HC has three senior ladies teams and three mixed junior teams.
- ◀ Newark HC access Magnus Sports Centre for home fixtures and training, whilst Southwell Brincliffe HC plays at the Minster School.
- ◀ Southwell Brincliffe HC state it has no future demand ambitions to increase in the number of teams it fields. In the case of Newark HC, the Club hopes to gain a fourth senior mens team.

##### **Supply and demand analysis conclusions:**

- ◀ Based on current levels of demand, there is a sufficient supply of provision to accommodate existing demand, however, if necessary, pitch replacements are not undertaken at the Minster School, the pitch shall reach a point of condemnation during the lifespan of the PPS.
- ◀ Future demand can be accommodated with existing provision, with Newark HC hoping to regain a fourth senior mens team.

#### **Scenarios**

##### *Meeting demand for hockey suitable AGPs*

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The PPOSS Guidance suggests that a pitch with sports lighting can accommodate four match equivalent sessions on a Saturday. With teams playing on a home and away format, this equates to one AGP being able to cater for eight 'home' teams (one team requires 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week on its 'home' AGP).

The table below outlines the position for usage across hockey sites in Newark & Sherwood. The pitch at Magnus Sports Centre is operating near capacity and Newark HC has future demand ambitions to re-gain its fourth senior mens team which would put the site at capacity. Comparatively, the pitch at Minster School is operating at 50% capacity at peak time for match play but is of a poor quality as it is the same surface since it was installed in 2008. The underutilisation of the Minster School pitch is partially due to its poor-quality deterring people from wanting to use the site. Finally, Dukeries Academy has a standard quality pitch following a weeklong rejuvenation by Notts Sports Ltd at the site<sup>14</sup>.

As the amount of demand requires two pitches for peak time access, it is essential for the Magnus Sports Centre and Minster School pitches to continue to accommodate demand to meet the current need for hockey. The Minster School staff states it has a sinking fund in place and it may be in a position to resurface the pitch in the near future.

Table 4.25: Hockey usage and spare capacity

Site ID	Site name	Site user	Current use in peak period (MES)	Spare capacity?
30	Dukeries Academy	No weekend community use	-	No
65	Magnus Sports Centre	Newark HC	3.5 MES	Yes
68	Minster School	Southwell Brincliffe HC	2 MES	Yes

Table 4.26: Quality of existing hockey suitable artificial grass pitches

Site ID	Site name	Surface type	Site user	Quality rating	Built/resurfaced
30	Dukeries Academy	Sand filled	-	Standard	2003
65	Magnus Sports Centre	Sand dressed	Newark HC	Good	2001 / 2022

<sup>14</sup> [https://www.replaymaintenance.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Rejuvenation\\_Leaflet.pdf](https://www.replaymaintenance.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Rejuvenation_Leaflet.pdf)

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Site ID	Site name	Surface type	Site user	Quality rating	Built/resurfaced
68	Minster School	Sand filled	Southwell Brincliffe HC	Poor	2008

Based on the above, it can be determined that the quantity of provision for Newark & Sherwood is sufficient to accommodate the existing demand. However, as the pitch at Minster School is already poor quality, there is the need to replace the existing surface to ensure the long term survival of hockey in Newark & Sherwood.

As there are no other suitable hockey facilities within Newark & Sherwood Council (except the pitch at Dukeries Academy which is not open for community use on weekends), Southwell Brincliffe HC would have to relocate 11.8 miles to Dukeries Academy and persuade the site to grant weekend access for fixtures if the Minster School pitch were to come out of use due to quality concerns. Therefore, the Minster School AGP should be prioritised for resurfacing for the future of the Club.

### ***Converting sand-based AGPs to 3G***

Since the introduction of 3G pitches and given their popularity for football, providers have seen this as a way of replacing their tired sand-based carpet and generating money from hiring out a 3G pitch to football clubs and commercial football providers. This has come at the expense of hockey, with players now travelling further distances to gain access to a suitable pitch and many teams being displaced from their preferred geographical area.

Due to its impact on hockey, it is appropriate to ensure that sufficient sand-based AGPs are retained for the playing development of the sport. To that end, a change of surface should require a planning application and, as part of that, the applicants should have to show that there is sufficient provision available for hockey in the locality. Opportunities to incorporate this into planning policy should therefore be explored, and advice from Sport England and EH should also be sought prior to any planning application being submitted.

It should also be noted that, if a surface is changed, it could require the existing floodlighting to be changed and, in some instances, noise attenuation measures may need to be put in place.

As the pitch at Dukeries Academy is 20 years old, it does not have a partner hockey club and the school is scheduled to be re-built, considerations could be made to convert the pitch to 3G. This, however, should only take place if the AGP at Minster School has already been resurfaced, thus ensuring the survival of Southwell Brincliffe HC. Such a development would reduce the current shortfall of 1.25 3G pitches to 0.25 pitches in the Sherwood Analysis Area.

The 3G surface is limited in the range of sport that can be played or taught on it. Those proposing a conversion should take advice from the appropriate sports' governing bodies or refer to Sport England guidance 'Selecting the Right Artificial Grass Surface which can be found on Sport England's website:

<https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/facility-cost-guidance>

### **Recommendations**

- ◆ Protect the sand based AGPs at Magnus Sports Centre and Minster School for continued hockey use.
- ◆ Work with partners to provide a replacement surface to the AGP at Minster School.
- ◆ Ensure all hockey suitable AGPs have a sinking fund in place for their eventual refurbishment.
- ◆ Consider a 3G pitch conversion to the 20-year-old AGP provided at Dukeries Academy to reduce shortfalls in the Sherwood Analysis Area. This should only take place if the AGP at Minster School has already been resurfaced.

### **4.6: Rugby league – grass pitches**

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Rugby league – supply and demand summary**

- ◆ Demand for rugby league is met outside of Newark & Sherwood, with opportunities in Lincoln and Bassetlaw.

##### **Rugby league – supply summary**

- ◆ There is one rugby league pitch in Newark & Sherwood located at Joseph Whittaker School. The pitch is open to community use and is of a poor quality.

##### **Rugby league – demand summary**

- ◆ No demand has been identified for rugby league in Newark & Sherwood.
- ◆ Neighbouring authority Lincoln hosts Lincolnshire Lions RFL, which accesses Ruston's Sports and Social Club for home fixtures and training. Bassetlaw's Bulldogs RLFC resembles the other neighbouring club, which accommodates only junior demand.
- ◆ Any residual need is unlikely to be sufficient for a club to be created, with individuals instead likely to travel to form part of the clubs outside of the District.

### **Recommendations**

- ◆ If any demand does exist for rugby league in Newark and Sherwood, if not already, it should be signposted to Bassetlaw Bulldogs RFL and Lincolnshire Lions RFL.

### 4.7: Tennis courts

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Tennis – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ There are two tennis clubs within Newark and Sherwood currently operating with potential capacity issues, those being Caunton TC and Newark TC. In both instances the clubs are operating marginally within the LTA recommended guidelines.
- ◀ If future growth ambitions were achieved, Newark TC shall be accessed to capacity, whilst Caunton TC has not expressed any future demand as to not worsen its current capacity balance.
- ◀ When pairing the findings from the supply and demand analysis for club courts with the large number of community park courts available, it can be considered that Newark and Sherwood is serviced by sufficient provision to accommodate both the current and future demand. However, club based capacity pressures are still present at the more heavily accessed sites such as Caunton TC and Newark TC.

##### **Tennis – supply summary**

- ◀ There are a total of 72 tennis courts identified in Newark and Sherwood across 21 sites, with 48 courts categorised as being available for community use at 14 sites.
- ◀ Most community accessible courts are operated by town and parish councils, 100% of which are available for community use.
- ◀ The most common court surface is macadam, with 65 courts identified, followed by a tarmac surface of which there are five courts. There are four artificial turf courts and two grass courts. No clay courts were identified.
- ◀ In total, 41 of the 72 tennis courts are serviced by sports lighting, representing 57% of the provision.
- ◀ Of the community available courts, 20 are assessed as good quality (42%), 25 as standard quality (52%) and three as poor quality (6%).
- ◀ There are no air domed or padel courts within Newark and Sherwood.
- ◀ Four clubs within Newark and Sherwood have standard quality ancillary provisions, one club has a good quality clubhouse and there are no poor-quality ancillary provisions.
- ◀ Caunton TC has a clubhouse with two changing rooms, a kitchen, a social space and a balcony overlooking its courts. It also features a second small building with a seating area, table tennis and a sink. The second building has a leaking roof, something the Club is looking to address.
- ◀ Caunton TC, Newark Town TC, Farnsfield TC and Southwell LTC have ambitions to enhance its ancillary provision provided.
- ◀ Caunton TC is looking to increase the number of courts at its site, whilst Newark TC has a long-term ambition to increase the number of grass courts provided and install sports lighting to its macadam courts.

##### **Tennis – demand summary**

- ◀ There are five tennis clubs in Newark and Sherwood which collectively cater for 948 members, consisting of 559 senior and 389 junior members.
- ◀ Three clubs consulted report future growth aspirations, with total future demand amounting to 45 potential additional members (15 senior and 30 junior).
- ◀ Away from clubs, it is considered that all local authority courts available for community use in Newark and Sherwood have spare capacity for a growth in demand, although this is difficult to quantify as use is not always recorded due to the open access nature of many sites.

### *Scenarios*

#### *Meeting demand for informal tennis*

The LTA has developed a package of support for LAs to grow the use of park tennis courts by removing key barriers to participation. The three products are ClubSpark, Rally and Gate Access and can be used individually or in combination. The products are used to provide a remote booking and access system.

Instead of providing free access, some local authorities are now securing their courts as per a membership scheme that allows members access through the use of a fob system following payment of a small yearly fee.

Not only does this deter unofficial use of courts but it also allows official use to be tracked, thus providing data on how well and how often courts are being accessed. In addition, it provides income generation that can go towards ongoing maintenance of the courts.

Sites such as Sherwood Avenue Park (three courts), Winthorpe Community Centre (two courts) and Fernwood Village Hall (three courts) could be prioritised by the LTA for the development of informal tennis. As Sherwood Avenue Park already has functioning sports lighting and have standard quality courts, it could be considered appropriate for the installation of LTA park scheme courts. However, if other, larger sites are identified by tennis partners then these should also be brought forward.

#### *Satisfying club demand*

The LTA suggests that a non-sports lit hard court can accommodate 40 members whereas a hard court with sports lighting can accommodate 60 members. A grass court has a capacity of 20 regardless of the lighting position and courts covered with an air dome can also accommodate 100 members.

On this basis, when reviewing club demand in Newark & Sherwood it is evident that none of the five clubs are operating above the LTA recommended capacity guidelines both now and in the future. However, Caunton TC confirm it has capacity issues at its site, and Newark TC is nearly at capacity.

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Table 4.27: Capacity analysis for tennis clubs at risk of capacity issues

Site ID	Site	Club users	Current demand (members)	Future demand (members)	No. of courts	Sports lighting?	Capacity (members)	Current capacity balance (members)	Future capacity balance (members)
15	Caunton Tennis Club	Caunton TC	399	0	7	Yes	420	21	21
76	Newark Tennis Club	Newark TC	150	30	4	No	160	10	-

Caunton TC is looking to install two sports lit courts and four mini courts to the Northwest corner of its site. The Club confirm it requires external financial support to enable this development. If this were to happen, the Club’s current capacity would increase to 141 members. This would be a significant improvement from its current 21 members of theoretical spare capacity.

Newark TC is looking to install sports lights to all four of its macadam courts. This would increase its capacity balance from 10 members within guidelines to 90 members within capacity. The site also provides several unprepared grass courts which if re-instated would further improve its capacity balance.

### *Newark Academy (Lilley and Stone) disused courts*

Newark Academy (Lilley and Stone) is a disused school with two disused tennis courts. The site is located next to Newark Tennis Club which is marginally operating within LTA capacity guidelines if resurfaced and brought back into use, the courts could be accessed by Newark TC which would noticeably improve its capacity.



### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of courts.
- ◀ Improve court quality at sites assessed as poor or standard quality and sustain quality at sites assessed as good, especially at sites in use by clubs or that are (or could be) well used for recreational demand.
- ◀ Linked to the above, improve park courts as a priority to create a year-round recreational tennis option to meet local demand.
- ◀ Explore options to further improve the recreational tennis offer via utilisation of technology provided by the LTA (e.g., ClubSpark) to support the customer journey and through investment into facilities and accompanying ancillary provision.
- ◀ Work with Caunton TC towards its goal of installing additional courts at its site to support the Club with its current capacity balance.
- ◀ Ensure sinking funds are put into place by providers for long-term sustainability.
- ◀ Explore installation of additional sports lighting at club-based venues, such as Newark TC. Support Collingham TC, Caunton TC and Southwell LTC in upgrading its current sports lights to LED.
- ◀ Improve ancillary provision at club sites, where it is required, such as improving the offering at Farnsfield TC (Farnsfield Bowling and Tennis Club).

### **4.8: Lawn bowls**

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Bowls – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ There is a sufficient supply of bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood to accommodate current demand; however, some shortfalls do appear if future demand from club ambitions are to be realised. It is also clear that the current level of provision requires protection.

##### **Bowls – supply summary**

- ◀ There are 13 bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood provided across 12 sites, with two greens provided at Blisthorpe Sports Ground.
- ◀ There are six disused bowling green within Newark & Sherwood, across five sites with two greens formerly prepared at Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields).
- ◀ All clubs that have responded to consultation attempts are deemed to have security of tenure.
- ◀ There are no greens in Newark & Sherwood that are serviced by sports lighting.
- ◀ Of the bowling greens in active use, 10 are good quality, three are standard quality and none are of a poor quality.
- ◀ Ancillary provision across Newark & Sherwood is varied, five clubs accessing good quality clubhouses, five accessing standard quality and two poor quality ancillary provision identified at Blidworth BC and Ollerton BC.

##### **Bowls – demand summary**

- ◀ There are 12 clubs using bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood: where membership is known it equates to 391 members.
- ◀ The average membership across all of the identified clubs is 43 members.

- ◀ Due to a predicted increase in persons aged 65 and over (to 2033), demand is likely to increase for greens over the coming years.
- ◀ Six clubs report future demand to increase membership by a combined total of 66 members, with methods of increasing numbers such as recruitment via coaching, localised advertisement and open days in line with Bowls England (BE).
- ◀ All clubs report that existing membership can be accommodated on the current level of provision and that no potential members are being turned away, suggesting that there is no latent or unmet demand.

### *Scenarios*

#### *Security of tenure*

Newark Northern BC has a lease agreement with NSDC for its site which is scheduled to expire in 2026. As the Club's current lease agreement would expire during the lifespan of the PPOSS, it is essential that a longer-term agreement is reached as to ensure its long term sustainability. Furthermore, the Club has already recently relocated from Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields) due to tenure issues, so another relocation is something that should be avoided for the sake of it sustaining its membership.

#### *Disused provision*

There are six disused bowling greens within Newark & Sherwood located across the following five sites:

- ◀ Farndon Recreation Ground (one green)
- ◀ Fourth Avenue Bowling Green (one green)
- ◀ Harby Playing Field (one green)
- ◀ Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields) (two greens)
- ◀ Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club (one green)

Of the sites listed Harby Playing Fields fell out of use in 2022 making its green in an acceptable condition for use. The site also to be used for football by Harby FC and the standard quality ancillary provision is located next to the green.

Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club formerly hosted Dukeries BC which folded in 2020, and the site is located next to an established sports club meaning it is feasible a club would come back into use at the site.

Fourth Avenue Bowling Green is in an overgrown poor condition that would require some investment to be re-introduced. As the site is located near successful sports clubs such as Robin Hood Colts FC and Thoresby Colliery CC it is feasible that the green could come back in to use, with members able to use either of the clubhouses at each sports Club for social use.

As such the greens at Harby Playing Field, Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club and Fourth Avenue Bowling Green should be retained as a strategic reserve for potential future use. This would provide the Newark, Mansfield Fringe and Sherwood analysis areas each with a strategic reserve green to potentially be re-introduced. The provision at Farndon Recreation Ground is outlined to be re-purposed into a training and storage space for Farndon CC, whilst the owner of Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields) has expressed an interest in re-developing the site subject to planning approval.

### *Ancillary provision improvements*

Bildworth Bowls Club has 35 members and accesses poor quality ancillary provision. The Club confirm the clubhouse roof needs repair; however, it was quoted a price that it cannot afford. This means members cannot access any changing facilities or toilets at the site. Access to such facilities is essential as part of the wider social offering and expectation for bowls clubs and plays a major part in keeping a sustainable number of members.

Ollerton BC accesses a very small wooden building, meaning it has a limited social offering to its members. Finally, Bilsthorpe Bowls Club has a standard quality ancillary provision that CISWO is looking to support the Club in enhancing.

Efforts should be made to support all three clubs, where possible, to enhance their ancillary facilities to improve the overall user experience and help sustain membership.

### *Future demand*

For bowls it is more appropriate to consider population changes for persons aged 65 and over. Office of National Statistics population projections (2018-2033), identify that the number of persons aged 65 and over living in Newark & Sherwood is likely to increase continuously from 26,480 in 2018 to 35,322 in 2033, representing an increase of 33.4%.

With one green currently operating above BE recommended guidelines, and the forecasted growth of 33% of people aged 65 and over in Newark & Sherwood, it can be anticipated that the existing shortfalls shall be exacerbated.

As such, the capacity level of clubs should be monitored over the upcoming years, with Southwell Town BC and Newark Northern BC and Balderton BC being a priority.

### ***Recommendations***

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of currently used greens and, as a minimum, sustain quality.
- ◀ Ensure that any proposed development of currently used greens is mitigated in line with NPPF.
- ◀ Assist clubs, where possible, with any future ancillary provision improvements such as Blidworth BC, Ollerton BC and Bilsthorpe BC.
- ◀ Monitor capacity levels of highly supported clubs such as Southwell Town BC and Newark Northern BC to ensure they have sufficient capacity.
- ◀ Support clubs with plans to increase membership so that growth can be maximised.
- ◀ Look to extend the current lease agreement with Newark Northern BC and Newark Town Council as to secure its long-term security.

### 4.9: Athletics

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Athletics – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ The supply of dedicated athletics facilities is sufficient to meet demand.
- ◀ Considerations should be made towards enhancing the quality of the cinder track provided at Dukeries Academy as well as installing a form of alternative provision as a means of increasing the total supply.
- ◀ Priority should also be placed on supporting activity being accommodated by the various running clubs in Newark & Sherwood and the events that are being held.

##### **Athletics – supply summary**

- ◀ There are two purpose-built athletics track in Newark & Sherwood, provided at YMCA (Newark) and Dukeries Academy.
- ◀ YMCA (Newark) provides a 400m track with six lanes; it has a synthetic surface, is serviced by floodlighting and is open to community use.
- ◀ The track is of a good quality having first been installed in 2018 and is deep cleaned and sprayed annually.
- ◀ YMCA (Newark) is serviced by good quality ancillary facilities.
- ◀ Dukeries Academy has a poor-quality cinder track that was first built in 1961. England Athletics has an ambition to upgrade the facility to a macadam or low-cost synthetic surface.

##### **Athletics – demand summary**

- ◀ Four clubs have been identified that have a current focus on athletics and/or running activity, with only Newark Athletics Club and Notfast Running Club having a requirement for a purpose-built facility.
- ◀ None of the clubs consulted with have a waiting list in place and all clubs are open to gaining new members.
- ◀ The Couch to 5K programme is delivered in Newark & Sherwood by the staff at YMCA (Newark).
- ◀ There are two Park Run events and two junior park run events held each week at each site across Newark & Sherwood.

#### **Scenarios**

##### *Alternative athletics provision*

The 400m sports lit community accessible track at YMCA Newark provides the District with an adequate amount of formal athletic provision to cater for its current demand. However, England Athletics' latest approach to facility planning the play track, compact track, mini track and active track present more affordable means of councils installing new athletics provision<sup>15</sup>. These facility offers cater for a more recreational and informal offer for athletics and general health and wellbeing opportunities.

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.englandathletics.org/clubs-and-facilities/facilities/newgen-tracks/>

England Athletics confirm it is looking to install some alternative provision in line with future housing developments, as a more affordable means of increasing athletics provision. It has identified the North of the District as a potential region as residents living here have the longest drive time to the YMCA Newark track.

As such NSDC could consider the installation of such provision in line with future housing developments as part of future master planning for its larger, more notable sites.

### *Dukeries Academy 400m Cinder Track*

Dukeries Academy has a poor quality, non-sports lit 400m cinder track. It is an ambition of England Athletics to upgrade the facility to a macadam or low-cost synthetic surface as to enhance the overall offering of the site.

As the school is looking to be re-developed during the lifespan of the PPOSS, and the future school and sporting facility mix layout is to be determined, efforts should be made to resurface the track to a macadam or low-cost synthetic surface improve the overall offering for the site.

As the site is located in the North of the District this also offers a potential means of providing some athletics provision in the North as identified in the previous scenario. England Athletics has also stated that the track being lost during the school development and a form of alternative athletics provision is provided for to mitigate its loss is also a viable option.

### *YMCA (Newark) balancing demand*

YMCA (Newark) provides the one 400m sports lit track in Newark & Sherwood. The site is frequently accessed with both Newark Athletics Club and Newark Striders Running Club based at the site.

The peak time midweek access for athletics clubs is Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Currently access to the track on both evenings is reserved for Newark Athletics Club, whilst Newark Striders Running Club uses the site for only one hour a week. Southwell Running Club raises frustration that it cannot use the site on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Considerations should be made to share the peak time access to the site between Newark Athletics Club, Newark Striders Running Club and Southwell Running Club so that several clubs can use the facility during peak periods.

### ***Recommendations***

- ◀ Ensure the track and supporting facilities at the YMCA (Newark) are retained and remain in good condition.
- ◀ Support clubs, running groups, events and England Athletics initiatives such as Park Run and pursue increased participation, where possible.
- ◀ Continue to increase participation both within affiliated clubs and the wider running market, signposting potential club members from the likes of Parkrun events and other health initiatives.
- ◀ Considerations should be made for the installation of mini, compact or active tracks to the North of the District as to increase the amount of athletics provision provided.
- ◀ Considerations should be made to resurface the 400m cinder track at the Dukeries Academy with a macadam or low-cost synthetic surface to create a better-quality running facility.

### 4.10: Netball courts

#### *Assessment Report summary*

##### **Netball – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ Given that there is limited demand for netball and there are nine sport lit community accessible facilities it is determined that there is an adequate supply of netball provision in Newark & Sherwood.

##### **Netball – Supply summary:**

- ◀ In total, there are 53 outdoor netball courts located across 30 sites in Newark & Sherwood. Of this total provision, 18 courts across six sites are community accessible.
- ◀ Of the 18 available courts, four are good quality, 11 are standard and three are poor quality.
- ◀ Good quality provision is located at both Newark Academy and YMCA (Newark). These courts are accessed by the Play Netball League.

##### **Netball – Demand summary:**

- ◀ Three clubs have been identified as playing in Newark & Sherwood, those being Newark Castle Keepers NC Newark NC and Southwell NC.
- ◀ England Netball confirms that a large amount of members based demand is exported into Nottingham and Lincoln for both the Nottinghamshire Netball Association and the Lincolnshire County Association.
- ◀ England Netball, and Sport England’s Segmentation Tool outlines that there is somewhat low levels of unmet demand for Newark & Sherwood with only 0.29% of the District identified as wanting to participate but not currently doing so.
- ◀ Newark NC is in the process of establishing itself as a club and is hoping to field one team in festivals and fixtures for the 2023/24 season. Future demand from the two unresponsive clubs is unknown.

#### **Scenarios**

##### *Increasing the number of sports lit community accessible courts*

Table 4.28 below outlines the available sports lit courts broken down by analysis area. As can be seen all sports lit accessible courts are provided in the Southwell Analysis Area (six courts) and the Newark Analysis Area (three courts). Of the 30 sites providing netball courts, only three sites have sports lit community accessible provision.



Table 4.28: Sports lit community accessible netball provision

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of courts	Community use?	Sports lit?	Quality
68	Minster School	Southwell	6	Yes	Yes	Standard
70	Muskham Primary School	Newark	1	Yes	Yes	Standard
71	Newark Academy	Newark	2	Yes	Yes	Good

England Netball confirms there is exported demand from members choosing to play for Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, with well-established leagues in both authorities. There is, however, the potential to increase demand in Newark & Sherwood by increasing the number of appropriate facilities provided.

Sites such as The Suthers School and Magnus Sports Centre could be prioritised for installing sports lights and opening its courts to community use. Both sites already take lettings for its facilities and provide either good quality courts, or standard quality artificial turf courts. As such they present suitable sites to provide more sports lit accessible courts, on the basis a recreational programme of use could be established by England Netball.

Consultation with the YMCA (Newark) staff confirm it has recently added sports lights to the cycling pump track. The hope was that the backlighting from this could illuminate the playing surface of the courts for tennis and netball. Since installing the lights, the staff confirm the courts are not adequately lit.

England Netball stresses the need for additional sports lighting to be provided at council managed facilities, as to reduce the dependency upon education sites. The staff are also looking to increase the amount of netball usage at the site as the courts are currently underutilised. As such the courts provided at YMCA (Newark) should be prioritised for potential sports lighting as to increase the number of sports lit accessible courts.

Installing sports lights to the courts at The Suthers School, Magnus Sports Centre and YMCA (Newark) would increase the number of sports lit courts from nine to 15 courts, thus noticeably increasing the appropriate supply.

Finally, efforts should also be made to utilise sports lit community accessible courts for England Netball initiatives such as walking netball and Bee Netball to further develop Netball across Newark & Sherwood.

### ***Recommendations***

- ◀ Protect quantity of courts.
- ◀ Seek to improve poor quality courts quality through resurfacing or improved maintenance.
- ◀ Explore options to increase sports lighting across Newark & Sherwood.
- ◀ Open discussions with sites that already allow community use of other facilities to determine whether provision could be opened for community use, such as The Suthers School and Magnus Sports Centre.
- ◀ Look to continue and expand the use of courts for England Netball initiatives such as Back to Netball and Walking Netball, with Minster School a possible venue for hosting such sessions.
- ◀ Facilitate improved engagement between England Netball and schools.
- ◀ Look to install sports lights to the provision at YMCA (Newark), The Suthers School and Magnus Sports Centre as a means of increasing the total number of sports lit courts.

### PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The strategic recommendations for the Strategy have been developed via the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and analysis which culminated in the production of an assessment report, as well as key drivers identified for the Strategy. They reflect overarching and common areas to be addressed, which apply across playing pitch and outdoor sport facilities and may not be specific to just one sport.

#### AIM 1

To **protect** the existing supply of outdoor sport facilities and ancillary facilities

#### Recommendations:

- a. Ensure, through the use of the PPOSS, that outdoor sport facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.
- b. Secure tenure and access to sites for high quality, development minded clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.

**Recommendation (a) – Ensure, through the use of the PPOSS, that outdoor sport facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.**

The PPOSS shows that all existing playing field and outdoor sport sites cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. As such, all provision requires protection or replacement until all identified shortfalls have been overcome. This includes disused (including any which may not have been identified in this document) underused and poor quality sites as there is a requirement for such provision to help meet and alleviate the identified shortfalls.

When shortfalls are evident, provision can only be permanently lost when the current picture changes to the extent that the site in question is no longer needed as a result of no shortfalls existing, or unless replacement provision is provided and agreed upon by all stakeholders. NPPF paragraph 103 states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

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

The PPOSS should be used to help inform development management decisions that affect existing or new playing pitch provision and accompanying ancillary facilities. All applications are assessed by the Local Planning Authority on a case-by-case basis taking into account site specific factors. In addition, Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications that affect or prejudice the use of playing field used within the last five years. They will use the PPOSS to help assess the planning application against its Playing Fields Policy.

### *Policy Exception E1:*

‘A carefully quantified and documented assessment of current and future needs has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Sport England that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport’.

Where the PPOSS cannot demonstrate that the site, or part of a site, is clearly surplus to requirements then replacement of the site, or part of a site, will be required to comply with the remaining Sport England policy exceptions.

### *Policy Exception E2*

‘The proposed development is for ancillary facilities supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field and does not affect the quantity and quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use’.

### *Policy Exception E3*

‘The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and does not:

- ◀ Reduce the size of any playing pitch;
- ◀ Result in the inability to use any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins and run-off areas);

- ◀ Reduce the sporting capacity of the playing field to accommodate playing pitches or the capability to rotate or reposition playing pitches to maintain quality;
- ◀ Result in the loss of other sporting provision or ancillary facilities on the site;
- ◀ Prejudice the use of any remaining areas of playing field on the site’.

### *Policy Exception E4:*

‘The playing field or fields to be lost as a result of the proposed development would be replaced, prior to the commencement of development, by a new playing field site or sites:

- ◀ of equivalent or better quality and
- ◀ of equivalent or greater quantity;
- ◀ in a suitable location and;
- ◀ subject to equivalent or better management arrangements.

### *Policy Exception E5*

‘The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor facility for sport, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss, or prejudice of use, of the area of playing field’.

Disused sites should also be protected from development or replaced in accordance with Sport England’s policy exceptions as they currently provide a solution to reducing identified shortfalls. Any disused playing fields are included within this Action Plan together with a recommendation in relation to bringing the site back into use or to mitigate the loss on a replacement site to address the shortfalls identified.

It may be appropriate to consider rationalisation of certain low value playing pitch sites (i.e. one or two pitch sites with no changing provision) to generate investment and focus resources towards creating bigger and better quality venues (hub sites). Such sites could then be re-purposed to meet other recreational needs or, if appropriate and agreed could be developed for other uses. It is vital, however, that there is no net loss of facilities and that replacement provision is in place and available for use prior to existing provision being lost.

**Recommendation (b) – Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.**

# NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

## STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Much like some authorities nationally, there is reliance on the education sector to provide for most of the demand for playing pitch and outdoor sport facilities. However, where this is the case, particularly for the likes of hockey, it is imperative that future opportunities to secure tenure for clubs is explored and progressed where possible. The following schools provide community use to clubs.

*Table 5.1: Known use of education sites*

School	Club	Sport
Barnby Road Academy	Newark NC	Netball
John Blow Primary School	Collingham FC	Football
Joseph Whittaker School	Rainworth JFC Blidworth Bengals FC Annesley FC	Football Football (3G)
Magnus Sports Centre	Newark Brazil FC Rose & Crown FC Newark HC	Football Hockey
Minster School	Nottingham Trent University FC (Men's 5 <sup>th</sup> team) Southwell RFC Southwell Brincliffe HC	Football Rugby union Hockey
Newark Academy	AFC Warriors	Football
Suthers Academy, Fernwood	Newark Brazil FC Newark Town FC	Football

Not having fully formalised usage presents a risk for those clubs using these sites as community use could technically be terminated at any time.

For unsecure sites, NGBs, Sport England and other appropriate bodies such as England Hockey, Active4Today and Nottinghamshire FA can often help to negotiate and engage with providers where the local authority may not have direct influence. This is particularly the case at sites that have received funding from these bodies or are going to receive funding in the future as community access can be a condition of any agreement.

In the context of the [Comprehensive Spending Review](#) which announced significant public spending cuts, it is increasingly important for the Council to work with voluntary sector organisations to enable them to take greater levels of ownership and support the wider development and maintenance of facilities. To facilitate this, where practical, the Council should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds, providing this is to the benefit of sport.

The Council (including parish and town councils) and private landlords (as relevant) should further explore opportunities where security of tenure could be granted via lease agreements (minimum 25 years as recommended by Sport England and NGBs) so that clubs are in a position to apply for external funding. This is particularly the case at poor quality sites, possibly with inadequate or no ancillary facilities, so that quality can be improved and sites developed.

Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Council (where relevant), parish and town councils and NGBs to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership work. For example, club development should be support and clubs should be encouraged to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate income via their facilities.

All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)<sup>16</sup>. They should also be encouraged to work with partners locally, such as volunteer support agencies or local businesses.

Each club interested in leasing a council site (including those from parish and town councils) should be required to meet service and/or strategic recommendations. An additional set of criteria should also be considered, which takes into account club quality, aligned to its long-term development objectives and sustainability, as seen in the table below.

*Table 5.2: Recommended criteria for lease of sport sites to clubs/organisations*

Club	Site
<p>Clubs should have NGB accreditation award.</p> <p>Clubs commit to meeting demonstrable local demand and show pro-active commitment to developing school-club links.</p> <p>Clubs are sustainable, both in a financial sense and via their internal management structures in relation to recruitment and retention policy for both players and volunteers.</p> <p>Ideally, clubs should have already identified (and received an agreement in principle) any match funding required for initial capital investment identified.</p> <p>Clubs have processes in place to ensure capacity to maintain sites to the existing, or better, standards.</p>	<p>Sites should be those identified as 'Local Sites' (recommendation d) for new clubs (i.e. not those with a district-wide significance) but that offer development potential.</p> <p>For established clubs which have proven success in terms of self-management 'Key Centres' are also appropriate.</p> <p>Sites should acquire capital investment to improve or be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site.</p>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

The Council (and likewise, parish and town councils) could establish core outcomes to derive from clubs taking on a lease arrangement to ensure that the most appropriate are assigned sites. Outcomes may, for example, include:

- ◀ Increasing participation.
- ◀ Supporting the development of coaches and volunteers.
- ◀ Commitment to quality standards.
- ◀ Improvements (where required) to facilities, or at minimum retaining existing standards.

In addition, clubs should be made fully aware of the associated responsibilities/liabilities when considering leases of multi-use public playing fields. It is important in these instances that the site, to some degree, remains available for other purposes or for other users.

For clubs with lease arrangements already in place, these should be reviewed when fewer than 25 years remain to improve security of tenure and aid the attraction of funding; clubs with fewer than 25 years remaining on a lease agreement are unlikely to be eligible for external funding.

### **Recommendation (c) - Maximise community use of education facilities where needed**

To maximise community use of education facilities more coherent, structured relationship with schools is recommended. The ability to access good facilities within the local community is vital to any sports organisation, yet many clubs struggle to find good quality places to play and train.

A large number of sporting facilities are located on education sites and making these available to sports clubs can offer significant benefits to both the schools and local clubs, as well helping to reduce identified shortfalls. It is, however, common for school provision not to be fully maximised for community use, even on established community use sites.

Although there are a growing number of academies over which the Council has little or no control, it is still important to understand the significance of such sites and attempt to work with the schools where there are opportunities for community use. In addition, relevant NGBs have a role to play in supporting the Council to deliver upon this recommendation and communicating with schools where necessary to address shortfalls in provision.

Where new schools are provided in major new residential developments, they should be designed to facilitate community access, with opportunities for meeting the community's outdoor sports needs explored at the outset to maximise the potential for facility provision to be made within the developments, if appropriate. An example of this is ensuring the provision of adult and/or youth 11v11 grass football pitches, full size 3G pitches or multi-use provision such as sports lit courts that can accommodate both tennis and netball activity given current shortfalls and their suitability for the playing format of students.



As detailed earlier, NGBs, the Active Partnership and Sport England can often help to negotiate and engage with schools where the local authority may have limited direct influence. This is particularly the case at sites that have received funding from the relevant bodies or are going to receive funding in the future as community access can be a condition of the funding agreement.

### AIM 2

To **enhance** outdoor sports facilities and ancillary facilities through improving

#### Recommendations:

- d. Maintain quality and seek improvements where necessary
- e. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites.

#### **Recommendation (d) – Improve quality**

There are several ways in which it is possible to increase pitch quality and these are explored below.

#### ***Ground Management Association (GMA) Pitch Advisory Service***

With quality of grass pitches becoming one of the biggest influences on participation, the Pitch Advisory Service (PAS, formerly the Grounds and Natural Turf Improvement Programme) was launched in 2014 and is funded by the GMA and its partners; the Football Foundation, Sport England, FA, ECB, RFU and RFL.

Its aim is to raise the standards of sports surfaces as well as the understanding of sports turf management practices among grassroots clubs across England and Wales. The PAS provides an enhanced network of support and expertise available to those maintaining natural turf pitches, particularly at a local level.

The service can be utilised by grassroots clubs, organisations and local authorities with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches. The key principles behind the service are to provide members of the programme with advice/practical solutions via a report which will also identify the key enhanced maintenance works required along with machinery requirements.

Pitch providers are encouraged to complete a self-assessment of pitches using the Football Foundation PitchPower app. In August 2022, PitchPower was re-launched, with enhanced capability to support use beyond football pitches and is now accessible for the assessment of natural turf pitches for cricket, rugby league and rugby union.

In relation to cricket specifically, maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of the sport. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and, in some instances, become dangerous. The ECB recommends full technical assessments of wickets and pitches available through a Performance Quality Standard (PQS) assessment. The Performance Quality Standard Assessment assesses a cricket square to ascertain whether it meets the standards that are benchmarked by the Ground Management Association.

### *Football Foundation PitchPower Assessment*

The Premier League, The FA and the Football Foundation are increasing efforts to improve the quality of grass pitches in England with the launch of the PitchPower app. Launched in 2020 alongside the Football Foundation Pitch Preparation Fund, The app is a new digital self-assessment tool to allow reports and recommendations to be made more quickly and easily once submitted for review by GMA regional pitch advisors.

The tool across mobile app and desktop is open to access by all providers, for example clubs, schools and local authorities. Following a PitchPower Assessment Report, organisations can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches.

In addition to non-technical assessments, clubs and education sites across Newark and Sherwood continue to undertake PitchPower assessments as a means of improving the quality of provision. Consequently, it should be recommended through the PPS process for the local authority to support delivering any improvement to new sites that undertake PitchPower assessments.

### *Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF)*

Eligible clubs and organisations can also utilise the report as an evidence base to acquire potential funding streams, for example, to obtain the required maintenance equipment. If a PitchPower assessment categorises pitches as 'poor' or 'basic' they are then eligible to apply for funding through

the Football Foundation through the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund<sup>17</sup>, a fund offering six-year tapered grants to help clubs enhance or sustain the quality of their grass pitches. The fund is a key part of the Football Foundation's Grass Pitch Improvement Programme - an ambition to deliver 20,000 good quality grass pitches by 2030. Clubs with good or standard quality pitches can also apply for a lower level of funding to improve and sustain quality.

All applicants must have the required security of tenure and have received a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report, with the fund currently open to football clubs, leagues, and charities. Local authorities are not currently eligible applicants, however, clubs, leagues and charitable organisations using local authority sites can apply provided they have security of tenure.

The Council is not presently eligible to access the GPMF as an applicant, however, can undertake technical assessment of pitches using the PitchPower app. Opportunities to access the fund to support presently Council managed sites include establishment of a service level agreement with a resident club for maintenance responsibilities, or transfer of long-term management to the club/organisation through leasehold or CAT, both enabling the club/organisation to apply to the fund.

Furthermore, the Football Foundation also launched a new Groundskeeping Community online platform in 2019 which provides a resource of expert advice for grounds staff, enabling them to connect with peers, discover new tips and tricks and share advice on best industry practice. Users can seek guidance from the GMA regional pitch advisors, who are available to answer questions and update members on changes to industry standards.

### ***Addressing overplay***

In order to improve the overall quality of the outdoor facility stock; it is necessary to ensure that provision is not overplayed beyond recommended carrying capacity. This is determined by assessing quality (via a non-technical site assessment) and allocating a match limit to each (daily for hockey, weekly for football and rugby union and seasonal for cricket).

The FA, RFU, RFL, ECB and EH all recommend a number of matches that pitches should take based on quality, as seen in the table below. For other grass pitch sports, no guidelines are set by the NGBs although it can be assumed that a similar trend should be followed.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/grass-pitch-maintenance-fund>

Table 5.3: Capacity of pitches

Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches (Good quality)	No. of matches (Standard quality)	No. of matches (Poor quality)
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Football	Youth pitches	4 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Football	Mini pitches	6 per week	4 per week	2 per week
Rugby union	Natural Inadequate (D0)	2 per week	1.5 per week	0.5 per week
Rugby union	Natural Adequate (D1)	3 per week	2 per week	1.5 per week
Rugby union	Pipe Drained (D2)	3.25 per week	2.5 per week	1.75 per week
Rugby union	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	3.5 per week	3 per week	2 per week
Cricket	1 grass wicket	5 per season	4 per season	0 per season
	1 synthetic wicket	60 per season		
Hockey	Full size AGP	4 per day	4 per day	4 per day

It is imperative to engage with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity. Where overplay is identified, play should be encouraged, to transfer to alternative venues that are not operating at capacity. Alternatively quality, should be improved to increase capacity to appropriate levels. Where play is transferred, this may include transferring play to 3G pitches or to sites not currently available for community use but which may be in the future.

For cricket, an increase in the usage of NTPs (or hybrid wickets when suitable) is key to alleviating overplay as this allows for the transfer of junior demand from grass wickets. It also does not require any additional playing pitch space as NTPs can be installed adjacent to existing squares.

For rugby union, overplay can be reduced but not resolved through improvements to pitch maintenance or via capital drainage solutions. All four rugby clubs have a need for options outside of enhancing existing provision.

As mentioned earlier, there are also sites that are poor quality that are not overplayed. These should not be overlooked as often poor-quality sites have less demand than others but demand could increase if the quality were improved. It does, however, work both ways as potential improvements may make sites more attractive and therefore more popular, which in the long run can lead again to them becoming poor quality pitches if not properly maintained.

### *Improving changing provision*

There is a need to address changing provision at some sites in Newark & Sherwood, these are generally centred at either club or parish/town council managed sites.

Sites which predominantly accommodate adult and/or older junior age group sports should be prioritised for improvements, whilst there is a trend for younger junior age groups (particularly for football) not to require use of changing provision, with suitable male and female toilet provision for players and spectators considered to be of greater importance.

The following sites are identified locally as ones where improvements are needed:

- ◀ The Acres Playing Fields
- ◀ Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre
- ◀ Boughton Sports Field
- ◀ Clipstone Miners Welfare (Church Road Site)
- ◀ Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club
- ◀ Devon Park
- ◀ Edingley Cricket Club
- ◀ Farnsfield Cricket Club
- ◀ Laxton Recreation Ground
- ◀ Minster School
- ◀ Sherwood Fields (Robin Hood Colts FC)
- ◀ Southwell Memorial Ground

In addition to the above, Newark & Sherwood District Council and NCCC are looking to enhance the ancillary provision provided at Newark Ransome and Marles CC. This should be supported as by relevant partners to ensure the Club can continue to operate with the continued success currently shown and better support the large demand at the site.

Further to the above, there are two sites which have no supporting ancillary provision but are accessed for community sport as follows:

- ◀ Darwin Park (one team)
- ◀ Kirton Brickworks Football Club (one team)

It is worthy of note that providing dedicated facilities for one team clubs, unless competing at a high competitive level is not typically a worthwhile investment.

### **Recommendation (e) – Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites**

To allow for facility developments to be programmed on a phased basis the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of outdoor sport sites and associated facilities. Please refer to Part 6: Action Plan for the proposed hierarchy.

### **Recommendation (f) – Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding**

Partners should ensure that appropriate funding secured for improved sports provision is directed to areas of need, underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in outdoor sport provision and accompanying ancillary facilities.

To address community need a coordinated approach to strategic investment is required. In delivering this recommendation, the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners through the PPOSS Steering Group.

Although some investment in new provision will not be made by the Council directly, it is important that the Steering Group directs and leads a co-ordinated approach to facility development whether made at/by education sites, NGBs, sports clubs and the commercial sector. This is to ensure that the extent to which it addresses community need is optimised and duplication is avoided.

One of sport's key contributions is its positive impact on public health. It is therefore important to lever in investment from other sectors such as, for example, health and wellbeing. Sport and physical activity can have a profound effect on peoples' lives, and plays a crucial role in improving community cohesion, educational attainment and self-confidence.

### **Recommendation (g) –Secure developer contributions**

It is important that this strategy informs policies and supplementary planning documents by setting out the approach to securing sport and recreational facilities through new housing development contributions.

For playing pitches, it is recommended the Council continue to use Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator as a tool for helping to determine the additional demand for pitches and to estimate the likely developer contribution required linking to sites within the locality. This should form part of the Council working with Sport England to develop a process and guidance for obtaining developer contributions.

The calculator uses the current number of teams by sports pitch type contained within the Assessment Report and calculates the percentage within each age group that play that sport. That percentage is then applied to the population growth. The additional teams likely to be generated are then converted into match equivalent sessions and associated pitch requirements in the peak period, with the associated costs (both for providing the pitch/facility and for its life cycle) then given. The calculator splits the requirement into peak time demand for natural turf pitches, training demand for artificial grass pitches, and the number of new changing rooms required.

The PPOSS should be used to help determine the likely impact of a new development on demand and the capacity of existing sites in the area, and whether there is a need for improvements to increase capacity of existing provision or if new provision is required.

Where a development is located within access of existing high-quality provision, this does not necessarily mean that there is no need for further provision or improvement to existing provision, as additional demand arising from the development is likely to result in increased usage (which can result in overplay or quality deterioration).

Where it is determined that new provision is required to accompany a development, priority should be placed on providing facilities that contribute towards alleviating existing shortfalls within the locality. To determine what supply of provision is provided, it is imperative that the PPS findings are taken into consideration and that for particularly large developments consultation takes place with the relevant NGBs and Sport England.

This is due to the importance of ensuring that the stock of facilities provided is correct to avoid provision becoming unsustainable and unused. The preference is for multi-pitch and potentially multi-sport sites to be developed, supported by a clubhouse and adequate parking facilities which consider the potential for future AGP development. This is because single-pitch facilities are more likely to become under-used (or unused), unviable and unsustainable.

It is recognised that consultation cannot take place with NGBs for every development due to resource restrictions.

Instead, it is recommended that such discussions take place within PPOSS Steering Group meetings, which should take place regularly following adoption of the study as part of the ongoing monitoring and evaluation process. It is recommended that these take place every 6-12 months and inform the annual review/update (see Part 8 for further information).

The guidance should form the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions to include provision and/or enhancement of appropriate provision and subsequent maintenance. S106

contributions could also be used to improve the condition and of the pitches in order to increase pitch capacity to accommodate more matches.

Sport England recommends that a number of objectives should be implemented to enable the above to be delivered:

- ◀ Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to specific planning obligations. Where developer contributions are applicable, a S106 agreement or equivalent must be completed that should specify, when applied, the amount that will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service from the date of the permission and timing of the contribution/s to be made.
- ◀ Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches (lifecycle costs), the cost of which is indicated by the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator. NGBs and Sport England can provide further and up-to-date information on the associated costs.
- ◀ External funding should be sought/secured to achieve maximum benefit from the investment into appropriate facility enhancement, alongside other open space provision, and its subsequent maintenance.
- ◀ Where new provision is provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located on site.
- ◀ All new or improved outdoor sports facilities on school sites should be subject to community use agreements.

### AIM 3

To **provide** new outdoor sport facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.

### Recommendations:

- h. Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current stock.

### Recommendation (h) - Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current stock

The Council and its partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls as outlined in the preceding Assessment Report and the sport-by-sport specific recommendations (Part 4) as well as the following Action Plan (Part 6).



It is important that the current levels of provision are protected, maintained and enhanced to secure provision both for now and in the future. Maximising use of existing provision through a combination of the following will help to reduce shortfalls and accommodate future demand:

- ◀ Improving quality in order to improve the capacity to accommodate more demand.
- ◀ Transferring demand from overplayed sites to sites with spare capacity.
- ◀ The re-designation of facilities e.g. converting an unused pitch (or pitch type) for one sport to instead cater for another sport (or another pitch type).
- ◀ Securing community use at school sites including those currently unavailable.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage.

Unmet demand, changes in sport participation and trends, and proposed housing growth should be recognised and factored into future facility planning. Assuming an increase in participation and housing growth occurs, it will impact on the future need for certain types of sports facilities. Sports development work also approximates unmet demand which cannot currently be quantified (i.e. it is not being suppressed by a lack of facilities) but is likely to occur. The following table highlights the main development trends in each sport and their likely impact on facilities. However, it is important to note that these may be subject to change.

Furthermore, retaining some spare capacity allows some pitches to be rested to protect overall pitch quality in the long-term. Therefore, whilst in some instances it may be appropriate to redesignate a senior pitch where there is low demand identified a holistic approach should be taken to re-designation for the reasons cited. The site-by-site action planning will seek to provide further clarification on where re-designation is suitable.

The PPOSS identifies priority sites that should be focused upon, including those that are presently overplayed and/or poor quality, or unused sites that are particularly large. It also advises how issues can be overcome.

### **Recommendation (i) - Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand**

The Steering Group should use and regularly update the Action Plan within this Strategy. The Action Plan lists recommendations for each site, focused upon both qualitative and quantitative improvements, which if delivered will lessen the need for new provision.

Linked to the above and as evidenced in Part 4, although there are identified shortfalls of match equivalent sessions, most current and future demand is currently being met and most shortfalls for football, cricket, hockey, tennis, netball and lawn bowls can be addressed via quality improvements and/or improved access to sites that are presently used minimally or that are currently unavailable.

Adding to the current stock, particularly in the short term, is therefore not recommended as a priority, except for 3G pitches and the shortfall for which cannot be reduced without new stock.

However, for rugby union Table 4.22 shows that given the amount of demand at the two overplayed club sites, if maximum level quality improvements were to take place, shortfalls at both sites would still be present. In this instance, other methods of addressing overplay should be explored such as the installation of additional provision, increased sports lighting or using dedicated sports lit training areas and potentially installing a WR 3G pitch to better support training demand.

Notwithstanding the above, large scale housing developments and the establishment of new schools may also necessitate the need for new provision. Where new schools are developed, there is an opportunity to combine the building of the school to the development of a new multi-sport site that will be of a benefit to the school as well as the wider community.

For housing developments, as outlined in Recommendation (g), Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator can be used as a guide to inform requirements. See Part 7 for further information.

### PART 6: ACTION PLAN

The site-by-site action plan seeks to address key issues identified in the preceding Assessment Report. It provides recommendations based on current levels of usage, quality and future demand, as well as the potential of each site for enhancement. It is organised by Analysis Area and includes information pertaining to the sub sections below.

#### *Site hierarchy*

The Council should make it a high priority to work with NGBs and other partners to comprise a priority list of actions based on local priorities, NGB priorities and available funding. As stated in Recommendation (e), to allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach, the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities.

The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance in a regional context i.e., they accommodate the majority of demand, or the recommended action has the greatest impact on addressing shortfalls identified either on a sport-by-sport basis or across the Council area as a whole.

*Table 6.1: Proposed tiered site criteria*

Criteria	Hub sites	Key centres	Local sites
Site location	Strategically located in the District. Priority sites for NGBs.	Strategically located within the analysis area.	Serves the local community.
Site layout	Accommodates three or more grass pitches, generally including provision of an AGP (or with the potential).	Accommodates two or more grass pitches.	Accommodates one or two pitches.
Type of sport	Multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.	Generally single sport provision but may cater for two.
Management	Management control allows for wide community use, i.e., through the local authority, a leisure operator or a school with a community use agreement.	Management control generally allows for wide community use but may include sites that are owned or leased by clubs/other organisations.	Management control can be via the local authority, schools, clubs and other providers such as town or parish councils

Criteria	Hub sites	Key centres	Local sites
Maintenance regime	Maintenance regime aligns or could align with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns or could align with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime or an in-house maintenance contract.
Ancillary facilities	Good quality ancillary facilities on site (or potential), with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches; may include wider social/function facilities.	Good quality ancillary facility on site (or potential), with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Limited or no changing room access on site.

**Hub sites** are of district wide importance where users are willing to travel to access the range and high quality of facilities offered and are likely to be multi-sport.

These have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

**Key centres** are more community focused, although some are still likely to service a wider analysis area (or slightly wider); however, there may be more of a focus on a specific sport i.e., a dedicated site.

It is considered that some financial investment may be necessary to improve the facilities at both hub sites and key sites. This could be to improve the provision, create additional provision (e.g., a 3G pitch) or to enhance the ancillary facilities in terms of access, flexibility (i.e., single-sex changing if necessary) and quality as well as ensuring that they meet the rules and regulations of local competitions.

**Local sites** refer to those sites offering minimal provision or that are of minimal value to the wider community. Primarily they are sites with one pitch/facility or a low number of pitches/facilities that service just one or two sports (e.g., bowling green sites).

For local sites, consideration should be given, on a site-by-site basis, to the feasibility of a club taking on a long-term lease (if not already present), in order that external funding can be sought. Such sites will require some level of investment, either to the outdoor sport facilities or ancillary facilities and it is anticipated that one of the conditions of offering a hire/lease is that the Club would be in a position to source external funding to improve/extend the provision.

Other sites considered in this tier may be primary school sites or secondary school sites that are not widely used by the community or that do not offer community availability.

### **Partners**

The column indicating partners in the Action Plans below refers to the main organisations that the Council (or the relevant provider) would look to work with to support delivery of the actions.

Given the extent of potential actions, it is reasonable to assume that partners will not necessarily be able to support all the actions identified but where the action is a priority and resource is available the partner will endeavour to assist.

As all sites sit within the local authority area, the Council is considered to be a partner for each identified action (as the column indicates partners for the Council) and is therefore not included. However, it is acknowledged that it will take on more of a leading role for some specific sites and some specific actions (e.g., at council venues).

### **Priority**

Although hub sites are mostly likely to have a **high** level actions, as they have wide importance, high priority sites have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the key issues identified in the assessment. Therefore, some key centres and local sites are also identified as having a high priority level. It is these projects/sites which should generally, if possible, be addressed within the short term (1-2 years).

The majority of key centres have **medium** priority actions. These have analysis area importance and are identified on the basis of the impact that they will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment, although not to the same extent as high priority actions.

The **low** priority actions tend to be for single pitch or single sport sites and often club or education sites with local specific importance but that may also contribute to addressing the issues identified in the assessment for specific users. Whilst low priority, there may be opportunities to action some of the recommendations made against such sites relatively quickly e.g., through S106 funding.

### **Costs**

The strategic actions have also been ranked as low, medium, or high based on cost. The brackets are:

- ◀ (L) -Low - less than £50k
- ◀ (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k
- ◀ (H) -High £250k and above

These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs which can be found at:

[Facility cost guidance | Sport England](#)

### ***Timescales***

The Action Plan has been created to be delivered over a ten-year period and the information within the Assessment Report, Strategy and Action Plan will require updating as developments occur. The indicative timescales relate to delivery times and are not priority based:

- ◀ (S) -Short (1-2 years)
- ◀ (M) - Medium (3-5 years)
- ◀ (L) - Long (6+ years)

### ***Aim***

Each action seeks to meet at least one of the three Sport England aims of the Strategy; **Enhance, Provide, Protect.**

NEWARK & SHERWOOD HIGH PRIORITY SPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
10	Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre	Football	Sports Club	<p>One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch. Adult pitch is good quality and the youth 11v11 pitch is standard.</p> <p>The Club states its maintenance equipment needs replacing.</p> <p>It is extending the clubhouse however it needs further financial support to complete the project.</p> <p>The Club failed its Step 6 ground grading requirements and needs to make changes to meet the stipulations.</p> <p>It would also like to install a small sided 3G pitch on a plot of un-used grass, however, it does not have the funding for this.</p>	<p>Work with the Club to make the necessary changes to its site as to reach Grade 6 FA National League System Ground Grading criteria.</p> <p>Support the Club with its project to extend its clubhouse.</p> <p>Look to provide the Club replacement maintenance equipment.</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of installing a small sided 3G pitch to the site as to aid training demand for the Club.</p>	Sports Club NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance Provide
15	Caunton Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	<p>Seven standard quality sports lit accessible courts.</p> <p>Site resembles the largest tennis club in the District and is operating 21 members within LTA recommended guidelines.</p> <p>The Club has ambitions to install two sports lit courts and a junior court to its site.</p> <p>It does not have any future demand ambitions until it has installed additional provision as it does not want to worsen its current capacity balance.</p> <p>It is also looking to replace the roof of its second clubhouse which currently has its electrics turned off due to leaks.</p>	<p>Support the Club with its goal of installing additional courts to the site and replace the roof to its second clubhouse.</p>	Sports Club LTA	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
59	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Football	Council	<p>Site formerly provided seven football pitches of varying scales. There are plans to re-instate the provision in the near future which shall result in a net loss of provision for the site.</p>	<p>Re-instate the provision to provide three full size football pitches and two mini football pitches as agreed with Sport England and subject to planning approval being secured. The pitches to be provided to the required FA/Sport England requirements.</p>	Council NFA, FF	Local	H	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
68	Minster School	Football	School	<p>One adult and one 9v9 pitch both of which are of a standard quality and open to community use.</p> <p>Site is identified in the LFFP for a 3G pitch as to aid training demand form Southwell RFC and Southwell City FC. Newark &amp; Sherwood District Council is exploring the possibility of installing a WR22 pitch on site.</p>	<p>Sustain pitch quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.</p> <p>Look to install a WR22 3G pitch to one of the football pitches on site to support midweek training to Southwell RFC and Southwell City FC.</p>	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
68	Minster School	Rugby Union	School	<p>One standard quality senior pitch accessed by Southwell RFC. The Club would like to install sports lights to the site, to enable it to be used for midweek training and reduce overplay on the clubs two pitches.</p>	<p>Install sports lights to the senior pitch and grant midweek access to the pitch for Southwell RFC as a means of reducing overplay at the site. This is preferential to RFU's instead of developing a WR22 3G pitch at the site.</p>	School NSDC RFU NFA, FF SE	Key Centre	H	M	M	Protect Provide
68	Minster School	AGP	School	<p>One poor-quality full-sized sports lit pitch accessed by Southwell Brincliffe HC. Pitch has the same surface since being installed in 2008 and is in need of replacing.</p> <p>The School staff states it has a sinking fund to replace the pitch when needed.</p> <p>The changing facilities have been closed to community use as they are being re-furbished during 2023.</p> <p>Newark and Sherwood District Council confirm the site has received a condition survey from Notts Sports Ltd, which resembles as a step towards enhancing the pitch.</p>	<p>Look to maximise usage of the site as to best support hockey and football demand and increase revenue.</p> <p>Provide a replacement surface to the AGP in the near future as to prevent the loss of the pitch for Southwell Brincliffe HC.</p> <p>Ensure a sinking fund is in place for future carpet replacements when required.</p> <p>Refurbish the changing rooms on site and re-open the access for Southwell Brincliffe HC to use.</p>	School NSDC EH SE NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
71	Newark Academy	Football	School	<p>One youth 11v11, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality.</p> <p>Site is accessed by AFC Warriors and is overplayed by 1 MES.</p> <p>Site is identified in the LFFP for a 3G pitch and grass pitch improvements.</p>	<p>Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to reduce overplay.</p> <p>Explore the means of developing a full sized 3G pitch at the site as a means of reducing the undersupply in the Analysis Area.</p>	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide



Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
73	Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields)	Football	Council	Site was the former home to Newark & Sherwood Utd FC and provided several grass football pitches. The owner of the site has indicated a desire to re-develop the land, subject to planning approval.  Newark & Sherwood Utd FC now has a two-year lease agreement with Collingham FC to access the site.  It is continuing to look for its own site to develop and manage long term.	Ensure that if the site is considered for redevelopment, that any proposal is assessed using the criteria within paragraph 99 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Sport England's playing field policy to ensure any necessary mitigation for loss.	Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	M	H	Provide
73	Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields)	Cricket	Council	One disused grass wicket square that has lost during the development of a step compliant adult pitch at the site, prior to the entire site falling out of use.	Ensure that if the site is considered for redevelopment, that any proposal is assessed using the criteria within paragraph 103 of the National Planning Policy Framework Spatial Policy 8 of the Amended Core Strategy and Sport England's playing field policy to ensure any necessary mitigation for loss.	Council NCCC	Key Centre	H	M	H	Provide
73	Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields)	Lawn Bowls	Council	Two disused bowling greens that are overgrown. Site has a large clubhouse that is also disused (separate to football clubhouse). Flowserve BC has since moved to Beaumont Gardens.	Ensure that if the site is considered for redevelopment, that any proposal is assessed using the criteria within paragraph 103 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Spatial Policy 8 of the Amended Core Strategy and Sport England's playing field policy to ensure any necessary mitigation for loss.	Council BE	Key Centre	H	M	H	Provide
74	Newark Ransome and Marles	Cricket	Sports Club	Two standard quality squares with a standard quality clubhouse. Site is accessed by Newark Ransome and Marles Cricket Club. The second square was provided to the Club following the square at what is now YMCA (Newark) being lots at the development of the site.  The changing block was built in 2021 and the electrics, utilities, flooring, showers and furniture are all yet to be completed as the funding initially agreed as part of the development is no longer available.  It has an old scoreboard that is currently out of use and needs repairing.	Work with the Club to complete all work finishing the changing room block built in 2021 following the clubs relocation from what is now YMCA Newark.  Repair the clubs old scoreboard.  Support the Club in its efforts to install a two-lane fixed practice net.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
				The Club is wanting to install a two-lane fixed practice net, however, it requires further funding.							
115	YMCA Newark & Sherwood Sports Community and Activity Village	Netball	Community Organisation	Two good quality, non-sports lit macadam courts that are open to community use. The site staff team have recently installed sports lighting to its new pump track which it hoped would backlight the courts, however, the courts are not well lit.  The staff state it is wanting to deliver more netball sessions as to increase the usage of the courts.	Look to install sports lights to the courts and increasingly utilise the provision.	Community Organisation  EN	Hub Centre	H	M	M	Protect  Provide
119	Clipstone FC (Lido Ground) <sup>18</sup>	Football	Sports Club	Two adult pitches and one mini 5v5 pitch and a standard clubhouse. Site is accessed by Clipstone Welfare FC who play at Step 6.  The Club plans to relocate to a brand-new site within Clipstone. The Club has freehold ownership of its current site and is considering selling to Welbeck Estates for a housing development. Initial plans include installing a Grade 6 FA National League Ground Grading compliant stadia pitch, along with additional grass pitches, a cricket square, a small sided 3G pitch a new clubhouse and parking.	Work with the necessary stakeholders to support the Club in its relocation to a new site within Clipstone.  Ensure the funds provided by Welbeck Estates are in line with the funds required to repurpose a Grade 6 FA National League System Ground Grading criteria, a clubhouse and cricket square. Ensure the site allows for expansion to meet future ground grading requirements should the Club progress through the National League System.	Sports Club  NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	M	H	Protect  Enhance  Provide
120	Beaumont Gardens	Lawn bowls	Council	One good quality bowling green accessed by Flowserve Bowls Club following the club's relocation from its former site. Site has a standard quality ancillary provision, however, Flowserve BC considers the changing rooms and clubhouse facilities are poor.  The Club is operating within Bowls England guidelines.  The clubs current lease agreement with NSDC is scheduled to expire in 2026.	Work with the Club to improve the interior of the ancillary provision.  Look to extend the clubs current lease agreement for its access to the site to ensure its long-term sustainability.	Council  BE	Local	H	M	M	Protect  Enhance  Provide
-	Newark & Sherwood FC (No site)	Football	-	Newark & Sherwood FC is a Step 5 Club that was formerly based at the now disused site Newark Flowserve Sports and Social Club. The Club has since ground shared with	Given the tenuous position for the Club, a suitable site should be identified and developed as soon as possible.	NSDC  NFA, FF	Local	H	M	H	Provide

<sup>18</sup> Site lies within Mansfield District Council. The Club has previously been based in Newark and Sherwood and its ancillary provision and player base is within Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
				<p>Basford United FC and Collingham FC as to reach ground grading.</p> <p>The Club would like to develop its own site and to progress through the national league system and has identified a potential site on land south of Newark.</p>	<p>A Task and Finish Group with relevant partners should be set up to progress a resolution to this issue.</p>	SE					

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### MANSFIELD FRINGE ANALYSIS AREA

#### *Summary pitch sports (Mansfield Fringe Area)*

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2033) <sup>19</sup>
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Adult	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Youth 11v11	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Youth 9v9	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Mansfield Fringe	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Adult	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 4</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 11v11	<b>Shortfall of 4.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 6.5</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 9v9	<b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 4.5	Spare capacity of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 1	At capacity
Football (3G)	Mansfield Fringe	Full size, floodlit	At capacity	At capacity
Football (3G)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	<b>Shortfall of 4.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 4.75</b>
Cricket	Mansfield Fringe	Saturday	At capacity	At capacity
Cricket	Mansfield Fringe	Sunday	Spare capacity of 12	Spare capacity of 12

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

<sup>19</sup> Future demand (2033) is determined via ONS forecasts and club aspirations identified in PPS Assessment Report (2023).

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Cricket	Mansfield Fringe	Midweek	Spare capacity of 24	Spare capacity of 24
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Saturday	<b>Shortfall of 16</b>	<b>Shortfall of 52</b>
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Sunday	Spare capacity of 68	Spare capacity of 68
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Midweek	Spare capacity of 146	Spare capacity of 134
Rugby union	Mansfield Fringe	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby union	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 7</b>
Rugby League	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	No demand so no provision required	No demand so no provision required
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School

### Summary non-pitch sports

Sport	Current picture	Future picture
<b>Tennis</b>	There are no clubs or community accessible courts in the Mansfield Fringe Analysis Area. All courts are provided at Joseph Whittaker School and are of a poor quality, non-sports lit and not open to community use.	The Joseph Whittaker School staff are considering relocating the courts to the bottom of the site to create more parking space.
<b>Netball</b>	There are no clubs or community accessible courts in the Mansfield Fringe Analysis Area. All demand is exported to Nottingham and Lincoln.	The assessment suggests that there is a future need for improvements to the recreational supply and recreational access (aligned to England Netball participation schemes).
<b>Lawn Bowls</b>	Blidworth Bowls Club and Clipstone Bowls Club are operating within Bowls England capacity guidelines. Blidworth Bowls Club has a poor quality basic ancillary provision. Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club has a disused green that fell out of use in 2020.	Retain the disused green at Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club as a strategic reserve should Dukeries BC reform.
<b>Athletics</b>	No provision exists in the Analysis Area. All demand is exported outside of the Analysis Area to Newark, specifically YMCA (Newark), which provides a sports lit 400m track.	Consideration should be made for the installation of play, mini, compact or active tracks as to provide the Analysis Area with another form of athletics provision.

### *Overarching recommendations*

Sport	Priority recommendations
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality especially at key, poor quality and/or overplayed sites such as Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club, Joesph Whittaker School and Clipstone Miners Welfare (Church Road Site).</li> <li>◀ Consider asset transfer of sites to clubs if appropriate.</li> <li>◀ Enable use of currently unavailable sites.</li> <li>◀ Look to improve the ancillary provision at relevant sites such as Clipstone Miners Welfare (Church Road Site).</li> <li>◀ Support Clipstone FC with the clubs plans to relocate to a new site within Clipstone<sup>20</sup>.</li> </ul>
3G pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Ensure the existing pitch at Joseph Whittaker School has a sinking fund in place.</li> <li>◀ Ensure the existing pitch at Joseph Whittaker School remains on the FA register to host competitive matches.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches have a sinking fund in place.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches look to be placed on the FA register to host competitive matches.</li> <li>◀ Consider installing additional provision to reduce the total shortfall across Newark &amp; Sherwood, with Blidworth Miners Welfare Sports Centre as a potential site.</li> <li>◀ If Clipstone FC is to relocate from its current site, consider installing 3G provision at its new site to support training demand.</li> </ul>
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve existing provision at Clipstone FC (Lido Ground) to enhance square quality.</li> <li>◀ Improve the ancillary provision of sites where necessary, such as replacing the sight screens at Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre.</li> <li>◀ Support Clipstone CC with the clubs plans to relocate to a new site within Clipstone.</li> </ul>
Rugby union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality of existing provision.</li> </ul>
Rugby league	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality of existing provision.</li> <li>◀ Should Lincolnshire Lions RFL or Bassetlaws Bulldogs RLFC need to access provision within Newark &amp; Sherwood, look to grant access to the pitch at Joseph Whittaker School.</li> </ul>
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No action required.</li> </ul>
Lawn Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality of existing provision.</li> <li>◀ Ensure clubs with capacity issues manage access to its green effectively, with key sites such as Blidworth Bowls Club.</li> <li>◀ Look to enhance ancillary provisions where needed, such as the clubhouse at Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre.</li> </ul>
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to open the provision and install sports lights to the courts at Joseph Whittaker School, as to provide some community accessible courts in the Mansfield Fringe Analysis Area.</li> </ul>

<sup>20</sup> Site lies within Mansfield District Council. The Club has previously been based in Newark and Sherwood and its ancillary provision and player base is within Newark and Sherwood District Council.

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Sport	Priority recommendations
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◀ Protect provision.</li><li>◀ Look to open the provision and install sports lights to the courts at Joseph Whittaker School, as to provide some community accessible courts in the Mansfield Fringe Analysis Area.</li></ul>
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◀ Consider the installation of play, mini, compact and active tracks as to provide the Analysis Area with athletics provision.</li></ul>

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>21</sup>	Cost <sup>22</sup>	Aim
10	Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre	Football	Sports Club	<p>One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch. Adult pitch is good quality and the youth 11v11 pitch is standard.</p> <p>The Club states its maintenance equipment needs replacing.</p> <p>It is extending the clubhouse however it needs further financial support to complete the project.</p> <p>The Club failed its Step 6 ground grading requirements and needs to make changes to meet the stipulations.</p> <p>It would also like to install a small sided 3G pitch on a plot of un-used grass however it does not have the funding for this.</p>	<p>Work with the Club to make the necessary changes to its site as to reach Grade 6 FA National League System Ground Grading criteria.</p> <p>Support the Club with its project to extend its clubhouse.</p> <p>Look to provide the Club replacement maintenance equipment.</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of installing a small sided 3G pitch to the site as to aid training demand for the Club.</p>	Sports Club NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance Provide
10	Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre	Cricket	Sports Club	<p>One good quality square, outfield and clubhouse. The Club is looking to upgrade its sight screens in 2024.</p> <p>Site has actual spare capacity for additional midweek demand.</p>	<p>Utilise actual spare capacity.</p> <p>Support the Club in upgrading its sight screens.</p>	Sports Club NCCC	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect Provide
10	Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre	Lawn bowls	Sports Club	<p>One standard quality green accessed by Blidworth Bowls Club who are operating within Bowls England capacity guidelines.</p> <p>The site has a poor-quality ancillary provision with a basic small wooden clubhouse. The roof is in need of repair but the Club cannot afford it.</p>	Support the Club in upgrading the roof to its clubhouse.	Sports Club BE	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
11	Blidworth Oaks Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
20	Clipstone Miners Welfare (Church Road Site)	Football	Sports Club	One youth 9v9 and one 7v7 pitch both of which are of a poor quality and accessed by Clipstone Welfare FC.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BFA, FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
21	Clipstone Miners Welfare Bowls Club	Lawn bowls	Sports Club	One good quality green with a good ancillary provision that is accessed by Clipstone Bowls Club, who are operating within Bowls England capacity guidelines.	Sustain green quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.	Sports Club BE	Local	L	L	L	Protect

<sup>21</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>22</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above



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52	Joseph Whittaker School	Football	School	Two adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch all of which are of a poor quality and open to community use.  The school letting department has considered doing a PitchPower report as a means to improve quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Undertake a PitchPower report assessment of the site to then consider Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding to improve the provision.	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
52	Joseph Whittaker School	3G	School	One good quality, full sized sports lit 3G pitch that is open to community use. Pitch is FA accredited and is due for re-testing in June 2024.	Undertake necessary quality checks to increase the likelihood provision shall retain its FA accreditation.  Look to maximise usage of the site as to best support football demand and increase revenue.  Ensure a sinking fund is in place for carpet replacements when required.	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect Enhance
52	Joseph Whittaker School	Rugby union	School	One poor quality junior pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School RFU	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
52	Joseph Whittaker School	Cricket	School	One standalone NTP with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NCCC	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
52	Joseph Whittaker School	Tennis	School	Six poor quality non-sports lit non-community accessible courts.  Site provides the only tennis courts in the Analysis Area.  The school staff are considering relocating the courts onto the grass field, to free up more space for parking.	Protect for curricular use.  Look to open provision to community use and install sports lights, as to provide accessible courts to people in the Mansfield Fringe Analysis Area.  If courts are to be re-located they should be re-surfaced and opened to community use.	School LTA	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect Provide
52	Joseph Whittaker School	Netball	School	Five poor quality non-sports lit non community accessible courts.	Given the quantity of courts provided consider to open provision to community use and install sports lights.	School EN	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Provide
52	Joseph Whittaker School	Rugby league	School	One poor quality rugby league pitch that services curricular use. Pitch resembles the only rugby league provision in Newark & Sherwood.	Protect for curricular use.  If approached by a new Rugby League Club in Newark & Sherwood, look to grant access to the provision as to utilise the only Rugby League pitch in the District.	School RFL	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect

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84	Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club	Football	Sports Club	Two adult and one mini 5v5 pitch. One adult pitch is standard quality, other pitches are poor quality.  Site is Step 4 compliant meaning Rainworth WM FC is okay for reaching Step 6 ground grading.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club  NFA, FF	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
84	Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club	Lawn bowls	Sports Club	One disused green that formerly hosted Dukeries BC. Site fell out of use in 2020 and is in okay condition.	As the provision has only recently fallen out of use and is located next to a social Club, retain as strategic reserve should a green need to be re-instated in the future.	Sports Club  BE	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect
86	Samuel Barlow Primary Academy	Netball	School	One standard quality, non-sports lit non community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School  EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
102	The Python Hill Academy	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School  NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
102	The Python Hill Academy	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School  EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
119	Clipstone FC (Lido Ground) <sup>23</sup>	Football	Sports Club	Two adult pitches and one mini 5v5 pitch and a standard clubhouse. Site is accessed by Clipstone Welfare FC who play at Step 6.  The Club plans to relocate to a brand-new site within Clipstone. The Club has freehold ownership of its current site and is considering selling to Welbeck Estates for a housing development. Initial plans include installing a Grade 6 FA National League Ground Grading compliant stadia pitch, along with additional grass pitches, a cricket square, a full size 3G pitch a new clubhouse and parking.	Work with the necessary stakeholders to support the Club in its relocation to a new site within Clipstone.  Ensure the funds provided by Welbeck Estates are in line with the funds required to repurpose a Grade 6 FA National League System Ground Grading criteria, a clubhouse and cricket square.  Ensure the site allows for expansion to meet future ground grading requirements should the Club progress through the National League System.	Sports Club  NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
119	Clipstone FC (Lido Ground) <sup>24</sup>	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality square with a good outfield and standard clubhouse. Site is accessed by Clipstone and Bilsthorpe CC and has actual spare capacity for additional Sunday and midweek demand.	Utilise actual spare capacity.  Work with the necessary stakeholders to support the Club in its relocation to a new site within Clipstone.	Sports Club  NCCC	Key Centre	M	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide

<sup>23</sup> The site lies within the Mansfield District. However, the clubhouse supporting the club falls within the Newark & Sherwood boundary.

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### NEWARK ANALYSIS AREA

#### *Summary pitch sports (Newark Area)*

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2033) <sup>25</sup>
Football (grass)	Newark	Adult	Shortfall of 3.5	Shortfall of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 2	Shortfall of 2
Football (grass)	Newark	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 0.5	Shortfall of 1.5
Football (grass)	Newark	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 4	Spare capacity of 4
Football (grass)	Newark	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Adult	Shortfall of 3.5	Shortfall of 4
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 4.5	Shortfall of 6.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 2.5	Shortfall of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 4.5	Spare capacity of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 1	At capacity
Football (3G)	Newark	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 1.5
Football (3G)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 4.5	Shortfall of 4.75
Cricket	Newark	Saturday	Spare capacity of 7	Spare capacity of 7
Cricket	Newark	Sunday	Spare capacity of 19	Spare capacity of 19
Cricket	Newark	Midweek	Spare capacity of 43	Spare capacity of 43

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

<sup>25</sup> Future demand (2033) is determined via ONS forecasts and club aspirations identified in PPS Assessment Report (2023).

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2033) <sup>25</sup>
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Saturday	Shortfall of 16	Shortfall of 52
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Sunday	Spare capacity of 68	Spare capacity of 68
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Midweek	Spare capacity of 146	Spare capacity of 134
Rugby Union	Newark	Senior	Shortfall of 1	Shortfall of 1.5
Rugby Union	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	Shortfall of 5	Shortfall of 7
Rugby league	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	No demand so no provision required	No demand so no provision required
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School

### Summary non-pitch sports

Sport	Current picture	Future picture
<b>Tennis</b>	<p>Caunton TC and Newark TC are currently operating within LTA recommended guidelines.</p> <p>Caunton TC has latent demand and is looking to install more courts before gaining new members.</p> <p>Newark TC accesses non-sports lit courts at its site and would like to enhance its clubhouse.</p>	<p>If future demand ambitions from Newark TC are achieved the Club shall be at capacity with LTA recommended guidelines.</p> <p>Caunton TC is not looking to increase in members before installing new courts to its site.</p>
<b>Netball</b>	<p>Newark Academy provides good quality sports lit courts accessed by Newark Castle Keepers NC and Play Netball sessions.</p> <p>Courts provided at YMCA (Newark) are non-sports lit and underutilised.</p>	<p>The assessment suggests that there is a future need for improvements to the recreational supply recreational access (aligned to England Netball participation schemes).</p> <p>YMCA (Newark) is a potential site to be increasingly used as a means of growing netball.</p>
<b>Bowls</b>	<p>Sherwood Avenue Park BC is currently operating in line with Bowls England recommended guidelines.</p> <p>Newark Northern BC's current lease agreement is scheduled to expire in 2026.</p>	<p>Shortfalls will be created at Newark Northern BC and Balderton BC if Club growth ambitions are achieved.</p> <p>Newark Northern BC shall become nomadic during the lifespan of the PPOSS if its current lease agreement is not extended.</p>

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Sport	Current picture	Future picture
Athletics	The existing 400m track at YMCA (Newark) effectively services the existing running clubs such as Newark AC, as well as the wider surrounding area.	Consider respraying and deep cleaning the provision at YMCA (Newark) as to sustain its current quality.

### Overarching recommendations

Sport	Priority recommendations
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality especially at key, poor quality and/or overplayed sites such as Devon park, Collingham Football Club and Newark Academy.</li> <li>◀ Consider asset transfer of sites to clubs if appropriate.</li> <li>◀ Enable use of currently unavailable sites such as John Hunt Primary and Nursery School and The William Gladstone Primary Academy.</li> <li>◀ Improve changing and other facilities where required, such as the ancillary provision at Collingham Football Club.</li> <li>◀ Work with the necessary stakeholders to source a suitable site for Newark &amp; Sherwood United FC to prevent the Step 5 Club from being nomadic. Developments of a new site should be in line with Sport England playing field policy and paragraph 99 of the National Planning Policy Framework.</li> <li>◀ Look to re-instate the provision at Lincoln Road Sports Facility and utilise the provision for football demand.</li> </ul>
3G pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to increase the number of full sized 3G pitches as to address the current theoretical shortfall of 1.5 pitches, with Newark Academy, The Suthers Academy and a new site for Newark &amp; Sherwood United FC as potential suitable sites.</li> <li>◀ Look to install the small sided 3G pitches outlined to be built at Newark (YMCA).</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches have a sinking fund in place.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches look to be placed on the FA register to host competitive matches.</li> <li>◀ Look to resurface the good quality full sized 3G pitches at Newark (YMCA) when the pitches are in need of a surface replacement.</li> </ul>
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve existing provision at Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club and Farndon Recreation Ground and Newark Ransome and Marles CC to enhance square quality and reduce overplay.</li> <li>◀ Improve the ancillary provision of sites where necessary such as Newark Ransome and Marles CC and Coddington and Winthorpe CC.</li> <li>◀ Work with the necessary stakeholders to support Farndon CC in its efforts to install fixed lane practice nets and acquire a set of covers for Farndon Recreation Ground.</li> <li>◀ Consider installing a hybrid wicket at Coddington and Winthorpe CC as a means of reducing overpay at the site. Note the site already has an accompanying NTP installed.</li> </ul>
Rugby union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Improve quality of existing provision, with Newark RFC outlined as the priority site.</li> <li>◀ Explore the possibility of increasing the number of sports lit pitches at Newark RFC, as a means of reducing overplay at the site and more evenly distributing training demand across its site.</li> <li>◀ Look to improve the ancillary provision at Newark RFC, with the Club looking to install another storage container to the site.</li> </ul>
Rugby league	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No action required.</li> </ul>

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Sport	Priority recommendations
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No action required.</li> <li>◀ Retain actual spare capacity during the peak period for the potential future demand of Newark HC.</li> <li>◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for the future surface replacement of the Magnus Sports Centre AGP.</li> </ul>
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality of existing provision.</li> <li>◀ Ensure clubs with capacity issues manage access to its green effectively, with Newark Northern BC and Balderton BC as key sites.</li> <li>◀ Look to formalise a longer-term lease agreement for Newark Northern BC's access to its green at Beaumont Gardens.</li> </ul>
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Seek to improve park courts such as through replacement surfaces, or the installation of LTA initiatives, with Sherwood Avenue Park, Winthorpe Community Centre and Fernwood Village Hall outlined as potential sites.</li> <li>◀ Ensure clubs with capacity issues manage access to its courts effectively, with Newark TC as a key site who shall be operating at the LTA recommended guidelines if Club ambitions are achieved.</li> <li>◀ Support Caunton Tennis Club in adding additional courts to the site to improve its current capacity balance.</li> <li>◀ Look to improve the ancillary provision of Newark Tennis Club and the roof to the second clubhouse of Caunton Tennis Club.</li> <li>◀ Consider re-surfacing the disused courts at Newark Academy (Lilley and Stone) for the use of Newark Tennis Club. Alternatively, look to use Sport England Playing Field Policy exception E5 and use the funds generated from the loss of the courts to install sports lights and enhance the ancillary provision at Newark TC.</li> </ul>
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to install sports lights to the courts at YMCA (Newark).</li> <li>◀ Look to install sports lights to the courts at Magnus Sports Centre and The Suthers School and open the provision to community use.</li> </ul>
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Consider to respray and deep clean the provision at YMCA (Newark) as to sustain its current quality.</li> <li>◀ Consider balancing peak time Tuesday and Thursday access at YMCA (Newark) across the several clubs in the Authority.</li> </ul>

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2	Balderton Village Hall Playing Field	Football	Parish Council	One adult, two youth 11v11 and one 5v5 pitch all of which are of a standard quality. Adult pitch is overplayed by 1 MES.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to reduce overplay.	Parish Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
2	Balderton Village Hall Playing Field	Cricket	Parish Council	One standard quality square accessed by Balderton CC. The Club raise the need for an NTP to be installed on its square.  Site has actual spare capacity on Sunday and midweek.	Utilise actual spare capacity.  Support the Club with installing an NTP on its square.	Parish Council NCCC	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Provide
2	Balderton Village Hall Playing Field	Netball	Parish Council	One standard quality, non-sports lit, community accessible tarmac court.	Protect for community use.	Parish Council EN	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
2	Balderton Village Hall Playing Field	Lawn bowls	Parish Council	One good quality green accessed by Balderton BC. The site is 15 members within Bowls England guidelines. Future demand ambitions of a further 30 members will make the site over capacity if achieved.	Sustain green quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.  Monitor the growth of Balderton Bowls Club to ensure it continues to operate without capacity issues.	Parish Council BE	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
3	Barnby Road Academy	Football	School	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
3	Barnby Road Academy	Netball	School	Three standard quality, non-sports lit tarmac courts that are open to community use.	Protect for curricular use.  Look to utilise provision to support netball demand and England Netball initiatives.	School EN	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect
4	Beckitt Field	Football	Parish Council	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that is un-used.  Site has actual spare capacity of 1 MES.  Site provides a poor-quality ancillary provision.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Parish Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect
4	Beckitt Field	Cricket	Parish Council	Site has an un-used square that is no longer prepared for play.	As the provision has only recently fallen out of use and is located next to a social Club, retain as strategic reserve should a green need to be re-instated in the future.	Parish Council NCCC	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect

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8	Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D Academy	3G	School	One poor quality small-sided sports lit 3G pitch that is open to community use. Site is operated by Active4Today and is open 18:00-21:00 midweek.  The pitch is the same surface since it was installed in 2010.	Look to maximise usage of the site as to best support football demand and increase revenue.  Replace the existing poor-quality pitch as to ensure the long-term usability of the site.  Ensure a sinking fund is in place for carpet replacements when required.	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect Enhance
8	Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D Academy	Netball	School	One standard quality non-sports lit court that is not open to community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
14	Caunton Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality square accessed by Caunton CC. The site has actual spare capacity for additional Saturday, Sunday and midweek demand.  The Club imports demand from Nottingham Tigers CC.	Utilise actual spare capacity.  Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club NCCC	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
14	Caunton Cricket Club	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality 7v7 pitch that is unused and has actual spare capacity of 1 MES.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Sports Club NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect
15	Caunton Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	Seven standard quality sports lit accessible courts.  Site resembles the largest tennis Club in the District and is operating 21 members within LTA recommended guidelines.  The Club has ambitions to install two sports lit courts and a junior court to its site.  It does not have any future demand ambitions until it has installed additional provision as it does not want to worsen its current capacity balance.  It is also looking to replace the roof of its second clubhouse which currently has its electrics turned off due to leaks.	Support the Club with its goal of installing additional courts to the site and replace the roof to its second clubhouse.	Sports Club LTA	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
18	Christ Church C of E Primary School (Middlebeck)	Netball	School	One good quality non-sports lit non community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect



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19	Chuter Ede Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
19	Chuter Ede Primary School	Cricket	School	One standalone Non-Turf Pitch that is not open to community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NCCC	Local	L	L	L	Protect
22	Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard square with poor quality ancillary provision.  The Club has submitted a planning permission to extend the storage space of the pavilion as to allow it to purchase and store its own maintenance equipment at the site. It is also looking to purchase a second set of sight screens.  Site is overplayed by 13 MES.	Support the Club with its ancillary provision development plans and buying additional sight screens.  Work with the Club to purchase new mowing equipment as to improve the square quality and reduce overplay.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
23	Coddington C of E Primary And Nursery School	Football	School	One poor quality 7v7 pitch that is not open to community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
23	Coddington C of E Primary And Nursery School	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
24	Collingham Football Club	Football	Sports Club	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are of a standard quality. Site is overplayed by 2 MES.  Site is accessed by Step 5 Club Newark & Sherwood FC on a two-year lease agreement.  The club's mower equipment is in need of replacing, and it is looking to install a bore hole for better irrigation.  It is also looking to install solar panels and develop its balcony overlooking its adult pitch.	Work with the Club to install a bore hole to aid the maintenance of the site and fit solar panels to the roof to improve energy efficiency levels.  Continue to provide access to Newark & Sherwood FC as to reach ground grading requirements until the Club develops its own site.	Sports Club NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	S	M	Protect Provide

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24	Collingham Football Club	3G	Sports Club	<p>One small sided 3G pitch that is operated by Collingham FC.</p> <p>The pitch was first installed in 2014 and is of a poor quality. The Club has an ambition to convert the site to a full sized 3G pitch at the loss of its youth 11v11 grass pitch.</p>	<p>Look to maximise usage of the site as to best support football demand and increase revenue.</p> <p>Ensure a sinking fund is in place for carpet replacements when required.</p> <p>Replace the current surface of the pitch when it is deemed unfit to accommodate demand.</p> <p>If feasible when replacing the current 3G pitch surface, look to increase the size of the pitch to a youth 11v11.</p>	Sports Club NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
25	Collingham Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	<p>Four good quality sports lit community accessible courts. The Club is operating within LTA recommended guidelines both currently and if future demand ambitions are to be achieved.</p> <p>The Club has applied for funding from a waste disposal company towards developing its new clubhouse.</p>	Work with the Club towards its ancillary provision development plans.	Sports Club LTA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
26	Dale Field	Football	Council	One standard quality 7v7 pitch that is un-used. Site has actual spare capacity of 1 MES.	Utilise un-used pitch.	Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect
26	Dale Field	Cricket	Council	<p>Site has two squares one of which is of a good quality and one is standard quality.</p> <p>Site is accessed by Collingham and District CC and has actual spare capacity for additional Sunday and midweek demand.</p>	<p>Utilise actual spare capacity.</p> <p>Improve pitch quality of second square through an enhanced maintenance regime.</p>	Council NCCC	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
26	Dale Field	Lawn Bowls	Council	<p>One good quality green accessed by Collingham BC. Site has an adequate ancillary provision.</p> <p>The Club is operating within Bowls England recommended guidelines for current and future demand.</p>	Sustain green quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.	Council BE	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
27	Darwin Park	Football	Council	<p>One youth 11v11 and one 7v7 pitch both of which are of a standard quality.</p> <p>Site has actual spare capacity of 1.5 MES and has no ancillary provision.</p>	<p>Utilise actual spare capacity.</p> <p>Look to provide a form of ancillary provision to the site.</p>	Council NFA, FF	Local	M	L	H	Protect Provide

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28	David Sillery Pavilion	Football	Private trust	<p>One adult, one youth 9v9 and one 7v7 pitch all of which are of a standard quality and is accessed by Coddington and Winthorpe FC. Site has overplay of 0.5 MES on its adult pitch and actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES on its 9v9 pitch.</p> <p>The Club state it needs access to more pitches to achieve its future growth ambitions and is exploring opportunities with local landowners.</p>	<p>Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to reduce overplay.</p> <p>Utilise actual spare capacity.</p> <p>Explore the possibility of installing additional provision at the site as to support the club's future demand ambitions.</p>	<p>Private trust</p> <p>NFA, FF</p>	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
29	Devon Park	Football	Council	<p>Site has one of every pitch type all of which are of a poor quality. Site is overplayed by 7 MES, making it the most overplayed site in the local authority.</p> <p>Newark Town FC have a ten-year lease for its site and it would like to improve the social space to the clubhouse and the boiler.</p> <p>The Club would like to pursue GPMF funding however it needs some financial support to enable this.</p>	<p>Work with the Club to begin using Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding for the provision at the site.</p> <p>Support the Club with its efforts to enhance the social space and boiler to the clubhouse.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>NFA, FF</p>	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
33	Elm Avenue	Football	Council	<p>Site formerly provided grass pitches formerly accessed by Newark Town FC and is now left as open space. Site is potentially outlined to be developed for housing.</p>	<p>Explore the possibility of re-instating provision as to increase the total stock of supply.</p> <p>If site is to be developed ensure the provision is re-provided for in line with Sport England planning policy.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>NFA, FF, SE</p>	Local	M	M	M	Provide
36	Farndon Recreation Ground	Football	Parish Council	<p>One standard quality adult pitch accessed by Newark Town FC and Newark FC.</p>	<p>Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>NFA, FF</p>	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
36	Farndon Recreation Ground	Cricket	Parish Council	<p>One standard quality square accessed by Farndon CC and is overplayed by 3 MES.</p> <p>The Club has developed a brand-new good quality clubhouse. It will demolish its old clubhouse on the site in 2024 following the completion of the new building.</p> <p>It has been promised financial contributions from National Highways Agency towards a</p>	<p>Support the Club in the completion of its clubhouse and demolishing the old pavilion.</p> <p>Work with the Club to provide a set of covers for the site.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>NCCC</p>	Local	M	M	M	Protect Provide Enhance

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				set of covers however the funding is yet to be provided.							
36	Farndon Recreation Ground	Lawn Bowls	Parish Council	One disused bowling green which Farndon CC signed a 50-year lease agreement with Farndon Parish Council. The Club is currently using the space for basic practicing. It is looking to install a two-lane practice net at the site and use it for storage for a set of covers however the Club requires additional funding.	Work with Farndon CC to install a two-lane fixed practice nets at the site and a set of covers for the square at the site.	Parish Council BE NCCC	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
40	Fernwood Village Hall	Tennis	Parish Council	Three poor quality non-sports lit community accessible courts.  The courts are owned by a property developer 'FirstPort'. The Parish council is working to get transfer of ownership of the provision.	Support Fernwood Parish Council to transfer the ownership of the provision back to the Council.	Parish Council LTA	Local	M	M	M	Protect
45	Harby Playing Field	Football	Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch accessed by Harby FC. Actual spare capacity is discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to create actual spare capacity.	Parish Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
45	Harby Playing Field	Tennis	Parish Council	One standard quality non-sports lit court that is open to community use. Site has a good quality large brick clubhouse.	Consider site for LTA park court improvements.	Parish Council LTA	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
45	Harby Playing Field	Lawn Bowls	Parish Council	One disused bowling green formerly accessed by Harby BC which fell out of use in 2022.	As the provision has only recently fallen out of use and is located next to a social Club, retain as strategic reserve should a green need to be re-instated in the future.	Parish Council BE	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect
46	Highfields School	Netball	School	Two standard quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible courts.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
48	Holy Trinity School	Tennis	School	One standard quality non-sports lit court with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
48	Holy Trinity School	Netball	School	Two standard quality non-sports lit courts with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
50	John Blow Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality 7v7 pitch accessed at capacity by Collingham FC.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	School NFA, FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

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50	John Blow Primary School	Netball	School	One standard quality, non-community accessible, non-sports lit netball court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
51	John Hunt Primary and Nursery School	Football	School	One adult and one 9v9 pitch both of which are of a poor quality and not open to community use	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
51	John Hunt Primary and Nursery School	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit court with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
53	Kelham Hall	Tennis	Private	Three standard quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible courts.	Sustain court quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.	Private LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
53	Kelham Hall	Cricket	Private	One un-used square that is now open grass space for hotel users.	Explore the possibility of re-instating the provision as to increase the total stock of supply.	Private NCCC	Local	L	L	H	Protect
59	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Football	Council	Site formerly provided seven football pitches of varying scales. There are plans to re-instate the provision in the near future which shall result in a net loss of provision for the site.	Re-instate the provision to provide three full size football pitches and two mini football pitches as agreed with Sport England and subject to planning approval being secured. The pitches to be provided to the required FA/Sport England requirements.	Council NFA, FF	Local	H	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
60	Lovers Lane Primary School	AGP	School	One small sided non-sports lit pitch with no community use.	Consider installing sports lights and opening provision to community use.	School EH NFA, FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Provide
65	Magnus Sports Centre	Football	School	One adult, one youth 11v11, one 9v9 and one 7v7 pitch open to community use. Youth 9v9 pitch is poor quality, remaining pitches are all standard. Youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to reduce overplay.	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
65	Magnus Sports Centre	AGP	School	One good quality pitch accessed by Newark HC. The surface was replaced in 2022 through funding from Newark & Sherwood District Council.  Site has 0.5 MES of actual spare capacity.	Look to maximise usage of the site as to best support football demand and increase revenue.  Ensure a sinking fund is in place for carpet replacements when required.  Leave actual spare capacity during the peak period for the potential future growth of Newark HC.	School EH NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect Enhance

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65	Magnus Sports Centre	Rugby Union	School	One poor quality senior pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School RFU	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
65	Magnus Sports Centre	Netball	School	Two standard quality, non-sports lit, non-community accessible artificial turf courts.	Given the quantity and quality of provision and that the site already takes lettings, look to install sports lights and open the provision to community use.	School EN	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Provide
66	Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon Cricket Club)	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Sports Club NFA, FF	Local	M	L	L	Protect
69	Mount C of E Primary and Nursery School	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
70	Muskham Primary School	AGP	School	One poor quality non-sport lit pitch that is open to community use.	Protect for curricular use.  Consider installing sports lights to the site to make it more suitable to accommodate football and some hockey demand.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect Provide
70	Muskham Primary School	Netball	School	One standard quality sports lit artificial turf court that is open to community use. Site also has one poor quality non-sports lit tarmac court also open to community use.	Protect for curricular and community use.  Look to increasingly utilise the provision for community use.	School EN	Local	M	L	L	Protect
71	Newark Academy	Football	School	One youth 11v11, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality.  Site is accessed by AFC Warriors and is overplayed by 1 MES.  Site is identified in the LFFP for a 3G pitch and grass pitch improvements.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to reduce overplay.  Explore the means of developing a full sized 3G pitch at the site as a means of reducing the undersupply in the Analysis Area.	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
71	Newark Academy	Rugby Union	School	One poor quality community accessible pitch that is un-used.	Protect for curricular and community use.	School RFU	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
71	Newark Academy	Tennis	School	Three good quality sports lit, community accessible courts.	Sustain court quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.	School LTA	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
71	Newark Academy	Netball	School	Two good quality sports lit community accessible courts and two poor quality non-sports lit community accessible courts.  Sports lit courts are accessed by Newark Castle Keepers NC and Play Netball fixtures.	Sustain court quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime for the access of Newark Castle Keepers NC and Play Netball.	School EN	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect

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72	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Football	School	Disused site that formerly provided one adult pitch and grid markings.	Explore the possibility of re-instating provision as to increase the total stock of supply.  Alternatively, if the site is to be developed, any proposal will be assessed against Sport England's playing fields policy and paragraph 103 of the NPPF to ensure that replacement provision is provided.	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
72	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	AGP	School	Disused full sized AGP that is now overgrown and unfit for accommodating demand.	Explore the possibility of developing a full sized 3G pitch to the site with accompanying ancillary provision as to reduce shortfalls within the Analysis Area.  Alternatively, if the site is to be developed, any proposal will be assessed against Sport England's playing fields policy and paragraph 103 of the NPPF to ensure that replacement provision is provided.	School EH	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect Enhance
72	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Tennis	School	Two disused tarmac courts located next to Newark Tennis Club.	Consider re-surfacing provision and granting access to Newark Tennis Club given its location next to the site.  Alternatively, if site is to be developed ensure significant developer contributions are provided for the loss of provision as to support other projects within the Playing Pitch Strategy.	School LTA	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
72	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Netball	School	Two disused tarmac courts located next to Newark Tennis Club.	Consider re-surfacing provision and using as a netball hub given its central location within Newark.  Alternatively, if site is to be developed ensure significant developer contributions are provided for the loss of provision as to support other projects within the Playing Pitch Strategy.	School EN	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
73	Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields)	Football	Council	Site was the former home to Newark & Sherwood Utd FC and provided several grass football pitches. The owner of the site has indicated a desire to re-develop the land, subject to planning approval.  Newark & Sherwood Utd FC now has a two-year lease agreement with Collingham FC to	Ensure that if the site is considered for redevelopment, that any proposal is assessed using the criteria within paragraph 99 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Sport England's playing field policy to ensure any necessary mitigation for loss.	Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	M	H	Provide

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				access the site. It is continuing to look for its own site to develop and manage long term.	Development of a new site should reach Step 5 ground grading regulations.						
73	Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields)	Cricket	Council	One disused grass wicket square that has lost during the development of a step compliant adult pitch at the site, prior to the entire site falling out of use.	Ensure that if the site is considered for redevelopment, that any proposal is assessed using the criteria within paragraph 99 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Sport England's playing field policy to ensure any necessary mitigation for loss.	Council NCCC	Key Centre	H	M	H	Provide
73	Newark Flowserve S&SC (Lowfields)	Lawn Bowls	Council	Two disused bowling greens that are overgrown. Site has a large clubhouse that is also disused. Flowserve BC has since moved to Beaumont Gardens.	Ensure that if the site is considered for redevelopment, that any proposal is assessed using the criteria within paragraph 99 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Sport England's playing field policy to ensure any necessary mitigation for loss.	Council BE	Key Centre	H	M	H	Provide
74	Newark Ransome and Marles	Cricket	Sports Club	Two standard quality squares with a standard quality clubhouse. Site is accessed by Newark Ransome and Marles Cricket Club. The second square was provided to the Club following the square at what is now YMCA (Newark) being lots at the development of the site.  The changing block was built in 2021 and the electrics, utilities, flooring, showers and furniture are all yet to be completed as the funding initially agreed as part of the development is no longer available.  It has an old scoreboard that is currently out of use and needs repairing.  The Club is wanting to install a two-lane fixed practice net however it requires further funding.	Work with the Club to complete all work finishing the changing room block built in 2021 following the Club's relocation from what is now YMCA Newark.  Repair the club's old scoreboard.  Support the Club in its efforts to install a two-lane fixed practice net.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
75	Newark Rugby Football Club	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Five senior and one junior rugby pitch all of which are either of a good or standard quality. Site has actual spare capacity and overplay identified.  The Club requires another storage container.	Improve the quality of standard pitches through an enhanced maintenance regime.  Provide the Club with another storage container.  Support the Club in installing more sports lights to its pitches.	Sports Club RFU	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide



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				The Club is looking to install new sports lights to two of its pitches, however it requires further funding.							
76	Newark Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	<p>Six courts four of which are good and two and standard.</p> <p>Site also has grass courts that were not prepared. The Club has ambitions to install additional courts to the site.</p> <p>The clubs current lease agreement has expired and is being re-negotiated with Newark Town Council. It is being offered a 25-year lease, however, it is wanting a 50-year lease.</p> <p>It is operating marginally within LTA recommended guidelines.</p> <p>The Club is also looking to add sports lights to its four good quality courts.</p>	<p>Look to re-instate the grass courts at the site as to increase the stock of supply for the Club.</p> <p>Support the Club with adding sports lights to its good quality courts.</p> <p>Ensure the Club signs a lease agreement extension for its site as to secure its long-term sustainability.</p>	Sports Club LTA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
77	Newark Town Bowls Club	Lawn Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality green with a good quality clubhouse. The Club is operating within Bowls England guidelines.	Sustain green quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.	Sports Club BE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
80	North Muskham Village Hall and Playing Field	Football	Parish Council	One adult, one 9v9 and one 7v7 pitch all of which are of a standard quality. Site has actual spare capacity of 1 MES.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Parish Council NFA, FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
81	Norwell C of E Primary School	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
88	Sherwood Avenue Park	Tennis	Town Council	Three standard quality sports lit, community accessible courts. Site is used by Newark Tennis Club during winter months as the Club does not have access to sports lit courts at its site.	<p>Consider re-surfacing provision as to improve the user experience for general park court use and Newark Tennis Club.</p> <p>Look to install LTA initiatives such as ClubSpark and Rally.</p>	Town Council LTA	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
88	Sherwood Avenue Park	Lawn Bowls	Town Council	<p>One standard quality green accessed by Newark Northern BC.</p> <p>Club has a ten-year lease agreement with Newark Town Council scheduled to expire in 2026.</p> <p>The Club is operating at capacity and has future demand ambitions which shall make</p>	<p>Look to extend the lease agreement for Newark Northern BC as to ensure its long term sustainability.</p> <p>Monitor the growth of Newark Northern Bowls Club to ensure it continues to operate without capacity issues.</p>	Town Council BE	Key Centre	M	S	M	Protect Provide

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				it slightly above recommended guidelines if achieved.							
90	South Clifton Sports Field	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch that is un-used and has actual spare capacity of 1 MES.	Utilise un-used provision.	Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect
90	South Clifton Sports Field	Cricket	Council	Site formerly provided a grass wicket square that is now no longer prepared.	Consider re-instating provision as a means of increasing the total stock of supply.	Council NCCC	Key Centre	M	M	H	Protect Provide
97	St Peters Cross Keys C of E Academy	Football	School	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
97	St Peters Cross Keys C of E Academy	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
98	Sutton-on-Trent Village Sports and Community Centre	Football	Parish Council	One youth 11v11, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch all of which are of a standard quality. Site has actual spare capacity of 2 MES.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Parish Council NFA, FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
100	The Parkgate Academy	3G	School	One good quality, non-sports lit non community accessible small sided 3G pitch.	Look to install sports lighting and open provision to community use as a means of reducing shortfalls of 3G pitches.  Ensure a sinking fund is in place for carpet replacements when required.	School NFA, FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Provide
100	The Parkgate Academy	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit non community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
103	The Sir Donald Bailey Academy	Football	School	One standard quality 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
103	The Sir Donald Bailey Academy	3G	School	One good quality, small sided 3G pitch with no sports lighting or community use.	Consider installing sports lights and opening provision to community use.	School NFA, FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Provide
103	The Sir Donald Bailey Academy	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit non community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
104	The Suthers School	Football	School	One poor quality adult and one youth 9v9 pitch that are open to community use as of the 2023/24 season and are accessed.	Improve the quality of standard pitches through an enhanced maintenance regime.	School BFA, FF	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide

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				Pitches are identified as a potential site for a full sized 3G pitch as a means of reducing the current shortfalls in the Analysis Area.	Look to install a full sized 3G pitch as a means of reducing current shortfalls identified.						
104	The Suthers School	Tennis	School	Two good quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible courts.	Protect for curricular use.  Support the school with installing sports lights and opening provision to community use.	School  LTA	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect  Provide
104	The Suthers School	Netball	School	Two good quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible courts. The school is considering installing sports lights and opening the provision to community use.	Support the school with installing sports lights and opening provision to community use.	School  EN	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect  Provide
105	The William Gladstone Primary Academy	Football	School	Two youth 9v9 and one 7v7 pitch all of which are of a poor quality and not open to community use.	Given the quantity of provision, consider opening provision to community use as to better support football demand.	School  NFA, FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect  Provide
105	The William Gladstone Primary Academy	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School  EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
114	Winthorpe Community Centre	Tennis	Parish Council	Two standard quality, non-sports lit macadam courts that are open to community use.	Protect for community use.	Parish Council  LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
115	YMCA Newark & Sherwood Sports Community and Activity Village	3G	Community Organisation	Two FIFA accredited, good quality full sized 3G pitches that are open to community use. One pitch is built to be Step 5 compliant and is accessed by Newark Town FC.  The site is also progressing with installing three mini 5v5 3G pitches in line with a project within the LFFP.	Look to maximise usage of the site as to best support football demand and increase revenue.  Ensure a sinking fund is in place for carpet replacements when required.  Undertake necessary quality checks to increase the likelihood provision shall retain its FIFA accreditation.  Support the site in installing additional small sided 3G pitches.	Community Organisation  NFA, FF	Hub Centre	M	M	M	Protect  Provide
115	YMCA Newark & Sherwood Sports Community and Activity Village	Athletics	Community Organisation	One good quality, sports lit community accessible 400m track. The provision is TrackMark accredited and is predominantly used by Newark Striders Netball Club.  An England Athletics assessment of the site in 2023 identified areas of improvement being to paint markings that identifying open and closed positions for hammer and	Sustain track quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.  Undertake the steps identified by the England Athletics 2023 assessment to improve the quality of the provision.	Community Organisation  EA	Hub Centre	M	M	M	Protect  Provide

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				discus throwing in the throwing cage, as well as installing safety signage for the throwing cage.	Consider respraying the surface during the lifespan of the PPOSS as to sustain its current quality.  Consider balancing peak time Tuesday and Thursday access at YMCA (Newark) across Newark AC, Southwell Running Club and Newark Striders Running Club.						
115	YMCA Newark & Sherwood Sports Community and Activity Village	Tennis	Community Organisation	Two good quality, non-sports lit macadam courts that are open to community use. The site staff team are in the process of installing sports lighting to its new pump track which it hopes will backlight the courts.	As it is unlikely the pump track lighting will be sufficient, look to install sports lights to the courts.	Community Organisation  LTA	Hub Centre	M	M	M	Protect  Provide
115	YMCA Newark & Sherwood Sports Community and Activity Village	Netball	Community Organisation	Two good quality, non-sports lit macadam courts that are open to community use. The site staff team have recently installed sports lighting to its new pump track which it hoped would backlight the courts, however the courts are not well lit.  The staff state it is wanting to deliver more netball sessions as to increase the usage of the courts.	Look to install sports lights to the courts and increasingly utilise the provision.	Community Organisation  EN	Hub Centre	H	M	M	Protect  Provide
120	Beaumont Gardens	Lawn Bowls	Council	One good quality bowling green accessed by Flowserve Bowls Club following the club's relocation from its former site. Site has a standard quality ancillary provision, however, Flowserve BC considers the changing rooms and clubhouse facilities are poor.  The Club is operating within Bowls England guidelines.  The clubs current lease agreement with NSDC is scheduled to expire in 2026.	Work with the Club to improve the interior of the ancillary provision.  Look to extend the clubs current lease agreement for its access to the site to ensure its long-term sustainability.	Council  BE	Local	H	M	M	Protect  Enhance  Provide
123	Weston Cricket Club	Cricket	Council	One disused square that is now overgrown long grass with a poor-quality clubhouse.	Retain as strategic reserve should a square need to be re-instated in the future.	Council  NCCC	Local	M	L	H	Protect

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124	Norwell Cricket Club	Cricket	Council	One disused square that is now a generic playing field. It is serviced by a poor quality old wooden clubhouse.	Retain as strategic reserve should a square need to be re-instated in the future.	Council NCCC	Local	M	L	H	Protect
127	British Sugar Site	Football	Private	Site formerly provided an adult football pitch. The land is now open grass space.	Retain as strategic reserve should a pitch need to be re-instated in the future.	Private NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect
127	British Sugar Site	Cricket	Private	Site formerly provided a grass wicket square. It is now open grass space.	Accept that site is highly unlikely to be re-introduced for cricket.	Private NCCC	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect
-	<i>Newark &amp; Sherwood FC (No site)</i>	Football	-	Newark & Sherwood FC is a Step 5 Club that was formerly based at the now disused site Newark Flowserve Sports and Social Club. The Club has since ground shared with Basford United FC and Collingham FC as to reach ground grading.  The Club would like to develop its own site and to progress through the national league system and has identified a potential site on land south of Newark.	Given the tenuous position for the Club, a suitable site should be identified and developed as soon as possible.  A Task and Finish Group with relevant partners should be set up to progress a resolution to this issue.	NSDC NFA, FF SE	Local	H	M	H	Provide

# NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

## STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

### NOTTINGHAM FRINGE ANALYSIS AREA

#### *Summary pitch sports (Nottingham Fringe Analysis Area)*

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2033) <sup>28</sup>
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Adult	Shortfall of 0.5	Shortfall of 0.5
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Youth 11v11	Spare capacity of 1.5	Spare capacity of 1.5
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 1	Shortfall of 1
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	Nottingham Fringe	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Adult	Shortfall of 3.5	Shortfall of 4
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 4.5	Shortfall of 6.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 2.5	Shortfall of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 4.5	Spare capacity of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 1	At capacity
Football (3G)	Nottingham Fringe	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 0.75	Shortfall of 0.75
Football (3G)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 4.5	Shortfall of 4.75
Cricket	Nottingham Fringe	Saturday	Shortfall of 38	Shortfall of 38

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

<sup>28</sup> Future demand (2033) is determined via ONS forecasts and club aspirations identified in PPS Assessment Report (2023).

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2033) <sup>28</sup>
Cricket	Nottingham Fringe	Sunday	Shortfall of 14	Shortfall of 14
Cricket	Nottingham Fringe	Midweek	Shortfall of 8	Shortfall of 8
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Saturday	Shortfall of 16	Shortfall of 52
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Sunday	Spare capacity of 68	Spare capacity of 68
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Midweek	Spare capacity of 146	Spare capacity of 134
Rugby union	Nottingham Fringe	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby union	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	Shortfall of 5	Shortfall of 7
Rugby league	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	No demand so no provision required	No demand so no provision required
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School

**Summary non-pitch sports**

Sport	Current picture	Future picture
<b>Tennis</b>	No clubs currently in the Analysis Area. All courts are accessible and located at open space park sites.	Work with the LTA to install park court initiatives at Epperstone Playing Fields and Lowdham Village Hall.
<b>Netball</b>	There are no clubs or community accessible courts in the Nottingham Fringe Analysis Area. All demand is exported to Nottingham and Lincoln.	The assessment suggests that there is a future need for improvements to the recreational supply and recreational access (aligned to England Netball participation schemes).
<b>Bowls</b>	Lowdham BC is currently operating within Bowls England recommended guidelines.	Lowdham BC will continue to operate within Bowls England capacity guidelines in future demand Club ambitions are achieved.
<b>Athletics</b>	No provision exists in the Analysis Area. All demand is exported outside of the district to YMCA (Newark), which provides a sports lit 400m track.	Considerations should be made for the installation of play, mini, compact or active tracks as to provide the district with some form of athletics provision.

### *Overarching recommendations*

Sport	Priority recommendations
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality especially at key, poor quality and/or overplayed sites such as Caythorpe Cricket Club, Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields and Magna Meadows Playing Field.</li> <li>◀ Utilise actual spare capacity.</li> <li>◀ Support Caythorpe Cricket Club in its efforts to install additional football pitches to the land bordering its site.</li> </ul>
3G pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to increase the number of 3G pitches as to address the current theoretical shortfall of 0.75 pitches, with Lowdham Primary School as a potential suitable site.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches have a sinking fund in place.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches look to be placed on the FA register to host competitive matches.</li> <li>◀ Look to resurface the poor quality full sized 3G pitch at HMP Lowdham Grange to ensure its long-term usability.</li> </ul>
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve existing provision at Oxton Playing Fields (Oxton CC) to enhance square quality and reduce overplay.</li> <li>◀ Improve the ancillary provision of sites where necessary such as Caythorpe CC.</li> <li>◀ Support Caythorpe Cricket Club in its efforts to install a third square to the land bordering its site.</li> <li>◀ Support Hoveringham Cricket Club in its goal of purchasing a strip of land to extend its boundary.</li> </ul>
Rugby union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to install some form of provision in Analysis Area.</li> </ul>
Rugby league	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No action required.</li> </ul>
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to re-surface the small sided AGP at Lowdham Primary School when required.</li> </ul>
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Sustain quality of existing provision at Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields.</li> <li>◀ Ensure Lowdham BC continues to manage access to its green at Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields effectively.</li> </ul>
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Seek to improve park courts such as through replacement surfaces, or the installation of LTA initiatives, with Epperstone Playing Fields and Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields as potential sites.</li> </ul>
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> </ul>
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Consider the installation of play, mini, compact and active tracks as to increase the amount of athletics provision.</li> </ul>



Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>29</sup>	Cost <sup>30</sup>	Aim
16	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	<p>Two good quality grass wicket squares with a good quality ancillary provision.</p> <p>Site is overplayed by 18 MES across both squares.</p> <p>The Club has an ambition to install a third square and additional football pitches at the site to prevent the need to access a second ground for its 5<sup>th</sup> mens team. The Club knows the landowner who was initially positive to the idea of them renting the land, but they have since not been able to contact them.</p> <p>The Club is considering removing the top layer of the square as to make it level with the outfield. It also wants another set of covers.</p> <p>It has a long term ambition to knock down the function room and develop a large two-storey new clubhouse in-between both squares.</p> <p>It is also looking to replace its front electronic scoreboard and install solar panels on its changing block.</p>	<p>Sustain square quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.</p> <p>Support the Club with its efforts to install additional provision to the nearby field for new cricket and football pitches.</p> <p>Support any other ambitions the Club has such as ancillary provision developments and improving its square.</p>	Sports Club NCCC	Key Centre	M	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
16	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Football	Sports Club	<p>One youth 11v11, one 9v9, two 7v7 and three 5v5 pitches all of which are of a standard quality.</p> <p>Site has overplay of 1 MES and actual spare capacity of 1 MES.</p>	<p>Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to reduce overplay.</p> <p>Support the Club with its efforts to install additional provision to the nearby field for new cricket and football pitches.</p>	Sports Club NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
35	Epperstone Playing Fields	Football	Council	<p>Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches with actual spare capacity of 1.5 MES.</p>	<p>Utilise actual spare capacity.</p>	Council NFA,FF	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect
35	Epperstone Playing Fields	Tennis	Council	<p>Two good quality, sports lit artificial turf tennis courts that are open to community use.</p>	<p>Sustain court quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.</p> <p>Given the quality and sports lighting provided, site should be prioritised for</p>	Council LTA	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Provide

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>29</sup>	Cost <sup>30</sup>	Aim
					installing LTA initiatives ClubSpark and Rally.						
42	Gunthorpe C of E Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
42	Gunthorpe C of E Primary School	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
43	Gunthorpe Playing Field	Football	Parish Council	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with no actual spare capacity.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Parish Council NFA, FF	Local	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
47	HMP Lowdham Grange	3G	HM Prison Service	One poor quality full sized, sports lit, non-community accessible pitch. Site has the same surface since it was installed in 2006.	Protect for private use.	HMP NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
49	Hoveringham Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality square with a good quality ancillary provision.  Site has actual spare capacity for additional midweek demand.  The site has a good quality ancillary provision that was enhanced in 2019.  The site has a small outfield, and the Club has approached the local farmer to buy a thin strip of land however the landowner is only willing to sell an entire field.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	M	S	L	Protect
61	Lowdham Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
61	Lowdham Primary School	AGP	School	One small sided, non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School EH NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
62	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 and one 5v5 pitch both of which are of a poor quality. Site has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to create actual spare capacity.	Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
62	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Cricket	Council	One standard quality square with a standard clubhouse that is accessed by Lowdham CC.	Improve square quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Council NCCC	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect Enhance

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>29</sup>	Cost <sup>30</sup>	Aim
				Site has actual spare capacity for additional Sunday and midweek demand.							
62	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Lawn Bowls	Council	One good quality green with a standard ancillary provision. Site is accessed by Lowdham BC.  The Club is operating within Bowls England recommended guidelines.	Sustain green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Council BE	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
64	Magna Meadows Playing Field	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 MES.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to remove overplay.	Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
64	Magna Meadows Playing Field	Tennis	Council	Two good quality sports-lit, community accessible, artificial turf courts. Provision is overmarked by junior hockey.	Sustain court quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Council LTA	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
82	Oxton Playing Fields	Cricket	Sports Club	One poor quality square with a standard outfield.  Site is accessed by Oxton CC and is overplayed by 20 MES due to its poor quality. The site has an un-even square with a basic set of covers and has little evidence of rolling. Oxton CC state the quality has improved in recent years through putting more loam on the square.	Improve square quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as to remove overplay.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	M	L	L	Protect Enhance

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### SHERWOOD ANALYSIS AREA

#### *Summary pitch sports (Sherwood Analysis Area)*

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2033) <sup>31</sup>
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Adult	Spare capacity of 1	Spare capacity of 1
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Youth 11v11	<b>Shortfall of 3</b>	<b>Shortfall of 3</b>
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Sherwood	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Adult	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 4</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 11v11	<b>Shortfall of 4.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 6.5</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 9v9	<b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 4.5	Spare capacity of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 1	At capacity
Football (3G)	Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	<b>Shortfall of 1.25</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1.25</b>
Football (3G)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	<b>Shortfall of 4.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 4.75</b>
Cricket	Sherwood	Saturday	Spare capacity of 12	Spare capacity of 12

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

<sup>31</sup> Future demand (2033) is determined via ONS forecasts and club aspirations identified in PPS Assessment Report (2023).

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Cricket	Sherwood	Sunday	Spare capacity of 24	Spare capacity of 24
Cricket	Sherwood	Midweek	Spare capacity of 42	Spare capacity of 42
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Saturday	<b>Shortfall of 16</b>	<b>Shortfall of 52</b>
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Sunday	Spare capacity of 68	Spare capacity of 68
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Midweek	Spare capacity of 146	Spare capacity of 134
Rugby union	Sherwood	Senior	At capacity	<b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>
Rugby union	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 7</b>
Rugby Union	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	No demand so no provision required	No demand so no provision required
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School

### Summary non-pitch sports

Sport	Current picture	Future picture
<b>Tennis</b>	No clubs or community accessible tennis courts currently in the Analysis Area. Courts provided at Dukeries Academy are sports lit, of a standard or poor quality but not open to community use.	As the Dukeries Academy is outlined to be re-developed, look to provide a form of community accessible tennis offering at the site.
<b>Netball</b>	No clubs or community accessible tennis courts currently in the Analysis Area. Dukeries Academy provides two sports lit courts that are not open to community use.	The assessment suggests that there is a future need for improvements to the recreational supply recreational access (aligned to England Netball participation schemes). Dukeries Academy should look to accommodate some form of demand given the site has sports lit courts.
<b>Bowls</b>	Ollerton BC and Bilsthorpe BC access good and standard quality greens. CISWO is looking to enhance the clubhouse provided at Bilsthorpe Sports Ground.	Monitor the membership capacity balance of Ollerton BC and Bilsthorpe BC to ensure both clubs can accommodate the demand at its site.

Sport	Current picture	Future picture
Athletics	Dukeries Academy provides a poor quality 400m cinder track.	As Dukeries Academy is outlined to be re-developed, efforts should be made to resurface the poor quality track with a macadam or low cost synthetic surface.  Considerations should be made for the installation of play, mini, compact or active tracks as to provide the district with some form of athletics provision.

**Overarching recommendations**

Sport	Priority recommendations
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality especially at key, poor quality and/or overplayed sites such as Sherwood Fields (Robin Hood Colts FC) and Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground.</li> <li>◀ Utilise actual spare capacity.</li> <li>◀ Look to enhance ancillary facilities at key sites such as the poor provision at Sherwood Fields (Robin Hood Colts FC).</li> <li>◀ Support Ollerton FC in enhancing the ancillary provision at Walesby Lane as to reach Step 6 Ground Grading criteria.</li> </ul>
3G pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to increase the number of full sized 3G pitches as to address the current theoretical shortfall of 1.25 pitches, with Dukeries Academy and Walesby C of E Primary School as potential suitable sites.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches have a sinking fund in place.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches look to be placed on the FA register to host competitive matches.</li> </ul>
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve the ancillary provision of sites where necessary such as Edwinstowe CC and Thoresby Sporting Trust (Thoresby Colliery CC).</li> <li>◀ Retain disused and un-used sites such as Walesby Village Sports Association as a strategic reserve for potential future use.</li> </ul>
Rugby union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Improve quality of existing provision, with Boughton Sports Field (Ollerton RFC) outlined as the priority site.</li> <li>◀ Look to improve the ancillary provision at Boughton Sports Field (Ollerton RFC) with the Club looking to install RFU spec changing rooms and a better social space to the site.</li> <li>◀ Support Ollerton RFC in increasing the number of sports lights at its site as to allow its training demand to be more evenly distributed across its site.</li> </ul>
Rugby league	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No action needed.</li> </ul>
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to re-surface the Dukeries Academy AGP to a 3G pitch. This should only take place after a replacement surface is provide to the Minster School pitch.</li> <li>◀ Maximise usage of the AGP at Dukeries Academy as to increase revenue.</li> <li>◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for the future surface replacement of the Dukeries Academy AGP.</li> </ul>

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Sport	Priority recommendations
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◀ Protect provision.</li><li>◀ Improve quality of existing provision.</li><li>◀ Look to enhance the ancillary provision provided at Ollerton Bowls Club and Bilsthorpe Sports Ground.</li><li>◀ Ensure clubs with capacity issues manage access to its green effectively, with key sites such as Ollerton BC.</li></ul>
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◀ Protect provision.</li><li>◀ As Analysis Area has no accessible courts, look to resurface the courts at Dukeries Academy and open the provision to community use.</li></ul>
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◀ Protect provision.</li><li>◀ As Analysis Area has no accessible courts, look to resurface the courts at Dukeries Academy and open the provision to community use.</li></ul>
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◀ Consider the installation of play, mini, compact and active tracks as to increase the amount of athletics provision.</li><li>◀ Look to re-surface the poor quality cinder track at Dukeries Academy to a macadam or low-cost synthetic surface to provide an alternative site to YMCA (Newark).</li></ul>

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>32</sup>	Cost <sup>33</sup>	Aim
6	Bilthorpe Flying High Academy	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
6	Bilthorpe Flying High Academy	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
7	Bilthorpe Sports Ground	Football	Sports Club	One adult, one youth 11v11 and two 9v9 pitches all of which are of a standard quality. One 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Sports Club NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect
7	Bilthorpe Sports Ground	Lawn Bowls	Sports Club	Two bowling greens, one of which is good quality and one standard. Site is accessed by Bilthorpe BC and has a standard quality ancillary provision which CISWO is looking to support the Club in enhancing.  The standard quality green did not appear to be used for lawn bowls during the non-technical site assessments where the Club appeared to be using the provision for a children's play area. The second bowling green is accessed by Church Warsop Bowls Club.	Sustain green quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.  Support CISWO in its efforts to enhance the ancillary provision at the site.	Sports Club CISWO BE	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
12	Boughton Sports Field	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two poor quality senior rugby pitches accessed by Ollerton RFC.  The Club rents its access to the site from the Boughton Village Hall committee on a weekly basis and would like a longer-term lease.  Site has a poor-quality ancillary provision with two small basic changing rooms, a communal shower space and a small kitchen. The Club would like to increase the size of the changing rooms to meet RFU spec, as well as increasing the size of the social space, replacing the outdated boiler and installing CCTV.  The Club has started investing more heavily into maintaining its grass pitches as of 2023	Work with the necessary stakeholders to formalise a longer-term tenure agreement to the Club.  Work with the Club to improve the ancillary provision at the site and install sports lights to its senior pitch.  Continue to invest heavier into the maintenance of the pitches as to improve the quality.	Sports Club RFU	Local	M	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>32</sup>	Cost <sup>33</sup>	Aim
				and is also looking to install sports lights to one of its pitches.							
17	Center Parcs (Sherwood Forest)	3G	Private	One poor quality, small sided sports lit 3G pitch with no community use.	Protect for private use.  Ensure a sinking fund is in place for carpet replacements when required.  Replace the current surface of the pitch when it is deemed unfit to accommodate demand.	Private  NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	M	Protect  Enhance
17	Center Parcs (Sherwood Forest)	Tennis	Private	Four good quality courts with no community use.	Protect for private use.  Sustain court quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.	Private  LTA	Key Centre	M	L	M	Protect  Enhance
30	Dukeries Academy	Football	School	Three poor quality adult pitches all of which are not open to community use. The school staff state it is looking to open its pitches to community use in the near future.	Open provision to community use as to support football demand.  Improve pitch quality of second square through an enhanced maintenance regime.	School  NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect  Enhance  Provide
30	Dukeries Academy	AGP	School	One standard quality sports lit AGP that is open to community use. The pitch is the same surface since it was first installed in 2003 however it had a thorough weeklong rejuvenation in 2021 by Replay Maintenance hence its standard quality rating.  The site is not accessed by a hockey club and is identified in the LFFP for a 3G pitch conversion.  The school is going through a rebuild which may result in a change to the overall supply of provision.	Given the age of provision, the school not having a partner hockey Club, the site being scheduled to be re-built and the shortfall for 3G pitches in the Analysis Area, look to re-surface the pitch to 3G to better accommodate football demand.  This should only take place after a replacement AGP surface has been provided at Minster School. If a replacement pitch is not provided the Dukeries AGP should be retained for the potential future need for hockey.	School  EH  NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	H	Protect  Enhance  Provide
30	Dukeries Academy	Rugby Union	School	One poor quality senior pitch with no sports lighting or community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School  RFU	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
30	Dukeries Academy	Cricket	School	One standalone NTP with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School  NCCC	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>32</sup>	Cost <sup>33</sup>	Aim
30	Dukeries Academy	Tennis	School	Seven courts, five of which are standard quality and two are poor quality. Five courts are sports lit and all are not open to community use.	Sustain court quality through a thorough maintenance regime.  Look to resurface the courts, install sports lights and open to community use predominantly planned for netball use.	School LTA	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
30	Dukeries Academy	Netball	School	Four netball courts, all of which are of a poor quality and not open to community use.	Protect for curricular use.  Given the quantity of provision and that the site takes lettings on the AGP, look to resurface the courts, install sports lights and open to community use.	School EN	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
30	Dukeries Academy	Athletics	School	One poor quality 400m cinder track that is open to community use.  England Athletics has an ambition to upgrade the cinder track to a macadam or low-cost synthetic surface as to create a better-quality community running facility.	Work with England Athletics to resurface the poor-quality track in line with the re-development of the school. Re-surfacing would be a macadam or low-cost synthetic surface.  This shall support the four running clubs across Newark & Sherwood in providing an alternative site to YMCA (Newark).	School EA	Key Centre	M	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
32	Edwinstowe Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality square with a good outfield.  The Club has an issue with its starter motor to its mower it is looking to address.  The Club want to improve the good quality clubhouse by extending the building for more storage, building a small outdoor seating space and converting some showers into urinals.	Support the Club in its ancillary provision development plans and fixing its maintenance equipment.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
56	Kirton Brickworks Football Club	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Sports Club NFA, FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
57	Kneesall C of E Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
58	Laxton Sports & Recreation Field	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Council NFA, FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>32</sup>	Cost <sup>33</sup>	Aim
89	Sherwood Fields (Robin Hood Colts FC)	Football	Sports Club	One youth 11v11, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch all of which are of varying quality.  Site has a poor quality ancillary provision, the Club would like to improve the changing rooms, replace its boiler and potentially install solar panels.  Youth 11v11 pitch is 3 MES overplayed.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime and reduce overplay.  Consider reconfiguring the layout of provision as a means of reducing overplay.	Sports Club NFA, FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
95	St Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
96	St Marys C of E Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
106	Thoresby Hall Hotel Leisure Spa	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality square accessed by Thoresby Park CC. Site has actual spare capacity for all forms of play.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.  Utilise actual spare capacity.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
107	Thoresby Sporting Trust	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality square accessed by Thoresby Colliery CC. Site has a standard quality ancillary provision.  Site is used at capacity.  The Club has plans to convert the garage into two changing rooms and adding solar panels to the clubhouse however needs funding to enable this.  It also wants to replace its sight screens.	Support the Club in its ancillary provision development plans and replacing its sight screens.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
108	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches used at capacity.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Council NFA, FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
109	Walesby C of E Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not open to community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
110	Walesby Lane	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch that is used at capacity and a standard quality ancillary provision.  The LFFP outlines developing the clubhouse at the site to help Step 6 club Ollerton FC	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.  Work with the Club to make the necessary changes to its site as to reach Grade 6 FA	Sports Club NFA, FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance Provide

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>32</sup>	Cost <sup>33</sup>	Aim
				better accommodate women's and girls' demand.	National League System Ground Grading criteria.						
111	Walesby Village Sports Association	Football	Private	One adult, one 9v9 and one 7v7 pitch all of which are accessed by Walesby FC.  Adult pitch is good quality, whilst 9v9 and 7v7 pitches are standard.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Private NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
111	Walesby Village Sports Association	Cricket	Private	One un-used grass square that no longer has wickets prepared.	Retain as strategic reserve should a square need to be re-instated in the future.	Private NCCC	Key Centre	M	L	M	Protect
113	Wellow House School	Football	School	Two adult and one 9v9 pitch all of which are of a standard quality and not open to community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
113	Wellow House School	Cricket	School	One un-used square that is now open grass space.	Retain as strategic reserve should a square need to be re-instated in the future.	School NCCC	Key Centre	M	L	M	Protect
113	Wellow House School	Rugby Union	School	One poor quality senior rugby pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School RFU	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
113	Wellow House School	Tennis	School	One standard quality non-sports lit, non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School LTA	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
121	Ollerton Bowls Club	Lawn Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality green with a poor-quality clubhouse accessed by Ollerton Bowls Club. The site has a very small old wooden basic clubhouse.	Explore the possibility of enhancing the club's ancillary provision.	Sports Club BE	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
125	Fourth Avenue Bowling Green	Lawn Bowls	Council	One disused bowling green that is in a poor condition and is overgrown. Site also has a poor quality clubhouse and a small car park.	Retain as strategic reserve should a green need to be re-instated in the future.	Council BE	Local	M	L	H	Protect
126	Wellow House School (Wellow Dam)	Cricket	School	One poor quality square and outfield with no community use.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	School NCCC	Local	M	L	M	Protect

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### SOUTHWELL ANALYSIS AREA

#### *Summary pitch sports (Southwell Analysis Area)*

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2033) <sup>34</sup>
Football (grass)	Southwell	Adult	Shortfall of 0.5	Shortfall of 0.5
Football (grass)	Southwell	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 1	Shortfall of 1
Football (grass)	Southwell	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 1.5
Football (grass)	Southwell	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Southwell	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Adult	Shortfall of 3.5	Shortfall of 4
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 4.5	Shortfall of 6.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 2.5	Shortfall of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 4.5	Spare capacity of 3.5
Football (grass)	Newark & Sherwood	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 1	At capacity
Football (3G)	Southwell	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 1.25	Shortfall of 1.25
Football (3G)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 4.5	Shortfall of 4.75
Cricket	Southwell	Saturday	Spare capacity of 3	Spare capacity of 3
Cricket	Southwell	Sunday	Spare capacity of 27	Spare capacity of 27
Cricket	Southwell	Midweek	Spare capacity of 45	Spare capacity of 45

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

<sup>34</sup> Future demand (2033) is determined via ONS forecasts and club aspirations identified in PPS Assessment Report (2023).

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Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Saturday	<b>Shortfall of 16</b>	<b>Shortfall of 52</b>
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Sunday	Spare capacity of 68	Spare capacity of 68
Cricket	Newark & Sherwood	Midweek	Spare capacity of 146	Spare capacity of 134
Rugby union	Southwell	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 4</b>	<b>Shortfall of 5</b>
Rugby union	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 7</b>
Rugby league	Newark & Sherwood	Senior	No demand so no provision required	No demand so no provision required
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Newark & Sherwood	Full size, floodlit	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School	Sufficient supply if a replacement surface is provided at Minster School

**Summary non-pitch sports**

Sport	Current picture	Future picture
<b>Tennis</b>	Southwell TC and Farnsfield TC are operating within LTA recommended guidelines. Southwell TC and Farnsfield have an ambition to upgrade its sports lights to LED and enhance its ancillary provisions.	Southwell TC shall remain within LTA recommended guidelines if future demand from Club ambitions are achieved. Farnsfield TC does not have future demand ambitions. The Club is looking to re-surface its courts in the next five years.
<b>Netball</b>	Analysis Area has six standard quality, sports lit community accessible courts all provided at Minster School. All demand is exported into Nottingham and Lincoln.	The assessment suggests that there is a future need for improvements to the recreational supply recreational access (aligned to England Netball participation schemes). Minster School should look to accommodate some form of demand given the sites sports lit accessible courts.
<b>Bowls</b>	Southwell Bowls Club is operating marginally above Bowls England recommended guidelines.	Southwell Bowls Club has not expressed any future demand so its future position remains unchanged. Monitor the membership levels at Southwell Bowls Club to ensure it continues to adequately cater its demand.
<b>Athletics</b>	No provision exists in the Analysis Area. All demand is exported outside of the district to YMCA (Newark), which provides a sports lit 400m track.	Considerations should be made for the installation of a play, mini, compact or active tracks as to provide the Analysis Area with some form of athletics provision.

### Overarching recommendations

Sport	Priority recommendations
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality especially at key, poor quality and/or overplayed sites such as Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground and Southwell Memorial Ground.</li> <li>◀ Increasingly utilise the underused community accessible grass pitches at Minster School.</li> <li>◀ Look to improve the ancillary provision provided at The Acres Field and Southwell Memorial Ground.</li> </ul>
3G pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to increase the number of full sized 3G pitches as to address the current theoretical shortfall of 1.25 pitches, with Minster School and Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground as potential suitable sites.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches have a sinking fund in place.</li> <li>◀ Ensure all future pitches look to be placed on the FA register to host competitive matches.</li> <li>◀ If a full sized 3G pitch is to be developed, consider installing a WR22 shock pad for Southwell RFC to use for midweek training as to reduce overplay at the site. Partnership status should also be granted to Southwell City FC.</li> </ul>
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve existing provision at Edingley CC (Farnsfield CC) and The Priory Ground (Fiskerton and Thurgarton CC) to enhance square quality and reduce overplay.</li> <li>◀ Improve the ancillary provision of sites where necessary such as Edingley CC (Farnsfield CC).</li> <li>◀ Improve the training facilities at sites where required, such as The Priory Ground.</li> </ul>
Rugby union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Improve quality of existing provision at Southwell RFC.</li> <li>◀ Look to install sports lights to the senior pitch at Minster School and grant midweek access for Southwell RFC for midweek training as a means of reducing overplay at the site and more evenly distributing training demand across both sites.</li> <li>◀ Look to improve the ventilation of the changing rooms at Southwell RFC which is a frustration of the Club.</li> </ul>
Rugby league	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ No action required.</li> </ul>
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Retain actual spare capacity during the peak period for the potential future demand of Southwell Brincliffe HC.</li> <li>◀ Replace the surface of the AGP at Minster School to ensure the long-term sustainability of Southwell Brincliffe HC and hockey within Newark &amp; Sherwood.</li> <li>◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for the future surface replacement of the Minster School AGP.</li> </ul>
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Sustain quality of existing provision at Farnsfield BC and Southwell Town BC.</li> <li>◀ Ensure clubs manage access to its green effectively, with key overplayed sites such as Southwell Memorial Ground (Southwell BC).</li> </ul>
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Work with Southwell LTC and Farnsfield TC to upgrade the sports lighting to its courts to LED.</li> <li>◀ Look to provide a form of ancillary provision at Southwell LTC to increase the amount of social space. Support Farnsfield TC in the clubs ambition of enhancing its clubhouse.</li> </ul>
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to increasingly utilise the provision at Minster School given the sites quantity of provision, and sports lighting provided.</li> </ul>
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Consider the installation of play, mini, compact and active tracks as to increase the amount of athletics provision.</li> </ul>

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>35</sup>	Cost <sup>36</sup>	Aim
1	Arthur Radford Sports Ground	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with no actual spare capacity.  Site has a standard quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Council NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
1	Arthur Radford Sports Ground	Cricket	Council	One good quality square with a standard outfield and good ancillary provision.  Site is accessed by Fiskerton and Thurgarton CC and has actual spare capacity for additional Saturday, Sunday and midweek demand.  For the 2024 season the site shall no longer be accessed by Fiskerton and Thurgarton CC and instead shall be used by Wollaton CC for two Saturday teams.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Council NCCC	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect
9	Bleasby C of E Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
13	Brinkley Centenary Sports Ground	Football	Sports Club	One adult, one youth 11v11 and one 9v9 pitch all of which are of a good quality and accessed by Southwell City FC.  Site is overplayed by 1.5 MES and is outlined in the LFFP for pitch improvements.  The standard quality clubhouse was recently enhanced by Southwell City FC to reach Step 6 ground grading requirements.	Access Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding as a means to further improve playing pitch quality.  Look to shift some demand to Southwell Memorial Ground as a means of reducing overplay.	Sports Club NFA, FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
31	Edingley Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	One poor quality square with a standard outfield. The site is accessed by Farnsfield CC as a second ground and does not have a set of covers for the square and the roller is in need of replacing.  Farnsfield CC is looking to invest more into the maintenance of the site.  The clubhouse is also of a poor quality.  Site is overplayed by 15 MES.	Improve square quality of square through an enhanced maintenance regime. Support Farnsfield CC with additional equipment to improve the quality of the site.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

<sup>35</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>36</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above



Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>35</sup>	Cost <sup>36</sup>	Aim
37	Farnsfield Bowling & Tennis Club	Tennis	Parish Council	Four standard quality sports lit courts that are open to community use. Three courts are full sized whilst one is junior.  Site is home to Farnsfield TC and provides a small basic wooden clubhouse.	Sustain court quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.  Look to re-surface provision in line with Farnsfield TC's facilities plan.	Parish Council  LTA	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect  Enhance
37	Farnsfield Bowling & Tennis Club	Lawn Bowls	Parish Council	One good quality green with a standard clubhouse accessed by Farnsfield BC.	Sustain green quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.	Parish Council  BE	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
38	Farnsfield Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality square with a good outfield and good ancillary provision.  Site is used at capacity by Farnsfield CC.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club  NCCC	Local	M	M	L	Protect  Enhance
39	Farnsfield St Michaels C of E Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School  NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
39	Farnsfield St Michaels C of E Primary School	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School  EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
44	Halam C of E Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School  NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
44	Halam C of E Primary School	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School  EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
55	Kirklington Primary School	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch with no community use.	Protect for curricular use.	School  NFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
63	Lowes Wong Junior School	Netball	School	One poor quality non-sports lit non-community accessible court.	Protect for curricular use.	School  EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
68	Minster School	Football	School	One adult and one 9v9 pitch both of which are of a standard quality and open to community use.  Site is identified in the LFFP for a 3G pitch as to aid training demand from Southwell RFC and Southwell City FC. Newark & Sherwood District Council is exploring the possibility of installing a WR22 pitch on the senior rugby pitch to prevent the loss of the AGP on site.	Sustain pitch quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.  Look to install a WR22 3G pitch to one of the football pitches on site as a means of providing the needed rugby and football midweek training to Southwell RFC and Southwell City FC.	School  NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	M	H	Protect  Enhance  Provide

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>35</sup>	Cost <sup>36</sup>	Aim
68	Minster School	Rugby Union	School	One standard quality senior pitch accessed by Southwell RFC. The Club would like to install sports lights to the site, to enable it to be sued for midweek training and reduce overplay on the clubs two pitches.	Install sports lights to the senior pitch and grant midweek access to the pitch for Southwell RFC as a means of reducing overplay at the site. This is preferential to RFU's instead of developing a WR22 3G pitch at the site.	School NSDC RFU NFA, FF SE	Key Centre	H	M	M	Protect Provide
68	Minster School	AGP	School	One poor-quality full-sized sports lit pitch accessed by Southwell Brincliffe HC. Pitch has the same surface since being installed in 2008 and is in need of replacing.  The School staff states it has a sinking fund to replace the pitch when needed.  The changing facilities have been closed to community use as they are being re-furbished during 2023.	Look to maximise usage of the site as to best support hockey and football demand and increase revenue.  Provide a replacement surface to the AGP in the near future as to prevent the loss of the pitch for Southwell Brincliffe HC.  Ensure a sinking fund is in place for future carpet replacements when required.  Refurbish the changing rooms on site and re-open the access for Southwell Brincliffe HC to use.	School NSDC EH SE NFA, FF	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
68	Minster School	Tennis	School	Six standard quality sports lit, community accessible courts.	Protect for curricular and community use.	School LTA	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
68	Minster School	Netball	School	Six standard quality sports lit, community accessible courts.	Protect for curricular and community use.  Look to increasingly utilise the provision for community use.	School EN	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
91	Southwell Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality square with a good outfield and clubhouse.  Site has actual spare capacity for additional Sunday and midweek demand.	Sustain square quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.  Utilise actual spare capacity.	Sports Club NCCC	Local	L	L	L	Protect
92	Southwell Leisure Centre	3G	Active4Today	One standard quality small sided 3G pitch that is the same surface since being installed in 2017.  The ancillary provision is accessed by Southwell Brincliffe HC for its home fixtures.	Look to maximise usage of the site as to best support football demand and increase revenue.  Ensure a sinking fund is in place for carpet replacements when required.  Replace the current surface of the pitch when it is deemed unfit to accommodate demand.	Active4Today NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	L	H	Protect Enhance

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>35</sup>	Cost <sup>36</sup>	Aim
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Football	Parish Council	One youth 9v9, two 7v7 and two 5v5 pitches all of which are poor quality.  Site is accessed by Southwell City FC and is identified in the LFFP for pitch improvements.	Work with Southwell City FC to utilise Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding to improve the quality of provision.	Parish Council  NFA, FF	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect  Enhance
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Tennis	Parish Council	Three good quality sports lit, community accessible courts. Site is accessed by Southwell Tennis Club who are operating within LTA recommended guidelines.  The Club is looking to upgrade the sports lights to LED and increase the amount of social space provided.	Sustain court quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.  Support the Club in enhancing its sports lights and improving its ancillary provision.	Parish Council  LTA	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect  Enhance  Provide
93	Southwell Memorial Ground	Lawn Bowls	Parish Council	One good quality green with a good quality ancillary provision. Site is accessed by Southwell Bowls Club who is operating marginally above Bowls England capacity guidelines.	Sustain green quality through a continuation of the current maintenance regime.  Monitor the growth of Southwell Bowls Club to ensure it continues to operate without capacity issues.	Parish Council  BE	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
94	Southwell Rugby Club	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two standard quality senior sports lit pitches accessed by Southwell RFC.  Pitches are overplayed by 4 MES.  Site has a good quality ancillary provision despite the ventilation of the changing rooms being an issue.  The Club would like to increase the number of pitches at the site with a portion of the farmers land to the South a long-term ambition.  The Club has approached the Minster School to install sports lights on the senior pitch at the school site to in return access the pitch midweek as a means of reducing overplay. It is also supportive to the proposal of adding a WR22 3G pitch to the grass pitches at Minster School.	Work with the Club to install sports lights to the senior pitch provided at Minster School and grant midweek access to the pitch for the Club as a means of reducing overplay.  Explore the possibility of installing a third senior pitch to the farmers land South of the site.  If a WR22 3G pitch is developed at Minster School, ensure Southwell RFC is granted partner status and sole access to the site for midweek training during peak periods two nights a week.	Sports Club  RFU	Key Centre	M	L	M	Protect  Enhance  Provide
99	The Acres Playing Field	Football	Parish Council	One adult and one 7v7 pitch both of which are of a poor quality. Site has a poor-quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Parish Council  NFA, FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect  Enhance

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>35</sup>	Cost <sup>36</sup>	Aim
					Enhance the poor quality ancillary provision provided.						
101	The Priory Ground	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality square with a good outfield with a standard clubhouse.  Site is overplayed by 6 MES due to quantity of demand on the site.  Fiskerton and Thurgarton CC is wanting to replace the poor-quality fixed practice net.	Improve square quality through an enhanced maintenance regime as a means of reducing overplay.  Work with the Club to replace the poor-quality fixed practice net.	Sports Club  NCCC	Local	M	M	M	Protect  Enhance
122	Upton Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality square with a standard outfield and standard clubhouse.  Site has actual spare capacity for additional Saturday, Sunday and midweek demand.	Utilise actual spare capacity.	Sports Club  NCCC	Local	M	L	L	Protect

### PART 7: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS

The PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sports based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2033 (in line with the Local Plan). This future demand is translated into teams likely to be generated, rather than actual pitch provision required. The Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converts the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. This is achieved via team generation rates in the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth and gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision.

Experience shows that housing sites with 600 dwellings or more are likely to generate demand for new provision to be created. For such large scale developments, consideration should be given to providing multi-pitch sites with suitable ancillary provision, including appropriate clubhouse/changing facilities and car parking. Single pitch sites which have been provided traditionally by developers are not considered to provide long term sustainable provision for the relevant sports.

Where demand does not warrant new pitch provision, the Action Plan in this document should be consulted to determine whether the additional demand can be accommodated via existing provision (in which case no further action is required). If this is not the case, contributions should be sought to enhance existing provision in the locality to accommodate the increased demand. This can be through, for example, improving quality, or providing new or improved ancillary provision. Consultation with appropriate NGBs should also be used to assist in the selection of suitable sites and suitable enhancements.

The following scenario is based on potential population growth over the Local Plan period. This growth is cumulative over the plan period which will derive from a combination of new development and organic growth within the District.

- ◀ **Scenario One** –Anticipated population growth in line with Local Plan- 10,067 people (ONS population forecasts)

#### **7.1: Scenario One – Local Plan Authority wide population growth (Newark and Sherwood)**

The estimated additional population derived over Local Plan is 10,067 people by 2033. This population increase equates to 14.08 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.70 match equivalent sessions on a hockey suitable AGP's and 3G surfaces and 01.76 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket. Training demand equates to 22.73 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 1.20 hours on a hockey suitable AGP.

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Table 7.1: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from an additional 10,067 people

Pitch sport	Match demand per week <sup>37</sup>	Training demand <sup>38</sup>
Adult football	2.93	22.73 hours
Youth football	5.46	As above
Mini soccer	2.97	As above
Rugby union	0.95	1.10 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.40	1.20 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.36	0.0 hours
Cricket	77.91	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

Table 7.2: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

<sup>37</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>38</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Pitch type	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>39</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>40</sup>	Number of changing rooms	Capital cost
Adult football	2.93	£314,074	£66,270	5.87	£1,129,172
Youth football	5.46	£473,136	£99,359	6.90	£1,328,772
Mini soccer	2.97	£91,005	£19,111	0.00	£0
Rugby union	0.95	£155,672	£33,314	1.91	£367,289
Rugby league	0.00	£0	£0	0.00	£0
Cricket	1.76	£593,820	£119,952	3.53	£679,294
Sand based AGPs	0.10	£88,057	£2,730	0.20	£38,653
3G	0.60	£655,807	£23,789	1.20	£230,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.78</b>	<b>£2,371,572</b>	<b>£364,524</b>	<b>19.60</b>	<b>£3,773,475</b>

Overall, an additional 14.78 pitches would be required to meet additional demand arising from an additional 10,067 people living in Newark and Sherwood. This consist of 14.08 grass pitches and 0.70 of access to artificial pitches. This would require an expected capital cost of £2,371,572 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £364,524. To facilitate the increased provision, 19.60 changing rooms would need to be provided at a capital cost of £3,773,475.

Demand arising from this potential growth will not emerge as part of one development, but from separate allocations over the next ten years as well as organic population growth in the District. On this basis, the figures and numbers accounted for in the above tables should be considered a cumulative position for ten years of growth.

It is recommended that the PPC is ran alongside the Councils own developer contribution policy to help inform future collation of contribution and to support the development of new provision where it is applicable to be sought.

<sup>39</sup> [Link to Sport England cost guidance](#)

<sup>40</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

### **PART 8: DELIVER THE STRATEGY AND KEEP IT ROBUST AND UP-TO-DATE**

The section below is a generalised approach on how to deliver a PPOSS whilst also keeping it robust and up-to-date. However, a more tailored approach should also be considered and designed for the Newark & Sherwood based on the requirements and priorities of the Steering Group.

#### ***Delivery***

The PPOSS seeks to provide guidance for maintenance/management decisions and investment made across the Newark & Sherwood. By addressing the issues identified in the Assessment Report and using the strategic framework presented in this Strategy, the current and future sporting and recreational needs of the District can be satisfied. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision and recommends how best to resolve this in the future.

It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is used to engage with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed, to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of Council priorities.

The creation of this document should be regarded as part of the planning process. The success of this Strategy and the benefits that are gained are dependent upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a strategic approach. Each member of the steering group should take the lead to ensure the PPOSS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence.

To help ensure the PPOSS is well used, it should be regarded as the key document within the study area guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch and outdoor sport provision. It needs to be the document people regularly turn to for information on the how the current demand is met and what actions are needed to improve the situation and meet future demand. For this to be achieved, the Steering Group needs to have a clear understanding of how the PPOSS can be applied and therefore delivered.

The process of completing the PPOSS will hopefully have already resulted in a number of benefits that will help with its application and delivery. These may include enhanced partnership working across different agendas and organisations, pooling of resources along with strengthening relationships and understanding between different stakeholders and between members of the steering group and the sporting community. The drivers behind the PPOSS and the work to develop the recommendations and action plan will have also highlighted, and helped the steering group to understand, the key areas to which it can be applied and how it can be delivered.



### *Monitoring and updating*

It is important that there is regular monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy. This monitoring should continue be led by the local authority and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the Steering Group. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPOSS has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. It is possible that in the interim between reviews the Steering Group could also operate as a 'virtual' group; prepared to comment on suggestions and updates electronically when relevant.

It is agreed that the Council (potentially via consultants e.g., KKP) is responsible for keeping the database and background supply and demand information up-to-date in order that area-by-area action plans can be updated. This should be carried out in consultation with the NGBs, particularly around affiliation time when information is updated.

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the steering group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider it and the information on which it is based to be out of date. The nature of the supply and in particular the demand for provision is likely to change year-on-year, meaning that without any form of review and update it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust.

An annual review should not be regarded as a particularly resource intensive task. However, it should highlight:

- ◀ How the delivery of the recommendations and action plan has progressed and any changes required to the priority afforded to each action (e.g., the priority of some may increase following the delivery of others).
- ◀ How the PPOSS has been applied and the lessons learnt.
- ◀ Any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area (e.g., the most used or high quality sites for a particular sport) and other supply and demand information, what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues.
- ◀ Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport.
- ◀ Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.




















Alongside regular steering group meetings a good way to keep the strategy up-to-date and maintain relationships is to hold sport specific meetings with the NGBs and other relevant parties. These meetings look to update the key supply and demand information, if necessary amend the assessment work, track progress with implementing the recommendations and action plan and highlight any new issues and opportunities.

These meetings could be timed to fit with the annual affiliation process undertaken by the NGBs which would help to capture any changes in the number and nature of sports clubs in the area. Other information that is already collected on a regular basis such as pitch booking records for local authority and other sites could be fed into these meetings.

The NGBs are also able to indicate any further performance quality assessments that have been undertaken within the study area.

### Checklists

In order for this Strategy to be signed off by the steering group, a Stage D Checklist: Develop the Strategy, is signed off.

Stage D Checklist: Develop the Strategy	Tick 	
	Yes	Requires Attention
<b>Step 7: Develop the recommendations and action plan</b>		
1. Have a number of study area specific scenarios been looked at to help explore key issues and findings along with possible recommendations and actions?		
2. Have any recommendations and actions regarding AGP provision taken into account the guidance in the 'Selecting the Right Artificial Surface' document and any NGB specific information?		
3. Do the recommendations reflect the drivers, vision and objectives of the work?		
4. Are the recommendations precise enough to enable the development of clear individual area, sport and site specific actions to help achieve them?		
5. Have all relevant parties been engaged with the development of, and are signed up to the delivery of, the recommendations and actions?		
6. Are the recommendations and actions clearly presented?		
7. Has particular attention been paid to the situation at priority sites and those which are being significantly overplayed?		
8. Have area, sport and site specific solutions been proposed to protect, enhance, and provide playing pitch provision to meet the current and future demand?		
9. Has guidance on the future of any sites highlighted as being at risk been provided?		
10. Do the recommendations and actions seek to make the best use of existing pitches?		
11. Has the detriment and benefit of proposals to relocate provision been presented?		
12. Has the level and type of any new playing pitch provision required been presented?		
13. Has the importance of providing appropriate and fit for purpose ancillary facilities been highlighted in order to maximise the potential benefit to sport of any pitches?		
14. Have the recommendations sought to ensure an adequate amount of spare capacity in the provision of accessible pitches with secured community use?		
15. Does the PPS provide a steer as to the future of any spare capacity and any provision that may be genuinely surplus to requirements (paragraphs D12 to D15)?		
16. Does the action plan cover the points listed in paragraph D17?		
17. Does the action plan provide the most appropriate actions to improve provision in the study area rather than just those which the local authority can deliver?		

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18. Does the action plan represent an infrastructure plan for playing pitches with deliverable area, sport and site specific actions and projects?	✓	
<b>Step 8: Write and Adopt the Strategy</b>	✓	
1. Does the PPS document provide the reader with a clear understanding of the areas listed in paragraph D20?		
2. Is it clear from the PPS document why the recommendations and actions have been included, how they are to be delivered and what they will achieve?	✓	
3. Does the PPS document indicate how it should be used and applied in different areas and circumstances along with the benefits of doing so?	✓	
4. Has the PPS document been subject to appropriate consultation?	✓	
5. Do all members of the steering group and other relevant parties endorse the PPS and recognise its lead role in guiding the improvement of pitches in the study area?	✓	
6. Has the PPS document been formally adopted by the local authority and is its status recognised across all relevant departments?	✓	

To help ensure the PPOSS is delivered and is kept robust and up-to-date, the steering group can refer to the new methodology Stage E Checklist: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up-to-date:

Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up-to-date	Tick ✓	
	Yes	Requires Attention
<b>Step 9: Apply and deliver the strategy</b>		
1. Are steering group members clear on how the PPS can be applied across a range of relevant areas?		
2. Is each member of the steering group committed to taking the lead to help ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence?		
3. Has a process been put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered and the PPS is being applied?		
<b>Step 10: Keep the strategy robust and up-to-date</b>		
1. Has a process been put in place to ensure the PPS is kept robust and up-to-date?		
2. Does the process involve an annual update of the PPS?		
3. Is the steering group to be maintained and is it clear of its on-going role?		
4. Is regular liaison with the NGBs and other parties planned?		
5. Has all the supply and demand information been collated and presented in a format (i.e. single document that can be filtered accordingly) that will help people to review it and highlight any changes?		
6. Have any changes made to the Active Places Power data been fed back to Sport England?		

### APPENDIX ONE: SPORTING CONTEXT

The following section outlines a series of national, regional and local policies pertaining to the study and which will have an important influence on the Strategy.

#### National context

The provision of high quality and accessible community outdoor sports facilities at a local level is a key requirement for achieving the targets set out by the Government and Sport England. It is vital that this strategy is cognisant of and works towards these targets in addition to local priorities and plans.

#### ***Department of Media Culture and Sport Get Active: A Strategy for the Future of Sport and Physical Activity (2023)***

The Government published its new strategy for sport in August 2023. The 2015 government sport strategy, Sporting Future: A New Strategy for a More Active Nation, was a fundamental re-framing of sport and physical activity in the UK. It set out five outcomes delivered by sport and physical activity:

- ◀ Physical wellbeing
- ◀ Mental wellbeing
- ◀ Individual development
- ◀ Social and community development
- ◀ Sustainable economic development

This new strategy builds on the foundations of Sporting Future and retains these five outcomes at its core. In order to measure its success in producing outputs which accord with these aims it has also adopted a series of three core priorities, with seven indicators to achieve these priorities as follows:

- ◀ **Being unapologetically ambitious in making the nation more active**
  - ◀ Ensuring everyone is focused on increasing physical activity, meaning fewer inactive children, and narrowing the gap on inactivity where groups are not being reached, with visible progress across the country by 2030
  - ◀ Focusing on evidence, data and metrics
  - ◀ Setting the future direction for facilities and spaces where people can be active
- ◀ **Making sport and physical activity more inclusive and welcoming for all that everyone can have confidence that there is a place for them in sport**
  - ◀ Helping the sector to be welcoming to all
  - ◀ Improving how issues and concerns are dealt within the sector

- ◀ **Moving towards a more sustainable sector that is more financially resilient and robust**
  - ◀ Supporting the sector to access additional, alternative forms of investment
  - ◀ Working towards a more environmentally sustainable sector

Delivering against these priorities will help create a more active nation and a more sustainable sport sector. These aims are complementary; greater participation, stronger governance and confidence in the sector will help to drive investment, which in turn helps to attract new audiences. The vision is to make sport and physical activity accessible, resilient, fun and fair, for now and the years to come – for the benefit of individuals and the country.

### ***Sport England: Uniting the Movement 2021***

Sport and physical activity has a big role to play in improving the physical and mental health of the nation, supporting the economy, reconnecting communities and rebuilding a stronger society for all. From this notion, Sport England has recently released its new strategy, Uniting the Movement, its 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity.

It seeks to tackle the inequalities long seen in sport and physical activity. Providing opportunities to people and communities that have traditionally been left behind, and helping to remove the barriers to activity, has never been more important.

There are three key objectives to the Strategy:

- ◀ Advocating for movement, sport and physical activity.
- ◀ Joining forces on five big issues
- ◀ Creating the catalyst for change

In particular, the five big issues are identified where the greatest potential is seen for preventing and tackling inequalities in sport and physical activity. Each one is a building block that, on its own, would make a difference, but together, could change things profoundly:

***Recover and reinvent:*** Recovering from the biggest crisis in a generation and reinventing as a vibrant, relevant and sustainable network of organisations providing sport and physical activity opportunities that meet the needs of different people.

***Connecting communities:*** Focusing on sport and physical activity's ability to make better places to live and bring people together.

**Positive experiences for children and young people:** Unrelenting focus on positive experiences for all children and young people as the foundations for a long and healthy life.

**Connecting with health and wellbeing:** Strengthening the connections between sport, physical activity, health and wellbeing, so more people can feel the benefits of, and advocate for, an active life.

**Active environments:** Creating and protecting the places and spaces that make it easier for people to be active.

The specific impact of the Strategy will be captured through programmes funded, interventions made, and partnerships forged. For each specific area of action, a set of key performance indicators will be developed. This hybrid approach will help evidence the overall progress being made by all those involved in supporting sport and physical activity.

### **National Planning Policy Framework (2023)**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out planning policies for England. It details how these changes are expected to be applied to the planning system. It also provides a framework for local people and their councils to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

The NPPF states the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It identifies that the planning system needs to focus on three themes of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. A presumption in favour of sustainable development is a key aspect for any plan-making and decision-taking processes. In relation to plan-making the NPPF sets out that Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs.

The ‘promoting healthy communities’ theme identifies that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficiencies or surpluses in local areas should also be identified. This information should be used to inform what provision is required in an area.

As a prerequisite the NPPF states existing open space, sports and recreation buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- ◀ An assessment has been undertaken, which has clearly shown that the open space, buildings or land is surplus to requirements.
- ◀ The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location.
- ◀ The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

In order for planning policies to be 'sound' local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities.

### ***The FA National Football Facilities Strategy (2018-28)***

The Football Association's (FA) National Football Facilities Strategy (NFFS) provides a strategic framework that sets out key priorities and targets for the national game (i.e., football) over a ten-year period.

The Strategy sets out shared aims and objectives it aims to deliver on in conjunction with The Premier League, Sport England and the Government, to be delivered with support of the Football Foundation.

These stakeholders have clearly identified the aspirations for football to contribute directly to nationally important social and health priorities. Alongside this, the strategy is clear that traditional, affiliated football remains an important priority and a core component of the game, whilst recognising and supporting the more informal environments used for the community and recreational game.

Its vision is: *"Within 10 years we aim to deliver great football facilities, wherever they are needed"*

£1.3 billion has been spent by football and Government since 2000 to enhance existing football facilities and build new ones. However, more is needed if football and Government's shared objectives for participation, individual well-being and community cohesion are to be achieved. Nationally, direct investment will be increased – initially to £69 million per annum from football and Government (a 15% increase on recent years).

The NFFS investment priorities can be broadly grouped into six areas, recognising the need to grow the game, support existing players and better understand the different football environments:

- ◀ **Improve 20,000 Natural Turf pitches**, with a focus on addressing drop off due to a poor playing experience;
- ◀ **Deliver 1,000 3G AGP 'equivalents'** (mix of full size and small sided provision, including MUGAs - small sided facilities are likely to have a key role in smaller / rural communities and encouraging multi-sport offers), enhancing the quality of playing experience and supporting a sustainable approach to grass roots provision;
- ◀ **Deliver 1,000 changing pavilions/clubhouses**, linked to multi-pitch or hub sites, supporting growth (particularly in women and girls football), sustainability and providing a facility infrastructure to underpin investment in coaching, officials and football development; **Support access to flexible indoor spaces**, including equipment and court markings, to support growth in futsal, walking football and to support the education and skills outcomes, exploiting



opportunities for football to positively impact on personal and social outcomes for young people in particular;

- ◀ **Refurbish existing stock to maintain current provision**, recognising the need to address historic under-investment and issues with refurbishment of existing facilities;
- ◀ **Support testing of technology and innovation**, building on customer insight to deliver hubs for innovation, testing and development of the game.

### *Local Football Facility Plans*

To support in delivery of both the current and superseding FA National Game Strategy (NGS), the FA commissioned a nationwide consultancy project. A Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) has now been produced for every local authority across England. Each plan is unique to its area as well as being diverse in its representation.

The LFFP is strategically aligned to the National Football Facilities Strategy (NFFS); a 10-year plan to change the landscape of football facilities in England. The NFFS represents a major funding commitment from the national funding partners (The FA, Premier League, DCMS, Football Foundation) to inform and direct an estimated one billion pounds of investment into football facilities over the next ten years.

Each LFFP will build upon PPS findings (where present and current) regarding the formal and affiliated game, to also include strategic priorities for investment across small sided football (recreational and informal including indoors). The LFFP will also incorporate consultation with groups outside of formal football, as well as underrepresented communities. This could include those which may be key partners with regards to football for behavioural change and groups which may be key drivers of FA NGS priorities around participation in the likes of women and girls' football, disability football and futsal.

LFFPs will identify key projects to be delivered and act as an investment portfolio for projects that require funding. As such, around 90% of all national football investment through the funding partners will be identified via LFFPs.

It is important to recognise that a LFFP is an investment portfolio of priority projects for potential investment - it is not a detailed supply and demand analysis of all pitch provision in a local area. Consequently, it cannot be used in place of a PPS and is not an accepted evidence base for site change of use or disposal. A LFFP will, however, build on available/existing local evidence and strategic plans and may adopt relevant actions from a PPS and/or complement these with additional investment priorities.

### ***England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Inspiring Generations (2019-2024)***

“Inspiring Generations” is the new ECB participation strategy which was announced in January 2019. It builds on the strong foundations laid by Cricket Unleashed and supports the growth of cricket in England and Wales between 2020 and 2024. At the heart of this strategy is a single unifying purpose, which gets to the core of what the game can do for society both on and off the field to ensure that cricket is in an even stronger position that it is in 2019.

Inspire Generations has six key priorities and activities including transforming women’s and girls’ cricket to increase the representation of women in every level of cricket by:

- ◀ Growing the base through participation and facilities investment.
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- ◀ Launching centres of excellence and a new elite domestic structure.
- ◀ Investing in girls’ county age group cricket.
- ◀ Delivering a girls’ secondary school programme.

### ***The Rugby Football Union Strategic Plan 2021 onwards***

The RFU has released its new strategic vision for rugby in England. The strategy is based on four main elements which are; Protect, Engage, Grow and Win. It covers all elements of rugby union ranging from elite rugby to grassroots, although the general relevancy to the PPS is centred around growing the game.

The RFU exists to promote and develop rugby union in England and ensure the long-term sustainability of clubs by growing player numbers and retaining them across all age groups. Responding to wider market influences, work will continue on developing new ways to take part in all forms of the game, without comprising the sports traditions. This will ensure a lasting legacy from elite success by attracting new players and encouraging current male and female adult players to play.

### ***England Hockey Strategy***

England Hockey’s Facilities Strategy can be found [here](#). England Hockey is in the process of updating its facilities strategy which can be expected in the near future.

**Vision:** For every hockey club in England to have appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

**Mission:** More, Better, Happier Players with access to appropriate and sustainable facilities

The 3 main objectives of the facilities strategy are:

**1. PROTECT: To conserve the existing hockey provision**

- There are currently over 800 pitches that are used by hockey clubs (club, school, universities) across the country. It is important to retain the current provision where appropriate to ensure that hockey is maintained across the country.

**2. IMPROVE: To improve the existing facilities stock (physically and administratively)**

- The current facilities stock is ageing and there needs to be strategic investment into refurbishing the pitches and ancillary facilities. England Hockey works to provide more support for clubs to obtain better agreements with facilities providers & education around owning an asset.

**3. DEVELOP: To strategically build new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain. This might include consolidating hockey provision in a local area where appropriate.**

England Hockey has identified key areas across the country where there is a lack of suitable hockey provision and there is a need for additional pitches, suitable for hockey. There is an identified demand for multi pitches in the right places to consolidate hockey and allow clubs to have all of their provision catered for at one site.

The intention is to:

- ◀ Be progressive.
- ◀ Offer opportunities to participate at national and international level.
- ◀ Work to raise the profile of the sport in support of recruitment and retention.
- ◀ Lead the sport.
- ◀ Support clubs and county associations.

***Tennis in Britain - LTA Strategy***

The LTA's vision for 2019 – 2023, Tennis Opened Up includes seven strategies relating to three objectives which are built around its mission 'to grow tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable'.

**Objectives**

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- ◀ Increase the number of fans on our database from [623,602] to [1,000,000] by 2023.
- ◀ More people playing more often;
  - ◀ Increase the number of adults playing tennis each year from [7.7% (4,018,600)] of the population to [8.5% (4,420,460)], and the frequency of adults playing tennis twice a month 2.5% 1,311,800 to 1.9% 1,500,000 by 2023.
  - ◀ The number of children playing tennis once a week from 550,000 to 700,000 (7.9% to 10% of the population) by 2023.
- ◀ Enable 5 new players to break into the top 100 by 2023 and inspire the tennis audience.

### Strategies

1. Visibility - Broaden relevance and increase visibility of tennis all year round to build engagement and participation with fans and players.
2. Innovation - Innovate in the delivery of tennis to widen its appeal.
3. Investment - Support community facilities and schools to increase the opportunities to play
4. Accessibility - Make the customer journey to playing tennis easier and more accessible for anyone
5. Engagement - Engage and collaborate with everyone involved in delivering tennis in Britain, particularly coaches and volunteers to attract and maintain more people in the game.
6. Performance - Create a pathway for British champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders.
7. Leadership - Lead tennis in Britain to the highest standard so it is a safe, welcoming, well-run sport.

### ***Bowls England: Fit for the Future (2021-2026)***

Bowls England's new Strategy: 'Fit For The Future' frames an exciting course for the sport. The five-year plan has been designed with the ultimate goal of getting more people playing & enjoying bowls. It sets out its vision for the sport, how it plans to achieve its objectives and what success looks like in 2026. The priorities that will get it the target of 1 million bowls experiences per year by 2026 are:

- ◀ Building the brand of bowls by increasing focus on international & top domestic bowls, and utilizing opportunities such as Birmingham 2022 to achieve larger media coverage;
- ◀ Ensuring the sport is truly accessible to all by offering different formats of the game which suit all time constraints, as well as driving more people to clubs in new ways;
- ◀ Creating positive playing experiences for everyone who steps on the green, both for casual and competitive players, as well as growing our events calendar and introducing a Performance Pathway
- ◀ Putting volunteers first, as the lifeblood of our sport, by increasing our support for clubs in order to empower them to thrive;
- ◀ Leading the sport with purpose by developing our Governance structures, diversifying our revenue streams, and work collaboratively with all the sport's key stakeholders.

### ***England Netball***

In November 2021 England Netball launched a 10-year 'Adventure Strategy' for the game with a new brand identity for the organisation.

England Netball's 'Adventure Strategy' shares a purpose-led ambition for the game, to build on the momentum the sport has seen in recent years and take it to new heights for the decade ahead.

The 'Adventure Strategy' outlines the intention to:-

- ◀ accelerate the development and growth of the game at every level, from grassroots to the elite,
- ◀ elevate the visibility of the sport, and
- ◀ lead a movement to impact lives on and beyond the court.

At the heart of its purpose, England Netball, with its proud and unique female foundations, will remain dedicated to increasing opportunities for women and girls to play the game as a priority, working tirelessly to address the gender participation gap in sport that has widened since the global pandemic.

Underpinned by years of engaging with and delivering netball for female communities, the organisation pledges to understand, support and nurture women and girls more deeply at every life stage, at every age.

The organisation is also committed to opening the sport to new audiences in every community, so netball better represents the rich diversity of the country it proudly represents, and ensures the sport continues to evolve and adapt to thrive in the future, helping to create a truly inclusive sport for all where everyone can belong, flourish and soar. A recent partnership announcement with England Men's and Mixed Netball Association (EMMNA) to help develop and grow male participation in the game, supports this commitment as England Netball pledges to promote difference and embrace the opportunity to make the sport a possibility within everyone's reach.

Transforming netball for children and young people is a strategic priority to protect the future of the sport. Working with schools and policy makers to extend physical literacy within, and after the school day with a focus on netball specific provision will pave the way for greater community participation. The organisation will accelerate the expansion of its Bee Netball programme for young children, whilst supporting teens and young women to stay in the game to keep them physically active and in the game for life.

The elite game is in focus too, with the ambition for the Vitality Roses to be the best female sports team in the world, supporting the national team to consistently win on the world stage, with an outstanding talent pathway in place to fuel sustainable successes on court, and setting new standards for netball. The professionalisation of the game over the next decade is a priority, focusing on growing world-leading international and domestic competitions and events, and creating more careers in the sport.

Grounded in feedback from the Netball Family, with over 3,000 members and stakeholders consulted as part of the strategic process to understand what they wanted netball to 'look like' in 2031, the plan is aspirational and ambitious and sees the organisation pledge to continue to be a trailblazer for women's sport as it embarks on its new adventure.

### *Facility Development*

The facility development aspirations stated within the Strategy are to:-

- ◀ Take a fresh look at the spaces required to support the sport, creating accessible places in every community to allow netball to be incorporated into how and where women and girls live their lives;
- ◀ Protect, enhance, and extend the network of homes that house the sport at a local and regional level;
- ◀ Develop an elite domestic professional competition that supports full time athletes underpinned by a world class infrastructure and environments.
- ◀ For England Netball to achieve its ambitions to make the game accessible to wider audiences and in every community, it encourages Local Authorities to adopt policies within Playing Pitch Strategies and Built Facilities Strategies that:-
- ◀ Facilitates informal netball activity within neighbourhood multi use games areas for example by installing combined outdoor basketball and netball goals and art courts in Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAPs).
- ◀ Incorporates the cultural and health needs of women and girls within any designs for improved or new facilities.
- ◀ Protects and enhances netball facilities within all Primary and Secondary School environments so they offer a positive first experience of the sport for students and the wider community during out of school hours.
- ◀ Supports the installation of floodlights on outdoor courts to increase all year-round use.
- ◀ Facilitates the development of netball growth programmes, club training and competition within public leisure centres.
- ◀ Where appropriate, supports the development of netball homes and performance environments that enable local women and girls to pursue a career in netball as an elite athlete, official, coach or administrator.

## APPENDIX TWO: FUNDING PLAN

In order to deliver much of the Action Plan it is recognised that external partner funding will need to be sought. Below is a list of current funding bodies and relevant website links; further detail is not available at this stage as the funding streams are regularly changing.

Awarding body	Website link
The National Lottery Community Fund	<a href="http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/">http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/</a>
Sport England	<a href="https://www.sportengland.org/funding/">https://www.sportengland.org/funding/</a>
Football Foundation	<a href="https://footballfoundation.org.uk/what-we-do">https://footballfoundation.org.uk/what-we-do</a>
Rugby Football Union	<a href="http://www.rugby.com">RFU (englandrugby.com)</a>
The England and Wales Cricket Trust	<a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding">https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding</a>
National Hockey Foundation	<a href="http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/">http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/</a>
Lawn Tennis Association	<a href="http://www.lta.org.uk">Quick Access Loan Scheme for tennis facilities (lta.org.uk)</a>

### Funder's requirements

Below is a list of funding requirements that can typically be expected to be provided as part of a funding bid, some of which will fall directly out of the Playing Pitch Strategy:

- ◀ Identify need (i.e., why the Project is needed) and how the Project will address it.
- ◀ Articulate what difference the Project will make.
- ◀ Identify benefits, value for money and/or added value.
- ◀ Provide baseline information (i.e., the current situation).
- ◀ Articulate how the Project is consistent with local, regional and national policy.
- ◀ Financial need and project cost.
- ◀ Funding profile (i.e., Who's providing what? Unit and overall costs).
- ◀ Technical information and requirements (e.g., planning permission).
- ◀ Targets, outputs and/or outcomes (i.e., the situation after the Project/what the Project will achieve)
- ◀ Evidence of support from partners and stakeholders.
- ◀ Background/essential documentation (e.g., community use agreement).
- ◀ Assessment of risk.

## Indicative costs

The indicative costs of implementing key elements of the Action Plan can be found on the Sport England website: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/facility-cost-guidance>

The costs are for the development of community sports facilities and are based on providing good quality sports facility based on the last quarter. The Facilities Costs are updated on the Sport England website every quarter.

These rounded costs are based on schemes most recently funded through the Lottery (and therefore based on economies of scale), updated to reflect current forecast price indices provided by the Building Cost Information Service (BCIS), prepared by Technical Team Lead of Sport England.